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MISD looks at suicide-prevention programs

Superintendent: District needs to train kids, teachers and parents how to spot warning signs

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Midland ISD administration members have discussed the future implementation of suicide-prevention or anti-bullying programs in response to recent suicides and numerous cries for help.

"One is too many," Superintendent Ryder Warren said. "What scares me is we have 50 outcries right now from kids, but how many more kids are feeling it and just aren't talking to us?"

Warren said a program that teaches kids, teachers and parents how to spot the warning signs of suicide is needed.

Inside

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren lists six steps the district has taken to help keep the children safe. NEWS/4A

"We've had a lot of parents in the offices lately who don't know what to do for their child," Warren said. "We're doing parental ed and kid ed."

One program is a character education component that would provide kids with information about self-esteem and self-worth, Warren said. Other options are curriculum or annual programs.

Currently, the district is examining a variety of options, said Ron Moss, MISD Student Development director.

Moss, who oversees MISD's counselors, said he reviews information from districts such as Clear Creek and Plano that dealt with a high number of teen suicides in the past. He said he's hoping to learn from those districts and see if those tactics might work in

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Upcoming suicide discussion events

Today
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Saturday
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Feb. 12
Teen Flow Ministries will host a "Wake Up, Stand Up" rally 7 p.m. at Centennial Plaza.

Truck testing

James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

Paramedic Casey Billingsley and firefighter Lyndal Watkins are the C shift first-responders for the Midland Fire Department's new trial unit. The makeshift truck, designated Squad 51, is used in a monthlong trial designed to increase response time and decrease costs. The unit is equipped with everything needed to respond to any medical emergency and prep injured patients for medical transport.

Fire department halfway through trial of smaller response unit

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

The Midland Fire Department is about halfway through its monthlong trial of a new first-response unit.

The department has retro-fitted a truck with emergency response and medical equipment that temporarily is filling the role of an out-of-service engine at Station 5. MFD officials predict — and the early results are showing it to be the case — the new unit, Squad 51, is faster and more cost efficient.

"After analyzing response times and the type of calls we receive, it was just the next logical step," Fire Chief Robert Isbell said about the new unit's inception.

The main catalyst for the new trial was Engine 5's month-long out-of-service status. To fill the need, Battalion Chief Chad Clark floated Squad 51's concept during a meeting with Isbell.

So far, the response has been positive, and early results are showing that the unit is more efficient. Isbell and Clark said the unit is equipped with everything needed for a non-fire emergency. It has medical supplies, a jaws of life and other equipment to support life or assist a victim until an ambulance arrives on-scene for transport. A paramedic and firefighter operate Squad 51, and because of its size, the unit can maneuver more quickly and typically arrives on-scene before larger units.

Both stressed that the specialized unit only works in specific situations and that the department still needs engines, ladder trucks and ambulances, specifically because the unit has no firefighting capabilities.

The unit's equipment and standard operating practices are evolving; new modifications are made weekly.

Although the unit is still undergoing testing, Isbell and Clark are optimistic. If the monthlong trial is successful, the department might install a few of these specialized units around Midland.

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

Teen charged in homicide after SUV hits man

From staff reports

A 28-year-old Midland pedestrian died Saturday after an SUV struck him, and the driver has been charged with homicide.

Seales

Cody Gibson was killed in the 1200 Block of East Parker Avenue at 3:47 p.m. Saturday after a 1999 Ford Expedition hit him, authorities said.

The driver of the Expedition, Keithan Seales, 19, has been charged with homicide, police said late Saturday.

Gibson was pronounced dead at Midland Memorial Hospital, said Tasa Watts, Midland Police Department's public information officer.

Church to host films on African-Americans

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

February may be just another month for some, but for others it serves as the official recognition of African-Americans' achievements in the United States.

Inside

A synopsis of these films and a story on African-American History Month. NATION/14A

That's why a local Midland couple hopes that showing a collection of films throughout the month will encourage more community members to learn about the stories of less prominent figures during African-American History Month.

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It's happening

Today

■ Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Horseshoe. Tickets: $5 adults. Under 12 free.

Wednesday

■ The Harlem Globetrotters, 7 p.m., Chaparral Center, Midland College campus. Tickets: $17. Call 800-462-7979 or go to www.harlemglobetrotters.co

Thursday

■ Chocolate Decadence, a night of mystery intrigue and glamour, 7 p.m., Midland Center. Reservations on sale now at Aphasia Center of West Texas, 699-1261 or www.AphasiaWTx.org, click CHOCOLATE.

■ Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, Colombia, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Thursday through Sunday

■ Midessa Boat and RV Show at Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

Saturday

■ Trout Fishing in America, 3:30 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Call: 682-2544.

■ Vienna Boys Choir, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Tickets: $25. Call: 563-0921 for more information

Meetings schedule

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

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

Permian Basin Republican Assembly
Time TBA, Tuesday
Classroom 1, Midland Memorial Hospital's West Campus

Lee bands to hold concert with West Texas A&M

The Lee Freshman and Lee High School bands will be performing a joint concert with the West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Stan Cobb Auditorium at Lee High School.

The Lee Freshman band will perform first, followed by the LHS symphonic band and honor band. At 7:45 p.m., West Texas A&M will begin their portion of the concert.

The WTAMU band includes many students who attended high school in the Permian Basin. Admission for the concert is free and open to the public.

It's your birthday

■ Izabella Skye Maldonado Santiago, of Odessa, turns 4 today.

■ Tech Sgt. Richard Vasquez, former Midlander living in Honolulu, turns 35 today.

It's your anniversary

■ Jay and Dorothy Shaw, of Greenwood, are celebrating their 17th anniversary today.

Put your birthday/anniversary in the paper

The Reporter-Telegram has started running birthdays and anniversaries as part of our daily presentation on 2A or 4A. This includes Sunday's Your City section.

If you would like to submit an entry, please send us the following information.

■ Birthdays: Name, age, birthday and place of residence.

■ Anniversaries: Names, years married, anniversary date and place of residence.

Please submit your item to Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com). We will run as many items as space allows.

Note: Because we cannot research and verify all information, by publishing them we neither imply nor guarantee the accuracy of information submitted to us.

What's on the radio

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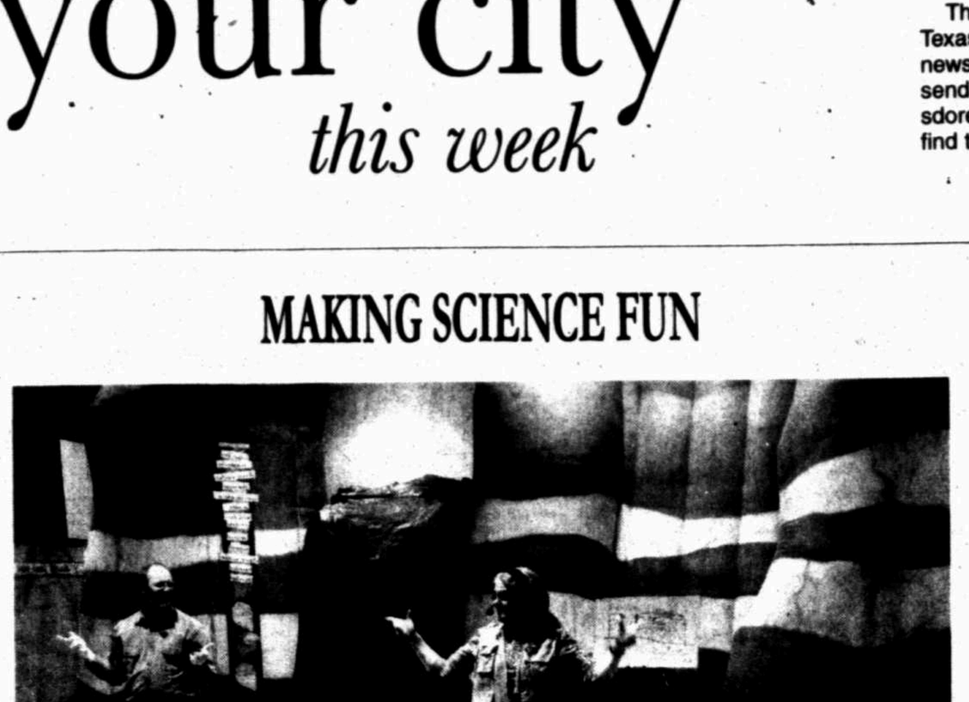

Jim Parry and Laurie Henry, with Trinity Science Solutions, teach Greathouse Elementary students this past week about the process of erosion over time with their Big Canyon inflatable.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Community Calendar

■ An **open forum on suicide** will be held at 2 p.m. today at the back hall of VFW 4149, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane.

The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in preventing suicides is encouraged to attend.

■ The **Midland County Republican Women** will host a luncheon at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at the Petroleum Club.

The cost of the luncheon is $16.50, and a reservation is required. The cost is $21.50 without a reservation at the door. There is no charge to hear the speakers.

The guest speakers include three Railroad Commission candidates — Christi Craddick, Becky Berger and Warren Chisum; 11th Court of Appeals candidates — Mike Willson and Eric Kalenak; county commissioner candidates — Lynne Yarbrough and Brooks Smith; and U.S. Senate candidate Ted Cruz.

For reservations go to www.mcrw.us or call Joann at 684-0064.

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■ **Teen Flow Ministries** will host a "Wake Up, Stand Up" rally at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 in Centennial Plaza.

■ **Midland Woman's Club and Midland Book Review Unit** are to meet 11:30 a.m. Feb. 16 at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Helen Gladden and Carol Scott of Big Spring will present a dramatic review of "Someday You'll Thank Me for This: The Official Southern Ladies' Guide to Being a 'Perfect' Mother" by Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Hays.

To make luncheon reservations, call 682-4640.

■ The **George W. Bush Childhood Home** monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Feb.16 for first-through fifth-graders.

This month's featured book is "Chasing George Washington"; each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ **Midland Walkabout Club** will walk the Bush Homes Walk on Feb. 18.

The walk begins at 7:30 a.m. at Windlands Park.

A business meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the First Presbyterian Church, Room 227 at 5 p.m. A program will be given by Glenda Kelly. For more information call, Alex, 687-2588.

■ **Shrimpfest,** for the benefit of Ellen Noël Art Museum, is planned for 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Ector County Coliseum Building G, Odessa.

The annual event features an all-you-can-eat shrimp dinner, silent and live auctions and entertainment by Main Stream Jazz Quartet.

General admission tickets are $35 and can be purchased at the museum or online at www.noelartmuseum.org. Sponsor tables are available for $1,200, $3,000 or $5,000. These tables include admission to the sponsor-only cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 550-9696.

■ **West Texas Conference on Aging** is planned for 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m. March 1 at Midland Center.

The keynote speaker is to be Peter Harrell Jr., president of Harrell Communications and consultant for Verbal Defense & Influence. The conference will feature four breakout sessions: "Tactical Communication," "The Right to Die," "When the Passion is Gone" and "Stuff in the House: Are the Elderly Really Hoarders or Just Poor Housekeepers?"

Registration fee is $50 before Feb. 23 and $65 after. The fee includes lunch. The conference may be used for nursing and continuing education hours. For more information, call Ann at 681-6303.

Helping out MDA

Managing Editor Mary Dearen is in search of pennies, nickles and dimes for the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In January she found $2.15 on her daily walks; another $11.16 was donated to the cause. Want to add to her total? Visit www.mywesttexas.com/change to see how you can help.

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2012. There are 330 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1631, the co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

In 1922, the first edition of Reader's Digest was published.

In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that all but a small rear-guard contingent of its troops had left Afghanistan.

Ten years ago: A federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., indicted John Walker Lindh on 10 charges, alleging he was trained by Osama bin Laden's network and then conspired with the Taliban to kill Americans. (Lindh later pleaded guilty to lesser offenses and was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.)

Five years ago: President George W. Bush unveiled a $2.9 trillion budget which proposed a big spending increase for the Pentagon while pinching domestic programs.

Today's birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Hank Aaron is 78. Football Hall-of-Famer Roger Staubach is 70. Racing Hall-of-Famer Darrell Waltrip is 65. Singer Bobby Brown is 43. Country singer Sara Evans is 41.

The Associated Press

Midland tied for fifth lowest unemployment rate in US

Midland's unemployment rate in December tied for the fifth lowest in the nation, according to figures released this week by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Bismarck, N.D., led the nation with a rate of 3.2 percent. Midland's rate of 3.9 percent was one of six below 4 percent and one of 14 below 4.5 percent.

Bismarck, N.D.	3.2
Lincoln, Neb.	3.6
Fargo, N.D.	3.7
Burlington, Vt.	3.8
Midland	**3.9**
Logan, Utah	3.9
Sioux Falls, S.D.	4.3
Ames, Iowa	4.3
Iowa City, Iowa	4.3
Houma-Thibodaux, La.	4.3
Portsmouth, N.H.	4.4
Grand Forks, N.D.	4.4
Rapid City, S.D.	4.5
Mankato, Minn.	4.5

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Midland, least romantic city?

Redbox announced last week the least romantic U.S. cities based on the number of romantic comedies rented in 2011. Laredo is the least romantic city for the second year in a row. Midland finished second, Odessa sixth.

Below are the top 10 cities:

1. Laredo
2. Midland
3. Greenwood, Miss.
4. Victoria
5. Eureka, Calif.
6. Odessa
7. Las Vegas, Nev.
8. Florence, S.C.
9. Meridian, Miss.
10. Tucson, Ariz.

Source: www.redbox.com/release_20120201

Peyton Manning coming to Hobbs

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning will be the keynote speaker at the annual Jack Maddox Distinguished Lecture Series, scheduled for 7 p.m. March 29 at Tydings Auditorium in Hobbs, N.M.

The appearance by the four-time NFL MVP is free, but tickets are required. Texas ticket locations are the chamber of commerce offices in Denver City and Seminole.

Outlets in New Mexico are the chamber offices in Artesia, Carlsbad, Hobbs and Lovington; Western Commerce Bank in Carlsbad and Hobbs; First American Bank in Hobbs; Woolworth Library in Jal; administration offices for Tatum Schools, Hobbs Municipal Schools and University of the Southwest in Hobbs, the Center for the Arts in Hobbs and the President's Office of New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs.

The lecture series is sponsored by the University of the Southwest. For more information, call 575-492-2108.

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Club, Support Group Meetings

Support groups

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■ for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

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

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

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre. For more information call 520-3500.

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

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

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

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

■ Uptown Midland BPW meets noon the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Petroleum Club. For more information, call Glenda Knox at 686-2819.

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

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

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

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

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. Fourth St., Odessa; 522-2716, marken1986-slykers1@yahoo.com, http://slykersprofessionaltoastmastersclub.blogspot.com/

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

■ Alanon 12-Step Group meets 7:90 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and noon Thursdays at La Hacienda Outreach Center, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 432-582-2926.

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

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

Dance clubs

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

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

Note: If you have any additions or corrections please send them to Managing Editor Mary Dearen (mdearen@mrt.com).

Bakken to be focus on PBGS meeting

The Permian Basin Geophysical Society will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Center.

John Young with WesternGeco will present "Integration of Well Data with Surface Seismic in the Bakken," showing how tight integration of borehole data with the seismic allows for advanced imaging techniques to correct for overburden heterogeneities.

Cost is $15. Reservations should be made by noon Monday and can be made by email to bgs@pinnacleseismic.com.

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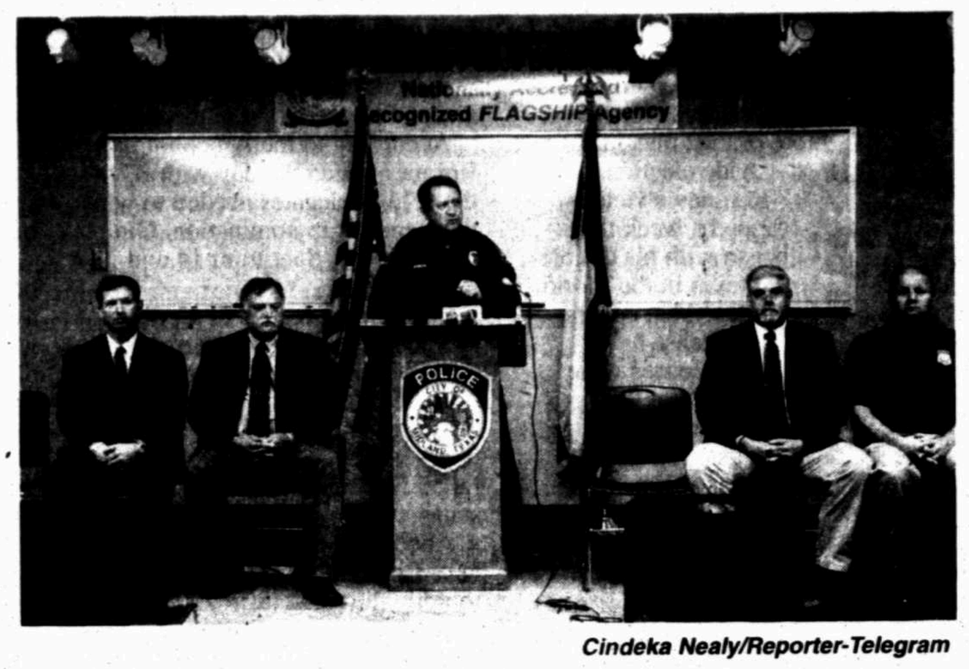

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Deputy Chief Jeff Darr, center, leads a press conference about Thursday's massive raid in Midland and Ector counties. Three separate investigations into drug trafficking took a year to conclude. The trafficking, offcials said, had ties to the Mexican cartels. Officials announced 55 people were indicted for their roles.

Casa de Amigos picks new executive director

From staff reports

Casa de Amigos has announced that Midland native Victor Peña is its new executive director.

Peña follows in the footsteps of Lael Cordes-Pitts, who has led the agency for more than 26 years and will become the executive director of the Henry Foundation effective March 1.

"I accept this challenge and will provide the best as a work of love," Peña said. "Although it has been a generation ago since I left, I have never lost contact with this community. I will bring the knowledge and skills that I have acquired while serving in city management over the last 24 years."

Peña

Born and raised in Midland, Peña spent his early years growing up only a few blocks away from Casa de Amigos on Garden Lane. After graduating from Lee High School, he earned his associate's degree from Midland College. Peña also holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Angelo State University.

After working in Illinois and Oklahoma, Peña, along with his wife and three sons, returned to Midland.

"It was important that our new executive director be able to relate to the diverse groups that we serves," board President Alan Krenek said. "We are confident that Victor will do a great job of continuing the mission of Casa de Amigos to help people help themselves."

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Romney picks up easy Nevada win

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney cruised to victory in the Nevada caucuses Saturday night, notching a second straight triumph over a field of rivals suddenly struggling to keep pace.

The former Massachusetts governor held a double-digit lead over his nearest pursuer as the totals mounted in a state where fellow Mormons accounted for roughly a quarter of all caucus-goers.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Texas Rep. Ron Paul vied for a distant second. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum trailed the field.

Returns from 13 of 17 counties showed Romney with 43 percent support, Gingrich with 24 percent, Paul with 20 percent and Santorum with 13 percent.

Yet to report its results was Clark County, which includes Las Vegas and often accounts for half or more of the votes in a statewide election.

ELECTION 2012

Romney's victory capped a week that began with his double-digit win in the Florida primary. That contest was as intense as Nevada's caucuses were sedate — so quiet that they produced little television advertising, no candidate debates and only a modest investment of time by the contenders.

A total of 28 Republican National Convention delegates were at stake in caucuses held across a sprawling state that drew little attention in the nominating campaign but figures to be a fierce battleground in the fall between the winner of the GOP nomination and Democrat President Barack Obama. The state's unemployment rate was measured at 12.6 percent in December, the worst in the country.

According to the AP count, Romney began the day with 87 of the 1,144 delegates needed to win the Republican nomination. Gingrich had 26, Santorum 14 and Paul 4.

Preliminary results of a poll of Nevada Republicans entering their caucuses showed that nearly half said the most important consideration in their decision was a candidate's ability to defeat Obama this fall, a finding in line with other states.

About one-quarter of those surveyed said they are Mormon, roughly the same as in 2008, when Romney won with more than a majority of the vote in a multi-candidate field.

The entrance poll was conducted by Edison Research for the Associated Press at 25 randomly selected caucus sites. It included 1,553 interviews and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The caucus rules were a demonstration of democracy and a reflection of religious diversity.

Nevada awarded its delegates in proportion to the caucus vote totals, meaning that any candidate who captured at least 3.57 percent of the total number of ballots cast would be rewarded. By contrast, Romney's victory in the Florida primary on Tuesday netted him all 50 of the delegates at stake there.

While most caucuses were held during the day, an exception was Clark County, the state's largest. There, party officials arranged to hold one meeting well after sundown at the request of orthodox Jews who observe bans on driving, writing or other work-a-day activities during the Sabbath.

POLITICS BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

LAS VEGAS

Gingrich fumbles but moves forward

Newt Gingrich is struggling to regain his footing following a campaign in Nevada beset by glitches as the race for the Republican presidential nomination moves to the next phase.

During the few days following Tuesday's drubbing in Florida, Gingrich bungled a meeting with Nevada's governor then suffered through the indignity of having advisers tell reporters that the former House speaker would score the endorsement of Donald Trump, only to watch the unpredictable real estate tycoon back Mitt Romney.

Gingrich's campaign has always been a bit of a freewheeling affair, especially lined up against the regimented Romney effort. Gingrich is perpetually late, he frequently strays off message and his schedule sometimes seems improvised. His public appearances in Nevada have been surprisingly few, and he didn't even venture out to caucus sites on Saturday as voters cast ballots.

But in Nevada, organizational problems have been laid bare in a fashion that raises questions about whether he's can compete in upcoming contests.

COLORADO

Santorum, Paul look past Nevada caucuses

MONTROSE — Rick Santorum said Saturday he wants to "endanger" rival Newt Gingrich while presidential rival Ron Paul claimed "the American people are waking up" as both Republican hopefuls peered past Nevada as that state began its GOP caucuses.

Santorum and Paul both campaigned outside of Nevada and instead eyed upcoming contests, signaling neither was likely to change his strategy in a race that seemed to have become a two-man contest between former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Gingrich, the former House speaker. With intense rhetoric, both Santorum and Paul assailed Washington in the hopes the topsy-turvy contest for the Republican nomination would yield yet another reshuffling just a month into voting.

"If you're a swing voter, who are you going to believe?" Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, asked a crowd packed into a hotel ballroom here on Colorado's Western Slope. "America is not looking for well-oiled weather vanes. They are looking for leaders."

"The one thing that is on our side is the American people are waking up," countered Ron Paul in a separate speech frequently interrupted by applause and standing ovations from hundreds in a school auditorium in Rochester, Minn.

The Texas congressman didn't mention President Barack Obama or any of his GOP competitors by name, diving instead into a lecture about a need to protect personal liberties, revive the gold standard, abolish the Federal Reserve and shift to a less-interventionist foreign policy.

"Our problems are a lot longer than 3 years old. They've been going on for a long time," Paul said, aiming his barbs at President Woodrow Wilson instead of Obama.

Keeping kids safe a top priority for MISD

■ District taking steps to assist students, hardest hit campuses.

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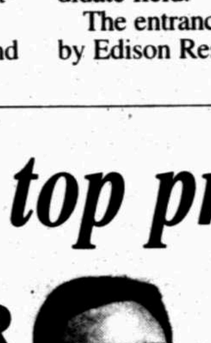

My article this week is an open letter to our entire community, but the emphasis of my message goes out to our parents and caregivers of the phenomenal children we serve in MISD. First and foremost, I wish to thank everyone for the support and, specifically, the prayers we have received as we deal with a challenge that really no one saw coming this school year.

Every new school year presents myriad challenges. Moving our students to new levels of academic excellence always must stand at the forefront of any new year, but we've learned this year that many of our students are facing issues that draw them away from that pursuit of excellence. Much of the efforts in our schools have been wrapped around trying to get them back into safe places.

To put this issue into perspective, let me share with you the numbers we are dealing with right now. As of Friday, MISD serves a little more than 22,400 students. Please know that I do believe that vast numbers of our students never have considered hurting themselves as an answer to the stressors in their lives, but I know for certain we have a growing number of students who are reaching out to us — daily — because they are contemplating making a horrendous decision.

In the past six months, we have had three MISD students kill themselves. As a community, that number is four. During that same time span, more than 50 of our students have made outcries about suicidal thoughts — 30 of those outcries have come in the past two months. In discussing the issue last week with one of our local media leaders, I explained that we are walking a fine line right now with the decisions in the district and on our campuses to deal with this. We are making some changes at the campus level to better deal with the needs of our students and parents, and I want to make sure everyone is aware of these decisions.

The following is what we are going to do to assist a few of our hardest hit campuses:

1. We are going to reassign some of our elementary counselors to work at the secondary levels for parts of the day as needed.

2. We also are going to reassign some of our central office secretarial staff to campuses to handle the day-to-day operations of the campus offices as needed.

3. We are going to bring in several members of counseling organizations onto our campuses to help with our students and our parents in need (and even to help staff if needed).

4. Some of our secondary campuses are going to conduct small group focus meetings with students who we see as the most at-risk. Some students will be targeted for this, but students and parents may request to be a part of these groups.

5. We are going to re-evaluate the protocols in place in referring our students to outside groups. Many of our community assets for these kinds of issues also are running out of room, so we will reassess the protocols and any changes will be communicated to everyone.

6. We have a previously scheduled campus training day set on Feb. 20. We will be training that day, but we also are going to hold a district meeting with all campus staff. I will hold two group meetings with campus staff (elementary and secondary) to discuss these issues, so we can discuss this openly and make sure I'm not missing anything.

I did state at the beginning that this was an emphasized letter to our parents and caregivers, so let me explain that. I do not want to step on any parental toes, but I need everyone to understand the scope of this challenge. Four kids at Midland schools have died, about 50 kids have come to us with issues related to this, and there could be scores more dealing with it but have not come forward for help.

As a parent of three kids in the school district, this is what I need all of us to do:

■ First, simply talk to your kids about this and make sure you understand where your children are with this issue. If you see any warning signs, please reach out to your campus principal, any community group, your church or anyone else for help.

■ Second, check cellphones, Facebook pages, emails and any kind of communication outlets that our kids could get onto. Make sure they are not sending or receiving any messages that send up warning flags for you.

If our homes, our schools and our community work together on this, it's going to stop. However, we have to be vigilant in our attack on this, and we have to make sure that none of our children run below the radar.

I cannot heap enough praise on our campus staff members who have been dealing with this issue during the past several months. From the emails I have been receiving from our faculty members, this literally has affected hundreds of our MISD family. Our campus counselors specifically have taken this challenge personally. Nothing is more important to this group than the health and well-being of our students, and our counselors are standing strong to combat this issue.

I am appreciative of all who have stepped up and helped thus far. This is a huge challenge for our community, but we will overcome it. If anyone has questions about this — and most definitely if you have more suggestions on how to deal with this — do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support of our schools and your support of our children.

SUICIDE

From 1A

Midland.

The district doesn't want to rush the implementation any program, Moss said.

"You want to be urgent in your response, but you also need to be deliberate in choosing programs you want to put in place," Moss said. "You specifically want a program that is evidence-based and proven to be effective."

Warren said there is a level of sensitivity is crucial when discussing suicide.

"We're walking a fine line between glamorizing it and helping those in need, but we must do something," Warren said.

Any school-based suicide-prevention or anti-bullying programs will be well-researched and follow a process similar to the district's implementation of a sex education curriculum, Moss said, noting the district will get input from necessary parties.

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MISD explains how each potential suicide is handled

How is MISD helping students who visit the counselor's office?

Each time a student discusses suicidal thoughts, it is considered an outcry for help, and the school counselor is required to call the Midland ISD police, Moss said. Based on what information the counselor provides MISD Police Department, an officer may be dispatched to the school to evaluate the student, said David Colburn, MISD police chief.

"(Counselors) are to contact us, and we make the determination based on what they tell us," Colburn said. "Sometimes, we may need to get a mental health officer, and other times it may be a referral home. It's kind of different in each situation."

If the officer's evaluation leads him to believe the student needs immediate help, the Midland County Sheriff's Department Mental Health Unit will assess the student, Colburn said.

The unit will decide if the students need to be transported to the emergency room or other centers so they can get necessary help, Moss said.

If a student does not need immediate assistance, couhselors release the student to parents and explain what the student has told them, Moss said.

"We offer them the suggestion of seeking additional help and give the parents a list of community resources they can access with things like Centers for Children and Families and BCA," Moss said.

Moss said counselors will follow up with students on a weekly basis.

Each time counselors visit with students with suicidal tendencies, they are required to fill out a questionnaire on the students and submit it to the school district's police department, a process that was started at Warren's request, Colburn said.

We felt like we needed to be consistent across the district with how we handle the outcries," Moss said.

Colburn said this data will be studied to show how prevalent suicidal thoughts are for students and how frequently they visit the counseling office.

The process of calling MISD police and the mental health unit was added before the holidays because of three teen suicides at Midland schools, Moss said.

"With prevention, we've added some layers in there so they have more than just a counselor and principal making a decision on whether to send a student home or to do an assessment," Moss said. "It's a good thing that we have more people, more eyes and ears, seeing and hearing where the student is, so we can make better decisions to get them the help they need."

What does MISD do after it learns of a suicide?

As with any crisis, Moss said once officials know of a situation, someone goes to the home to check on the family with other administrators working to notify the students closely affected by the situation.

A crisis counseling team — headed by Moss and composed of at least four counselors from other campuses — is sent to the affected school to offer backup to the standard counselors, Moss said.

All counselors on the crisis counseling team are certified in critical instance stress management, Moss said. He said not all of MISD's counselors are certified. The team of counselors stays at the school as long as necessary and continues to serve on an on-call basis following the crisis.

"They stay at the school as long as (they're) needed there," Moss said. "Depending on the volume of students, there are times we're just there for a day and then on standby after that."

The team was at Lee High School on Monday to help students coping with the death of a student. Moss said the team was on-call the rest of the week to help if the school's four counselors had become overwhelmed.

When kids visit with counselors after a crisis situation, campus counselors are asked to follow up with the students in the following weeks to see how they are coping, Moss said.

FILMS

From 1A

"The month is simply a pause to say, 'Hey, we're still here and we're still achieving. So watch us,'" said Midlander James Fuller.

Fuller has worked with the pastoral staff at St. Mark's' United Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main St., to show seven documentaries and films with the community during the month.

The films, many made by PBS' Independent Lens and American Experience, will be shown for free at the church. The first showing will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, beginning with "Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock," and there will be time for questions, answers and conversation after the film. Other documentaries include "Freedom Riders," "Slavery by Another Name" and topics that cover the Underground Railroad and slavery.

"The curriculm and textbooks still are not where they ought to be in terms of making our achievements a mainstream articulation," Fuller said.

Fuller also will display his personal collection of African-American history that displays advances in cinematography, medicine and politics at the church during the month.

His wife, Robbyne Hocker-Fuller, will exhibit at the Midland County Library a display of an African-American hat set and collection under the theme "African Queens." The collection is designed by an artist from New York.

"We find that African-American history is 365 days out of the year," James Fuller said.

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Bush's 'axis of evil' trio holds sway over US decade later

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

It was the first State of the Union address after the 9/11 attacks, and America was leading an invasion of Afghanistan in pursuit of Osama bin Laden. Fittingly, this is where President George W. Bush began on Jan. 29, 2002: "As we gather tonight, our nation is at war, our economy is in recession and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers."

Then, about halfway through the address, Bush started to sketch the perceived perils and coined a three-word phrase: "axis of evil" — Iran, Iraq and North Korea. "In any of these cases, the price of indifference would be catastrophic."

It turned out to be advance billing for the bloodshed, brinksmanship and frustration that would dominate the Bush White House and be passed on to Barack Obama. Ten years later, America still is at war, and the three points on Bush's "axis" are profoundly different. North Korea has exploded two nuclear-test devices; Iran is alleged to harbor nuclear ambitions; and Iraq, which was to have been the democratic showcase of the Bush foreign policy, still is a shaky prospect bedeviled by factional violence.

Back on Jan. 29, 2002, as Bush delivered that State of the Union address, Iran seemed from the West's perspective to be the least menacing point on the axis. Its president, Mohammad Khatami, was a moderate, hard-line voices were muted and there were hints of breakthrough cooperation in Afghanistan after the U.S. toppled the Taliban, which was hated by Tehran.

But, the U.S. deeply opposes Iran's aid to Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Palestinian faction Hamas, and today, Iran's Islamic leaders and their U.S.-led opponents are in a 21st century version of Cold War showdowns.

U.S. and European sanctions are taking aim at Iran's critical oil exports as part of escalating economic pressures. Cyber warfare and assassinations are claimed by Iran to be part of an Israeli campaign to abort its nuclear effort. Iran threatens to close the Strait of Hormuz, the pathway for about one-fifth of the world's oil, and U.S. and European warships have responded with a show of muscle.

"We're much closer to moving from a cold conflict to a hot conflict, because Iran has moved forward with their nuclear program," Karim Sadjadpour, an Iranian affairs expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said in an interview with National Public Radio for the 10th anniversary of Bush's speech. "But I would say that Iran truly is more isolated than it's ever been."

Iran has offered to resume talks with world powers but looks highly unlikely to agree to any conditions that would halt uranium enrichment. The U.S. and its allies fear that enrichment will lead to weapons-grade material. Iran insists it seeks reactors only for energy and medical research.

"It's reached a stage where it's hard to see how this impasse could be broken," said Mehrzad Boroujerdi, a Syracuse University professor who follows Iranian affairs. "The pressures on Iran are definitely hurting them, but it also causes the leadership to push back even harder."

In Iraq, Bush's 2002 speech was not broadcast live, but the next day Saddam Hussein's government was claiming America was massing troops on the borders and was about to invade. Fourteen months later a U.S.-led force poured into Iraq after another type of state-sponsored call to arms: Washington's claim that Saddam was stockpiling weapons of mass destruction.

No such arsenal was ever discovered, but other merciless forces were unleashed in the form of sectarian conflict between the Sunnis, who lost their privileged status bestowed by Saddam, and the majority Shiites, who had suffered relentless repression by his regime.

For years, the U.S. military was the besieged caretaker of a country on the brink of civil war. The fighting veered in many directions: Shiite militias targeting U.S. troops or running nighttime Sunni-hunting death squads; Sunni insurgents inspired by al-Qaida carrying out suicide bombings and other attacks against Shiites; Iranian-backed Shiite factions becoming so deadly proficient with roadside bombs that they became the chief killer of U.S. soldiers.

The withdrawal of the last American forces in December closed the door on more than seven years of combat, but left a whole new political landscape in which Iraq, a bulwark against Iranian power during Saddam's era, may become Iran's best Middle Eastern ally.

"Iraq," said Arizona Sen. John McCain, "is unraveling."

Many Iraqis would agree. Khalid Omer, a 34-year-old Sunni teacher in the northern Baghdad district of Azamiyah, traces it back to what he called Bush's "triple-wicked" address.

"It represents superficial and hollow American policies that started in Iraq and will end in Iraq," he said.

In a Shiite district in eastern Baghdad, Qais Kadhum, 42, lamented that Iraq has paid the highest cost among Bush's axis states.

"Iraq became the weakest country in the region, while North Korea and Iran became stronger," he said. "The policies of the 'axis of evil' devastated Iraq and enabled Iran and North Korea," he said.

Baghdad University international affairs professor Kadhum al-Muqdadi views Bush's speech as an early attempt to begin selling the idea of an Iraq invasion by linking it a perceived global threat.

"Bush put Iraq in with two other 'evil' nations, but his real aim was marketing for the invasion of Iraq," said al-Muqdadi. "He was just trying to pave the way."

Bush's speech came less than two years after a landmark trip to North Korea by Madeleine Albright, President Bill Clinton's secretary of state. North Korea reacted to the "axis of evil" label by calling it "little short of declaring a war," and it went on to twice detonate nuclear devices and to test-fire missiles.

While the relationship with the U.S. remains tense, the death in December of Kim Jong Il, who led North Korea during the Bush administration, opened the way for his young, inexperienced son, Kim Jong Un. His government has recently suggested through state media that it remains open to suspending uranium enrichment in return for food aid.

While China is North Korea's major economic and political backer, relations with the U.S. are a high priority among officials in Pyongyang. North Korea's willingness to make a deal with Washington is seen as a crucial pointer to how the country will behave as it extends the Kim dynasty into a third generation.

All eyes are on Kim Jong Un to see how he consolidates power. There are fears that North Korea could seek to bolster his credentials and strengthen national unity by conducting a missile or nuclear test, or by picking a fight with South Korea.

The current nuclear crisis began in October 2002 when the Bush administration said North Korea admitted to a secret uranium program during U.S.-North Korean talks in Pyongyang. North Korea long rejected the uranium allegations, but in 2010 it unveiled an industrial-scale uranium enrichment facility.

South Korean analysts differ about the importance of Bush's now-famous phrase.

Jeung Young-tae, of the Korea Institute for National Unification in Seoul, said it was part of Bush's "realistic North Korea policy" responding to North Korea's tactic of disavowing nuclear ambitions to get aid while covertly breaking its word.

"The Bush administration came to understand the true nature of North Korea," Jeung said.

Yoo Ho-yeol, a professor at Korea University, said, however, that the "axis-of-evil" designation "considerably undermined" ties with North Korea.

"It was a turning point," Yoo said. "In the following 10 years, North Korea and the United States have failed to build mutual trust between them."

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TENNESSEE

Work crew begins removal of Ryman Auditorium stage

NASHVILLE — Workers have begun stripping away history at Ryman Auditorium.

A crew began gently removing the Nashville landmark's 61-year-old oak floorboards with pry bars Saturday morning. That's the first step in a two-week renovation that will leave the storied "Mother Church" of country music with a new Brazilian teak stage.

The old floorboards will be taken to a new location and stored, Gaylord Entertainment officials have not yet announced what will be done with them.

The stage at the National Historic Landmark needs replacing because of age. It's just the second stage in the Ryman's 120-year history and it won't stand up to another refinishing. The boards have become permanently scuffed and marked, and the ones pulled up for reporters on Saturday were just a half-inch thick.

CALIFORNIA

Suspect in homeless murders freed after charges dropped

YORBA LINDA — A 24-year-old jailed for more than three months in the deaths of his mother and brother was a free man Saturday after prosecutors said they would instead charge a high school friend accused in a string of serial killings. But the previously accused man now faces a hearing on whether he should be allowed to remain in the country.

Eder Herrera, a Mexico citizen, was released from jail Friday night and placed briefly in the custody of immigration officials after forensic analysis showed a spot found in his vehicle that appeared to be blood turned out not to be, and authorities encountered DNA evidence linking Herrera's former schoolmate Itzcoatl Ocampo to the gory October stabbing deaths.

Prosecutors in suburban Orange County plan to charge Ocampo, a 23-year-old former Marine, with the murders of Herrera's 34-year-old brother Juan and 53-year-old mother Raquel Estrada in the family's rented three-bedroom house on a quiet residential cul-de-sac in upscale Yorba Linda.

For Facebook, 'Hacker Way' is way of life

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook's billionaire CEO Mark Zuckerberg calls himself a "hacker."

For most people, that word means something malicious — shady criminals who listen in on private voicemails or anonymous villains who cripple websites and break into email accounts.

For Facebook, though, "hacker" means something different. It's an ideal that permeates the company's culture. It explains the push to try new ideas (even if they fail) and to promote new products quickly (even if they're imperfect). The hacker approach has made Facebook one of the world's most valuable Internet companies.

Hackers "believe that something can always be better and that nothing is ever complete," Zuckerberg explains. "They just have to go fix it — often in the face of people who say it's impossible or are content with the status quo."

Zuckerberg penned those words in a 479-word essay called "The Hacker Way", which he included in the document the company filed with government regulators about its plans for an initial public offering. The company is seeking $5 billion from investors in a deal that could value Facebook at as much as $100 billion.

The 27-year-old, who has a $28.4 billion stake in the stock deal, uses the H-word 12 times in the essay; "shareholder" appears just once. Should Zuckerberg have left those references out of his IPO manifesto, knowing full-well it could scare off potential investors? He could easily have described Facebook as "nimble" or "agile" instead.

"Symbolically, it doesn't bode well to Facebook and to potential investors," says Robert D'Ovidio, an associate professor of criminal justice at Drexel University in Philadelphia who studies computer crime. "I think it shows maybe an immaturity on his part. He should definitely know better."

By using the word, Zuckerberg also is trying to reclaim it. To him, Steve Jobs and the founders of many of the world's biggest technology companies were hackers.

"The word 'hacker' has an unfairly negative connotation from being portrayed in the media as people who break into computers," Zuckerberg writes. "In reality, hacking just means building something quickly or testing the boundaries of what can be done."

To be fair, the meaning has become complicated. Bad hackers destroy things with evil intentions. They break into the voicemails of crime victims and celebrities in search of a hot news story. They breach security systems to steal credit card data. Just this week, members of the loose-knit group Anonymous hacked into law enforcement websites around the world and gained access to information about government informants and other sensitive information.

Good hackers break things, too, sometimes. But they do it in the name of innovation. They call themselves "white hat" hackers to counter the criminal "black hats." Often, they're hired to expose security vulnerabilities at big corporations. Kevin Mitnick, who was convicted and sent to prison in the 1990s for computer hacking, now works as a security consultant. It's the flip side of his past life, when he spent years stealing secrets from some of the world's largest corporations.

"I break into computers to find holes before the bad guys do," he says.

To Mitnick, Zuckerberg's "Hacker Way" is about finding clever ways to fix problems. It can also mean identifying a new use for something old.

Nathan Hamblen, who works for the website Meetup.com, says the best hacks are those that do something unexpected, something surprising that no one else has thought of.

The term "hacking" dates back more than half a century, when geeks at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were tweaking telephone systems and computers.

"MIT was the Mesopotamia of hacking. That's where hacking culture began," says Steven Levy, the Wired Magazine writer who authored the 1984 book "Hackers: Heroes of the Computer Revolution."

The small community of hackers in the 1950s and '60s judged one another on their creative and technical abilities and wore the term as a badge of honor, says Levy, in much the same way that Zuckerberg does today.

"They were the ones who did what you weren't supposed to do on a computer," Levy explains.

Some were pranksters, too. In the 1970s, before they founded Apple, Steve Jobs and his buddy Steve Wozniak figured out how to break into telephone systems and make free phone calls. In one infamous prank, the two Steves dialed up the Vatican to find out who would pick up.

"Wozniak pretended to be Henry Kissinger wanting to speak to the pope. 'Ve are at de summit meeting in Moscow, and we need to talk to the pope,' Woz intoned. He was told that it was 5:30 a.m. and the pope was sleeping," writes Walter Isaacson in his recent biography of Jobs.

It wasn't until the 1980s and '90s that hacking took a bad turn. Some blame Robert Morris, a computer science student who discovered a vulnerability in the Internet's inner workings and unleashed the world's first computer worm in 1988.

"He essentially brought the Internet to a grinding halt," says D'Ovidio, the criminal justice professor. Morris was the first person charged under the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act that had been enacted two years earlier.

Then came movies like 1983's "War Games," which also fueled the public's fear of hacking. In the film, a hacker unwittingly comes close to starting the next world war, thinking it's all a computer game.

"It happened because of Hollywood and because there was no other word out there," says Andrew Howard, 28, a research scientist at the Georgia Tech Research Institute. "Hacker is a cool word, right? It's a neat-sounding word."

The '80s and '90s were also a time when computers spread from geek circles to office cubicles and home desktops. They were becoming mainstream. But they were still mysterious to most people. They wondered: "How do they work? Is someone going to break into them?"

Zuckerberg's hacker manifesto is a nod to Levy, who codified "The Hacker Ethic" in his book about the subculture. Among the principles: "Hackers should be judged by their hacking" and "Always yield to the hands-on imperative."

The hands-on imperative is important to Facebook. Zuckerberg still spends hours writing computer code, even though he has hired hundreds of engineers.

That ethos helped Zuckerberg's social network to prosper. As the once mighty MySpace stopped innovating, its users flocked to the cleaner, crisper, always-changing Facebook. News Corp. gave up on MySpace and sold it for $35 million last June. Meanwhile, Facebook's user base ballooned to 845 million, even as the website has gone through changes and redesigns that have angered members and privacy advocates.

Zuckerberg and others may yet be able to clean up the term. Meetup's Hamblen thinks it's already happening.

"People aren't as afraid of technology, which was driving the fear of hackers," he says. "It was someone doing something with software that you don't understand. As people become more comfortable with technology in general, then hacking becomes a way of seeing it as using it in a clever way."

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When is 'getting better' good enough for economy?

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The stronger the economy gets, the more the presidential race comes down to what voters believe: Are things actually getting better? Or is it all still a mess?

If the economy's direction is the key, President Barack Obama's hand just keeps getting stronger.

A new snapshot Friday showed the unemployment rate has tumbled to 8.3 percent. That means it is almost back to where it was right after Obama took office, a time when a monstrous recession was still gobbling up American jobs. Hiring is now on a consistent upswing. Employers added nearly twice as many jobs last year as they did in 2010.

The Republicans challenging Obama — and the president, himself — try to spin every fresh batch of economic data to their advantage, depicting either a nation mired in trouble or one showing undeniable signs of progress. Both seem to be true. So, whichever side wins the public on this one point will have an enormous edge toward winning it all.

Shortly after the jobs report was released, Obama declared, sounding more confident than ever, "The recovery is speeding up."

The Republicans say that's none of his doing, that improvements are in spite of his policies, not because of them. There's still a long way to go before full recovery; federal deficits and Europe's troubles hang ominously over the U.S.; unemployment could worsen again.

But there's little doubt that the brightening picture, which is also reflected in other economic indicators, has seriously complicated the messaging for the GOP.

It wasn't long ago that the unemployment rate was closer to 10 percent and stagnant, making it easier for them to claim nothing was getting better under Obama. Now they have to calibrate.

Analysis

"I believe the economy will come back. It always does," said Mitt Romney, the Republican front-runner, during a campaign stop in Nevada. He blamed Obama's policies for slowing the recovery, hurting families and making it harder for businesses to bounce back. "And for that," Romney said, "the president deserves the blame that he'll receive in this campaign."

The bigger opening for Republicans has to do with the burden still resting on Obama's shoulders: Millions of people don't feel any better yet, no matter what the statistics show.

About 12.8 million people remain out of work, and an additional 11 million have either given up looking or can find only part-time jobs. Typical wages have failed to keep up with inflation. Nearly 43 percent of those out of work have been unemployed for at least six months.

And many people around the nation are struggling to make monthly payments on homes that are now worth less than their purchase price.

So, Republicans are trying to shift the question away from whether the economy is getting better to whether their party would do much better yet. That argument can be heard from the campaign trail to Capitol Hill, where House Speaker John Boehner accurately pointed out that unemployment has topped 8 percent for 36 months in a row under Obama

Obama's campaign, while noting recent improvements, is eager to frame the election around the question of which candidate has a better and more hopeful economic vision for the next four years and beyond.

The contrast there, in policies, is remarkably clear. Obama promises to use government as a lever to ensure fairness. Opponents Romney and Newt Gingrich promise to repeal Obama legislation they say has helped weaken the economy, such as his health care law and tighter rules on Wall Street behavior.

Gingrich, in a campaign speech in Las Vegas on Friday, did not even mention the upbeat jobs numbers. Instead, he called Obama "the anti-jobs president."

Obama's vulnerability, as the president who owns the economy, is that voters who remain in dire economic straits will be so turned off by their current condition that they won't listen to talk about the future.

That would play into the underlying Republican argument: Obama has had his chance, and if your life isn't better, it's time to kick him out.

In turn, Obama always tempers his remarks about the economy, even with the trends in his favor.

As he put it on Friday: "There's still far too many Americans who need a job, or need a job that pays better than the one they have now."

Nine months before Election Day, the nation is split. Obama's approval rating has improved over the past few months, rebounding from lows reached last summer, though it has not turned positive. The latest Gallup tracking poll finds the public torn on his performance, with 45 percent saying they approve and 48 percent disapproving.

For every number about how things are getting better, another is available for sobering perspective — and political opportunism.

Obama made a point Friday to say that the economy had added 3.9 million private sector jobs over the past 23 months. Yet overall, the nation has about 5.6 million fewer jobs than it did when the Great recession began in late 2007.

A better direction for the economy is not all that Obama promised.

When he was a new president, Obama told NBC's Matt Lauer that people were going to start seeing progress in a year from his policies.

Then he added: "If I don't have this done in three years, then there's gonna be a one-term proposition."

The three-year mark is here, and voters will soon decide on the one-term part.

The answer may well come down to which economy they're voting on — the one they see now or their faith in the one ahead.

ACROSSTHENATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS

11 injured in massive crowd for band LMFAO

Overwhelming "human gridlock" in Indianapolis' Super Bowl Village is causing police to rethink crowd control before the game.

Eleven people were injured Friday night as an estimated 50,000 people flooded downtown streets for a free outdoor concert by the band LMFAO. Two other people were injured Friday separate from the concert-going group. Indianapolis Public Safety Director Frank Straub said none of the injuries were serious — most involved shortness of breath or scraped knees — and were well within the daily average of 10-15 injuries reported at the village so far.

Officials are still tweaking their downtown plan in preparation for more concerts and activities before kickoff.

Police made a total of 22 arrests Friday night, mostly for public intoxication. One police car was damaged after concert-goers climbed on top of it to get a better view of the stage.

INDIANAPOLIS

Katy Perry gets her flirt on at the NFL Awards

Newly single Katy Perry is on the prowl, and she may have set her sights on a certain rookie quarterback.

Perry is in Indianapolis to perform at DirectTV's pre-Super Bowl party on Saturday, but first, she stopped by the Associated Press NFL Awards to serve as a presenter.

Perry playfully flirted with co-presenter Cam Newton, saying: "You'll be the first straight man I've had a photo with in a long time, so live up to it."

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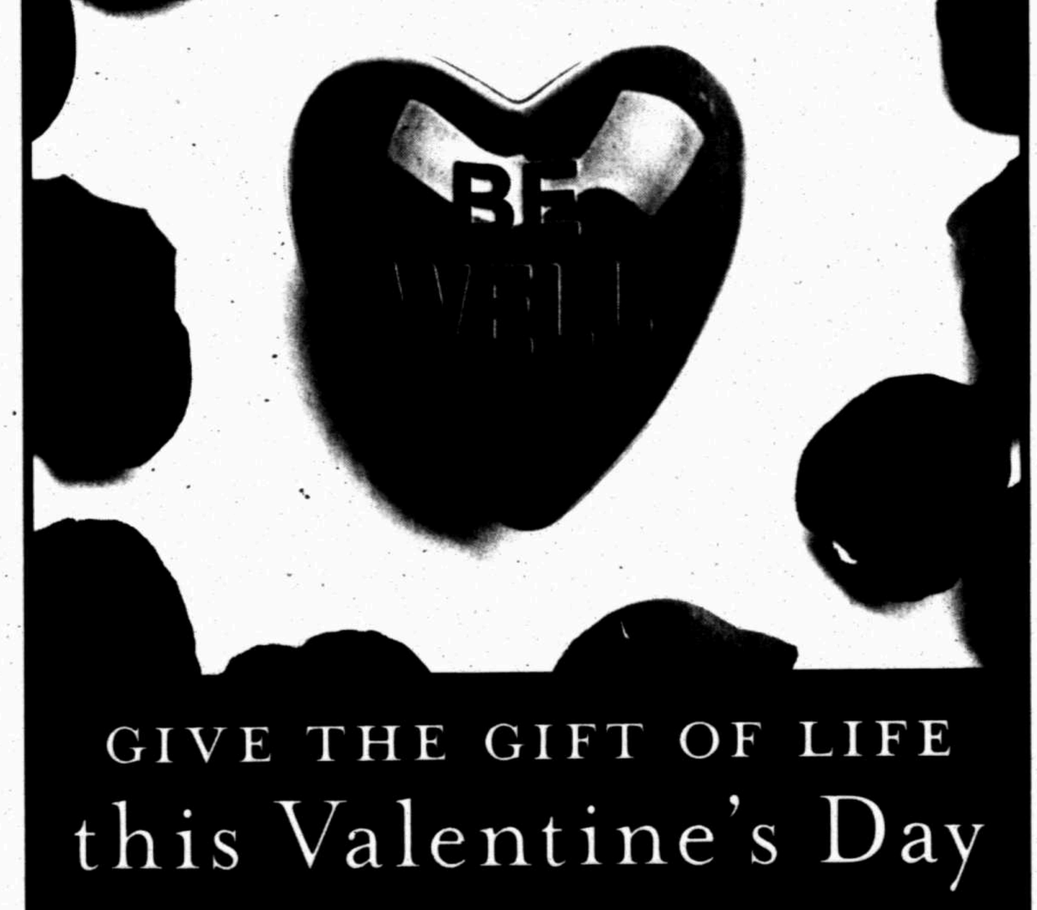

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Some former Komen supporters can't forgive, forget

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Dorothy Twinney first saw a Race for the Cure walk for breast cancer — "a sea of pink" traveling through her hometown of Plymouth, Mich. — she was so moved she sat in her car and wept.

This week, after watching the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer charity announce plans to cut funding to Planned Parenthood, then abandon those plans amid a public furor, Twinney decided she was done with the organization for which she raised thousands of dollars on three-day, 60-mile walks that left her feet bloodied and blistered, but her spirits high.

"It just feels like it's all tarnished now," the 41-year-old mother of two said. "Honestly, I'm not sure what they can do to change that."

At week's end, many longtime Komen supporters were feeling similarly conflicted. Some, depending on where they stood on the hot-button issue of abortion, called it more of a betrayal. Those who supported Komen's grants to Planned Parenthood for breast-cancer screenings called the initial move to cut them politically motivated; those opposed to the grants said the same thing about the reversal.

The outrage clearly stunned Komen, the country's most widely known breast cancer organization. "I think (Komen) has been horrified to be so caught up in this culture war," said Eric Scheidler, executive director of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League.

Many women described feeling caught in the middle when the Associated Press first reported on Tuesday that Komen had adopted criteria excluding Planned Parenthood from future breast screening grants because it was the subject of an investigation launched by a Florida congressman at the urging of anti-abortion groups. The grants totaled $680,000 in 2011.

Alyce Lee-Walker was one of them. A longtime Komen supporter, she'd never given money to Planned Parenthood. But when she learned of the funding cut, she immediately went online to donate $188 — the 88 signifying good luck in Chinese.

She didn't stop there. The small business owner from Pinehurst, N.C., went about removing all the pink-ribbon stickers, a Komen symbol, that she'd affixed to her belongings.

"I took them off my personal car, the business car, off the doors in the office," she said. And that pink chef's knife she bought at Williams-Sonoma, with some of the proceeds going to Komen? "I'm done with that, too," she said.

When she worked on Wall Street, Lee-Walker once prowled the trading floor soliciting donations "from anyone who loved a sister, mother, wife — or who was a fan of breasts," she quips. She raised $15,000. But now, Komen's reversal, as well as its original move, left her disgusted, she said: "It's all political."

Many shared that skepticism. "I'm wondering, is this really what they believe now, or is it just all the bad press that made them do it?" asked Mary Gauvin, a 27-year-old mother from Fort Drum, N.Y. "I doubt their motivation a bit."

Gauvin, a supporter in the past of both Planned Parenthood and Komen, said that now, if a friend asked for sponsorship in a Race for the Cure event, she would offer to give money instead to the American Cancer Society.

Also switching allegiance was Suzanne Strempek Shea, a novelist and college writing teacher in Northhampton, Mass. "If someone asks me to sponsor them," she said, "I'm going to say, 'I wish you well, but I'm going to give the amount I'd have given you to Rays of Hope," another breast cancer support group.

The issue was particularly painful to Shea, 51. She is a breast cancer survivor who discovered early warning signs at a Planned Parenthood breast screening (the group does screenings and refers some patients for mammograms).

"They found the cysts that led to the diagnosis. I don't think people realize all the good they do," Shea said. Horrified that a crucial women's health issue had become entwined with the abortion debate, she said that despite the reversal, "I'm still angry."

Even angrier about the reversal were anti-abortion advocates who'd applauded Komen's original move.

"We were very happy to see (Komen) discontinue funding to Planned Parenthood," said Tony Lauinger, state chairman for Oklahomans For Life. "For an entity ... that's trying to prevent breast cancer across the world, it's directly counterproductive that the organization would be giving funds to Planned Parenthood, which is the largest provider of abortions in the country."

Scheidler, of the Pro-Life Action League, sent out emails and social media messages Friday aimed at "tens of thousands" of abortion foes, urging them to withhold donations to Komen. Days earlier, when the original decision was reported, he'd urged people to donate to Komen.

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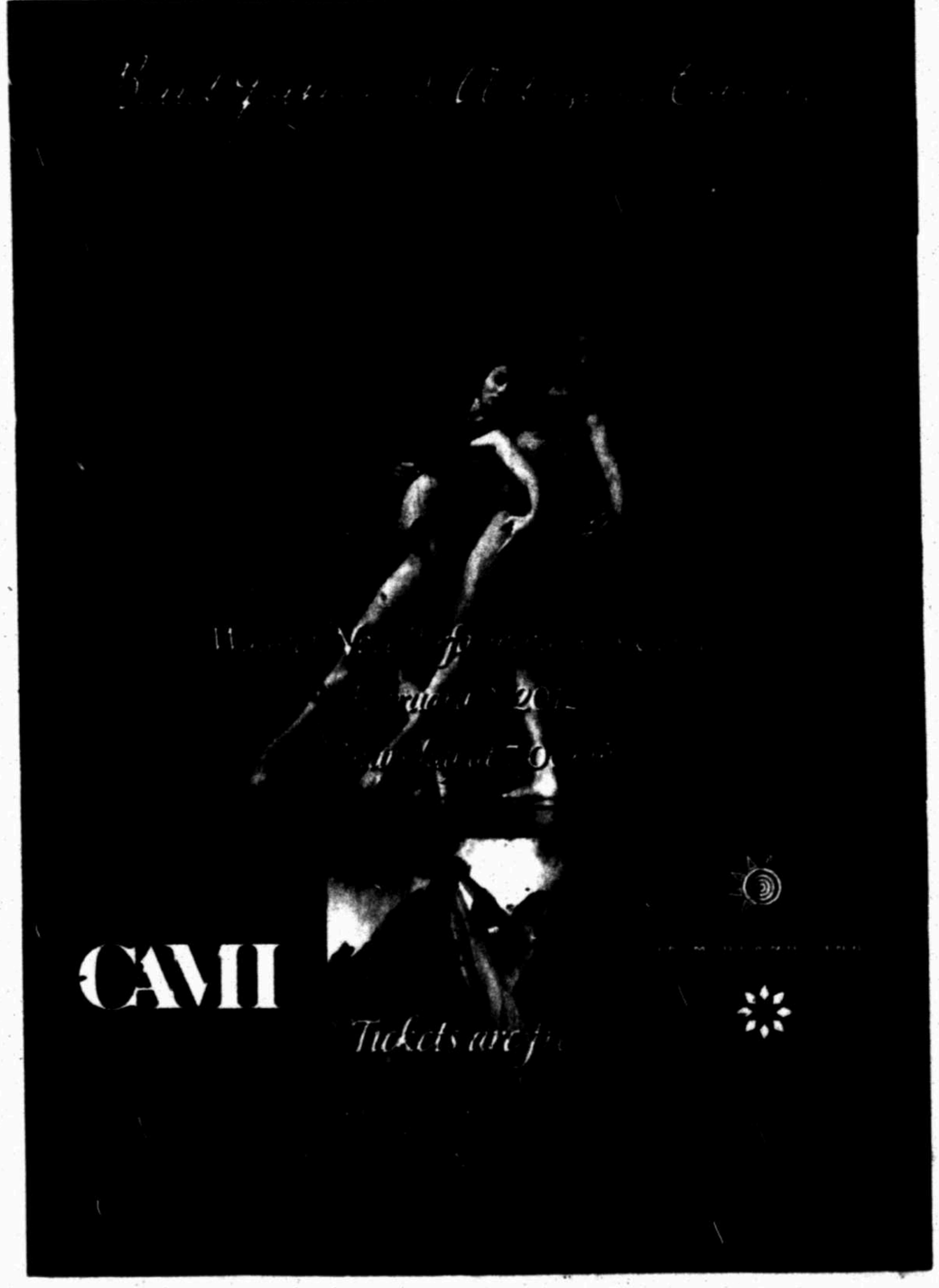

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LA school reeling from arrest of 2nd teacher

By Robert Jablon
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A bizarre case at an inner-city elementary school where a teacher was charged with taking bondage-style photographs of children has expanded with the arrest of a second teacher suspected of fondling two girls in his classroom.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker said Martin B. Springer, 49, was arrested Friday. The announcement sent further shock waves through the campus already reeling from the arrest of teacher Mark Berndt who's charged with committing lewd acts on 23 children.

Springer's arrest came four days allegations surfaced against Berndt, but authorities said there was no known connection between the two cases. Springer was being held on $2 million bail.

The Los Angeles Times reported Saturday that Berndt and Springer knew each other. School newsletters show that they took their classes on at least two joint field trips over the last decade, the Times said.

The case has shocked the nation and thrown a chill into its second-largest school district, with 650,000 students across hundreds of campuses.

Parker said the victims in the second case were about 7 and 8 years old and were fondled once each in a classroom at Miramonte Elementary School during the past three years.

Detectives interviewed Springer and the alleged victims on Thursday and had him under surveillance. He was arrested Friday as he exited a school district building in South Los Angeles, Parker said.

Detectives anticipate that more victims might come forward, he said.

A phone message left at Springer's home was not immediately returned.

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent John Deasy said the district plans to fire Springer next week.

"We are prepared to fire him next week and we'll do that at the next board meeting for inappropriate conduct and inappropriately touching students," the superintendent told KTTV.

In a related development, a lawyer filed a claim against the district stating that he intended to file a lawsuit alleging an unidentified girl ate a sugar cookie laced with Berndt's semen.

Earlier this week, Berndt, who worked at the school for 32 years, was charged with committing lewd acts on 23 children, ages 6 to 10, between 2005 and 2010. He remains jailed on $23 million bail and could face life in prison if convicted.

Lawyer Raymond Boucher, whose Beverly Hills firm specializes in sexual abuse lawsuits against school districts, religious institutions and hospitals, said the legal claim of behalf of "Jane Doe 1" alleges the district did not take adequate steps to prevent Berndt from repeatedly abusing children after officials received complaints about him.

After news broke early Friday about Springer being removed from the classroom, several parents took their children out of the school.

Ida Santana said her sister called her and told her to pick up her nephew.

"It's hard to leave our kids here," Santana said. "We can't trust the teachers no more. Now there's another teacher."

Santana said the family is unsure where the boy will be going to school from now on.

A neighbor told the Times Springer lives alone in the Alhambra home he grew up in. He moved back into the house after his mother died.

"I've never seen him with children ... he is always by himself, " Gabriel Urrutia, 40, told the newspaper. "I can't believe he was arrested."

The development involving the second teacher was made public a day after authorities acknowledged that 18 years ago, a 10-year-old girl claimed Berndt tried to fondle her.

Prosecutors declined to file to charges against Berndt in the 1993 report, saying they didn't have enough evidence. Berndt, who denied the allegation at the time, was never arrested.

Kobayashi downs record 337 wings at Pa. Wing Bowl

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Competitive-eating champ Takeru Kobayashi conquered Philadelphia's annual gustatory gorge-fest by eating 337 chicken wings in a half-hour before a crowd of nearly 20,000 at Wing Bowl XX.

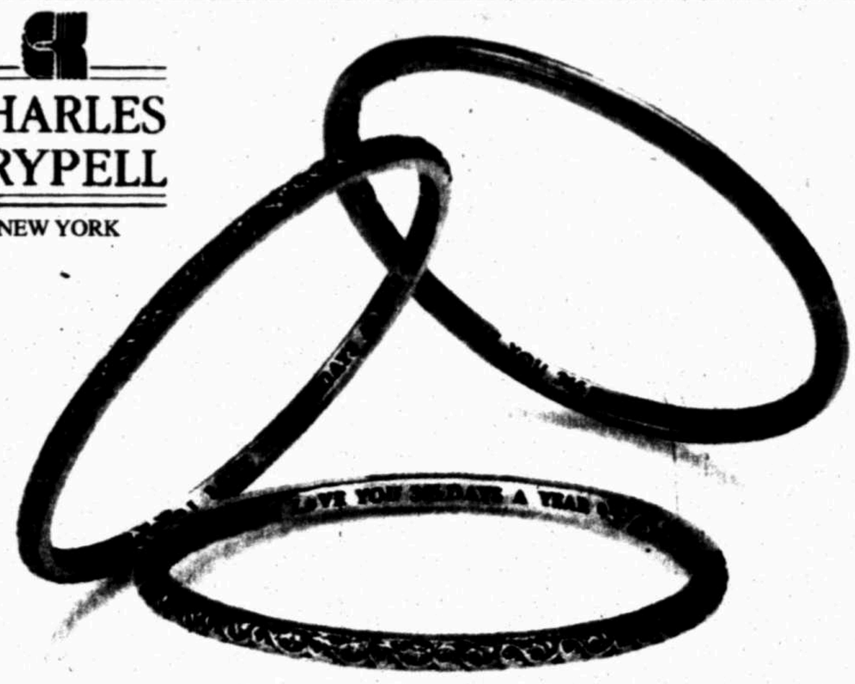
The Japanese phenom demolished the record of 255 set last year by Jonathan "Super" Squibb.

The Friday morning extravaganza drew thousands to the Wells Fargo Center before sunrise to watch competitors stuff themselves with chicken wings.

Kobayashi claimed a $20,000 cash prize for his victory. It was the six-time Nathan's Hot Dog eating contest champ's first time competing at Wing Bowl, though he consumed a cheesesteak in 24 seconds as part of an eating exhibition last year.

Squibb had been trying to win his fourth consecutive Wing Bowl crown, but the Berlin, N.J., man finished a distant second with 271 wings.

CHARLES KRYPELL
NEW YORK



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Opinion

What bailing an ocean with a thimble feels like

■ There are some brave enough to tackle the problem we have with the fatherless in our country.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

The worst day of Sugar Bear's 55 years was one of the days — there have been many of them — when he got out of prison. In the early 1990s, in a prison where people whose sentences have ended and are being released, and who see those whose sentences are just beginning, he saw one of his sons coming in.

Generational recidivism is not unusual in Sugar Bear's world of fatherlessness. His son, who was convicted of selling drugs, still is incarcerated because he has not been a model prisoner. He is an apple that did not fall far from the tree.

Sugar Bear — few call him Robert Lewis Jackson — was a precocious lawbreaker. His first arrest — "for GTA" (grand theft auto), he explains — involved a 1959 Chevy El Camino. He remembers it was orange. He pulled off the freeway, into a gas station, and climbed down from the vehicle. The police who apprehended him there were startled. He was almost 5.

Really. LAPD records confirm this. He drove the El Camino by sitting on a large pillow so he could see out the windshield and using a long stick to work the pedals.

Born to an unmarried, mentally ill prostitute, he acquired his interest in driving from his grandfather, who would drive around the block with Sugar Bear in his lap. Not until Sugar Bear was 25 did he learn his grandfather was his father, too, having had a sexual relationship with Sugar Bear's mother.

Sugar Bear grew up mostly on the streets, episodically drifting into and out of the care, such as it was, of various female relatives. He kept moving on because one relative was beaten to death in an alley, another killed by a shotgun blast, another had Drano poured in her eyes for reasons Sugar Bear does not remember. He supported himself gathering discarded bottles for their deposits, and cadging hamburgers and peanut butter sandwiches from sympathetic strangers.

His life in the nation's entertainment capital included the exciting night of Dec. 11, 1964, when he was outside the motel when singer Sam ("You Send Me") Cooke was fatally shot. Sugar Bear was 8.

Although he has never been married, he has five children and has been shot only once. He said he "did juvenile time" but managed, largely because he was an athlete, to graduate from high school. After that, he was incarcerated five times, for sentences ranging from six months to 11 years. He said he was implicated in "a 187" — murder of a corrections officer — but was exonerated. Then his life's gyrations intersected with some benevolent institutions.

In 1965, immediately after the Watts riots that announced to a largely oblivious nation the volatility of some pockets of social regression, a UCLA undergraduate, Keith Phillips, moved into this devastated section of the city of angels. Now 65, Phillips is the reason why World Impact, his creation, is a presence in 13 of America's most troubled cities, such as Newark and East St. Louis. Its focus is on fatherlessness and the social pathologies that flow from it.

This is the preoccupation of Ken Canfield, 58, a Kansas State Ph.D. who, until five years ago, headed the National Center for Fathering in Kansas City. He then moved here to help Pepperdine University develop a Center for the Family, and now he labors with World Impact living among the city's most troubled people. Canfield acquainted Sugar Bear with Psalm 68, which speaks of God as "father of the fatherless" who "setteth the solitary in families." For people like Sugar Bear, people with holes in their souls never filled by the love of fathers, Canfield said religion offers the "spiritualization of fatherhood":

"If you don't have the calm self-respect that a father gives, your passions go sideways. For a number of men, their passions become sexualized as they look for comfort and affirmation of their manhood."

On a recent day, Sugar Bear, a burly, cheerful survivor, was wearing a windbreaker bearing the logo of the Union Rescue Mission. He works there, helping provide services to, among others, a small portion of LA County's 50,000 homeless, 30 percent of whom are under 35. Bailing an ocean with a thimble? Perhaps. Still, Phillips, Canfield and Sugar Bear, this unlikely American trio, exemplify a very American approach to social regeneration: One by one, from the inside out.

OUR VIEW

UIL gets map right for 5A Midland schools

We have sympathy for the University Interscholastic League when it has to make district alignment decisions for the purpose of athletic competition. There are so many factors involved, but we are extremely pleased with what the UIL has done with the next two-year Class 5A alignment.

The UIL has placed Midland High and Lee in District 2-5A for the 2012-2014 school years. That district also will include Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Lubbock Coronado, Amarillo Tascosa and San Angelo Central.

We think this is a competitive league for the 5A fans of West Texas, and we look forward to seeing our teams play more meaningful district games in all sports. We also think the concerns of travel are overblown, especially in football because all of these teams have been playing each other for the most part.

When UIL realignment comes about every two years, every district has its own viewpoint on the good and bad of it all. For instance, we're pretty sure Tascosa isn't thrilled about this move, losing its rivalry with Amarillo High and replacing trips to Lubbock with trips to Abilene. Travel concerns do have an impact, especially in sports like basketball where long road trips for Tuesday night games can be a nightmare.

Our main concern is to give our kids a great playing experience. We also want the fans to get the most for their money. And, we want the UIL to preserve rivalries whenever possible. The final reason makes us really excited. Finally, our true rivalries have been restored.

Our next football season will mark the first time since 1997 that the solid core of the old Little Southwest Conference will be together all at one time. The old core is MHS, Lee, Permian, OHS, Cooper, AHS and Central. We were rejoined with Central four years ago, but the two Abilene schools were sent east. Now we have our old core back as one, and that feels right for the first time in a long time.

We would like to keep this core together whenever possible. These rivalries are intense and have withstood the test of time. Our athletic family once again has returned, and it is our opinion that the fans and players will benefit from this reunion to their roots. These roots still possess a mystical quality in West Texas, and we would like to see this new alignment remain for years to come even though we realize our landscape is ever changing and subject to the UIL's whim every two years.

We can at least revel in our good fortune now.

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Pay some attention to Mexico

■ There's a presidential election south of the border, and Americans should take notice.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said recently her biggest regret from her time in the George W. Bush administration is that she didn't focus more on our backyard.

"I think the thing that I'd most like to do over is some of the aspects of the relationship with Mexico," Rice told CNN's Candy Crowley. Specifically, she said, the United States should have dealt earlier with "the terrible border troubles that we now know are in Mexico, with the drug cartels, to do something about immigration reform."

Cabinet officers don't get the luxury of "do-overs." But the American people do. They can put pressure on the Obama administration and Congress to better assist the government of Mexican President Felipe Calderon in his high-stakes battle against the drug cartels. And they can demand a practical and fair solution to our nation's antiquated immigration system so workers from Mexico and other countries are paired up with the U.S. employers who need them.

But the first step is for Americans to pay more attention to what's going on in Mexico. This year, one thing going on there is a presidential election — the first since Calderon bravely declared war on the cartels shortly after taking office in December 2006.

This was more than five years and nearly 50,000 casualties ago. The Mexican government hasn't released an official death toll since early 2011; at that point, the number was 34,612. According to the Los Angeles Times, the Mexican attorney general's office recently released a partial death toll for 2011 — 12,903 people killed because of what it called "rivalry among criminal organizations." Most experts on the drug war now expect that, by the time Calderon leaves office in December, the total number of casualties will easily surpass 50,000.

This "rivalry among criminal organizations" is basically a turf war. What started as an attempt by a handful of drug gangs to fend off an assault by the Mexican army is now a campaign to control whole swaths of territory, including some of Mexico's major cities. This makes the conflict harder to control and more difficult to end, no matter which candidate succeeds Calderon as president and which party comes to power.

Most political observers in both the United States and Mexico expect the successor to be Enrique Pena Nieto, the candidate for the resurgent Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which held the presidency for most of the 20th century and seems to be riding back into power on the steam of public discontent with the drug war. Much of that discontent is focused on Calderon's National Action Party, or PAN.

In polls, Pena Nieto far outdistances Josefina Vasquez Mota, the favorite to win the nomination for the PAN, and Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, the likely nominee of the Party of the Democratic Revolution, or PRD.

In fact, the only person who seems able to beat Pena Nieto in the July general election is, well, Pena Nieto. Consistent with a long-standing Mexican tradition, the candidate is embroiled in a number of *escandalos* (scandals) — big and small.

In December, in an episode reminiscent of when Sarah Palin was asked to name the newspapers she read, Pena Nieto struggled at a literary fair to name three books that had influenced him. And, when he was criticized for the flub by the Mexican media and the country's intelligentsia, his daughter made matters worse by insisting, on Twitter, that the story was about nothing more than class envy. You don't say this sort of thing in Mexico, a country of the very rich and the very poor with nary a middle class between them.

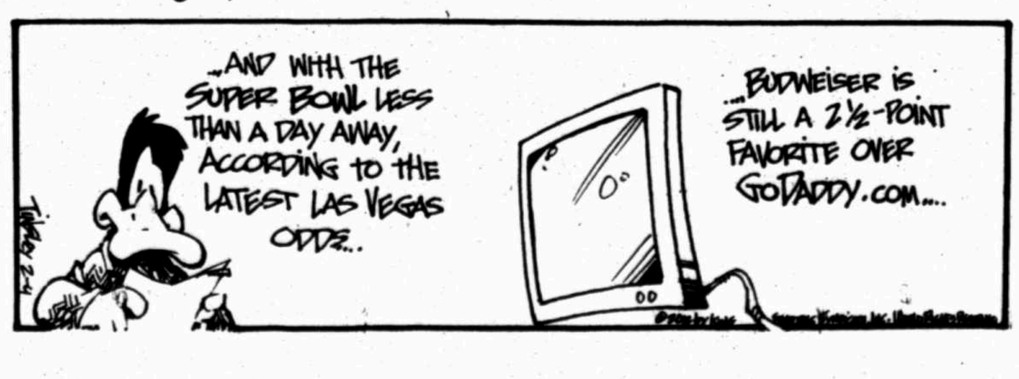
Soon thereafter, in an interview with a Spanish newspaper, Pena Nieto admitted he didn't know the price of a package of tortillas — the equivalent of when U.S. politicians are asked to show they can relate to everyday Americans by citing the price of a loaf of bread. When criticized for being out of touch, he made matters worse by insisting chauvinistically he wasn't "the woman of the household." He later had to apologize.

More recently, Pena Nieto admitted in another interview he was unfaithful to his late wife and fathered two children with two different women during his marriage.

All this drama involves just one candidate. If Americans at any point get bored with the U.S. presidential election, they always can look to Mexico where election-year politics are anything but boring.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Source of 'oil field tales' remains mystery

Mr. Arenivа's column about the mud logger and the gum balls is interesting, but I have been telling that tale for more than 20 years. I could never find anyone it actually happened to; it always had been done by a friend of a friend.

Hmmm, maybe someone who heard me tell the tale took me seriously, but I wonder. There are many "oil field tales," like the roughneck who accidentally dropped the wrench down the hole when the rig was out of the hole. He 'fessed up to the driller and said I guess I'm fired. The driller said no, accidents happen. After several days of fishing, they got the wrench and the driller said now you're fired. The roughneck picked up the wrench and dropped it back down the hole and walked off location.

I heard this tale in West Virginia in 1973 when I first started in the oil field and again when I came to West Texas in 1974. In both cases, the roughneck swore it happened on his rig.

Robert Kahle

Basin PBS and Ritz Theater is good match

I was intrigued and excited to learn that Midland business leaders are working in tandem with Basin PBS to create a home for our public television station in downtown Midland at the historic Ritz Theater.

This move serves multiple purposes. Downtown revitalization is critical to the long-term stabilization of our community. At the same time, West Texans deserve a quality public television station capable of representing our community's values and unique perspective.

The renovation of the Ritz Theater saves a rich aspect of our city's history. Basin PBS can provide a cultural anchor for downtown while continuing to serve the Permian Basin with quality programming and on-air visibility for many of our non-profit organizations.

This is a tremendous example of the power of collaboration. Kudos to all involved for their vision and creative problem-solving.

Claire Woodcock

Current government willing to trample religious liberties

On Jan. 20, our government decreed some churches would have to face a choice between following church teaching and following the law. Specifically, our government has decided all health care plans must offer free contraceptives, including those that work by causing a chemical abortion to occur within the first few days of life in the womb.

For Catholics, as well as many other Christians and non-Christians, this is morally unconscionable. It amounts to cooperating in an abortion, and that is simply not a choice anyone should be forced to make.

But, doesn't the new regulation contain an exemption for church organizations? Not really. Four conditions, all of which must be met, are required for exemption. These conditions require the organization "(1) has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; (2) primarily employs persons who share its religious tenets; (3) primarily serves people who share its religious tenets; and (4) is a non-profit organization."

Is our government really expecting Catholic hospitals, which in the U.S. serve 15 percent of all people admitted to a hospital, to turn away non-Christians and fire their non-Christian staff? Are they asking Catholic charities to withhold support from agnostics in need? Is it possible the current administration wants to see that the hundreds of thousands of people of many faiths who work for these organizations are denied health care coverage because their employer cannot in good conscience comply with the government requirements?

Clearly, the current administration, in order to advance its agenda, is willing to trample the religious liberties Americans have held dear for more than two centuries. Now is the time for our represented officials to firmly re-establish our rights by enacting conscience protection legislation for all Americans.

Issues change. Governments change. Last week my religious beliefs were threatened. Whose are next? Let's act together.

Tom Collier

Younts will fight against Obama's drive for socialism

We are looking for candidates to represent the American people in a sturdy fashion against pressure from the liberal media to compromise our religious and constitutional values in the name of "bi-partisanship."

Restoring fiscal sanity is the main issue on the campaign trail to Congress, to block Obama's liberal social agenda of high taxes, big government and less liberty.

We have a man in San Angelo who will fight against Obama's drive for socialism. His name is Chris Younts.

Allan R. Henderson, San Angelo

We need to elect representatives who will fight for term limits

With the U.S. Congressional approval rating hovering around 11 percent, it is evident we must effect changes to the tenure of those in office. Our corrupted political system now guaranties incumbents a 98 percent re-election rate, which recalls quotes dating back more than 240 years: "Unlimited power is apt to corrupt the minds of those who possess it," and "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Congressional term limits can help stop the governmental corruption and gridlock present in our legislative process. There is minor but growing support in both houses of Congress to change these limits.

We must elect representatives to Congress who will support and join the fight for term limits. U.S. Representative, District 11 candidate Chris Younts is the person to help in that fight. Chris Younts' opponent, Mike Conaway, has served four terms and is running for his fifth, which says he does not favor term limits.

Let's join together and support Chris Younts to make this happen. (www.chrisyounts.com)

Wayne Farris, San Angelo

Note: Candidate endorsement letters for local, state or federal contests are no longer than 200 words.

Pipeline needs to be positioned somewhere else

To my "friends" on the right, I don't object to your pipeline. I object to your pipeline being run stupidly. Fossil fuels are dirty, and this stuff from the oil sands is the dirtiest of the dirty. And, you want to send this stuff through the cornfields and over the aquifer? Well, bravo, Mr. President. Thank you for not letting big oil, once again, defecate where we eat.

Can we please be smart? Just move the pipeline west a couple hundred miles through Billings, Mont., where there used to be a refinery. Continue it south to Casper, Wyo., which used to have two refineries but one got shut down, and then take it to Cheyenne, Wyo., with "Little America" refinery. Between the Rocky Mountains and the cornfields is some pretty desolate country if we spill.

Please tell me we are not going to endanger our food and water supply for politics. Please tell me it's not as simple as bringing pipeline jobs to hard-core Republican country. Wyoming is Republican, just not as densely packed, and Colorado is a swing state, but I bet they would be every bit as appreciative for the jobs.

And, I almost hesitate on this one final point. I fear our news media just gives the terrorists more ideas, so I hate to do that. But, I must point out that if we run this pipeline through our food and water, that might make a pretty juicy terrorist target.

Emerson Stone

Taxpayers shouldn't be responsible for politicians' mistakes

The recession of 2008 was a devastating blow to this country, which is an understatement in what happened. No matter who want to blame — either party — we are all in this together.

What I can't figure out is why nobody went to prison. All the players in this catastrophic debacle should have gone to prison. The kicker to this whole mess is the taxpayer has to pick up the bill. What about our children's future and grandchildren's future?

If you are going to pass the buck to the taxpayers, shouldn't Congress read the whole bill to the bailout package? If I and the regular taxpayer have a budget, shouldn't our government be a little more fiscally responsible with theirs. The taxpayers of this great country shouldn't be made scapegoats for our politicians' irresponsibility.

Mark Buttery

JASON EMBRY

Cox News Service

Craig James confronts Leach controversy

■ The Senate candidate appears ready to take on the 800-pound gorilla.

Craig James isn't just running against three credible opponents for the Republican nomination to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. He's also running against Mike Leach.

That reminder came Wednesday morning, when James gave an interview to radio station KFYO-AM in Lubbock, home to Texas Tech University. Leach was fired as Tech's football coach in late 2009 after a dispute over whether he mistreated James' son Adam when he had a concussion.

The James family and Leach offer vastly different accounts, but the fact remains that Craig James is inexorably linked to the firing of a successful Tech coach.

James hasn't campaigned yet in Lubbock, although he said he plans to. And, he vehemently defended his complaints about Leach when speaking to Lubbock listeners Wednesday.

"There are some people who won't understand this," James said. "There are some people, if they wouldn't defend their own son, I don't want their vote. I don't want to run with those kind of people. Keep your vote. But, anyone who understands right is right, wrong is wrong, and it's never right to do wrong, you can't bully people — those are the people that I'm speaking to."

Leach denies any mistreatment and has suggested James was a meddlesome parent who wanted more playing time for his son.

Nevertheless, James said he is comfortable in Lubbock, having visited numerous times during the past couple of years. Another of his sons is a student at Tech. James appears to have made the (correct) calculation that he can't avoid the Leach controversy. In fact, he appears to be leaning into it.

Dallas TV station WFAA reported this week that a lawyer for James wants to depose the publishers of a couple of books about Leach's time at Tech, including Leach's 2009 book, "Swing Your Sword." James' lawyer said he wants to know more about the origins of the allegations made against James in the books.

James already faces a difficult road to the Senate. Most notably, he entered the race months after Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and former state Solicitor General Ted Cruz. All of the other candidates have head starts in raising money and attracting supporters. Leach's firing would appear to pose another problem for Tech fans in Lubbock and around the state. Or maybe it won't.

KFYO host Chad Hasty didn't take listener calls during the James interview but summed up listeners' reactions on Twitter: "He's not as bad as they thought."

The first caller after the interview, who identified himself as "John," said plenty of people won't care about the Leach firing, then mentioned that Cruz's wife is a vice president at investment firm Goldman Sachs. "I think (Cruz) is good, but I understand that his wife is high up" at Goldman Sachs, the caller said. "I think we've had enough of that crap."

So take heart, Craig James. In Lubbock, there's plenty of hostility to go around.

Who's willing to gamble with future of Texas?

■ The argument for expanded gambling doesn't make sense or cents.

MICHAEL QUINN SULLIVAN

Texans for Fiscal Responsibility president

Much has been made by the Texas House speaker and others about the alleged need for "new revenues" in state government. Voters and taxpayers know this doesn't pass the smell test; Texas doesn't have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. Yet, big-spenders are positioning expanded gambling as a magic money-maker, with some conservatives foolishly buying it up.

Let's be clear: Texans are not undertaxed; our problem is that tax dollars often are spent poorly. The emphasis in 2013 must rest on fixing past budget gimmicks, weeding out inefficient and ineffective programs, and examining how services are provided.

Legislators should be focused on slowing the growth of government, not finding new ways to grab cash.

Horse track owners and out-of-state casino interests are offering expanded gambling — in search of a public problem to which they wish to attach it. This is nothing new. You'll remember a couple decades ago when Gov. Ann Richards and her friends promised that a lottery would provide relief for public education. It was a scratch-off, get-rich-quick scheme. Twenty-years going, we know the Texas Lottery hasn't performed as advertised; it funds less than four days of public school operations.

Today, Texans are being sold on the expansion of gambling as a way to bring new revenues into state coffers. Don't be fooled.

The gambling industry has a poor track record, judging by economic performance. Back in the mid-1980s, when Texas allowed betting at a select number of horse-tracks (including those owned by the family and friends of House Speaker Joe Straus), the operators said they would be self-sufficient. They sold themselves as being a revenue source by being fully taxed.

Barely a session later they came back begging to be let off the hook from the taxes they sold themselves on, claiming failure to do so would kill the horse-racing industry. Now we're being told the only way to save this "industry" is by letting them add slot-machines at the tracks. And as a bonus — they claim — the slots will bring big bucks into the state.

Won't happen.

Consider the experience of states that have expanded gambling in recent years under similar promises of new revenues. How have the economies and budgets performed in states like Michigan, Louisiana and Illinois? Would you rather have Texas' growing economy or California's shrinking one?

Each of those states, and others, have fallen for these money-for-nothing gambling schemes. We cannot let it happen here.

Beware that the manufactured hype of the gaming industry always will play in the background. But over that noise, the Legislature must consider the impact on the state's economy and budget.

For example, the El Paso Times recently noted a finding by Texas' Office of the Comptroller from a few years ago that expanding gambling would result in job losses.

Professor Earl Grinols of Baylor is one of the nation's foremost experts on the impacts of gambling legislation. He's found that although gambling legislation might either create new revenue sources (casinos, etc.) or enrich existing ones (racetracks), government coffers are more rapidly depleted on the whole as a result of gambling expansion. Regulatory expenses, social service spending and law enforcement costs all skyrocket when gambling is expanded.

Specifically, Grinols has found that for every dollar of new revenue from gambling sources three new dollars are either spent in law enforcement and social services, or else lost via a drop in productivity from existing revenue sources.

Lobby packets using gambling industry-funded research have claimed expanded gambling is a revenue enhancer for the state. It's just not true. Besides, fiscal conservatives should be about reforming government, not seeking ways to grow it.

Of the five U.S. cities hardest hit by the recession, four are in states with expanded gambling — and two in the economically shattered state of Nevada, the gaming paradise.

Despite occasional claims to the contrary, proposals for extending the footprint of gambling in Texas have nothing to do with the free market or individual liberty. Proposals to expanded gambling in Texas amount to crony capitalism at its worst; proponents would have the Legislature create a closed oligopoly with constitutional and regulatory barriers to competition. (Good for Straus' family and friends, bad for everyone else.)

Judging by the experience of every other state, the crony gambling expansion being quietly considered in Texas will lead to bigger, more costly government, and, in turn, to higher taxes.

Texans aren't looking for big-spenders or schemes to finance big government. The fiscally responsible course of action is to oppose the expansion of gambling and focus the energies of the next legislative session on scrubbing the budget and reforming the structure of spending in the Lone Star State.

Michael Quinn Sullivan is president of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility (www.EmpowerTexans.com). He can be heard on KWEL radio from 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays.

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Monday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 56, a low around 32 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 57 and a low around 34.

The high on Saturday reached 53 while the low dropped to 38. The record high for Feb. 4 is 79 set in 2008. The record low is 7 set in 2011.

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As a storm system that brought heavy snow to the central Plains last week slides off the mid-Atlantic coast, it will bring showers to the Tennessee Valley and the mid-Atlantic that will taper off by this afternoon. Rain could mix with snow on the northern edge of the system because of cold air in place over the Northeast.

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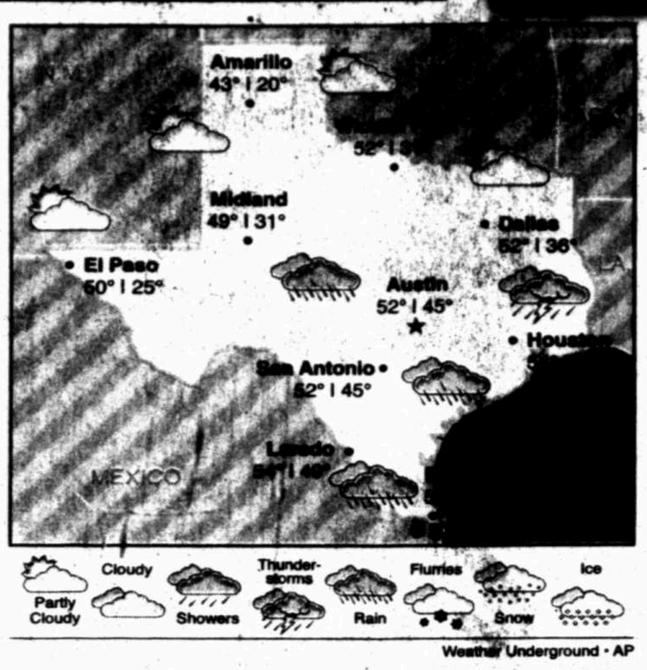

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Saturday's temperatures

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Normal high	60
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Sunrise ... 7:40 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:26 p.m.

Heavy snow traps many people in Bosnia

Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnia's government declared a state of emergency in its capital on Saturday after Sarajevo was paralyzed by snow, and hundreds of people remained trapped in their homes and vehicles throughout the country.

After a weeklong cold snap that has killed scores of people across Eastern Europe, more than three feet of snow fell in Sarajevo on Saturday, closing roads and public transportation.

Some neighborhoods reported water shortages, and residents struggled to make it to local shops to shore up on food. Several people said they witnessed fist fights in shops over loaves of bread.

But the crisis also produced camaraderie.

In one area of central Sarajevo, men shoveling the deep snow were being given tea, coffee and hamburgers and meatballs that local women had barbecued. One elderly man who didn't know how to help out stood at an open window of his house playing his clarinet.

Schools have been closed in Bosnia for days because of the tough winter weather, and many travelers have been trapped on the country's roads since Friday evening.

"This is unbelievable. I can't remember snow like this in the past 30 years, said Mirsada Mitrovic, a resident of Sarajevo. "Maybe when I was a child, but since then nothing like this."

The state of emergency order said all schools must remain closed in Sarajevo, that women and children should stay at home, and that men should only report to work if their jobs are essential. It also ordered men who own shovels or vehicles big enough to plow snow to help the city clear the streets, especially ones leading to hospitals.

Meanwhile, efforts were under way to rescue hundreds of people trapped on snow-covered highways.

For example, in a tunnel south of Sarajevo, vehicles carrying about 30 people were stuck in a tunnel and called local radio stations to appeal for help, saying they had children with them and were running out of fuel.

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Some blacks insist: 'I'm not African-American'

By Jesse Washington
Associated Press

The labels used to describe Americans of African descent mark the movement of a people from the slave house to the White House. Today, many are resisting this progression by holding on to a name from the past: "black."

For this group — some descended from U.S. slaves, some immigrants with a separate history — "African-American" is not the sign of progress hailed when the term was popularized in the late 1980s. Instead, it's a misleading connection to a distant culture.

The debate has waxed and waned since African-American went mainstream and has gained new significance after the son of a black Kenyan and a white American moved into the White House. President Barack Obama's identity has been contested from all sides, renewing questions that have followed millions of darker Americans:

What are you? Where are you from? And how do you fit into this country?

"I prefer to be called black," said Shawn Smith, an accountant from Houston. "How I really feel is, I'm American."

"I don't like African-American. It denotes something else to me than who I am," said Smith, whose parents are from Mississippi and North Carolina. "I can't recall any of them telling me anything about Africa. They told me a whole lot about where they grew up in Macomb County and Shelby, N.C."

Gibri George, an entrepreneur from Miami, started a Facebook page called "Don't Call Me African-American" on a whim. It now has about 300 "likes."

"We respect our African heritage, but that term is not really us," George said. "We're several generations down the line. If anyone were to ship us back to Africa, we'd be like fish out of water."

Joan Morgan, a writer born in Jamaica who moved to New York City as a girl, remembers the first time she publicly corrected someone about the term: at a book signing, when she was introduced as African-American and her family members in the front rows were appalled and hurt.

"That act of calling me African-American completely erased their history and the sacrifice and contributions it took to make me an author," said Morgan, a longtime U.S. citizen who calls herself Black-Caribbean American. (Some insist Black should be capitalized.)

Morgan acknowledges that her homeland of Jamaica is populated by the descendants of African slaves. "But I am not African, and Africans are not African-American," she said.

In Latin, a forerunner of the English language, the color black is "niger." In 1619, the first African captives in America were described as "negars," which became the epithet still used by some today.

The Spanish word "negro" means black. That was the label applied by white Americans for centuries.

The word black also was given many pejorative connotations — a black mood, a blackened reputation, a black heart. "Colored" seemed better, until the civil rights movement insisted on Negro, with a capital N.

Then, in the 1960s, "black" came back — as an expression of pride, a strategy to defy oppression.

Afro-American was briefly in vogue in the 1970s and lingers today in the names of some newspapers and university departments. But it was soon overshadowed by African-American, which first sprouted among the black intelligentsia.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson is widely credited with taking African-American mainstream in 1988, before his second presidential run.

Mary Frances Berry, a University of Pennsylvania history professor and former chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, remembers being at a 1988 gathering of civil rights groups organized by Jackson in Chicago when Ramona Edelin, then president of the National Urban Coalition, urged those assembled to declare that black people should be called African-American.

Edelin says today that there was no intent to exclude people born in other countries or to eliminate the use of black: "It was an attempt to start a cultural offensive because we were clearly at that time always on the defensive."

"We said, this is kind of a compromise term," she continued. "There are those among us who don't want to be referred to as African. And there also those among us who don't want to be referred to as American. This was a way of bridging divisions among us or in our ideologies so we can move forward as a group."

Jackson, who at the time may have been the most-quoted black man in America, followed through with the plan.

"Every ethnic group in this country has a reference to some land base, some historical, cultural base," Jackson told reporters at the time. "African-Americans have hit that level of cultural maturity."

The effect was immediate. "Back in those days we didn't talk about things going viral, but that's what you would say today. It was quite remarkable," said the columnist Clarence Page, then a reporter. "It was kind of like when Black Power first came in the '60s, there was all kinds of buzz among black folks and white folks about whether or not I like this."

Page liked it — he still uses it interchangeably with black — and sees an advantage to changing names.

"If we couldn't control anything else, at least we could control what people call us," Page said. "That's the most fundamental right any human being has, over what other people call you. (African-American) had a lot of psychic value from that point of view."

It also has historical value, said Irv Randolph, managing editor of the Philadelphia Tribune, a black newspaper that uses both terms: "It's a historical fact that we are people of African descent."

"African-American embraces where we came from and where we are now," he said. "We are Americans, no doubt about that. But, to deny where we came from doesn't make any sense to me."

Jackson agrees about such denial. "It shows a willful ignorance of our roots, our heritage and our lineage," he said Tuesday. "A fruit without a root is dying."

He observed that the history of how captives were brought here from Africa is unchangeable and that Senegal is almost as close to New York as Los Angeles.

"If a chicken is born in the oven," Jackson said, "that doesn't make it a biscuit."

Today, 24 years after Jackson popularized African-American, it's unclear what term is preferred by the community. A series of Gallup polls from 1991 to 2007 showed no strong consensus for either black or African-American. In a January 2011 NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, 42 percent of respondents said they preferred black, 35 percent said African-American, 13 percent said it doesn't make any difference and 7 percent chose "some other term."

Meanwhile, a record number of black people in America — almost 1 in 10 — were born abroad, according to census figures.

PBS presentations for Black History Month

"Underground Railroad — The William Still Story," 9 p.m. Feb. 8 and 11

Extraordinary people risked their lives to help fugitive slaves escape via the clandestine Underground Railroad. Among them was William Still of Philadelphia, a free black man who accepted delivery of transported crates containing human "cargo." This documentary reveals some of the dramatic, lesser-known stories behind this humanitarian enterprise and explores key Canadian connections, including the surprising fate of former slaves who crossed the border to "Freedom's Land."

"American Experience — Freedom Riders," 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and 11

In 1961, segregation seemed to have an overwhelming grip on American society. Many states violently enforced the policy, while the federal government, under the Kennedy administration, remained indifferent, preoccupied with matters abroad. That is, until an integrated band of college students — many of whom were the first in their families to attend a university — decided, en masse, to risk everything and buy a ticket on a Greyhound bus bound for the Deep South. They called themselves the Freedom Riders, and they managed to bring the president and the entire American public face-to-face with the challenge of correcting civil rights inequities that plagued the nation.

"Independent Lens — The Black Power Mixtapes 1967-1975," 9 p.m. Feb. 9

Combining startlingly fresh and candid 16-mm footage that had been confiscated in the wake of Detroit's 1967 riot for the past 30 years, with contemporary audio interviews from leading African-American artists, politicians, musicians and scholars, "Mixtape" looks at the people, society, culture and style that fueled an era of convulsive change, 1967-75. Using an innovative format that riffs on the popular 1970s mixtape format, this is a cinematic and musical journey into the black communities of America.

"Slavery by Another Name," 9 p.m. Feb. 13 and 18

A Sundance Film Festival selection for 2012, this new documentary based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Wall Street Journal senior writer Douglas A. Blackmon, explores the little-known story of the post-Emancipation era and the labor practices and laws that effectively created a new form of slavery in the South that persisted well into the 20th century. Blackmon examines the concept of "neoslavery," which sentenced African-Americans to forced labor for violating an array of laws that criminalized their everyday behavior.

"Independent Lens — More Than a Month," 9 p.m. Feb. 16

Shukree Hassan Tilghman, a 29-year-old African-American filmmaker, is on a cross-country campaign to end Black History Month. Through this tongue-in-cheek journey, "More Than a Month" investigates what the treatment of history tells us about race and equality in a "post-racial" America.

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Russia, China veto UN resolution on Syria

Russia and China vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution aimed at ending Syria's bloodshed, despite international outrage Saturday over a devastating bombardment of the city of Homs by President Bashar Assad's forces. Activists said more than 200 were killed in the bloodiest episode of the nearly 11-month uprising.

The veto and the show of support by Russia raised concerns that Assad's regime could now unleash even greater violence to crush the revolt against his rule, assured that his ally would prevent international action while continuing its weapons sales to Damascus.

IRAN

Officials launch new military exercises

Iran began ground military exercises Saturday and defiantly warned that it could cut off oil exports to "hostile" European nations as tensions rise over suggestions that military strikes are an increasing possibility if sanctions fail to rein in the Islamic Republic's nuclear program.

Tehran has stepped up its rhetoric as international pressure mounts over allegations it is seeking to develop atomic weapons, a charge it denies.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has issued stern warnings against any possible U.S. or Israeli attacks against Tehran's nuclear facilities. Western forces also have boosted their naval presence in the Gulf led by the American aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

The new military maneuvers came weeks after Iran rolled out its troops and arsenals in an unprecedented display of military readiness, with 10 days of naval maneuvers that included the first threats to block Gulf oil tankers in early January.

Politics drives exit from Afghanistan

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban are not beaten, the peace process is bogged down in internal squabbles and Afghan security forces aren't ready to take control of the nation. Yet, the U.S. and its partners are talking about speeding up — rather than slowing down — their exit from the war.

It's becoming dramatically clear that politics is driving NATO's war exit strategy as much or more than conditions on the battlefield.

Political calendars in the West never were supposed to influence the decision about when Afghan forces take the lead and allow international troops to step back into support roles or leave altogether. The U.S., Afghan and other international leaders have said repeatedly that transition decisions would not be held hostage to international political agendas.

Then, after an Afghan soldier gunned down four French troops, President Nicolas Sarkozy suddenly announced last week that he was pulling French forces out of Afghanistan early. Sarkozy is facing an opponent in the coming presidential election who wants French forces withdrawn even faster.

Sarkozy boldly suggested that his NATO allies hand over security to the Afghan police and army in 2013 instead of by the close of 2014 — an end date they had all agreed upon at a meeting in Lisbon more than a year ago.

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta dropped another verbal bombshell this week at a NATO meeting in Brussels. He said the NATO allies had largely agreed to step back from the lead combat role in Afghanistan and let local forces take their place as early as 2013.

U.S. officials downplayed Panetta's statement, saying it was not a policy change but an optimistic look at the established 2014 end date.

Either way, it shows how badly the Obama administration wants out of the war.

Panetta's comment sounded different from what his predecessor told NATO allies just six months ago. "Resist the urge to do what

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is politically expedient and have the courage of patience," former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said then.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said no final decision has been made but he noted the issue would be prominent in May, when President Barack Obama hosts the next NATO summit.

That meeting, in Obama's hometown of Chicago, will come less than six months before the U.S. presidential election. There has been speculation that Obama might announce some kind of accelerated pullout or simply underscore how America's involvement in Afghanistan is winding down.

"I definitely think there is a desire to say something appealing by Chicago," said Mark Jacobson, former deputy NATO civilian representative in Afghanistan and senior fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States in Washington.

He said Sarkozy's decision to fast-track France's exit clearly reflects his need to address pressing domestic pressure to bring forces home as his presidential re-election campaign begins. Politics, "however undesirable," always accompanies any coalition mission, he said.

Announcing that the U.S. combat mission in Afghanistan will wrap up earlier than expected would give Obama more good news to report about his foreign policy. Already, the U.S. military has officially declared the end of its mission in Iraq in December 2011 when the last American troops left. Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed in May 2011 during a U.S. raid in Pakistan. And reviled Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi fell under a NATO onslaught without a single American casualty.

Lisa Curtis, senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, said U.S. commanders in Afghanistan realize that American public support for the war is evaporating but they don't want to squander military gains of the past 18 months.

"The fear is that President Obama, under pressure from other NATO members and wanting to strike a popular chord with the U.S. electorate in an election year, will announce a drastic reduction in U.S. forces from Afghanistan in 2013 at the NATO summit in Chicago," Curtis said.

"By announcing a quicker transition to an Afghan security lead without drastically cutting troop numbers, the secretary of defense may be trying to meet the conflicting U.S. political and military goals," she said.

Assessments of the coalition's progress vary depending on who is asked, but nobody says the war against the Taliban has been won.

The coalition reports that violence is down in some areas of the country. Taliban fighters have lost territory and hundreds of their mid-level commanders have been killed and detained. The insurgency is "clearly on the back foot," says German Brig. Gen. Carsten Jacobson, a spokesman for the U.S.-led military coalition in Afghanistan.

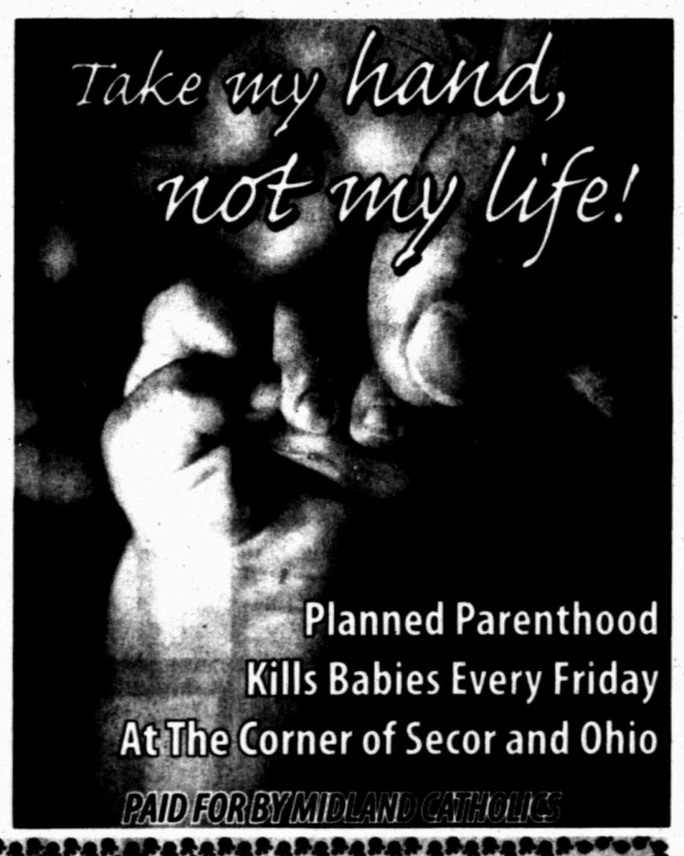
The latest Afghan National Intelligence Estimate, however, warns that the Taliban will grow stronger and continue to fight for more territory, according to U.S. officials who have read the classified document. The estimate also warns that the Taliban will use discussions about prospects for peace to run out the clock until foreign troops leave.

It says the Afghan government largely has failed to prove itself to its people and likely will continue to weaken and find influence only in the cities. Meanwhile, peace moves toward the Taliban appear fraught with differences between the Afghans and their international partners over the venue and President Hamid Karzai's complaints that the U.S. is trying to control the process.

Anthony Cordesman, a national security analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said the development of Afghan national security forces is in a "state of total confusion."

"Major elements of the Afghan security forces cannot possibly be ready to stand on their own by the end of 2014," Cordesman wrote in a report this week.

So far, Karzai has reacted cautiously to the idea that the bulk of the handover to Afghan forces could occur in 2013. He hasn't commented on Panetta's remark, but after France announced it was leaving early, Karzai said: "We hope to finish the transition ... by the end of 2013 at the earliest — or by the latest as has been agreed upon — by the end of 2014."



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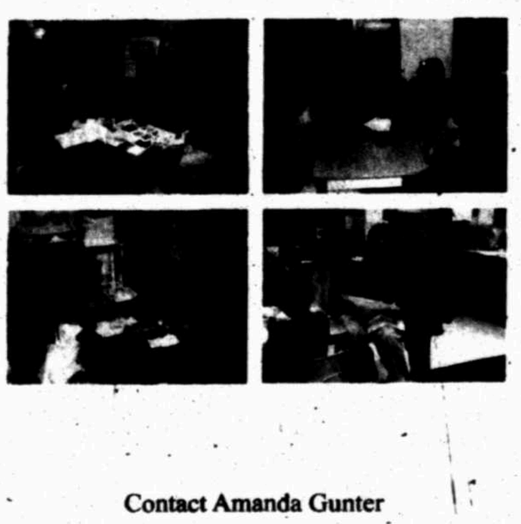

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By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

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The film "spOILed," by Mark Mathis, will show Tuesday to Thursday at Hollywood Tall City 14 with showings at 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m. each day.

"There is an old saying that you preach to the choir so the choir will preach. This is true of 'spOILed'," Mathis said. "Our grand mission is to show Americans that most of what they think about oil is wrong, that they have been deceived and that this deception has put us all at great risk.

"But, if the people you need to reach don't even know that this is something they should care about, how do you reach them? Our plan has been to initially show 'spOILed' to our 'core' market in the oil patch. Showing the film to audiences that have been frustrated by the misperception that most Americans have of their business enables us to get people fired up about the film, to gain media attention and to spread awareness."

Mathis spent three-and-a-half years on the film interviewing Sens. Jeff Bingaman and James Inhofe, Congressman Steve Pearce and energy experts Michael Economides and Robert Bryce. Other intervews include environmental representatives from Greenpeace and experts such as Dan Kish and Paul Greeson.

"I wanted to create a provocative, important film, and I knew when we were done that we had succeeded in doing that. What I didn't expect was that so many people would be so incredibly enthusiastic about the quality of the film. That appreciation is very gratifying to me," Mathis said.

The film has been shown to more than 50 audiences in dozens of cities. Mathis plans to show it in Houston later this month.

"I could not count on all my fingers and toes the number of times people have come up to me after a show and said, 'I've been working in this industry for 30 years, and yet there's a lot of material in your film that I didn't know,'" he said.

"What we are finding is that a large number of people who work in the industry know a lot about their specific piece of oil's incredibly long supply chain, but they only have a small amount of knowledge about the big picture," he said.

The film goes through the different options that are touted, including hybrid and electric cars, commuter trains and alternative fuels like ethanol. Securing enough fuel for transportation is going to be the biggest challenge ever faced by humanity, Mathis said.

He added that the documentary will show there are some small things viewers

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Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Micheal Waid shows off some of the zoot suit costumes he designed for the "Guys and Dolls" play at Midland Community Theatre. Waid moved from Gadsden, Ala., to Midland two years ago to work as the theater's resident costume designer.

Young professionals move with no ties, find home

KATHLEEN PETTY
Staff Writer

I remember well the day I drove into Midland for the first time.

The sides of the road were lined with tall, dry grass, and dust was blowing amid the pumpjacks off State Highway 349. I had just left the snow-capped mountains of Colorado, and the look of trepidation on my face as I inched closer toward the Tall City apparently was evident.

My mom leaned over in the car as we hit Loop 250 and reminded me what a great opportunity this first job was. The city and its scenery don't define a place, she said. It's the people in it that make it a community.

That was four years ago, and I've learned my mom's words (as usual) were more than accurate. I'm one of dozens who've moved to Midland in recent years while knowing hardly anyone or anything about the town and one of a myriad who've been welcomed into the Permian Basin.

Many of us came here fresh from college, while others arrived to take a second or third job in hopes of furthering their career. What do those of us who came from outside think of Midland? I've asked readers their thoughts and learned most define their time here by things other than the flat surroundings.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Juan Viveros and his girlfriend, Laura Hafler, sit on their couch doing homework and surfing the Internet after work.

When Michele Kahne learned of an opportunity as an assistant band director at Goddard Junior High, she booked plane tickets from her hometown of Chicago to Dallas. She figured the drive to Midland wouldn't take that long. She told her dad they could just rent a car.

"About three hours in, my dad was like, 'Did we pass it?'" she said, laughing as she recounted the experience.

When they finally arrived on a Sunday evening, Kahne said she was taken aback a bit by the deserted downtown and the closed signs on most of the local business fronts. In Chicago, Sunday typically didn't keep anyone from opening shop.

After learning about the job, though, she agreed to move south.

"There's such a limited amount of positions throughout the country; you've got to be willing, just like any other job, to move where the work is," said Kahne, who's 25. "My job's great. I really enjoy the students and how well supported band is here. It's not like that everywhere."

Juan Viveros, 24, and his girlfriend, Laura Hafler, 25, transplanted to the Tall City sight unseen.

Hafler graduated from nursing school in California, and after finding limited opportunities there, she broadened her search to other states. She learned about

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Experts say water costs to rise because of scarcity

■ Population growth, limited supply could lead to state rethinking value of commodity.

Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Is water too cheap?

Perhaps the most obvious indication that it is, said Michael Webber, a University of Texas professor who heads a research group focused on water and energy, is how freely we use it.

"A hundred years from now, your grandkids would ask you, 'You sprayed what on your lawn? That's crazy,'" Webber said.

Watering lawns will seem as crazy as throwing diamonds on our lawns, we're throwing the world's most important resource — clean drinking water — on the ground, Webber said.

The idea that water is too cheap is endorsed by several Texas water planners and policymakers.

"Water right now is underpriced," said Becky Motal, general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

A growing population requires more water, which the state says can't come from one source. Addressing the state's water needs requires a range of solutions, most of which are expensive.

"For most of our recent history, we just treated (water) as if we had an unlimited supply of it. We're finding to our dismay that that's not true," said Andrew Sansom, executive director of the River Systems Institute at Texas State University.

One clear indication that Texans need to rethink how they value water came when the state asked for $53 billion in improvements to prepare the state for a record-breaking drought in the next 50 years.

The cheapest strategy in the Texas Water Development Board's 2012 water plan is conservation, which would account for 24 percent of the new supply by 2060; the costliest, desalination, would account for about 3.4 percent of the new supply.

But, the prospect of a future crisis doesn't necessarily make consumers more willing to open their wallets.

"It can be hard to convince ratepayers that they need to pay more money to get that security in their supply," said Robert Mace, the board's deputy executive administrator for water science and conservation.

It may come as little surprise, then, that lawmakers have failed to ensure sustainable funding for the water plan.

"I don't think there's been a greater dereliction of duty" than failing to fund Texas water needs, state Sen. John

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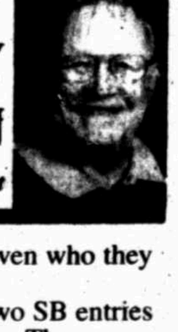
Super Bowl is tradition because it's more than the game



TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

The last meaningful game of the football season is today. It's Super Bowl XLVI. I don't know what those letters mean, but I think we could translate it as many have been played before this one.

Now, I'm not a great pro football fan. I like the college and high school games much more than the pros, but I've seen every Super Bowl game except for the one played in 1970 when I was in Vietnam. I guess I'll watch this one, too, but I have no real rooting interest.

The New England team plays out of Boston, while the New York team plays out of New Jersey. That makes both of them a bit like the Dallas Cowboys, which plays out of Arlington. I guess that means that none of these teams know where they are from — or even who they play for.

If you didn't notice, the two SB entries this season are Yankee teams. They come from the North and never use "y'all" in a sentence. That means neither one gives a whit what I think nor cares if I even watch their game. It's a bit what the rest of America felt last fall when the St. Louis Cardinals and Texas Rangers met in the World Series. If you didn't live in the Midwest, you didn't care much for this matchup.

But love it or hate it, you have to watch the Super Bowl because that's what we do at this time of year. After all, it's the last game of the season, and we face a long period of depression until the next kickoff somewhere around August. That's a pigskin drought of major proportions.

You also have to pick a favorite team because there is no way you can watch a game without having some rooting interest. You may have to do some soul searching, but you've got to find that thread of connection to keep you in the final game of the year.

That was hard for me this year because I don't like either team much. But in the end, I'm going for the Pats. They do have Wes Welker, and he is one of my all-time favorite college players out of Texas Tech. I admit I'd rather be watching Lee grad Eric Winston and the Houston Texans, but that didn't happen, so I choose the Patriots and Welker.

Some people tell me they don't watch the SB for the game, but they always find something to keep them at the SB party. Some said they watch for all the new commercials. I've never believed that people really watch any TV show just for the

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

CORPUS CHRISTI

TV viewers could miss Super Bowl

Cable TV subscribers in Corpus Christi are scrambling to find other ways to watch the Super Bowl because of a prolonged financial dispute between Time Warner Cable and the owner several television stations, including the one carrying today's game.

NBC affiliate KRIS-TV is among four Corpus Christi stations owned by Cordillera Communications that have been blacked out for Time Warner subscribers since mid-December.

KRIS president and general manager Tim Noble said he understands frustration among viewers but has no indication the channels would be restored in time for the game. Time Warner said station owners are seeking unreasonable increases in programming rates it charges the cable operator.

The cable company has been offering free digital antennas to its 80,000 Corpus Christi-area customers to get over-the-air programs.

LEWISVILLE

Funeral for slain US missionaries set for Wednesday

Funeral services for an American missionary couple slain in Mexico have been set for Wednesday at their home church in suburban Dallas.

John Casias and his wife, Wanda, were found dead Tuesday at their home in a village outside Monterrey, about 95 miles south of the Texas border and in an area plagued by violence.

Their son, John, said Saturday the couple's funeral would be at 11 a.m. at Liberty Baptist Church in Lewisville.

Mourners already paid respects at the church in Mexico established in the early 1980s by the 76-year-old Casias and his 67-year-old wife. Both, originally from Amarillo, were strangled with an electrical cord. She also had been beaten.

No arrests have been announced and Mexican authorities have said the case remains under investigation.

HOUSTON

Police tear gas ends 3-hour standoff at apartment

Police have used tear gas to force man out of a Houston apartment where he barricaded himself for about three hours.

Officers from the Houston suburb of Missouri City showed up Saturday afternoon with a warrant for 34-year-old Lamarcus Christmas after his former girlfriend filed a complaint accusing him of threatening her.

Christmas spoke briefly with officers before locking himself inside the apartment, telling them he was armed and intended to harm himself.

AUSTWELL

Texas whooping crane flock smaller than expected

Officials at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge say only about two-thirds of the anticipated 300 whooping cranes have been accounted for at the South Texas winter home for the only self-sustaining flock of North America's tallest birds.

The refuge, on the Texas Gulf Coast about 130 miles southwest of Houston, has counted 193 birds this winter. Another 16 are known to be wintering between the refuge and the flock's summer home in Canada.

The prolonged Texas drought has withered fresh water and food supplies for the birds, which can reach 5 feet in height. Refuge manager Dan Alonso told the Victoria Advocate more birds probably are in the area but they're harder to spot because their feeding area has been spread out because of the drought.

SAN ANTONIO

Small earthquake measured in South Texas

A small earthquake has been detected about 45 miles southeast of San Antonio.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the magnitude 3 quake shook an area near Karnes City about 6:48 a.m. Saturday. The epicenter was in Falls City, about seven miles northwest of Karnes City. No damage has been reported.

A quake of magnitude 2.5 to 3 is the smallest generally felt by people. The area of Saturday's quake is not immune to temblors. In November, a 3.3 magnitude quake was detected in the region. A magnitude 4.8 quake struck in October.

Texas' largest recorded quake was measured in 1931 at 5.8 magnitude near Valentine in far West Texas.

DALLAS

Federal jury says jailed man's rights violated

Two Dallas police officers have been ordered to pay $169,000 to a man jailed for 10 months for carrying a bag of methamphetamines and a gun even though the officers knew of a video showing he didn't have the bag.

The federal jury in Dallas said Friday the officers violated Thomas Hannon's constitutional rights by hiding existence of the video.

Senior Cpl. David Nevitt and Officer Jerry Dodd contended it was an honest mistake. Charges against Hannon were dropped in 2008 after his lawyer showed prosecutors a motel surveillance video clearly showing he didn't have the bag. He then sued the officers.

They remain employed. Dallas city spokesman Frank Librio told the Dallas Morning News the police department would review the case to see if additional actions are needed.

EL PASO

CBP officers make 2 marijuana seizures at New Mexico ports

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in New Mexico have seized more than 1,120 pounds of marijuana at the Santa Teresa and Columbus ports of entry.

Officers at the Columbus port seized 605 pounds of marijuana Thursday morning after a pickup entered from Mexico.

They selected the truck for a secondary examination during which an X-ray scan revealed anomalies in the vehicle's appearance. Officers removed 370 marijuana-filled bricks from the floor, quarter panels, back wall and bed of the truck.

CBP officers at the Santa Teresa port seized 519 pounds of marijuana from a semi-truck towing a flatbed trailer out of Mexico.

They drilled into the fifth-wheel area of the trailer and found nine metal boxes from a secret compartment. The boxes contained 519 pounds of tightly compressed marijuana.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Edgar Avena, 31, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

William K. Dugan, 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Quentin T. Elder Jr., 47, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Heriberto Sotelo, 26, of Odessa, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of evading arrest.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Obituaries

Thomas John Moholt

November 14, 1942 ~ January 26, 2012

Thomas John Moholt, 69, of Visalia, California, passed away January 26, 2012. Tom was born on November 14, 1942, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Mary and Perry Moholt, and he was raised in Montana. After finishing his schooling, he joined the United States Air Force and served in the JAG Corp. In 1990, Tom retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, after 25 years of service. At that time, he settled in Visalia, California, where he continued to practice law.

He is predeceased by his father, Perry Moholt. Tom is survived by his mother, Mary Moholt, of Bloomington, MN; wife, Margaret Moholt, of Visalia, CA; daughter, Cassandra Cheek, her husband, Edward, and their children, Christopher and Abigail, of Midland, TX; daughter, Mary Enevoldsen, of Visalia, CA; and his brothers, sisters, nephews, and nieces.

Willie Dow Ellison

On Friday, February 3, 2012, Willie Dow Ellison passed from this life to eternity with his Lord and Savior. Services are at 11 a.m. Monday, February 6 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Two of his grandsons, Reverend Caleb Lain, and Reverend Cody Lain will be officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Willie Dow, better known as Bill, was born in Jayton, Texas on June 11, 1920 to Emmit and Lois Arms Ellison. He joined the U.S. Navy a few days after Pearl Harbor. He was a long time member at Wilshire Park Baptist Church. He married his sweetheart, Mary Tonn Ellison on April 9, 1943. They were married for 59 years. Bill was a successful paint contractor in Midland, Texas for over 30 years. He retired and moved to "The Joyous Forty" in Comanche, Texas where he raised cattle and enjoyed his family coming to visit. Bill was a simple, humble man who loved his family and friends. His favorite pastimes were fishing and watching football.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Ann Arms Maynard, his beloved wife, Mary Tonn Ellison, and a son, Richard D. Ellison. To cherish his wisdom and memory, he leaves his son Don Ellison and wife Sue of San Angelo; his daughter Mary Ellison Lain and her husband Dr. Gilbert Lain of Amarillo; a daughter -in-law, Mary Sue Ellison Johnston of Midland; six grandchildren, Christy Ellison Davis and husband Dr. Randy Davis, Aaron Dow Ellison, Richard Andrew Ellison and wife Misty, Caleb Ted Lain, Cody Dale Lain and wife Elizabeth, Krissie Lain Garland and husband Eric; great-grandchildren, Jacob Chad Ellison, Preston Lee Davis, Piper Christian Davis, Sydney Grace Ellison, Chastin Riley Ellison, Jackson Hugh Davis, Sidney Ellison, Tanner Ellison, Trinity Ellison and Luke Barron Lain. Pallbearers will be Aaron Ellison, Andy Ellison, Caleb Lain, Cody Lain, Eric Garland, Preston Davis, Randy Davis, and Jake Ellison.

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

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William R. Weaver, Jr.

William R. Weaver, Jr., 62, passed away on Saturday, January 28th, 2012, in Midland. He was born on October 8, 1949, in Jacksonville, Illinois, to William R. Weaver, Sr., and Marilynn King Weaver. Bill grew up in Midland and graduated from Lee High School in 1968. He attended the University of Texas at El Paso and joined the United States Army in 1970. He was stationed at the Medical Hospital in Germany. After his military service, he moved to Denver, Colorado, and worked in the wrought iron business. Along with his family, Bill loved music and photography. He returned to Midland in 2001. Mr. Weaver was preceded in death by his father, William R. Weaver, Sr. He is survived by his mother, Marilynn K. Weaver; sisters, Kathleen Faulk, Neena Tefteller, Melanie Weaver and Kimberley Weaver. Nieces and nephews include Lindsay Mathre, Megan McCauley, Katelynn Faulk; Erik Tefteller, Sean Tefteller, Patrick Tefteller; Jarrod Fausett, Maranda Narlock, Benjamin Fausett; Sarah Weaver and Emilee Weaver. A private memorial service was held Saturday, February 4, 2012. He will be missed by all who loved him.

Howard "Doug" Brazil

Howard "Doug" Brazil, age 80, born to Laudie and Finis Brazil, passed away on January 26, 2012, in Midland, Texas.

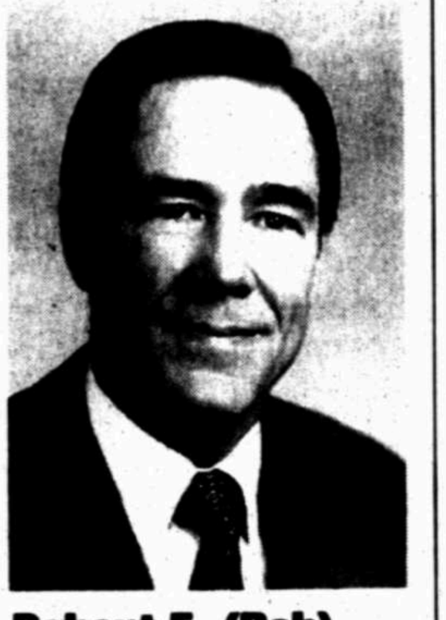
Doug was born on October 8, 1931, in Canyon, Texas, and lived most of his years in West Texas with various entrepreneural businesses. He leaves a loving family and many friends in the Midland/Odessa area.

Doug is survived by his 2 sons, Doug and Steven; their mother, Linda; his 2 grandsons, Jhet and Cohl, as well as Loree, Doug's wife, and Marissa, Jhet's wife. Also surviving him are 2 sisters, Nora Lee Hammock and Laura Northam and numerous nieces and nephews.

Doug will always be missed and loved by his family and friends.

The family is planning a private service in Fredericksburg, Texas, at a later date.

A website has been set up in Doug's name and condolences and messages may be sent to it at: www.memorialwebsites.legacy.com/HowardDougBrazil.



Robert F. (Bob) Bailey, Jr.

Bob Bailey passed away February 2, 2012. Bob was born in Alice, Texas on Oct. 17, 1932 in Grimes County to Robert Frederick Bailey and Opal Lyle. He grew up in Navasota, Texas where he graduated Valedictorian from Navasota High School and from the University of Texas in 1955 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He married Marsha Nickel on Dec. 26, 1994.

Bob worked for the old Humble Oil Company from 1955-1964. In 1964 Bob moved to Midland and joined the consulting firm of Liebrock, Landreth, Campbell and Callaway. Which ultimately became Bailey, Sipes, Williamson and Runyon (BSW&R).

In 1972 he resigned from BSW&R to begin work on the formation of Northwest Pipeline Corporation where in 1973 he became Vice President of the Gas Supply for Northwest Pipeline Corporation.

In 1974, he became involved in oil & gas consulting and investing in Midland until 1981 when he formed and served as President and Chairman of the Board of Alta Energy Corporation. From 1992-2002, he served as President of Transrepublic Resources, Inc. and from 2002 until his death, he worked as an independent and was involved in personal investments, acquisitions and asset management.

He was a past Director of Washington Energy, Cabot Oil and Gas, Teton Energy Corporation, Sage Energy, Western Pollution Control and Bell Petroleum Services, founding Director of United Bank, Petroleum Club of Midland, School of American Research in Santa Fe, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He was a current board member of the Cancer Foundation for New Mexico.

A registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas, Bob's professional memberships included the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES), Society of Professional Evaluation Engineers (SPEE), Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA), and Permian Basin Section Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). Not being fully satisfied with just being a member in these organizations, Bob formerly served and became a Director of IPAA, a Director and Vice President of PBPA, and Director and Chairman of the Permian Basin Section of the SPE and a past officer in the Midland Jaycees where he was named boss of the year.

Bob was an Eagle Scout and very proud of his grandson, Evan who decided to follow in his grandfather's footsteps by also becoming an Eagle Scout. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland where he was a former Deacon, and attended Christ Church of Santa Fe.

Bob, also know as Bronco, Bobby, Mr. B., Navasota Bob, was a loving father, grandfather, husband and friend to all. It's not what he could do for himself, but what he could do for others to help, improve and make a difference. His relaxation was reading, staying on top of the world's situations, be it political or religious. He loved life, people and doing the right thing. He honored our Country and never forgot the lives that have been lost by American service men and women. He had a deep respect for all mankind. The only thing that could tear Bob away from his desk would be a hunting or fishing trip which he made sure he did annually. If you didn't find Bob at his desk at 4:30am in the morning, it's because he was at Starbucks or Walgreens. And, if you couldn't find Bob at his desk around noon, he was at the YMCA.

Survivors include wife, Marsha; his brother, Charles and wife, Gayle; sister, Marion "Sis"; son, Randy Bailey and his wife, Ginny of Dallas, TX; daughters, Sheri Bailey Throckmorton and her husband, Doug of Dallas, TX; and Tahnee Bailey Baiano and her husband, Gregg of Midland, TX, step-children, Nancy Nickel Howell of Santa Fe, NM; David Nickel of Dallas, TX; and Larry Nickel and his wife, Annette of Missoula, MT. Grandchildren, Annabelle Bailey Gardaphe and her husband, Chase; Madeline Bailey; Evan and Caroline Throckmorton; Vince, Greer and Nick Baiano; Ashley Maynard, Elizabeth Howell, Megan Mosley, Logan and Hillary Nickel.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Jim Woodcock, Arlen Edgar, Scott Hickman, Buddy Sipes, Roy Williamson, Larry Bell, Matt Faudree, Dr. Paul Kay Conner, Jack Wilkinson, Jim Henry, Kevin Butler, Harry Hinkle, John Kimberly, Tony Altermann, Don Morsman, Tom Wright and Jack Eiteljorg.

The family thanks the doctors at XRay Associates, especially Paula. Thanks to Bud Hamilton, Caroline, and Carrine with the Cancer Foundation for New Mexico and the Board of the Wheelwright Museum.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: Cancer Foundation for New Mexico, Hospice of Santa Fe, Global Outreach, First Presbyterian Church of Midland Foreign Missions, the YMCA of Midland, or the charity of ones choice.

A memorial service will be held Monday, February 6, 2012, at 1:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

Death Notices

Andrew Sendejo

Andrew Sendejo of Stanton passed away in Midland surrounded by his family, Thursday, February 2, 2012. Memorial services for Mr. Sendejo will be held at the Church of Christ in Stanton with Kendall Tomlinson officiating, on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 10 a.m.

He was born in Harbor City, CA on September 1, 1967 to Elva and Gilbert Ramirez.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Sendejo; one daughter, Rebecca Sendejo; and a son, Joseph Sendejo. Two sisters, Elva Serna and Sofia Rivera. A brother, Albert Sendejo.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Director King dead at 70

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Actor and filmmaker Zalman King, who became known for his erotic work after writing and producing his breakthrough film "9 1/2 Weeks," has died. He was 70.

King's son-in-law Allison Burnett says the filmmaker died Friday morning at his home in Santa Monica, Calif., after a six-year battle with cancer.

Born Zalman King Lefkovitz in 1941, King began his career as an actor in the 1960s. He and wife, Patricia Louisianna Knop, collaborated on the screenplay for "9 1/2 Weeks," which became a cult hit starring Kim Basinger and Mickey Rourke.

King's other credits include "Wild Orchid" and "Two Moon Junction," which he wrote and directed.

He is survived by his wife and daughters Chloe King and Gillian Lefkovitz.

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a position at Midland Memorial Hospital in her "dream" department, the labor and delivery unit. After an online Skype interview, she agreed in the fall to sign a two-year contract and move her life to Texas.

Viveros followed shortly after that. He'd found a job posting on the Midland Development Corp.'s "Make Midland Home" site and packed up his belongings with the promise only of an interview at BCCK Engineering when he arrived.

"I moved on the 18th (of November) and had my interview on the 19th. I was hired about two weeks later," he said. "I had never been here. We had no idea what we were getting into."

Because they're from a city of about 5,000, Viveros said the small-town feel of Midland wasn't a shock to them because there's actually more amenities here. Hafler has found friends through her job at the hospital, though as the lone male in his department at work, Viveros said he's still working to meet people.

"It's not a whole lot different than where we came from," he said. "We're used to the ocean and a lot more greenery, (but) I'm adjusting pretty well."

Micheal Waid, the 33-year-old resident costume designer at Midland Community Theater, said when he moved to Midland from Phoenix for his job, he was preparing for small-town life but was pleasantly surprised at the amount of development.

"I was actually kind of surprised at how much business existed in Midland," he said. "I didn't know anything about it."

Those who are from Texas said they at least had a picture of what they were getting into, though, even that was not always accurate.

Wanting to make a shift from a job at which he lacked passion, Luis DelValle accepted a position as an architect at a college friend's firm, the Cornerstone Design Group, and moved his family from Houston about a year ago.

"The joke was he flew us down in the middle of the night, and that was on purpose," he said. "If you see it from above during the day, you won't stay."

His friends gave him a hard time about leaving the metropolis of Houston for the Permian Basin.

"It sounded to them like I was moving to the uninhabited west where there's dust storms," he said. "I said, 'We're gong to live in a house. We're not just going to be out on the range in wind.'"

For DelValle and his wife, who are both 35, in addition to his job, it was Midland's atmosphere that persuaded them to make the leap. He said they've become involved in church, enrolled their twin 3-year-olds in preschool, and as a couple, they even sometimes get to spend their lunch breaks together.

"I worked in Houston for almost 15 years and had lunch with my wife only one time," he said, explaining why he enjoys the lack of traffic and distance between points in Midland.

He added: "The people here are just so nice."

Mark Cowan, a systems engineer with Arcadis, moved to Midland from Arlington in 2007 and said, like DelValle, it was the job opportunity that brought him west.

"Midland is not on most graduates' radar when they start their career unless they have family here, and many are drawn to the bigger cities," Cowan said. However, with a booming economy and relatively low competition for entry-level professional positions, Midland has great opportunities to move up quickly in an organization."

Several said they've become involved or connected with other young professionals through church. Others said while the bar scene is not the same as what's offered in larger cities, there are places to meet people when they want to go out. Many said they've found at least a few good friends at work.

"Honestly, there's a lot more people my age than I thought there was going to be," said Bill Zauner, 23, who teaches orchestra at Lee High School. "I thought there would be like two people."

Zauner, originally from Lubbock, said after spending his first semester working and simply going home, he got connected at church and has found many people his age who are willing to grab a bite to eat or participate in game nights on their days and evenings off.

For me, I realized I felt at home in Midland a few Christmases after I'd first arrived.

It was a snowy December in Texas (and in Colorado), and my flight home had been canceled. A woman from my church who'd dropped me off for my trip saw the disappointment on my face when I learned Christmas Eve likely would be spent away from home and insisted I join her family for dinner.

It wasn't quite the same as sharing the holiday with my parents and siblings. But, it was the epitome of the kindness I'd been shown by her and others in town and made me realize that while Midland's not my hometown, it can still feel like home.

Kathleen Petty can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

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Carona, R-Dallas, said Jan. 10 in a Business and Commerce Committee hearing, where lawmakers were told that a dwindling water supply can also affect the state power grid, as most energy production relies heavily on water to cool power plants.

Recent research — as well as an overall drying and warming of the Texas climate — has led researchers and water planners to wonder when that next big drought will happen.

State climatologist John Neilsen-Gammon said that La Nina conditions, which bring hot, dry springs and summers to Texas — and which have been behind the current drought — will continue for a second year through 2012 and that half of two-year La Ninas have been followed by a third year. However, Texas has not been in a drought of three years or longer since the 1960s.

"Because we have not been through a multiyear drought in a long time, people's sense of the value of water does not reflect the scarcity of water in this state," said Todd Votteler, an executive manager for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

What does $53 billion buy?

The water development board says it will take $53 billion — about $2,100 per Texan — to fund strategies such as conservation, drought management, reservoirs, wells, water reuse and desalination plants to provide an additional 9 million acre-feet of water per year by 2060. (An acre-foot equals about 326,000 gallons.)

With a population of 25 million and growing — the water development board predicts there will be 46 million Texans by 2060 — Texas won't have any easier of a time controlling nature's inconsistent water supply.

Most of the cost of the plan — $46 billion — is for municipal needs: new wells in West Texas towns, water reuse in Austin, piping from Oklahoma to Irving, to name a few.

As time wears on, the costs can only rise.

"Building water infrastructure under emergency situations is definitely not cheap because things have to be expedited," Mace said.

Also, a cultural view of water as an inexhaustible resource needs to be lost, Sansom said.

"We need to figure out a way to provide an essential amount of water to our households at an affordable price, and right at that threshold start accelerating (the price)," he said.

No one is required to implement the water plan's strategies, however, and the Legislature is not paying for them. Public entities such as the LCRA can issue bonds to front the cost for projects, but they still need a steady stream of income from the project to pay for the bonds.

"The easy part is coming up with the projects," Motal said. "The hard part is finding the revenue sources to pay for it."

If they build it, who will pay?

Voters are unlikely to support any kind of water projects that inevitably have only local or regional impacts, said state Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, chairman of the Natural Resources Committee.

"It's just hard for somebody that lives in Brady, Texas, to pay for a water project in Dallas," Fraser said.

Echoing Fraser's apprehensions, his House counterpart's bill to help pay for water projects never made it to the floor for a vote.

The bill proposed by state Rep. Allan Ritter, R-Nederland, would have assessed fees to water users to pay for big projects in the state water plan: $1 per month for residential users, $5 per month for commercial users and $100 per month for industrial users.

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, rejected the view that voters are unlikely to support funding for water projects. He said the state could raise money, for example, from taxing bottled water or finding other revenue sources.

Damming water, one of the cheaper sources and the state's traditional way of increasing supply, can no longer be the standard answer, Votteler said.

Water planners say there are few good sites for reservoirs left in Texas and that the state needs a more diverse water portfolio — relying on a range of strategies such as water reuse, storing excess water in aquifers and desalinating seawater — outlined in the plan to hedge against the impacts of drought.

"We could 'solve' the water problem if money were no object," said Tom Mason, who headed the LCRA from 2007 to 2011, adding that planners need to be careful to not price consumers out of water.

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can do and a couple of big things to combat the challenge.

"However, our 'leaders' are ignoring the answers right in front of us while making the problem worse by wasting precious time and money on non-solutions. 'SpOILed' focuses on the cold, hard reality in front of us and it exposes politicians for the obstacles they have become," he said.

At the theater, DVDs of the film can be purchased, and Mathis said he encourages those attending the preview to send copies of the film out to their county commissioners and state senators.

"Just like the people who attack resource industries to serve their agendas, we need to marshall a massive grassroots movement to bring the truth about oil to the people who have been deceived; 'spOILed' can act as a catalyst to create and fuel this movement," he said.

Want to see the film?

The documentary "spOILed" will be shown Tuesday through Thursday at Hollywood Tall City 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. Showtimes are 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 p.m.

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commercials. I hate commercials, and they get in the way of the game.

Some say they are into the halftime. Well, you never know when you might get a wardrobe malfunction. Someone like Janet Jackson just might bare their soul to the world.

Others watch for large gaffes like a bad note in the national anthem, power outages or any other assorted failures that might come along. The point is, you have to find an interest of some kind because you don't want to be antisocial and skip the great American tradition that is the Super Bowl. Europe has soccer, and America has the SB, and hopefully, never the twain shall meet.

Can you imagine what it would be like if soccer replaced football as the year's greatest game? Our world would change. We wouldn't be having civil SB parties; we would be gathering in streets, choosing which car to turn over. The police would be shooting rubber balls at us, and we would be tooting long horns back at them in defiance.

You'd probably feel worse than you do now when your favorite team loses because you would have all those additional bruises on your body from the riots. I've been watching what it's like in Egypt when its top two teams meet. Our Super Bowl is pretty tame compared to that.

In fact, just how tame can we get with our Super Bowl celebration? We're down to voting on the best commercials for gosh sakes.

Thought for the Week: I read the other day that a person consumes anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 calories at the average Super Bowl party. Does that make obesity the real American sport?

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TOTAL		**$ 23,162.88**

One of our caseworkers met this week with a man in need of rental assistance. He appeared to be quite fit physically and so we were curious when he said he had not worked in several months. His wife had a job, but she did not earn enough to cover all of their expenses.

He told us that he had suffered a knee injury playing sports with some friends, and the injury called for some routine surgery. When the surgeon got into the knee he discovered something he had not expected: the man had stage 4 melanoma of the bone.

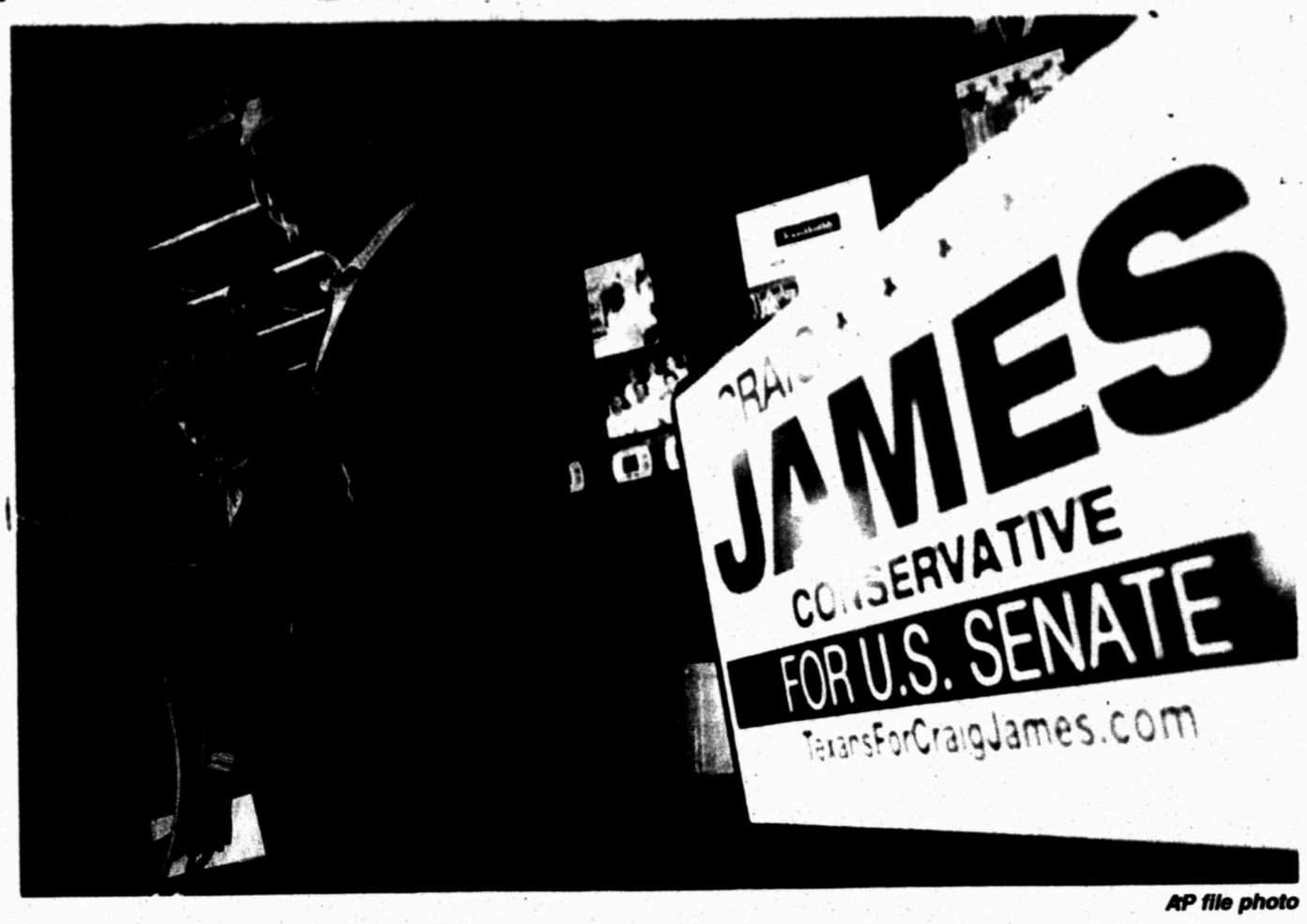
The man told the caseworker very matter-of-factly that he was not expected to live. He was trying to figure out how his wife and children were going to be able to survive when he was gone. He was trying to find odd jobs so that he could put some money away for them. He hated to ask us for help with the rent, but so much of the money was going toward his medications and while he much preferred to save the money for his family, his wife insisted that he take them.

What made this meeting so hard on the caseworker was that this young man is only 24 years old.

The caseworker will stay in close touch with this young man and his family through this terrible tragedy they are facing, and we promise to be there for them in their times of need. We learned also that he is under hospice care. Please pray for him and his family.

James' political playbook raises curiosity of many

By Joe Holley
Houston Chronicle



AP file photo

Craig James, U.S. Senate candidate, speaks to reporters after a brief press conference where he announced the release of five years worth of personal tax returns Jan. 26 in Dallas.

Craig James has never run for public office, but he has no doubt why he is a Republican candidate to replace U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. "I don't want to seem weird and like a spiritual freak," he said last week over a cup of coffee in Austin, "but I really believe God placed it on my heart to do this."

With flashing ice-blue eyes and a no-huddle, hurry-up approach to life, the 51-year-old former SMU football star and ESPN football analyst seems to be a man on a mission, although his garrulous, good-humored personality leavens the zeal a bit.

James himself wondered whether God had the right number when he first heard the call a couple of years ago. He said he asked his minister how he was supposed to know whether it really was a call from above.

James recalled his answer: "'Craig, what I've found is, if it's my idea, after two or three or four days, it goes away.' And it wouldn't go away for me."

God may move in mysterious ways, but a number of James' fellow Republicans also have questions about his candidacy.

They wonder what niche the rookie candidate fills in a race that includes an establishment candidate with $200 million of his own money to spend in Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst; a fiery tea party favorite in former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz; and a well-funded North Texas favorite son in former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert. Recent polls show James, who joined the race at the last minute, with 2 percent support statewide.

"I've never met him, which seems odd," said Jonathan Neerman, former Dallas County Republican Party chairman. "I had heard of his interest a couple of years ago, but I sort of laughed it off. It's hard to see where his base of support is."

James' backers include two of Rick Perry's longtime financial supporters, Houston investor Jim Lee and Dallas insurance executive Roy Bailey, who supported former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani's presidential bid in 2008.

Lee, who helped raise money for Perry's presidential campaign, is one of three founding partners on Texans for a Better America, a nonprofit James set up last April to promote conservative policies. James also is a board member at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a think tank with pervasive influence over Texas Republicans.

Known for football

James' politics generally are in line with the ultra-conservative views of his fellow GOP hopefuls, but it's his football persona that still predominates — and polarizes.

A high-school football phenom, he led Stratford to the 1978 4A championship and then teamed with fellow running back Eric Dickerson as part of SMU's fabled "Pony Express." Although the Mustangs won two Southwest Conference championships, the team was found guilty of repeated rules infractions.

In 1987, the NCAA levied the so-called "death penalty" for payments to players from wealthy alumni and supporters. James has maintained that he was not involved.

After a professional career with the Washington Federals of the United States Football League and the New England Patriots, James joined ESPN and ABC. He also got involved in ranching and communications. More recently, he has been involved in a high-profile squabble involving his son Adam, formerly a football player at Texas Tech, and Mike Leach, the winningest coach in Red Raider history. James accused Leach of forcing his son to sit in a dark equipment shed during practice after being diagnosed with a concussion.

Defendant in suit

Leach denied mistreating the younger James but lost his job over the incident. Recently named head coach at Washington State University, he is suing Tech and has named Craig James as a defendant.

"Mitt Romney will take less heat for Bain Capital closing whole factories than Craig James is already facing for how he got one football coach fired," Democratic political consultant Jason Stanford wrote recently.

Neerman agreed. "Tech has a huge alumni base of support around the state," he said. "Plus, I would guess he has zero support west of Fort Worth."

Not so, says James, who insists he has supporters in Lubbock and West Texas. "I look at it like this," he said. "I supported our son against a bullying act, bottom line. Nothing more; nothing less. For anyone who doesn't get that and wouldn't support their son or child in a bullying act, in an unheard-of act, I don't care for them. I don't want their vote. Keep their vote."

Unfamiliar with issues

James is a forceful and articulate speaker, but as he morphs into a politician, his communication skills are thin cover for an unfamiliarity, for now, with the issues. At a candidate forum last week, he came out strongly — for freedom.

"I will never, never back down in fighting for freedom," he declared. Beside him, Dewhurst wondered whether anyone would disagree.

James, who likes to say he lives on "real street," also declared, "What's right is right, and what's wrong is wrong, and it's never right to do wrong."

At the Texas Association of Business-sponsored forum, James voiced support for eliminating the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Education. He also echoed his rivals' support for cutting the number of weeks people can receive unemployment benefits.

Two qualities, James insisted, distinguish his candidacy: his experience as a private-sector employer and his determination in the face of adversity.

'I'm still standing'

"I've been kicked in the backside, and I've been hit in the mouth," he said. "I don't have to have someone explain, 'Hey man, I bet it really hurts to get hit in the mouth.' I've been hit in the mouth, I've been on the ground. I had to get up off the ground, physically as well as emotionally, and I'm still standing."

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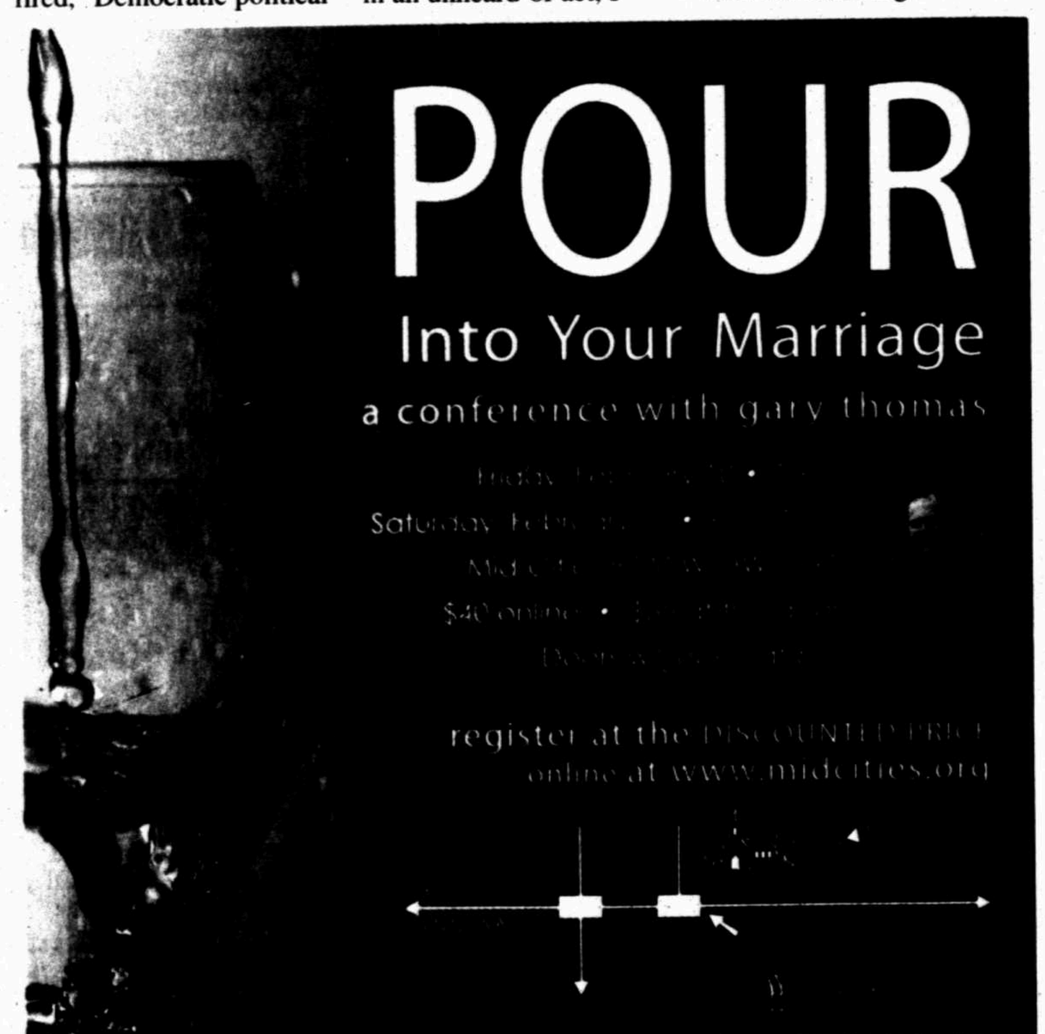

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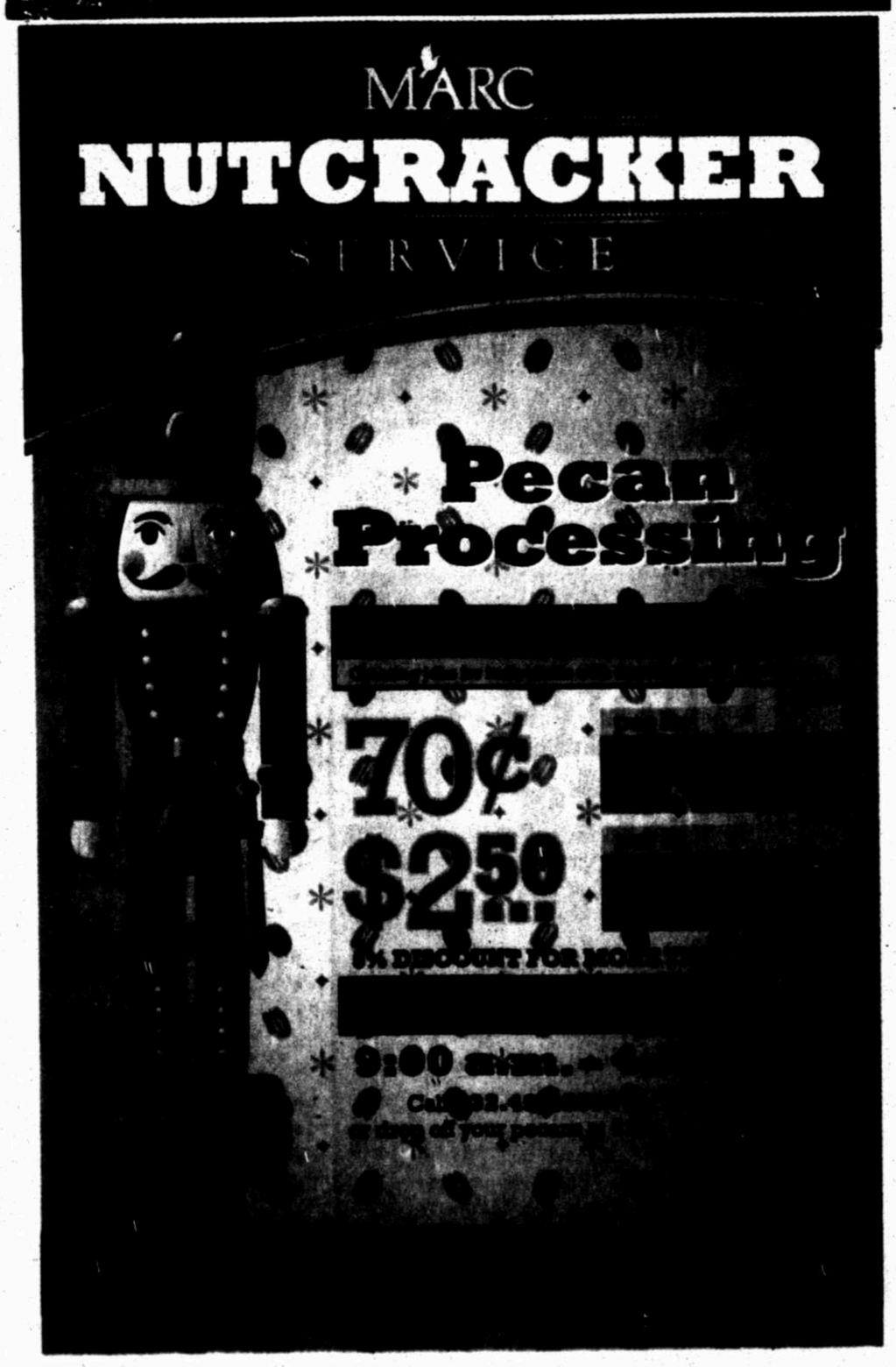

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Legal argument questions if Austin is capital

By Mike Ward
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Could Austin not be the capital of Texas?

That's the assertion that Railroad Commission Chairwoman Elizabeth Ames Jones makes in a newly filed request for Attorney General Greg Abbott to resolve a nagging issue in her campaign for the Texas Senate.

Jones is asking because one of her two GOP primary election opponents, state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, has accused Jones of moving her residence to San Antonio last fall from Austin so she could run against him in a district that includes San Antonio and South Austin. Before she announced for the state Senate, Jones was a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Under the Texas Constitution, members of the Railroad Commission, along with other statewide elected officials, are required to live in the "capital of the State."

"While this provision may seem straightforward at first glance, its meaning is unclear," Jones said in her request this week for an attorney general's opinion on the matter.

"The drafters of the Constitution were capable of prescribing the location of the 'capital of the state' but did not do so.

"If a statewide official lives in Rollingwood or Westlake, is he living 'at the Capital of the State'? What about Pflugerville or Round Rock? Or, perhaps, Kyle, San Marcos, New Braunfels or San Antonio?"

In the request letter, Jones lays out a lengthy legal argument contending that the residency requirement does not apply to railroad commissioners.

Further, she says statewide elected officials can have more than one residence — an assertion that, if true, would allow her to keep her $115,000-a-year Railroad Commission job.

Not so, counters Wentworth, who has charged that Jones is no longer qualified to be a railroad commissioner if she doesn't live in Austin.

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>
> — **ELIZABETH AMES JONES,** Railroad Commission chairwoman

"You've got to pick one or the other — and she picked to run against me," Wentworth said of her choice to declare a residence in San Antonio as her home.

Travis County property records show Jones and her husband own a house in Tarrytown, where they receive a homestead exemption. On her filing papers for the U.S. Senate seat, she listed a San Antonio home owned by her late father-in-law.

Earlier, she explained it this way: "Our home is in San Antonio, where I was born and raised. We live in the same district that I represented in the Texas House. We also have a house in Austin, but our home is in San Antonio."

Jones served in the Texas House from 2000 to 2005, when Gov. Rick Perry appointed her to the Railroad Commission.

Buck Wood, a noted elections law attorney who once served as the state elections chief, said there should be no confusion because the issue was settled years ago. A February 1957 opinion by Attorney General Will Wilson declared the "capital of the State" to be Austin.

That opinion remains in effect, said Wood, who has worked for Wentworth in the past.

"In my opinion, she's eligible to run for the Senate," he said, "but she no longer is on the Railroad Commission."

No surprise that Wentworth's campaign manager, David Clark, agrees. "Mrs. Jones needs to honor her oath to follow the state Constitution, stop this charade and pay back the money she has received since Nov. 1" in Railroad Commission salary, he said in a statement.

Jones said Wentworth and Wood are reading the Constitution wrong.

"Sen. Wentworth is persisting in his effort to distract voters from his problematic record," she said in a statement. "First, he challenged my eligibility to run against him in the Republican primary, although he knows full well that my home is in San Antonio.

"Now, with a Democrat lawyer as his guide, he is saying that I cannot run against him and complete my term as railroad commissioner. I have asked for an opinion on this issue so we can get down to the business of electing a new senator."

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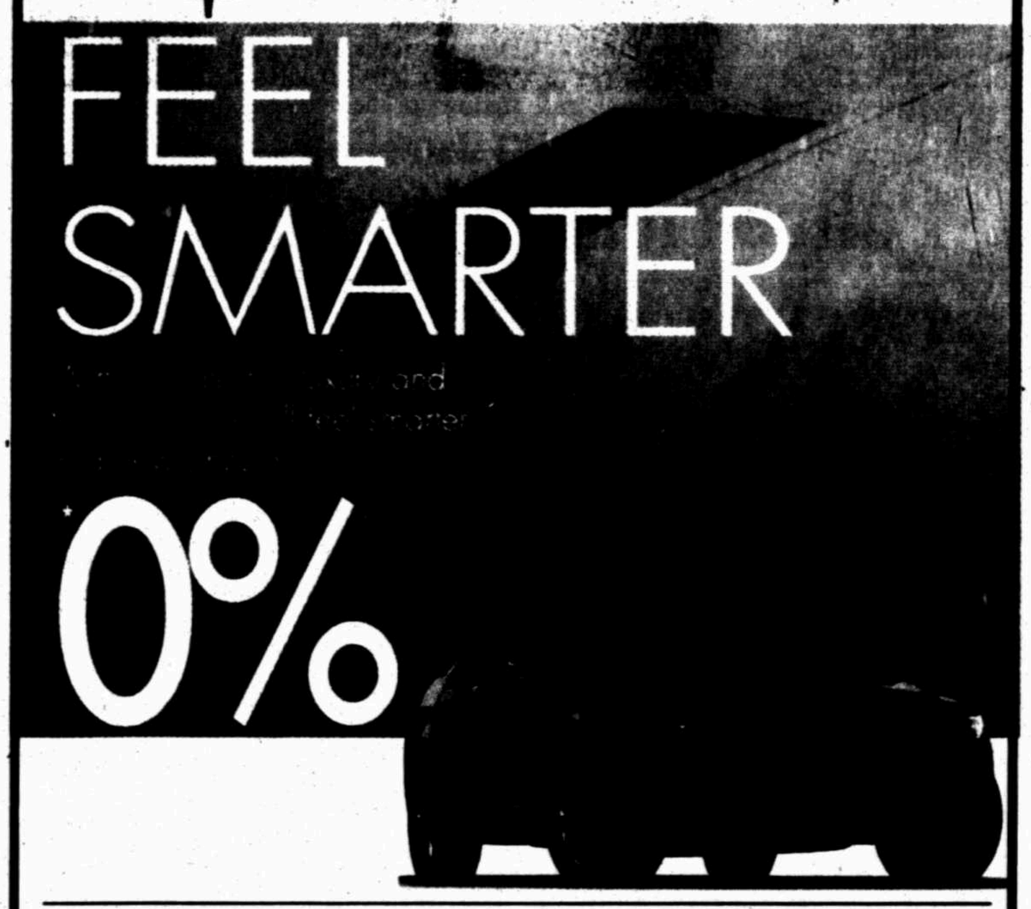
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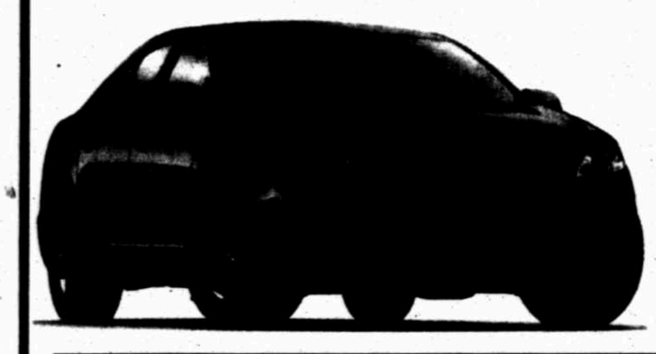
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Are Texas employees not fessing up to tobacco use?

KEN HERMAN
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Lord knows we all love Texas state employees. And woe be unto any local politician who dares doubt that each and every state employee is among the best, hardest-working, finest-looking people ever created.

So, it is with a heavy heart that I must report evidence indicating lots of state employees and retirees might be lying pig-dogs. What could cause these hard-working, fine-looking people to lie? Thirty bucks a month seems to be the price.

Last year, Texas lawmakers had a good idea (hey, one out of a bazillion isn't bad). The idea, converted into law, is a "tobacco cessation" program for state workers and retirees, including higher health insurance premiums for tobacco users and coverage for tobacco cessation drugs. It went into effect Jan. 1.

State employees and retirees had from Nov. 7 to Dec. 9 to report if they or any family members covered by the plan are tobacco users (defined as using tobacco products more than five times in the previous three months). The additional monthly premium for tobacco users is $30 per person, with a maximum of $90 per family.

(Best footnote on the Employees Retirement System Q-and-A about the program: "The charge for a child is the same regardless of how many children in the household use tobacco." Sure, junior, go ahead and light up. We're already paying for your sister.)

So, what we have is a self-reporting system. That always goes well, doesn't it? Please raise your hand if you want to pay more.

Last year, the Legislative Budget Board — working with a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 18 percent of adult Texans use tobacco products — guesstimated there are 74,150 tobacco users covered by the state health plan. ERS board members were told at an August meeting the agency "will depend on members to certify that they use tobacco. A special campaign will be conducted this fall to communicate the tobacco information."

The special campaign was held, and the sign-ups began. But somehow, as of mid-January, only 20,460 state employees or retirees or their covered dependents were signed up. That's 53,690 short of the projection. (My editor is amazed so many people signed up. He's such a cynical man.)

This leads to two possible conclusions: State employees and their dependents use tobacco at far lower rates than other Texans, or many state employees are lying pig-dogs (possibly smoking lying pig-dogs, one of the worst kind).

So, Andy Homer, of the Texas Public Employees Association, which is it?

"We certainly don't want to call state employees liars," he said, noting that state employees tend to be highly educated and that highly educated folks tend to be tobacco users at lower rates. And, Homer noted, close to half of association members work for the prison system, where tobacco use is banned.

Could be, though I still think there is a lying pig-dog factor at work here. What about it, ERS spokeswoman Mary Jane Wardlow?

"I won't draw any conclusions," she said, encouraging folks to fess up and sign up and adding, "There may be consequences."

Smoking seems to be its own consequence. But the state has other consequences in mind. The ERS Q-and-A notes tobacco users who do not "certify" could face "a penalty, a fraud investigation or termination from health insurance coverage."

I like the A to Q12, which asks, "What if my doctor says I can't quit?" Lucky you. You can keep enjoying tobacco without paying the additional premium if you can find a doc to declare you have "an uncontrolled health factor, such as nicotine addiction."

In such cases, the physician signs a form saying, "In my professional medical opinion, a health factor makes it unreasonably difficult or medically inadvisable for the individual named above to stop using tobacco products or otherwise satisfy the health plan's requirements in order to avoid paying the tobacco premium surcharge."

So far, 256 affidavits have been submitted. Ask your doctor if an affidavit is right for you. And review Q14 before seeing your lawyer:

Q: "Is this kind of additional premium illegal?"

A: "No, many employers have enacted similar, or even more strict, rules. These rules have survived numerous legal challenges."

So please, dear state employees, fess up if you use tobacco. Don't make us have to come around and take photos outside the front door during smoke breaks.

Police clear City Hall of Occupy Austin campers

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Occupy Austin's nearly 4-month-long campout in front of City Hall has been ended with police clearing out the demonstrators.

At least seven people were arrested, and protesters were ousted Friday night, a day after a new city policy took effect banning people from the building area during overnight hours. The new policy prohibited sleeping, camping and storing sleeping equipment on the plaza, mezzanine and amphitheater at City Hall.

Some three dozen people had been camping there since early October, sleeping in sleeping bags, erecting signs and even setting up a makeshift library.

Assistant City Manager Michael McDonald told the Austin American Statesman that overtime costs for police and for maintenance to keep the site clean were costing taxpayers as much as $115,000 every two weeks. He estimated the total costs at $800,000.

"It's just not something we can sustain," McDonald said.

Protesters said Saturday they would challenge their removal. People who needed a place to spend the night were taken to a temporary shelter.

"I think it was very underhanded and that they didn't give them time to make a plan, didn't give anyone time to discuss. They just showed up with all the full force of the police department," Debbie Russell said. "I can't believe my city is doing this right now. I'm very disappointed in our city."

Russell, among those arrested for criminal trespass, said the charges would be fought "tooth and nail."

City officials long have said they didn't plan to evict the protesters, but McDonald said that decision came under review after costs kept mounting and it appeared homeless people had been moving in with the demonstrators.

"We think the way that we have worked with the Occupiers has been a model," McDonald said. "We don't think any city has been as flexible as we have been. What we have noticed throughout this movement is that the movement changed. We continue to respect free speech."

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Debate over safety of dog breeds intensifies

By Cindy Horswell
Houston Chronicle

Two-year-old Jacqueline Osorio cannot open her mouth to laugh or eat. Half her gums are missing since a pit bull took a massive bite from her face 10 months ago in Houston.

She also cannot look straight ahead with her left eye or shed a tear because scarring on her tear ducts. After 45 days in the hospital, teams of doctors continue to reconstruct the face her family once knew before her aunt's dog attacked her without warning at the breakfast table.

"I think she has nightmares. Some nights she wakes up crying and very scared," her mother, Madlosangeles Garcia-Barrera, said in a strained voice.

Her daughter is not alone in confronting the harsh realities of life after a serious dog attack. In the past five months, a newborn, another toddler and a 71-year-old retired teacher have been attacked and killed by dogs in the Houston area.

At the same time, Texas Children's Hospital reports a 79 percent increase in dog-bite victims coming to its emergency room in 2011 compared to the previous year, spiking to 267 from 149.

Cases on the rise

Most could be treated and released. But 25 victims required lengthy hospitalizations and major reconstructive surgeries.

By many indicators, dog-bite injuries are growing locally and nationally.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the number of non-fatal bite injuries has jumped to 342,000 in 2010 from 306,000 in 2006. The number of bite cases reported in unincorporated areas of Harris County also has steadily increased in recent years.

As part of this trend, a major debate has intensified on whether some dogs are inherently dangerous.

Since pit bull-type breeds often are linked to a majority of the catastrophic bite cases, laws have sprouted across the country to more strictly regulate them. But, Texas does not allow breed-specific laws.

Fueling the push to regulate dogs such as pit bulls are the stories of people seriously injured in attacks.

Jaimee Westfall, a trauma nurse at Texas Children's Hospital for 13 years, said serious dog-bite cases were unusual in years past but now are becoming increasingly common.

"Over and over, I hear the victims' families say that they never thought their dog could do this," Westfall said. "He just snapped."

Thousands of complaints about aggressive dogs also are pouring in to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

"We had 4,130 calls this past year in the unincorporated area, which is 5 percent more than the year before," said sheriff's spokesman Thomas Gilliland.

The dogs linked to the three recent deaths and many catastrophic injuries at Texas Children's were attributed to pit bull-type breeds that can include the American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, as well as sometimes American bulldogs and presa canarios.

Colleen Lynn, who heads a national dog-bite victim group based in Austin, said 71 percent of the 31 dog-bite deaths recorded across the U.S. last year involved pit bull-type dogs.

She describes them as "canine gladiators" known for their strength, tenacity and ability to ignore pain.

Houston's animal control spokesman, Chris Newport, argues that some of these dogs make excellent pets. He noted the city's shelter last year adopted out thousands of them that its animal behaviorist deemed safe. Some identified as aggressive were euthanized.

Adoptions barred

Newport believes most bites can be traced to the way owners treat their dogs, such as keeping them outdoors or on chains so they are never socialized or training them to become killers for illegal dog fights.

Nonetheless, shelters run by Harris County, the Humane Society and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals bar adoptions of pit bull-type dogs.

"With our agency having a public health mission, we couldn't do it in good conscience," said Dr. Dawn Blackmar, Harris County's director of veterinary health.

Like most dog owners, Albert Rosas "never in a million years" dreamed his 5-year-old American bulldog would take a huge chunk from his daughter's leg just days before her eighth birthday.

But, after Alyssa fell on some steps in the backyard and started to cry last month, the dog pounced and would not let go. Her mother and grandmother had to wrestle her away.

He wants others to be aware of what can happen and see his daughter recover: "She still has an open wound like a monster tried to eat her," Rosas said. "But, she was able to take her first step with a walker this week."

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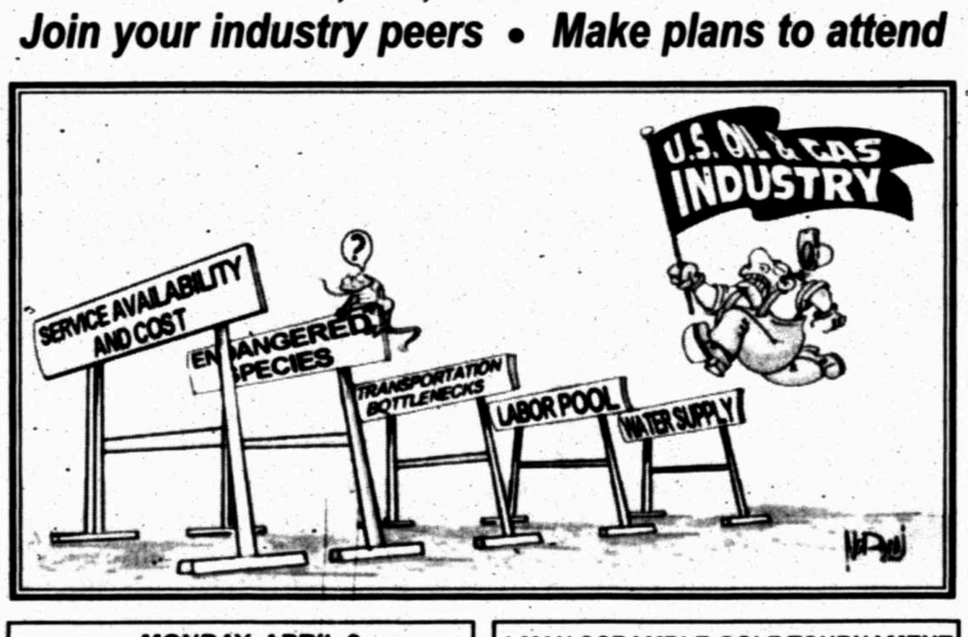

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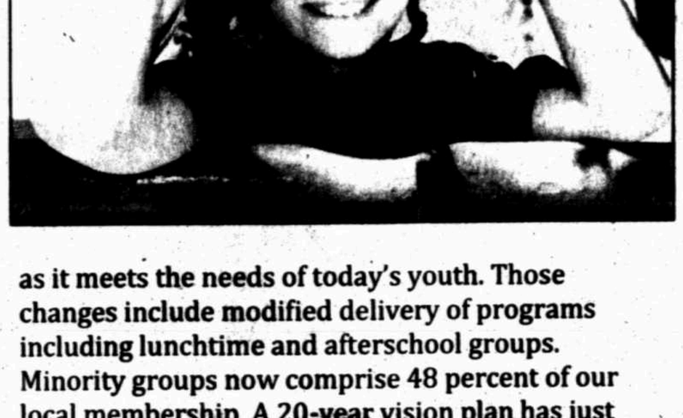
Scouts Celebrate 102 Years

Scouting purpose continues after over 100 years, learns to adapt



"The purposes of the corporation are to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods that were in common use by Boy Scouts on June 15, 1916. (U.S. House of Representatives, title 36, Chapter 309)"

When the United States Congress issued Boy Scouts of America a charter, an explosion of growth occurred throughout America. While that explosion of growth has tapered off since 1970's, the organization has an alumnus in excess of 100 million members. The Boy Scouts is known for their service projects, camping and patriotism. For 102 years, the Boy Scouts have led young boys, young men and young women while teaching them in preparation for adulthood, to become contributing citizens in their communities.

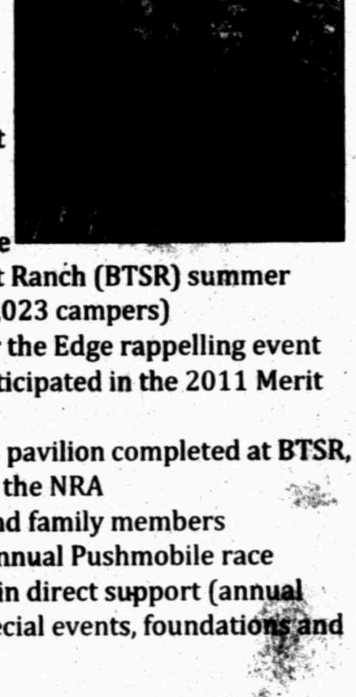
Scouting officially came to West Texas with the first troop organized in Big Spring, Troop 1, which is still in existence. The local council, Buffalo Trail Council (BTC), was organized in 1923 (www.westtexasscoutinghistory.net). Today over 7,100 youth participate in its various programs; nearly 170 different organizations partner with BTC in providing these programs. The delivery method has changed over time; the Scout Oath and Law, our values, have never changed.

We begin our 103rd year with an eye to the future, focusing on those steps necessary to thrive in the 21st century. BTC is undergoing dramatic changes as it meets the needs of today's youth. Those changes include modified delivery of programs including lunchtime and afterschool groups. Minority groups now comprise 48 percent of our local membership. A 20-year vision plan has just been completed which will guide BTC in its outdoor program areas. 2011 saw the election of the council's first female chairman of the board, Deana Savage.

As the council moves forward, being adaptive to the changing needs and priorities of our local communities throughout the Permian Basin is our top priority. We join arm-in-arm with local community leaders, educators, supporters and parents in preparing our youth for the challenges now faced. If you would like to join us in this effort or learn more about the programs we offer, please contact Scout Executive and CEO, Lyman Gifford.

West Texas Scouting highlights

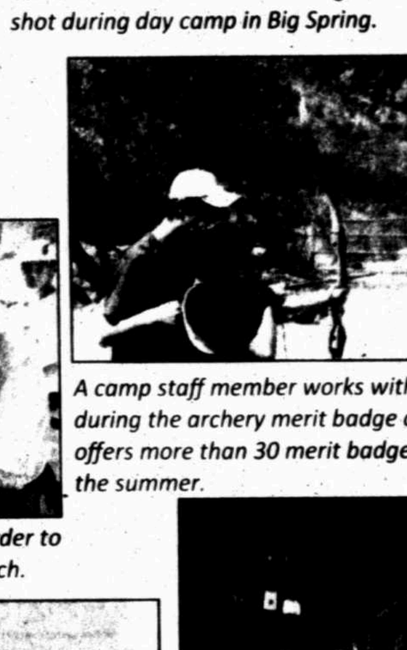
The local Scouting program experienced a memorable year in 2011. From fires to rappelling off buildings, Scouting has definitely been in the news. However, beyond rappelling and fighting fires, volunteers across the Permian Basin have been providing a quality program for our local youth. Here are just a few of the highlights.



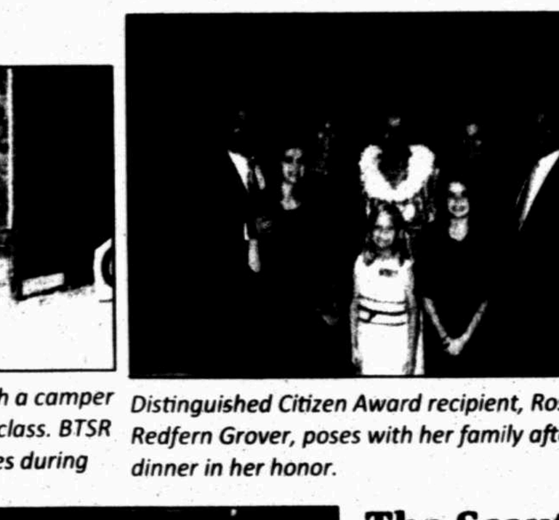
- 48 Boy Scouts earned their Eagle Rank
- 6 percent growth in total membership
- Expanded minority outreach (46 percent of registered youth are minorities)
- 11.9 percent increase in Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR) summer camp attendance (4,023 campers)
- Conducted first Over the Edge rappelling event
- Over 275 Scouts participated in the 2011 Merit Badge Academy
- New shooting sports pavilion completed at BTSR, funding provided by the NRA
- Over 1,000 Scouts and family members participated in the annual Pushmobile race
- 17 percent increase in direct support (annual giving campaign, special events, foundations and grants

A look back at a year of Scouting

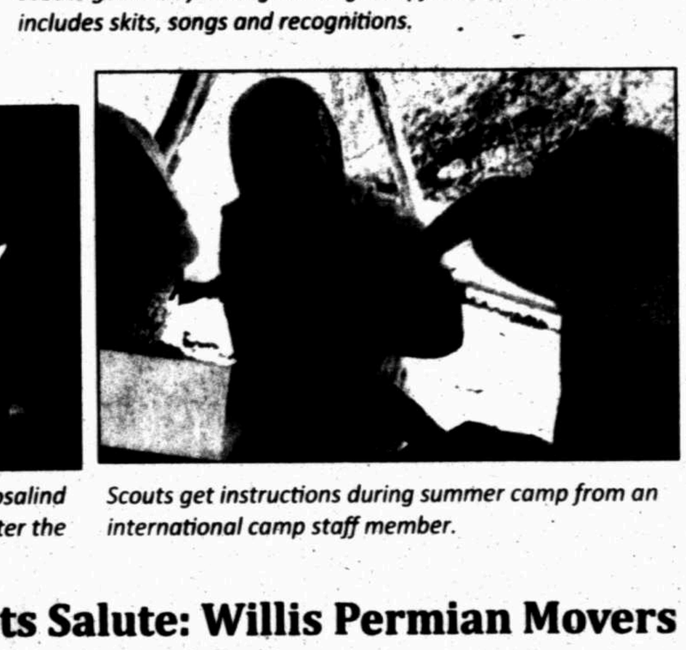
Local artist, Steve Napper, poses next to paintings of the Scout ranch. Proceeds from the prints were donated to the council.



Cub Scouts learn to shoot a sling shot during day camp in Big Spring.

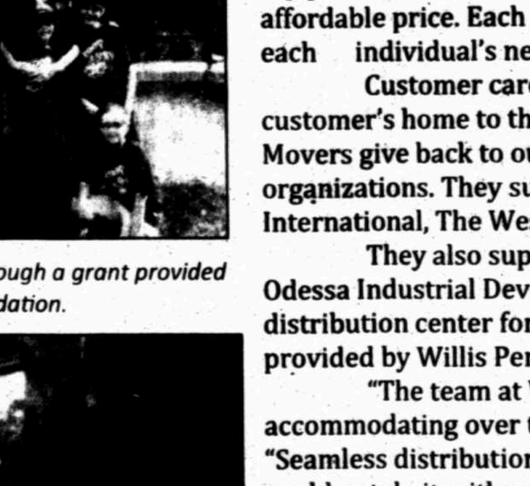


Jay Hendricks and Spencer Bennett peer over the edge of the Wilco Building. Hendricks and Bennett provided commentary and comic relief during the Over the Edge event. (Photo by MadAds Media)

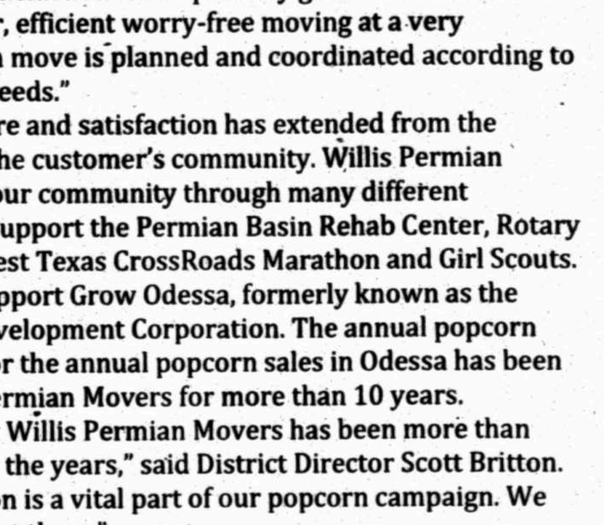


Scouts get rowdy during evening campfire show. The show includes skits, songs and recognitions.

A camp staff member works with a camper during the archery merit badge class. BTSR offers more than 30 merit badges during the summer.

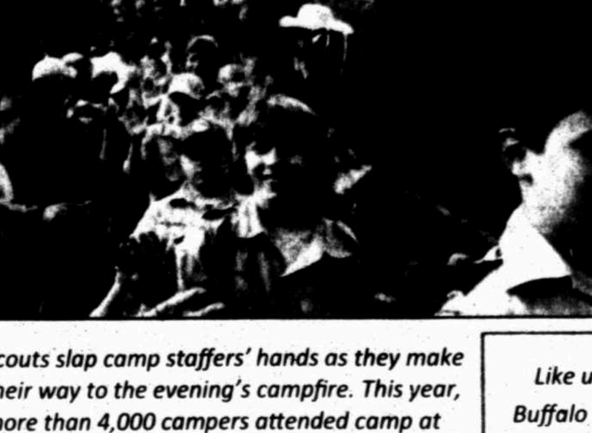


Distinguished Citizen Award recipient, Rosalind Redfern Grover, poses with her family after the dinner in her honor.



Scouts get instructions during summer camp from an international camp staff member.

Scout practices necessary knots in order to rock climb at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch.



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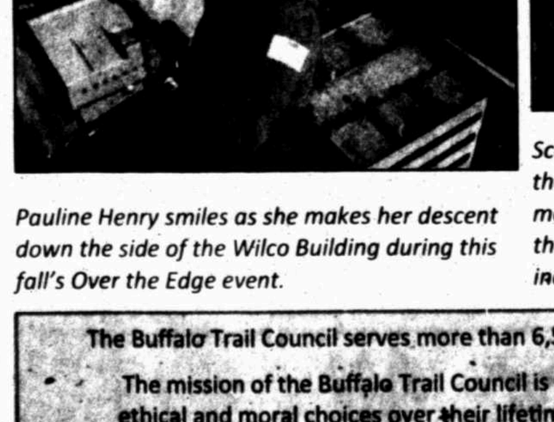
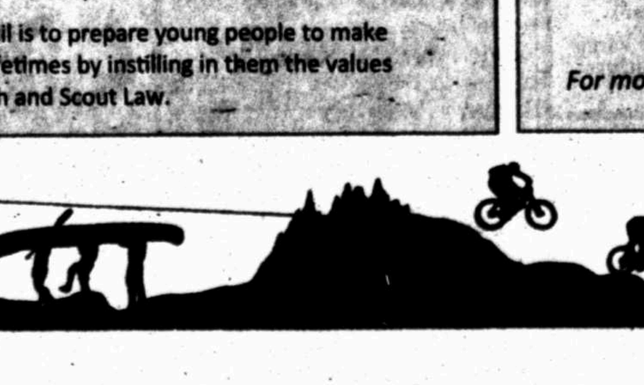
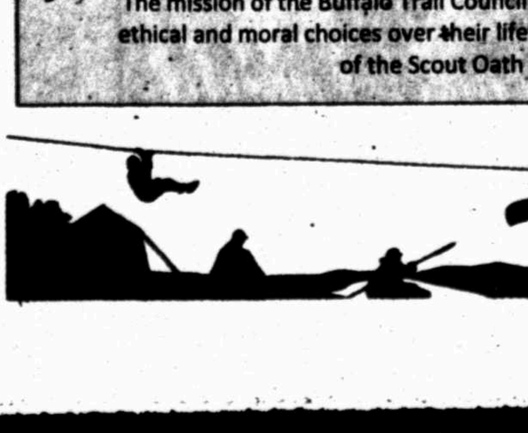


Scouts participate in a week-long cavalcade at Buffalo Trail Scout ranch. These are the Scouts who have earned the Horsemanship Merit Badge.



Scouts slap camp staffers' hands as they make their way to the evening's campfire. This year, more than 4,000 campers attended camp at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. An 11 percent increase over last year.



Pauline Henry smiles as she makes her descent down the side of the Wilco Building during this fall's Over the Edge event.

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Sports

Lady Mustangs' bid for 2 seed derailed in OT

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

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Lady Cardinals	49
Lady Mustangs	47 (OT)

The TAPPS 1-4A girls basketball title might belong to Lubbock Trinity, but that didn't lessen the significance of Saturday's matchup between Fort Worth Christian and Midland Christian.

In a battle for second place in the district, four periods of play proved to not be enough to decide who would garner that pivotal position. But in the overtime period, it was Fort Worth Christian coming up with the bigger plays as they knocked off the Lady Mustangs 49-47 at McGraw Special Events Center.

With the win, the Lady Cardinals wrapped up the second seed in TAPPS 1-4A, which means they'll host a first-round playoff game.

"That's great. We get to stay at home for a playoff game and that's pretty important to us," Fort Worth Christian coach John Anderson said. "I was real proud of our girls for the way they kept their composure. (Midland Christian) never laid down and never thought they were out of it. We met their intensity finally in that overtime period."

The Lady Mustangs struck first in overtime when senior post Whitney Rogers, who had a team-high 12 points, grabbed an offensive board and got the putback for a 45-43 MCS lead with 2:48 remaining to play.

On the ensuing possession, Fort Worth Christian's Kym Young grabbed a pretty pass from Chelsea Bankes under the basket to tie the game. Young made it 47-45 in Fort Worth Christian's favor, this time cashing in on a nice pass from Jeri Sharp with 1:45 left.

Midland Christian answered 45 seconds later when guard Bethany Roach got a friendly roll off a runner in the lane for a 47-47 tie.

But the final bucket belonged to Fort Worth Christian. After getting her defender to run past her with a fake pass, Sharp pulled up for a shot just inside the 3-point line and connected with what

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Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Sarah Krisa (23) slides a foot in to steal the ball from San Angelo Central's Caitlin Buselli (7) on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lady Dawgs top Central in shootout

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Midland High sophomore Whitney Sigler admitted that she's not fond of scoreless games like the one her team played for most of Saturday.

"I get nervous," Sigler said. "Like five minutes towards the end, I'm pretty nervous."

Yet that didn't stop Sigler from coming up clutch against San Angelo Central, never allowing a Bobcat shot to find the back of the net in a 1-0 shootout win at Grande Communications Stadium.

Freshman Sarah Krisa and senior Savannah Ross scored consecutive goals in the shootout to help the Lady Bulldogs (8-5-1, 1-0-1-0, 5 points in District 3-5A) remain undefeated in district play and become the second team to shut out Central (8-5-0, 0-1-0-1, 1 point) in district play.

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"It feels great because I feel like we worked hard and we deserved to win," Krisa said. "It was just a lot of fun."

Neither team was able to get many shots on goal in the first half, but Sigler made sure the shots Central got

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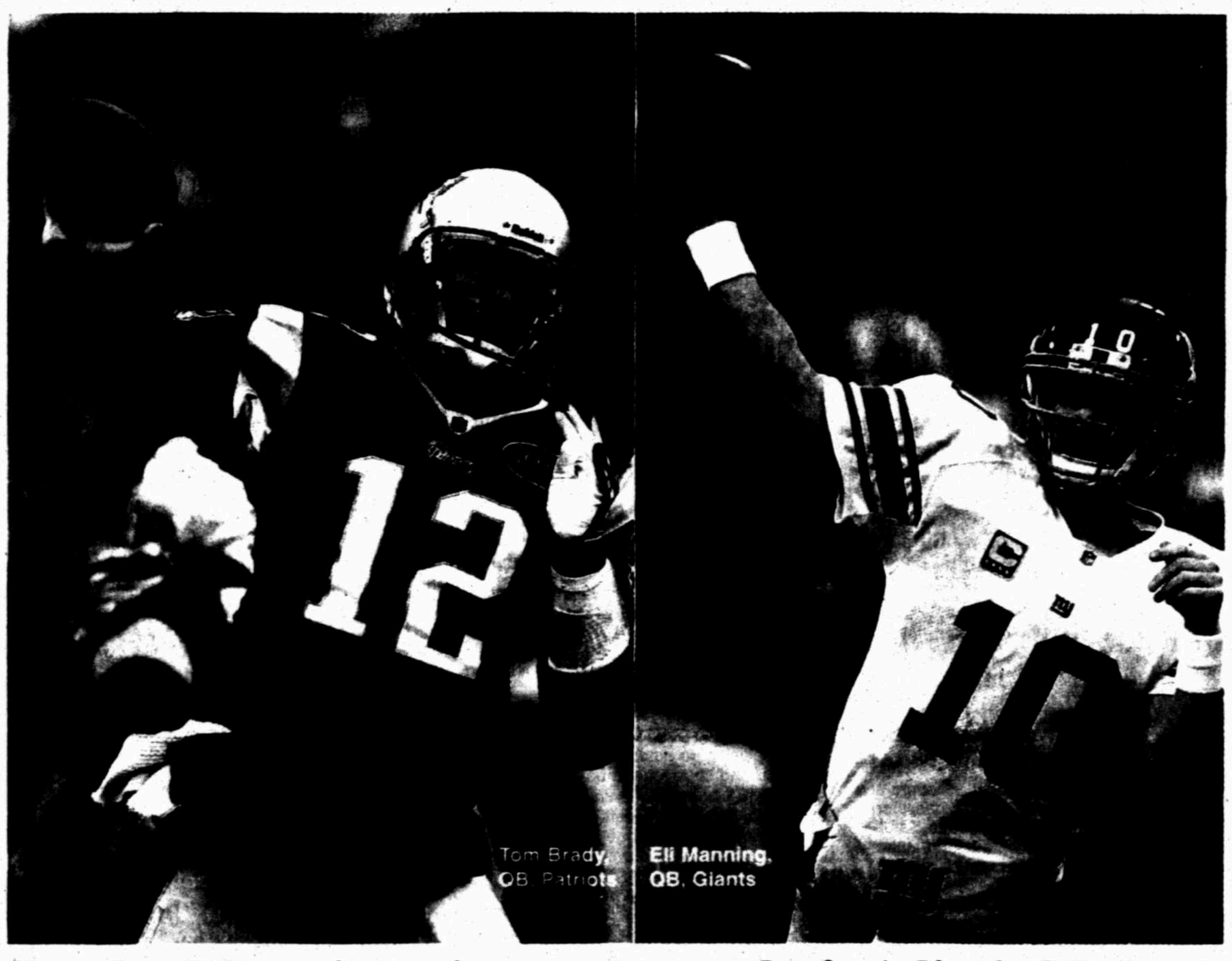
Tom Brady, QB, Patriots

Eli Manning, QB, Giants

Brady, Manning vie to prove who's 'elite' QB now

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

N.Y. Giants vs. New England

- **What:** Super Bowl XVLI
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INDIANAPOLIS — He was always being compared to someone. That's what happens when you're the youngest son of a great quarterback and the baby brother of an even better one. It wasn't until he compared himself to Tom Brady, though, that people began taking Eli Manning seriously.

That was in August, when Manning was asked whether he considered himself an "elite" quarterback like Brady. Manning said simply that he belonged "in that class." But in New York, where blowing things out of proportion is practically a civic duty, even most Giants fans regarded it as heresy at the time. By tonight, it could be fact.

So ready or not, it's time for the "other" Manning vs. Brady, Part II. Both are back in Sunday's Super Bowl, four years after they first clashed, each with plenty still to prove.

"It's not my job to list quarterbacks," Manning said this week. "He's obviously a future Hall of Famer."

Yet Brady has looked like anything but that in his last 11 postseason games, posting a 6-5 mark, including a 2008 Super Bowl loss to Manning and the Giants. For most of those, he's been knocked around a lot, picked off more than usual and tagged with a quarterback rating that wouldn't qualify as a low-grade fever. Measured against the nearly impossible standard that Brady set at the start of his career — 10 straight postseason wins and three Super Bowl titles — merely average would be a more accurate description.

Perception still lags behind that reality, in no small part because everything else about Brady still screams "winner." Now 34, he is still boyishly handsome, still as charming as ever, still the most sought-after endorser and the one athlete even his peers would kill to be. He returns home every night with two sons to look after — and a supermodel wife.

Yet those who know Brady have long marveled at how well he hides a competitive streak even Michael Jordan would admire. And despite outward appearances, they wonder how Brady is managing it now, coming up short of his ultimate goal every season since 2005, after winning three in four years. Patriots backup quarterback Brian Hoyer ticked off a laundry list of things he's been studying in the three seasons he's sat behind Brady: mechanics, poise, and attention to detail, even the tone of voice he uses to command respect in a huddle.

But the one thing Hoyer worries will never rub off is Brady's raw desire.

"At the end of just about every practice, I run out there and try to get the last few reps with the first team," Hoyer said. "And just about every practice, whether it's a steamy day in training camp or a short walk-through after watching film, he runs out there, grabs me and says something like, 'Get the hell out of here!' — only it's not always even that nice. ...

"Everybody outside this team looks at him and thinks 'pretty-boy QB.' But Tom doesn't try hiding it from us," Hoyer said. "He's a killer."

Manning, too, shares that trait and has been honing it for nearly as long. Like Brady, he was the baby of the family and quickly learned he could get his way by being demanding one moment and wheedling the next. Like his father, Archie, the longtime Saints quarterback, and older brother Peyton, who almost sin-

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Martin leads 6-member class into Hall of Fame

By John McClain
Houston Chronicle

INDIANAPOLIS — Running back Curtis Martin, the fourth-leading rusher in NFL history, heads the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2012.

The six-member class includes Martin, defensive end Chris Doleman, defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy, offensive tackle William Roaf, center Dermontti Dawson and cornerback Jack Butler, one of two senior nominees.

Guard Dick Stanfel, the other senior nominee, didn't make it.

The Class of 2012 will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Aug. 4.

The 44-member selection committee met for 7 hours, 36 minutes to whittle the 17 finalists, including the senior nominees, to the six-member class.

Martin (14,101 yards), who played for New England and the New York Jets, and Barry Sanders are the only backs to begin their careers with 10 consecutive 1,000-yard seasons.

"It's one of the most humbling experiences I've ever had," Martin said. "I feel tremendously grateful to my players and coaches.

"It's bittersweet, though, because of coach Parcells. Without him, my career wouldn't have been 30 percent of what it was."

Parcells, who made the cut to 10 but failed to make it to five, drafted Martin when he was New England's head coach. When Parcells was hired by the New York Jets, he traded for Martin.

Martin said he would ask Parcells to be his presenter when he's enshrined in Canton, Ohio.

Doleman registered at least 10 sacks in eight seasons. When he retired, he ranked fourth on the league's career list.

Kennedy was voted NFL Defensive Player of the Year on a 2-14 team. He's one of the greatest two-gap players in history.

Roaf, the epitome of what coaches want in a left tackle, who was voted to 11 Pro Bowls in his 13-year career with New Orleans and Kansas City.

Dawson is the second Pittsburgh Steelers center to be voted into the Hall of Fame. The late Mike Webster was the first. Dawson replaced Miami's Dwight Stephenson, another member of the Hall of Fame, as the NFL's most dominant center. He was voted to seven consecutive Pro Bowls.

Butler played for the Steelers for nine years. When he retired after the 1959 season, he had 52 interceptions, second in history at the time of his retirement. He had at least seven interceptions in four different seasons.

In the reduction from 15 modern-era finalists to 10, owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr., running back Jerome Bettis, guard Will Shields, receiver Tim Brown and outside linebacker Kevin Greene didn't survive the cut.

Eliminated on the reduction from 10 to five were Parcells, receiver Cris Carter, receiver Andre Reed, defensive

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Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

San Angelo Central's Cameron Larsen (3) heads the ball away as Midland High's Nico Francino moves in Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Bulldogs pick up first district win against Bobcats

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

After firing the game's first three shots in just nine minutes of play Saturday, including a Ethan Baltier free kick that sailed just high off the crossbar, it seemed only a matter of time before Midland High would grab control of its matchup with San Angelo Central.

Then Central scored the first goal of the game on just its second shot to turn the tables on the Bulldogs just as fast.

But Midland High didn't panic, scoring four unanswered goals and holding off a late Central charge for a 4-3 win at Grande Communications Stadium, its first in district play.

Bulldogs	4
Bobcats	3

"They got the goal on us, and (they) did well with it," Midland High coach Warren Cottle said. "To keep our level-headedness, I was very proud of the way we responded to it."

It was Daniel Cruz who gave Central a 1-0 lead in the 25th minute with a header on an Anthony Graham corner kick. But Midland High responded in the 18th minute when Michael Wynne hit Will Downing, streaking

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as a trip to the TPC at Scottsdale for the Phoenix Open has to be in my future:

■ The news that a nine-team district was formed of the remaining Class 5A schools in West Texas was not a surprise, and it was something that even the athletic directors in the six school districts were already preparing to see.

Late in January, the six athletic directors met at K-Bob's restaurant in Lamesa to discuss the possible scenarios, and even did a preliminary draw for the football schedule in a seven-team and nine-team district.

Chalk one up for these officials on getting a head start on what the UIL was going to put out there. Even though they weren't really sure what the UIL would create, they put forth some effort to get ahead of the game as best they could to make things easier because some tough days are ahead.

A tentative district football schedule was ready for a nine-team league shortly after realignment because it was essentially done.

That is one thing that leaves me with hope that this time around in a district where travel will be a major issue, they will get it close to right the first time around and not have to change it in the second year, which is what happened when 2-5A was formed in 2008.

One thing that is different also is that the majority of athletic directors for all the districts involved are new. Since then, new athletic directors have been hired in Amarillo, Lubbock and San Angelo, while Abilene will be added to the group. Midland ISD's Todd Howey is the lone holdover as Ector County ISD AD Todd Vesely was an assistant in 2008.

I'm not saying the other athletic directors didn't get along but all were blindsided by what happened four years ago, and I've never figured out why. But they didn't quite know what to do. Those involved now, even if they weren't there in 2008, they are somewhat prepared for this time around because of what happened four years ago.

Plus, in talking to all of them at least once in the last week, there seems to be the sense that they are all in this together. Yes, there will be disagreements but there is not the sense that something can't be worked out.

"They work hard, and they don't want to slam dunk everybody," said San Angelo ISD Athletic Director Jim Slaughter, who is just finishing up his first year in San Angelo. "We are all pretty well in agreement, and we've all gone to meetings and there's been a little give and take on everybody's part and that's made a big difference in what we are trying to do."

I'm sure there will be disagreements when meetings likely begin next week, but this time around I have a sense that when the schedules are revealed that they will make a little bit more sense than last time around.

■ Speaking of scheduling, all the athletic directors in the district have already warned their coaches that it will be something they likely have never seen and to be prepared for it. The major issue will be how to lessen the travel of Amarillo Tascosa and San Angelo Central, and keep it as fair as possible for the rest of the teams.

Howey was blunt in saying that with a nine-team district a team or two will have an advantage, but it's something that can't be avoided.

One thing to expect is Friday-Saturday games in possibly volleyball, soccer and basketball, and the possibility of doubleheaders in baseball and softball. It may be the only way to limit the amount of class time missed.

"You can throw away all of the pre-done round-robin schedules because all of that is probably not going to work for us," Vesely said. "We will take each sport and each situation and do everything we can to maximize the amount of time we have in the classroom and to minimize travel. The academic impact and the budgetary impact, those are going to drive a lot of our athletic decisions."

I can assure you not everybody is going to be happy, but I know that this time around the reaction to the schedules will not be a shock but a realization that this was the best that could be done.

■ The break up of District 4-3A was something that nobody was expecting, but I believe with Amarillo River Road opting to move up to Class 3A, that shifted a lot of things around in Lubbock and Amarillo.

The Andrews-Greenwood rivalry will be broken up, but the Rangers will remain with Monahans and maybe create a new rivalry with Big Spring. Either way, it's going to be a rough football district but fun to watch.

■ Is there a big football game today?

■ Realignment did a little to overshadow National Signing Day this year in Midland, but it was pretty quiet once again. Midland High defensive lineman Dutton Watson was the lone FBS signee, and it's been about the norm for the last four years or so, and could be typical from now on.

■ And finally, it's 21 days until the Daytona 500. That's way too long to wait.

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'Big Easy' having a ball with Globetrotters

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Nate Lofton's journey to being the "Showman" for the Harlem Globetrotters has seen plenty of twists and turns.

After playing for three years in high school, Lofton had to take two years off to work to help support his family.

Then after playing in junior college and at Southeastern Louisiana, he and his family had to evacuate his hometown of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

His dream was to play professional basketball, but "Big Easy" never really thought about playing for what is perhaps the most famous basketball team in the world. Now after seven years being a part of the Globetrotters and its 80-plus year tradition, he revels in every moment, and knows he is part of something special.

"I think anybody going from the college level to the professional level it's going to be tough," Lofton said in a phone interview last week as the Globetrotters will return to Midland on Wednesday at Chaparral Center. "Being a Globetrotter, not everybody can do it because you've got to be a great person and great athletically. You've got to be able to speak publicly and carry on that tradition."

Lofton played high school basketball in New Orleans, but after playing for three years, the 6-foot-9, 250-pound Lofton said he had to put his college career on hold to work when he dad was injured.

But that did little deter his dream of wanting to play basketball as he played at Independence Community College in Independence, Kan., before he went to the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and then finally to Southeastern Louisiana.

Lofton played for current Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy at Southeastern and helped the Lions to the NCAA tournament in 2005.

"I just enjoyed my time there, and I was around a bunch of good guys, and once I realized I could play a little I definitely wanted to do it on the professional level," Lofton said.

Like other people from New Orleans, hence his nickname "Big Easy," Lofton's family was affected by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and his Globetrotters bio said that he, his father, and two others had to push a pickup truck to a church from his New Orleans home and was eventually evacuated to Houston.

Lofton said the Globetrotters had been scouting him prior to Hurricane Katrina, but they were in the Bayou City for an event for hurricane relief and it was a few months later that he joined the team.

Lofton said he still lives in New Orleans, and when he can he still does events in his hometown, and said he does what he can to help the young people of New Orleans to rebuild the city.

"I still do Habitat for Humanity, talk to churches and YMCAs ... whatever is needed I definitely give my hand," Lofton said. "It's always good to have that image out there in front to talk to these kids because they are the ones that are going to rebuild the city, not the adults."

As the "Showman," Lofton is the centerpiece of the Globetrotters and wears a microphone and not only has to dish out assists to his teammates but also talk at the same time. Lofton said there was some transition, but being part of the Globetrotters has allowed him to bounce ideas off legends such as Curly Neal, "Sweet Lou" Dunbar and others.

"Curly Neal called me last night just to check on me, just to see how I was doing," Lofton said. "We have that connection with those guys they appreciate what we are doing, and when we have their blessing it's awesome."

Lofton's route to wearing the red, white and blue of the Globetrotters was not the straightest path but he knows he's found his place in basketball.

"You want to give the fans the best show possible, and I want to work on being better tomorrow than today," Lofton said. "I want to live up those expectations when you saw that game, and we are competing against ourselves to keep it going. In 86 years, I don't want to be the one to let it down. It's kind of like, 'Not on my watch.'"

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Courtesy Photo
Nate "Big Easy" Lofton, left, and the Harlem Globetrotters will perform Wednesday at Chaparral Center.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 57, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 42

Midland Christian fought and hung with a much bigger Fort Worth Christian squad Saturday. However, the Cardinals simply had too much size as they took a 57-42 victory at McGraw Special Events Center.

Chad Rykhoek, a 7-foot center and Baylor commit, led Fort Worth Christian with 21 points. But for all that Rykhoek did on the offensive end, it was his presence on defense that made the biggest difference.

"After playing so emotional last night, and shooting the ball so well," MCS coach Kenneth Smith said, "we shot 15 percent from the field today. Rykhoek being 7-foot has a lot to do with that."

The Mustangs play a non-district game against Fort Stockton at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday before wrapping the regular season against Arlington Pantego, a game that could decide the fourth and final postseason spot available in TAPPS 1-4A.

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 57, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 42

FW Christian (7-4) — Harder 1, Hatchett 2, Edmonds 11, Smiley 9, Atchley 3, Rykhoek 21, Cochran 6, Stefkovic 4

Midland Christian (17-11, 5-6) — Zach Gilbert 6, Devin Stricklin 15, Mason McClendon 5, Jacob Longbotham 2, Matt Counts 2, David Parkhurst 6, Jerry Garcia 3, Mason Alsup 3

FW Christian	16	11	17	13	—57
MCS	11	11	14	6	—42

Free throws — FW Christian 13-24, MCS 23-36. 3-point goals — FW Christian (Edmonds, Smiley 2, Cochran 2, Stefkovic), MCS 1 (McClendon). Total fouls — FW Christian 28, MCS 22. Fouled out — FW Christian, Harder, Rykhoek. Technical fouls — FW Christian, coach.

Next: Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Midland Christian at Fort Stockton, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Late Box

NO. 6 GRADY 67, LOOP 50

Grady (24-3, 12-1) — Brett Glaze 11, Zeke Clay 4, Branson Richards 10, Michael Jimenez 17, Taylor Polson 6, Uziel Sanjuan 6, Rodriquez 17, I Sanjuan 6

Loop — Ontiveros 10, Ayala 23, Krahn 7, Burrola 8, Tupin 4, Perez 3

Grady	14	20	20	13	—67
Loop	9	14	12	15	—50

Free throws — Grady 14-24; Loop 17-27. 3-point goals — Grady 2 (Richards, Jimenez); Loop 2 (Ontiveros, Ayala). Total Fouls — Grady 25, Loop 22. Fouled Out — Grady, Clay, Richards, Sanjuan, Jimenez; Loop, Burrola.

Next: Borden County at Grady, 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Lady Mustangs

From 1C

turned out to be the game-winner.

With the loss, Midland Christian, which clinched a playoff spot with its win against Arlington Grace Prep on Friday, will be the third seed out of TAPPS 1-4A, meaning the Lady Mustangs must travel play on their first-round opponent's home court.

"You can't win a game with too many mistakes and not playing defense like we normally do," MCS coach Robin Reed said. "History has shown you can walk in a third or fourth seed and still come out on top. These girls have everything in them to still come out on top."

The Lady Mustangs did have two more possessions to try and tie the game. With 22 seconds remaining, Rogers was called for a charge when Ashlee Sargent, who had a game-high 18 points, fell as the Midland Christian post was backing her down toward the basket.

Emma Thompson, who led MCS with 12 rebounds, was called for a foul while Fort Worth Christian was trying to get the ball up the floor, putting Shay Stephens at the line for a one-and-one attempt. Stephens missed the shot, but Young fought for the rebounds, but also couldn't connect. Sargent secured the miss, backed the ball out and the Lady Cardinals called a timeout with eight seconds to play.

However, Sargent was whistled for an illegal screen on the inbounds, giving MCS the ball back. Sophomore guard Morgan Ashton quickly pushed the ball up the floor, drove the lane and dished the ball to Thompson on the block. But Sargent amended for her offensive foul just a few seconds earlier by blocking Thompson's shot.

In a scramble for the loose ball, a jump ball was called and MCS maintained possession with just two-tenths of a second to play. Unfortunately, that wasn't enough time for the Lady Mustangs to get a last second shot off.

NO. 8 FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 49, NO. 16 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 47

FW Christian (24-8, 9-2 in TAPPS 1-4A) — Shay Stephens 1, Chelsea Bankes 8, Jeri Sharp 4, Olivia Tarbet 2, Calle Reekie 3, Kym Young 12, Ashlee Sargent 19

MCS (23-8, 7-4) — Morgan Ashton 8, Bethany Roach 7, Kim Vannaman 7, Whitney Rogers 12, Lindzey Roach 8, Emma Thompson 4

FWC	12	10	10	11	6—49
MCS	6	14	13	10	4—47

Free throws — FWC 14-17, MCS 8-10. 3-point goals — FWC 1 (Reekie), MCS 3 (Roach, Vannaman 2). Total fouls — FWC 16, MCS 18. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian at Arlington Pantego, 6:30 p.m.

MCS swimmers Martin, Keck win events in Mansfield

From staff reports

MANSFIELD — A pair of Midland Christian swimmers returned home with plenty of hardware after representing well at their regional meet at Mansfield ISD Natatorium on Saturday.

Freshman Kyle Martin won regional championships in two events, while sophomore Ryan Keck returned to Midland wtih a silver and a gold medal. Martin won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1 minute, 59.61 seconds and later took gold in the 500 freestyle with a mark of 5:20.81.

Keck won gold in the 100 freestyle with a time of 51.67 seconds and took silver in the 50 freestyle at 23.41 seconds.

Both swimmers have earned a spot at the TAPPS Swimming & Diving Championships in San Antonio on Feb. 17. Joining them will be Midland Christian freshman diver Haley Allen.

Jackalopes cap series with shootout win

From staff reports

Jackalopes	1
Monsters	0

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes capped a two-game series with the Fresno Monsters with a 1-0 shootout victory at Ector County Coliseum on Saturday.

The Jackalopes (16-22-5, 37 points) won the shootout 2-1 with Mikko Virtanen -- Odessa' sixth shooter — connecting on the game-winner. Kyle Sucher made the first goal of the shootout session, putting Fresno (19-16-9, 47 points) on top. But that advantage was brief with Odessa's Taylor Portner immediately answering with a shootout goal of his own.

The Jacks got a solid performance from goalkeeper Connor Hellebuyck, who finished with 29 saves in the shutout victory. It was his third shutout of the season. Tomas Sholl had 28 saves for Fresno, but couldn't stop the two critical shots during the shootout.

This was the second straight game to be decided by one goal after Fresno defeated the Jacks 4-3 on Friday.

The Jacks start a three-game series at 7:05 p.m. against the New Mexico Mustangs in Santa Ana, N.M.

Midland Softball Association
Adult Slowpitch Softball

Spring League begins April 9

Register at Martin Luther King Center
2300 Butternut Lane

Entry Deadline: March 10
Entry Fee: $325 per team
$13 Player Fees due at 1st game

All Co-Ed Games will be played on Monday-Wednesday

UMPIRES NEEDED: Call Mario Gonzalez at 889-7625

Tennis

ATP World Tour VTR Open Results
Saturday
At Club Naval de Campo Las Salinas
Vina del Mar, Chile
Purse: $450,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals

Carlos Berlocq (7), Argentina, def. Juan Chela (2), Argentina, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

Juan Monaco (1), Argentina, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-1, 6-4. Doubles

Semifinals

Frederico Gil, Portugal, and Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, and Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 10-3 tiebreak.

Fed Cup Results
WORLD GROUP
First Round
Winners to semifinals, losers to WG playoffs, April 21-22
Russia 2, Spain 0
At Olympic Stadium
Moscow
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Maria Sharapova, Russia, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 6-2, 6-1.

Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.

Serbia 1, Belgium 1
At Spiroudome
Charleroi, Belgium
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 7-5, 7-5.

Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.

Italy 1, Ukraine 1
At Lauretana Forum
Biella, Italy
Surface: Clay-Indoor
Singles

Sara Errani, Italy, def. Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-3.

Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-1, 6-2.

Czech Republic 2, Germany 0
At Porsche Arena
Stuttgart, Germany
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Sabine Lisicki, Germany, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 10-8.

WORLD GROUP II
First Round
Winners to WG playoffs, losers to WGII playoffs, April 21-22
United States 2, Belarus 0
At DCU Center
Worcester, Mass.
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Christina McHale, United States, def. Anastasia Yakimova, Belarus, 6-0, 6-4.

Serena Williams, United States, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 7-5, 6-0.

Japan 2, Slovenia 0
At Bourbon Beans Dome
Hyogo, Japan
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Nastja Kolar, Slovenia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Slovakia 1, France 1
At Aegon Arena
Bratislava, Slovakia
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 5-7, 6-1, 9-7.

Virginie Razzano, France, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.

Switzerland 1, Australia 1
At Forum Fribourg
Fribourg, Switzerland
Surface: Clay-Indoor
Singles

Sam Stosur, Australia, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, 6-2, 7-5.

Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-0, 6-7 (8), 8-6.

ZONAL GROUP I
Winners to WGII playoffs, April 21-22; losers to 2013 Zonal Group II
Europe/Africa
At Municipal Tennis Club
Eilat, Israel
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Pool A
Wednesday

Bulgaria 3, Estonia 0

Thursday

Austria 2, Estonia 1

Friday

Austria 2, Bulgaria 1

Standings: Austria, 2-0; Bulgaria, 1-1; Estonia, 0-2. Pool B

Wednesday

Sweden 3, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0

Hungary 3, Greece 0

Thursday

Sweden 2, Hungary 1

Bosnia-Herzegovina 3, Greece 0

Friday

Sweden 2, Greece 1

Hungary 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1

Standings: Sweden, 3-0; Hungary, 2-1; Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1-2; Greece, 0-3.

Pool C
Wednesday

Britain 3, Portugal 0

Israel 2, Netherlands 1

Thursday

Britain 2, Netherlands 1

Portugal 2, Israel 1

Friday

Britain 3, Israel 0

Portugal 2, Netherlands 1

Standings: Britain, 3-0; Portugal, 2-1; Israel, 1-2; Netherlands, 0-3.

Pool D
Wednesday

Poland 3, Luxembourg 0

Romania 2, Croatia 1

Thursday

Poland 3, Croatia 0

Romania 3, Luxembourg 0

Friday

Poland 2, Romania 1

Croatia 2, Luxembourg 1

Standings: Poland, 3-0; Romania, 2-1; Croatia, 1-2; Luxembourg, 0-3.

Saturday
Promotional Playoff

Britain 2, Austria 0

Sweden 2, Poland 1

Fifth-Eighth Playoff

Portugal 2, Bulgaria 0

Romania 2, Hungary 0

Ninth-12th Playoff

Croatia 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0

Israel vs. bye

Relegation Playoff

Netherlands 2, Estonia 1

Luxembourg 2, Greece 1

ATP World Tour PBZ Zagreb Indoors
Results
Saturday
At Dom Sportova
Zagreb, Croatia
Purse: $595,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Semifinals

Mikhail Youzhny (3), Russia, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, def. Marcos Baghdatis (6), Cyprus, 7-5, 7-6 (3).

Doubles
Semifinals

Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, and Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram (2), Israel, 6-2, 6-4.

Ivan Dodig and Mate Pavic, Croatia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, and Frank Moser, Germany, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 10-4 tiebreak.

ATP World Tour Open Sud de France
Results
Saturday
At Arena Montpellier
Montpellier, France
Purse: $595,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Semifinals

Gael Monfils (3), France, def. Gilles Simon (2), France, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Tomas Berdych (1), Czech Republic, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber (7), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles
Semifinals

Nicolas Mahut and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Treat Conrad Huey, Philippines, and Ken Skupski, Britain, 6-2, 6-2.

Fight Schedule

Friday

At Uncasville, Conn. (ESPN2), Demetrius Andrade vs. Derek Ennis, 12, IBF junior middleweight eliminator.

At Buenos Aires, Argentina, Luis Alberto Lazarte vs. Johnriel Casimero, 12, for the interim IBF junior flyweight title.

Saturday

At Houston (HBO), Jose Miguel Cotto vs. Jose Luis Castillo, 10, welterweights.

Feb. 17

At College Park Center, Arlington, Texas (ESPN2), John Molina vs. Marvin Quintero, 10, lightweights.

At Chumash Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif. (SHO), Thomas Dulorme vs. Jose Reynoso, 10, for the vacant NABF welterweight title; Jonathan Gonzalez vs. Billy Lyell, 10, junior middleweight.

Feb. 18

At Brondby, Denmark, Brian Magee vs. Rudy Markussen, 12, for the interim WBA World super middleweight title.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	49	32	12	5	69	136	100
Philadelphia	51	30	15	6	66	171	151
Pittsburgh	52	30	18	4	64	159	133
New Jersey	51	29	19	3	61	144	146
N.Y. Islanders	51	21	22	8	50	125	150
Northeast Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	50	32	16	2	66	176	110
Ottawa	55	27	21	7	61	161	171
Toronto	52	27	19	6	60	161	152
Buffalo	52	22	24	6	50	126	154
Montreal	52	19	24	9	47	134	145
Southeast Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	51	24	16	11	59	131	145
Washington	51	27	20	4	58	144	145
Winnipeg	53	24	23	6	54	129	147
Tampa Bay	51	23	23	5	51	147	173
Carolina	54	20	25	9	49	137	165

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	52	35	16	1	71	167	121
Nashville	53	32	17	4	68	149	136
St. Louis	51	30	14	7	67	126	105
Chicago	53	29	17	7	65	169	158
Columbus	52	14	32	6	34	120	174
Northwest Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	52	32	15	5	69	167	130
Minnesota	52	25	19	8	58	121	133
Colorado	54	26	25	3	55	135	151
Calgary	52	24	22	6	54	124	141
Edmonton	51	20	26	5	45	133	148
Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	50	29	15	6	64	145	117
Los Angeles	53	25	18	10	60	115	116
Dallas	51	27	22	2	56	136	144
Phoenix	52	23	21	8	54	136	141
Anaheim	51	19	24	8	46	132	154

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores

Vancouver 3, Colorado 2, SO
Buffalo 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
Dallas 2, Minnesota 1, SO
Pittsburgh 2, Boston 1
New Jersey 6, Philadelphia 4
Washington 3, Montreal 0
Toronto 5, Ottawa 0
Carolina 2, Los Angeles 1
Tampa Bay 6, Florida 3
Nashville 3, St. Louis 1
Phoenix 5, San Jose 3
Detroit at Edmonton, Late

Today's Games

Boston at Washington, 11:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, Noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, Noon
Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES

STARS 2, WILD 1

Minnesota	0	0	1	0 —	1
Dallas	0	1	0	0 —	2

Dallas won shootout 2-1

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Dallas, Ribeiro 11 (Goligoski, Robidas), 15:12 (pp).

Third Period—2, Minnesota, Brodziak 15 (Johnson), 5:18.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Minnesota 1 (Christensen NG, Cullen G, Spurgeon NG), Dallas 2 (Eriksson G, Ja.Benn G).

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 13-10-10-1—34. Dallas 10-10-4-2—26.

Goalies—Minnesota, Backstrom. Dallas, Lehtonen. A—18,532 (18,532). T—2:37.

PENGUINS 2, BRUINS 1

Pittsburgh	1	0	1 —	2
Boston	0	0	1 —	1

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 28 (Kunitz, Neal), 19:51 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Pittsburgh, Cooke 9 (Jeffrey, Dupuis), 1:53. 3, Boston, Corvo 3 (Bergeron, Marchand), 6:45.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 6-12-10—28. Boston 10-10-9—29.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury. Boston, Thomas. A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:21.

DEVILS 6, FLYERS 4

New Jersey	3	3	0 —	6
Philadelphia	0	0	4 —	4

First Period—1, New Jersey, Foster 3 (Elias, Kovalchuk), 3:05 (pp). 2, New Jersey, Kovalchuk 21 (Zubrus), 19:03 (sh). 3, New Jersey, Zubrus 14 (Volchenkov, Ponikarovsky), 19:59.

Second Period—4, New Jersey, Parise 19 (Clarkson, Foster), :38 (pp). 5, New Jersey, Ponikarovsky 9 (Bernier, Josefson), 1:37. 6, New Jersey, Foster 4 (Elias, Kovalchuk), 8:22 (pp).

Third Period—7, Philadelphia, Simmonds 16 (Rinaldo, Bourdon), 3:59. 8, Philadelphia, Jagr 13 (Carle, Giroux), 9:23. 9, Philadelphia, Giroux 20 (Jagr, Voracek), 12:40 (pp). 10, Philadelphia, Voracek 9 (Carle, Couturier), 13:31.

Shots on Goal—New Jersey 17-13-1—31. Philadelphia 7-10-24—41.

Goalies—New Jersey, Hedberg. Philadelphia, Bobrovsky, Bryzgalov. A—19,862 (19,537). T—2:32.

CAPITALS 3, CANADIENS 0

Washington	1	0	2 —	3
Montreal	0	0	0 —	0

First Period—1, Washington, Wideman 10 (Laich), 8:10.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Washington, Hendricks 3 (Laich, Semin), 6:11. 3, Washington, Semin 13 (penalty shot), 11:57.

Missed Penalty Shot—Brouwer, Was, 9:14 second.

Shots on Goal—Washington 11-3-9—23. Montreal 10-10-10—30.

Goalies—Washington, Vokoun. Montreal, Budaj. A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:21.

CANUCKS 3, AVALANCHE 2

Vancouver	1	0	1	0 —	3
Colorado	1	1	0	0 —	2

Vancouver won shootout 1-0

First Period—1, Vancouver, Kesler 16 (Edler, Booth), 3:31. 2, Colorado, Jones 10 (Stastny, O'Reilly), 9:14 (pp).

Second Period—3, Colorado, McClement 7 (Winnik), 3:39.

Third Period—4, Vancouver, Bieksa 5 (H.Sedin), 19:25.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Vancouver 1 (Lapierre NG, Raymond G), Colorado 0 (Hejduk NG, Landeskog NG, O'Reilly NG).

Shots on Geal—Vancouver 7-10-11-1—29. Colorado 18-12-11-5—46.

Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo. Colorado, Giguere. A—17,024 (18,007). T—2:40.

HURRICANES 2, KINGS 1

Los Angeles	1	0	0 —	1
Carolina	0	1	1 —	2

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Kopitar 16 (Williams, Johnson), 4:58 (pp).

Second Period—2, Carolina, Tlusty 11, 15:40.

Third Period—3, Carolina, Skinner 15 (Jokinen, Bowman), 3:02.

Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 8-10-7—25. Carolina 4-11-7—22.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Bernier. Carolina, Ward. A—18,680 (18,680). T—2:15.

LIGHTNING 6, PANTHERS 3

Florida	1	2	0 —	3
Tampa Bay	1	4	1 —	6

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Thompson 7, 1:37. 2, Florida, Fleischmann 17 (Versteeg, Weaver), 3:54.

Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 20, 1:42. 4, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 14 (Shannon, Lecavalier), 4:22. 5, Florida, Samuelsson 6 (Bergenheim), 7:06. 6, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 34 (Downie, Hedman), 12:36. 7, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 15 (Lecavalier, Shannon), 15:08. 8, Florida, Bergenheim 9 (Goc, Strachan), 19:14.

Third Period—9, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 16 (Stamkos, Lecavalier), 19:39 (en-pp).

Shots on Goal—Florida 7-7-6—20. Tampa Bay 9-17-8—34.

Goalies—Florida, Clemmensen, Foster. Clemmensen. Tampa Bay, Garon. A—19,204 (19,204). T—2:23.

MAPLE LEAFS 5, SENATORS 0

Toronto	2	1	2 —	5
Ottawa	0	0	0 —	0

First Period—1, Toronto, Kessel 27 (Bozak, Gardiner), 13:47. 2, Toronto, Phaneuf 8 (Kessel, Lupul), 17:02 (pp).

Second Period—3, Toronto, Bozak 9 (Kessel, Franson), 8:25.

Third Period—4, Toronto, Schenn 2 (Lupul, Bozak), 5:39. 5, Toronto, Franson 4 (Grabovski, MacArthur), 12:17 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Toronto 16-9-15—40. Ottawa 12-21-16—49.

Goalies—Toronto, Reimer. Ottawa, Anderson. A—20,500 (19,153). T—2:33.

SABRES 4, ISLANDERS 3

Buffalo	1	1	1	0 —	4
N.Y. Islanders	3	0	0	0 —	3

Buffalo won shootout 2-0

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 8 (Grabner), 1:39. 2, Buffalo, Gerbe 5 (Stafford), 5:32. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 6 (Nielsen), 16:00. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 9 (Okposo, Streit), 17:17.

Second Period—5, Buffalo, Roy 10 (Leino, Pominville), 18:41.

Third Period—6, Buffalo, Gaustad 6 (Myers, Boyes), 11:46.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Buffalo 2 (Boyes G, Pominville G), N.Y. Islanders 0 (Parenteau NG, Nielsen NG).

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 17-9-10-1—37. N.Y. Islanders 9-9-11-9—38.

Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. N.Y. Islanders, Montoya. A—14,618 (16,234). T—2:40.

PREDATORS 3, BLUES 1

St. Louis	0	0	1 —	1
Nashville	2	0	1 —	3

First Period—1, Nashville, Erat 12 (Hornqvist, Suter), 6:59 (pp). 2, Nashville, Fisher 15 (Kostitsyn, Erat), 12:30.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, St. Louis, Porter 3, 4:01. 4, Nashville, Kostitsyn 13 (Legwand, Erat), 19:37 (en).

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 16-7-20—43. Nashville 14-17-6—37.

Goalies—St. Louis, Halak. Nashville, Rinne. A—17,113 (17,113). T—2:18.

COYOTES 5, SHARKS 3

San Jose	0	2	1 —	3
Phoenix	0	3	2 —	5

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, San Jose, Couture 22 (Clowe, Marleau), 3:44. 2, Phoenix, Torres 8 (Rozsival, Langkow), 4:16. 3, Phoenix, Korpikoski 12 (Doan, Gordon), 9:29. 4, San Jose, McGinn 11 (Burns, Clowe), 12:26 (pp). 5, Phoenix, Hanzal 6 (Whitney, Vrbata), 19:13.

Third Period—6, Phoenix, Korpikoski 13 (Gordon, Doan). 8:03. 7, San Jose, Marleau 20 (Clowe, Thornton), 19:27. 8, Phoenix, Vrbata 24 (Whitney, Hanzal), 19:59 (en).

Shots on Goal—San Jose 11-13-11—35. Phoenix 10-6-8—24.

Goalies—San Jose, Niemi. Phoenix, Smith. A—12,979 (17,135). T—2:20.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	17	7	.708	—
Boston	12	10	.545	4
New York	9	15	.375	8
Toronto	8	16	.333	9
New Jersey	8	17	.320	9 1/2
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	6	.739	—
Atlanta	16	8	.667	1 1/2
Orlando	15	9	.625	2 1/2
Washington	4	20	.167	13 1/2
Charlotte	3	21	.125	14 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	20	6	.769	—
Indiana	16	7	.696	2 1/2
Milwaukee	10	13	.435	8 1/2
Cleveland	9	13	.409	9
Detroit	6	20	.231	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	9	.640	—
Dallas	14	11	.560	2
Houston	13	11	.542	2 1/2
Memphis	12	11	.522	3
New Orleans	4	20	.167	11 1/2
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	18	5	.783	—
Denver	15	8	.652	3
Utah	13	9	.591	4 1/2
Portland	13	10	.565	5
Minnesota	12	12	.500	6 1/2
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	14	7	.667	—
L.A. Lakers	14	10	.583	1 1/2
Golden State	8	12	.400	5 1/2
Phoenix	9	14	.391	6
Sacramento	7	15	.318	7 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Philadelphia 98, Atlanta 87
Orlando 85, Indiana 81
L.A. Clippers 107, Washington 81
Cleveland 91, Dallas 88
Detroit 89, New Orleans 87
New York 99, New Jersey 92
Minnesota 100, Houston 91
San Antonio 107, Oklahoma City 96
Chicago 113, Milwaukee 90
Phoenix 95, Charlotte 89
Utah 96, L.A. Lakers 87
Golden State at Sacramento, Late
Denver at Portland, Late

Today's Games

Memphis at Boston, 11 a.m.
Toronto at Miami, Noon

SATURDAY'S BOXES

CAVALIERS 91, MAVERICKS 88

DALLAS (88): Marion 1-5 2-2 4, Nowitzki 9-15 4-5 24, Haywood 4-4 2-5 10, West 4-7 3-3 11, Carter 2-4 0-0 4, Terry 5-14 3-3 17, Odom 2-7 3-6 7, Wright 5-9 1-3 11, Beaubois 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-67 18-27 88.

CLEVELAND (91): Casspi 4-10 0-0 9, Jamison 6-18 7-9 19, Varejao 8-13 1-2 17, Irving 9-17 1-1 20, M.Thompson 2-6 0-0 6, Gee 5-12 1-1 12, Sessions 2-11 1-2 6, Harangody 0-4 0-0 0, Erden 0-0 0-0 0, Hollins 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-93 11-15 91.

Dallas	24	27	13	24 —	88
Cleveland	15	28	27	21 —	91

3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-13 (Terry 4-8, Nowitzki 2-2, Wright 0-1, Odom 0-2), Cleveland 6-23 (M.Thompson 2-4, Sessions 1-3, Irving 1-3, Casspi 1-4, Gee 1-4, Harangody 0-2, Jamison 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 51 (Nowitzki, Wright 8), Cleveland 53 (Varejao 17). Assists—Dallas 22 (West 7), Cleveland 27 (Sessions 8). Total Fouls—Dallas 16, Cleveland 18. Technicals—Hollins. Cleveland defensive three second. A—17,443 (20,562).

TIMBERWOLVES 100, ROCKETS 91

HOUSTON (91): Parsons 5-14 0-2 11, Scola 10-18 4-4 24, Dalembert 2-4 0-0 4, Lowry 8-16 7-8 24, Martin 1-10 0-0 2, Patterson 7-12 0-0 14, Hill 0-2 0-0 0, C.Lee 2-6 0-0 4, Budinger 1-3 0-0 2, Dragic 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 39-91 11-14 91.

MINNESOTA (100): Johnson 2-6 0-0 5, Love 9-16 6-7 25, Pekovic 4-7 3-4 11, Rubio 4-7 5-5 13, Ridnour 8-14 2-2 22, Beasley 3-9 0-0 6, Barea 4-8 2-3 10, Webster 1-8 0-0 2, D.Williams 2-7 2-2 6, Miller 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-82 20-23 100.

Houston	25	17	30	19 —	91
Minnesota	33	22	26	19 —	100

3-Point Goals—Houston 2-10 (Parsons 1-2, Lowry 1-5, Dragic 0-1, Martin 0-1, Hill 0-1), Minnesota 6-20 (Ridnour 4-6, Love 1-2, Johnson 1-3, D.Williams 0-1, Beasley 0-1, Barea 0-2, Rubio 0-2, Webster 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 48 (Scola 8), Minnesota 55 (Love 18). Assists—Houston 24 (Lowry 11), Minnesota 21 (Rubio 11). Total Fouls—Houston 20, Minnesota 15. Technicals—Scola, Houston defensive three second. A—19,356 (19,356).

76ERS 98, HAWKS 87

PHILADELPHIA (98): Iguodala 3-15 3-4 9, Allen 2-2 0-0 4, Hawes 7-11 0-0 14, Holiday 3-9 1-2 7, Meeks 4-7 0-0 10, Vucevic 7-10 0-0 15, Young 6-12 2-3 14, Turner 5-7 0-0 11, L.Williams 7-15 0-0 14. Totals 44-88 6-9 98.

ATLANTA (87): M.Williams 3-5 2-2 8, Smith 2-11 5-8 9, Pachulia 2-2 0-0 4, Teague 6-12 7-8 21, J.Johnson 7-16 1-2 16, I.Johnson 7-11 0-1 14, Hinrich 2-6 0-0 5, McGrady 2-6 3-4 7, Radmanovic 1-3 0-2 3, Green 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-74 18-27 87.

Philadelphia	20	37	24	17 —	98
Atlanta	21	20	21	25 —	87

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-9 (Meeks 2-3, Vucevic 1-1, Turner 1-1, Iguodala 0-1, L.Williams 0-3), Atlanta 5-15 (Teague 2-3, Hinrich 1-2, Radmanovic 1-3, J.Johnson 1-3, McGrady 0-1, Green 0-1, Smith 0-1, M.Williams 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 42 (Iguodala 8), Atlanta 56 (I.Johnson 13). Assists—Philadelphia 25 (Iguodala 10), Atlanta 20 (Teague 6). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 25, Atlanta 11. A—18,012 (18,729).

CLIPPERS 107, WIZARDS 81

L.A. CLIPPERS (107): Butler 5-13 1-2 14, Griffin 10-14 1-7 21, Jordan 9-11 0-0 18, Paul 1-9 0-2 2, Billups 4-5 0-0 12, Williams 6-9 2-2 17, Gomes 1-3 0-0 2, R.Evans 1-1 1-1 3, Foye 3-6 1-2 8, Thompkins 1-4 0-0 2, Cook 1-5 0-0 2, Leslie 3-3 0-1 6. Totals 45-83 6-17 107.

WASHINGTON (81): Lewis 1-5 0-0 2, Booker 2-5 0-0 4, McGee 2-7 0-0 4, Wall 4-8 6-8 14, Young 5-16 3-4 14, Vesely 2-5 0-2 4, Singleton 3-4 1-2 9, Seraphin 3-8 2-4 8, Crawford 4-12 2-3 12, Mack 2-5 0-0 6, Mason 2-4 0-0 4, N'diaye 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-80 14-23 81.

L.A. Clippers	28	30	29	20 —	107
Washington	17	17	19	28 —	81

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 11-23 (Billups 4-4, Williams 3-4, Butler 3-6, Foye 1-4, Thompkins 0-1, Gomes 0-1, Paul 0-1, Cook 0-2), Washington 7-18 (Singleton 2-3, Mack 2-3, Crawford 2-5, Young 1-5, Lewis 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 66 (Jordan, Griffin 11), Washington 42 (Seraphin 8). Assists—L.A. Clippers 32 (Williams, Griffin 8), Washington 17 (Wall 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 21, Washington 18. Technicals—Griffin, L.A. Clippers defensive three second, Booker, Wall, Washington Coach Wittman. A—19,419 (20,278).

MAGIC 85, PACERS 81

ORLANDO (85): Turkoglu 2-11 5-7 9, Anderson 3-6 5-5 12, Howard 10-16 7-10 27, Duhon 1-5 0-0 3, J.Richardson 7-16 0-0 17, Q.Richardson 3-7 0-0 8, Clark 1-5 0-0 2, Redick 2-5 1-1 7, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Wafer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-72 18-23 85.

INDIANA (81): Granger 4-16 9-9 19, West 2-7 0-0 4, Hibbert 5-11 0-0 10, Collison 4-12 2-3 10, George 4-12 3-3 13, Hansbrough 6-13 5-6 17, Stephenson 0-0 0-0 0, Amundson 3-7 0-0 6, Price 0-3 0-0 0, Jones 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 29-85 19-21 81.

Orlando	23	16	23	23 —	85
Indiana	21	18	14	28 —	81

3-Point Goals—Orlando 9-25 (J.Richardson 3-7, Redick 2-2, Q.Richardson 2-5, Anderson 1-2, Duhon 1-3, Turkoglu 0-6), Indiana 4-22 (George 2-7, Granger 2-9, Hibbert 0-1, Price 0-2, Collison 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 53 (Turkoglu 10), Indiana 53 (George, West, Hansbrough, Granger 7). Assists—Orlando 21 (Duhon, J.Richardson 5), Indiana 12 (George 5). Total Fouls—Orlando 17, Indiana 23. Technicals—Clark, Howard, Q.Richardson 2, Turkoglu, Wafer, Granger, Hansbrough. Ejected—Q.Richardson. A—18,165 (18,165).

KNICKS 99, NETS 92

NEW JERSEY (92): Humphries 5-9 10-12 20, Sha.Williams 2-5 0-0 6, She.Williams 0-3 0-0 0, D.Williams 7-19 4-4 21, Morrow 4-12 1-1 11, Bogans 2-4 1-1 5, J.Williams 3-7 4-6 10, Farmar 7-13 2-2 19, Gaines 0-0 0-0 0, Petro 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-72 22-26 92.

NEW YORK (99): Anthony 3-15 4-4 11, Stoudemire 6-11 5-5 17, Chandler 7-9 3-4 17, Shumpert 1-5 0-0 2, Fields 3-8 0-0 6, Jeffries 4-10 1-1 9, Lin 10-19 5-7 25, Balkman 0-0 0-0 0, Douglas 2-5 1-1 5, Walker 1-1 4-4 7. Totals 37-83 23-26 99.

New Jersey	30	18	24	20 —	92
New York	20	26	24	29 —	99

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 10-26 (Farmar 3-7, D.Williams 3-7, Sha.Williams 2-5, Morrow 2-5, Bogans 0-2), New York 2-14 (Walker 1-1, Anthony 1-3, Jeffries 0-1, Fields 0-2, Douglas 0-3, Lin 0-4). Fouled Out—Sha.Williams. Rebounds—New Jersey 45 (Humphries 12), New York 50 (Jeffries 10). Assists—New Jersey 18 (D.Williams 11), New York 20 (Lin 7). Total Fouls—New Jersey 26, New York 21. Technicals—New York defensive three second. A—19,763 (19,763).

PISTONS 89, HORNETS 87

NEW ORLEANS (87): Summers 1-5 0-0 2, Smith 4-8 0-0 8, Okafor 4-10 0-0 8, Vasquez 5-12 2-2 14, Ariza 9-12 6-6 26, Landry 1-4 0-0 2, Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, Belinelli 2-5 0-0 4, Ayon 2-3 1-2 5, Aminu 4-9 6-8 14. Totals 34-72 15-18 87.

DETROIT (89): Prince 5-14 0-0 11, Maxiell 5-7 0-2 10, Monroe 10-17 4-4 24, Knight 0-2 2-2 2, Stuckey 5-13 7-8 17, Russell Jr. 4-9 1-3 9, Daye 1-5 2-2 4, Jerebko 5-10 0-0 11, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Wilkins 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 35-78 17-23 89.

New Orleans	23	21	17	26 —	87
Detroit	25	16	24	24 —	89

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 4-12 (Ariza 2-3, Vasquez 2-3, Summers 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Aminu 0-2, Belinelli 0-2), Detroit 2-10 (Prince 1-2, Jerebko 1-3, Russell Jr. 0-1, Knight 0-1, Daye 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 40 (Okafor, Ariza 7), Detroit 50 (Monroe 16). Assists—New Orleans 19 (Vasquez 9), Detroit 19 (Prince 5). Total Fouls—New Orleans 19, Detroit 14. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second. A—13,174 (22,076).

BULLS 113, BUCKS 90

CHICAGO (113): Deng 9-19 0-0 21, Boozer 4-6 0-0 8, Noah 6-9 2-3 14, Rose 11-24 1-1 26, Brewer 2-5 0-0 5, Gibson 2-2 0-0 4, Korver 7-13 0-0 18, Asik 1-1 0-0 2, Watson 5-9 0-0 13, Butler 1-1 0-0 2, Scalabrine 0-1 0-0 0, Lucas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 48-90 3-4 113.

MILWAUKEE (90): Delfino 3-9 0-0 6, Mbah a Moute 2-6 1-2 5, Gooden 7-13 10-10 24, Jennings 4-10 0-0 8, Livingston 3-6 0-0 6, Ilyasova 1-10 1-2 3, Udrih 3-8 1-1 7, Dunleavy 3-8 0-2 6, Harris 8-14 2-2 19, Leuer 2-6 0-0 4, Brockman 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-93 15-19 90.

Chicago	30	37	20	26 —	113
Milwaukee	16	27	21	26 —	90

3-Point Goals—Chicago 14-30 (Korver 4-8, Watson 3-5, Rose 3-7, Deng 3-7, Brewer 1-2, Scalabrine 0-1), Milwaukee 1-12 (Harris 1-2, Gooden 0-1, Udrih 0-1, Dunleavy 0-2, Ilyasova 0-2, Jennings 0-2, Delfino 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 55 (Deng, Noah 9), Milwaukee 48 (Leuer 8). Assists—Chicago 31 (Rose 13), Milwaukee 15 (Udrih, Jennings 5). Total Fouls—Chicago 20, Milwaukee 8. A—18,717 (18,717).

SPURS 107, THUNDER 96

OKLAHOMA CITY (96): Durant 9-19 4-6 22, Ibaka 4-9 2-7 10, Perkins 0-1 0-0 0, Westbrook 8-15 1-1 18, Cook 4-10 1-2 13, Mohammed 0-3 0-0 0, Collison 0-0 0-0 0, Harden 5-10 9-10 19, Jackson 4-7 0-0 10, Hayward 1-1 0-2 2, Ivey 0-1 0-0 0, Aldrich 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-77 17-28 96.

SAN ANTONIO (107): Jefferson 3-9 0-0 9, Duncan 5-16 3-3 13, Blair 1-3 3-4 5, Parker 16-29 10-12 42, Leonard 5-7 2-2 15, Bonner 3-5 0-0 9, Green 2-6 0-0 6, Splitter 1-5 3-4 5, Neal 1-8 0-0 3, Joseph 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-88 21-25 107.

Oklahoma City	21	26	23	26 —	96
San Antonio	25	32	31	19 —	107

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 7-21 (Cook 4-10, Jackson 2-3, Westbrook 1-1, Mohammed 0-1, Ivey 0-1, Durant 0-2, Harden 0-3), San Antonio 12-23 (Leonard 3-3, Jefferson 3-4, Bonner 3-4, Green 2-5, Neal 1-5, Parker 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 52 (Durant 11), San Antonio 55 (Duncan 15). Assists—Oklahoma City 18 (Westbrook 6), San Antonio 21 (Parker 9). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 25, San Antonio 22. A—18,581 (18,797).

SUNS 95, BOBCATS 89

CHARLOTTE (89): Thomas 3-14 2-2 8, Diaw 5-10 0-0 13, Biyombo 5-6 1-2 11, Walker 7-16 4-4 22, Williams 8-15 3-4 21, Higgins 1-3 0-0 2, Mullens 1-3 1-2 3, Carroll 0-1 0-0 0, D.Brown 3-6 3-5 9, White 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-75 14-19 89.

PHOENIX (95): Hill 3-6 2-2 9, Frye 3-9 0-0 6, Gortat 5-11 2-4 12, Nash 4-8 2-2 11, Redd 6-12 1-2 17, S.Brown 3-10 2-4 9, Childress 3-5 0-0 7, Morris 3-13 3-5 11, Telfair 0-3 0-0 0, Lopez 4-8 5-5 13, Price 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-85 17-24 95.

Charlotte	24	24	24	17 —	89
Phoenix	25	17	30	23 —	95

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 9-19 (Walker 4-5, Diaw 3-5, Williams 2-8, Higgins 0-1), Phoenix 10-22 (Redd 4-7, Morris 2-5, Childress 1-1, S.Brown 1-1, Hill 1-2, Nash 1-2, Telfair 0-2, Frye 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 48 (Thomas 13), Phoenix 57 (Gortat 12). Assists—Charlotte 15 (Williams 6), Phoenix 21 (Nash 10). Total Fouls—Charlotte 23, Phoenix 14. Technicals—Charlotte defensive three second. A—14,928 (18,422).

JAZZ 96, LAKERS 87

L.A. LAKERS (87): World Peace 1-2 0-0 2, Gasol 9-20 6-7 24, Bynum 8-14 5-8 21, Fisher 1-6 0-0 2, Bryant 6-16 11-12 26, Murphy 0-3 0-0 0, Goudelock 1-5 2-2 4, Barnes 2-6 0-0 5, Morris 1-1 0-0 2, Kapono 0-2 1-1 1, McRoberts 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-75 25-30 87.

UTAH (96): Hayward 2-3 3-4 7, Millsap 7-12 2-2 16, Jefferson 8-17 2-3 18, Harris 0-6 1-2 1, Bell 2-10 0-0 5, Howard 3-8 5-7 12, Watson 3-4 0-0 8, Favors 6-9 0-0 12, Kanter 5-9 0-0 10, Miles 3-9 1-2 7. Totals 39-87 14-20 96.

L.A. Lakers	25	24	18	20 —	87
Utah	22	25	20	29 —	96

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 4-14 (Bryant 3-6, Barnes 1-3, Kapono 0-1, Fisher 0-1, Murphy 0-1, Goudelock 0-2), Utah 4-12 (Watson 2-3, Howard 1-2, Bell 1-5, Hayward 0-1, Harris 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 47 (Gasol 16), Utah 58 (Jefferson, Millsap 13). Assists—L.A. Lakers 12 (Gasol 4), Utah 25 (Watson 11). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 17, Utah 23. Technicals—L.A. Lakers Coach Brown 2, Bryant, Howard, Utah defensive three second. Ejected—L.A. Lakers Coach Brown. A—19,642 (19,911).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 81, Alabama A&M 75
Baylor 64, Oklahoma St. 60
Iowa St. 77, Oklahoma 70
Lamar 80, UTSA 66
Prairie View 73, Texas Southern 67
Texas 74, Texas Tech 57
Texas-Arlington 69, Cent. Arkansas 61
Texas-Pan American 70, North Dakota 58
Tulsa 79, Marshall 70
UAB 61, UTEP 60
UALR 70, Louisiana-Monroe 66
UCF 59, SMU 52
Utah Valley 68, Houston Baptist 66

EAST

American U. 59, Colgate 58
Boston U. 68, Binghamton 53
Bucknell 81, Army 68
Charlotte 69, Fordham 62
Cornell 68, Dartmouth 59
Drexel 65, Towson 57
Duquesne 81, Richmond 72
Georgetown 75, South Florida 45
Georgia St. 59, Hofstra 43
Harvard 57, Columbia 52
Iona 85, Manhattan 73
LIU 95, CCSU 81
Lafayette 62, Navy 41
Lehigh 75, Holy Cross 51
Maine 77, UMBC 76, OT
Marist 80, Canisius 69
Penn 65, Brown 48
Quinnipiac 71, Monmouth (NJ) 48
Robert Morris 67, Mount St. Mary's 62
Sacred Heart 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 57
Saint Joseph's 70, La Salle 66
St. Francis (NY) 80, Bryant 67
Stony Brook 76, Albany (NY) 69
Syracuse 95, St. John's 70
Temple 73, Rhode Island 56
UConn 69, Seton Hall 46
UMass 86, George Washington 75
Vermont 82, Hartford 56
Wagner 72, St. Francis (Pa.) 54
Yale 58, Princeton 54

SOUTH

Alabama 69, Mississippi 67, 2OT
Alcorn St. 57, Jackson St. 46
Bethune-Cookman 92, NC A&T 79
Coastal Carolina 71, Charleston Southern 58
Coll. of Charleston 74, Appalachian St. 62
Coppin St. 88, Morgan St. 86
Davidson 88, Chattanooga 61
Delaware 85, James Madison 80
Delaware St. 67, Norfolk St. 50
ETSU 64, Kennesaw St. 59
East Carolina 82, Rice 68
Elon 71, The Citadel 66
FIU 76, FAU 56
Florida 73, Vanderbilt 65
Florida Gulf Coast 65, Jacksonville 55
Florida St. 58, Virginia 55
Furman 93, UNC Greensboro 85
George Mason 54, Old Dominion 50
Georgia Southern 68, W. Carolina 65
Georgia Tech 51, Boston College 47
High Point 81, Gardner-Webb 77, OT
Kentucky 86, South Carolina 52
LSU 71, Arkansas 65
Louisiana-Lafayette 83, Troy 78
Louisville 78, Rutgers 66
MVSU 70, Alabama St. 58
Md.-Eastern Shore 78, Howard 65
Memphis 72, Xavier 68
Mercer 61, SC-Upstate 47
Mississippi St. 91, Auburn 88
Murray St. 65, UT-Martin 58
NC Central 78, Florida A&M 61
NC State 87, Wake Forest 76
Nicholls St. 96, Texas St. 75
North Carolina 83, Maryland 74
North Florida 99, Stetson 96
Northwestern St. 82, Texas A&M-CC 68
Presbyterian 69, Campbell 67
Sam Houston St. 57, SE Louisiana 55
Samford 66, Wofford 61, OT
Savannah St. 73, SC State 60
Southern U. 57, Grambling St. 53
Tennessee 73, Georgia 62
Tennessee Tech 76, Jacksonville St. 68
Tulane 75, Houston 54
UNC Asheville 65, Liberty 51
UNC Wilmington 81, William & Mary 68
VCU 59, Northeastern 56
VMI 86, Winthrop 79
Virginia Tech 67, Clemson 65
W. Kentucky 75, South Alabama 66

MIDWEST

Akron 77, E. Michigan 47
Aquinas 56, Michigan-Dearborn 44
Ashland 73, Tiffin 68
Beloit 80, Monmouth (Ill.) 76, OT
Bemidji St. 93, Minn. Duluth 85
Bethany Lutheran 71, Minn.-Morris 63
Bowling Green 65, N. Illinois 40
Buffalo 72, Toledo 65
Calvin 77, Kalamazoo 65
Carleton 72, Concordia (Moor.) 64
Carthage 82, Millikin 49
Cincinnati 74, DePaul 66
Davenport 82, Lourdes 63
Detroit 65, Butler 61
Ferris St. 64, Saginaw Valley St. 59
Findlay 85, N. Michigan 76
Grand Valley St. 75, Lake Superior St. 63
Hope 75, Albion 69
Huntington 90, Mount Vernon Nazarene 67
IUPUI 66, IPFW 63
Illinois St. 78, Bradley 48
Indiana 78, Purdue 61
Indiana Tech 70, Cornerstone 67
Indiana-East 83, Alice Lloyd 72
Iowa 77, Penn St. 64
Kansas St. 64, Texas A&M 53
Kent St. 78, W. Michigan 73, OT
Lake Erie 75, Ohio Dominican 54
Lake Forest 69, Carroll (Wis.) 57
Lakeland 101, Benedictine (Ill.) 92
Lawrence 77, Illinois College 76
Madonna 69, Concordia (Mich.) 66
Marian (Wis.) 66, Dominican (Ill.) 53
Martin Luther 73, Presentation 69
Miami (Ohio) 59, Ball St. 53
Milwaukee 81, Green Bay 75
Milwaukee Engineering 54, Wis. Lutheran 53
Minn. St.-Moorhead 67, Mary 66
Minn.-Crookston 88, Northern St. (SD) 73
Missouri 74, Kansas 71
Missouri St. 57, Drake 39
Morehead St. 56, E. Illinois 55
N. Iowa 65, Creighton 62
N. Kentucky 77, Wis.-Parkside 65
NJIT 73, Chicago St. 64
North Central (Ill.) 43, Augustana (Ill.) 41
Northwestern (Minn.) 92, Northland 54
Northwood (Mich.) 73, Hillsdale 59
Notre Dame 76, Marquette 59
Oakland 74, W. Illinois 70, 2OT
Ohio 68, Cent. Michigan 42
Ohio St. 58, Wisconsin 52
Oklahoma Christian 89, Lubbock Christian 74
Olivet 88, Alma 86
Oral Roberts 85, N. Dakota St. 76
Peru St. 73, Culver-Stockton 68
Ripon 78, Knox 62
S. Dakota St. 66, S. Utah 56
S. Illinois 53, Evansville 52
SIU-Edwardsville 80, E. Kentucky 74
SW Minnesota St. 80, Augustana (SD) 77
Saint Louis 58, Dayton 50
South Dakota 79, UMKC 63
St. Cloud St. 75, Upper Iowa 71
St. John's (Minn.) 69, Hamline 67
St. Mary's (Minn.) 54, Macalester 41
St. Norbert 91, Grinnell 82
St. Olaf 74, Bethel (Minn.) 57
St. Scholastica 78, Crown (Minn.) 74
St. Thomas (Minn.) 75, Augsburg 72
Tennessee St. 75, SE Missouri 72
Transylvania 56, Rose-Hulman 51
Trine 52, Adrian 50
Valparaiso 63, Wright St. 54
Wayne (Mich.) 60, Michigan Tech 54
Wayne (Neb.) 67, Minn. St.-Mankato 52
Winona St. 95, Concordia (St.P.) 45
Wis.-Platteville 70, Wis.-Stout 60
Wis.-River Falls 63, Wis.-Eau Claire 41
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 76, Wis.-La Crosse 60
Wis.-Superior 64, Wis.-Oshkosh 51

FAR WEST

Arizona 56, Stanford 43
Cal St.-Fullerton 99, UC Santa Barbara 86
California 68, Arizona St. 47
Colorado 72, Oregon 71
Colorado St. 67, Air Force 49
Denver 75, Middle Tennessee 60
Hawaii 83, San Jose St. 81, OT
Montana 67, Montana St. 58
New Mexico 65, Boise St. 49
New Mexico St. 83, Louisiana Tech 72
Oregon St. 76, Utah 58
Portland St. 76, N. Arizona 65
Sacramento St. 75, E. Washington 71
San Diego 70, Santa Clara 65
UCLA 63, Washington St. 60
Weber St. 93, N. Colorado 81
Wyoming 68, UNLV 66

Women

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST

Alabama A&M 61, Ark.-Pine Bluff 55
Cent. Arkansas 53, Texas-Arlington 51
Lamar 54, UTSA 51
Nicholls St. 83, Texas St. 74
Oklahoma 80, Oklahoma St. 7?
Prairie View 53, Texas Southern 45
Sam Houston St. 67, SE Louisiana 46
Stephen F. Austin 66, McNeese St. 58
TCU 58, San Diego St. 39
Texas A&M 62, Kansas 51
Texas A&M-CC 88, Northwestern St. 86
UALR 52, Louisiana-Monroe 46

EAST

Albany (NY) 57, Stony Brook 47
American U. 70, Colgate 47
Army 60, Bucknell 56
Bentley 63, St. Anselm 45
Boston U. 62, Binghamton 49
Brown 59, Penn 55, OT
Bryant 55, St. Francis (NY) 45
CCNY 65, John Jay 42
Canisius 58, Niagara 57
Chestnut Hill 85, Nyack 57
College of NJ 70, Rowan 57
Cornell 49, Dartmouth 45
Cortland St. 63, Oswego St. 60
Dist. of Columbia 72, Queens (NY) 48
Eastern 85, Delaware Valley 73
Fairfield 61, St. Peter's 44
Farmingdale 72, Mount St. Vincent 46
Franklin & Marshall 59, Muhlenberg 54
Hartwick 59, Elmira 52
Harvard 68, Columbia 56
Haverford 61, McDaniel 43
Ithaca 74, St. John Fisher 66
Kean 71, Rutgers-Camden 50
Keuka 70, Wilson 39
LIU 57, CCSU 43
La Salle 81, UMass 67
Lehigh 75, Holy Cross 73
Loyola (Md.) 71, Rider 57
Lycoming 59, Arcadia 45
Manhattan 48, Marist 44
Marywood 62, Keystone 50
Mass.-Lowell 60, S. New Hampshire 48
Montclair St. 58, Rutgers-Newark 51
NJ City 58, Berkeley (NY) 53
Navy 53, Lafayette 47
Pitt.-Johnstown 77, Bluefield St. 42
Princeton 72, Yale 47
Quinnipiac 75, Monmouth (NJ) 63
Regis (Mass.) 74, Wheelock 29
Richard Stockton 90, Brooklyn 76, OT
Robert Morris 55, Wagner 38
Sacred Heart 62, Fairleigh Dickinson 47
Sciences (Pa.) 55, Dominican (NY) 39
Scranton 73, Susquehanna 50
Siena 83, Iona 59
St. Bonaventure 80, George Washington 69
St. Francis (Pa.) 59, Mount St. Mary's 51
St. John's 55, Seton Hall 25
St. Joseph's (LI) 62, Sage 54
Syracuse 76, South Florida 61
Temple 69, Fordham 51
UConn 66, Rutgers 34
UMBC 66, Maine 44
Ursinus 64, Gettysburg 60
Utica 61, Nazareth 55
Vassar 63, Union (NY) 53
Villanova 59, Providence 53
Washington (Md.) 73, Dickinson 63
West Virginia 66, Louisville 50
Wilkes 89, Manhattanville 74
William Paterson 62, Ramapo 59

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Qatar Masters, final round, at Doha, Qatar (same-day tape), 7:30 p.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz., Noon, TGC

PGA Tour, Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2 p.m., CBS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan at Michigan St., Noon, CBS

Villanova at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m., ESPN

NFL

Super Bowl XLVI, N.Y. Giants vs. New England, at Indianapolis, 5 p.m., NBC

NHL

Boston at Washington, 11:30 a.m., NBC Sports

SOCCER

Premier League, Manchester United at Chelsea, 9:30 a.m., Fox

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UTEP at Rice, 11 a.m., FSS

Missouri at Texas Tech, 1 p.m., FSS

Washington at Southern California, 3 p.m., FSS

TRANSACTIONS

GOLF

USGA — Elected Glen Nager president.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released WR Tiquan Underwood. Signed DE Alex Silvestro from their practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL—Fined Philadelphia Flyers C Zac Rinaldo $5,000 for two separate incidents during game against the New Jersey Devils.

BOSTON BRUINS — Recalled F Jordan Caron from Providence (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled D Peter Harrold from Albany (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Assigned F Joel Rechlicz to Hershey (AHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Fined Gwinnett D Dallas Jackson and Utah D Tyson Dowzak undisclosed amounts for their actions during Friday's games.

GOLF

Waste Management Phoenix Open Scores
Saturday
At TPC Scottsdale
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Purse: $6.1 million
Yardage: 7,216; Par: 71
Third Round

Spencer Levin	65-63-68	— 196
Webb Simpson	65-69-68	— 202
Bubba Watson	66-70-67	— 203
John Huh	68-66-69	— 203
Chris Stroud	68-70-66	— 204
Jason Dufner	64-72-68	— 204
Greg Chalmers	68-69-67	— 204
Ben Crane	69-67-68	— 204
Kyle Stanley	69-66-69	— 204
John Rollins	70-70-65	— 205
Phil Mickelson	68-70-67	— 205
Matt Jones	67-72-67	— 206
Marc Leishman	70-68-68	— 206
Jeff Maggert	70-68-68	— 206
Trevor Immelman	67-70-69	— 206
Bill Haas	69-68-69	— 206
D.J. Trahan	72-70-64	— 206
Harrison Frazar	66-67-73	— 206
Martin Flores	71-68-68	— 207
Seung-Yul Noh	67-72-68	— 207
Harris English	70-69-68	— 207
Bo Van Pelt	65-71-71	— 207
Kevin Na	66-73-69	— 208
Scott Piercy	68-70-70	— 208
Jarrod Lyle	66-72-70	— 208
James Driscoll	67-70-71	— 208
Charles Howell III	69-68-71	— 208
Josh Teater	68-69-71	— 208
Derek Lamely	66-70-72	— 208
Pat Perez	69-73-66	— 208
Carl Pettersson	70-69-70	— 209
Rod Pampling	67-71-71	— 209
Brendan Steele	71-69-69	— 209
Rickie Fowler	69-69-71	— 209
Keegan Bradley	68-70-71	— 209
Bill Lunde	67-73-69	— 209
Sunghoon Kang	67-73-69	— 209
Matt Kuchar	69-68-72	— 209
Bryce Molder	70-69-71	— 210
Jeff Quinney	69-71-70	— 210
Robert Allenby	71-69-70	— 210
Chris Couch	70-68-72	— 210
Johnson Wagner	68-69-73	— 210
Bud Cauley	72-67-72	— 211
Cameron Beckman	69-69-73	— 211
George McNeill	71-70-70	— 211
David Hearn	69-69-73	— 211
Ian Poulter	72-69-70	— 211
Billy Mayfair	68-73-70	— 211
Heath Slocum	73-69-69	— 211
J.J. Killeen	70-70-72	— 212
Dustin Johnson	68-70-74	— 212
Graham DeLaet	71-69-72	— 212
Ricky Barnes	71-70-71	— 212
Ken Duke	69-72-71	— 212
Gary Woodland	71-71-70	— 212
Ryan Palmer	64-72-76	— 212
Sean O'Hair	74-68-70	— 212
D.A. Points	69-73-70	— 212
Blake Adams	69-70-74	— 213
Aaron Baddeley	72-67-74	— 213
Mark Wilson	70-69-74	— 213
Ted Potter, Jr.	71-69-73	— 213
Camilo Villegas	71-67-75	— 213
J.B. Holmes	71-70-72	— 213
Kevin Sutherland	71-70-72	— 213
Kevin Kisner	69-71-74	— 214
Brandt Snedeker	71-70-73	— 214
John Merrick	69-73-72	— 214
Chez Reavie	66-76-72	— 214
Kenny Perry	70-72-72	— 214
Bobby Gates	73-67-75	— 215
Martin Laird	72-70-73	— 215
Stephen Gangluff	69-73-74	— 216
Kevin Stadler	70-71-76	— 217
Charley Hoffman	71-71-77	— 219
Ryan Moore	72-70-77	— 219
Kevin Streelman	68-74-78	— 220

Qatar Masters Leading Scores
Saturday
At Doha Golf Club
Doha, Qatar
Purse: $2.5 million
Yardage: 7,381; Par: 72
Second Round

Paul Lawrie, Scotland	69-67	— 136
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	69-68	— 137
Ricardo Gonzalez, Argentina	71-67	— 138
Peter Hanson, Sweden	69-69	— 138
James Kingston, South Africa	70-69	— 139
Simon Khan, England	71-68	— 139
David Lynn, England	71-69	— 140
Jason Day, Australia	68-72	— 140
Maarten Lafeber, France	72-68	— 140
Marc Warren, Scotland	72-68	— 140
Marcel Siem, Germany	71-69	— 140
John Daly, United States	67-73	— 140
Anthony Wall, England	74-66	— 140
Andrew Dodt, Australia	71-69	— 140
Sergio Garcia, Spain	72-68	— 140
Victor Dubuisson, France	72-68	— 140
Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Spain	72-69	— 141
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	71-70	— 141
G. Fernandez-Castano, Spain	66-75	— 141
Lee Westwood, England	71-70	— 141
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain	71-70	— 141
Carlos Del Moral, Spain	71-70	— 141
Martin Kaymer, Germany	71-70	— 141
Ben Curtis, United States	71-70	— 141
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	72-69	— 141
Also		
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	73-69	— 142
Francesco Molinari, Italy	71-72	— 143
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	79-65	— 144
Retief Goosen, South Africa	73-71	— 144
Shaun Micheel, United States	71-74	— 145
G. McDowell, Northern Ireland	73-72	— 145
Missed cut		
K.J. Choi, South Korea	68-78	— 146
Todd Hamilton, United States	76-71	— 147
Hunter Mahan, United States	74-75	— 149
Peter Uihlein, United States	77-75	— 152

Australian Ladies Masters Scores
Saturday
At Royal Pines Resort
Gold Coast, Australia
Purse: $529,600
Yardage: 6,647; Par: 72
a-amateur
Third Round

Ryu So Yeon, South Korea	66-61-69	— 196
Christel Boeljon, Netherlands	66-65-68	— 199
Kim Ha-neul, South Korea	72-65-64	— 201
Diana Luna, Italy	71-64-66	— 201
Frances Bondad, Australia	68-72-63	— 203
Nikki Campbell, Australia	67-67-70	— 204
Lee Bo-mee, South Korea	65-69-70	— 204
Felicity Johnson, England	67-68-70	— 205
Amelia Lewis, United States	71-64-70	— 205
Giulia Sergas, Italy	70-68-68	— 206
Gwladys Nocera, France	69-68-69	— 206
Danielle Kang, United States	70-71-66	— 207
Lindsey Wright, Australia	70-71-66	— 207
Wendy Doolan, Australia	69-72-66	— 207
Bree Arthur, Australia	70-66-71	— 207
Kylie Walker, Scotland	71-71-66	— 208
a-Lydia Ko, New Zealand	70-69-69	— 208
Joanna Klatten, France	69-69-70	— 208
Stacey Keating, Australia	70-70-69	— 209
Sophie Gustafson, Sweden	69-70-70	— 209
Stephanie Na, Australia	67-72-70	— 209
Caroline Masson, Germany	71-67-71	— 209
Lexi Thompson, United States	67-70-72	— 209
Stacy Lewis, United States	70-73-67	— 210
Sarah Kemp, Australia	68-74-68	— 210
Carlota Ciganda, Spain	71-69-70	— 210
Sophie Giquel-Bettan, France	70-69-71	— 210
Kang Haeji, South Korea	73-66-71	— 210
Maria Hernandez, Spain	71-67-72	— 210
Pernilla Lindberg, Sweden	69-68-73	— 210
Seo Hee-kyung, South Korea	66-71-73	— 210
Sarah Oh, Australia	73-70-68	— 211
Julieta Granada, Paraguay	74-69-68	— 211
A. Blumenherst, United States	71-70-70	— 211
Rachel Bailey, Australia	71-69-71	— 211
Lee-Anne Pace, South Africa	69-71-71	— 211
Caroline Hedwall, Sweden	72-71-69	— 212
Karine Icher, France	73-70-69	— 212
H. Bowie Young, United States	70-72-70	— 212
D. Schreefel, Netherlands	70-71-71	— 212
Katie Futcher, United States	71-69-72	— 212
Laura Davies, England	71-72-70	— 213
Ayako Uehara, Japan	73-70-70	— 213
Lynnette Brooky, New Zealand	70-72-71	— 213
Cathryn Bristow, New Zealand	73-68-72	— 213
Karen Lunn, Australia	69-72-72	— 213
Jane Rah, United States	74-69-71	— 214
Nikki Garrett, Australia	71-71-72	— 214
Rebecca Flood, Australia	71-70-73	— 214
Candie Kung, Taiwan	71-70-73	— 214
Mariajo Uribe, Colombia	71-69-74	— 214
Nontaya Srisawang, Thailand	71-69-74	— 214
Beth Allen, United States	74-65-75	— 214
Marianne Skarpnord, Norway	72-71-72	— 215
M. Francella, United States	72-70-73	— 215
Jennifer Song, United States	70-71-74	— 215
Park Ju-young, South Korea	69-72-74	— 215
Sarah-Jane Smith, Australia	70-71-74	— 215
Titiya Plucksataporn, Thailand	72-69-74	— 215
Victoria Tanco, Argentina	71-69-75	— 215
Kendall Dye, United States	73-70-73	— 216
a-Su-Hyun Oh, Australia	73-70-73	— 216
Courtney Massey, Australia	68-73-75	— 216
Irene Cho, United States	72-69-75	— 216
Jennie Lee, United States	72-71-74	— 217
Christina Kim, United States	69-74-74	— 217
Clare Queen, Scotland	72-71-74	— 217
Becky Morgan, Wales	72-70-75	— 217
Linda Wessberg, Sweden	70-71-76	— 217
Rebecca Codd, Ireland	73-68-76	— 217
Ashleigh Simon, South Africa	72-70-76	— 218
Line Vedel, Denmark	69-73-77	— 219
V. Lagoutte-Clemen, France	72-69-78	— 219

NFL

AP NFL MVP Voting

NEW YORK — The voting for the 2011 NFL Most Valuable Player selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Aaron Rodgers, QB, Green Bay 48
Drew Brees, QB, New Orleans 2

AP NFL Offensive Player Voting

NEW YORK — Voting for the 2011 NFL Offensive Player of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Drew Brees, QB, New Orleans 43
Aaron Rodgers, QB, Green Bay 7

AP NFL Defensive Player Voting

NEW YORK — Voting for the 2011 NFL Defensive Player of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Terrell Suggs, LB, Baltimore 21
Jared Allen, DE, Minnesota 14
Justin Smith, DE-DT, San Francisco 6
Jason Pierre-Paul, DE, NY Giants 5
Patrick Willis, LB, San Francisco 2
NaVorro Bowman, LB, San Francisco 1
Charles Woodson, CB, Green Bay 1

AP NFL Comeback Player Voting

NEW YORK — The voting for the 2011 NFL Comeback Player of the Year selected by the Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Matthew Stafford, QB, Detroit 21
D'Qwell Jackson, LB, Cleveland 15
Alex Smith, QB, San Francisco 7
Steve Smith, WR, Carolina 3
Elvis Dumervil, DE, Denver 2
Andre Carter, DE, New England 1
Eli Manning, QB, New York Giants 1

AP NFL Coach of the Year Voting

NEW YORK — The voting for the 2011 NFL Coach of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Jim Harbaugh, San Francisco 45
Mike McCarthy, Green Bay 3
John Fox, Denver 2

AP NFL Defensive Rookie Voting

NEW YORK — Voting for the 2011 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Von Miller, LB, Denver 39
Aldon Smith, DE-LB, San Francisco 11

AP NFL Offensive Rookie Voting

NEW YORK — Voting for the 2011 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Cam Newton, QB, Carolina 47
Andy Dalton, QB, Cincinnati 3

WINTER SPORTS

Men's World Cup Downhill Results
Saturday
At Chamonix, France

1. Jan Hudec, Canada, 2 minutes, 3.25 seconds.; 2. Romed Baumann, Austria, 2:03.78.; 3. Erik Guay, Canada, 2:03.88.; 4. Beat Feuz, Switzerland, 2:04.; 5. Benjamin Thomsen, Canada, 2:04.28.; 6. Klaus Kroell, Austria, 2:04.33.; 7. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 2:04.36.; 8. Bode Miller, United States, 2:04.44.; 9. Johan Clarey, France, 2:04.49.; 10. Andrej Sporn, Slovenia, 2:04.53.; 11. Adrien Theaux, France, 2:04.56.; 12. Erik Fisher, United States, 2:04.68.; 13. Marc Gisin, Switzerland, 2:04.74.; 14. Joachim Puchner, Austria, 2:04.78.; 15. Dominik Paris, Italy, 2:04.85.; 16. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 2:04.86.; 17. Yannick Bertrand, France, 2:04.88.; 18. Tobias Stechert, Germany, 2:04.96.; 19. Max Franz, Austria, 2:05.; 20. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 2:05.18.; 21. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 2:05.20.; 22. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 2:05.27.; 23. Andreas Romar, Finland, 2:05.33.; 24. Peter Fill, Italy, 2:05.34.; 25. Christof Innerhofer, Italy, 2:05.36.; 26. Siegmar Klotz, Italy, 2:05.41.; 27. Travis Ganong, United States, 2:05.75.; 28. Stephan Keppler, Germany, 2:05.76.; 29. Georg Streitberger, Austria, 2:05.80.; 30. Hans Olsson, Sweden, 2:05.81.

Also

36. Marco Sullivan, United States, 2:05.99.; Wiley Maple, United States, did not finish.

World Cup Downhill Standings
(After eight races)

1. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 473 points.; 2. Klaus Kroell, Austria, 437.; 3. Beat Feuz, Switzerland, 368.; 4. Bode Miller, United States, 333.; 5. Romed Baumann, Austria, 318.; 6. Erik Guay, Canada, 310.; 7. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 302.; 8. Johan Clarey, France, 258.; 9. Jan Hudec, Canada, 242.; 10. Joachim Puchner, Austria, 198.

Also

29. Travis Ganong, United States, 55.; 31. Erik Fisher, United States, 46.; 32. Marco Sullivan, United States, 35.; 45. Ted Ligety, United States, 9.

Overall World Cup Standings
(After 26 events)

1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 905 points.; 2. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 825.; 3. Beat Feuz, Switzerland, 733.; 4. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 639.; 5. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 581.; 6. Ted Ligety, United States, 578.; 7. Bode Miller, United States, 562.; 8. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 536.; 9. Klaus Kroell, Austria, 515.; 10. Romed Baumann, Austria, 488.

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as a trip to the TPC at Scottsdale for the Phoenix Open has to be in my future:

■ The news that a nine-team district was formed of the remaining Class 5A schools in West Texas was not a surprise, and it was something that even the athletic directors in the six school districts were already preparing to see.

Late in January, the six athletic directors met at K-Bob's restaurant in Lamesa to discuss the possible scenarios, and even did a preliminary draw for the football schedule in a seven-team and nine-team district.

Chalk one up for these officials on getting a head start on what the UIL was going to put out there. Even though they weren't really sure what the UIL would create, they put forth some effort to get ahead of the game as best they could to make things easier because some tough days are ahead.

A tentative district football schedule was ready for a nine-team league shortly after realignment because it was essentially done.

That is one thing that leaves me with hope that this time around in a district where travel will be a major issue, they will get it close to right the first time around and not have to change it in the second year, which is what happened when 2-5A was formed in 2008.

One thing that is different also is that the majority of athletic directors for all the districts involved are new. Since then, new athletic directors have been hired in Amarillo, Lubbock and San Angelo, while Abilene will be added to the group. Midland ISD's Todd Howey is the lone holdover as Ector County ISD AD Todd Vesely was an assistant in 2008.

I'm not saying the other athletic directors didn't get along but all were blindsided by what happened four years ago, and I've never figured out why. But they didn't quite know what to do. Those involved now, even if they weren't there in 2008, they are somewhat prepared for this time around because of what happened four years ago.

Plus, in talking to all of them at least once in the last week, there seems to be the sense that they are all in this together. Yes, there will be disagreements but there is not the sense that something can't be worked out.

"They work hard, and they don't want to slam dunk everybody," said San Angelo ISD Athletic Director Jim Slaughter, who is just finishing up his first year in San Angelo. "We are all pretty well in agreement, and we've all gone to meetings and there's been a little give and take on everybody's part and that's made a big difference in what we are trying to do."

I'm sure there will be disagreements when meetings likely begin next week, but this time around I have a sense that when the schedules are revealed that they will make a little bit more sense than last time around.

■ Speaking of scheduling, all the athletic directors in the district have already warned their coaches that it will be something they likely have never seen and to be prepared for it. The major issue will be how to lessen the travel of Amarillo Tascosa and San Angelo Central, and keep it as fair as possible for the rest of the teams.

Howey was blunt in saying that with a nine-team district a team or two will have an advantage, but it's something that can't be avoided.

One thing to expect is Friday-Saturday games in possibly volleyball, soccer and basketball, and the possibility of doubleheaders in baseball and softball. It may be the only way to limit the amount of class time missed.

"You can throw away all of the pre-done round-robin schedules because all of that is probably not going to work for us," Vesely said. "We will take each sport and each situation and do everything we can to maximize the amount of time we have in the classroom and to minimize travel. The academic impact and the budgetary impact, those are going to drive a lot of our athletic decisions."

I can assure you not everybody is going to be happy, but I know that this time around the reaction to the schedules will not be a shock but a realization that this was the best that could be done.

■ The break up of District 4-3A was something that nobody was expecting, but I believe with Amarillo River Road opting to move up to Class 3A, that shifted a lot of things around in Lubbock and Amarillo.

The Andrews-Greenwood rivalry will be broken up, but the Rangers will remain with Monahans and maybe create a new rivalry with Big Spring. Either way, it's going to be a rough football district but fun to watch.

■ Is there a big football game today?

■ Realignment did a little to overshadow National Signing Day this year in Midland, but it was pretty quiet once again. Midland High defensive lineman Dutton Watson was the lone FBS signee, and it's been about the norm for the last four years or so, and could be typical from now on.

■ And finally, it's 21 days until the Daytona 500. That's way too long to wait.

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'Big Easy' having a ball with Globetrotters

By Len Hayward
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Courtesy Photo

Nate "Big Easy" Lofton, left, and the Harlem Globetrotters will perform Wednesday at Chaparral Center.

Nate Lofton's journey to being the "Showman" for the Harlem Globetrotters has seen plenty of twists and turns.

After playing for three years in high school, Lofton had to take two years off to work to help support his family.

Then after playing in junior college and at Southeastern Louisiana, he and his family had to evacuate his hometown of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

His dream was to play professional basketball, but "Big Easy" never really thought about playing for what is perhaps the most famous basketball team in the world. Now after seven years being a part of the Globetrotters and its 80-plus year tradition, he revels in every moment, and knows he is part of something special.

"I think anybody going from the college level to the professional level it's going to be tough," Lofton said in a phone interview last week as the Globetrotters will return to Midland on Wednesday at Chaparral Center. "Being a Globetrotter, not everybody can do it because you've got to be a great person and great athletically. You've got to be able to speak publicly and carry on that tradition."

Lofton played high school basketball in New Orleans, but after playing for three years, the 6-foot-9, 250-pound Lofton said he had to put his college career on hold to work when he dad was injured.

But that did little deter his dream of wanting to play basketball as he played at Independence Community College in Independence, Kan., before he went to the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and then finally to Southeastern Louisiana.

Lofton played for current Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy at Southeastern and helped the Lions to the NCAA tournament in 2005.

"I just enjoyed my time there, and I was around a bunch of good guys, and once I realized I could play a little I definitely wanted to do it on the professional level," Lofton said.

Like other people from New Orleans, hence his nickname "Big Easy," Lofton's family was affected by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and his Globetrotters bio said that he, his father, and two others had to push a pickup truck to a church from his New Orleans home and was eventually evacuated to Houston.

Lofton said the Globetrotters had been scouting him prior to Hurricane Katrina, but they were in the Bayou City for an event for hurricane relief and it was a few months later that he joined the team.

Lofton said he still lives in New Orleans, and when he can he still does events in his hometown, and said he does what he can to help the young people of New Orleans to rebuild the city.

"I still do Habitat for Humanity, talk to churches and YMCAs ... whatever is needed I definitely give my hand," Lofton said. "It's always good to have that image out there in front to talk to these kids because they are the ones that are going to rebuild the city, not the adults."

As the "Showman," Lofton is the centerpiece of the Globetrotters and wears a microphone and not only has to dish out assists to his teammates but also talk at the same time. Lofton said there was some transition, but being part of the Globetrotters has allowed him to bounce ideas off legends such as Curly Neal, "Sweet Lou" Dunbar and others.

"Curly Neal called me last night just to check on me, just to see how I was doing," Lofton said. "We have that connection with those guys they appreciate what we are doing, and when we have their blessing it's awesome."

Lofton's route to wearing the red, white and blue of the Globetrotters was not the straightest path but he knows he's found his place in basketball.

"You want to give the fans the best show possible, and I want to work on being better tomorrow than today," Lofton said. "I want to live up those expectations when you saw that game, and we are competing against ourselves to keep it going. In 86 years, I don't want to be the one to let it down. It's kind of like, 'Not on my watch.'"

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HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 57, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 42

Midland Christian fought and hung with a much bigger Fort Worth Christian squad Saturday. However, the Cardinals simply had too much size as they took a 57-42 victory at McGraw Special Events Center.

Chad Rykhoek, a 7-foot center and Baylor commit, led Fort Worth Christian with 21 points. But for all that Rykhoek did on the offensive end, it was his presence on defense that made the biggest difference.

"After playing so emotional last night, and shooting the ball so well," MCS coach Kenneth Smith said, "we shot 15 percent from the field today. Rykhoek being 7-foot has a lot to do with that."

The Mustangs play a non-district game against Fort Stockton at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday before wrapping the regular season against Arlington Pantego, a game that could decide the fourth and final postseason spot available in TAPPS 1-4A.

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 57, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 42

FW Christian (7-4) — Harder 1, Hatchett 2, Edmonds 11, Smiley 9, Atchley 3, Rykhoek 21, Cochran 6, Stefkovic 4

Midland Christian (17-11, 5-6) — Zach Gilbert 6, Devin Strickln 15, Mason McClendon 5, Jacob Longbotham 2, Matt Counts 2, David Parkhurst 6, Jerry Garcia 3, Mason Alsup 3

FW Christian	16	11	17	13	—57
MCS	11	11	14	6	—42

Free throws — FW Christian 13-24, MCS 23-36. 3-point goals — FW Christian (Edmonds, Smiley 2, Cochran 2, Stefkovic), MCS 1 (McClendon) Total fouls — FW Christian 28, MCS 22. Fouled out — FW Christian, Harder, Rykhoek. Technical fouls — FW Christian, coach.

Next: Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Midland Christian at Fort Stockton, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Late Box

NO. 6 GRADY 67, LOOP 50

Grady (24-3, 12-1) — Brett Glaze 11, Zeke Clay 4, Branson Richards 10, Michael Jimenez 17, Taylor Polson 6, Uziel Sanjuan 6, Rodriguez 17, I Sanjuan 6

Loop — Ontiveros 10, Ayala 23, Krahn 7, Burrola 8, Tupin 4, Perez 3

Grady	14	20	20	13	—67
Loop	9	14	12	15	—50

Free throws — Grady 14-24; Loop 17-27. 3-point goals — Grady 2 (Richards, Jimenez); Loop 2 (Ontiveros, Ayala) Total Fouls — Grady 25, Loop 22. Fouled Out — Grady, Clay, Richards, Sanjuan, Jimenez; Loop, Burrola.

Next: Borden County at Grady, 8 p.m. Tuesday.

LADY MUSTANGS

From 1C

turned out to be the game-winner.

With the loss, Midland Christian, which clinched a playoff spot with its win against Arlington Grace Prep on Friday, will be the third seed out of TAPPS 1-4A, meaning the Lady Mustangs must travel play on their first-round opponent's home court.

"You can't win a game with too many mistakes and not playing defense like we normally do," MCS coach Robin Reed said. "History has shown you can walk in a third or fourth seed and still come out on top. These girls have everything in them to still come out on top."

The Lady Mustangs did have two more possessions to try and tie the game. With 22 seconds remaining, Rogers was called for a charge when Ashlee Sargent, who had a game-high 18 points, fell as the Midland Christian post was backing her down toward the basket.

Emma Thompson, who led MCS with 12 rebounds, was called for a foul while Fort Worth Christian was trying to get the ball up the floor, putting Shay Stephens at the line for a one-and-one attempt. Stephens missed the shot, but Young fought for the rebounds, but also couldn't connect. Sargent secured the miss, backed the ball out and the Lady Cardinals called a timeout with eight seconds to play.

However, Sargent was whistled for an illegal screen on the inbounds, giving MCS the ball back. Sophomore guard Morgan Ashton quickly pushed the ball up the floor, drove the lane and dished the ball to Thompson on the block. But Sargent amended for her offensive foul just a few seconds earlier by blocking Thompson's shot.

In a scramble for the loose ball, a jump ball was called and MCS maintained possession with just two-tenths of a second to play. Unfortunately, that wasn't enough time for the Lady Mustangs to get a last second shot off.

NO. 8 FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 60, NO. 16 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 47

FW Christian (24-8, 9-2 in TAPPS 1-4A) — Shay Stephens 1, Chelsea Bankes 8, Jeri Sharp 4, Olivia Tarbet 2, Calle Reekie 3, Kym Young 12, Ashlee Sargent 19

MCS (23-8, 7-4) — Morgan Ashton 8, Bethany Roach 7, Kim Vanniaman 7, Whitney Rogers 12, Lindzey Roach 8, Emma Thompson 4

FWC	12	10	10	11	6—49
MCS	6	14	13	10	4—47

Free throws — FWC 14-17, MCS 8-10. 3-point goals — FWC 1 (Reekie), MCS 3 (Roach, Vanniaman 2). Total fouls — FWC 16, MCS 18. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian at Arlington Pantego, 6:30 p.m.

MCS swimmers Martin, Keck win events in Mansfield

From staff reports

MANSFIELD — A pair of Midland Christian swimmers returned home with plenty of hardware after representing well at their regional meet at Mansfield ISD Natatorium on Saturday.

Freshman Kyle Martin won regional championships in two events, while sophomore Ryan Keck returned to Midland wtih a silver and a gold medal. Martin won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1 minute, 59.61 seconds and later took gold in the 500 freestyle with a mark of 5:20.81.

Keck won gold in the 100 freestyle with a time of 51.67 seconds and took silver in the 50 freestyle at 23.41 seconds.

Both swimmers have earned a spot at the TAPPS Swimming & Diving Championships in San Antonio on Feb. 17. Joining them will be Midland Christian freshman diver Haley Allen.

Jackalopes cap series with shootout win

From staff reports

Jackalopes	**1**
Monsters	0

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes capped a two-game series with the Fresno Monsters with a 1-0 shootout victory at Ector County Coliseum on Saturday.

The Jackalopes (16-22-5, 37 points) won the shootout 2-1 with Mikko Virtanen -- Odessa' sixth shooter -- connecting on the game-winner. Kyle Sucher made the first goal of the shootout session, putting Fresno (19-16-9, 47 points) on top. But that advantage was brief with Odessa's Taylor Portner immediately answering with a shootout goal of his own.

The Jacks got a solid performance from goalkeeper Connor Hellebuyck, who finished with 29 saves in the shutout victory. It was his third shutout of the season. Tomas Sholl had 28 saves for Fresno, but couldn't stop the two critical shots during the shootout.

This was the second straight game to be decided by one goal after Fresno defeated the Jacks 4-3 on Friday.

The Jacks start a three-game series at 7:05 p.m. against the New Mexico Mustangs in Santa Ana, N.M.

Midland Softball Association
Adult Slowpitch Softball

Spring League begins April 9

Register at Martin Luther King Center
2300 Butternut Lane

Entry Deadline: March 10
Entry Fee: $325 per team
$13 Player Fees due at 1st game

All Co-Ed Games will be played on Monday-Wednesday

UMPIRES NEEDED: Call Mario Gonzalez at 889-7825

Tennis

ATP World Tour VTR Open Results
Saturday
At Club Naval de Campo Las Salinas
Vina del Mar, Chile
Purse: $450,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals

Carlos Berlocq (7), Argentina, def. Juan Chela (2), Argentina, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

Juan Monaco (1), Argentina, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-1, 6-4. Doubles

Semifinals

Frederico Gil, Portugal, and Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, and Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 10-3 tiebreak.

Fed Cup Results
WORLD GROUP
First Round
Winners to semifinals, losers to WG playoffs, April 21-22
Russia 2, Spain 0
At Olympic Stadium
Moscow
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Maria Sharapova, Russia, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 6-2, 6-1.

Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.

Serbia 1, Belgium 1
At Spiroudome
Charleroi, Belgium
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 7-5, 7-5.

Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.

Italy 1, Ukraine 1
At Lauretana Forum
Biella, Italy
Surface: Clay-Indoor
Singles

Sara Errani, Italy, def. Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-3.

Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-1, 6-2.

Czech Republic 2, Germany 0
At Porsche Arena
Stuttgart, Germany
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Sabine Lisicki, Germany, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 10-8.

WORLD GROUP II
First Round
Winners to WG playoffs, losers to WGII playoffs, April 21-22
United States 2, Belarus 0
At DCU Center
Worcester, Mass.
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Christina McHale, United States, def. Anastasia Yakimova, Belarus, 6-0, 6-4.

Serena Williams, United States, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 7-5, 6-0.

Japan 2, Slovenia 0
At Bourbon Beans Dome
Hyogo, Japan
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Nastja Kolar, Slovenia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Slovakia 1, France 1
At Aegon Arena
Bratislava, Slovakia
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles

Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 5-7, 6-1, 9-7.

Virginie Razzano, France, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.

Switzerland 1, Australia 1
At Forum Fribourg
Fribourg, Switzerland
Surface: Clay-Indoor
Singles

Sam Stosur, Australia, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, 6-2, 7-5.

Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-0, 6-7 (8), 8-6.

ZONAL GROUP I
Winners to WGII playoffs, April 21-22; losers to 2013 Zonal Group II
Europe/Africa
At Municipal Tennis Club
Eilat, Israel
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Pool A
Wednesday

Bulgaria 3, Estonia 0

Thursday

Austria 2, Estonia 1

Friday

Austria 2, Bulgaria 1

Standings: Austria, 2-0; Bulgaria, 1-1; Estonia, 0-2. Pool B

Wednesday

Sweden 3, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0
Hungary 3, Greece 0

Thursday

Sweden 2, Hungary 1
Bosnia-Herzegovina 3, Greece 0

Friday

Sweden 2, Greece 1
Hungary 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1

Standings: Sweden, 3-0; Hungary, 2-1; Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1-2; Greece, 0-3.

Pool C
Wednesday

Britain 3, Portugal 0
Israel 2, Netherlands 1

Thursday

Britain 2, Netherlands 1
Portugal 2, Israel 1

Friday

Britain 3, Israel 0
Portugal 2, Netherlands 1

Standings: Britain, 3-0; Portugal, 2-1; Israel, 1-2; Netherlands, 0-3.

Pool D
Wednesday

Poland 3, Luxembourg 0
Romania 2, Croatia 1

Thursday

Poland 3, Croatia 0
Romania 3, Luxembourg 0

Friday

Poland 2, Romania 1
Croatia 2, Luxembourg 1

Standings: Poland, 3-0; Romania, 2-1; Croatia, 1-2; Luxembourg, 0-3.

Saturday
Promotional Playoff

Britain 2, Austria 0
Sweden 2, Poland 1

Fifth-Eighth Playoff

Portugal 2, Bulgaria 0
Romania 2, Hungary 0

Ninth-12th Playoff

Croatia 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0
Israel vs. bye

Relegation Playoff

Netherlands 2, Estonia 1
Luxembourg 2, Greece 1

ATP World Tour PBZ Zagreb Indoors Results
Saturday
At Dom Sportova
Zagreb, Croatia
Purse: $595,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Semifinals

Mikhail Youzhny (3), Russia, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, def. Marcos Baghdatis (6), Cyprus, 7-5, 7-6 (3).

Doubles
Semifinals

Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, and Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram (2), Israel, 6-2, 6-4.

Ivan Dodig and Mate Pavic, Croatia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, and Frank Moser, Germany, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 10-4 tiebreak.

ATP World Tour Open Sud de France Results
Saturday
At Arena Montpellier
Montpellier, France
Purse: $595,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Semifinals

Gael Monfils (3), France, def. Gilles Simon (2), France, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Tomas Berdych (1), Czech Republic, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber (7), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles
Semifinals

Nicolas Mahut and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Treat Conrad Huey, Philippines, and Ken Skupski, Britain, 6-2, 6-2.

Fight Schedule

Friday

At Uncasville, Conn. (ESPN2), Demetrius Andrade vs. Derek Ennis, 12, IBF junior middleweight eliminator.

At Buenos Aires, Argentina, Luis Alberto Lazarte vs. Johnriel Casimero, 12, for the interim IBF junior flyweight title.

Saturday

At Houston (HBO), Jose Miguel Cotto vs. Jose Luis Castillo, 10, welterweights.

Feb. 17

At College Park Center, Arlington, Texas (ESPN2), John Molina vs. Marvin Quintero, 10, lightweights.

At Chumash Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif. (SHO), Thomas Dulorme vs. Jose Reynoso, 10, for the vacant NABF welterweight title; Jonathan Gonzalez vs. Billy Lyell, 10, junior middleweight.

Feb. 18

At Brondby, Denmark, Brian Magee vs. Rudy Markussen, 12, for the interim WBA World super middleweight title.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	49	32	12	5	69	136	100
Philadelphia	51	30	15	6	66	171	151
Pittsburgh	52	30	18	4	64	159	133
New Jersey	51	29	19	3	61	144	146
N.Y. Islanders	51	21	22	8	50	125	150

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	50	32	16	2	66	176	110
Ottawa	55	27	21	7	61	161	171
Toronto	52	27	19	6	60	161	152
Buffalo	58	22	24	6	50	126	154
Montreal	52	19	24	9	47	134	145

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	51	24	16	11	59	131	145
Washington	51	27	20	4	58	144	145
Winnipeg	53	24	23	6	54	129	147
Tampa Bay	51	23	23	5	51	147	173
Carolina	54	20	25	9	49	137	165

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	52	35	16	1	71	167	121
Nashville	53	32	17	4	68	149	136
St. Louis	51	30	14	7	67	126	105
Chicago	53	29	17	7	65	169	158
Columbus	52	14	32	6	34	120	174

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	52	32	15	5	69	167	130
Minnesota	52	25	19	8	58	121	133
Colorado	54	26	25	3	55	135	151
Calgary	52	24	22	6	54	124	141
Edmonton	51	20	26	5	45	133	148

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	50	29	15	6	64	145	117
Los Angeles	53	25	18	10	60	115	116
Dallas	51	27	22	2	56	136	144
Phoenix	52	23	21	8	54	136	141
Anaheim	51	19	24	8	46	132	154

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores

Vancouver 3, Colorado 2, SO
Buffalo 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
Dallas 2, Minnesota 1, SO
Pittsburgh 2, Boston 1
New Jersey 6, Philadelphia 4
Washington 3, Montreal 0
Toronto 5, Ottawa 0
Carolina 2, Los Angeles 1
Tampa Bay 6, Florida 3
Nashville 3, St. Louis 1
Phoenix 5, San Jose 3
Detroit at Edmonton, Late

Today's Games

Boston at Washington, 11:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, Noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, Noon
Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES

STARS 2, WILD 1

Minnesota ....0 0 1 0 — 1
Dallas ....0 1 0 0 — 2

Dallas won shootout 2-1

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Dallas, Ribeiro 11 (Goligoski, Robidas), 15:12 (pp).

Third Period—2, Minnesota, Brodziak 15 (Johnson), 5:18.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Minnesota 1 (Christensen NG, Cullen G, Spurgeon NG), Dallas 2 (Eriksson G, Ja.Benn G).

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 13-10-10-1—34. Dallas 10-10-4-2—26.

Goalies—Minnesota, Backstrom. Dallas, Lehtonen. A—18,532 (18,532). T—2:37.

PENGUINS 2, BRUINS 1

Pittsburgh ....1 0 1 — 2
Boston ....0 0 1 — 1

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 28 (Kunitz, Neal), 19:51 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Pittsburgh, Cooke 9 (Jeffrey, Dupuis), 1:53. 3, Boston, Corvo 3 (Bergeron, Marchand), 6:45.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 6-12-10—28. Boston 10-10-9—29.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury. Boston, Thomas. A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:21.

DEVILS 6, FLYERS 4

New Jersey ....3 3 0 — 6
Philadelphia.........0 0 4 — 4

First Period—1, New Jersey, Foster 3 (Elias, Kovalchuk), 3:05 (pp). 2, New Jersey, Kovalchuk 21 (Zubrus), 19:03 (sh). 3, New Jersey, Zubrus 14 (Volchenkov, Ponikarovsky), 19:59.

Second Period—4, New Jersey, Parise 19 (Clarkson, Foster), :38 (pp). 5, New Jersey, Ponikarovsky 9 (Bernier, Josefson), 1:37. 6, New Jersey, Foster 4 (Elias, Kovalchuk), 8:22 (pp).

Third Period—7, Philadelphia, Simmonds 16 (Rinaldo, Bourdon), 3:59. 8, Philadelphia, Jagr 13 (Carle, Giroux), 9:23. 9, Philadelphia, Giroux 20 (Jagr, Voracek), 12:40 (pp). 10, Philadelphia, Voracek 9 (Carle, Couturier), 13:31.

Shots on Goal—New Jersey 17-13-1—31. Philadelphia 7-10-24—41.

Goalies—New Jersey, Hedberg. Philadelphia, Bobrovsky, Bryzgalov. A—19,862 (19,537). T—2:32.

CAPITALS 3, CANADIENS 0

Washington ....1 0 2 — 3
Montreal ....0 0 0 — 0

First Period—1, Washington, Wideman 10 (Laich), 8:10.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Washington, Hendricks 3 (Laich, Semin), 6:11. 3, Washington, Semin 13 (penalty shot), 11:57.

Missed Penalty Shot—Brouwer, Was, 9:14 second.

Shots on Goal—Washington 11-3-9—23. Montreal 10-10-10—30.

Goalies—Washington, Vokoun. Montreal, Budaj. A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:21.

CANUCKS 3, AVALANCHE 2

Vancouver ....1 0 1 0 — 3
Colorado ....1 1 0 0 — 2

Vancouver won shootout 1-0

First Period—1, Vancouver, Kesler 16 (Edler, Booth), 3:31. 2, Colorado, Jones 10 (Stastny, O'Reilly), 9:14 (pp).

Second Period—3, Colorado, McClement 7 (Winnik), 3:39.

Third Period—4, Vancouver, Bieksa 5 (H.Sedin), 19:25.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Vancouver 1 (Lapierre NG, Raymond G), Colorado 0 (Hejduk NG, Landeskog NG, O'Reilly NG).

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 7-10-11-1—29. Colorado 18-12-11-5—46.

Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo. Colorado, Giguere. A—17,024 (18,007). T—2:40.

HURRICANES 2, KINGS 1

Los Angeles ....1 0 0 — 1
Carolina ....0 1 1 — 2

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Kopitar 16 (Williams, Johnson), 4:58 (pp).

Second Period—2, Carolina, Tlusty 11, 15:40.

Third Period—3, Carolina, Skinner 15 (Jokinen, Bowman), 3:02.

Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 8-10-7—25. Carolina 4-11-7—22.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Bernier. Carolina, Ward. A—18,680 (18,680). T—2:15.

LIGHTNING 6, PANTHERS 3

Florida ....1 2 0 — 3
Tampa Bay ....1 4 1 — 6

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Thompson 7, 1:37. 2, Florida, Fleischmann 17 (Versteeg, Weaver), 3:54.

Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 20, 1:42. 4, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 14 (Shannon, Lecavalier), 4:22. 5, Florida, Samuelsson 6 (Bergenheim), 7:06. 6, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 34 (Downie, Hedman), 12:36. 7, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 15 (Lecavalier, Shannon), 15:08. 8, Florida, Bergenheim 9 (Goc, Strachan), 19:14.

Third Period—9, Tampa Bay, St. Louis 16 (Stamkos, Lecavalier), 19:39 (en-pp).

Shots on Goal—Florida 7-7-6—20. Tampa Bay 9-17-8—34.

Goalies—Florida, Clemmensen, Foster, Clemmensen. Tampa Bay, Garon. A—19,204 (19,204). T—2:23.

MAPLE LEAFS 5, SENATORS 0

Toronto ....2 1 2 — 5
Ottawa ....0 0 0 — 0

First Period—1, Toronto, Kessel 27 (Bozak, Gardiner), 13:47. 2, Toronto, Phaneuf 8 (Kessel, Lupul), 17:02 (pp).

Second Period—3, Toronto, Bozak 9 (Kessel, Franson), 8:25.

Third Period—4, Toronto, Schenn 2 (Lupul, Bozak), 5:39. 5, Toronto, Franson 4 (Grabovski, MacArthur), 12:17 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Toronto 16-9-15—40. Ottawa 12-21-16—49.

Goalies—Toronto, Reimer. Ottawa, Anderson. A—20,500 (19,153). T—2:33.

SABRES 4, ISLANDERS 3

Buffalo 1 1 1 0 — 4
N.Y. Islanders 3 0 0 0 — 3

Buffalo won shootout 2-0

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 8 (Grabner), 1:39. 2, Buffalo, Gerbe 5 (Stafford), 5:32. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 6 (Nielsen), 16:00. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 9 (Okposo, Streit), 17:17.

Second Period—5, Buffalo, Roy 10 (Leino, Pominville), 18:41.

Third Period—6, Buffalo, Gaustad 6 (Myers, Boyes), 11:46.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Buffalo 2 (Boyes G, Pominville G), N.Y. Islanders 0 (Parenteau NG, Nielsen NG).

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 17-9-10-1—37. N.Y. Islanders 9-9-11-9—38.

Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. N.Y. Islanders, Montoya. A—14,618 (16,234). T—2:40.

PREDATORS 3, BLUES 1

St. Louis ....0 0 1 — 1
Nashville ....2 0 1 — 3

First Period—1, Nashville, Erat 12 (Hornqvist, Suter), 6:59 (pp). 2, Nashville, Fisher 15 (Kostitsyn, Erat), 12:30.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, St. Louis, Porter 3, 4:01. 4, Nashville, Kostitsyn 13 (Legwand, Erat), 19:37 (en).

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 16-7-20—43. Nashville 14-17-6—37.

Goalies—St. Louis, Halak. Nashville, Rinne. A—17,113 (17,113). T—2:18.

COYOTES 5, SHARKS 3

San Jose ....0 2 1 — 3
Phoenix ....0 3 2 — 5

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, San Jose, Couture 22 (Clowe, Marleau), 3:44. 2, Phoenix, Torres 8 (Rozsival, Langkow), 4:16. 3, Phoenix, Korpikoski 12 (Doan, Gordon), 9:29. 4, San Jose, McGinn 11 (Burns, Clowe), 12:26 (pp). 5, Phoenix, Hanzal 6 (Whitney, Vrbata), 19:13.

Third Period—6, Phoenix, Korpikoski 13 (Gordon, Doan), 8:03. 7, San Jose, Marleau 20 (Clowe, Thornton), 19:27. 8, Phoenix, Vrbata 24 (Whitney, Hanzal), 19:59 (en).

Shots on Goal—San Jose 11-13-11—35. Phoenix 10-6-8—24.

Goalies—San Jose, Niemi. Phoenix, Smith. A—12,979 (17,135). T—2:20.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	17	7	.708	—
Boston	12	10	.545	4
New York	9	15	.375	8
Toronto	8	16	.333	9
New Jersey	8	17	.320	9 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	6	.739	—
Atlanta	16	8	.667	1 1/2
Orlando	15	9	.625	2 1/2
Washington	4	20	.167	13 1/2
Charlotte	3	21	.125	14 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	20	6	.769	—
Indiana	16	7	.696	2 1/2
Milwaukee	10	13	.435	8 1/2
Cleveland	9	13	.409	9
Detroit	6	20	.231	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	9	.640	—
Dallas	14	11	.560	2
Houston	13	11	.542	2 1/2
Memphis	12	11	.522	3
New Orleans	4	20	.167	11 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	18	5	.783	—
Denver	15	8	.652	3
Utah	13	9	.591	4 1/2
Portland	13	10	.565	5
Minnesota	12	12	.500	6 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	14	7	.667	—
L.A. Lakers	14	10	.583	1 1/2
Golden State	8	12	.400	5 1/2
Phoenix	9	14	.391	6
Sacramento	7	15	.318	7 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Philadelphia 98, Atlanta 87
Orlando 85, Indiana 81
L.A. Clippers 107, Washington 81
Cleveland 91, Dallas 88
Detroit 89, New Orleans 87
New York 99, New Jersey 92
Minnesota 100, Houston 91
San Antonio 107, Oklahoma City 96
Chicago 113, Milwaukee 90
Phoenix 95, Charlotte 89
Utah 96, L.A. Lakers 87
Golden State at Sacramento, Late
Denver at Portland, Late

Today's Games

Memphis at Boston, 11 a.m.
Toronto at Miami, Noon

SATURDAY'S BOXES

CAVALIERS 91, MAVERICKS 88

DALLAS (88): Marion 1-5 2-2 4, Nowitzki 9-15 4-5 24, Haywood 4-4 2-5 10, West 4-7 3-3 11, Carter 2-4 0-0 4, Terry 5-14 3-3 17, Odom 2-7 3-6 7, Wright 5-9 1-3 11, Beaubois 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-67 18-27 88.

CLEVELAND (91): Casspi 4-10 0-0 9, Jamison 6-18 7-9 19, Varejao 8-13 1-2 17, Irving 9-17 1-1 20, M.Thompson 2-6 0-0 6, Gee 5-12 1-1 12, Sessions 2-11 1-2 6, Harangody 0-4 0-0 0, Erden 0-0 0-0 0, Hollins 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-93 11-15 91.

Dallas 24 27 13 24 — 88
Cleveland 15 28 27 21 — 91

3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-13 (Terry 4-8, Nowitzki 2-2, Wright 0-1, Odom 0-2), Cleveland 6-23 (M.Thompson 2-4, Sessions 1-3, Irving 1-3, Casspi 1-4, Gee 1-4, Harangody 0-2, Jamison 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 51 (Nowitzki, Wright 8), Cleveland 53 (Varejao 17). Assists—Dallas 22 (West 7), Cleveland 27 (Sessions 8). Total Fouls—Dallas 16, Cleveland 18. Technicals—Hollins, Cleveland defensive three second. A—17,443 (20,562).

TIMBERWOLVES 100, ROCKETS 91

HOUSTON (91): Parsons 5-14 0-2 11, Scola 10-18 4-4 24, Dalembert 2-4 0-0 4, Lowry 8-16 7-8 24, Martin 1-10 0-0 2, Patterson 7-12 0-0 14, Hill 0-2 0-0 0, C.Lee 2-6 0-0 4, Budinger 1-3 0-0 2, Dragic 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 39-91 11-14 91.

MINNESOTA (100): Johnson 2-6 0-0 5, Love 9-16 6-7 25, Pekovic 4-7 3-4 11, Rubio 4-7 5-5 13, Ridnour 8-14 2-2 22, Beasley 3-9 0-0 6, Barea 4-8 2-3 10, Webster 1-8 0-0 2, D.Williams 2-7 2-2 6, Miller 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-82 20-23 100.

Houston 25 17 30 19 — 91
Minnesota 33 22 26 19 — 100

3-Point Goals—Houston 2-10 (Parsons 1-2, Lowry 1-5, Dragic 0-1, Martin 0-1, Hill 0-1), Minnesota 6-20 (Ridnour 4-6, Love 1-2, Johnson 1-3, D.Williams 0-1, Beasley 0-1, Barea 0-2, Rubio 0-2, Webster 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 48 (Scola 8), Minnesota 55 (Love 18). Assists—Houston 24 (Lowry 11), Minnesota 21 (Rubio 11). Total Fouls—Houston 20, Minnesota 15. Technicals—Scola, Houston defensive three second. A—19,356 (19,356).

76ERS 98, HAWKS 87

PHILADELPHIA (98): Iguodala 3-15 3-4 9, Allen 2-2 0-0 4, Hawes 7-11 0-0 14, Holiday 3-9 1-2 7, Meeks 4-7 0-0 10, Vucevic 7-10 0-0 15, Young 6-12 2-3 14, Turner 5-7 0-0 11, L.Williams 7-15 0-0 14. Totals 44-88 6-9 98.

ATLANTA (87): M.Williams 3-5 2-2 8, Smith 2-11 5-8 9, Pachulia 2-2 0-0 4, Teague 6-12 7-8 21, J.Johnson 7-16 1-2 16, I.Johnson 7-11 0-1 14, Hinrich 2-6 0-0 5, McGrady 2-6 3-4 7, Radmanovic 1-3 0-2 3, Green 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-74 18-27 87.

Philadelphia 20 37 24 17 — 98
Atlanta 21 20 21 25 — 87

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-9 (Meeks 2-3, Vucevic 1-1, Turner 1-1, Iguodala 0-1, L.Williams 0-3), Atlanta 5-15 (Teague 2-3, Hinrich 1-2, Radmanovic 1-3, J.Johnson 1-3, McGrady 0-1, Green 0-1, Smith 0-1, M.Williams 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 42 (Iguodala 8), Atlanta 56 (I.Johnson 13). Assists—Philadelphia 25 (Iguodala 10), Atlanta 20 (Teague 6). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 25, Atlanta 11. A—18,012 (18,729).

CLIPPERS 107, WIZARDS 81

L.A. CLIPPERS (107): Butler 5-13 1-2 14, Griffin 10-14 1-7 21, Jordan 9-11 0-0 18, Paul 1-9 0-2 2, Billups 4-5 0-0 12, Williams 6-9 2-2 17, Gomes 1-3 0-0 2, R.Evans 1-1 1-1 3, Foye 3-6 1-2 8, Thompkins 1-4 0-0 2, Cook 1-5 0-0 2, Leslie 3-3 0-1 6. Totals 45-83 6-17 107.

WASHINGTON (81): Lewis 1-5 0-0 2, Booker 2-5 0-0 4, McGee 2-7 0-0 4, Wall 4-8 6-8 14, Young 5-16 3-4 14, Vesely 2-5 0-2 4, Singleton 3-4 1-2 9, Seraphin 3-8 2-4 8, Crawford 4-12 2-3 12, Mack 2-5 0-0 6, Mason 2-4 0-0 4, N'diaye 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-80 14-23 81.

L.A. Clippers 28 30 29 20 — 107
Washington 17 17 19 28 — 81

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 11-23 (Billups 4-4, Williams 3-4, Butler 3-6, Foye 1-4, Thompkins 0-1, Gomes 0-1, Paul 0-1, Cook 0-2), Washington 7-18 (Singleton 2-3, Mack 2-3, Crawford 2-5, Young 1-5, Lewis 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 66 (Jordan, Griffin 11), Washington 42 (Seraphin 8). Assists—L.A. Clippers 32 (Williams, Griffin 8), Washington 17 (Wall 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 21, Washington 18. Technicals—Griffin, L.A. Clippers defensive three second, Booker, Wall, Washington Coach Wittman. A—19,419 (20,278).

MAGIC 85, PACERS 81

ORLANDO (85): Turkoglu 2-11 5-7 9, Anderson 3-6 5-5 12, Howard 10-16 7-10 27, Duhon 1-5 0-0 3, J.Richardson 7-16 0-0 17, Q.Richardson 3-7 0-0 8, Clark 1-5 0-0 2, Redick 2-5 1-1 7, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Wafer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-72 18-23 85.

INDIANA (81): Granger 4-16 9-9 19, West 2-7 0-0 4, Hibbert 5-11 0-0 10, Collison 4-12 2-3 10, George 4-12 3-3 13, Hansbrough 6-13 5-6 17, Stephenson 0-0 0-0 0, Amundson 3-7 0-0 6, Price 0-3 0-0 0, Jones 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 29-85 19-21 81.

Orlando 23 16 23 23 — 85
Indiana 21 18 14 28 — 81

3-Point Goals—Orlando 9-25 (J.Richardson 3-7, Redick 2-2, Q.Richardson 2-5, Anderson 1-2, Duhon 1-3, Turkoglu 0-6), Indiana 4-22 (George 2-7, Granger 2-9, Hibbert 0-1, Price 0-2, Collison 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 53 (Turkoglu 10), Indiana 53 (George, West, Hansbrough, Granger 7). Assists—Orlando 21 (Duhon, J.Richardson 5), Indiana 12 (George 5). Total Fouls—Orlando 17, Indiana 23. Technicals—Clark, Howard, Q.Richardson 2, Turkoglu, Wafer, Granger, Hansbrough. Ejected—Q.Richardson. A—18,165 (18,165).

KNICKS 99, NETS 92

NEW JERSEY (92): Humphries 5-9 10-12 20, Sha.Williams 2-5 0-0 6, She.Williams 0-3 0-0 0, D.Williams 7-19 4-4 21, Morrow 4-12 1-1 11, Bogans 2-4 1-1 5, J.Williams 3-7 4-6 10, Farmar 7-13 2-2 19, Gaines 0-0 0-0 0, Petro 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-72 22-26 92.

NEW YORK (99): Anthony 3-15 4-4 11, Stoudemire 6-11 5-5 17, Chandler 7-9 3-4 17, Shumpert 1-5 0-0 2, Fields 3-8 0-0 6, Jeffries 4-10 1-1 9, Lin 10-19 5-7 25, Balkman 0-0 0-0 0, Douglas 2-5 1-1 5, Walker 1-1 4-4 7. Totals 37-83 23-26 99.

New Jersey 30 18 24 20 — 92
New York 20 26 24 29 — 99

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 10-26 (Farmar 3-7, D.Williams 3-7, Sha.Williams 2-5, Morrow 2-5, Bogans 0-2), New York 2-14 (Walker 1-1, Anthony 1-3, Jeffries 0-1, Fields 0-2, Douglas 0-3, Lin 0-4). Fouled Out—Sha.Williams. Rebounds—New Jersey 45 (Humphries 12), New York 50 (Jeffries 10). Assists—New Jersey 18 (D.Williams 11), New York 20 (Lin 7). Total Fouls—New Jersey 26, New York 21. Technicals—New York defensive three second. A—19,763 (19,763).

PISTONS 89, HORNETS 87

NEW ORLEANS (87): Summers 1-5 0-0 2, Smith 4-8 0-0 8, Okafor 4-10 0-0 8, Vasquez 5-12 2-2 14, Ariza 9-12 6-6 26, Landry 1-4 0-0 2, Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, Belinelli 2-5 0-0 4, Ayon 2-3 1-2 5, Aminu 4-9 6-8 14. Totals 34-72 15-18 87.

DETROIT (89): Prince 5-14 0-0 11, Maxiell 5-7 0-2 10, Monroe 10-17 4-4 24, Knight 0-2 2-2 2, Stuckey 5-13 7-8 17, Russell Jr. 4-9 1-3 9, Daye 1-5 2-2 4, Jerebko 5-10 0-0 11, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Wilkins 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 35-78 17-23 89.

New Orleans 23 21 17 26 — 87
Detroit 25 16 24 24 — 89

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 4-12 (Ariza 2-3, Vasquez 2-3, Summers 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Aminu 0-2, Belinelli 0-2), Detroit 2-10 (Prince 1-2, Jerebko 1-3, Russell Jr. 0-1, Knight 0-1, Daye 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 40 (Okafor, Ariza 7), Detroit 50 (Monroe 16). Assists—New Orleans 19 (Vasquez 9), Detroit 19 (Prince 5). Total Fouls—New Orleans 19, Detroit 14. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second. A—13,174 (22,076).

BULLS 113, BUCKS 90

CHICAGO (113): Deng 9-19 0-0 21, Boozer 4-6 0-0 8, Noah 6-9 2-3 14, Rose 11-24 1-1 26, Brewer 2-5 0-0 5, Gibson 2-2 0-0 4, Korver 7-13 0-0 18, Asik 1-1 0-0 2, Watson 5-9 0-0 13, Butler 1-1 0-0 2, Scalabrine 0-1 0-0 0, Lucas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 48-90 3-4 113.

MILWAUKEE (90): Delfino 3-9 0-0 6, Mbah a Moute 2-6 1-2 5, Gooden 7-13 10-10 24, Jennings 4-10 0-0 8, Livingston 3-6 0-0 6, Ilyasova 1-10 1-2 3, Udrih 3-8 1-1 7, Dunleavy 3-8 0-2 6, Harris 8-14 2-2 19, Leuer 2-6 0-0 4, Brockman 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-93 15-19 90.

Chicago 30 37 20 26 — 113
Milwaukee 16 27 21 26 — 90

3-Point Goals—Chicago 14-30 (Korver 4-8, Watson 3-5, Rose 3-7, Deng 3-7, Brewer 1-2, Scalabrine 0-1), Milwaukee 1-12 (Harris 1-2, Gooden 0-1, Udrih 0-1, Dunleavy 0-2, Ilyasova 0-2, Jennings 0-2, Delfino 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 55 (Deng, Noah 9), Milwaukee 48 (Leuer 8). Assists—Chicago 31 (Rose 13), Milwaukee 15 (Udrih, Jennings 5). Total Fouls—Chicago 20, Milwaukee 8. A—18,717 (18,717).

SPURS 107, THUNDER 96

OKLAHOMA CITY (96): Durant 9-19 4-6 22, Ibaka 4-9 2-7 10, Perkins 0-1 0-0 0, Westbrook 8-15 1-1 18, Cook 4-10 1-2 13, Mohammed 0-3 0-0 0, Collison 0-0 0-0 0, Harden 5-10 9-10 19, Jackson 4-7 0-0 10, Hayward 1-1 0-2 2, Ivey 0-1 0-0 0, Aldrich 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-77 17-28 96.

SAN ANTONIO (107): Jefferson 3-9 0-0 9, Duncan 5-16 3-3 13, Blair 1-3 3-4 5, Parker 16-29 10-12 42, Leonard 5-7 2-2 15, Bonner 3-5 0-0 9, Green 2-6 0-0 6, Splitter 1-5 3-4 5, Neal 1-8 0-0 3, Joseph 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-88 21-25 107.

Oklahoma City 21 26 23 26 — 96
San Antonio 25 32 31 19 — 107

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 7-21 (Cook 4-10, Jackson 2-3, Westbrook 1-1, Mohammed 0-1, Ivey 0-1, Durant 0-2, Harden 0-3), San Antonio 12-23 (Leonard 3-3, Jefferson 3-4, Bonner 3-4, Green 2-5, Neal 1-5, Parker 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 52 (Durant 11), San Antonio 55 (Duncan 15). Assists—Oklahoma City 18 (Westbrook 6), San Antonio 21 (Parker 9). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 25, San Antonio 22. A—18,581 (18,797).

SUNS 95, BOBCATS 89

CHARLOTTE (89): Thomas 3-14 2-2 8, Diaw 5-10 0-0 13, Biyombo 5-6 1-2 11, Walker 7-16 4-4 22, Williams 8-15 3-4 21, Higgins 1-3 0-0 2, Mullens 1-3 1-2 3, Carroll 0-1 0-0 0, D.Brown 3-6 3-5 9, White 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-75 14-19 89.

PHOENIX (95): Hill 3-6 2-2 9, Frye 3-9 0-0 6, Gortat 5-11 2-4 12, Nash 4-8 2-2 11, Redd 6-12 1-2 17, S.Brown 3-10 2-4 9, Childress 3-5 0-0 7, Morris 3-13 3-5 11, Telfair 0-3 0-0 0, Lopez 4-8 5-5 13, Price 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-85 17-24 95.

Charlotte 24 24 24 17 — 89
Phoenix 25 17 30 23 — 95

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 9-19 (Walker 4-5, Diaw 3-5, Williams 2-8, Higgins 0-1), Phoenix 10-22 (Redd 4-7, Morris 2-5, Childress 1-1, S.Brown 1-1, Hill 1-2, Nash 1-2, Telfair 0-2, Frye 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 48 (Thomas 13), Phoenix 57 (Gortat 12). Assists—Charlotte 15 (Williams 6), Phoenix 21 (Nash 10). Total Fouls—Charlotte 23, Phoenix 14. Technicals—Charlotte defensive three second. A—14,928 (18,422).

JAZZ 96, LAKERS 87

L.A. LAKERS (87): World Peace 1-2 0-0 2, Gasol 9-20 6-7 24, Bynum 8-14 5-8 21, Fisher 1-6 0-0 2, Bryant 6-16 11-12 26, Murphy 0-3 0-0 0, Goudelock 1-5 2-2 4, Barnes 2-6 0-0 5, Morris 1-1 0-0 2, Kapono 0-2 1-1 1, McRoberts 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-75 25-30 87.

UTAH (96): Hayward 2-3 3-4 7, Millsap 7-12 2-2 16, Jefferson 8-17 2-3 18, Harris 0-6 1-2 1, Bell 2-10 0-0 5, Howard 3-8 5-7 12, Watson 3-4 0-0 8, Favors 6-9 0-0 12, Kanter 5-9 0-0 10, Miles 3-9 1-2 7. Totals 39-87 14-20 96.

L.A. Lakers 25 24 18 20 — 87
Utah 22 25 20 29 — 96

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 4-14 (Bryant 3-6, Barnes 1-3, Kapono 0-1, Fisher 0-1, Murphy 0-1, Goudelock 0-2), Utah 4-12 (Watson 2-3, Howard 1-2, Bell 1-5, Hayward 0-1, Harris 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 47 (Gasol 16), Utah 58 (Jefferson, Millsap 13). Assists—L.A. Lakers 12 (Gasol 4), Utah 25 (Watson 11). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 17, Utah 23. Technicals—L.A. Lakers Coach Brown 2, Bryant, Howard, Utah defensive three second. Ejected—L.A. Lakers Coach Brown. A—19,642 (19,911).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 81, Alabama A&M 75
Baylor 64, Oklahoma St. 60
Iowa St. 77, Oklahoma 70
Lamar 80, UTSA 66
Prairie View 73, Texas Southern 67
Texas 74, Texas Tech 57
Texas-Arlington 69, Cent. Arkansas 61
Texas-Pan American 70, North Dakota 58
Tulsa 79, Marshall 70
UAB 61, UTEP 60
UALR 70, Louisiana-Monroe 66
UCF 59, SMU 52
Utah Valley 68, Houston Baptist 66

EAST

American U. 59, Colgate 58
Boston U. 68, Binghamton 53
Bucknell 81, Army 68
Charlotte 69, Fordham 62
Cornell 68, Dartmouth 59
Drexel 65, Towson 57
Duquesne 81, Richmond 72
Georgetown 75, South Florida 45
Georgia St. 59, Hofstra 43
Harvard 57, Columbia 52
Iona 85, Manhattan 73
LIU 95, CCSU 81
Lafayette 62, Navy 41
Lehigh 75, Holy Cross 51
Maine 77, UMBC 76, OT
Marist 80, Canisius 69
Penn 65, Brown 48
Quinnipiac 71, Monmouth (NJ) 48
Robert Morris 67, Mount St. Mary's 62
Sacred Heart 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 57
Saint Joseph's 70, La Salle 66
St. Francis (NY) 80, Bryant 67
Stony Brook 76, Albany (NY) 69
Syracuse 95, St. John's 70
Temple 73, Rhode Island 56
UConn 69, Seton Hall 46
UMass 86, George Washington 75
Vermont 82, Hartford 56
Wagner 72, St. Francis (Pa.) 54
Yale 58, Princeton 54

SOUTH

Alabama 69, Mississippi 67, 2OT
Alcorn St. 57, Jackson St. 46
Bethune-Cookman 92, NC A&T 79
Coastal Carolina 71, Charleston Southern 58
Coll. of Charleston 74, Appalachian St. 62
Coppin St. 88, Morgan St. 86
Davidson 88, Chattanooga 61
Delaware 85, James Madison 80
Delaware St. 67, Norfolk St. 50
ETSU 64, Kennesaw St. 59
East Carolina 82, Rice 68
Elon 71, The Citadel 66
FIU 76, FAU 56
Florida 73, Vanderbilt 65
Florida Gulf Coast 65, Jacksonville 55
Florida St. 58, Virginia 55
Furman 93, UNC Greensboro 85
George Mason 54, Old Dominion 50
Georgia Southern 68, W. Carolina 65
Georgia Tech 51, Boston College 47
High Point 81, Gardner-Webb 77, OT
Kentucky 86, South Carolina 52
LSU 71, Arkansas 65
Louisiana-Lafayette 83, Troy 78
Louisville 78, Rutgers 66
MVSU 70, Alabama St. 58
Md.-Eastern Shore 78, Howard 65
Memphis 72, Xavier 68
Mercer 61, SC-Upstate 47
Mississippi St. 91, Auburn 88
Murray St. 65, UT-Martin 58
NC Central 78, Florida A&M 61
NC State 87, Wake Forest 76
Nicholls St. 96, Texas St. 75
North Carolina 83, Maryland 74
North Florida 99, Stetson 96
Northwestern St. 82, Texas A&M-CC 68
Presbyterian 69, Campbell 67
Sam Houston St. 57, SE Louisiana 55
Samford 66, Wofford 61, OT
Savannah St. 73, SC State 60
Southern U. 57, Grambling St. 53
Tennessee 73, Georgia 62
Tennessee Tech 76, Jacksonville St. 68
Tulane 75, Houston 54
UNC Asheville 65, Liberty 51
UNC Wilmington 81, William & Mary 68
VCU 59, Northeastern 56
VMI 86, Winthrop 79
Virginia Tech 67, Clemson 65
W. Kentucky 75, South Alabama 66

MIDWEST

Akron 77, E. Michigan 47
Aquinas 56, Michigan-Dearborn 44
Ashland 73, Tiffin 68
Beloit 80, Monmouth (Ill.) 76, OT
Bemidji St. 93, Minn. Duluth 85
Bethany Lutheran 71, Minn.-Morris 63
Bowling Green 65, N. Illinois 40
Buffalo 72, Toledo 65
Calvin 77, Kalamazoo 65
Carleton 72, Concordia (Moor.) 64
Carthage 82, Millikin 49
Cincinnati 74, DePaul 66
Davenport 82, Lourdes 63
Detroit 65, Butler 61
Ferris St. 64, Saginaw Valley St. 59
Findlay 85, N. Michigan 76
Grand Valley St. 75, Lake Superior St. 63
Hope 75, Albion 69
Huntington 90, Mount Vernon Nazarene 67
IUPUI 66, IPFW 63
Illinois St. 78, Bradley 48
Indiana 78, Purdue 61
Indiana Tech 70, Cornerstone 67
Indiana-East 83, Alice Lloyd 72
Iowa 77, Penn St. 64
Kansas St. 64, Texas A&M 53
Kent St. 78, W. Michigan 73, OT
Lake Erie 75, Ohio Dominican 54
Lake Forest 69, Carroll (Wis.) 57
Lakeland 101, Benedictine (Ill.) 92
Lawrence 77, Illinois College 76
Madonna 69, Concordia (Mich.) 66
Marian (Wis.) 66, Dominican (Ill.) 53
Martin Luther 73, Presentation 69
Miami (Ohio) 59, Ball St. 53
Milwaukee 81, Green Bay 75
Milwaukee Engineering 54, Wis. Lutheran 53
Minn. St.-Moorhead 67, Mary 66
Minn.-Crookston 88, Northern St. (SD) 73
Missouri 74, Kansas 71
Missouri St. 57, Drake 39
Morehead St. 56, E. Illinois 55
N. Iowa 65, Creighton 62
N. Kentucky 77, Wis.-Parkside 65
NJIT 73, Chicago St. 64
North Central (Ill.) 43, Augustana (Ill.) 41
Northwestern (Minn.) 92, Northland 54
Northwood (Mich.) 73, Hillsdale 59
Notre Dame 76, Marquette 59
Oakland 74, W. Illinois 70, 2OT
Ohio 68, Cent. Michigan 42
Ohio St. 58, Wisconsin 52
Oklahoma Christian 89, Lubbock Christian 74
Olivet 88, Alma 86
Oral Roberts 85, N. Dakota St. 76
Peru St. 73, Culver-Stockton 68
Ripon 78, Knox 62
S. Dakota St. 66, S. Utah 56
S. Illinois 53, Evansville 52
SIU-Edwardsville 80, E. Kentucky 74
SW Minnesota St. 80, Augustana (SD) 77
Saint Louis 58, Dayton 50
South Dakota 79, UMKC 63
St. Cloud St. 75, Upper Iowa 71
St. John's (Minn.) 69, Hamline 67
St. Mary's (Minn.) 54, Macalester 41
St. Norbert 91, Grinnell 82
St. Olaf 74, Bethel (Minn.) 57
St. Scholastica 78, Crown (Minn.) 74
St. Thomas (Minn.) 75, Augsburg 72
Tennessee St. 75, SE Missouri 72
Transylvania 56, Rose-Hulman 51
Trine 52, Adrian 50
Valparaiso 63, Wright St. 54
Wayne (Mich.) 60, Michigan Tech 54
Wayne (Neb.) 67, Minn. St.-Mankato 52
Winona St. 95, Concordia (St.P.) 45
Wis.-Platteville 70, Wis.-Stout 60
Wis.-River Falls 63, Wis.-Eau Claire 41
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 76, Wis.-La Crosse 60
Wis.-Superior 64, Wis.-Oshkosh 51

FAR WEST

Arizona 56, Stanford 43
Cal St.-Fullerton 99, UC Santa Barbara 86
California 68, Arizona St. 47
Colorado 72, Oregon 71
Colorado St. 67, Air Force 49
Denver 75, Middle Tennessee 60
Hawaii 83, San Jose St. 81, OT
Montana 67, Montana St. 58
New Mexico 65, Boise St. 49
New Mexico St. 83, Louisiana Tech 72
Oregon St. 76, Utah 58
Portland St. 76, N. Arizona 65
Sacramento St. 75, E. Washington 71
San Diego 70, Santa Clara 65
UCLA 63, Washington St. 60
Weber St. 93, N. Colorado 81
Wyoming 68, UNLV 66

Women

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST

Alabama A&M 61, Ark.-Pine Bluff 55
Cent. Arkansas 53, Texas-Arlington 51
Lamar 54, UTSA 51
Nicholls St. 83, Texas St. 74
Oklahoma 80, Oklahoma St. 7[illegible]
Prairie View 53, Texas Southern 45
Sam Houston St. 67, SE Louisiana 46
Stephen F. Austin 66, McNeese St. 58
TCU 58, San Diego St. 39
Texas A&M 62, Kansas 51
Texas A&M-CC 88, Northwestern St. 86
UALR 52, Louisiana-Monroe 46

EAST

Albany (NY) 57, Stony Brook 47
American U. 70, Colgate 47
Army 60, Bucknell 56
Bentley 63, St. Anselm 45
Boston U. 62, Binghamton 49
Brown 59, Penn 55, OT
Bryant 55, St. Francis (NY) 45
CCNY 65, John Jay 42
Canisius 58, Niagara 57
Chestnut Hill 85, Nyack 57
College of NJ 70, Rowan 57
Cornell 49, Dartmouth 45
Cortland St. 63, Oswego St. 60
Dist. of Columbia 72, Queens (NY) 48
Eastern 85, Delaware Valley 73
Fairfield 61, St. Peter's 44
Farmingdale 72, Mount St. Vincent 46
Franklin & Marshall 59, Muhlenberg 54
Hartwick 59, Elmira 52
Harvard 68, Columbia 56
Haverford 61, McDaniel 43
Ithaca 74, St. John Fisher 66
Kean 71, Rutgers-Camden 50
Keuka 70, Wilson 39
LIU 57, CCSU 43
La Salle 81, UMass 67
Lehigh 75, Holy Cross 73
Loyola (Md.) 71, Rider 57
Lycoming 59, Arcadia 45
Manhattan 48, Marist 44
Marywood 62, Keystone 50
Mass.-Lowell 60, S. New Hampshire 48
Montclair St. 58, Rutgers-Newark 51
NJ City 58, Berkeley (NY) 53
Navy 63, Lafayette 47
Pitt.-Johnstown 77, Bluefield St. 42
Princeton 72, Yale 47
Quinnipiac 75, Monmouth (NJ) 63
Regis (Mass.) 74, Wheelock 29
Richard Stockton 90, Brooklyn 76, OT
Robert Morris 55, Wagner 38
Sacred Heart 62, Fairleigh Dickinson 47
Sciences (Pa.) 55, Dominican (NY) 39
Scranton 73, Susquehanna 50
Siena 83, Iona 59
St. Bonaventure 80, George Washington 69
St. Francis (Pa.) 59, Mount St. Mary's 51
St. John's 55, Seton Hall 26
St. Joseph's (LI) 62, Sage 54
Syracuse 76, South Florida 61
Temple 69, Fordham 51
UConn 66, Rutgers 34
UMBC 66, Maine 44
Ursinus 64, Gettysburg 60
Utica 61, Nazareth 55
Vassar 63, Union (NY) 53
Villanova 59, Providence 53
Washington (Md.) 73, Dickinson 63
West Virginia 66, Louisville 50
Wilkes 89, Manhattanville 74
William Paterson 62, Ramapo 59

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Qatar Masters, final round, at Doha, Qatar (same-day tape), 7:30 p.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz., Noon, TGC

PGA Tour, Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2 p.m., CBS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan at Michigan St., Noon, CBS

Villanova at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m., ESPN

NFL

Super Bowl XLVI, N.Y. Giants vs. New England, at Indianapolis, 5 p.m., NBC

NHL

Boston at Washington, 11:30 a.m., NBC Sports

SOCCER

Premier League, Manchester United at Chelsea, 9:30 a.m., Fox

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UTEP at Rice, 11 a.m., FSS

Missouri at Texas Tech, 1 p.m., FSS

Washington at Southern California, 3 p.m., FSS

TRANSACTIONS

GOLF

USGA — Elected Glen Nager president.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released WR Tiquan Underwood. Signed DE Alex Silvestro from their practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL—Fined Philadelphia Flyers C Zac Rinaldo $5,000 for two separate incidents during game against the New Jersey Devils.

BOSTON BRUINS — Recalled F Jordan Caron from Providence (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled D Peter Harrold from Albany (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Assigned F Joel Rechlicz to Hershey (AHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Fined Gwinnett D Dallas Jackson and Utah D Tyson Dowzak undisclosed amounts for their actions during Friday's games.

GOLF

Waste Management Phoenix Open Scores
Saturday
At TPC Scottsdale
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Purse: $6.1 million
Yardage: 7,216; Par: 71
Third Round

Spencer Levin	65-63-68	— 196
Webb Simpson	65-69-68	— 202
Bubba Watson	66-70-67	— 203
John Huh	68-66-69	— 203
Chris Stroud	68-70-66	— 204
Jason Dufner	64-72-68	— 204
Greg Chalmers	68-69-67	— 204
Ben Crane	69-67-68	— 204
Kyle Stanley	69-66-69	— 204
John Rollins	70-70-65	— 205
Phil Mickelson	68-70-67	— 205
Matt Jones	67-72-67	— 206
Marc Leishman	70-68-68	— 206
Jeff Maggert	70-68-68	— 206
Trevor Immelman	67-70-69	— 206
Bill Haas	69-68-69	— 206
D.J. Trahan	72-70-64	— 206
Harrison Frazar	66-67-73	— 206
Martin Flores	71-68-68	— 207
Seung-Yul Noh	67-72-68	— 207
Harris English	70-69-68	— 207
Bo Van Pelt	65-71-71	— 207
Kevin Na	66-73-69	— 208
Scott Piercy	68-70-70	— 208
Jarrod Lyle	66-72-70	— 208
James Driscoll	67-70-71	— 208
Charles Howell III	69-68-71	— 208
Josh Teater	68-69-71	— 208
Derek Lamely	66-70-72	— 208
Pat Perez	69-73-66	— 208
Carl Pettersson	70-69-70	— 209
Rod Pampling	67-71-71	— 209
Brendan Steele	71-69-69	— 209
Rickie Fowler	69-69-71	— 209
Keegan Bradley	68-70-71	— 209
Bill Lunde	67-73-69	— 209
Sunghoon Kang	67-73-69	— 209
Matt Kuchar	69-68-72	— 209
Bryce Molder	70-69-71	— 210
Jeff Quinney	69-71-70	— 210
Robert Allenby	71-69-70	— 210
Chris Couch	70-68-72	— 210
Johnson Wagner	68-69-73	— 210
Bud Cauley	72-67-72	— 211
Cameron Beckman	69-69-73	— 211
George McNeill	71-70-70	— 211
David Hearn	69-69-73	— 211
Ian Poulter	72-69-70	— 211
Billy Mayfair	68-73-70	— 211
Heath Slocum	73-69-69	— 211
J.J. Killeen	70-70-72	— 212
Dustin Johnson	68-70-74	— 212
Graham DeLaet	71-69-72	— 212
Ricky Barnes	71-70-71	— 212
Ken Duke	69-72-71	— 212
Gary Woodland	71-71-70	— 212
Ryan Palmer	64-72-76	— 212
Sean O'Hair	74-68-70	— 212
D.A. Points	69-73-70	— 212
Blake Adams	69-70-74	— 213
Aaron Baddeley	72-67-74	— 213
Mark Wilson	70-69-74	— 213
Ted Potter, Jr.	71-69-73	— 213
Camilo Villegas	71-67-75	— 213
J.B. Holmes	71-70-72	— 213
Kevin Sutherland	71-70-72	— 213
Kevin Kisner	69-71-74	— 214
Brandt Snedeker	71-70-73	— 214
John Merrick	69-73-72	— 214
Chez Reavie	66-76-72	— 214
Kenny Perry	70-72-72	— 214
Bobby Gates	73-67-75	— 215
Martin Laird	72-70-73	— 215
Stephen Gangluff	69-73-74	— 216
Kevin Stadler	70-71-76	— 217
Charley Hoffman	71-71-77	— 219
Ryan Moore	72-70-77	— 219
Kevin Streelman	68-74-78	— 220

Qatar Masters Leading Scores
Saturday
At Doha Golf Club
Doha, Qatar
Purse: $2.5 million
Yardage: 7,381; Par: 72
Second Round

Paul Lawrie, Scotland	69-67	— 136
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	69-68	— 137
Ricardo Gonzalez, Argentina	71-67	— 138
Peter Hanson, Sweden	69-69	— 138
James Kingston, South Africa	70-69	— 139
Simon Khan, England	71-68	— 139
David Lynn, England	71-69	— 140
Jason Day, Australia	68-72	— 140
Maarten Lafeber, France	72-68	— 140
Marc Warren, Scotland	72-68	— 140
Marcel Siem, Germany	71-69	— 140
John Daly, United States	67-73	— 140
Anthony Wall, England	74-66	— 140
Andrew Dodt, Australia	71-69	— 140
Sergio Garcia, Spain	72-68	— 140
Victor Dubuisson, France	72-68	— 140
Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Spain	72-69	— 141
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	71-70	— 141
G. Fernandez-Castano, Spain	66-75	— 141
Lee Westwood, England	71-70	— 141
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain	71-70	— 141
Carlos Del Moral, Spain	71-70	— 141
Martin Kaymer, Germany	71-70	— 141
Ben Curtis, United States	71-70	— 141
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	72-69	— 141

Also

Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	73-69	— 142
Francesco Molinari, Italy	71-72	— 143
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	79-65	— 144
Retief Goosen, South Africa	73-71	— 144
Shaun Micheel, United States	71-74	— 145
G. McDowell, Northern Ireland	73-72	— 145

Missed cut

K.J. Choi, South Korea	68-78	— 146
Todd Hamilton, United States	76-71	— 147
Hunter Mahan, United States	74-75	— 149
Peter Uihlein, United States	77-75	— 152

Australian Ladies Masters Scores
Saturday
At Royal Pines Resort
Gold Coast, Australia
Purse: $529,600
Yardage: 6,647; Par: 72
a-amateur
Third Round

Ryu So Yeon, South Korea	66-61-69— 196
Christel Boeljon, Netherlands	66-65-68— 199
Kim Ha-neul, South Korea	72-65-64— 201
Diana Luna, Italy	71-64-66— 201
Frances Bondad, Australia	68-72-63— 203
Nikki Campbell, Australia	67-67-70— 204
Lee Bo-mee, South Korea	65-69-70— 204
Felicity Johnson, England	67-68-70— 205
Amelia Lewis, United States	71-64-70— 205
Giulia Sergas, Italy	70-68-68— 206
Gwladys Nocera, France	69-68-69— 206
Danielle Kang, United States	70-71-66— 207
Lindsey Wright, Australia	70-71-66— 207
Wendy Doolan, Australia	69-72-66— 207
Bree Arthur, Australia	70-66-71— 207
Kylie Walker, Scotland	71-71-66— 208
a-Lydia Ko, New Zealand	70-69-69— 208
Joanna Klatten, France	69-69-70— 208
Stacey Keating, Australia	70-70-69— 209
Sophie Gustafson, Sweden	69-70-70— 209
Stephanie Na, Australia	67-72-70— 209
Caroline Masson, Germany	71-67-71— 209
Lexi Thompson, United States	67-70-72— 209
Stacy Lewis, United States	70-73-67— 210
Sarah Kemp, Australia	68-74-68— 210
Carlota Ciganda, Spain	71-69-70— 210
Sophie Giquel-Bettan, France	70-69-71— 210
Kang Haeji, South Korea	73-66-71— 210
Maria Hernandez, Spain	71-67-72— 210
Pernilla Lindberg, Sweden	69-68-73— 210
Seo Hee-kyung, South Korea	66-71-73— 210
Sarah Oh, Australia	73-70-68— 211
Julieta Granada, Paraguay	74-69-68— 211
A. Blumenherst, United States	71-70-70— 211
Rachel Bailey, Australia	71-69-71— 211
Lee-Anne Pace, South Africa	69-71-71— 211
Caroline Hedwall, Sweden	72-71-69— 212
Karine Icher, France	73-70-69— 212
H. Bowie Young, United States	70-72-70— 212
D. Schreefel, Netherlands	70-71-71— 212
Katie Futcher, United States	71-69-72— 212
Laura Davies, England	71-72-70— 213
Ayako Uehara, Japan	73-70-70— 213
Lynnette Brooky, New Zealand	70-72-71— 213
Cathryn Bristow, New Zealand	73-68-72— 213
Karen Lunn, Australia	69-72-72— 213
Jane Rah, United States	74-69-71— 214
Nikki Garrett, Australia	71-71-72— 214
Rebecca Flood, Australia	71-70-73— 214
Candie Kung, Taiwan	71-70-73— 214
Mariajo Uribe, Colombia	71-69-74— 214
Nontaya Srisawang, Thailand	71-69-74— 214
Beth Allen, United States	74-65-75— 214
Marianne Skarpnord, Norway	72-71-72— 215
M. Francella, United States	72-70-73— 215
Jennifer Song, United States	70-71-74— 215
Park Ju-young, South Korea	69-72-74— 215
Sarah-Jane Smith, Australia	70-71-74— 215
Titiya Plucksataporn, Thailand	72-69-74— 215
Victoria Tanco, Argentina	71-69-75— 215
Kendall Dye, United States	73-70-73— 216
a-Su-Hyun Oh, Australia	73-70-73— 216
Courtney Massey, Australia	68-73-75— 216
Irene Cho, United States	72-69-75— 216
Jennie Lee, United States	72-71-74— 217
Christina Kim, United States	69-74-74— 217
Clare Queen, Scotland	72-71-74— 217
Becky Morgan, Wales	72-70-75— 217
Linda Wessberg, Sweden	70-71-76— 217
Rebecca Codd, Ireland	73-68-76— 217
Ashleigh Simon, South Africa	72-70-76— 218
Line Vedel, Denmark	69-73-77— 219
V. Lagoutte-Clemen, France	72-69-78— 219

NFL

AP NFL MVP Voting

NEW YORK — The voting for the 2011 NFL Most Valuable Player selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Aaron Rodgers, QB, Green Bay 48
Drew Brees, QB, New Orleans 2

AP NFL Offensive Player Voting

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Drew Brees, QB, New Orleans 43
Aaron Rodgers, QB, Green Bay 7

AP NFL Defensive Player Voting

NEW YORK — Voting for the 2011 NFL Defensive Player of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Terrell Suggs, LB, Baltimore 21
Jared Allen, DE, Minnesota 14
Justin Smith, DE-DT, San Francisco 6
Jason Pierre-Paul, DE, NY Giants 5
Patrick Willis, LB, San Francisco 2
NaVorro Bowman, LB, San Francisco 1
Charles Woodson, CB, Green Bay 1

AP NFL Comeback Player Voting

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Matthew Stafford, QB, Detroit 21
D'Qwell Jackson, LB, Cleveland 15
Alex Smith, QB, San Francisco 7
Steve Smith, WR, Carolina 3
Elvis Dumervil, DE, Denver 2
Andre Carter, DE, New England 1
Eli Manning, QB, New York Giants 1

AP NFL Coach of the Year Voting

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Jim Harbaugh, San Francisco 45
Mike McCarthy, Green Bay 3
John Fox, Denver 2

AP NFL Defensive Rookie Voting

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Von Miller, LB, Denver 39
Aldon Smith, DE-LB, San Francisco 11

AP NFL Offensive Rookie Voting

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Cam Newton, QB, Carolina 47
Andy Dalton, QB, Cincinnati 3

WINTER SPORTS

Men's World Cup Downhill Results
Saturday
At Chamonix, France

1. Jan Hudec, Canada, 2 minutes, 3.25 seconds.; 2. Romed Baumann, Austria, 2:03.78.; 3. Erik Guay, Canada, 2:03.88.; 4. Beat Feuz, Switzerland, 2:04.; 5. Benjamin Thomsen, Canada, 2:04.28.; 6. Klaus Kroell, Austria, 2:04.33.; 7. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 2:04.36.; 8. Bode Miller, United States, 2:04.44.; 9. Johan Clarey, France, 2:04.49.; 10. Andrej Sporn, Slovenia, 2:04.53.; 11. Adrien Theaux, France, 2:04.56.; 12. Erik Fisher, United States, 2:04.68.; 13. Marc Gisin, Switzerland, 2:04.74.; 14. Joachim Puchner, Austria, 2:04.78.; 15. Dominik Paris, Italy, 2:04.85.; 16. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 2:04.86.; 17. Yannick Bertrand, France, 2:04.88.; 18. Tobias Stechert, Germany, 2:04.96.; 19. Max Franz, Austria, 2:05.; 20. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 2:05.18.; 21. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 2:05.20.; 22. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 2:05.27.; 23. Andreas Romar, Finland, 2:05.33.; 24. Peter Fill, Italy, 2:05.34.; 25. Christof Innerhofer, Italy, 2:05.36.; 26. Siegmar Klotz, Italy, 2:05.41.; 27. Travis Ganong, United States, 2:05.75.; 28. Stephan Keppler, Germany, 2:05.76.; 29. Georg Streitberger, Austria, 2:05.80.; 30. Hans Olsson, Sweden, 2:05.81.

Also

36. Marco Sullivan, United States, 2:05.99.; Wiley Maple, United States, did not finish.

World Cup Downhill Standings
(After eight races)

1. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 473 points.; 2. Klaus Kroell, Austria, 437.; 3. Beat Feuz, Switzerland, 368.; 4. Bode Miller, United States, 333.; 5. Romed Baumann, Austria, 318.; 6. Erik Guay, Canada, 310.; 7. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 302.; 8. Johan Clarey, France, 258.; 9. Jan Hudec, Canada, 242.; 10. Joachim Puchner, Austria, 198.

Also

29. Travis Ganong, United States, 55.; 31. Erik Fisher, United States, 46.; 32. Marco Sullivan, United States, 35.; 45. Ted Ligety, United States, 9.

Overall World Cup Standings
(After 26 events)

1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 905 points.; 2. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 825.; 3. Beat Feuz, Switzerland, 733.; 4. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 639.; 5. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 581.; 6. Ted Ligety, United States, 578.; 7. Bode Miller, United States, 562.; 8. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 536.; 9. Klaus Kroell, Austria, 515.; 10. Romed Baumann, Austria, 488.

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   a) Michael Irvin b) Rickey Sanders c) Lynn Swann d) Jerry Rice
2. Who holds the Super Bowl record for the most rushing touchdowns in one game?
   a) Terrell David b) Emmitt Smith c) John Riggins d) Franco Harris
3. Who has the longest interception return in Super Bowl history?
   a) Deion Sanders b) Wilbur Marshall c) Larry Brown d) James Harrison
4. Which team has appeared in the most Super Bowls?
   a) San Francisco 49ers b) Pittsburgh Steelers c) Dallas Cowboys d) Cleveland Browns
5. Which team scored the most points in one Super Bowl?
   a) San Francisco 49ers b) Pittsburgh Steelers c) Dallas Cowboys d) Chicago Bears

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[illegible] Soccer standings

Boys

	District					Overall		
	W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	W	L	T
[illegible] Permian	2	0	0	0	6	7	5	1
[illegible]	1	0	0	0	3	2	5	2
[illegible] Central	1	1	0	0	3	4	6	0
[illegible] High	1	1	0	0	3	5	4	1
[illegible] High	1	1	0	0	3	6	3	4
[illegible] Cooper	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	0
[illegible] High	0	2	0	0	0	4	6	2

[illegible] points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a [illegible] (SOL)

Saturday's Scores

[illegible] High 4, San Angelo Central 3; Odessa High 2, Abilene High 1; Odessa Permian 2, [illegible] Cooper 1; Lee was idle. All games at Noon.

Tuesday's Games

Lee vs. Midland High; Abilene Cooper vs. Abilene High; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian; All games at 5 p.m. San Angelo Central is idle.

Girls

	District					Overall		
Team	W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	W	L	T
[illegible] High	2	0	0	0	6	10	3	0
[illegible] High	1	0	1	0	5	8	5	1
[illegible] High	1	1	0	0	3	9	5	0
[illegible] Permian	1	1	0	0	3	5	5	1
[illegible] Central	0	1	0	1	1	8	5	0
[illegible] Cooper	0	1	0	0	0	3	6	0
Lee	0	1	0	0	0	8	4	0

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Saturday's Scores

Midland High 1, San Angelo Central 0, SO; Abilene High 3, Odessa High 2; Odessa Permian 1, Abilene Cooper 0; Lee is idle.

Tuesday's Games

Lee vs. Midland High; Abilene Cooper vs. Abilene High; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian; All games at 7 p.m. San Angelo Central is idle.

LADY DAWGS

From 1C

had no chance of going in by saving all four of the Bobcats' attempts in the scoreless first half.

But as the seesaw game continued, with just one shot by either team in the first 10:29 of the second half, the players admitted it began to factor into their minds.

"You just try to not let the other team score, but then you're trying to push up and get a goal yourself and help your teammate out," Krisa said. "You've just got to keep telling yourself to keep going, keep pushing."

For Sigler, the tension grew as it became apparent the teams were heading to a shootout barring any late-game heroics.

"I'm just hoping that my team can get a goal because the shootouts are pretty nerve-racking," Sigler said

Yet once regulation ended with the teams knotted up at zero, Sigler refused to panic.

"I just kept saying to myself, 'I got this, I got this. My team can do it, I trust in my team,'" Sigler said

After the end of regulation, Sigler saved a Brenda Guerrero shot, the first of the shootout, then — after a save by Central's Hannah Jones — saw Lauren Bateman's shot eke past her but bounce harmlessly off the right post.

Krisa then stepped up and fired almost the exact same shot as Bateman, only hers found the bottom right corner of the net to put Midland High up 1-0 in the shootout. That only reinvigorated Sigler as she returned to the field for Central's next shot.

"I was just thinking I got this," Sigler said. "There's no way (we lose) now."

Sigler proved to be right, saving the next shot by Emily Guevara, then — after Ross put in a shot to put Midland High up 2-0 in the shootout — stopped Amanda De La Cruz's shot for her eighth and final save to end the game.

"It feels really good," Sigler said. "I'm just really proud."

Midland High co-head coach Joe Horn was proud of his team as well, as they remained undefeated in district heading into Tuesday's showdown with crosstown rival Lee.

"We're improving every week — that's our main goal," Horn said. "We had some big changes, and we're just, day to day, trying to improve as best as we can and work on things that we really need to work on, which normally, without all the shuffle that we had, would've been done in the offseason."

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BULLDOGS

From 1C

down the middle of the field, with a beautiful pass, which Downing put in to tie the game at one.

But the Bulldogs (5-4-1, 1-1-0-0, 3 points in District 3-5A) were far from finished in the first half, going up 2-1 after Central saved a shot by Nico Francino but Downing was there to put in the rebound. Francino, whose first two shots were saved, finally found the back of the net when he lofted one from 25 yards out that went over the goalkeeper's outstretched hands and into the top left corner of the goal for a 3-1 lead.

Francino scored the first goal of the second half on a similar shot, giving Midland High a 4-1 advantage in the 35th minute.

"We had to finish our shots, the rebounds, and that's exactly what we did," Downing said. He later added: "Passing the ball to feet was key. We talked about that before the game — that we had to play the ball to feet to beat this team."

Cottle was equally proud of the play on offense.

"We finally started making our runs up front, we started flowing offensively, so I was really pleased with that," Cottle said.

"That's probably the best we've played as far as offense all year long."

Of course, it wasn't just the offense that played well during the Bulldogs' 4-0 run.

The Bobcats only got off two shots from the time it scored its first goal to Midland High's final goal and were outshot 14-4 in the second half.

"We were pressuring them — non-stop pressuring them," Francino said. "Our defense was just doing its job."

A Keyland Taylor goal in the 32nd minute and a bizarre Ruben Dominguez goal — after Cristian Adame saved a free kick, Dominguez kicked it in after Adame bounced it to himself — in the eighth minute made the game a bit close for comfort late, but overall, Cottle was happy with the way his team played in its first District 3-5A win of the season.

"Soccer's a funny game in that it takes every single player playing together as a unit — there's not really an offense or a defense," Cottle said. "So, really, across the board — offensively and defensively — the guys did really well."

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Greenwood doubles teams win consolation championships

From staff reports

SEMINOLE — A pair of Greenwood doubles teams won consolation championships at the Andrews Spring Invitational on Saturday.

Kelcf White and Ashton Mill-Brown teamed to win the first flight consolation title, while Kasey Robey and Maddison Lesley achieved the same feat in the second flight. White was also runner-up for the consolation title in the first flight single division, losing to Big Spring's Reba Smith in the final.

Chaps split season-opening doubleheader

From staff reports

WACO — Midland College opened the baseball season with a split of a doubleheader against McLennan College at Saturday, winning Game 1, 1-0, then falling in Game 2, 7-3.

In Game 1, Levi Westerlund and Jeremy Filipek combined to pitch seven shutout innings, allowing just three hits. Westerlund picked up the win after going five innings, while Filipek got the save for throwing the last two.

The lone run of the game was scored by Steve Withrow, who came around on a triple by Joel Atkinson in the top of the third inning.

Game 2 was more of a struggle for Midland College, which saw a 3-2 lead disappear when McLennan exploded for four runs in the fourth inning.

The two teams wrap a three-game series with a nine-inning game at noon today.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 1, MCLENNAN COLLEGE 0

Midland	001	000	0	—1	5	0
Mclennan	000	000	0	—0	3	1

Levi Westerlund, Jeremy Filipek (6) and Steel Russell. Altimont, Perry (6) and Williams. W — Westerlund (1-0). L — Altimont. S — Filipek (1). 2B — MC, Ethan Kohnle, Joel Atkinson. 3B — MC, Atkinson.

MCLENNAN COLLEGE 7, MIDLAND COLLEGE 3

Midland	021	000	0	—3	8	2
Mclennan	200	400	x	—7	8	0

Nick Salois, Monty McCasland (4), Keanu Ramos (5) and Tyler Barlow. Walker, Holub (3), Satriano (6) and Rodriguez. W — Holub. L — Salois (0-1). 2B — MC, Ethan Kohnle, Matt Bienek.

Next: Midland College at McClennan College, Noon.

Offense comes alive for the Lady Chaps against Cisco

From staff reports

Midland College swept a doubleheader against Cisco College on Saturday, winning Game 1 9-0 in five innings and then 9-8 via a game-winning hit.

The Lady Chaparrals got an impressive pitching performance from Holly Herrington in the first game as she pitched five shutout innings, despite not striking out a single batter. Diana Lovell was 3 for 3 with four RBI, while Diana De La Paz was 3 for 3 with two RBI.

The Lady Chaps had to rally in Game 2 and managed to score three runs in the bottom of the seventh to win it. Lovell led off the inning with a single, followed by a double by De La Paz, putting runners on second and third. Genevieve Estrada tied the game at 8-8 with a 2-RBI double and then scored the winning run via a game-winning double off the fence by catcher Megan Macias.

The Lady Chaps return to action at 2 p.m. Monday against the Lubbock Christian University junior varsity in Lubbock.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 9, CISCO COLLEGE 0, 5 INNINGS

Cisco	000	00	—0	2	2
Midland	510	3x	—9	11	2

Allison Boston and Amanda Cruddas. Holly Herrington and Megan Macias. W — Herrington (2-0). L — Boston. 2B — Cisco, Haley Rollings; MC, Marlene Fields, Macias. 3B — MC, Debra Lovell. HR — MC, Lovell 2, Diana De La Paz, Kelcey Gomez.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 9, CISCO COLLEGE 8

Cisco	122	020	1	—8	15	1
Midland	012	210	3	—9	18	3

Amber Ortiz and Amanda Cruddas. Gabi Losoya, Holly Herrington (2) and Megan Macias. W — Herrington (3-0). L — Ortiz. 2B — Cisco, Haley Rollings 2, Mack Mayfield, Katie Harris 2; MC, Diana De La Paz 2, Genevieve Estrada, Macias, Emily Falcon 2. HR — MC, De La Paz, Estrada.

Next: Midland College at Lubbock Christian JV, 2 p.m. Monday.

HSGOLFROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Monahills Sandhills Tournament
Friday-Saturday
At Ward County Golf Course Monahans
GIRLS
Team Standings

1. Midland Christian, 366-351—717; 2. (tie) Permian, 376-375—751; and Andrews, 371-380—751; 4. Lamesa, 406-398—804; 5. Permian II, 432-413—845; 6. Fort Stockton, 446-430—876; 7. Van Horn, 508-481—989; 8. Greenwood, 531-549—1,080.

Top 10 Individuals

1. Christian Curnutte, Midland Christian, 83-74—157; 2. Britt Lambert, Andrews, 88-83—171; 3. Ruth Nabarette, Permian, 87-87—174; 4. (tie) Lynley Lewis, Midland Christian, 88-93—181; and Bailee Cook, Permian, 91-90—181; 6. Meagan Jones, Permian, 91-96—187; 7. Madison Warpula, Midland Christian, 97-91—188; 8. Loren Cheatham, Midland Christian, 98-93—191; 9. Nayelli Munoz, Monahans, 100-93—193; 10. (tie) Sara Carrasco, Permian III, 98-96—194; and McCayla Lopez, Andrews II, 94-100—194.

Team Results

Midland Christian (717): Christian Curnutte, 83-74—157; Madison Warpula, 97-91—188; Loren Cheatham, 98-93—191; Lynley Lewis, 88-93—181; Emily Brown, 100-97—197.

Permian (751): Meagan Jones, 91-96—187; Ruth Nabarette, 87-87—174; Bailee Cook, 91-90—181; Brittany Roberts, 107-102—209.

Andrews (751): Britt Lambert, 88-83—171; McCayla Lopez, 94-100—194; Dianna Garcia, 109-104—213; Amber Nanez, 99-94—193; Katie Mendoza, 90-103—193.

Permian II (845): Jillian Acklin, 107-102—209; Sara Carrasco, 98-96—194; Madison Hawkins, 106-102—208; Amber Bingham, 121-113—234.

Fort Stockton (876): Courtney Munoz, 103-107—210; Lexie Luera, 117-103—220; Rocio Ryeys, 113-105—218; Leeahn Losoya, 113-115—228.

Greenwood (1,080): Morgan Harries, 137-0—137; Haley Wood, 132-136—268; Elyssa Selinger, 113-123—236; Julia Pashilk, 153-144—297; Hope Brookshire, 149-146—295.

Other Medalists

Midland Christian: Sara Calvin, 93-106—199; Lexi Lopez, NS-91—NS.

Monahans: Landry Owens, 104-106—210; Jenna Jernigan, NS-88—NS; Kami Teiferteller, 103-NS—NS.

BOYS
Team Standings

1. Andrews, 309-305—614; 2. Permian, 319-321—640; 3. Fort Stockton, 326-324—650; 4. Midland Christian, 333-322—655; 5. Pecos, 342-338—680; 6. Wink, 365-330—695; 7. Midland Trinity, 357-356—713; 8. Seminole, 369-370—739; 9. Kermit, 374-368—742; 10. Odessa High, 379-369—748; 11. Greenwood, 378-372—750; 12. Midland High, 376-380—756; 13. Monahans A, 387-378—765; 14. Van Horn, 475-458—933.

Top 10 Individuals

1. G.K. Morrison, Andrews, 71-73—144; 2. Kelby Bridges, Permian, 74-76—150; 3. Josh Baltzell, Andrews, 77-74—151; 4. Jacob Garcia, Wink, 80-77—157; 5. (tie) Hunter Montgomery, Andrews, 82-76-158; Lance Luera, Fort Stockton, 75-80—158; and Omar Ramirez, Fort Stockton, 80-78—158; 8. (tie) Jacob Hibler, Midland Christian, 81-78—159; Deagan Blackwood, Midland Christian, 79-80—159; 10. JC Wilbourn, Wink, 82-79—161.

Team Results

Andrews (614): G.K. Morrison, 71-73-144; Hunter Montgomery, 82-76—158; Josh Baltzell, 77-74—151; Casey Fowler, 79-84—163; Erik Walinder, 87-82—169.

Permian (640): Avery McCrury, 81-83—164; Eli Melendez, 84-78—162; Allen Baten, 80-84—164; Kelby Bridges, 74-76—150; Brooks McCoy, 84-92—176.

Midland Christian (655): Jacob Hibler, 81-78—159; Josh Hollar, 88-80—168; Deagan Blackwood, 79-80—159; Steven Rice, 87-84—171; Ryan Tessaro, 86-90—176.

Trinity (713): Trace Morrow, 82-89—171; Jackson Willingham, 85-86—171; Gage Morrow, 88-89—177; Weldon Boley, 107-126—233; Philip Beal, 102-92—194.

Seminole (739): Keith Cheuvfont, 98-96—194; Brett Klassen, 94-95—189; John Klassen, 85-82—167; Alec Winfrey, 112-104—216; Hayden Everitt, 92-97—189.

Odessa High (748): Brandon Grant, 91-94—185; Byron Ramirez, 95-94—189; Zach Gonzales, 98-89—187; Andy Perez, 102-104—206; Blake Estep, 95-92—187.

Greenwood (750): Calvin Adams, 93-88—181; Zach Martin, 90-94—184; Matt Rose, 96-87—183; Sean Spiser, 99-117—216; Mason Fraley, 109-103—212.

Midland High (756): Jarid Larson, 92-89—181; Guy Ekstrom, 99-106—205; Alex Martinez, 89-82—171; Brooks Womack, 122-108—230; Michael Barsick, 96-103—199.

Monahans A (765): Pedro Cano, 87-96—183; Tyler Smith, 99-86—185; Andrew Hendricks, 98-97—195; Kristian Crozier, 103-99—202; John Roeber, 114-105—219.

Other Medalists

Midland Christian: Dakota Phillips, 83-92—175; Coleman Houston, 94-96—190.

San Angelo Girls Classic
Saturday, San Angelo
Final
ORANGE DIVISION
Round 1: Bentwood Country Club
Round 2: Quicksand Golf Cours
Team Standings

1. San Antonio Johnson, 313-324—637; 2. San Antonio Reagan, 313-328—641; 3. El Paso Eastwood, 316-334—650; 4. San Antonio O'Connor, 322-340—662; 5. El Paso Coronado, 322-350—672; 6. San Antonio Churchill, 329-336—665; 7. San Angelo Central, 330-354—684; 8. Permian, 344-354—689; 9. Abilene High, 373-363—736; 10. Abilene Cooper, 354-394—748; 11. Midland Lee, 375-374—749; 12. Odessa High, 366-386—752; 13. El Paso Franklin, 365-391—756; 14. Midland High, 390-496—796; 15. Lubbock High, 388-421—809; 16. San Antonio Reagan II, 399-424—823; 17. Lubbock Monterey, 410-418—828; 18. Lubbock Coronado, 414-426—840; 19. San Angelo Central II, 447-453—900.

Top 10 Individuals

1. Marijosse Navarro, Reagan, 70-72—142; 2. Taylor Coleman, Johnson, 69-74—143; 3. Alexia Heist, Eastwood, 71-78—149; 4. (tie) Libby Thomas, Lee, 75-75—150; and Nikki Long, Johnson, 76-74—150; 6. Ana Paredes, O'Connor, 73-79—152; 7. Randi Hanfeld, Permian, 75-80—155; 8. Kamryn Cummings, Central, 78-81—159; 9. Amber Herrera, Eastwood, 79-81—160; 10. (tie) Tulasi Gopalan, El Paso Coronado, 74-87—161; and Taylor Hernandez, El Paso Coronado, 78-83—161.

Team Results

San Angelo Central (684): Kamryn Cummings, 78-81—159; Jaclyn Granado, 79-85—164; Christian Garcia, 82-86—168; Sarah Falcon, 94-102—196; Lauren Barron, 91-107—198.

Permian (689): Randi Hanfeld, 75-80—155; Macee Lane, 87-81—168; Sydney McCullough, 91-93—184; McKynzie Golden, 96-91—187; MacKenzie Poston, 91-97—188.

Abilene High (730): Mackenzie Curnutt, 87-85—172; Lauren Langford, 90-91—181; Madison Moore, 99-94—193; Lindsey Sitton, 101-93—194; Kelly Lanford, 97-103—200.

Abilene Cooper (748): Cameron Wallace, 82-93—175; CharlesAnn Freeman, 87-100—187; Elizabeth West, 92-97—189; Holly Buff, 93-104—197; Ilyana Benavidez, 93-107—200.

Lee (749): Libby Thomas, 75-75—150; Talyn Standard, 93-86—179; Leah Schwope, 94-110—204; Emily White, 113-103—216; Ginny Bister, 119-121—240.

Odessa High (752): Alyssa Carter, 82-96—178; Aspen Lam, 92-89—181; Mallory Jones, 92-96—188; Daniella Rodriguez, 100-109—209; Samantha Bustamante, 105-105—210.

Midland High (796): Rachel Eyler, 93-97—190; Hannah Cowley, 97-102—199; Kathryn McGowan, 100-104—204; Erica Frazier, 100-103—203; Daven Crawford, 101-110—211.

San Angelo Central II (900): Whitney Wardlaw, WD; ; Maddie Sudduth, 99-111—210; Mikayla Moore, 108-103—211; Caroline Allison, 115-120—235; Cassie Palmer, 125-119—244.

Other Medalists

Odessa High: Bryanna Acosta, 110-128—238.

BLUE DIVISION
Round 1: San Angelo Country Club
Round 2: Bentwood Country Club
Team Standings

1. Andrews, 329-329—658; 2. Snyder, 375-371—746; 3. Monahans, 389-361—756; 4. Pecos, 417-376—813; 5. Abilene Wylie, 431-493—834; 6. Burleson Centennial, 437-400—837; 7. Sweetwater, 438-467—845; 8. Seminole, 422-437—859; 9. Dumas, 434-426—860; 10. Borger, 450-418—868; 11. Plainview, 465-439—904; 12. Brownwood, 493-439—932; 13. Canyon, 495-458—953; Big Spring, 491-NS—NS.

Top 10 Individuals

1. Elizabeth Chavarria, Sonora, 85-74—159; 2. Sarah Black, Andrews, 80-82—162; 3. Hailey Burgen, Andrews, 81-83—164; 4. (tie) Sarah Moore, Burkburnett, 84-81—165; Payten Payne, Andrews, 82-83—165; and Sidney Dermody, Sonora, 81-84—165; 7. (tie) Whitlee Woods, Andrews, 86-81—167; and McKenzie Long, Andrews, 84-83—167; 9. Kalli Jennings, Andrews, 84-84—168; 10. Kayley Mull, Seminole, 89-83—172.

Team Results

Andrews (658): Sarah Black, 80-82—162; Hailey Burgen, 81-83—164; Whitlee Woods, 86-81—167; McKenzie Long, 84-83—167; Kalli Jennings, 84-84—168.

Monahans (756): Gabi Cano, 95-89—184; Kara Doege, 95-91—186; Emily King, 100-93—193; Destinee Moore, 99-94—193; Karley Pounds, 115-105—220.

Seminole (859): Kayley Mull, 89-83—172; Vanessa Sellars, 107-111—218; Alyssa Nunez, 115-119—234; Chelsey Froese, 111-137—248; Janet Froese, 133-124—257.

Big Spring (491-NS—NS): Kelsie Guinn, 92-98—190; Brianna Cobos, 136-121—257; Gabby Fair, 141-125—266; Mariah McIntosh, 122-NS—NS.

Other Medalists

Andrews: Payten Payne, 82-83—165.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WILCOX TOSSES GEM AS FALCONS SALVAGE SERIES

LAREDO — Travis Wilcox tossed a seven inning shutout and gave up just three hits as The University of Texas of the Permian Basin won the third and final game of the three-game series with Texas A&M International 4-0.

UTPB had seven hits on the day, including a 2-for-3 performance by Ryne Head, who also scored two of the team's runs.

The Falcons moved to 1-2 on the year and will play their first home games of the season at the UTPB Classic, which will be played this weekend in both Odessa and Midland.

UTPB WOMEN PICKS UP WIN OVER DUSTDEVILS

LAREDO — Tammy Acosta put in a game-high 19 points and dished out seven assists to lead The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to a 71-63 win over Texas A&M International.

Acosta was one of three players to finish in double-figures as Cashena Mathis and Taniqua Ards put in 15 and 13 points respectively.

UTPB improved to 15-6 overall and 7-2 in Heartland Conference play. It will return home on Thursday to host Arkansas-Fort Smith at 5:30 p.m. in the Falcon Dome.

MEN'S BASKETBALL STAYS HOT, TAKES OVERTIME WIN IN LAREDO

LAREDO — Madison Turner put in a team-high 16 points, including a go-ahead three-pointer with 58 seconds to play in overtime, lifting the Falcons to a 49-47 win. UTPB has now won four-straight Heartland Conference games, as they improved to 4-5 in league action.

Crane closed out the scoring with a free throw with 11 seconds to play, pushing the Falcons to victory. The Falcons are now 10-12 overall and will return home to host Arkansas-Fort Smith at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Falcon Dome.

TEXAS/BIG 12COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS

NO. 6 BAYLOR 64, OKLAHOMA ST. 60

At Stillwater, Okla., Perry Jones III had 16 points and 11 rebounds, Quincy Acy provided the go-ahead basket and a key offensive rebound down the stretch and No. 6 Baylor edged Oklahoma State 64-60 on Saturday.

The Cowboys (11-12, 4-6 Big 12) rallied from a nine-point deficit to take a 57-56 lead on Keiton Page's wide-open 3-pointer from the right wing with 1:42 to play.

TEXAS 74, TEXAS TECH 57

At Austin, Clint Chapman scored 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Texas defeated Texas Tech 74-57 Saturday night.

Sheldon McClellan and J'Covan Brown each added 17 points each for Texas (14-9, 4-6 Big 12), which won for the second time in seven games, although the five losses during that stretch came by an average of 4.8 points.

KANSAS STATE 64, TEXAS A&M 53

At Manhattan, Kan., Will Spradling had a career high 19 points, Angel Rodriguez scored all 13 of his points in the second half and Kansas State rallied for a 64-53 victory over Texas A&M on Saturday.

The backcourt duo provided just enough offense to bail out the Wildcats (16-6, 5-5 Big 12), who were awful from the field in the first half. Spradling had four 3-pointers and Rodriguez added four assists as Kansas State avoided a third consecutive loss.

TULANE 75, HOUSTON 54

At New Orleans, Ricky Tarrant scored 21 points and Josh Davis had a double-double in Tulane's 75-54 rout of Houston on Saturday night.

The Green Wave (15-8, 3-6 Conference USA) scored 42 points in the paint and shot 50 percent (30 of 60) from the field.

EAST CAROLINA 82, RICE 68

At Greenville, N.C., Darrius Morrow scored 16 points and Maurice Kemp had a double-double to help East Carolina to an 82-68 win over Rice on Saturday.

Kemp finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds — five offensive — for the Pirates (12-10, 3-6 Conference USA), who have won three in a row. Miguel Paul also had 14 points with a game-high six assists, while Corvonn Gaines and Paris Campbell each had 13 points.

UCF 59, SMU 52

At Dallas, Marcus Jordan scored 17 points, and Isaiah Sykes and Tristan Spurlock added 15 apiece, to lead UCF to a 59-52 victory at SMU on Saturday.

The Knights (17-6, 6-3 Conference USA) trailed 29-28 at halftime but started the second half on a 14-2 run and maintained the lead the rest of the way. The Mustangs (10-13, 2-7) came within 49-48 on Jalen Jones' three-point play with 4:28 left before UCF put it away on 3-pointers by Spurlock and Jordan, and at the free-throw line.

UAB 61, UTEP 60

At El Paso, Jordan Swing scored 19 points and Preston Purifoy hit a go-ahead jumper with 51 seconds remaining as Alabama-Birmingham edged UTEP 61-60 Saturday night.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 57, SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA 55

At Hammond, La., Demarcus Gatlin scored 17 points, including a game-winning jumper with 4 seconds left to help Sam Houston State rally and beat Southeastern Louisiana 57-55 Saturday night.

TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 70, NORTH DAKOTA 58

At Edinburg, Jared Maree had 17 points and nine rebounds to lead Texas-Pan American to a 70-58 victory over North Dakota on Saturday night.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 69, CENTRAL ARKANSAS 61

At Conway, Ark., LaMarcus Reed scored 22 points to lead Texas-Arlington to its 13th win in a row, 69-61 over Central Arkansas on Saturday.

NICHOLLS STATE 96, TEXAS STATE 75

At Thibodaux, La., Trevon Lewis scored 23 points and Thomas Dantrell added 22 as Nicholls State beat Texas State 96-75 Saturday for its second straight win.

NORTHWESTERN STATE 82, TEXAS A&M-CC 68

At Natchitoches, La., Louis Ellis scored 17 points, making 4 of 5 from 3-point range, and Northwestern State defeated Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 82-68 on Saturday.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 73, TEXAS SOUTHERN 67

At Prairie View, Louis Munks scored 23 points, Ryan Gesiakowski tied a career high with 21, and Prairie View A&M beat Texas Southern 73-67 in a key Southwestern Conference matchup Saturday night.

LAMAR 80, UTSA 66

At Beaumont, Brandon Davis scored 23 points Saturday, leading four Lamar players in double figures, and the Cardinals defeated UTSA 80-66.

BIG 12

NO. 4 MISSOURI 74, NO. 8 KANSAS 71

At Colombia, Mo., Marcus Denmon hit three 3-pointers in the final 2:05, the last for the go-ahead points, as No. 4 Missouri fought off No. 8 Kansas 74-71 in Game 1 of what could be the schools' final border showdown on Saturday night.

IOWA STATE 77, OKLAHOMA 70

At Norman, Okla., Melvin Ejim had 21 points to lead five Iowa State players scoring in double figures as the Cyclones beat Oklahoma 77-70 on Saturday.

Women

NO. 1 BAYLOR 70, KANSAS STATE 41

At Manhattan, Kan., Brittney Griner scored 29 points in another dominating performance, and No. 1 Baylor cruised to a 70-41 victory over Kansas State on Saturday night to keep its perfect season intact.

NO. 18 TEXAS A&M 62, KANSAS 51

At College Station, Kelsey Bone had a season-high 26 points and eight rebounds and No. 18 Texas A&M won its third straight, 62-51, over Kansas on Saturday night.

Pats WR Welker OK with being overshadowed

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Wes Welker is used to being overlooked.

He's 5-foot-9. He wasn't drafted. His 11 catches couldn't prevent a Super Bowl loss four years ago. And in the run up to today's rematch against the New York Giants, the New England Patriots wide receiver is getting little attention.

Welker's NFL-leading 122 receptions were in the shadow of the spotlight-filling injured ankle of 6-foot-6 tight end Rob Gronkowski. So does the small receiver feel he needs a big game to raise his profile?

"I don't think I am really worried about that too much," Welker said. "I just try to go out there and do my job to the best of my ability. I really just focus on whatever I have to do to help the team win the game."

He could have a larger role with Gronkowski at less than full strength. His high left ankle sprain could keep him from tacking on plenty of yards, as he often does, after catching passes.

Tom Brady certainly relies on Welker, whose 554 receptions since 2007 lead the NFL, 80 more than Brandon Marshall's second highest total.

"Wes Welker would make any quarterback better with his ability to get open and catch the ball," Brady said. "He's a very smart player who has a great feel for the game, who has a great feel for how to get open in man-to-man (coverage), where to find the spots in zone, great body language."

That body language and Welker's ability to confuse defensive backs are keys to his success. He also knows that reading what the safeties are doing is a key to how the defense will handle a play.

He usually lines up in the slot and tries to start his patterns the same way so a defender doesn't know what's coming.

Then the sure-handed receiver will plant his foot, cut sharply to the left or right or head downfield and latch onto Brady's pass after eluding a defender.

"I think you go off and react to what they do," Welker said. "However they decide to play you, you attack it. A lot of it is reaction and being quick and in and out of breaks and doing different things to get open."

Deion Branch usually lines up on the outside and tight end Aaron Hernandez sometimes starts there, too. Gronkowski and Welker are at their best over the middle.

"I just think that they have a good system," Giants cornerback Corey Webster said. "How they use (Welker) inside the system is wonderful. You can't have a system without players inside of it as well."

When Welker was at Texas Tech, he couldn't imagine being so successful in the NFL, let alone making it to his second Super Bowl in four years.

"I didn't really have any big expectations," he said. "I really just wanted a job. I wanted to go out there and do the best I can to try to get that job."

He signed as a free agent with San Diego. The Chargers waived him after the first game in 2004 and the Miami Dolphins signed him after the second. As a rookie, he returned kickoffs and punts but didn't catch a single pass.

Winslow Townson/AP

New England's Wes Welker tries to break a tackle against the Baltimore Ravens during the first half of the AFC Championship game Jan. 22 in Foxborough, Mass.

FACTS AND FIGURES

AT STAKE — National Football League Championship for the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

PARTICIPANTS — New England Patriots (AFC) and New York Giants. This the seventh appearance for the Patriots (3-3) and the fifth appearance for the Giants (3-1).

SITE — Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis. This is the first Super Bowl played in Indianapolis.

SEATING CAPACITY — 63,000

DATE — Feb. 5, 2012.

KICKOFF — 6:30 p.m. EST.

NETWORK COVERAGE — By NBC-TV to more than 200 stations throughout the United States.

Westwood One Radio to 600 stations within the United States. The Armed Forces Television will also provide broadcast to 175 countries throughout the world.

The game will be distributed internationally by the NFL and NFL International to more than 185 countries and broadcast in 30 different languages.

PLAYERS SHARE — Winners: $88,000 per man. Losers: $44,000 per man.

PLAYER UNIFORMS — New England will be the home team and has its choice of wearing its colored or white jersey.

OVERTIME — At the end of regulation playing time, the referee will immediately toss a coin at the center of the field, according to rules pertaining to the usual pre-game toss. The captain of NFC team (the visiting team) will call the toss. Following a three-minute intermission after the end of the regular game, play will continue by 15-minute periods with a two-minute intermission between each such overtime period with no halftime intermission. The teams will change goals between each period, there will be a two-minute warning at the end of each period.

Both teams must have the opportunity to possess the ball once during the extra period, unless the team that receives the opening kickoff scores a touchdown on its initial possession, in which case it is the winner. If the team that possesses the ball first scores a field goal on its initial possession, the other team shall have the opportunity to possess the ball. If (that team) scores a touchdown on its possession, it is the winner. If the score is tied after (both teams have a) possession, the team next scoring by any method shall be the winner.

SUPER BOWL CAPSULE

NEW YORK GIANTS (12-7) VS. NEW ENGLAND (15-3)
5 p.m. today, NBC
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

OPENING LINE — New England by 3 ½

RECORD VS. SPREAD — New York 11-8; New England 10-8

SERIES RECORD — Tied 5-5

LAST MEETING — Giants beat Patriots 24-20, Nov. 6, 2011

LAST WEEK — Giants beat 49ers 20-17, OT; Patriots beat Ravens 23-20

GIANTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (32), PASS (5)

GIANTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (27), RUSH (19), PASS (29)

PATRIOTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (2), RUSH (20), PASS (2)

PATRIOTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (31), RUSH (17), PASS (31)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Patriots playing in seventh Super Bowl. They're 3-3 in title games, winning after 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons. ... Giants 3-1 in Super Bowls, winning in 1986, 1990 and 2007 seasons. They've won seven NFL championships overall. ... New York ended New England's quest for perfect season with 17-14 win in Super Bowl four years ago. ... Patriots have won 10 straight since losing to Giants 24-20 on Nov. 6, ending New England's mark of 20 straight wins at Gillette Stadium. Eli Manning's 1-yard TD pass to Jake Ballard with 15 seconds left won it for NY — an ending similar to Super Bowl matchup. Manning's 13-yard TD pass to Plaxico Burress with 35 seconds left won that title game. ... Patriots are 12th team to bring winning streak of 10 or more games into Super Bowl. Teams with long winning streaks are 6-5 in title game. New England had its 18-game streak snapped by Giants four years ago. They also brought 14-game winning streak into 2003 game, which they won. ... Manning goes for second Super Bowl title, which would give him one more than older brother Peyton, the Colts QB. ... Manning had best regular season of career, setting NFL record with 15 fourth-quarter TD passes ... Manning has 103.1 passer rating in playoffs, with eight TDs and one interception ... Brady has 16 career postseason wins and overall playoff record of 16-5, the best postseason winning percentage by QB with at least 15 starts. The 16 wins tie Joe Montana for most in league history. ... Brady has 36 postseason TD passes, third in league history behind Montana (45) and Bret Favre (44). ... Coach Bill Belichick is 17-6 in the playoffs. The 17 wins match Joe Gibbs for third in league history, trailing Tom Landry (20) and Don Shula (19). ... It's first Super Bowl with QBs who have each won Super Bowl MVP award. Brady is one of only four players to win Super Bowl MVP more than once, along with Hall of Famers Montana, Terry Bradshaw and Bart Starr. ... Manning and Brady combined to pass for 10,168 yards during season, the mo st ever by QBs in a Super Bowl. ... Brady will start his fifth Super Bowl, matching John Elway's mark. ... Brady and Belichick in fifth Super Bowl together, most by a coach-QB combination.

NFL AWARDS ROUNDUP

BRONCOS LB MILLER WINS DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF YEAR

INDIANAPOLIS — Denver Broncos linebacker Von Miller has won a two-man race with 49ers linebacker Aldon Smith for the 2011 Associated Press NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year award.

Miller

Miller, the No. 2 overall pick in the draft, sparked a defensive turnaround in Denver with his steady and sometimes spectacular play. He teamed with quarterback Tim Tebow to energize the Broncos, who rallied from a 2-5 record to the AFC West title and a playoff win over Pittsburgh.

Miller received 39 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL. Smith, also a first-round choice, got the other 11.

The second Bronco to win the award — LB Mike Croel got it in 1991 — Miller made 64 tackles and had 11 1/2 sacks despite missing one game and playing the last four contests with a cumbersome cast protecting his surgically repaired right thumb.

PANTHERS QB NEWTON WINS OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF YEAR

INDIANAPOLIS — Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton has won the 2011 Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year award.

Newton is the second straight No. 1 overall draft pick to take the honor in voting by a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league. Rams QB Sam Bradford won it last year.

The first Panther to take the award, Newton received 47 votes to three for Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton.

LIONS QB STAFFORD WINS COMEBACK PLAYER OF YEAR

INDIANAPOLIS — Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford has won the 2011 Associated Press NFL Comeback Player of the Year award.

Stafford beat out six other players who received votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league. Stafford fought through injuries his first two seasons, then threw for more than 5,000 yards in 2011 to lead Detroit to its first playoff berth in 12 years.

GREEN BAY QB AARON RODGERS WINS MVP AWARD

INDIANAPOLIS — Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers has won the 2011 Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player award in a landslide.

Rodgers earned 48 votes to two for New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL. The Packers star is the first Green Bay player honored since Brett Favre concluded a run of three straight seasons as MVP in 1997.

SAINTS QB BREES WINS OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

INDIANAPOLIS — Drew Brees' record-setting season has earned the New Orleans quarterback the 2011 Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year award.

Brees shattered Dan Marino's 27-year-old mark by passing for 5,476 yards, and his 468 completions broke Peyton Manning's 2010 record of 450. Brees finished the season completing 71.6 percent of his passes, breaking his own 2009 NFL record (70.6). He also surpassed 300 yards passing for seven straight games and 13 times during the season, both beating league marks he already held.

RAVENS LB SUGGS WINS DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR

INDIANAPOLIS — Baltimore linebacker Terrell Suggs, the most dynamic player on the Ravens' staunch defense, has won the 2011 Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year award.

On a team featuring longtime stars Ray Lewis and Ed Reed, Suggs stood out most for a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league. He earned 21 votes, seven more than Minnesota end Jared Allen.

Super Bowl

Rosters

(Subject to change)
AFC Champion
New England Patriots
Head Coach: Bill Belichick

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
3	Stephen Gostkowski	K	6-1	215
8	Brian Hoyer	QB	6-2	215
10	Tiquan Underwood	WR	6-1	183
11	Julian Edelman	WR	5-10	198
12	Tom Brady	QB	6-4	225
14	Zoltan Mesko	P	6-5	231
15	Ryan Mallett	QB	6-6	238
18	Matthew Slater	WR	6-0	200
22	Stevan Ridley	RB	5-11	225
23	Nate Jones	CB	5-10	185
24	Kyle Arrington	CB	5-10	196
25	Patrick Chung	S	5-11	212
27	Antwaun Molden	CB	6-1	198
29	Sterling Moore	S	5-10	205
31	Sergio Brown	S	6-2	210
32	Devin McCourty	CB	5-10	193
33	Kevin Faulk	RB	5-8	202
34	Shane Vereen	RB	5-9	205
36	Lousaka Polite	RB	6-0	245
39	Danny Woodhead	RB	5-8	195
41	Malcolm Williams	CB	5-11	200
42	BenJarvus Green-Ellis	RB	5-11	215
44	James Ihedigbo	S	6-1	215
48	Dahny Aiken	C	6-4	252
50	Rob Ninkovich	LB	6-2	255
51	Jerod Mayo	LB	6-1	245
52	Dane Fletcher	LB	6-2	244
54	Brian Waters	G	6-3	320
55	Brandon Spikes	LB	6-2	250
58	Tracy White	LB	6-0	230
59	Gary Guyton	LB	6-3	245
61	Marcus Cannon	T	6-5	358
62	Ryan Wendell	C	6-2	290
63	Dan Connolly	G	6-4	313
64	Donald Thomas	G	6-4	310
65	Nick McDonald	G	6-4	316
70	Logan Mankins	G	6-4	310
71	Brandon Deaderick	DE	6-4	305
72	Matt Light	T	6-4	305
74	Kyle Love	DT	6-1	310
75	Vince Wilfork	NT	6-2	325
76	Sebastian Vollmer	T	6-8	315
77	Nate Solder	T	6-8	319
81	Aaron Hernandez	TE	6-1	245
83	Wes Welker	WR	5-9	185
84	Deion Branch	WR	5-9	195
85	Chad Ochocinco	WR	6-1	192
87	Rob Gronkowski	TE	6-6	265
90	Niko Koutouvides	LB	6-2	238
94	Shaun Ellis	DE	6-5	290
95	Mark Anderson	DE	6-4	255
97	Ron Brace	DT	6-3	330
98	Gerard Warren	DT	6-4	325

NFC Champion
New York Giants
Head Coach: Tom Coughlin

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
5	Steve Weatherford	P	6-2	211
8	David Carr	QB	6-3	212
9	Lawrence Tynes	K	6-1	194
10	Eli Manning	QB	6-4	218
12	Jerrel Jernigan	WR	5-8	189
13	Ramses Barden	WR	6-6	224
15	Devin Thomas	WR	6-2	221
20	Prince Amukamara	CB	6-0	207
21	Kenny Phillips	S	6-2	217
22	Derrick Martin	S	5-10	198
23	Corey Webster	CB	6-0	200
26	Antrel Rolle	S	6-0	206
27	Brandon Jacobs	RB	6-4	264
28	D.J. Ware	RB	6-0	225
31	Aaron Ross	CB	6-0	190
33	Da'Rel Scott	RB	5-11	210
34	Deon Grant	S	6-2	215
36	Will Blackmon	CB	6-0	206
39	Tyler Sash	S	6-0	215
44	Ahmad Bradshaw	RB	5-10	214
45	Henry Hynoski	RB	6-1	266
47	Travis Beckum	TE	6-3	234
51	Zak DeOssie	LB	6-4	249
53	Greg Jones	LB	6-0	248
55	Spencer Paysinger	LB	6-2	236
57	Jacquian Williams	LB	6-3	224
58	Mark Herzlich	LB	6-4	246
59	Michael Boley	LB	6-3	230
62	Mitch Petrus	G	6-3	315
63	Jim Cordle	C	6-3	320
64	David Baas	C	6-4	312
66	David Diehl	T	6-5	304
67	Kareem McKenzie	T	6-6	330
69	Justin Trattou	DE	6-4	255
70	Tony Ugoh	T	6-5	304
71	Dave Tollefson	DE	6-4	266
72	Osi Umenyiora	DE	6-3	255
73	Jimmy Kennedy	DT	6-4	302
76	Chris Snee	G	6-3	305
77	Kevin Boothe	G	6-5	320
79	James Brewer	T	6-6	330
80	Victor Cruz	WR	6-0	204
82	Mario Manningham	WR	6-0	185
85	Jake Ballard	TE	6-6	275
86	Bear Pascoe	TE	6-5	293
88	Hakeem Nicks	WR	6-1	208
90	Jason Pierre-Paul	DE	6-5	278
91	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	268
93	Chase Blackburn	LB	6-3	247
94	Mathias Kiwanuka	LB	6-5	267
95	Rocky Bernard	DT	6-3	301
97	Linval Joseph	DT	6-4	323
99	Chris Canty	DT	6-7	317

Champions

2011—Green Bay (NFC) 31, Pittsburgh (AFC) 25
2010—New Orleans (NFC) 31, Indianapolis (AFC) 17
2009—Pittsburgh (AFC) 27, Arizona (NFC) 23
2008—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 17, New England (AFC) 14
2007—Indianapolis (AFC) 29, Chicago (NFC) 17
2006—Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Seattle (NFC) 10
2005—New England (AFC) 24, Philadelphia (NFC) 21
2004—New England (AFC) 32, Carolina (NFC) 29
2003—Tampa Bay (NFC) 48, Oakland (AFC) 21
2002—New England (AFC) 20, St. Louis (NFC) 17
2001—Baltimore Ravens (AFC) 34, N.Y. Giants (NFC) 7
2000—St. Louis (NFC) 23, Tennessee (AFC) 16
1999—Denver (AFC) 34, Atlanta (NFC) 19
1998—Denver (AFC) 31, Green Bay (NFC) 24
1997—Green Bay (NFC) 35, New England (AFC) 21
1996—Dallas (NFC) 27, Pittsburgh (AFC) 17
1995—San Francisco (NFC) 49, San Diego (AFC) 26
1994—Dallas (NFC) 30, Buffalo (AFC) 13
1993—Dallas (NFC) 52, Buffalo (AFC) 17
1992—Washington (NFC) 37, Buffalo (AFC) 24
1991—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 20, Buffalo (AFC) 19
1990—San Francisco (NFC) 55, Denver (AFC) 10
1989—San Francisco (NFC) 20, Cincinnati (AFC) 16
1988—Washington (NFC) 42, Denver (AFC) 10
1987—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 39, Denver (AFC) 20
1986—Chicago (NFC) 46, New England (AFC) 10
1985—San Francisco (NFC) 38, Miami (AFC) 16
1984—L.A. Raiders (AFC) 38, Washington (NFC) 9
1983—Washington (NFC) 27, Miami (AFC) 17
1982—San Francisco (NFC) 26, Cincinnati (AFC) 21
1981—Oakland (AFC) 27, Philadelphia (NFC) 10
1980—Pittsburgh (AFC) 31, L.A. Rams (NFC) 19
1979—Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31
1978—Dallas (NFC) 27, Denver (AFC) 10
1977—Oakland (AFC) 32, Minnesota (NFC) 14
1976—Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Dallas (NFC) 17
1975—Pittsburgh (AFC) 16, Minnesota (NFC) 6
1974—Miami (AFC) 24, Minnesota (NFC) 7
1973—Miami (AFC) 14, Washington (NFC) 7
1972—Dallas (NFC) 24, Miami (AFC) 3
1971—Baltimore Colts (AFC) 16, Dallas (NFC) 13
1970—Kansas City (AFL) 23, Minnesota (NFL) 7
1969—N.Y. Jets (AFL) 16, Baltimore Colts (NFL) 7
1968—Green Bay (NFL) 33, Oakland (AFL) 14
1967—Green Bay (NFL) 35, Kansas City (AFL) 10

Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 7
Houston 31, Cincinnati 10
New Orleans 45, Detroit 28
Sunday, Jan. 8
New York Giants 24, Atlanta 2
Denver 29, Pittsburgh 23, OT

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
San Francisco 36, New Orleans 32
New England 45, Denver 10
Sunday, Jan. 15
Baltimore 20, Houston 13
N.Y. Giants 37, Green Bay 20

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 22
New England 23, Baltimore 20
N.Y. Giants 20, San Francisco 17, OT

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Honolulu
AFC 59, NFC 41

Super Bowl
Today
At Indianapolis
New England vs. N.Y. Giants, 5 p.m.

Imjury Report

NEW YORK GIANTS at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — GIANTS: PROBABLE: RB Ahmad Bradshaw (foot), WR Hakeem Nicks (shoulder), S Tyler Sash (foot), DE Osi Umenyiora (ankle, knee), CB Corey Webster (hamstring), LB Jacquian Williams (foot). PATRIOTS: QUESTIONABLE: T Marcus Cannon (ankle), S Patrick Chung (knee), LB Dane Fletcher (thumb), TE Rob Gronkowski (ankle), DT Kyle Love (ankle), G Logan Mankins (knee), LB Rob Ninkovich (hip), LB Brandon Spikes (knee), T Sebastian Vollmer (flu, back, foot), WR Wes Welker (knee), LB Tracy White (abdomen). PROBABLE: WR Deion Branch (knee), G Dan Connolly (groin), S James Ihedigbo (shoulder), T Matt Light (flu), WR Matthew Slater (shoulder).

Future Sites

2013 — Feb. 3, New Orleans
2014 — Feb. 2, East Rutherford, N.J.
2015 — Feb. 1, Glendale, Ariz.

QB

From 1C

gle-handedly vaulted the Colts to the top of the NFL heap, Eli burned to win all the time, too. But he wasn't above playing the trump card — his mother, Olivia.

"He would pin me down," Eli, now 31, recalled growing up with Peyton, "and take his knuckles and knock on my chest and make me name the 12 schools in the SEC. I didn't know them all at the time, but I quickly learned them. ... I don't suggest anyone else try it out, but it definitely made me learn the schools of the SEC. Once I figured those out, he moved on.

"There were 28 teams in the NFL at that point, so all teams in the NFL. I had to get my studying on for that. Then once I figured that out, the one I never got was the 10 brands of cigarettes. When he really wanted to torture me and knew I had no shot of ever getting it," he added, "that's when I just started screaming for my mom or dad to come save me."

Contrast that with the story Brady told about growing up with three older sisters.

"I didn't have to share clothes. I didn't have to fight over the bathroom. They were pretty easy on me. They dressed me up a few times in their clothes and painted my nails once, but it was nice," Brady said without a shred of embarrassment. "They'd bring all of their girlfriends over to the house. It was pretty cool."

Brady is as smooth on the field as away from it. He had success almost from the moment he slipped into the starting lineup in New England in the second game of the 2001 season, an opportunity that came after front-liner Drew Bledsoe suffered a sheared blood vessel in his chest following a hit from the Jets' Mo Lewis. In a sense, Brady was still seething about being platooned with Drew Henson during his final season at Michigan and falling all the way to the sixth round — No. 199 — in the 2000 NFL draft. Once he got the job, Brady wasn't going to let go.

Manning, on the other hand, was drafted No. 1 overall in 2004 by the Chargers. They promptly traded him to the Giants for quarterback Philip Rivers, the No. 4 pick, a swap that rumor had it was engineered by Archie. Either way, Manning arrived to much fanfare and not a little resentment.

HALL

From 1C

end Charles Haley and cornerback Aeneas Williams.

With Martin being voted in, it should clear the way for Bettis next season.

With Doleman finally making it, Haley has a better chance of making it in 2012.

Carter, Reed and Brown seemed to cancel each other out. All are worthy of induction.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., February 15, 2012 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 4618-12
For: Labor, material, equipment and supervision necessary for the renovation of Washington Park Aquatic Center. This is a re-bid of RFB 4432-12.

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.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is requesting proposals for an **Automatic Breast Ultra Sound System 1 or 2** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 p.m. (noon), Wednesday, February 22, 2012.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP #1051-020112 Enclosed".**

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from respondents be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until February 22, 2013.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
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Notice of Voting Precinct Boundary Changes

On October 24th and November 28th, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Midland County ordered the following precinct changes be made due to annexation by the City of Midland in 2010 and redistricting by MISD in 2011:

VOTING PRECINCT 101 - Commencing at the SW corner of Midland County, N along the County line to the City Limits of Odessa (voting precinct 406). Following the Odessa City Limits to the center of Business 20, then following Business 20 E to the Midland City Limits, then following the Midland City Limits to the center of SCR 1230. Then following SCR 1230 S to the County Line, then W to the beginning.

VOTING PRECINCT 102 - Commencing at a point in the center of Loop 250 W, following the City Limits W and N to the center of the S right-of-way of Hwy 191/Hwy 158/Andrews Hwy. The E to the center of Midland Dr. Then S to the center of Cuthbert. Then E to the center of McDonald. Then S to the center of Storey. Then W to the center of Midland Drive. Then S to the center of Illinois. Then W to the beginning.

VOTING PRECINCT 108 - Commencing at the SW corner of WCR 115 and FM 1788 and following the City Limits N, E, S and then W to the beginning.

VOTING PRECICNT 108A - Commencing at the SW corner of Business 20 and SCR 1318 at the Odessa City Limits, then following the City Limits N to the center of Hwy 191, then NE to FM 1788, then S to Business 20 excluding the portion annexed into voting precinct 106, then W to the beginning.

VOTING PRECINCT 109 - Commencing at the SW Corner of the City Limits E of Midland Drive and S of Business 20, following the City Limits to the center of Midland Drive then N to the center of Thomason. Then SE to the center of Holly. Then N to the center of Travis. Then E to the center of Midkiff. Then S to the center of Industrial. Then W to the City Limits. Then following the City Limits SE and W including an imaginary line between precinct 109 and 309 back to the beginning excluding the portion designated as 109A.

VOTING PRECINCT 109A - Commencing at the SW corner of the City Limits and an imaginary line separating precinct 309 and 109, then N following the City Limits line to the center of Industrial Avenue then following the City Limits S, W, S, and W back to the beginning.

VOTING PRECINCT 306 - Commencing at the center of the Union Pacific RR tracks & Big Spring, N to the center of Parker Avenue. Then E to the center of Lamesa Road, then N to Chestnut Avenue. Then E to Carver. Then S to Nobles, then E to Tilden. Then S to Cuthbert, then E to Fairgrounds Road. Then S to the center of the Union Pacific RR tracks. Then W to the beginning.

VOTING PRECINCT 307 - Commencing at the center of the Union Pacific RR tracks and S Garfield, N on Garfield continuing N on Andrews Hwy to the center of Ohio. Then E to the center of Garfield. Then N to the center of Louisiana. Then E to an imaginary extension of North 'K' St. Then N to the center of Kansas. Then E on Kansas continuing on to an imaginary extension of Holmsley to the center of Big Spring. Then S to the center of the Union Pacific RR tracks. Then W to the beginning excluding the portion designated as 307A

VOTING PRECINCT 307A - Commencing at the center of the Union Pacific RR tracks and S "D" Street, N to the center of Kansas Street, then E on Kansas and continuing on to an imaginary extension of Holmsley to the center of Big Spring. Then S to the center of the Union Pacific RR tracks and W to the beginning.

VOTING PRECINCT 308 - Commencing at the center of Parker Avenue and Big Spring, N to the S right-of-way of Loop 250. Then E to the center of Fairgrounds Rd. Then S to the center of Cuthbert Avenue. Then W to Tilden Street, then N to Nobles Avenue. Then W to Carver Street, then N to Chestnut Avenue. Then W to Lamesa Road, then S to Parker Avenue. Then W to the beginning.

VOTING PRECINCT 401 - Commencing at the SW corner of the County Line and Odessa City Limits, then N & E following the County Line to Hwy 349 (Midland City Limits line). Then following the City Limits to the N right-of-way of Hwy 191. Then W and S to the beginning.
VOTING PRECINCT 402 - Commencing at the center of Cuthbert and Midkiff, N to the center of Golf Course. Then E to the center of Garfield. Then S to the center of Cuthbert. Then W to the beginning excluding the portion designated as 402A.

VOTING PRECINCT 402A - Commencing at the corner of Cuthbert and Ward, then N to Princeton Avenue, then W to Culver Drive, then N to Golf Course Road, then E to Garfield, then S to Cuthbert and W to the beginning.

VOTING PRECINCT 406 - Commencing at the Midland County Line and the Odessa City Limits and following the County Line N to the beginning of the Odessa City Limits in Midland County. Then following the Odessa City Limits back to the beginning. (Includes that portion of the City of Odessa within Midland County.).

VOTING PRECINCT 409 - Commencing at the center of Loop 250 and Midland Drive then N to Bluebird Lane, then E to Melville. Then S to Faulkner, then N to Garfield, then S to the center of Loop 250, then W to the beginning.

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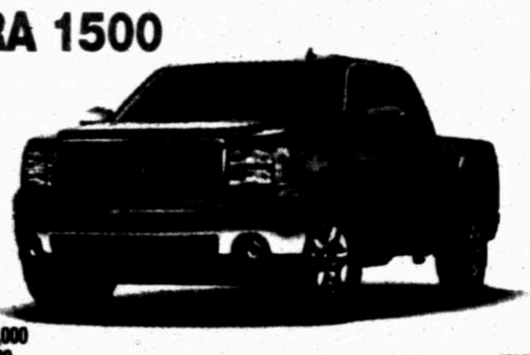

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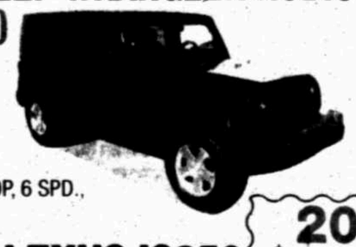

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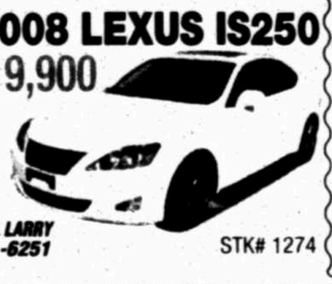

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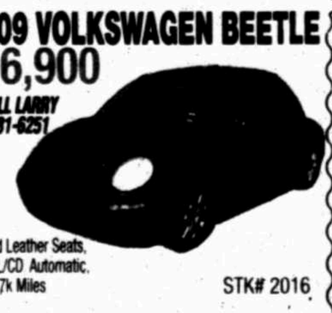

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THE GOLDEN YEARS?

By EPHRAIM TUCHO
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Retirement was once a point of safety; people would work and save money to comfortably live for the rest of their lives. In recent years, however, inadequate savings and the dwindling U.S. social security system has caused many older citizens to worry about their future.

According to a BMO Harris survey, 57 percent of U.S. adults are not confident in their ability to save for their ideal lifestyle in retirement. Some 52 percent say they have or anticipate having to either delay retirement or work part-time during retirement because they lack the savings.

For younger adults in the workforce, the way to contend with the new economics of retirement is clear: Save early and often. Older workers, however, may be forced to contemplate working in retirement to supplement inadequate savings.

"There are people who are looking to work full

> Temp agencies can provide an entrée for older workers trying to get their foothold in a new field.

time since the future is so uncertain," says Jocelyn Talbot, vice president of sales at RetirementJobs.com, a website that helps experienced workers find jobs.

Certain industries, such as retail, banking, healthcare and information technology, are looking to hire more workers and appreciate those who come with experience, Talbot says. Some older workers are even going back to school to learn new skills with which to enter the job market.

Temporary agencies can provide an entrée for older workers trying to get their foothold in a new field. Holding down a temporary position can help get a foot in the door with a company and can lead to a permanent position.

Networking is key to finding opportunities. Experienced workers should devote time to learning and perfecting their résumés and skills using social networking tools such as LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter. Using connections they have gained over the years and reaching out to make new ones will greatly increase their chances of finding a job.

Flexibility is also important when beginning a job hunt after what may have been decades with the same company. Older applicants who are open to working at lower levels and casting a net across a wide variety of companies and positions are appealing to prospective employers.

Look for companies with strong diversity initiatives. Businesses that actively seek to give opportunities to people of different ethnicity and gender typically are more willing to value older workers.

Online applications reduce the "human touch" in the application process, which can be discouraging to older workers re-entering the job market, Talbot points out.

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RÉSUMÉ TIPS FOR REBOUNDERS

DID YOUR LAST JOB END A LONG TIME AGO? HERE'S HOW TO POLISH YOUR RÉSUMÉ AND GET PAST THE GAP

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

As noble and strenuous as "looking for work" may be – it's a full-time job, after all – it's hardly a line that belongs on a résumé. Fair or not, a résumé without employment gaps tends to look more attractive to an employer. Continuous employment suggests a candidate is industrious and in-demand.

However, a long period of unemployment "is not as poorly looked upon as it would have been 10 years ago or even five years ago, when the market was more robust," says Tracy Burns, executive director of the Northeast Human Resources Association and author of "Before and After Résumés" (Adams' Media, 2012).

Accentuate the positive

Your résumé's content is most important, but how you organize and format the information also can improve your prospects.

Being out of work for a few months might not raise eyebrows in this economy, Burns says. But if you've been out for a year or more, you need to demonstrate some initiative following your last permanent position.

"When you've been doing other worthwhile things, list them on your résumé so your employment doesn't just drop off," Burns says.

Contract or freelance assignments, volunteer work, community service and association involvement all look better than a gaping hole in your employment history.

"Organize as many things as possible under one big heading. Otherwise, it looks like you've been hopping around a lot," says executive recruiter Karen Russo, who operates K. Russo Consulting in Stamford, Conn.

Upgrade your tool kit

Other ways to beef up your résumé:

- Take courses to enhance skills or develop new ones.
- Teach a class at the local college.
- Polish your public-speaking skills by joining Toastmasters International, the nonprofit leadership organization that has local clubs all over the country.
- Write and publish your work in industry publications or as a guest blogger. "Blogging is a good way to establish yourself as a subject matter expert, but a lot of people do it so the space is getting saturated," Burns says.
- Demonstrate your expertise and network at the same time by joining industry groups on a professional online networking site such as LinkedIn and conversing with peers online, says Robyn Feldberg, a job-search strategist and résumé writer based in Frisco, Texas. At the very least, your online updates can establish a "track record of being productive," Burns says. Share an insight from an article along with its link or post relevant and interesting personal achievements.

Lead with strength

Often, people with employment gaps are urged to write a functional résumé, categorizing work experience by function or skill. But this advice is behind the times. "Recruiters and hiring managers have a strong aversion to functional résumés," says Feldberg. Reverse chronology – presenting your most recent job first and working back in time – is the preferred format.

Indicate time spans in years only, as opposed to both months and years, alongside each employer. Or, skip dates entirely and simply use the total number of years spent with each company.

When reverse chronology clearly puts you at a disadvantage, use a hybrid résumé showcasing career "greatest hits" and functional skills at the top, followed by a reverse-chronological employment history farther down.

Under a heading like Career Summary or Career Highlights, "Start with a unique value proposition that gets them so excited about what you bring to the table so that they are already sold on you" when they get to your employment history, Feldberg says. "This is the place to show where you're awesome and pull into focus all of your experience. Focus on results and give specifics, but avoid clichés like 'results-oriented' and 'goal-oriented,'" she says.

Include a bulleted list of competencies and skills under the summary.

Then comes your employment history. Make sure it backs up your attention-grabbing summary. "Very often, people just write down their job description," Russo says. "That's not what recruiters are looking for. They want to know what you accomplished and how you added value."

With careful attention and editing, any employment gaps will recede, and your accomplishments and ability to add value to an organization will be in the spotlight. And that's just the kind of résumé recruiters want.

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JOB HUNT

THE VALUE OF APPRENTICESHIPS

"I want to work in a field with lots of jobs," the jobseeker confided. While he didn't answer my question – What sort of career are you looking for? – his response is typical. Especially with the economy still climbing back from recession, unemployed workers are fixated on finding pockets of demand.

Here's one. Skilled craft trades fared better than many other segments in the recession that officially ended in 2009. Skilled craft workers include auto mechanics, plumbers, electricians, brick masons, sheet metal workers and welders.

The path to these craft jobs generally goes through certified apprenticeships. Many people think apprenticeships have disappeared. Not so, although their popularity declined as the prestige and earning power of college graduates rose.

Young people facing career choice should not automatically conclude that going to college is the only choice. Skilled trades and apprenticeships are an option for those with the interest to pursue them.

- Apprenticeships are driven by employer demand. If no employers are looking to hire in a certain field, you won't find apprenticeships there.
- Colleges do not respond so quickly to shifts in the job market. A degree does not come with a job guarantee. Although the unemployment rate for college graduates is half that of the general population, the rate is still around four percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics report for Dec. 2011.
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Bookkeeper for a very fast paced Law firm needed. At least one year prior bookkeeping experience required. Must have Quickboolcs experience. Experience in Word a plus. Salary based on experience. Need to have strong attitude. P- 150 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

CLERICAL POSITION
Must be computer literate, multi-task, and handle stress well. Apply at **Stadium Sports 2040 W. Cuthbert, Midland, TX 79701**.

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Natural Foods Market has an opening for an office manager. In addition to management experience, knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Apply in person Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm at 2311 W. Wadley. Ask for Laurie.

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A Resource Development Clerk is needed who will provide support for ongoing resource development efforts of the organization. Duties include clerical support, data entry, reports, updating mailing lists, management of website and Facebook page. Strong organization, verbal and written skills required as well as the ability to delegate and exert leadership. Flexibility, self starter, willingness to learn, ability to multi-task and work well in a busy environment required. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Access, and Picasa. Database experience is also a plus. Part time position, 20-25 hours per week. Send resumes to P.O Box 80175, Midland, TX 79708.

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Westwood

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS: 30 hours part-time
ANTICIPATED START DATE: March 15, 2012

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Applicant should have bachelor's degree in performing, educational, or visual arts; have three years of experience as an educator; exhibit strong management and entrepreneurial experience; and offer connection to the Midland-Odessa arts community. Marketing, team leadership, and recruiting experience will be important. Submit resume and letter of interest by March 1, 2012 to Laurie Tyra laurietyra@firstmethodistmidland.com.

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DIRECTOR - CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT
Director - Corporate Development (Midland, TX) sought by an oil & gas well site services co. Direct & coord evaluation of businesses as potential acquisition targets, manage & direct acquisition processes, & mgmt of post-acquisition integration issues. Reqs Master's deg in Bus Admin with at least 3 yrs relevant exp. Send resumes to HR Director, **Basic Energy Services, L.P., 500 W. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701**.

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- **Accounting**
- **Safety & Health**
- **Human Resources**
- **Information Technology**

Field opportunities usually include:

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- **CDL Drivers**
- **Floor & Derrick Hands**
- **Safety Representatives**
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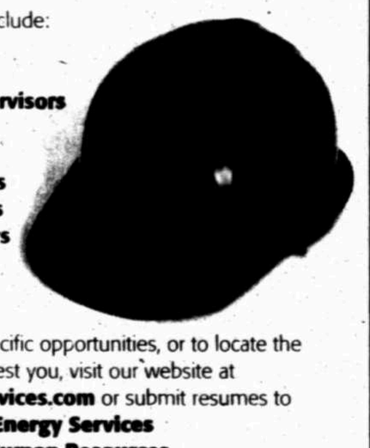

To learn more about specific opportunities, or to locate the Basic office nearest you, visit our website at **www.basicenergyservices.com** or submit resumes to

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- Experience in the configuration of pipeline easements, temporary work space and staking for clearing.
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Qualified Instrument Man Candidates must have:
- 2 – 5 years experience in field pipeline or land surveying required.
- Experience properly setting up and operating the GPS and conventional survey equipment.
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Rodman Candidates - Experience as a Survey Rodman preferred but not required.
- Report to the Party Chief and perform duties as directed.
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- Determines where deficiencies with cathodic protection exist using contractor surveys and develops and implements plans to remedy any deficiencies
- Installs corrosion mitigation systems

Special assignments or tasks assigned to the employee by their manager, as determined from time to time in their sole and complete discretion

EXPERIENCE:
3-5 years on-the-job experience required

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL:
A minimum of a Bachelor's degree, or an equivalent combination of education and work experience, is required

REQUIRED SKILLS:
Special training in Cathodic Protection and a Certification in Cathodic Protection is desired. Advanced reading and writing skills and the ability to perform complex mathematical computations is required.

SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:
May lead the work of others

WORK CONDITIONS:
Field based with up to 25% travel required. Required to work in all weather conditions.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:
Job conditions require standing, walking, sitting, talking or hearing, twisting, stooping, crouching, kneeling, reaching or grasping, making visual inspections, making precise hand and finger movements, working in confined spaces, lifting or carrying up to 80 lbs, climbing up to 50 ft, perceive color differences, required to wear personal protective equipment as needed and a respirator in emergency situations (beards are not permitted), ability to operate and drive all assigned company vehicles at company standard insurance rates is essential, valid State driver's license and proof of insurance required.

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Analyzes the economics of each project where appropriate; calculates ROI for proposed projects. Acts as a mentor to other engineers and field personnel. Tracks performance measures and recommends parameters. Uses past knowledge and experience to ensure safe, environmentally secure, and efficient operations. Provides documentation and operating analysis for management. May be required to do some or all of the following: Support and optimize refinery or pipeline/terminal operations with troubleshooting skills. Design pipeline/terminal or other equipment and devise processes for crude and refined product movements via pipeline, terminals and/or tankage. Conduct research to develop new and improved chemical manufacturing processes. Design, plan layout, and oversee personnel engaged in constructing, controlling, and improving equipment for carrying out chemical processes on a commercial scale. Provide mechanical, civil, and structural review for all new, existing, and revamped equipment and facilities to ensure consistency with applicable design standards such as API, ASME, NFPA, ANSI, OSHA, etc. Start up assistance for existing as well as new facilities. Perform economic analyses and fill ROI and AFE reports for capital upgrades. Develop and implement processing methods and controls to meet quality standards in the most cost efficient manner. Investigate and resolve work-in-process problems. Recommend and implement improvements and/or modification in sequence of operations, equipment utilization, and related matters. Review proposals of outside vendors regarding the purchase of new or modernization of existing processing equipment. Special assignments or tasks assigned to the employee by their supervisor, as determined from time to time in their sole and complete discretion. EXPERIENCE: A minimum of 8 years of progressive work experience in a specific engineering discipline (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) and project management experience is required. Emphasis on pipeline and terminal operations. PREFERRED EXPERIENCE: Professional Engineer registration is preferred. Pipeline and Terminal industry experience preferred. EDUCATIONAL LEVEL: A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in engineering discipline (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) is required. REQUIRED SKILLS: Technical expert in area of specialty. Advanced ability to stay abreast of new technology developments and processes and apply knowledge analytically. Strong knowledge of Microsoft products and commonly used engineering concepts and experience with engineering software. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Familiarity with standards and practices of the specific discipline. SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: May be responsible for the supervision of personnel as well as contractors. WORK CONDITIONS: Office and plant based and may require up to 50% travel. Outdoor duties under wet and/or oil contaminated conditions, at both below grade and elevated positions. Industrial environment, including, but not limited to chemicals, pressure vessels, tanks and rotating equipment. Subject to random drug testing. Required to work in all temperatures including outdoors. Subject to varying weather conditions and required to work in all temperatures, including outdoors. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Job conditions require standing, walking, sitting, talking or hearing, making visual inspections, making precise hand and finger movements, lifting or carrying up to 50 lbs, climbing up to 200 ft, perceive color differences, required to wear personal protective equipment as needed and a respirator in emergency situations (beards are not permitted), ability to operate and drive all assigned company vehicles at company standard insurance rates is essential (inability to maintain standard insurance rates is grounds for dismissal), valid State driver's license and proof of insurance required. Depending on location must satisfactorily complete a comprehensive medical physical examination. Job conditions may require twisting, stooping, crouching, kneeling, reaching or grasping, and working in confined spaces as permitted.

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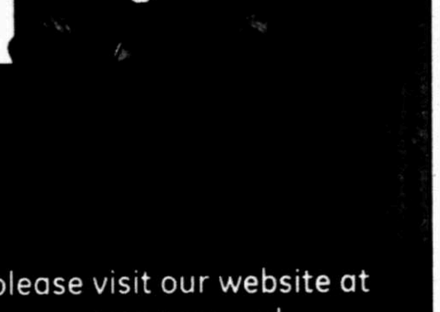

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Now hiring room attendants. Full benefits, vacation and holidays. To apply, fill out an application at: 4130 West Wall St. Midland TX 79703.

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Assistant Manager
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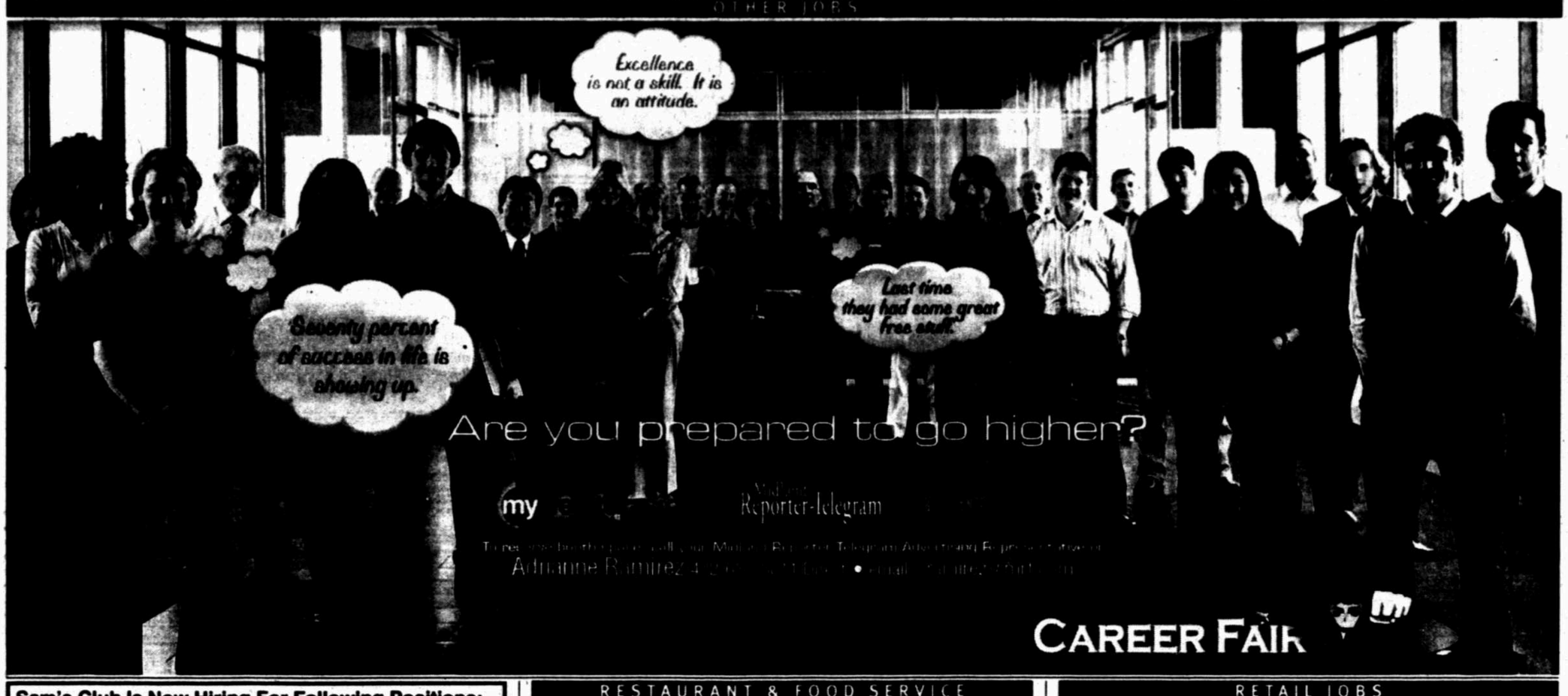

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Robert Madden Industries has an immediate opening for a full time warehouse worker / delivery driver in our Midland store. Job duties include receiving, stocking and shipping equipment and supplies, driving delivery truck. Job requirements include the ability to lift and carry 50 pounds or more, the ability to safely operate a forklift, basic math, reading and writing skills, class "C" driver's license and good driving record. Apply in person at #17 E. Industrial Loop, Midland.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Special Olympics Texas FT
Area 16
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Area Director
Special Olympics Texas FT
Area 18
FT position to coordinate/facilitate athletic training & competition in Midland & surrounding counties. Asst development team w/fundraising, events & promotions. Good comm. skills, team building attitude, & ability to manage volunteers, committees & budgets. Experience in planning, organizing, directing & evaluating programs, services & volunteers. pm/weekends, some travel. Degree preferred. Send resume & salary requirements to jobs@sotx.org. Ref: A18AD

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TCO Field Services FT/

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Mechanic III

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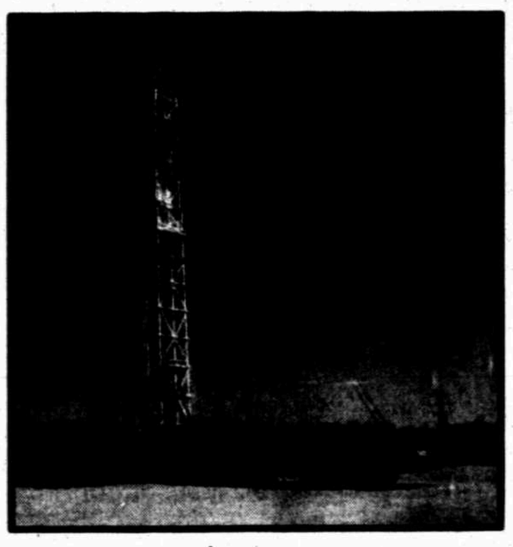

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1918 N. Tyler, built in 2007, is built of light smoky brick and white trim. Matching bricks outline the beautifully arched doorway covered in a thick panel [illegible] the interior. With [illegible]

as well as, two large walk-in closets. Out in the hallway, you will have access to the laundry room. Faux painting on the cabinets has turned them into what looks like a beautiful piece of furniture.

To the left of the front door, there are two more bedrooms with a full bathroom in the hallway for their use. Both rooms have vaulted ceilings, plush carpeting,

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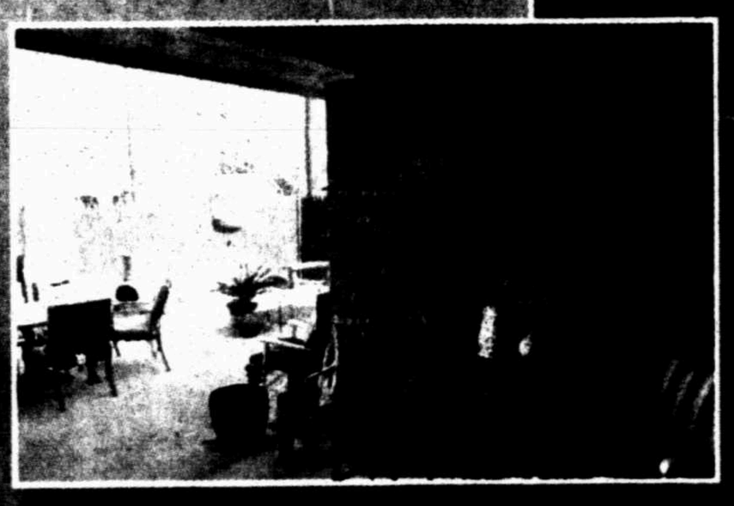

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As Mortgage Rates Dip Lower, Homeowners Should Consider Refinancing

Rates were already low at the start of the quarter, but following the Fed's recent announcement , the national average rate on a traditional 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage has inched lower. Informa Research Services, a subsidiary of Informa plc (LSE: INF), encourages qualified homeowners to take advantage of low interest rates and look to refinancing their current home loan.

According to BusinessInsider.com, "Mortgage rates were already near record lows when the Federal Reserve Board acted last week to further reduce long-term interest rates in general, and included a targeted effort to push down mortgage rates even more." Following this announcement, national average 30 year mortgage rates dropped from 4.37% last week to 4.29% this week.

Homeowners who want to reduce their monthly mortgage obligation can check convenient rate tables found on websites such as ERATE.com to stay abreast of the most current mortgage rate movement. Furthermore, the lenders featured on these rate tables typically offer rates significantly lower than the already low national average.

A successful refinance will bring qualified homeowners immediate savings in the form of reduced monthly mortgage payments, but more importantly, larger savings over the remaining term of their loan. That being said, homeowners who are considering refinancing a current loan should research their options to ensure that the benefits of refinancing their mortgage will outweigh the costs. This relies heavily on the rate that is attached to the current home loan.

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Fee Increase to Impact Home Loans

In December 2011, Congress reached a last-minute deal to fund the payroll tax cut extension. The payroll tax extension will provide a 2% tax reduction for individuals earning up to $106,800, so the tax extension will be very helpful for many Americans who are struggling during these tough economic times. But like so many things in our tangled economy, there's a flip side. In this case, the tax cut deal has a rippling effect that will impact the mortgage world.

Here's what's happening and what it means to home loan rates:

What is happening and why? To put it bluntly, the passage of the payroll tax cut extension is being funded via a mandate to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the nation's largest providers of mortgage money) to increase their guarantee fees or "g-fee's" by at least 10 basis points on the rate. So rather than giving a par rate of 4.00%, for example, the par rate is now increased by at least 10 basis points, or approximately 4.10%. But as you probably know...home loan rates are priced and offered in .125% increments, so this will most likely impact the consumer by .125% in rate. Whether you agree or not on the politics behind this cost being passed along to folks who are taking out mortgages, the Congressional Budget Office recently estimated that the increase will ultimately pay for about $35.7 Billion of the cost of the payroll tax extension.

What exactly is this "g-fee"? The guarantee fee or "g-fee" is an amount charged by mortgage-backed securities (MBS) providers, like Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to help protect against credit-related losses in the overall mortgage portfolio. In other words, it acts a lot like insurance and helps lower the overall risk...which means home loans can be offered at terrific interest rates to borrowers that have good – but not perfect – credit.

What exactly is the impact of the rate increase? For example, for a $200,000 home loan, the increased g-fee (assuming a .125% increase in rate) would equate to $250 more per year in interest, or $7,500 more over 30 years. Someone buying or refinancing a home can certainly choose to buy down the cost with cash up front – but most folks will not do this.

Who will this impact? The change will impact all new borrowers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loans. The bill will also impact Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans by increasing the annual mortgage insurance premium that borrowers pay by one-tenth of a percent.

When will it start? Officially, the increase to guarantee fees will begin on April 1, 2012. However, the increase is already starting to be seen in rate sheets right now, since home loans being originated now will likely not be closed, pooled and securitized until April...and therefore will need the increased g-fee priced in earlier.

How long will this be in effect? The increase will be effective through October 1, 2021.

The bottom line is that the g-fees will be going up...and this will impact homebuyers looking to obtain a home loan through Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and FHA.

The good news is that home loan rates are still at historic lows right now, and it's a great time to purchase a new home or refinance.

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Don't curb buyers' first impressions

Even if the Texas weather has your yard looking less than its best, it's important not to neglect your home's exterior when you decide to put in on the market. When you're selling your home, you're selling the whole package. And a buyer's bad first impression of the outside could influence her opinion of the interior. Fortunately, there are a few simple tasks you can add to your to-do list to spruce up the exterior. Once your home is listed, buyers will be driving by to check it out and will definitely be looking at photos online. You can make a few improvements before your REALTOR® takes listing photos or puts a "for sale" sign in the yard and expect to see the greatest return on your investment.

Don't add, just subtract

Just as you should tidy up the interior of your home when you decide to sell, take this same approach with your home's exterior. Get rid of any clutter, junk or toys left in the yard and clear out dead tree limbs and overgrown vines. You don't necessarily have to landscape your entire yard to make it appear attractive. Instead, maintain what you already have or add a few simple touches. A few flower pots filled with colorful blooms are relatively inexpensive and can instantly make a home more attractive. Spreading mulch is a great way to tidy up neglected or empty flowerbeds. A few bags or shovels full of new mulch can make a huge difference. Just be sure to keep the yard mowed and edged, rake leaves and pull weeds regularly. If you've been using your garage to store stuff other than your cars, now would be a good time to clear out items and make room for your vehicles. This task serves two purposes: Buyers can more easily imagine their own vehicles in a two-car garage if they actually see that two cars fit, and you get a clear driveway.

Make a grand entrance

Could the front door use a fresh coat of paint? This do-it-yourself project takes little time, is relatively inexpensive and makes a great first impression. You can also easily spruce up the area around the entrance with some pots or planters full of seasonal flowers and a new welcome mat. If your porches have railings or steps, this is the ideal time to give them some attention, too. Tighten any loose screws, replace broken railings or steps and give them a good coat of paint to help make them look new again.

Keep it clean

If your home's exterior or siding is looking drab, consider using a pressure washer to clean it and the walkways and driveway. And don't forget your gutters. Clearing them out and inspecting them will help you identify any issues such as clogs, leaks or broken clips. You'll need to get out the ladder or call in a professional. Even if you don't do windows, take the time to clean the glass inside and out. You can take the labor out of it by using a cleaning product that attaches to a garden hose for the exterior.

Talk with your REALTOR ® about what projects you should and shouldn't invest in before you begin. They can tell you what projects are most likely to bring you the greatest value.

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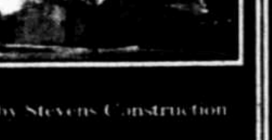

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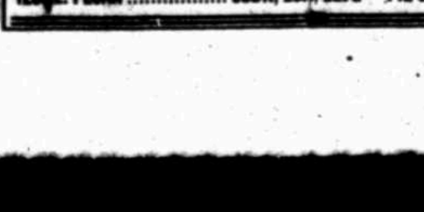

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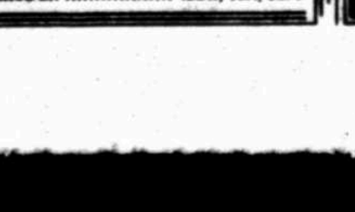

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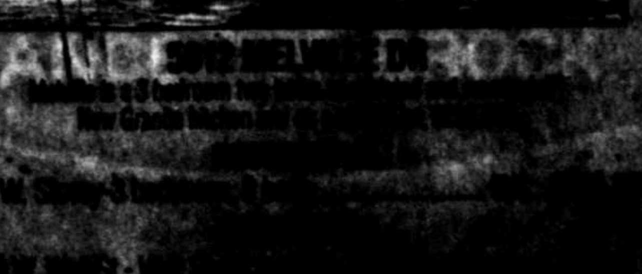

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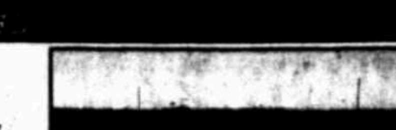

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230 W 87th Odessa	$850,000	Thomas 934-3333
8312 Glasgow Dr	$709,900	Thomas 934-3333
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1413 Alamosa	$110,000	Tim 349-6774
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COMMERCIAL LISTING

2600 E I-20	$3,000,000	Thomas 688-8200
6112 Big Spring St.	$1,900,000	Thomas 688-8200
2443 W Hwy 176 Andrews, Tx 4/2 bath house	$200,000	Thomas 688-8200

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Co. Rd. 411, River House, 5000 acres	$3,975,000	Thomas 934-3333
2445 County Rd 152 Brady, TX	$2,120,000	Justin 352-0927
407 acres in Brown County	$2.1 mill	Lindsay 432-212-2272

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Eagle Head, Reagan Co., 2572 Acres, 1300 Acres High Fenced	$1,929,100 ($750/Acre)	Thomas 934-3333
520 Other Other, TX	$1,725,000	Thomas 934-3333
1150 Acres MLD Level 3, High Fence, Sonora	$1,719,250	Thomas 934-3333
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11069 Wink St. Lake Ivie, Tx	$10,000	Thomas 934-3333
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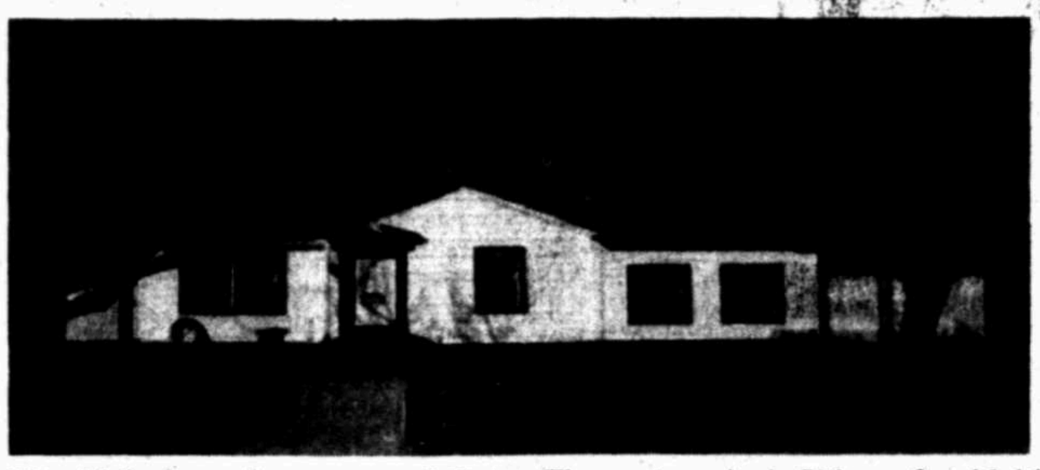

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OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00**...1809 "D" St.**-Darling 3 bed/2 bath home on a corner lot! Custom lighting, bright windows, & brick fireplace! Entrance is thru a lovely courtyard! Spacious master bed w/ bright windows, access to the courtyard & a private bath! Guest bedrooms are large and share a jack-and-jill bath! This wonderful home is complete with a lovely backayard & 2 car garage! **$169,900**

4+ BEDROOMS

6804 Island-Spectacular estate on the lake in Green Tree Country Club! Located on a double lot, this immaculate home has 6 bedrooms, 7 full baths, 2 half baths, library, study, greatroom, gameroom, and dazzling pool! ***SOLD*...$1,356,000**

16794 Dogwood-NEW-Country lover's dream property on 11.57 acres in Gardendale! 4 bed/4 bath home w/seq master suite (w/private patio & fireplace!) gourmet kitchen w/custom appliances, oversized 3 car gar & a backyard perfect for entertaining (down to the guitar-shaped pool!) HUGE workshop/garage w/overhead doors and spacious barn w/stables! **$1,200,000**

5600 Greenridge-This absolutely stunning home, zoned both residentially and commercially, is located on a corner lot in Grassland Estates! The gourmet kitchen features an island, pantry, double ovens, & breakfast bar! The spectacular backyard is huge and lushly landscaped w/a beautiful pond & waterfall! The studio space is spacious and open, w/adjacent office spaces that have amazing built-ins & storage space! **$799,900**

3802 St. Andrews-This absolutely spectacular 5 bedroom home is located on a quiet, tree-lined cul-de-sac! Gourmet kitchen w/glass tile backsplash, stainless appliances, granite countertops, & breakfast dining! Fabulous Sequestered Master Suite w/sep shower & jetted tub, separate walk-in closets, & marble floors! Amazing backyard w/a dazzling pool, sauna, covered patio, fountain, & landscaping! **$575,000**

6321 Haywood-NEW-Absolutely spectacular 5 bed/3.5 bath in Grassland West! Custom granite throughout, soaring ceilings w/stacked crown molding, walls of windows w/plantation shutters & hand-scraped gleaming hardwood floors! Gourmet kitchen w/5 burner gas cook top & stainless appliances! 4 car garage and huge backyard! **$550,000**

6505 Gladiola-New construction. Adorable 4 bed/2.5 bath home! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, miles of tile, gourmet kitchen, granite countertops in kitchen and baths! To be completed April 2012! **$310,900**

4809 Woodhollow-Lovely 4 bedroom in Briarwood! Miles of tile, soaring ceilings, plantation shutters and walls of bright windows! The open floor plan makes this home perfect for entertaining! The kitchen features a breakfast bar, walk-in pantry, double ovens, and beautiful wood cabinets! This home is complete with a large backyard, covered patio, and 3 car garage! **$299,900**

3306 Marble-Fabulous 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Crestgate w/miles of spectacular tile, walls of windows, soaring stacked ceilings w/ crown moulding, custom lighting and granite countertops w/slate backsplash! Gourmet kitchen w/pantry, breakfast bar, and double ovens! Incredible seq master suite w/stacked ceilings, walk-in closet, & sep shower & jetted tub! **$280,000**

3106 Metz-Spacious 4 bedroom on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home features fabulous updates, gleaming hardwood floors and towering brick fireplace! The kitchen has granite countertops, breakfast bar, island, beautiful backsplash, and dark stained cabinets! The master bathroom is newly updated, with a beautiful shower and walk-in closet! **$229,900**

4+ BEDROOMS

3353 CR C 2300, Stanton-A wonderful 4 bedroom/3 bath/2 living in Stanton! Walls of bright windows and miles of tile! There is a large kitchen with a breakfast bar, island, and abundant cabinets! The sequestered master has a jetted tub, dual sinks, and separate closets! The second living area has a cozy stone fireplace! The lovely home is complete with a huge backyard! **$180,000**

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5401 San Saba Ct.-This immaculate 3 bed/2.5 bath home is located on a cul-de-sac in Holiday Hill Village! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large buffet, china cabinet, breakfast bar and adjacent dining area! The spacious master bedroom has a private sitting area and the master bath has double sinks, sep shower & jetted tub and walk-in closet! **$239,900**

5201 N Midkiff-This incredibly charming 3 bed/2 bath home has soaring (exposed beams!) ceilings, cozy fireplace, and bright windows throughout! The kitchen features stainless appliances, breakfast bar, adjacent dining, and abundant cabinet space! The master bedroom is spacious and has double closets! The newly updated master bath has a large shower! **$182,000**

1809 "D" St.-Darling 3 bed/2 bath home on a corner lot! Custom lighting, bright windows, & brick fireplace! Entrance is thru a lovely courtyard! Spacious master bed w/bright windows, access to the courtyard & a private bath! Guest bedrooms are large and share a jack-and-jill bath! This wonderful home is complete with a lovely backayard & 2 car garage! **$169,900**

2503 Idelwilde-Charming 3 bed/2 bath w/walls of windows (plantation shutters!), bright skylights, & built-ins! Open den area w/cozy brick fireplace and direct access to the formal dining! The lovely kitchen features large pantry, dishwasher, disposal & adjacent breakfast dining! Seq master suite is spacious & has double sinks, sep shower and tub! **$159,900**

2408 Apperson-Adorable 3 bed/2 bath with 2 living areas! The den has a towering brick fireplace and direct access into the kitchen! Spacious master bed w/separate closets and private bath! Incredible built-ins throughout! Plenty of closets for storage! Large backyard and lush landscaping! **$159,000**

4700 Boulder #307-A lovely downstairs condo unit with recent updates; some of which include a designer kitchen and bath, cabinets, counters, and tile floors! The darling kitchen has recent black appliances, pantry, microwave, and is open to the large living area with access (through French doors!) into the private patio and yard! **$49,900**

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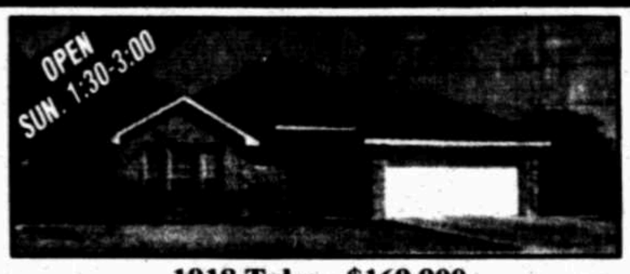

1918 Tyler - $169,900

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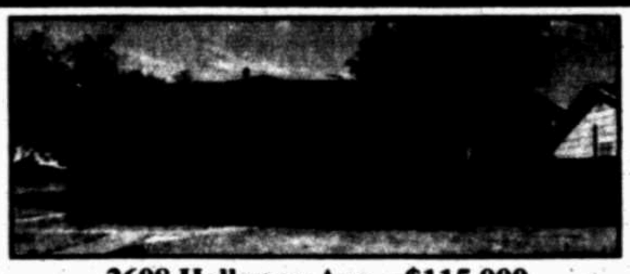

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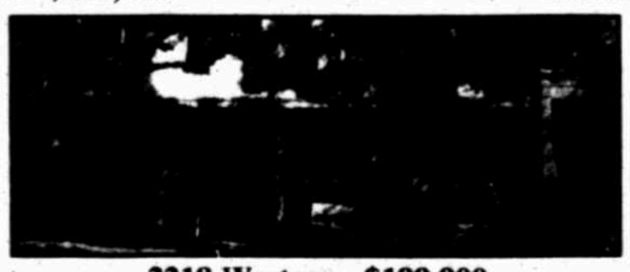

2218 Western - $199,900

2000 North H Street - $384,900

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

3609 Cardinal Lane		$1,100,000
2000 N. H Street-4bed/3bath/pool/3 car garage!		$384,900
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous home in Mayfield Place		$329,900
2801 Caldera-Pick your colors & granite!		$234,000
3202 Chelsea Pl-Stunning low maintenance new construction		$228,500
1901 W. Ohio Ave.-A must see 3 bd/2 bth, heavily renovated Old Midland property		$187,500
419 Eastwood-5BR/2BA, 2 story, miles of tile		$158,000
2608 Holloway-Garage/workshop. 3BR/1BA		$115,000

TWO BEDROOMS

2604 N. Garfield-Move in ready townhome, new paint, carpet, updated kitchen	U/C	$196,000

THREE BEDROOMS

6516 Gladiola-3/3 new construction with RV garage & workshop		$459,000
3905 Cardinal-Location...Location...3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath on 3+ acres. Enjoy the convenience of cuntry living in the city	SOLD	$325,000
3208 S. Co. Rd. 1200-3bd, 2bth, miles of tile, stable facilities, light & bright	SOLD	$290,000
404 Springwood Ct.-3BR, 21/2BA in Meadowland Estates, HOA	U/C	$269,900
1616 W. Dengar-2 living, 2 dining & large shop		$239,000
5407 Rio Grande Ave-3/2, gorgeous new listing. Light & bright. Won't last!	U/C	$234,900
3202 Chelsea Pl-Stunning low maintenance new construction		$228,500
3001 Moss-3/2 1/2/2 lovely updated townhouse. Don't miss this one! Great price!	U/C	$224,900
2411 Shandon Ave.-3bd/2bth in Fannin Terrace. New! New! New! Truly a showplace!	SOLD	$205,000
1801 Western-Tile floors, great drive-up, good plan, nicely maintained	SOLD	$192,500
3306 Edgemont Dr	U/C IN 1 DAY	$189,500
1901 W. Ohio Ave.-A must see 3 bd/2 bth, heavily renovated Old Midland property		$187,500
5300 Anetta-Great home built in 2007 with 16x24 shop		$182,500
4510 St. Andrews-Fantastic 3BR, 2BA, formal/study	SOLD	$179,900
1918 N. Tyler-Gorgeous Designer Home...Must See!		$172,800
1108 Ainslee-Light & bright/hardwood floors, 3bd, 2-1/2 bath	U/C	$164,900
504 Parkwood Dr-Ready for immediate move in with fresh paint, carpet, fixtures, countertops & more, light and bright w/excellent storage plus 2 car garage for only		$132,900
510 Parkwood-Gorgeous 3BR, 2BA remodel, newer paint, tile, granite, crown molding, workshop, extra covered parking, 2 garage. Hurry!	U/C IN 1 DAY	$125,000
2608 Holloway-3/1, well kept! Garage/workshop		$115,000
4307 Pasadena-3BR/2BA, den/playroom, fresh paint		$114,000
3522 W. Shandon Ave.-Great home close to schools, shopping & medical facilities	U/C	$100,000
1001 S. Weatherford-3bd, 2ba	U/C	$87,000

FOUR BEDROOMS

1206 Breckenridge-Woodruff construction with every update imagineable - great plan, beautiful decor, all the bells & whistles	U/C	$459,500
6803 E. Co. Rd. 102-Reata Ranch 4BR, 3 1/2BA, 2LA's, 3 garage on 2.5 acres, 30x30 workshop, 10x30 tackroom, and 12x30 stalls. Hurry!	SOLD	$419,900
2000 N. H St.-Fabulous versatile plan in Old Midland. Oversized island kitchen, large master w/fireplace, lovely yard w/pool, detached 3 car garage!		$384,900
10302 E. Co. Rd. 105-4/2, beautiful with acreage! RV pad, fabulous decorator colors throughout!		$340,000
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous New construction		$329,900
2703 Parton Way-Beautiful Bernal Home new construction, 4/3/3, formal dining, gas stove, still time to make selections	U/C	$329,500
3228 Patrick-Fabulous new construction in Mayfield Place		$304,900
1407 Daventry-Lovely home w/many updates include paint, tile, wood floors, lighting & more		$274,500
2304 Humble-Lovely "Old Midland" 4/2/2, updated, spacious home across from Fasken Park. A Must see!~	SOLD	$257,500
2801 Caldera-Pick your colors & granite!		$234,000
2610 Shandon-Remodeled kitchen, pretty floors, 2 car garage, workshop	SOLD	$229,000
2516 Gulf-Fabulous four in Fannin w/2LA/4Bd w/seq. master, 2 large walk-in closets. This fantastic home demands your immediate attention!		$212,600
2812 Purple Sage Tr.-Well maintained home	U/C	$209,000
1707 Western Dr.-This 4 bed/3 bath home has recent paint, carpet, appliances and fixtures. Hurry won't last long	U/C	$197,600

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

3609 Cardinal-Fabulous 5+ BR, 2.7 acres, fabulous guest/pool house, pool, 30x80 steel workshop, beautifully updated, new kitchen March 2011		$1,100,000
200 Bayberry Parkway-Grand 6 BR Home, gourmet kitchen, attached guest suite can also become fantastic game room! Best workshop in Midland!		$995,000
419 Eastwood-5BR/2BA, 2 story, miles of tile		$158,000

TOWN HOUSES AND PATIO HOMES

3001 Moss-3/2 1/2/2 lovely, updated patio home. Centrally located, next-to park	U/C	$224,900
2903 Golf Course-True bargain, approx. 2895 sqft, super		$200,000
2604 N. Garfield-2BR, 2BA townhome, loads of new & fresh	U/C	$196,000

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Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott		$650,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy		$179,000
900 W. Cuthbert-Build new in Old Midland, hard to find location		$125,000
1008 W. Texas-Good downtown lot, loads of possibilities		$59,500

NEW CONSTRUCTION

6516 Gladiola-3/3 new construction with RV garage & workshop		$459,000
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous home in Mayfield Place		$329,900
2703 Parton Way-Beautiful new construction by Bernal Homes. 4/3/3	U/C	$329,500
3228 Patrick-Beautiful 4/3/3, now complete		$304,900
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2381 E. Interstate 20, Odessa, Tx.-6.65 acres with over 43,000 sq. ft. industrial bldg. 34,718 sq. ft. shop & 8,518 sq. ft. office, Call Bill Scott		$1,600,000
5500 Block of Wadley-Wonderful location in North Midland, zoned for retail. Across from Lowes. Vacant lot with approx. 53,663 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott		$645,000
2225 Wolfcamp Circle-7,500 sq. ft. Industrial building with approx. 1,500 sq. ft. of office. Call Bill Scott		$399,000
2121 W. Florida Ave.-Terrific location retail/industrial, 3 offices, a showroom, 3BA, 2/3 storage rooms, 2 warehouse areas. Call Bill Scott		$399,000
701-703 W. Indiana-Office building w/4 separate suites, 10,000 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott		$325,000
2913 W. Industrial-Approx. 8,458 sq. ft. industrial/warehouse building on .788 acres. Terrific location w/2 offices & access to Carter St. Call Bill Scott		$310,000
4910 N. Midkiff-Beautiful custom office building in Stone Oak Plaza w/small warehouse area. Call Cindy Kellough or Bill Scott	U/C	$229,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail, Call Bill Scott		$125,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

109 Bay Point, Horseshoe Bay, TX-Fabulous waterfront home including furnishings!		$3,150,000
3625 Country Club/San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake Front home, Southwestern life		$850,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo, lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy		$179,000

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ANSWER:

You should see if there's anyway to keep the property. If foreclosed you'll still need shelter, and rental housing also costs money.

Since the moment of nonpayment has not arrived you need to take several steps now.

First, look at your monthly costs. What can you cut?

Second, if you've lost a job do you qualify for unemployment assistance?

Third, by any chance can start Social Security, if qualified? This can be tough choice because there are advantages to delaying Social Security payments.

Fourth, go to MakingHomeAffordable.gov and look at HAMP – the Home Affordable Modification Program. HAMP, says HUD, "lowers your monthly mortgage payment to 31 percent of your verified monthly gross (pre-tax) income to make your payments more affordable. The typical HAMP modification results in a 40-percent drop in a monthly mortgage payment. Eighteen percent of HAMP homeowners reduce their payments by $1,000 or more."

Fifth, speak with your state attorney general's office. They may be able to suggest modification programs and lender contacts that will be helpful.

Is it possible to rent out part of your home, say, a room or a floor? Rental rates have been rising and even a short-term tenant might provide the cash you need to retain the property until things get better.

Lastly, sell the house. You have equity. You can sell and completely pay off the mortgage. It may not be a preferred choice, but it's a better option than missing payments, losing credit, losing equity and being foreclosed.

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MORTGAGES

LENDER ONE-ON-ONE

IT'S A BUYER'S MARKET, BUT THE LENDING ENVIRONMENT IS STILL TOUGH. HERE'S HOW TO MAKE YOUR CASE FOR A LOAN

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
CTW FEATURES

There's no better feeling than checking off every item from your to-do list. It's smart to try to take that same approach to homebuying.

First, you worry about how much home you can afford and whether you'll even qualify for a mortgage. Then, comes the fun part: going on a house hunt to try and find your dream home.

But the business end of buying took a more serious turn after the credit crisis. Lenders now are asking borrowers to fully expose their financial life and are tougher on credit and other financial factors before making a loan.

It can be intimidating, especially for first-time buyers. Here, a look at your to-do list, a step-by-step guide to finessing financing:

EVALUATE THE LENDER

Yes, a lender will scrutinize your financial life. But before that happens, make sure the lender passes your test.

Lenders are in the service business; they should be attentive to your questions, keep you informed about the status of your application and keep the loan on track for a timely closing.

Ask for the name of a loan officer at a lending or banking firm from a real estate agent who sells a lot of homes, suggests David Reed, author of "Decoding the New Mortgage Market" (AMACOM, 2009).

"Good loan officers rely on steady referrals from top agents, and they know that if they mess up a transaction they no longer get that agent's business," Reed says.

If you're already banking with an institution you're happy with, apply for a mortgage there, suggests Leslie Linfield, executive director of the Institute for Financial Literacy in Portland, Maine.

Applying where you bank often means you don't have to gather records showing your savings, since the bank has the information, adds Jim Linnane of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Chicago.

Before you walk into a lender to apply for a loan, do a little comparison shopping, suggests Barry Zigas, director of housing policy for the Consumer Federation of America. Study mortgage ads in the newspaper, says Zigas, call a few firms and ask about their rates on a mortgage of a certain size, and ask about fees.

If you have limited funds for a down payment, you may only qualify for a government-insured FHA loan, which only requires a 3.5-percent down payment. Find FHA-approved lenders at www.hud.gov. Moreover, first-time buyers with limited incomes may qualify for mortgages backed by states or localities, says Linfield. Many of these programs are listed on the HUD site.

GET PRE-APPROVED

Some real estate agents won't take you out to look at homes unless you're "pre-approved" for a mortgage of a certain amount and can confidently submit an offer on a home, explains Brian Seibert, president of the Michigan Association of Mortgage Professionals.

Often, a pre-approval is free or available for a minimal fee. A lender will take your financial vitals – credit score, income, savings – and then provide a preliminary idea of the amount you'll be able to borrow.

Some potential borrowers will be advised that they need to improve their credit standing or other factors before pre-approval. A lender should be able to give some guidance on how to boost your financial profile in order to eventually qualify.

KNOW THE LOAN TERMS

While pre-approval means that a lender has confidence in your ability to borrow and repay a loan, remember it's only a preliminary judgment.

Your lender may ask for verification of your income and assets, including documents like your income tax returns, W-2 forms, pay stubs and bank statements.

The pre-approval offer doesn't stretch out forever; it usually must be renewed after 90 days.

Once you find a home and formally apply for a mortgage, make sure you understand all the papers you sign, Zigas says. You will receive a document outlining all the fees associated with the loan when you close. You may, for example, be charged a fee for an appraisal the lender orders. The fees outlined in this document should closely match what you actually pay at closing.

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Own your home? If you do, there's a good chance your satisfied with your situation, says a recent homeowner survey

Over the past few years, there has been plenty to be unhappy about in regards to the housing market. But those who own their home are feeling pretty good.

Nearly three-fourths (72 percent) of homeowners said they were satisfied with owning a home, according to HomeGain.com's 2012 National Home Ownership Satisfaction Survey.

The top reasons for homeowner satisfaction were pride of ownership and being in control of what types of improvements and upgrades to make in the home. Only a quarter (24 percent) of homeowners listed price appreciation as the primary reason for their satisfaction.

Among dissatisfied owners, nearly two-thirds (63 percent) said price depreciation was what left them unsatisfied. The costs of homeownership – property taxes, homeowner's association fees and maintenance and repairs – were the other most-cited responses.

Across the U.S., the Northeast had the highest percentage of owner satisfaction with a 77-percent satisfaction rate, followed by the Southwest with 73 percent. The West had a 71-percent satisfaction rate and the Midwest 68 percent.

The survey of 1,400 homeowners queried when they purchased their home, the purchase price, the type of home purchased (new, existing, foreclosure, short sale) and the age groups of the homeowners.

Overall, owners who purchased their homes between three and eight years ago were least satisfied; those who purchased within the last three or more than eight years ago were most satisfied. Owners who paid less than $75,000 for their homes also were the most satisfied. Those who paid more than $800,000 for their homes were least satisfied.

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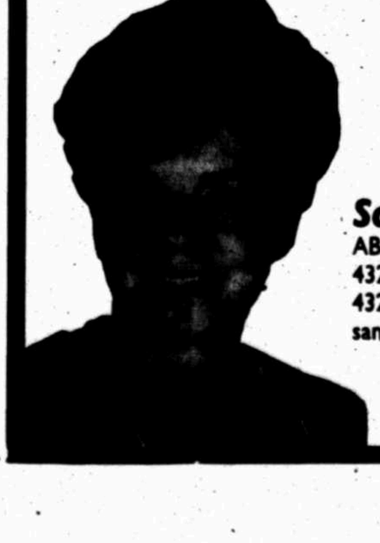

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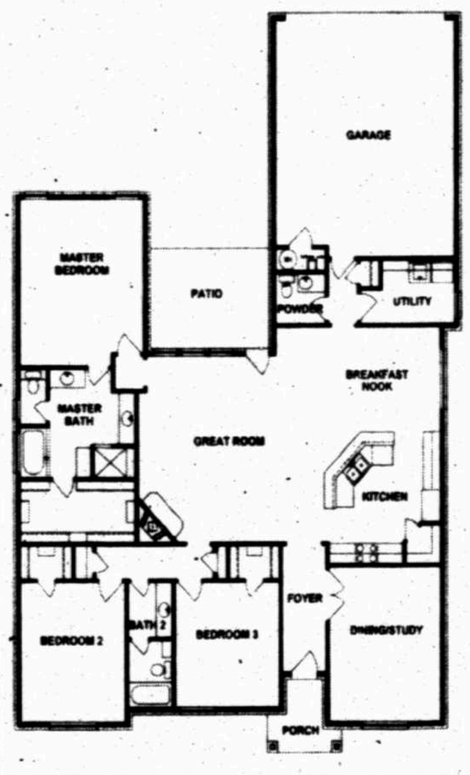

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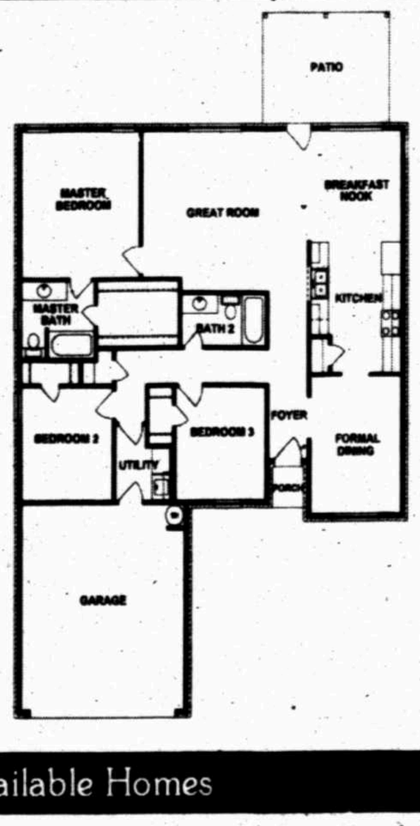

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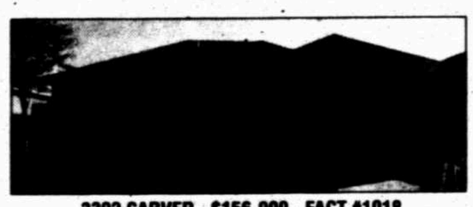
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Very well maintained newer construction 3 bedroom, 2 bath. sequestered master w/double sinks & separate closets.

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2609 W. CUTHBERT AVE. - $128,500 - FACT #1026
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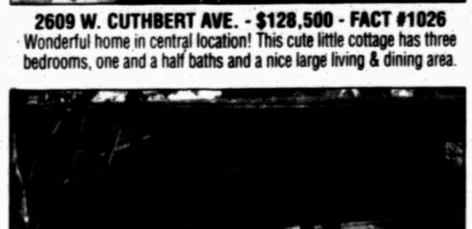
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808 Palomino-3 Huge Bedrooms, 2 Bath, 4 Living Areas!!! Gorgeous gated community in Saddle Club! Totally no maintenance home, Sequestered master w/Luxurious European shower! Fantastic entertaining home! **New Price! $549,000**
16148 N Dale Wade - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Country Sophisticationn 2.8 Acres in Gardendale! Immaculate Condition! Updated Fixtures! **Sale Pending! $324,900**
1623 Washita-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, built in 2007, double sided fire place! In 349 Ranch Estates on 0.689 Acres **New Listing! $235,500**
41 Lafayette-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Half Baths, 2 Living, 2 Story Townhome! Plantation shutters, Wet bar, Spacious Rooms! Inground Pool w/Spa! Barkman Square Fountain! **New Listing! $219,900**

100 S Eisenhower-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, HUGE Bonus Room, Inground Pool!!! Stunning Home Looks Home Owners Have Totally Updated! Stainless Appliances, Updated Kitchen & Baths! Pergo Flooring! ***Open Today!*** **New Listing! $184,500**
1010 Lanham-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, Nicely Updated! New cabinets & countertops, newer appliances! Laminate wood flooring & tile throughout most of home! $1,500 carpet allowance **Sale Pending! $179,900**
3405 W Golf Course-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining, Historic Midland Home! Incredible Location! Basement, Workshop, Storage Sheds! **New Price! $179,900**
10709 E Co Rd 104-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Greenwood! Charming Country Life on Half an Acre, Lots of Updates! **New Listing! $169,900**
3800 Permian Ct-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Corner Lot. So many updates!!! Granite throughout, tile backsplash, stainless appliances, hardwood flooring, new fixtures! Too To Much To List! **★★★★Under Contract Less Than 1 Week! $169,900**

1805 Ward-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Fannin District! Open Concept. Large workshop w/electricity! **New Listing! $169,900**
1308 Manor St-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Front Courtyard Entry w/extra concrete parking! Master bath has garden tub, spacious open living area. Great Price Point!!! **Sale Pending! $144,500**

610 W. Nobles-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Quant Charming Cottage! Hardwood flooring, recent paint & texture w/rich fauxing! Apprx 1,800 sqft, plush carpeting & oversized bedrooms! $2,000 Buyer Incentive **New Price! $144,900**
1705 N Garfield-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Cottage, Large Living Area, Circle Drive, 1,852 sqft **New Price! $119,900**
1309 W. Michigan Ave.-2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Totally redone! Fresh paint throughout, new cabinets in kitchen, stainless appliances including refrigerator! **Offers Please! $119,000**
4613 Mercedes-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 1,331 sqft. Some interior Updating! **Sale Pending! $114,000**
3509 Park Ln-3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath, 1 Car Garage. Big open kitchen, newer windows & flooring! Perfect Starter Home! **New Listing! $109,900**
5308 E. Loop 250 N-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Great Potential! 2.5 Acres! Call Chris for Additional Info! Loop Frontage Property **New Price! $70,000**

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

2801 S Co Rd 1180-Excellent Opportunity for Residential or Commercial Development! 115+/- Acres, Mature pecan orchard, business office/warehouse, workshop, barn, living quarters, 13 water wells & much more! Call David for more details **New Listing! $1,295,000**
1901 N. Big Spring-2 Lots, High Traffic, Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info **New Listing! $1,250,000**
529 Elliot, Odessa-Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land, Church & Warehouses Included! **New Price! $449,900**
8501 Hwy 158-Great Multiple Use Commercial Property! Total 7,600 sqft, 2 Bathrooms, three 12' overhead doors. Currently used as a feed store. Call Sabrina for more info! **New Listing! $375,000**
1902 W Illinois-6 Offices, Board Room, Kitchen, 2 Baths, Updated interior. Plenty of Parking! Call Chris for more details **New Listing! $250,000**
911 S. Main-Great Opportunity! Lot is currently fenced. Zoned LR-3. Owner will finance w/$5,000 down at 8%. NO CREDIT CHECK! **Lot! $49,000**
2306 City View Rd-Nice size county lot! 1.80 Acres, no known utilities. Great for mobile home! **Sale Pending! $9,500**

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

4301 Hookbilled Kite-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Ba in Falconhead! Awesome plan, granite + $25,000 buyer decorating allowance! WOW! **New Price! $425,000**
11912 Cascade Caverns Trail-Super REO 5 Bedrooms & over 4000sqft in Shady Hollow Area **★★★★Under Contract in 10 Days with 4 Offers! $282,150**
138 Dove Lane-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake LBJ! **New Price! $179,900**
6214 Blarwood-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath off Westgate Blvd in Austin! Bank Owned REO! **★★★★Under Contract In 5 Days! $120,000**
1750 Loop 165C-Bank Owned 14 Acres in Dripping Springs with easy access to 290 **★★★★Under Contract! $79,900**
404 Emerald Way-Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4340 **New Price! $29,900**

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NEW & REDUCED

5303 Greathouse-NEW-New construction in greathouse boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living/2 dining & 3 car gar! 4th bed is larger & opens to patio making a great media/gameroom! Spacious living w/brick fireplace & crown moulding. Gourmet kitchen opens to living and offers granite countertops, island, skylight, stone backsplash & stainless appliances. Sequestered master suite with wrap around closet. Beautiful iron front door. **$348,900**
1311 Missouri-NEW-situated on a large corner lot blocks from the museum of the southwest. 5 Bed/4 bath/2 living/2 dining (could be 4 bed w/private master office & his/her baths) so much space for the money, needs updating! Priced for as- is sale (sq. Footage includes 351 ft. Guest quarters over gar) kitchen offers abundant cabinets, formal la & sunroom w/walls of windows overlook open brick patio. Separate yard too. **$245,000**
#4 Linda Court-NEW-Nicely maintained 3 bed/2 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac! Separate formal living & formal dining. Spacious living w/brick fireplace & beamed ceiling. Seq. Master w/2 closets, dual sinks & shower. Study office w/2 pantries! This home has great storage & built-ins! Recent carpet & paint. Sunrroom, large backyard w/mature trees, storage building & extra parking! Water well for the yard **U/C...$194,900**

4+ BEDROOMS

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5307 Greathouse-New in greathouse! 4 Bed/3 ba/1 living /2 dining + 3 car gar! (4th bed is larger & opens to patio, it could be media/game room) spacious living w/fireplace & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen is open to living area & has granite island, skylight, stainless appliances, 2 ovens, gas cooktop & stone backsplash. Sequestered master suite w/vaulted bath ceiling, jetted tub, 2 vanities & wrap around closet **U/C...$339,900**
2507 Keswick-Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/2.5 Bath/2 gar. On corner lot! Large living area w/beamed ceiling, tile, stone fireplace (2 sides w/gas logs) spacious den w/ba that overlooks patio & yard. Seq. Master w/slate floors, jetted tub, dual sinks & walk-in closets. Formal dining w/hardwood floors, open kitchen w/recent cabinets, ct, stainless & 2 ovens. Recent windows, hvac ('09). Circle drive w/mature trees **U/C...$259,900**
2807 Durant-Beautiful 4 bed/3.5 Bath home in kimberlea! Formal living/dining w/neutral paint, crown molding, big window w/park like view. Den boasts wall of windows, fireplace, wood floors & built-ins. Spacious kitchen w/lots of cabinets **U/C...$249,900**
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2805 Haynes-Wonderful 3 bed/2 bath/2 garage home in wonderful neighborhood! Recent paint througout. Formal living/dining w/wall of windows, open living has brick fireplace & built-ins. Spacious kitchen w/walk-in pantry, recent appliances & tile. Seq. Master w/large closets, dual sinks and lots of storage. Bedrooms are spacious & offer great closet space. Park like yard w/covered patio & sprinkler front & back **U/C...$194,900**
3207 Apperson-wonderful 3 bedroom/2 bath home in kimber lea with lovely curb appeal! 2 Living areas with walls of windows, neutral paint and brick fireplace (wood burning). Great kitchen offers double oven, abundant cabinets (some display), breakfast bar & r/o. Master suite with private bath and his & her closets. Spacious inside utility room. Park like backyard with mature landscaping and large covered patio **U/C...$164,900**

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

GALLERY

5304 Hilltop Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $369,900
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ASHINGDON HOMES

5001 Coquina Court
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $289,000

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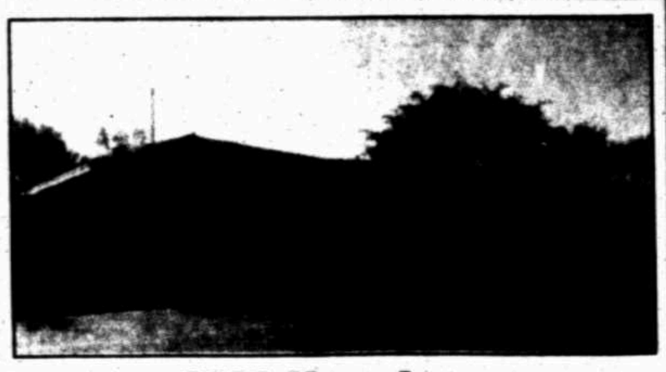
5903 Llano Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $285,000

FEATURED HOMES

2412 Dartmouth Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $329,000



2809 Moss Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $193,500

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

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5514 Carmel Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $285,000

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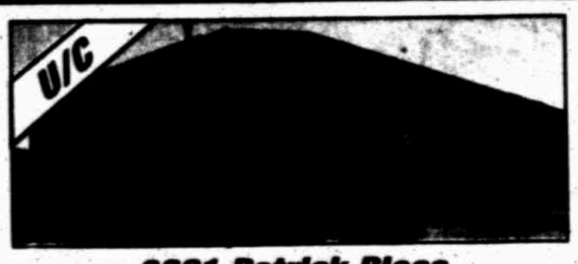

3201 Patrick Place
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $295,500

Carrasco Homes

6500 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $669,000

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1159 Register Rd	Colorado City/Lake View/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/Workshop	$79,900
5605 Kermit Ave	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$165,000
2809 Moss Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$193,500
2205 Medford Ct	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba	$275,000
4813 Spring Meadow Lane #7	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$294,500
5311 Castle Pine Rd	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
2412 Dartmouth Dr	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$329,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

4300 Wood Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4714 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5510 Carmel Ct	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
409 E. Pecan Ave	Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	Under Contract
5713 Carmel Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4808 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4801 Yearwood	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5702 Los Patios	Dozier Custom Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5711 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5908 Oak Creek	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4806 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5001 Coquina	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5514 Carmel Ct	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3201 Patrick Pl	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5902 Oak Creek	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5713 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5007 Gateway	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5314 Mathis St	Branson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3121 Patrick Pl	Henson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
403 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$327,500
5317 Hilltop Dr	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
408 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$339,500
5304 Hilltop Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
6500 Los Conchos	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$669,000

SUBURRAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14819 N. Chinaberry	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.914 Acres	$112,000
4751 E. Buttercup Dr	Gardendale/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/6.755 Acres	SOLD
5617 E. Goldenrod	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage/1 Acre	$125,000
7981 E. Goldenrod	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage/Gardendale/17.856 Acres	Under Contract
1905 S. Co. Rd. 1138	Greenwood, 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$379,900
5634 E. Marigold Dr	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage/Gardendale/9.86 Acres	Under Contract

RESIDENTIAL HOME SITES

706 S. Lincoln Ave	0.161 Acres	$3,500

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
7409 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.82 Acres	$39,000
7502 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.022 Acres with barn	$80,000
6400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres	$85,500
County Rd. 310	70.53 Acres	$110,000
3905 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Horse Barn	$125,000

COMMERCIAL

2000 Rankin Hwy	6.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning	$925,000

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408 Pinewood Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $339,500

1159 Register Road
Colorado City, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, workshop, priced @ $79,900

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:30

4809 YEARWOOD
$299,900
3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, formal dining, study, 2 car garage.
Shown by Clemmie Sorge

OPEN 1:00-2:30

4109 FAIRWOOD DR.
$449,000
Over 100sf with 5BR/3.5BA, 3 car garage, master bedroom with office, on 0.347 acres.
Shown by Mark Phillliber

OPEN 1:30-2:30

3203 S. CO. RD. 1068
$130,000
Adorable 3/2 w/hardwood floors, high ceilings & updates throughout!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30

4506 GREEN TREE BLVD.
$315,000
Move to Green Tree Country Club!
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30

307 JEFFERSON
REDUCED $157,500
You must see inside this house!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30

4509 ST. ANDREWS
REDUCED $215,000
3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living, 2 dining, beautiful updates including granite! Pristine and move-in ready!! Must see!!
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 3:00-4:00

5105 BRIGHTON CT.
$264,900
Great remodeled kitchen, 2 living areas.
Shown by Josie Alvarez

OPEN 3:30-4:30

5400 LA JOLLA
$279,900
Lovely 3 bedroom with office!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30

5412 BASSWOOD
$275,000
Corner lot in Green Tree Country Club!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

ASK THE EXPERTS:

Home buyers typically follow their hearts, as buying a home is an emotional process...but, when you begin the house-viewing process, it's important to set your emotions aside and replace them with a critical eye and clear mind.

A new roof can be expensive...look at the exterior of the roof for damage and look in the attic for signs of leaks of sunlight shining through.

Look for structural cracks around the perimeter of the house, cracks in interior walls, around doors and windows, leaks and cracks around the fireplace and obvious cracks in brick and mortar.

Certain improvements should have been done with permits, so check with your local city to see if permits were correctly acquired.

And last, it's ALWAYS a good idea to get your home inspected, by inspectors selected by Buyer & licensed by TREC or otherwise permitted by law to make inspections.

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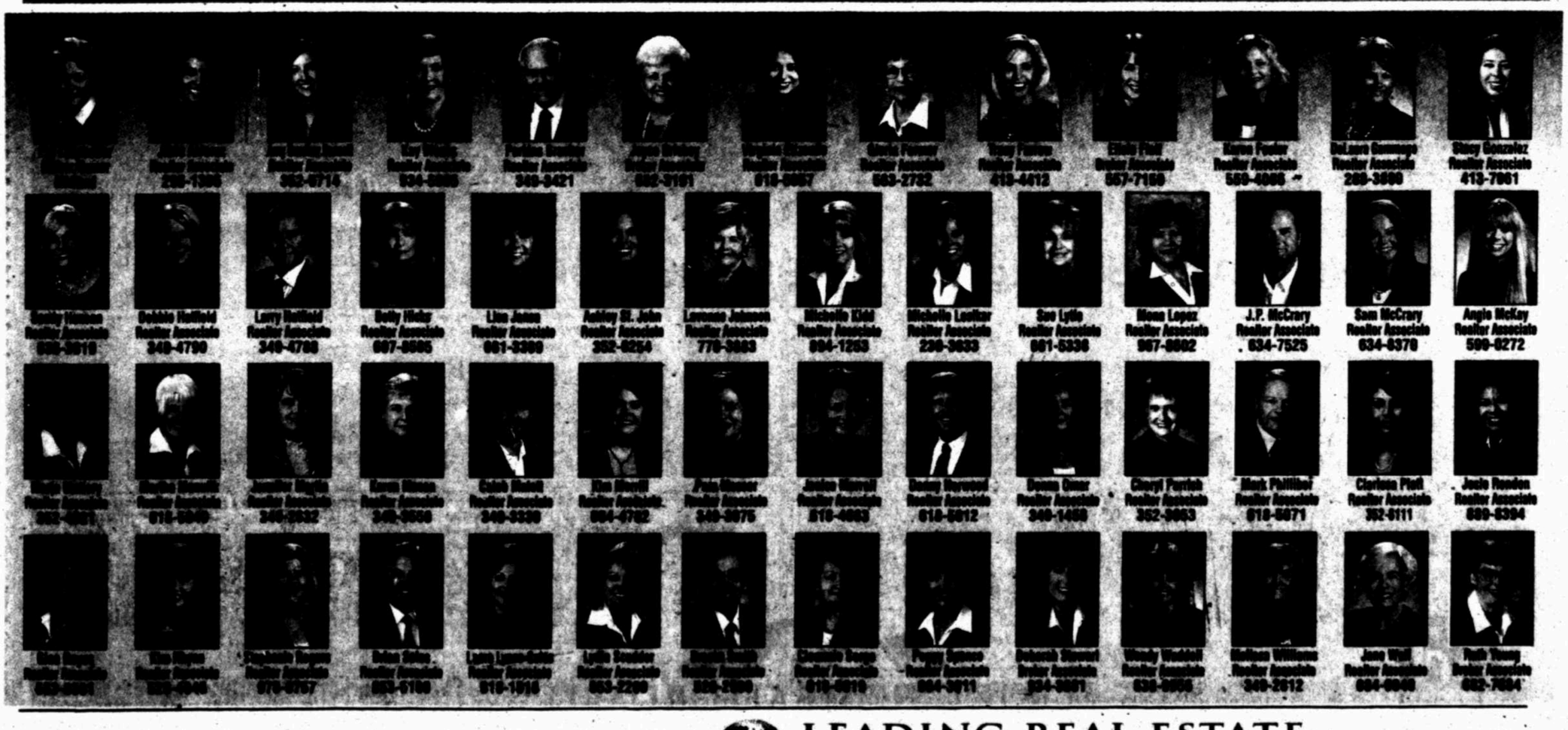

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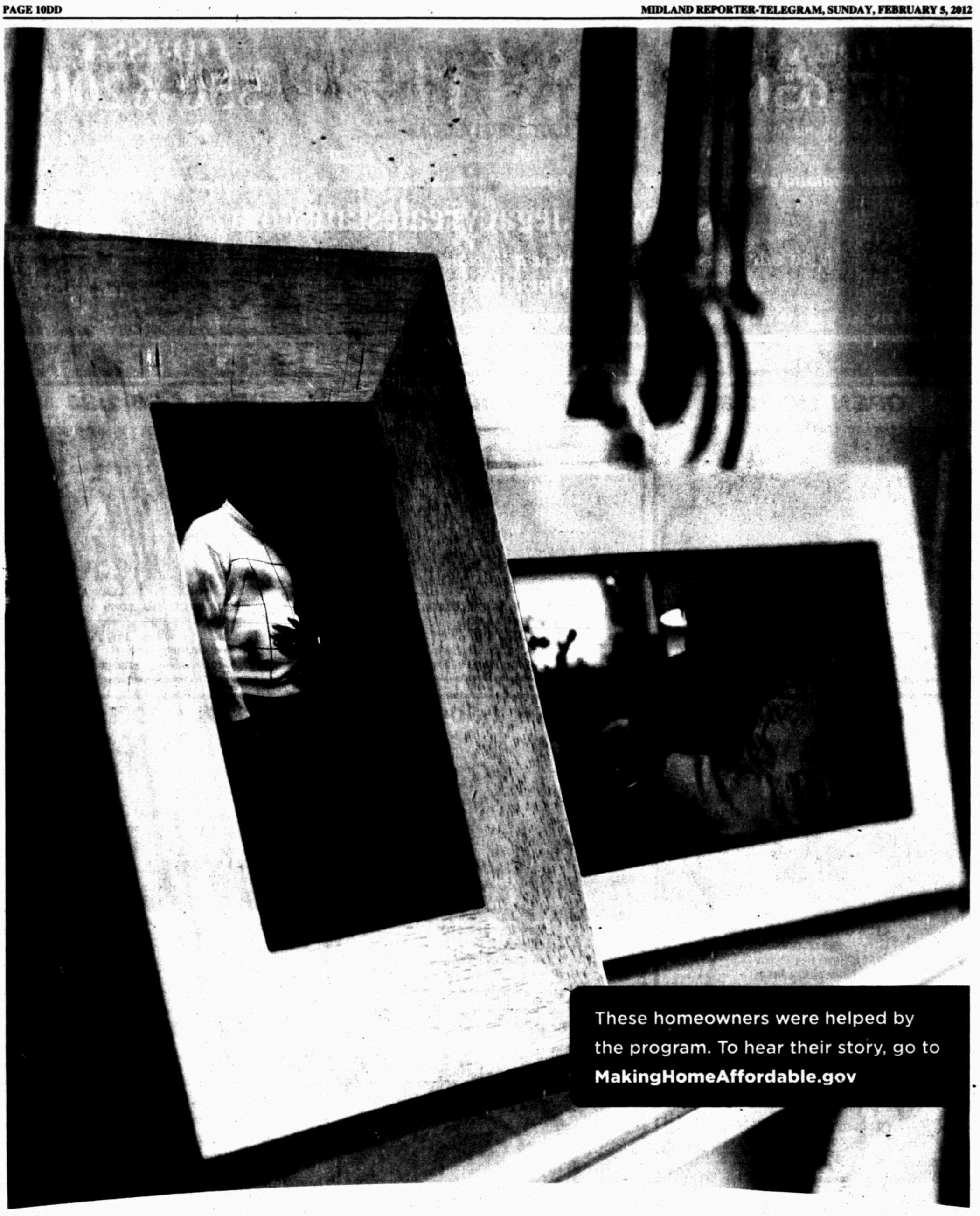

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3203 S. COUNTY ROAD 1088 - $138,000
Spacious living room! Formal dining! Kitchen & baths have updated cabinetry! Kitchen & breakfast room have great windows/lighting! Nice utility room with pantry! Nice sequestered master has updated bath with dual sinks, garden tub & separate shower! Hall bath is updated too! Walk-in closets! 3 Stables! Pipe fencing! Storage shed with carport!

YOU MUST SEE INSIDE THIS HOUSE!
307 JEFFERSON - REDUCED $167,500
Shows like a model home! Faux paint! Custom details! Living/dining/breakfast nook all open! High ceilings everywhere-even bedrooms! Kitchen is spacious with tons of work space! Sequestered master suite is large & can accomodate big furniture! Private bath with dual sinks with granite countertops & nice closet! Hall bath offers granite too! Roomy bedrooms! Fantastic back patio! 2 Car garrage!

MOVE TO GREEN TREE COUNTRY CLUB!
4506 GREEN TREE BLVD. - $315,000
Shown by Kay Bivens 934-5895
4 Bedrooms (1 could be used as a media room)+ study & multi-functional room (music room/formal living/ formal dining)! Large living room with fireplace is open to breakfast nook & kitchen! Tons of cabinetspace & countertops plus an island! 2nd & 3rd bedrooms are spacious & each have a private bath! Great patio & lush landscaping! Hot tub! 3 Car garage! Recent carpet! Don't miss it!

CORNER LOT IN GREEN TREE COUNTRY CLUB!
5412 BASSWOOD - $275,000
4 Bdrm/3 bath home in green tree! Double sided fireplace in living room & den! Spacious formal dining is open to the living room! Kitchen has lots of counterspace & cabinetry, pantry & breakfast area with bar! In-law plan with door to patio! Master bedroom with fireplace! Master bath with dual vanities, 2 closets & glass door to patio! High ceilings! Utility room! 2 Car oversized garage! Tree filled backyard!

LOVELY 3 BDRM WITH OFFICE!
5408 LA JOLLA - $279,900
Low maintenance yards! Living room offers a fireplace & walls of windows! Formal dining room is open to the living room! Sequestered master offers a spacious bath with wrap around closets, shower, garden tub & dual vanities! Roomy bedrooms! Large gourmet kitchen with island & tons of cabinetry & counterspace! Breakfast bar & nook! Great utility room! Half bath! 3 Car garage! Cul-de-sac! Wow!

The market is heating up! Properties are moving fast!

Call me for some homes that are available but not yet in MLS!

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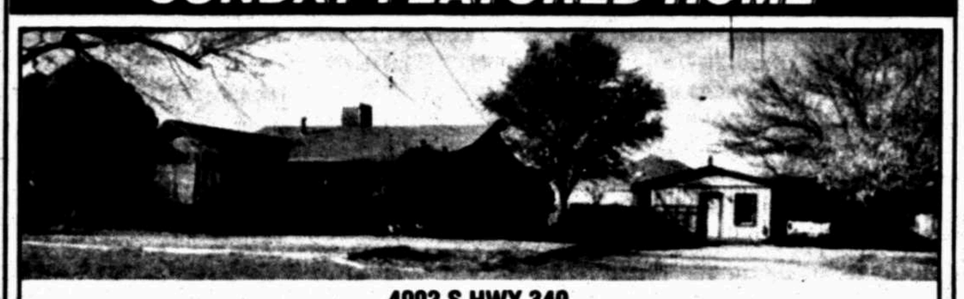

4002 S HWY 349
County living with plenty of room to roam on 1 acre and just minutes south of Midland. Lovely home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, den with fireplace, living room, spacious kitchen and dining. Bonus house can be used for small business and or shop. MLS# 88957, $149,500.

FEATURED LISTINGS

4002 S. Hwy 349		MLS# 88957	$149,500
2600 Spartan	UNDER CONTRACT OPTIONED	MLS# 88931	$169,900
13300 FM 307	UNDER CONTRACT OPTIONED	MLS# 88955	$204,900
4900 S. Co. Rd. 1140-306 + plus acres barns, shops & pens			$ 1,500,000
5901 N. Midland Dr.	SOLD	MLS #88753	$695,000
3314 W. Co. Rd. 185		MLS #88559	$370,000
10515 E. Co. Rd. 109	UNDER CONTRACT OPTIONED	MLS #88359	$475,000
2208 Sinclair	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #88691	$295,000
3155 Danley Drive (Lake Colorado City)		MLS #85245	$90,000
9177 Cevalia Drive (Odessa, Tx)	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #84152	$369,900
Sunridge Ranch Estates 3+acres lotsPer Lot			$75,000
Oakridge Development 1.59 acre lots to 3.25 acre lots			$38,250 to $81,250
Freeland Addition No Mobile Homes/Owner Carry			1+ acre lots at $25,000 per acre

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1415 Pacific Avenue,
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Come home to this Texas sized Living Room with corner fireplace. Great porch entrance plus tiled floor that leads ya into the inviting Living Room. Four bedrooms with Master sequestered side. His and Hers closets, garden tub and shower complete the Master Bath. Open Kitchen with tiled breakfast bar and area. Indoor utility room and good size fenced backyard for privacy. This community has homes all built around the same time from 2008-2010.
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Spacious open living room with fireplace. Kitchen has breakfast area plus bar. Very clean home, mostly tiled through out and all new interior paint. Garage is converted and counted in sq. footage has a built in bar and indoor utility room. 2 Car Covered Carport with a paved alley!
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Midland, Tx.
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5008 South County Rd 1136
Property may be eligible for the FHA $100 down payment program. Ask your agent for details. This three bedroom, two bath manufactured home located on one acre just minutes from Midland. This home is all-electric with central heat and air. It has its own water well and septic system. 1503 square feet-information is from the FHA Appraisal and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.
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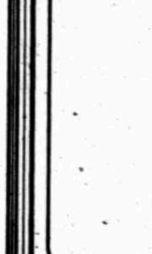

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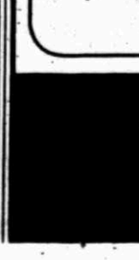

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301 S. MADISON	Virginia Elizondo 34.-7782	MLS #88509	$104,000
McPHERSON CONSTRUCTION			
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88677	$399,900
PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES			
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88906	$399,900
2101 S. CO. RD. 1087	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86406	SALE PENDING
10104 E. CO. RD. 103	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86409	SALE PENDING
JORGE CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION			
1400 BAIRD STREET	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88631	$135,000
J.C. BUILDERS			
5609 CARMEL CT	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #88464	SOLD
GOMEZ CONSTRUCTION			
410 SPRUCE AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #86383	SALE PENDING
CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION			
4809 YEARWOOD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86991	$299,900
DOUBLE E CONSTRUCTION			
1404 TEJAS	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88896	SALE PENDING
1603 WASHITA	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #87138	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

7107 FM 307	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88827	$1,200,000
00 LAKES DR	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #88917	$789,000
8300 DUNBLANE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88681	SALE PENDING
4905 RUSTIC TRAIL	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #87549	SALE PENDING
5901 MIDLAND DR	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88753	SOLD
6300 HOMESTEAD	Peggy Spence 618-5047	MLS #88768	$679,900
5207 POLO CLUB ROAD	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #88927	$599,000
7005 CALEN CT	Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #87540	SALE PENDING
6516 FERN	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88947	$575,000
6401 HWY. 349	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88912	$574,900
2400 SINCLAIR AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88819	$545,000
1209 CASTLE ROCK CT	Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #81489	$530,000
4105 BAYBROOK CIRCLE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88686	SALE PENDING
7000 ALMEY CT	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #88716	SALE PENDING
2000 JADEWOOD	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88567	SALE PENDING
4109 FAIRWOOD DR	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #87362	$449,000
1202 COUNTRY CLUB DR	Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #88908	SALE PENDING
4901 OAKWOOD CT	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #88751	$410,000
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88677	$399,900
4405 IRVIN DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88391	$399,900
4300 SKYLINE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88682	$375,000
909 ALMONT PLACE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88475	$370,000
10510 E. CO. RD. 109	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88487	$354,900
2101 S. CO. RD. 1087	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86406	SALE PENDING
3610 KNIFFEN RD	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #88198	SALE PENDING
4806 CHERRYWOOD	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #88267	$335,000
3108 GULF AVE	Cheryl Parrish 618-5014	MLS #88761	SALE PENDING
5208 OAK VALLEY DR	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #88302	SALE PENDING
5811 GRASSLAND BLVD	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #86967	SALE PENDING
10104 E. CO. RD. 103	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86409	SALE PENDING
5504 RIDGEMONT	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #88207	SALE PENDING
2201 PRINCETON AVE	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87778	$325,000
4620 ROSEWOOD	Deborah Stewart 934-3881	MLS #88935	SALE PENDING
4506 GREEN TREE BLVD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88808	$315,000
2807 SAVOY PL	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #88825	SALE PENDING
2219 SOUTHAMPTON LANE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88657	$300,000
4802 YEARWOOD DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88597	SALE PENDING
5008 RUSTIC TR	Gina Reyes 618-5061	MLS #88750	SALE PENDING
4824 TIMBER LN	Deborah Stewart 934-3881	MLS #88739	SALE PENDING
2208 SINCLAIR AVE	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88691	SALE PENDING
5412 BASSWOOD CIRCLE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88678	$275,000
4125 FOX HOLLOW CT	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88680	SALE PENDING
5001 CASTLEFORD	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #86647	$260,000
1216 CO. RD 1120	Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #86976	$259,500
2402 CULPEPPER DR	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #87946	SALE PENDING
5207 SHERWOOD	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #88870	SALE PENDING
2817 CALDERA BLVD	Deborah Stewart 934-3881	MLS #88336	SALE PENDING
5904 PEDERNALES	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88245	SOLD
4107 GODFREY ST	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #88056	SALE PENDING
3004 NORTHTOWN PL	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88659	SALE PENDING
3212 FRONTIER DR	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88575	$224,900
1404 TEJAS	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88896	SALE PENDING
5108 E. CO. RD. 59	Ashely St John 352-6254	MLS #88672	SALE PENDING
2411 NEELY	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88644	SALE PENDING
3520 IMPERIAL AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88949	$185,000
3103 AUBURN	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #88894	SALE PENDING
1204 KANSAS AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88461	SALE PENDING
4605 CRENSHAW	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88702	SALE PENDING
3917 ANETTA DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88132	SALE PENDING
6001 CO. RD. 85	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88968	$67,500

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

804 CANONERO	Larry Hatfield 684-0369	MLS #87724	SALE PENDING
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88906	$399,900
2902 MARIE DR	Samantha McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88587	$324,900
4625 ROSEWOOD DR	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88746	$309,900
4809 YEARWOOD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86991	$299,900
5400 LA JOLLA COVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88683	$279,900
1801 WASHITA	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #87070	SALE PENDING
2911 CALDERA BLVD	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88272	$269,900
4807 PINE MEADOW DR	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #88733	$265,000
5105 BRIGHTON PLACE	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88634	$264,900
1611 WALL ST	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88128	$264,900
1301 MISSOURI AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87699	$260,000
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129	Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #87706	SALE PENDING
5102 CASTLEFORD	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #88722	SALE PENDING
4309 TUMBLEWEED	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #87679	SALE PENDING
2503 BELLECHASSE CT	Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #88930	SALE PENDING
3 VISTA CREST CT., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #88887	$216,000
4509 ST. ANDREWS	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #88741	$215,000
1416 FRENCH AVE., ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #88804	$215,000
5707 RIO GRANDE AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88199	SOLD
1603 WASHITA	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #87138	SALE PENDING
4308 KNIFFEN	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #86828	$209,999
13300 FM 307	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88955	$204,900
5325 SE CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS, TX	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
2222 CIMMARON	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #87445	SOLD
804 BOYD AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88964	$185,000
3407 STANOLIND AVE	Kay Bivens 618-5018	MLS #88428	SALE PENDING
4509 MATHIS ST	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #88873	SALE PENDING
2301 REGAL PL	Lavonne Johnson 618-5002	MLS #88755	SALE PENDING
3231 SHANDON AVE	Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #86637	SALE PENDING
4904 SUNDOWN CIRCLE	Kim Rhyne 528-4646	MLS #88583	SALE PENDING
3316 WEDGEWOOD ST	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88414	$175,000
509 W. 83RD ST., ODESSA	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88413	$175,000
801 SHELL AVE	Maria Malory 352-4021	MLS #88737	$174,900
3208 LOUISIANA DR	Mark Philliber 618-5017	MLS #88565	$174,000
6815 N. CO. RD. 1298	Larry Hatfield 684-0369	MLS #88880	$167,900
10300 CO. RD. 85	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87074	$165,000
1700 CULVER	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88261	SALE PENDING
2403 EMERSON CT	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88688	SALE PENDING
2413 GODDARD	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88624	SALE PENDING
2800 S. CO. RD. 1069	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88400	SOLD
705 AUSTIN	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #88334	SALE PENDING
413 NEELY	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #88364	$160,000
3000 VIRGINIA	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88745	SALE PENDING
2000 N. D STREET	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #87407	$159,500
307 JEFFERSON ST	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88948	$157,500
3622 BOYD AVE	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88762	$152,900
3329 DENGAR AVE	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #88406	SALE PENDING
3507 IMPERIAL AVE	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #87300	SALE PENDING
410 E. SPRUCE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #86383	SALE PENDING
4002 HWY. 349	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88957	$149,500
3705 STANOLIND	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #87016	$142,500
1501 DELMAR DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88439	SALE PENDING
5109 CONCHO	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #88619	SALE PENDING
2516 CO. RD. 1058	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88933	$139,500
3515 JORDAN	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #88975	$138,000
1703 W. CO. RD. 134	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	$135,000
1400 BAIRD STREET	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88631	$135,000
3216 W. LOUISIANA	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #87004	$129,900
12309 CO. RD. 120	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86979	$127,000
3519 THOMAS AVE	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88963	$118,500
4614 ANETTA DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88093	SOLD
4730 CUTHBERT AVE	Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #88160	SALE PENDING
705 LANHAM ST	Pamela Messer 349-3075	MLS #88588	$115,000
1311 WASHINGTON AVE	Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #88844	SALE PENDING
301 S. MADISON	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #88509	$104,000
305 CUTHBERT AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88717	SALE PENDING
215 N. DEWBERRY	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #88916	$98,500
3207 ILLINOIS AVE	Gina Reyes 618-5061	MLS #86930	$93,000
4724 CROCKETT	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #87242	SALE PENDING
1500 WEATHERFORD ST	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87950	SALE PENDING
4318 MONTY	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #87726	SALE PENDING
209 E. PECK	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #87474	SALE PENDING
1405 MICHIGAN	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88453	$79,000
3913 AVONDALE	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #88921	$77,000
4203 PLEASANT DR	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88770	$75,000
1702 E. OAK AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88330	$70,000
4604 CHEROKEE DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88329	SALE PENDING
2409 KENTUCKY	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88646	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88081 & #88082	$425,000
2204 CIMMARON	Betty Hicks 553-8194	MLS #88599	SALE PENDING
3710 OHIO AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88965	$135,000
3538 SHELL AVE	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #88833	SALE PENDING
600 #80 LIDDON	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88801	$80,000
3319 PINEMONT DR	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #88590	SALE PENDING
3506 GASTON	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #88065	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

7107 FM 307	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88827	$1,200,000
6401 HWY. 349	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88912	$574,900
10520 CO. RD. 109	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88891	$495,000
10515 CO. RD. 109	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88359	SALE PENDING
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88906	$399,900
3314 W. CO. RD. 185	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88559	$370,000
2406 CO. RD. 1121	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88075	$369,900
10510 E. CO. RD. 109	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88487	$354,900
2101 SCR 1087	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86406	SALE PENDING
10104 E. CO. RD. 103	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86409	SALE PENDING
3187 C 2150 STANTON	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	15 Acres/$319,500
1216 S. CO. RD. 1120	Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #86976	$259,500
4113 CO. RD. 1185	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #88697	$254,900
13300 FM 307	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88955	SALE PENDING
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129	Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #87706	SALE PENDING
5325 CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
5108 E. CO. RD. 59	Ashely St John 352-6254	MLS #88672	SALE PENDING
3409 W. CO. RD. 181	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88101	SALE PENDING
2800 S. CO. RD. 1069	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88400	SOLD
6815 N. CO. RD. 1298	Larry Hatfield 684-0369	MLS #88880	$167,900
10300 CO. RD. 85	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87074	$165,000
4808 CO. RD. 71	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88886	$165,000
6502 W. FM 846 KNOTT	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88060	$150,000
4002 HWY. 349	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88957	$149,500
2516 CO. RD. 1058	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88933	$139,500
1703 W. CO. RD. 134	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	$135,000
3203 CO. RD. 1068	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88654	$130,000
12309 CO. RD. 120	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86979	$127,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	6 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
9206 CO. RD. 162	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88655	SALE PENDING
1008 HWY. 137	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88477	SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/Lots $75,000/EA.
6001 CO. RD. 85	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88968	$67,500
FM 2632, BROWNWOOD LAKE	Caleb Matott 349-3330		$44,000
8113 GOLDER AVE., ODESSA	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88837	$30,000
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8109 GOLDER AVE., ODESSA	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88839	$30,000
8115 GOLDER AVE., ODESSA	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88836	$30,000

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

7900 CO. RD. 110, GREENWOOD	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #87829	$389,900
2206 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #87159	$389,500
9177 CEVALIA DR., ODESSA, TX	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #84152	SALE PENDING
3187 C 2150, STANTON	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	$319,500
3 VISTA CREST CT., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #88887	$216,000
1416 FRENCH AVE., ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #88804	$215,000
704 NW 8TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #85205	$189,900
9301 CEVALLIA, ODESSA, TX	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #84955	SALE PENDING
4613 VALLEYBROOK LN., ODESSA, TX	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #87546	SOLD
5325 SE CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS, TX	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
401 DEALY, BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88040	$179,000
509 W. 83RD ST., ODESSA	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88413	$175,000
14030 LARIAT TR., GARDENDALE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88684	SALE PENDING
2651 SE CO. RD. 4001, ANDREWS, TX	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #84610	$159,900
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84741	$154,000
7030 24TH ST., ODESSA, TX	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88458	$152,500
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Chihuahuan Desert
DIRT FEST

Big Bend offers casual atmosphere for bike enthusiasts

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

There may have been a few bumps in road along the way, but the legacy of mountain biking in Big Bend country ventures on.

Big Bend Ranch State Park and Desert Sports in Terlingua will present the second Chihuahuan Desert Dirt Fest on President's Day weekend, Feb. 16-18, offering three days of riding for outdoor adventurers of all levels. Other entities hosting the event include Lajitas Golf Resort, Big Bend National Park and the Big Bend Trails Alliance.

"Really what the whole Desert Dirt Fest is, is three days of fun in the sun in the desert," said Barrett Durst, superintendent of Big Bend Ranch State Park. "It's about providing an opportunity for folks who like getting out in this neck of the woods to get out and ride the trails."

The off-road festival ride will feature a two-day option to conquer the 54-mile Fresno-Saucedo "Epic" trail, as designated by the International Mountain Bicycling Association. For less experienced riders, there will be mostly flat, 4x4 double-track ranch roads, and advanced cyclists wishing to forgo the Epic Ride can opt for single-track riding on the Dome Trail and Rincon Loops. A children's ride also will be on the schedule. Each day of the festival ride will include trips led by guides from Desert Sports, Big Bend Trails Alliance and Big Bend Ranch State Park.

The whimsical bicycle creatures of Austin Bike Zoo also will be in Terlingua for the event. The organization's human-powered puppetry will include 17-foot butterflies and an 80-foot rattlesnake that is illuminated at night.

Mountain biking events in the Big Bend area have taken many forms over the past few decades, beginning in the late 1980s. Desert Sports' first cross-country style annual race, the Chihuahuan Desert Challenge, was cancelled last minute in 2003 after a decade and a half because of changes in

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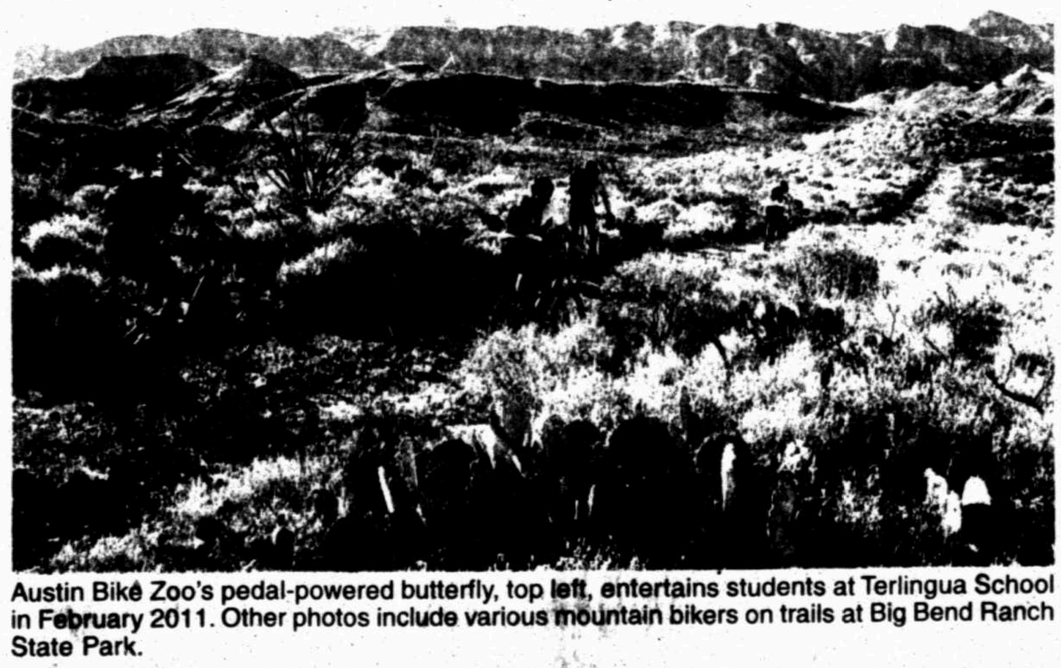

Austin Bike Zoo's pedal-powered butterfly, top left, entertains students at Terlingua School in February 2011. Other photos include various mountain bikers on trails at Big Bend Ranch State Park.

Top left photo and background photo by Crystal Allbright.
Other photos courtesy of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Mountain bike riders tackle trails at Big Bend Ranch State Park. One of the park's trails earned the Epic ride title from the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

Photo above courtesy of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Photo below by Crystal Allbright

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desert ownership and rising costs, according to store owner Mike Long. Dozens showed up that weekend, still willing to participate in an unsanctioned ride. The Mas o Menos 100K endurance race was born the following year, and brought in almost 500 riders each year until a large chunk of the race course was lost after another change in ownership in 2010. Despite the setback, more than 100 riding enthusiasts flocked to the area to enjoy the desert landscape.

"The riding out here is unique to the state in some ways," Long said. "Just the fact that it's desert riding; it's one of the only places people get that kind of experience."

Later that year, the Fresno-Saucedo earned the Epic ride title from the International Mountain Bicycling Association for its loop, which features steep climbs and descents along singletrack trails, creek beds and 4x4 roads. In 2011, Desert Sports paired with Big Bend Ranch to spin a more casual version of the event by hosting the festival ride and featuring the newly designated Epic loop. Last year's event brought in more than 200 participants, according to Long.

"We're doing some real mountain biking, but there's no competitive edge to it; that's one of the things that everyone really liked," he said. "You don't have to be training necessarily for a big competition. I think the casualness of it; it's a very friendly atmosphere."

Midlander Tommy Hindman participated in the Chihuahuan Desert Challenge for seven consecutive years after starting to mountain bike competitively 18 years ago. He hopes this year's event will give him a chance to enjoy the reason he began riding while taking a short break from competitive endurance racing.

"In mountain biking, you see things off the road you don't see on the road, as far as scenery goes," Hindman said. "In that area, they have a lot of technical trails. They also have the elevation, and sort of the desert mystique of Mexico."

For Durst, who enjoyed being able to participate in the ride last year, the back country of Texas provided an inspiring backdrop to the journey.

"It's some of the best riding in the state in Texas," he said. "I really do think it's because the experience of being out here in God's country, and seeing the vast beauty that we have been afforded out here."

Pre-registration for the event costs $50 for a three-day pass, $40 for two days and $20 for one day. The ride's headquarters will be at Maverick Ranch RV Park in Lajitas, where riders are encouraged to stay in tents or trailers. Big Bend Ranch State Park lodging reservations can be made through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 512-389-8919. Park entry fees are being waived during the three-day festival.

To pre-register for Dirt Fest, visit www.bikereg.com. For more information about the festival ride, visit www.desert-sportstx.com/mountain-bike-event or call 888-989-6900.

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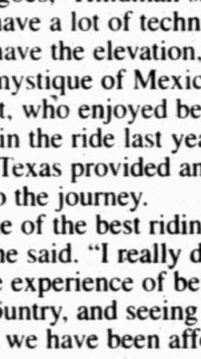

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Diabetes complications can be prevented, treated

Long-term diabetes complications include a long list of possibilities beyond the commonly known eye, kidney or nerve problems. If you have diabetes and no complications right now, consider yourself fortunate. If you do have complications, there are ways to manage them to reduce their impact on your quality of life.

Most diabetics behave like anyone else when they get disturbing news about a complication: They don't want to accept it. Denial is a powerful force and can prevent you from taking the next steps to make things better. If your doctor has discovered a problem connected to how long you've had diabetes, it might be treatable and less costly than an organ transplant. Let thoughts of "not me" pass when you hear unsettling news. You need to keep your can-do attitude intact to meet the challenge a diabetes complication represents.

There are very effective steps a diabetic can take to slow down or stave off the onset of diabetes complications. First, keep your blood sugars under the best control you can. Next, keep on top of your blood pressure and make sure it also is under good control. This means cutting back on excess salt, participating in regular exercise, controlling weight and taking medications prescribed by your doctor. Too many diabetics also have uncontrolled high blood pressure which only accelerates the onset of many serious complications.

High levels of fat in the blood in the form of triglycerides and cholesterol create a better chance of hardening of the arteries. For this reason, careful attention to avoiding or reducing intake of foods high in saturated fats and grease are very helpful to a diabetic, in addition to medications to lower the levels of these fats in the blood if lifestyle changes don't get the job done.

Now, let's have a quick reality check on diabetes complications and what can be done if they still happen.

Blindness is much more likely to happen to a diabetic who has not gotten ongoing eye checkups with careful attention to the retina, the vision sensing part of the eye. Retinal damage usually takes years of diabetes to happen. Increased pressure inside the eye (glaucoma) also can happen sooner. The simple act of getting a yearly dilated eye checkup can reduce the risk of blindness from these two problems because it allows problems to be discovered early, at a more treatable stage. But even if you neglect regular checkups, your eye doctor still may have several effective methods to preserve your vision.

Kidney failure is very common in diabetics. But like eye disease, not enough people get screened for the early signs of this problem, when more can be done to slow it. There are medications that can help slow kidney breakdown in diabetes that have been around for decades. While the thought of kidney dialysis is not appealing, many diabetics with kidney failure are young enough to receive a kidney transplant in the worst case scenario and still live an active, productive life afterward.

Nerve damage because of long-term diabetes often is the most aggravating because both numbness and painful nerve damage can occur. The same preventative principles apply for this complication, namely improved diabetes control. But medications to manage the perception of pain or numb sensitive areas may be needed.

Sexual dysfunction happens to many diabetic men and women. Treatments are available to manage both and minimize the impact on daily living. The greatest barrier in treating this complication is willingness of the doctor or patient to discuss the problem.

Survey: Americans still too stressed

By Helena Oliviero
Cox Newspapers

ATLANTA — Naomi Tsu battles high levels of stress every day at work.

And increasingly, the Atlanta attorney doesn't always cut it off when she goes home.

"It's hard to put down that BlackBerry," said Tsu.

Tsu carves out time every day to rest her busy mind and ease her stress levels. She enjoys cooking and spending time with friends. And she routinely begins her day with meditation — lasting anywhere between five minutes to an hour. With every breath in — and out — she feels her body relax.

"It makes my stress level livable," she said. "After I meditate, things don't bother me as much. ... If I have a tough conversation with opposing counsel, I don't carry around with me all day."

Stress levels in Atlanta may have dipped slightly since the worst of the economic crisis, but new survey results released by the American Psychological Association suggest stress levels continue to hover at unhealthy levels.

Stress levels here averaged 5.3 on a 10-point scale (in which 1 is little or no stress and 10 is a great deal of stress), according to a 2011 survey conducted by Harris Interactive, polling 1,226 adults, including 279 adults living in metro Atlanta.

The peak was 2008 at 6.1.

Employment-related jitters remain a constant source of tension.

Of those surveyed, 77 percent pointed to work as a significant source of stress.

Dr. J. Kip Matthews, an Athens, Ga., psychologist, said even though the economic crisis has eased, job stability concerns linger among this group. These people include those feeling survivor's guilt for having held onto their jobs while others lost theirs, those anxious they could be next in line to get axed, those still looking for jobs and those who landed a job but worry it may not last.

The big problem, he said, is many people don't know how to curb acute stress.

As a society, he believes, the lack of emphasis on preventative care spills over into the way Americans handle stress. In other words, Americans don't tackle the stress; they wait until it's serious and causing health problems such as heart disease.

"People may know stress is not good for them, but there is a disconnect between recognizing they need to make changes and having the tools and the ability to make those changes," he said.

In fact, the "Stress in America" study found only a third of those surveyed in Atlanta said they knew how to manage or reduce stress once they experienced it.

And while it's normal to experience occasional spikes in stress levels, it's not healthy to face chronic, sharp levels of stress.

Matthews said excessive stress levels release the stress hormone (cortisol) into the body and can lead to a build-up of plaque in the arteries.

Stress levels vary. When working quietly on your taxes, they should be low. If you are a lineman on a football team, they will rise. And while stress levels fluctuate, Matthews believes a healthy range, on average, is between 3 and 4 on the 10-point scale.

Among those surveyed in Atlanta, popular ways to lower stress included listening to music and exercising.

Kashi Atlanta yoga studio has seen an uptick in devotees at its Wednesday evening classes, with close to 100 participants.

Long-time yoga and meditation instructor Jaya Devi Bhagavati said she sees burnt-out Atlantans seeking more peace and balance in their lives.

Sometimes, she said, those meditating are simply looking for an escape from technology.

They want to disconnect and unwind.

"Yes, I have seen people who say I need this hour and a half to unplug and get back into the natural rhythms of myself," said Bhagavati.

Tips for reducing stress

Cox Newspapers

ATLANTA — Exercise and eating a healthy diet are always good ways to fight stress. Dr. J. Kip Matthews, an Athens, Ga., psychologist, offers five more ways to ease stress.

■ Nurture your spiritual health: Whether it's through prayer, meditation or going to church, nourishing your spiritual health can promote a sense of purpose and give comfort.

■ Find a hobby: A good way to take a mental break from the stress in your life and carve out some time just for you is to find a hobby. Take a dance class, start painting or gardening. And while some stresses in your life may feel out of control, you can see yourself get better as you become a better painter, grow a garden, etc.

■ Be able to say no: It may sound simple, but many people struggle with saying no, worrying they might hurt feelings. But being assertive and saying no can help people from overscheduling and burdening their lives.

■ Simplify your life: De-clutter your house and you will have fewer distractions. It will also give you more clarity. Also, let some things go. Instead of worrying about making a cheesecake from scratch for the school potluck, it's OK to pick up a box of store-made cookies from the grocery. "Rather than scrambling and worrying about making something perfect, grab something and go and you'll be in a better frame of mind," Matthews said.

■ Unplug: If you are constantly checking your emails and smartphone when you are away from work — and reading news stories about the cruise ship sinking — don't expect your stress level to fall. Instead, take a break from your phone, computer, iPad — all of it.

giving back

Bynum School students hold rag dolls they created in sewing class. The students recently gave the dolls to a Midland missionary who will deliver them to the organization Mission of Hope Haiti. Fourteen students at the school chose to participate in the doll program. They began assembling the dolls in September.

Photos by Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

FAMILY MATTERS

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Woman still affected by brother's behavior during mother's death

DEAR FAMILY: I need some help dealing with my 63-year-old mother and her resentments toward her 68-year-old brother. The problem started when their mother was ill and dying in 1992. My mother was expected to do all the hospital care, nursing, etc., for my grandmother. Because I had just left for college when all this happened, I don't have a lot of first-hand knowledge. However, I do know my uncle and he is a self-centered, self-righteous jerk. Apparently during more than six months of my grandmother's cancer treatments he never offered to help but he had a lot to say to my mother and even more to other family members about the way my mother was taking care of my grandmother.

My mother was so upset about her mother's pain and suffering she didn't really have the time or the energy to pay any attention to him. After the funeral he continued to make unnecessary negative comments and she finally blew up. Apparently there was a big fight at the attorney's office because of the things my uncle had said and the fact he was the executor of grandmother's estate and was questioning all the medical bills, etc. My father said he was his usual high-handed self and made it clear to my mom he was in charge and he would handle my grandmother's estate any way he wanted. Mother was so hot dad had to drag her out of the office. I think the estate eventually was settled, but mom doesn't think he treated her fairly on that either.

While I don't blame her I feel badly for her because something that happened so long ago is making her so bitter. Her brother is a narcissistic jerk and we all know it. But she still is getting penalized because she won't go to any family gatherings where he might be. She has missed several family weddings and reunions but he's there in full force. Can you suggest anything I might try to help her with this? Dad and I have made her go talk to the minister but that hasn't seemed to help. Should we try to get her to go to counseling? I would suggest that but I know counseling just made everything worse for some of my friends (no offense to you). — WANTING TO HELP

DEAR WANTING: Your mother's situation is most unfair and wrong (and sinful in my opinion). My experience is there is nothing that can be done with her brother, he is who he is and I am sorry she is stuck with him. There is this awful truth I have come to learn so vividly in therapy, and that is, "you cannot choose your parents, siblings or children." We all have to deal with the hand we have been dealt on that front.

Your mother has done the right thing for her mother and we would hope to be able to help her focus on the good she did and let the rest go. I would like for her to be able to think in terms of forgiveness at some point, and hopefully sooner rather than later. As Lewis Smedes notes, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." It is so important your mother be set free from this wrong. I am not suggesting she forget the wrongs, but rather choose to interpret them differently so she can move on with her life. She served and cared for her mother and we want her to remember and talk of those blessings given and received without mention of the pain fostered upon her by her brother.

Henri Nouwen makes these profound observations I have taken from several of his writings. "The only people we can really change are ourselves. Forgiving others is first and foremost healing our own hearts. Forgiveness allows us to claim our own power and not let these events destroy us; it enables them to become events that deepen the wisdom of our hearts." I would encourage your mother and father to go to counseling on this together. Ask around and find a counselor who is a healer.

I would like to use the circumstance of your letter to share an observation with all our readers I see all too often. It is most important elderly parents think in terms of selecting an executor/executrix of their estate based not on age or gender rather upon character and wisdom. Such a person is much more likely to handle the details of the estate in a fair and equitable manner.

Bobby Deen gets creative with Mama's recipes

By Ken Hoffman
Houston Chronicle

You'd almost think they had this planned.

Just as Paula ("more butter, y'all!") Deen announces she has Type 2 diabetes, her son Bobby Deen has a new show on the Cooking Channel called "Not My Mama's Meals" (8 p.m. Wednesdays).

Another name could have been "Mother Doesn't Know Best."

"The premise of the show is, I take traditional recipes from my mother and cut back some fat and calories in elementary ways. The taste remains, though," Bobby Deen said over the phone from New York City.

First thing I asked him, what did you have for breakfast today?

"I had an egg white omelette with spinach and tomatoes and shitake mushrooms," he said.

OK, I believe you. So when did you go healthy on us? Because I've seen you on your mother's show, and you're pounding on the sugar and cream just like she does.

"I'm 41 years old. When I turned 30, I had already worked 10 years in our family's restaurant. I was soft and wasn't feeling so great about myself, and I was putting on weight," he said. "I wanted to do something so I'd feel better. I began to exercise, and I really loved it. It became a big part of my life. Exercise made me change my relationship with food. I started looking at food differently."

On each episode, Deen takes one of his mother's recipes and guts it of fat, calories and sugar.

"We're taking Sunday food and turning it into Monday food," he said.

"My mama always says, when you're cooking with a new recipe for the first time, go exactly by the recipe. The next time, you can make it your own and be creative. You can go in either direction. You can make it more decadent or you can cut back. For example, when you make a red velvet cake, instead of three cups of sugar, let's use just one cup."

Other easy tricks: If the recipe calls for mayonnaise or sour cream, think about using Greek yogurt. When you make mashed potatoes, instead of putting in milk and butter, throw in some cauliflower.

I asked Bobby, is your show the start of a family feud? What does Mama think about "Not My Mama's Meals"?

"There's no feud," Deen said. "She is delighted about my show. My mom is happy to see her 41-year-old son physically, mentally and emotionally happy. There is no conflict with her whatsoever."

Woman wants boyfriend to fix what's broken

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My live-in boyfriend is a total ditz when it comes to challenges. He claims it's because he's a city boy, but I think it's just plain laziness. When something needs to be repaired, he looks the other way and expects me to be "Miss Fix-It." It doesn't matter what's wrong — the car, the washer, plumbing, even issues with bills. It becomes my job.

I want him to challenge himself sometimes. I've never known a man who won't venture into something that's not familiar. Is there anything I can say or do to let him know I want him to help, or am I stuck with a male damsel in distress? — ROLE-REVERSAL IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

DEAR ROLE-REVERSAL: I'm sure you have told your boyfriend more than once you want him to help. If he is as lacking in mechanical and organizational ability as you have implied, perhaps it's better you be the fixer than have him destroy whatever needs to be repaired.

Because you feel you're being taken advantage of, have him call a repairman and pay for the service calls. And while you're at it, start a list of the positive things he adds to your relationship. If you come up with a minus instead of a plus, perhaps you should throw him back and keep fishing.

DEAR ABBY: My niece, "Sara," is considerably overweight at the age of 9. I'm becoming very concerned she'll become diabetic by the time she's in her teens. She has a horrible habit of literally shoveling food into her mouth as fast as she can, sometimes with both hands. She's obviously eating too quickly to stop when she's full. Now that she's no longer a little girl, what was a bad habit has turned into disgusting table manners.

I live far away, so I have few opportunities to suggest she slow down or "take princess bites." Her mother is very resentful of criticism, and she's allowing Sara her bad habit. I'm worried not only about my niece's poor table manners, but also her health. Any suggestions? — WORRIED AUNT, TUPELO, MISS.

DEAR WORRIED AUNT: Is Sara's mother obese? If so, the problem may be not only the speed with which your niece is eating but also what kinds of foods she's being served at home.

Be smart and don't make this about disgusting table manners. Because you're concerned about your niece's health, talk to BOTH parents and ask what Sara's pediatrician says about her weight and what possible solutions have been suggested. But do not make it appear you're criticizing their parenting or they'll shut you out.

DEAR ABBY: People occasionally tell me I look like a famous person. They can be mere acquaintances, people I don't know or people I don't want to know. I've never seen the resemblance, and because this famous person is known for poor judgment and bad behavior I regard it as an insult.

People seem shocked when I respond with an insult. How do they expect me to respond? I can't imagine walking up to someone and saying, "You look like ..." even if it were true. This is finally starting to bother me. How should I respond? — NOT VILLAINOUS — YET

DEAR NOT VILLAINOUS (YET): People may be shocked when you answer them with an insult because they were not trying to be insulting. Rather than become defensive, try this: Smile and say, "You know, I hear that all the time. But I assure you we are not related — and I don't act like ———— either. "

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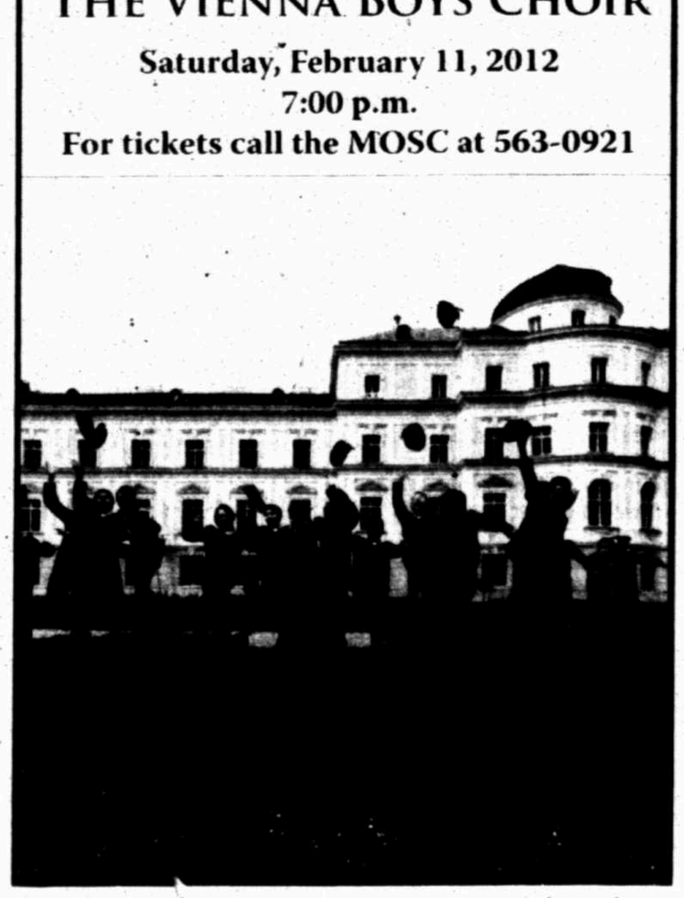


Miso: What it is, how to use it

Editor's Note: Off the Beaten Aisle is a weekly column by AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch that explores lesser known but widely available ingredients.

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

Fermented bean paste? Doesn't exactly scream party in your mouth.

And yet we happily slurp it in that salty, savory soup doled out every time we sit down for sushi. And that's because miso really is a flavor bomb worth knowing.

So let's start there. Miso is a broad term for pastes made from fermented cooked soybeans that are aged, sometimes for years.

Miso has origins in China, but is best known for its role in Japanese cooking, where it is used in soups, sauces, marinades, glazes and dressings.

There are many varieties of miso, which can vary widely in color and flavor intensity based on how long it is aged and which ingredients are added.

Sweet white miso, for example, is made from fermented soybeans and rice, then aged for just a few months. The result is a smooth paste with a sweet, salty, savory flavor and a light golden color. Move up to red miso — usually made with barley instead of rice and aged for up to three years — and both color and flavor get more intense.

Your best bet is to stick with sweet white miso. Its mellow savory-sweet flavor is versatile and pleasant; the stronger miso can be an acquired taste.

Misos are widely available at most grocers, usually refrigerated in the produce section alongside other Asian ingredients. While there are less expensive options, try to get an organic brand. Many cheaper varieties are poorly made and use flavor and color additives to compensate.

Now that you have it, what do you do with it?

Soup is an obvious choice. Bring some water to a simmer and add thinly sliced veggies — carrots, shiitake mushrooms, cauliflower — and some cubed tofu. Simmer briefly, then mix 2 to 3 tablespoons of miso with 1/4 cup of water in a small cup. Add the diluted miso to the soup (this helps it dissolve better than adding miso directly to the soup). Simmer briefly, then slurp.

Miso also makes a great glaze for salmon. Mix 1/3 cup miso with 2 tablespoons lime juice, 1 tablespoon water, 1 clove minced garlic, 1 teaspoon wasabi powder and 1 teaspoon soy sauce. Spread over salmon, then broil for 3 minutes uncovered, then another 5 minutes covered with foil.

For more ideas for using miso, check out the Off the Beaten Aisle column over on Food Network: http://bit.ly/xnSeR0 . Or give in to total comfort and try it in this 20-minute-easy mac and cheese.

Miso Mac and Cheese
Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 6

1 pound elbow pasta
1 tablespoon olive oil
Two 3 1/2-ounce containers (2 cups) shiitake mushrooms, thinly sliced
8-ounce container creme fraiche
3 tablespoons sweet white miso
1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon hot sauce
Salt and ground black pepper

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions. Reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water, then drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large, deep skillet over medium, heat the oil. Add the mushrooms and saute until well browned, about 6 to 7 minutes.

Move the skillet off the heat. In a small bowl, mix together the creme fraiche and miso, then stir that and the Parmesan, cheddar, garlic powder and hot sauce into the mushrooms.

Once the cheese has melted, add the drained pasta. Mix, drizzling in some of the reserved pasta cooking water to get desired consistency, until the pasta is coated. Season with salt and pepper.

Weddings

Morgan-Tompkins

Emily Ann Morgan and Michael Edward Tompkins were united in marriage at half past five in the evening on December 3, 2011. Dr. Douglas Lamb of Midland, Texas and Reverend Jeff Hammond of Fredericksburg, Texas officiated the ceremony, which was held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. Music for the occasion was provided by the Hill Country String Quartet of Fredericksburg, Texas and vocalist Beth Dufford of Midland, Texas. A reception followed the ceremony at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas. On the eve of the wedding the parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at Becker Vineyard in Stonewall, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Lois and Richard Morgan of Fort Worth, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Paula Morgan of Midland, Texas. The groom is the son of Connie and Craig Tompkins of Clearlake, Texas.

The bride was given in marriage and escorted by her father. Kelley Lyon of Dallas, Texas served as maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Ashley Thigpen of Silsbee, Texas; Amanda Champion of Houston, Texas; Caitlin Fertig of College Station, Texas; Jessica Tompkins of New Braunfels, Texas; and Victoria Morgan of Santa Clara, California. Bridget Fusselman of College Station, Texas served as flowergirl. Mollye Hillman of Midland, Texas served in the house party.

The groom's best man was Blake Borgen of Houston, Texas. Groomsmen were Kevin Goebel of College Station, Texas; Matt Stabe of College Station, Texas; Will Tausend of Galveston, Texas; David Hammond of Corinth, Texas; and Blake Morgan of Santa Clara, California. Thomas Fusselman of College Station, Texas served as ring bearer. Serving as ushers were Craig Liberty of Seabrook, Texas; Blake Hobson of El Lago, Texas; and Alex Siman of College Station, Texas.

Emily is a 2007 graduate of Trinity School in Midland and graduated from Texas A & M University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is currently employed by Pearland ISD as a second grade teacher.

Michael is a 2007 graduate of Clearlake High School. He received a Masters of Science degree in Management Information Systems and a Bachelors of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Texas A & M University in 2011. Michael is currently employed by Deloitte and Touche in Houston, Texas.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Costa Rica and now reside in Pearland, Texas.

Warren-Jennings

Hidden Key Designs Photography

Miss Amy Catherine Warren and Mr. Cash Wilson Jennings were united in marriage on Saturday, the seventh of January, two thousand and twelve, at seven o'clock in the evening at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland, Texas. The Reverend John Wedgewood-Greenhow, the parish rector, officiated the double ring ceremony. Music was provided by Steve Spain. Scripture readings were given by Janet Pollard and Lee Harley, dear friends of the bride's family. After the ceremony the bride's family hosted a reception with dining and dancing at Midland Country Club. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Clear Springs for the wedding party.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. (Bud and Beth) Warren. She is the granddaughter of Mr. C. Elmo Cummins, Jr. and the late Mrs. C. E. (Kitty) Cummins of Midland, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon Warren of Fort Worth, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Glen Jennings of Sonora, Texas, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Jennings of Sonora, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mathews of Sonora, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, Catherine wore a designer a-line gown of embroidered and hand beaded organza and taffeta. It featured a custom Queen Ann neckline and chapel train. A handmade fascinator imported from England of feathers and fresh French ribbon and pearls. Adorned with diamond and pearl earrings and necklaces, the bride wore a vintage diamond and sapphire bracelet.

Serving as matron of honor was Callie Stewart of Lubbock, Texas. Jennifer Kuhn, sister of the bride, was honorary matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Hunter Jennings, sister of the groom, of Sonora, Texas; Lauren Pitts of Fort Worth, Texas; Laura Williams of College Station, Texas; Melissa Bigelow of Lubbock, Texas; Kelsey Scott of Belton, Texas; and Kaprise Leary and Kendall Warren of Midland, Texas. Junior bridesmaids were Elizabeth Kuhn, niece of the bride, of Allen, Texas; and Sky Jennings, sister of the groom, of Sonora, Texas. Robin Blakely Stewart of Lubbock, Texas, served as flower girl.

Mr. Tyler Creek of Sonora, Texas, served as best man. Groomsmen included Josh Gammill of Belton, Texas; Dustin Neff, Will Anderson, Dylan Castillo and Ethan Morriss, all of Sonora, Texas; and Jeremy Warren, Joel Warren and Chandler Warren, brothers of the bride, of Midland, Texas. Junior groomsmen Christopher Kuhn and Zachary Kuhn, of Allen, Texas, and Jaiden Warren, of Midland, Texas, along with the ring bearer, Hagen Warren, of Midland, Texas, are nephews of the bride. Karl Kun of Allen, Texas, and Blake Stewart of Lubbock, Texas, ushered the guests.

A native of Midland, Catherine is an honor graduate of Midland Lee High School. She attends the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor where she studies Studio Art and Visual Communications.

Cash is a native of Sonora, Texas, where he is a sixth generation rancher and graduate of Sonora High School. He plays football for the Cru and is seeking a degree in Exercise Sports Science from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas.

Following their honeymoon to Hollywood, California, the couple will reside in Belton, Texas.

Food trend: Chefs say oysters are in raw demand

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

The satirist Jonathan Swift said it took a "bold man" to eat an oyster, that opalescent, slippery snack.

Roughly 300 years later, we seem to be awash in bold men (and women) — at least judging from the popularity of raw bars and oyster happy hours.

"You notice it by the number of oysters you go through," said chef Michael Scelfo of Russell House Tavern in Cambridge, Mass., where it's not uncommon for late-night diners to take advantage of the $1-an-oyster happy hour and engage in friendly competitions to see who can slurp down the most.

Oysters make a great late-night snack, said Scelfo. "They're fast; they're cold; they go great with beer; they go great with wine or a craft cocktail." And let's not forget that whole alleged aphrodisiac thing. "There's just kind of this air of mystery to oysters, which is just cool," he said.

Interest in oysters seems to dovetail with two food trends. One is the move toward adventurous eating — tongue, anyone? The other is the general interest in getting the back story on foods and searching out different varieties — think heirloom tomatoes. True oyster fans know their Belons from their Beausoleils and talk like wine tasters about things like hints of melon and clean finishes.

"It's part of the new interest in foods that are authentic and deeply connect to place. Oysters are the opposite of supermarket food," said Rowan Jacobsen, author of "A Geography of Oysters: The Connoisseur's Guide to Oyster Eating in North America."

Chef Parke Ulrich of the Waterbar restaurant in San Francisco, which recently served its one millionth oyster, offers 20 varieties of oysters, including Cove Miyagi, farmed by Scott Zahl of Cove Mussel Co. in Marshall, Calif. Zahl, who has a day job, leaves coolers of oysters on Ulrich's back porch and the chef brings them into work.

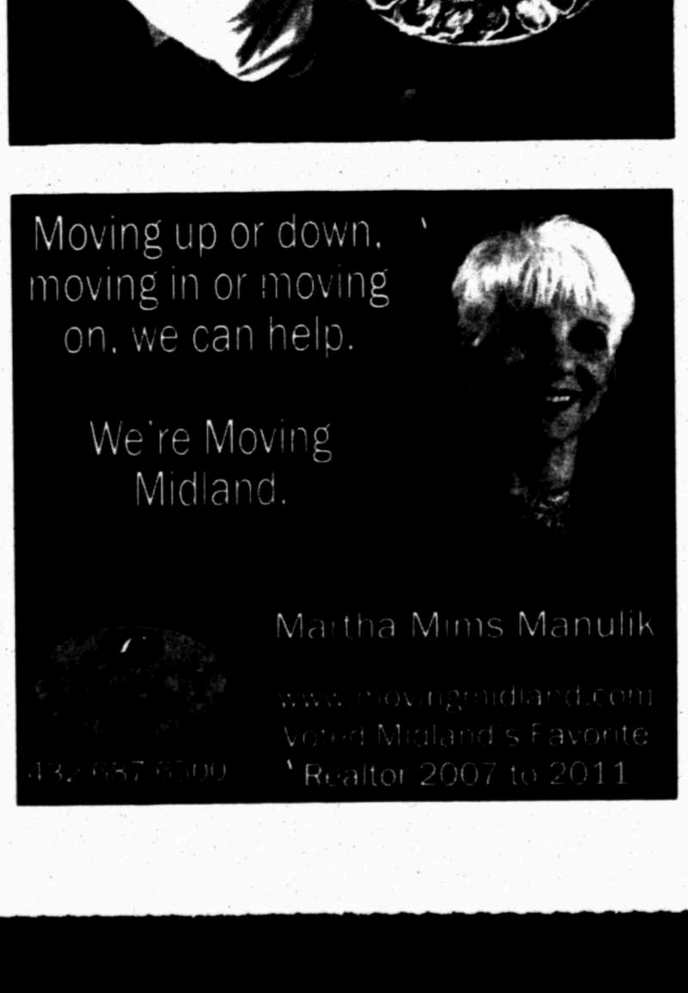
Knowing the origin of an oyster "really creates a sense of place," said Ulrich, who refers to oyster environments as "merroir," a play on the French wine-growing term of "terroir." So, an Olympia, from South Puget Sound in Washington state, is "metallic and mineral-y" while a Beausoleil, from New Brunswick, Canada, is "very briny and clean."

Waterbar takes a liberal interpretation of happy hour, featuring one variety at $1 apiece from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

When eating an oyster, some customers will say they're reminded of playing in waves when they were kids. "It takes them back to those memories of their childhood or growing up or special moments. I think it's pretty special," he said.

A waiter delivers a platter of oysters Oct. 21, 2011, at the Waterbar restaurant in San Francisco. The Waterbar restaurant, which recently served its one millionth oyster, offers 20 varieties of oysters.

Eric Risberg/AP



WEDDINGS

Mullins - Vander Linden

Mike Mullins and Cindy Mullins of Midland proudly announce the marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Paige, to Nicholas Scott Vander Linden on October 8, 2011, at Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort in Los Cabos, Mexico.

The bride and groom were joined by 65 of their closest friends and family for the welcome fiesta Thursday evening, rehearsal dinner Friday evening, and sunset vow exchange officiated by Reverend Jorge Arechiga on Saturday. The beach ceremony was followed by dinner and dancing on one of the hotel's pool terraces overlooking the Sea of Cortez. The bride's strapless gown of ivory antique chandelier lace by designer Marisa featured a sweetheart neckline, covered buttons at the back of the bodice, and flowed into a fit-and-flare skirt with a chapel-length train. Stephanie's bridesmaids included her sisters-in-law, Hilary Reyes and Amy Vander Linden; cousins, Mary Deka and Katie Gallegly; and friends, Amanda Mefford and Lucy Schmidt. Nick's groomsmen included his brother-in-law, Carlos Reyes; and friends, Jason Vita, Jason Stewart, Steven Kerckhoff, Eric Johasky, and Mike Bourneuf.

Stephanie is the granddaughter of Sandy Coleman and the late Robert A. Coleman of Odessa, and Maribel Mullins and the late Ross Mullins of Albuquerque, N.M. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1999 and received her Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University in 2003.

Nick is the son of Brigadier General Guy Vander Linden, USMC, Ret., of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Mary Vander Linden of McLean, Virginia. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Florida State University in 2002, and will receive his Master of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University in August 2012.

After an extended honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, the couple lives happily in Dallas.

Food Etc.

What is your favorite recipe using peanuts? They can be whole, chopped, peanut butter or anything you think fits within this category. Send your recipe to foodetcmrt@aol.com or the Reporter-Telegram, 201 East Illinois Ave., Midland, 79701, attention: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650 Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is Feb. 29.

Fiber is key to healthy, delicious winter dinner

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

The key to ensuring dinner is both substantial and healthy? Fiber.

Adding plenty of whole grains and vegetables not only provides piles of nutrients, it also fills you up and keeps you full for long after the meal has finished. These foods also tend to be lower in calories, which means you can load up without getting weighed down.

This one-dish meal is rich in savory flavors thanks to a blend of mushrooms and cheese, as well as plenty of fiber from the farro.

The flavors of the stuffing combine with the sweetness of acorn squash and fresh, bright citrus and herbs to create a meal that will feel less like you're leaving something out and more like you're indulging in something hearty. Farro is an ancient variety of wheat common in Italian and Middle Eastern cooking. It usually is sold parcooked to make it quick-cooking, so be sure to check your package's instructions.

Farro and Mushroom Stuffed Acorn Squash
Start to finish: 50 minutes
Servings: 4

1 large acorn squash (about 1 1/2 pounds)
1/2 cup farro
8 ounces mixed mushrooms, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 shallots, chopped
2 cups baby spinach
1/2 teaspoon orange zest
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
4 lemon wedges

Heat the oven to 375 F. Bring a medium pot of salted water to a boil.

Cut the acorn squash into quarters. Scoop out and discard the seeds. Trim off a small slice of skin from the curved side of each quarter to allow it to sit flat.

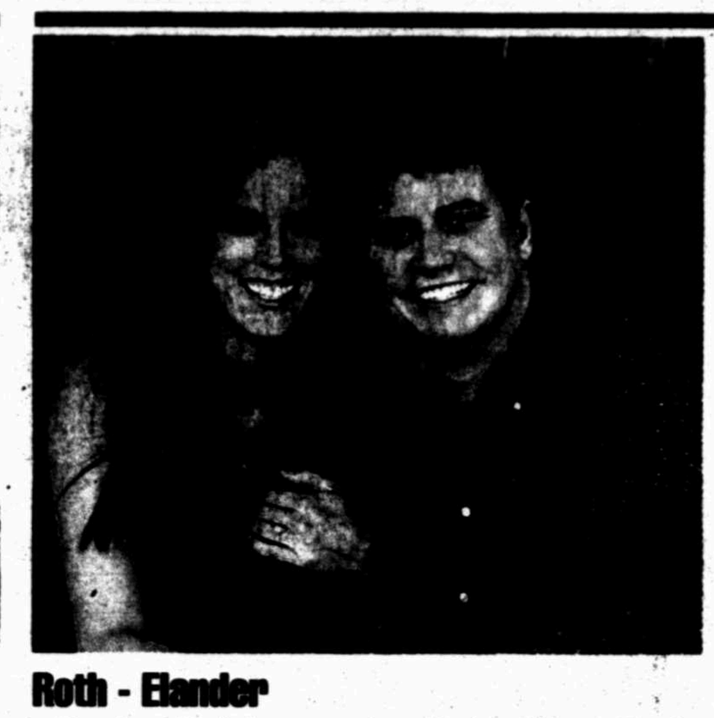
Spritz a 9-by-9-inch baking dish with cooking spray and arrange the squash in the pan, skin side down. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until just softened.

Meanwhile, make the stuffing. Add the farro to the boiling water and cook until tender but still al dente, about 15 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high. Add the mushrooms, salt and pepper and cook for 10 minutes, or until well browned. Add the garlic, shallots, spinach, orange zest, thyme and oregano, then cook for 3 more minutes. Stir in the drained farro.

When the squash is ready, spoon the stuffing into the center of each quarter. Sprinkle the feta cheese over the stuffing and bake for another 20 minutes, or until the squash is tender when pierced with the tip of a knife. Serve each squash quarter with a wedge of lemon.

ENGAGEMENTS



Roth - Elander

Together with their parents, Avery Roth and Garrett Elander are pleased to announce their engagement. The couple met at the University of Texas at Austin in 2003 and were engaged in May 2011.

Lauren Avery, daughter of Barbara Roth of Dallas and Dave Roth of Florida, graduated from W.T. White High School in Dallas in 2003 and the University of Texas in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Advertising. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority.

John Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Elander of Midland, graduated from Midland High School in 2003 and the University of Texas in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Corporate Communications. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Avery is a public relations coordinator for the Texas Society of CPAs. Garrett is employed as a landman for Jetta Operating.

Their wedding will be held on April 21, 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas. Following a honeymoon to France, the couple will make their home in Fort Worth.

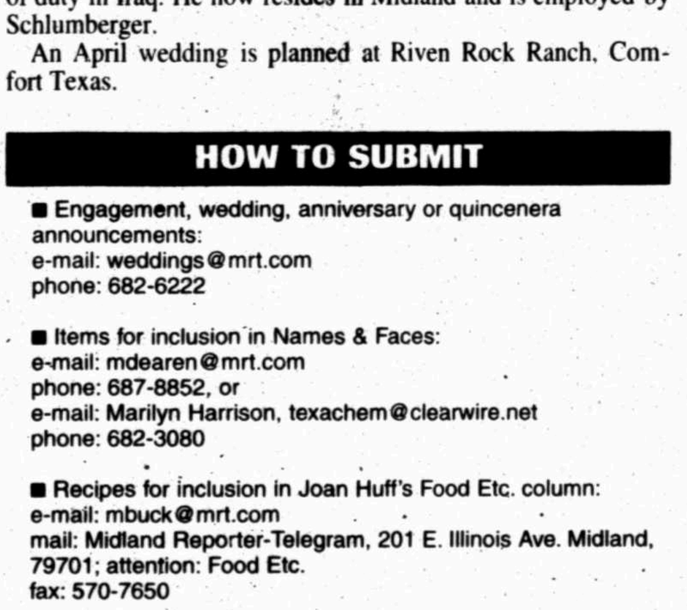
McGee - Ayoub

Mr. and Mrs. George Hugh McGee of Midland, TX are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Alexander McGee to Dr. Elliot Michael Ayoub, son of Dr. and Mrs. Benton Hankins of Midland and Mr. Michael Joseph Ayoub of El Paso, TX.

Melissa is a 2005 graduate of Midland High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master's in Finance. She works as a CPA for Johnson Miller & Co. in Midland.

Elliot is a 2002 graduate of Franklin High School in El Paso. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from New Mexico State University in 2007 and graduated from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 2011. He practices as the Dental Director for Midland Community Health Care Services.

Melissa and Elliot will be married April 28, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, TX.



Williams-Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie E. Williams, of Midland Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Sarah Jeanne, to Mr. Bryan Christopher Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Phillips of Mineral, Virginia.

Miss Williams is a 2001 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She attended Texas A&M University and now resides in Midland. She is employed by M&D Operations. Bryan is a 2002 graduate of Louisa High School, Louisa Virginia. Shortly after graduation Bryan joined the United States Marine Corps and has served five years active duty with two tours of duty in Iraq. He now resides in Midland and is employed by Schlumberger.

An April wedding is planned at Riven Rock Ranch, Comfort Texas.

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Copeland- Brock

Mr. and Mrs. Danny M. Brock of Midland, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Timothy David Brock to Lindsay Elizabeth Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Copeland of Norman, Oklahoma.

Lindsay is the granddaughter of Mrs. Raymond B. Wolf of Fort Worth, Texas. She graduated from Norman High School in 2003. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Advertising/Public Relations from TCU in Forth Worth in 2007 and then attended The Kanakuk Institute in Branson, MO while earning her Master's in Youth and Family Ministry from John Brown University. She is currently living in Fort Worth, Texas.

Timothy is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cartwright and Mr. Olen Brock of Midland, and the late Betty Brock. He graduated from Midland Christian School in 2003. He then attended Texas Tech University where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing in 2007. He is currently working for Uline as an Account Representative.

Lindsay and Tim are planning a May 5, 2012 wedding in Fort Worth, Texas. The couple will reside in Hurst, Texas.

Burnes- Lundgren

Sam and Nancy Burnes are delighted to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Gayle Burnes of Fort Worth to Clayton Williams Lundgren, also of Fort Worth.

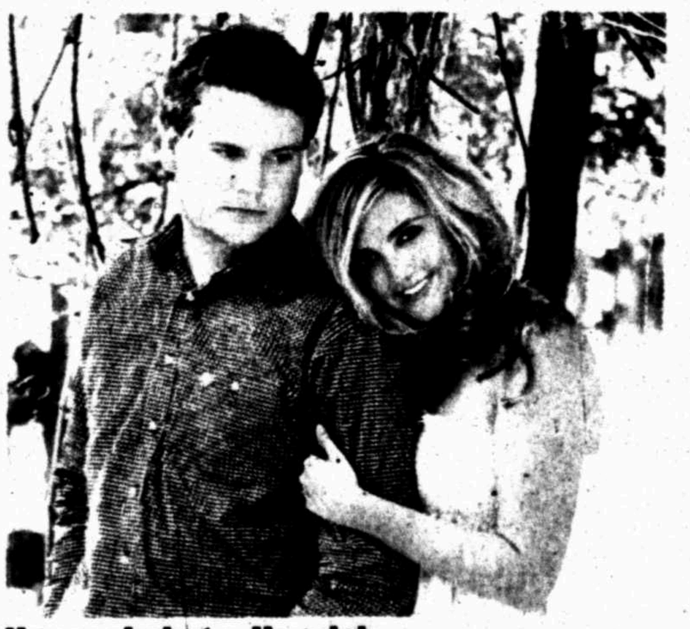
The bride-elect is the grandaughter of Mrs. Bobbie Moran of Tom Bean, Texas and the late Don Moran and the late Earl Ray and Molene Burnes formerly of Rotan.

The groom-elect is the son of Carlton and Marilyn Lundgren of Brady, Texas. He is the grandson of Robert and Doris Krieg of Melvin, Texas and the late Lynney and Helen Lundgren formerly of Abilene, Texas.

Amanda is a 2002 graduate of Midland High School and a graduate of Jenissa Beauty Academy of Austin. She is currently working at Jericho Hair Salon in Fort Worth.

Clayton is a 1998 graduate of Brady High School and studied drafting and design at TSTC. He is a 10-year employee of Oncor Electric in Fort Worth.

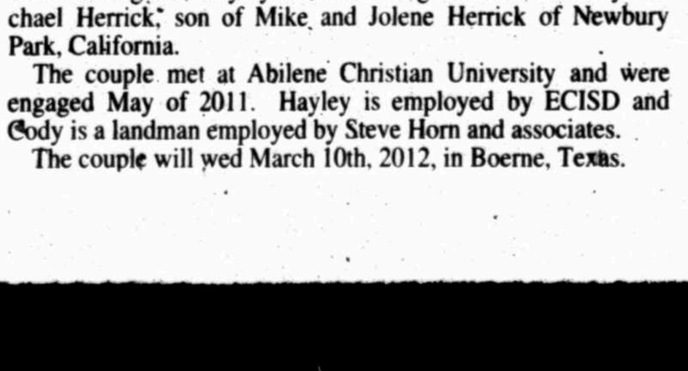
Amanda and Clayton will exchange vows on March 10, 2012 at Camp Lucy in Dripping Springs, Texas.



Brown-Stewart

David Scott Stewart and Terri Angela Brown both of Midland, Tx announce their upcoming Marriage on March 17th 6pm at the Green Tree Country Club.

David is with Cameron Process & Compression Systems and was born and raised in Mount Vernon, Ohio and moved to Midland in 2006. Terri is with The Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas and was born and raised in Enterprise, Alabama and moved to Midland in 2008.



Hargesheimer-Herrick

Mike and Carolyn Hargesheimer announce the engagement of their daughter, Hayley Michelle Hargesheimer, to Cody Michael Herrick, son of Mike and Jolene Herrick of Newbury Park, California.

The couple met at Abilene Christian University and were engaged May of 2011. Hayley is employed by ECISD and Cody is a landman employed by Steve Horn and associates.

The couple will wed March 10th, 2012, in Boerne, Texas.

Pet Pointers

Kristina McConaughey is a veterinarian at Greenbelt Veterinary Hospital & Pet Resort. Questions can be emailed to: info@greenbeltpetdoc.com.

Dental care is essential for your pet's health

We all occasionally experience "dog breath" in our pet's mouth. The smell can be terrible, but the cause of the smell is worse. Plaque, tartar and bacteria cause the odor and the stronger the smell, the more severe the problem. Pets are similar to humans in their need for dental care. Every pet needs dental care every day.

According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats show signs of oral disease by age three. The trouble begins with bacteria, which combines with saliva and food debris and causes plaque formation on the teeth which turns quickly to tartar. Tartar is rock-like material and once present can be removed only by professional cleaning. If the tartar is not removed, pockets of bacteria may appear along the gum line and separate the teeth from the gum. If untreated, this disease (periodontitis) can lead to tooth loss. The bacteria can enter the bloodstream and potentially infect the heart, liver or kidneys. Periodontitis is preventable with routine dental care.

The best prevention for dental disease is daily brushing. Brushing your pet's teeth is just as important as brushing your own teeth. Without brushing, the plaque calcifies into tartar in just a few days. When tartar builds up on the teeth, it is necessary to have a professional dental cleaning to remove it. When your pet's teeth are professionally cleaned, the same services your dentist performs for you should be performed for your pet. As part of a complete cleaning, the teeth should be cleaned above and below the gum line which requires general anesthesia. The teeth should be scaled, polished, examined and radiographs should be taken to ensure the health of the tooth roots. Your pet will come home from a dental cleaning with good breath and clean teeth; however, this will not last long without regular brushing at home. Soon, the bacteria and plaque will return.

Many people are nervous about brushing their pet's teeth. They are worried it will be difficult, their pet will not allow it and they may even be bitten in the process. We can avoid all of these concerns if we begin the brushing process correctly.

Brushing should be started very slowly. A consistent time of day and consistent place will help ensure it becomes habit for the pet owner and the pet. The first few sessions should be nothing more than placing your pet in the designated place and petting it around its mouth.

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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	Paid	This Week		B. Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Paid	Search	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Memory	Paid	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries		Key David	Paid	Paid	Wild Ltd.	Hollywd.	Live Life	On Spot
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	C'nsumer	Consumer	Cornerstone		Fox News Sunday		Odessa	EPL Soccer Manchester United vs. Chelsea (L)				
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	Morris..	In Touch Ministries		Sal.	Schwarz	Heart of the City		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	W.Texas	Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		Edition	Garrett	Road Super Bowl (L)	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/ Hat	SuperWI	DinoTrain	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	WordGirl	Company	Wild K.	Blue	Travel
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Vecinos	Agenda	Muchachitas		Al punto		Republica deportiva			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Methodis	CARS.TV	Sports Spectacular	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★ Soul Survivors			★★ Superdad Bob Crane.			(:05) ★★ Ghost World Thora Birch.				Honey, I Blew ...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★ Vampires Suck			Boxing				F.Roach	(:15) Namath			(:45) Fighter
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:40) Catfish Melody C. Roscher.			(:15) ★★★ Sanctum Rhys Wakefield.				(:10) ★★ Our Family Wedding			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:45) ★★ Hereafter ('10, Dra) Matt Damon.					★★ Green Zone ('10, Act) Yigal Naor.				Game of Thrones	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★ The Medallion			(:15) ★★ The Dilemma Vince Vaugn.				(:05) I Know What You Did...			Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:25) Despicable ...		Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1					★★ Catwoman Halle Berry.			(:15) State of Gra...	
PLEX			96			★★ Dumb and Dumber			(:50) ★★★ Breaking Away Dennis Quaid.				(:35) ★★★ Innerspace Dennis Quaid.				Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) Santa With...		Inside the NFL		FightCmp	Buck Buck Brannaman.			★★ Air Force One Harrison Ford.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) White Fang		Babysitter Bewa...		(:15) ★★ Sioux City Lou Diamond Phillips.				Fade to Black Danny Huston.			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	★★★ A Few Good Men ('92, Dra) Demi Moore, Tom Cruise.						The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		★★ The Man in the Iron Mask ('98, Adv) Leonardo DiCaprio.						★★ WarGames	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed
BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:00) A League of Their Own			Beverly Hills		(:45) Beverly Hills		(:45) Beverly Hills		H.Wives /(:45) H.Wives		H.Wives
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNNSun	Sanjay	CNN Sunday		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Rush "Drill or Die"		Bering Sea Gold		Rush "Lovestruck"		Rush "Gold at Last"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Octonaut	Mickey M.	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) Mike and Mike in the Morning (L)				SportsNation		OLines	Report (N)	ESPN First Take (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Legally Blonde Reese Witherspoon.				★★ Bring It On Again Bree Turner.				★★ Bring It On: In It to Win It			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Mex.Easy	5 Fix	Meals	Hungry	Week In a Day (N)		Dinners	Big Bite	Paula	Chef (N)	Giada "Bora Bora"	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Golf Life	Horse	OceanRace	Garage	NCAA Basketball (L)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Smarter	Smarter	Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li				★★ Lara Croft: Tomb Raider				Underworld: E...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	A Crush on You Brigid Brannagh.				The Wedding D...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Holmes	Pro Grade	Home (N)	Income	Property Brothers		Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Room Cr	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Marvels "Hydraulics"		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	Carnal Innocence Gabrielle Anwar.				Nora Robert's ...	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Weekends With Alex Witt				The Family Secret	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Penguins	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Winx	Penguins
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Search	Search	Trucks!	Muscle..
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Being Human		Being Human		Being Human		Being Human	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	SaveBell	Saved Bell	Friends	Friends	TBSPrev. /(:15) ★★ The Perfect Man				(:15) Miss Congeniality 2: Armed & Fa...			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	★★ Camelot ('67, Mus) Vanessa Redgrave, Richard Harris.						(:45) ★★ Knights of the Round Table				Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Shelldon	Willa	Pearlie	Wimzie's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Camara	Enfoque	Deportivo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder "Release"		LawOrder "Phobia"		LawOrder "Justice"		Law & Order "DNR"		Law & Order		Law & Order "Virtue"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) 3's Co.	(:50) 3's Co.	(:25) The Nanny		Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		SVU "Chameleon"		SVU "Protection"		Law&O.:SVU "Greed"		SVU "Stolen"	
VERSUS	38	39				NBC Sports Talk		NFL Turning Point		NBC Sports Talk		Costas Tonight "Live From the Superbowl"				NHL Live!	Hockey
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Matlock "The D.A."		In Heat of Night		★ Texas Rangers Rachael Leigh Cook.			

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	To Be Announced				News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NCAA Basketball Mich./Mich. St. (L)				PGA Golf Phoenix Open Site: TPC at Scottsdale -- Scottsdale, Ariz. (L)						Business	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hollywd.	★★★ Speed ('94, Act) Sandra Bullock, Keanu Reeves.					★★ Boogeyman ('05, Hor) Barry Watson.				Queens	Queens
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	FaithAve	F.Hardin	NASCAR Preview		★★ The Wedding Planner Jennifer Lopez.				Enchanted Evening		C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Laurie	Enarson	Alewine	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest				Bible	Super.	Calls	Denis O
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Super Bowl Pre-game Show Site: Lucas Oil Stadium -- Indianapolis, Ind. (L)										NFL Football	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Idea/Act	Contrary	Sew It All	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Crafting	Lawrence Welk		Nature	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Pachuca vs. Toluca (L)				Como dice el dicho		F. Diez	Noticiero	MFL Fútbol Tigres de la UANL vs. America (L)			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		★★★ Youngblood ('86, Dra) Rob Lowe.				We Have a Dream		AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Stargate Universe	
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken			★ Soul Survivors			★★ Tron Jeff Bridges.			(:10) The Good ...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Black List	Bill Maher		The Union ('07, Documentary)			Rio ('11, Ani) Jesse Eisenberg.			(:40) ★★★ Titanic		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★★ Date Night Tina Fey.			Luck "Pilot"		Boxing					Bill Maher	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Thrones "Baelor"		Game of Thrones		Making /(:15) ★★★ Stealing Beauty			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:50) ★★ Judge Dredd			★★ Full Eclipse			(:10) Stag Night Kip Pardue.			(:35) Wall Street: Money Ne...		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:15) ★★ State of Grace			★★ Love Don't Cost a Thing			(:15) ★★★ Fried Green Tomatoes Kathy Bates.				Movie	
PLEX			96			(11:35) The Quest		(:10) Big Trouble in Little C...			(:50) ★★ Dumb and Dumber Jim Carrey.				(:40) Poltergeist II: The Othe...		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:05) ★★ Down and Out in Beverly Hills				★★ Lars and the Real Girl Ryan Gosling.				The King's Speech ('10, Dra) Colin Firth.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:45) Love in the...		(:15) Lebanon, Pa. ('10, Dra) Josh Hopkins.				★★★ Emma ('96, Rom) Gwyneth Paltrow.				★★ The Road	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First 48 "Hale Storm"		The First 48		Crim. Minds "Lo-Fi"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:00) ★★ WarGames			★★★ Ghost ('90, Rom) Demi Moore, Patrick Swayze.						★★ Sleepless in Seattle		
BET	58	26		40		Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed
BRAVO	65	63		41		H.Wives	(:45) Real Housewives		(:45) Housewives		(:45) Housewives		H.Wives	Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		The Next List		Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Rush "On the Gold"		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Rush "Rock Bottom"		Rush "Bedrock Gold"		Two Weeks in Hell	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Phineas /(:45) High School Musical				(:35) High School Musical 2		
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(9:00) NFL Count. (L)		NCAA Basketball Villanova vs. Pittsburgh (L)				PBA Bowling Chris Paul Celebrity Invitational				Strongm.	Strongm.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(10:00) First Take (L)		Track & Field 2011 Indoor Grand Prix				NCAA Football All-Star Challenge				Poker '11 World Series	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Bring It On ('00, Com) Kirsten Dunst.				★★ Bring It On: Fight to the Finish				★★ Bring It On: All or Nothing			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Justice JudgeJeanine		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Scrimmages"		Chopped		Chopped		Rachael vs. Guy		Rachael vs. Guy		Cupcake Wars	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball Missouri vs. Texas Tech (L)				NCAA Basketball Washington vs. USC (L)				Sports Unlimited	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:00) Underworl...		★★ All About Steve Sandra Bullock.				★★ Big Daddy ('99, Com) Adam Sandler.				Ice Age: The Me...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) The Weddi...		★★★ A Smile as Big as the Moon				The Engagement Ring Patricia Heaton.				The Wedding D...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	Property	Property	HouseH	House	For Rent	For Rent	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp "Family Feuds"		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:00) Nora Rob...		Nora Roberts' Angels Fall				★★ Nora Roberts' Northern Lights				High Noon	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Music Man		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Victori.	Victori.	Victori.	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Being Human		Being Human		Being Human		Being Human		Being Human		Being Human	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	(:45) ★★ What Women Want ('00, Com) Mel Gibson.					(:15) ★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past				(:15) The Weddin...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:45) The Adventures of Ro...			★★★★ The Sea Hawk Errol Flynn.				(:45) The Lavender Hill Mob			(:15) The Ladykil...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Idlos "Tu Camino y el Mio"			Idlos "Ni de Aqui Ni de Alla"			Idolos de Mexico "El Coyote y La Bronca"				Camara	Confes.
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order "D-Girl"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law&O.:SVU "Denial"		SVU "Sacrifice"		SVU "Manhunt"		SVU "Wrong Is Right"		SVU "Closure"		SVU "Remorse"	
VERSUS	38	39				(11:30) NHL Hockey Boston vs Washington (L)				NHL Live!	FIS Skiing (L)		Offense	Snowmob. Snocross		Motorsport Hour (N)	
WGN	19	18				★★ Mindhunters ('04, Act) Eion Bailey.				★★★ Heist ('01, Cri) Gene Hackman.				Home Videos		Christine	Christine

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		The Middle	The Middle	Modern Family	Modern Family	KMID News	(:35) Ugly Betty		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Undercover Boss "Chiquita"		60 Minutes		CSI: Miami "Look Who's Taunting"		NCIS "Safe Harbor"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Broken Arrow"		★★ Beverly Hills Cop III (1994, Comedy) Judge Reinhold, Hector Elizondo, Eddie Murphy.				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Troubadour, TX		True Hollywood Story "John Candy"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	BobB "Art Crawl"	Cleveland Show	The Simpsons	Cleveland Show	Family Guy	American Dad	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consumer Corner	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Marvin Wilson	Dr. R.Booker	Light of the Southwest				Alan Lee	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(5:00) NFL Football Super Bowl XLVI New York Giants vs. New England Patriots Site: Lucas Oil Stadium -- Indianapolis, Ind. (L)						The Voice "The Blind Auditions" (SP) (N)		TBA	LateN Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg (N)		Red Raider
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova "Ice Age Death Trap"		Masterp. "Downton Abbey, Series II"		Masterp. "Downton Abbey, Series II"		Masterp. "Downton Abbey, Series II"		Austin City Limits "Wilco"		Backstage Pass	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Vida es Mejor Cantando		Parodiando				Sal y pimienta		Encanto del aguila	Noticiero Univision	Ellas son la alegria del hogar	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Aggies	Office
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:10) The Good ...		★★★ The Long Good Friday				The Cook, the Thief, His Wife & Her L...				(:05) The Killing...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(4:40) ★★★ Titanic Leonardo DiCaprio.				Luck (N)		Luck		Luck		Boys (N)	Boys (N)
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Game of Thrones		Luck "Pilot"		Boys	Boys	Boys	Boys	F. Roach	★★★ Sanctum		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:20) ★★★★ 127 Hours James Franco.				★★ Hereafter ('10, Dra) Matt Damon.				(:15) ★★ Green Zone ('10, Act) Yigal Naor.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:50) ★★★ Big Fish ('03, Fant) Ewan McGregor.					★★ The Dilemma			(:50) SinCityDiary "Neon Nights"		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:30) ★★★ Man on Fire				Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1					★★★★ Inception		
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★★ Breaking Away Dennis Quaid.				Big Trouble in Little China			(:40) ★★★ Innerspace Dennis Quaid.				Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		House Lie	Califor.	Shameless		House Lie	Califor.	Shameless		House Lie	Califor.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) The Road		★★ The Core ('03, Sci-Fi) Hilary Swank.				(:15) Faster Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.				All American Or...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal "Mayhem"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "JJ"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) Sleepless in...		★★★ E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial Henry Thomas.					★★★ E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial Henry Thomas.				
BET	58	26		40		Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	Reed	The Mo'Nique Show		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Beverly Hills		Housewives Atlanta		Beverly Hills	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	UPS	Wall Street	American Greed		American Greed		Steve Jobs		Apocalypse 2012		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Week "Fresh Meat"		First Week In		First Week In		First Week In		First Week In		First Week In	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Movie	★★ High School Musical 3: Senior Year				Jessie	Shake Up	GoodLuck	Austin	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Strongm.	Strongman	Strongm.	Strongm.	Strongman		SportsC.	NFL PrimeTime (L)		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Poker '11 World Series		Poker '11 World Series		Poker '11 World Series		Poker '11 World Series		Poker 2011 World Series Final Table			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Mamma Mia! ('08, Mus) Meryl Streep.					★★★ Dirty Dancing ('87, Dan) Patrick Swayze.					J.Osteen	Ed Young
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Stossel	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Cupcake Wars		Cupcake "Wicked"		Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars (N)		Chopped		Cupcake Wars	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	WPT Poker		WPT Poker		Action Sports Tour		Best of Pride Fight.		Game365	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) Ice Age: Th...		★★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs				★★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs				All About Steve	
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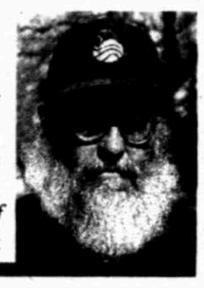
A dust plume rising from the caliche as a worker's truck carries him on his round announces his presence long before the rumble of the engine. ... Life goes on around the industrial infrastructure.

Burr Williams
wildlife in the oil fields

Houston art show to feature oil fields wildlife video



BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

Internationally known multi-media artist Marina Zurkow of New York University is opening a show about the oil industry later this year in Houston. The show will include streaming video of West Texas scenery and me describing wildlife in the region's oil fields.

"From the air, an oil field is a grid of roads, stretching miles over the almost flat landscape. The land looks scarred. In some oil fields small pronghorn antelope herds graze at the edge of the caliche roads and only step out a few feet of the way of the pumper, the brine water trucks and the workover rigs. More than rattlesnakes, scorpions, bullbats, killdeer and jackrabbits can be seen along almost every lease road if you look hard enough.

"Because pumpjacks only move part of the time, kestrels and kingbirds have built nests in the heads of the pumpjack head that slowly move when in motion, but will come to feed their young even when it is moving. On the catwalks of the tank batteries, great horned owls hiss and clatter at the pumper checking levels, defending nests of sticks and fuzzy white babies in February and March.

"Along the edges of the caliche rock pads the nighthawks and killdeer push a few chunks of crumbly calcified caliche aside and lay eggs where vehicles pass within inches. The mothers never flinch as the trucks rumble by, but as soon as the babies are hatched, they are led away to the densest tangle of wolfberry, catclaw and mesquite.

"In Mitchell county a species of buckwheat has increased with the number of lease roads, for it prefers the disturbed soil habitat next to the roads. African rue, a toxic (to livestock) plant loves the same habitat and has spread across the landscape much further. The roads are often lined with grass and wildflowers just a little lusher, for the skimpy rainfall runs off the hardpacked roads.

"There are a few animals hit by the vehicles, jackrabbits mostly, but a few skunks, badgers or snakes. Rattlesnakes are killed on sight, the local cultural response to an ever-present danger. Rattlesnakes hide under machinery around the wellhead and in storage sheds. More than 80 were found denning in an unused field office. Rattlesnakes aren't the only thing that kill.

"The heat is a true danger on at least 100 days a year. A worker stranded in the field (before cell phones and radios) could die from heatstroke in a few hours if no water was in the truck. The wind, 40 miles an hour and up, kicks up the caliche dust until everything and everyone is caked with white frosting, and puddles of mud form at the corners of eyes. Nostrils become choked. In the winter, the same 40-mile-per-hour wind brings hypothermia chills. Temperatures in the winter can go from a high of 70 at noon to below freezing before nightfall when a blue norther hits.

"Only oil field workers are in the landscape of West Texas on 90 percent of the days. The landowner or grazing lessee visits once a week to check the waterings at the old-fashioned windmills. The cattle are stocked lightly, only five per square mile in most years, maybe up to 10 per square mile in rainy years, and there will be none at all in the dry years. A few sheepmen still have flocks, but for the sheep to survive the coyotes have to be trapped or shot from helicopters every few years. Twenty-three hours a day or more, there is not a human soul to be seen in a landscape that stretches 15 miles to the horizon. A dust plume rising from the caliche as a worker's truck carries him on his round announces his presence long before the rumble of the engine.

"Life goes on around the industrial infrastructure. One hundred and fifty years ago there might have been buffalo visible in wet years, and more pronghorn antelope. The increased brush comes from a climate change that has been going on 150 years since the end of the little Ice age, and the actions of livestock carrying seeds to be left behind in cow patties that flatten into frisbees in just a few hot hours. Now there might be more hawks, ladderbacked woodpeckers and ashthroated flycatchers because of the grid of electric lines powering the pumpjacks. The landscape never stays the same over long periods of time. In another century there might only be rusting metal half-buried by blown sand in a landscape mostly abandoned, the way it was forever before, for no one lived here on the Llano Estacado until windmills came and then long distance utility waterlines were laid from far-away reservoirs to the cities built for the extraction of the oil. No matter what, in the future the jackrabbits and rattlesnakes still will seek the shade of the gnarled and twisted mesquites."

PETS

From 6E

Each day, progress closer to actual brushing, but never push beyond what is comfortable for your pet. Eventually even the most stubborn pet can be convinced this special time is enjoyable.

Be sure to use toothpaste formulated for pets with enzymatic cleaners that do more of the work than the actual brushing process itself. Pet toothpaste also will not contain fluoride, as it can be harmful to our pets if swallowed. There are different types of brushes, some dogs and cats even may prefer the human pediatric brush that fits on the end of your finger. Other dental health products, such as oral rinse, oral chews and water additives, are available from your veterinarian. These products will not work as well as routine brushing, but will help slow the development of tartar.

Your pet's dental health can be improved by updated dental services available at your veterinarian's office. Cleaning the crown, the part of the tooth you can see, is important. However, the most important part of a dental cleaning is below the gum line and this is performed during every dental cleaning. Even enzymatic toothpastes do not get to this area. Dental radiographs help to discover problems in the unseen parts of the tooth root and associated structures.

Advanced dental surgery is also a component of modern dental care. Veterinarians now have synthetic bone material that can be used to fill the defects left when unhealthy teeth are extracted. Surgical techniques also have been developed that improve patient care and promote better healing.

Today's pets have moved from the backyard to the bedroom. With this transition comes a need to provide the best medical care possible so those four-legged family members stay a part of the family as long as possible. Dental care is an essential part of preventive health for our pets. Ask your veterinarian today about your pet's teeth and develop a dental plan for their continued happy, healthy future.

Greenbelt Veterinary Hospital is hosting a dental health seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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Yesterday's Answer: FOREHEAD, CIRCULAR, RAILROAD

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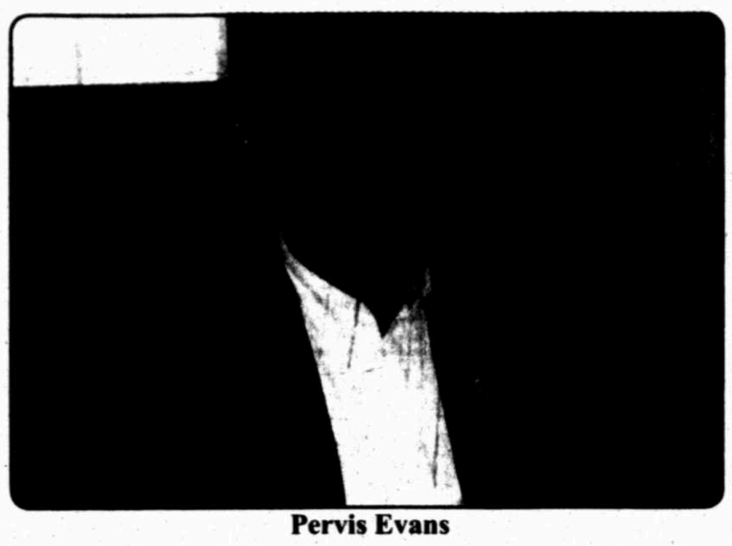
FORMER SHARECROPPER SON INSPIRES TODAY'S YOUTH

By Rebecca Bell



Pervis Evans

"Don't let circumstances or surroundings limit who you are!" This sage advice comes from Midland College (MC) Director of Upward Bound Pervis Evans as he counsels with teens every day. Born to a single mother and later taken to live with sharecropper relatives, Evans certainly didn't let anything limit him!

Evans was born in Dallas; when he was a toddler, he and his mother moved to West Texas to live with his uncle who was a sharecropper cotton farmer in Tahoka. Evans fondly recalls, "Families were willing to take care of each other. My mom and I weren't the only people who my aunt and uncle helped. They helped other families who weren't even related to them."

When Evans was four, the family moved to Woodrow, just outside of Lubbock where his uncle had obtained a job as a custodian and bus driver for Lubbock Cooper High School. "My aunt and uncle said that their goal was to buy a car for all of their kids when we graduated from high school, including me—and they did. They weren't brand new cars, but they got us where we needed to go," states Evans.

Evans attended Lubbock Cooper High School and says that he always had the dream of going to college. "When we would go to town [Lubbock], I would see the students walking across campus at Texas Tech, and I knew that I wanted to be one of those students," explains Evans. "No one in my family had attended college. They were supportive of my goal, but they couldn't offer much help or advice."

Evans states that he made good grades in high school and took part in extracurricular activities. He played the tuba and baritone in the school band, participated in speech and theatre, and was a member of the basketball and football teams. During his sophomore year in high school, his guidance counselor encouraged him to enter an essay contest in which he wrote about three influential people he would like to have met.

Evans says, "I wrote about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; the American poet and playwright, Langston Hughes; and the founder of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. I couldn't believe it when I won the contest and was one of only two students from Texas selected to attend a national teen summit in New Jersey. It was such an exciting experience. I had never flown in a plane before!"

"While in New Jersey, we were exposed to several cultural activities," continues Evans. "One of the events was a performance by the Dance Theatre of Harlem. I had never seen black people attend the ballet, much less perform in it. I actually saw people who looked like me and were college educated! I think that's when it finally clicked that I could go to college."

Evans graduated from Lubbock Cooper High School in 1994 and received academic scholarships to enroll in Texas Tech University (TTU), where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in general studies in 1999. He received a Master's degree from TTU in interdisciplinary studies in 2003 and a Master's degree in counseling from Sul Ross State University in 2009.

While he was working on his first Master's degree, Evans drove to Midland one day to participate in a church play, and that's when he met and fell in love with Midland native Michelle Murray. The couple married in August 2003, and they now have two children: Jaden, age 6, is a first grader at Bowie Elementary and McKinley is 19-months-old. Michelle works for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Pervis currently administers the federally funded Upward Bound (UB) program at MC. The program provides opportunities for high school students to succeed in precollege performance and ultimately in higher education pursuits. UB serves young people from low-income families and those from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants complete high school and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

While Evans has only been at MC for approximately two years, he is no stranger to working with young people. He previously worked as a consultant for the Department of Family and Protective Services, served as a grant project director at Coleman High School and worked with other youth programs in Lubbock and Midland.

Evans states, "I was in a program similar to Upward Bound when I was in high school. Adolescence is such a critical part of life. Young people are experiencing identity crises and need guidance. I am so thankful that I had the support of adults who brought out my talents and self-efficacy when I was a teen. Now it's time for me to 'pay it forward.' I love working with the young people in the Upward Bound program, even if sometimes they can get the best of me in basketball!"

Evans, along with UB Academic Coordinator Kim Olivas, Secretary Lovelia Gomez and part-time Counselor Armando Gonzales, work with approximately 50 Midland 9th through 12th-graders to encourage them to remain in high school and then enroll in college. The MC program currently boasts 100 percent pass rate on the high school TAKS test among the UB students, and 94 percent of the participants have enrolled in college!

Evans and his staff coordinate tutoring sessions for the students, conduct approximately two Saturday "academies" each month and administer a six-week summer program in which the students are required to enroll in academic skill-building classes. In addition, the UB staff coordinates visits to in-state universities for the participants throughout the year and accompanies the students on a summer trip. Last summer the UB participants and staff went to New Orleans, where the students were able to experience several cultural activities and visit universities in the southern Louisiana area.

Evans explains, "It's all about giving students opportunities and empowering them. Many of our participants have enormous personal and family obstacles to overcome. I've found that if we listen, the students eventually will open up to us; if we can find out their challenges, we can help them academically."

The UB office is located on the MC campus, and Evans says that even after students graduate from high school and the program, they still stop by the office to visit with the staff. "We want our students—both current and former—to feel this is a safe haven," says Evans. "I'm glad this is a place where they feel comfortable."

Evans further explains, "I tell students the decisions you make now will impact your future; however, don't let that get you stuck. There's always time to turn your life around. Choose something and go with it. If you put your mind to it, you will make something of yourself!"

MC to offer 12-week session starting February 13!

In an effort to provide college courses to those students who were not able to enroll during the spring semester registration period, MC will offer a 12-week session beginning February 13.

Courses offered during the 12-week session include English, math, government, history, sociology, education, art appreciation and music ensemble classes. A complete list of courses is available at *www.midland.edu*.

Registration begins Monday, February 6, at 8:00 a.m.

For more information contact MC Admissions at (432)685-4501.

MC ATHLETICS Upcoming Events

FORMER CHAPARRAL INDUCTED INTO WJCAC HALL OF FAME

Monday, February 13: MC honors former Midland College Chaparral swimmer Brad Swindig who will be formally inducted into the 2012 Class of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Hall of Fame.

The presentation and ceremony will occur at halftime during the men's basketball game when the MC Chaparrals take on the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds. **Come early and catch the MC Lady Chaps and Lady Thunderbirds at 5:45 p.m. Men's game begins at 7:45 p.m.**

MC BASEBALL

Wednesday, February 8
Chaparrals vs. Ranger Junior College
3:00 p.m., Christensen Stadium in Midland

Saturday, February 18
Chaparrals vs. Colby Community College
1:00 p.m., Christensen Stadium in Midland

LADY CHAPARRAL SOFTBALL OPENS SEASON AT NEW FIELD

Thursday, February 16: Dedication of the new MC Softball Field. **The public is invited for free hotdogs at 12:00 noon.** The doubleheader against the Trinidad State Junior College Lady Trojans begins at **1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** The softball field is located on the north end of the MC campus.

Friday & Saturday, February 17-18: Midland College Classic Softball Tournament—MUGS Complex, Midland

Visit **www.midland.edu/athletics** for MC Athletics news, team rosters and schedule of all spring games.

Teaching Excellence Awards Ceremony announces 2012 winners

By Lesley Isaacs

"Teaching, like most arenas, has its share of shooting stars that dazzle and amaze. The best of these teachers change our lives," said Dr. Deana Savage, associate vice president of instruction-career and technical.

The Teaching Excellence Awards for the 2011-2012 school year were announced Thursday, January 12, at Midland College (MC). This is an annual award at MC that allows for acknowledgment of outstanding professors to be recognized by their peers.

MC President Dr. Steve Thomas said, "This is one of my favorite events of the year. I congratulate each of the nominees on being recognized by their peers."

The awards are grouped into two categories: Academic/Transfer and Career/Technical. Dr. Stan Jacobs presented the 2012 Academic/Transfer award to Joseph Willis, assistant professor of speech, and Dr. Deana Savage presented the 2012 Career/Technical award to Lynn Mock, R.N., associate professor of nursing. Each award winner was presented with a plaque and a check.

The feelings of many were summarized by Associate Vice President of Instruction-Academic Transfer Dr. Stan Jacobs when he said, ". . . faculty are our greatest strength!"

MC's 2012 Teaching Excellence Awards winners: Lynn Mock, R.N. and Joseph Willis

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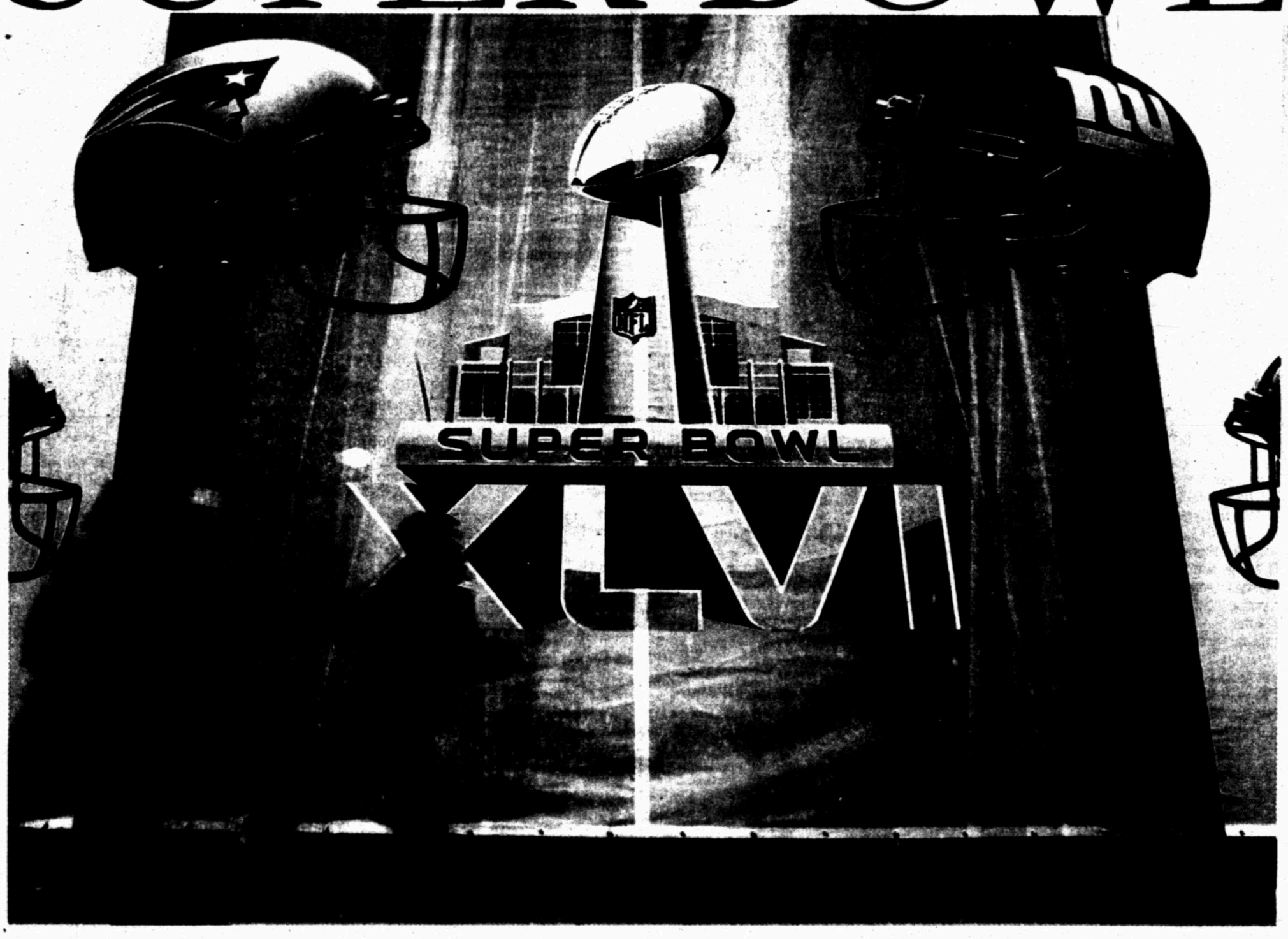

NAMES *in the news*

Comer *Youngblood*

Two long time West Texas bankers, CHRISTOPHER M. COMER and JAY LEE YOUNGBLOOD, have joined Commercial State Bank as senior vice presidents and lenders.

Comer brings 20 years banking experience to his new position as commercial lender at Commercial State Bank, 4409 W. Wadley in Midland.

Youngblood brings 12 years of West Texas banking experience to his new position as a commercial and agricultural lender.

Jay will maintain offices at both Commercial State Bank-Seminole, 505 N. Main Street and Commercial State Bank-Lubbock, 6533 82nd Street.

Chamber sponsors management seminar

The Midland Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a five-week seminar designed to develop and hone leadership and management skills.

The course begins Monday, February 5 and will be held each Monday through March 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Crestview Baptist Church. Registration is limited to 100. Chamber members can register for $25.

More information is available by calling 683-3381.

Workers' Comp session offered

The Midland Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation is hosting a brown bag educational session entitled "Overview of Two New Division Rules" on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. The educational session is for all Texas workers' compensation participants, including injured employees, health care providers, insurance carriers, claim adjusters, case managers and attorneys.

This free session will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Auditorium, 800 W. 4th Street in Odessa. The session will provide information on two rules recently adopted by the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation. One set of rules deals with processes for correcting income benefit payment errors. The other set of rules governs cancellations, requests to reschedule and failure to appear for benefit review conferences.

For more information, contact the TDI Public Information Office or Luis Mata at Luis.Mata@tdi.state.tx.us or 915-351-5260 extension 500.

Experts say Super Bowl can mean low workplace productivity

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

If your employees waltz into the office a few minuets late Monday — or don't make it in at all — experts say it may have something to do with today's big game.

According to separate surveys taken by Glassdoor and Kronos Inc., Americans report they're more likely to come in late to work, more likely to call in sick and more likely to waste time on the Monday following the Super Bowl than they would be on another day.

And at least some businesses in Midland, the low performance that may occur Monday likely will simply be tolerated, managers of staffing agencies said.

Because many companies in the Permian Basin are struggling just to keep a full staff, when they do find individuals to fill each shift, they sometimes have to put up with behavior that's less than ideal.

"Lately they haven't been seeing as good of quality," said Chris Aguero, manager at SOS Staffing Services.

According to at least one firm, though, knowing what to expect from employees on Monday can help business owners and managers to know how to thwart some of the slacking.

Kronos Inc., a Massachusetts-based workforce management firm, estimates 4.4 million individuals arrive late to work on the Monday following the Super Bowl. Absences related to the Super Bowl are especially high among young adults, with a larger proportion of 18 to 34-year-old males who were surveyed reporting they've called in sick following the game than was reported by males in any other age groups. Its survey included answers from more than 3,000 adults.

Those statistics are reiterated by a 2011 Glassdoor survey. Glassdoor.com focuses on workplace issues and found in its survey of 500 that about 3 percent of employees will take a "sick" day on the Monday after the game. Another nearly 10 percent will plan ahead and use a vacation day to avoid having to come in.

Joyce Maroney, director of the Workforce Institute at Kronos Inc., said in a statement that if employers know there may be unscheduled absences on days like the Monday following the Super Bowl, they can set up their time card systems to accommodate.

Instead of having managers keep track of sick, vacation and other off hours that are provided to each employee, tools can be used to put that information into the hand of the employee.

"Managers benefit from the timely information, which enables them to quickly adjust to unscheduled absences without impacting production or employee satisfaction," she said, in a statement. "Employees are empowered with self-service tools, which provide access to vacation and personal leave time balance information, encouraging them to plan

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BUSINESS SCENE

Midland trio opens Phaze 2 resale clothing, accessories store

Offering bargains to Midlanders is **PHAZE 2**, now open at 3302 N. Illinois.

Rose Casteel, who owns the store with daughter Ashley and former Ross' Dress 4 Less coworker Concha Flores, stressed that it is not a consignment store.

"We buy new and gently-used clothing from the public," she explained. The clothing, for men and women, is then offered for sale. The store also offers accessories from shoes to handbags and jewelry.

The owners wash and iron everything before putting it out for sale. Name brands are offered and Rose said everything is in style and stylishly displayed.

She said she and Flores decided, while working at Ross', that Midland needed such a store. "Midland likes a bargain," she observed.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

More information is available by calling 218-7541.

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

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Midland Park Mall announces that construction has begun on a space for its newest retailer.

BEST BUY MOBILE hopes to open in a 1,293 square foot store next to Abercrombie & Fitch May 1.

Best Buy Mobile offers a large selection of mobile phone carriers, handsets and accessories, carrying over 90 different handsets, including the latest smartphones, from nine different carriers. There is also the possibility the store will operate a "Geek Squad" electronics service and repair center.

It is the first standalone Best Buy Mobile in Midland; it is also found in Best Buy stores nationwide.

The store's staff of non-commissioned employees offer impartial and informed advice after completing at least 80 hours of intensive training and ongoing education on mobile phone technology and trends.

"We're very excited about adding Best Buy Mobile to our diverse retail mix," said Kevin Church, director of mall marketing and business development. "We're constantly looking to bring in retailers that will enhance our customers' shopping experience."

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Insurance is vital part of any good financial plan/**2F**

BBB warns of Do Not Call scam/**2F**

DAVE SAYS

Insurance is vital part of any good financial plan

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

I've got auto insurance, but can you tell me what other kinds of insurance are good to have?

Chris

Dear Chris,

The purpose of insurance is to transfer risk you can't afford to take. Most people can't afford to have a heart attack and triple bypass surgery. Having to pay for something like that completely out of pocket would bankrupt just about anyone. That's why health insurance is a vital part of any good financial plan.

It's also important to have auto, which you do, and homeowner's insurance, too. If you don't own a home, make sure you have renter's insurance instead. Don't forget about life insurance, either. If you're married or have kids, you should carry eight to 10 times your yearly income in a good, 15- or 20-year level term life insurance policy. This means if you make $40,000, you should have about $400,000 wrapped up in life insurance.

Long-term disability insurance is vital. The cheapest way to get this is in a group. If you buy it yourself, out on the open market, you'll find that the rates are based more on your occupation than your age or health. So, if you fly a desk, it'll be a lot cheaper than if you work with your hands.

And don't forget long-term care insurance. You need "nursing home insurance" the moment you turn 60. It will also take care of you in your own home. The statistical probability of needing it before age 60 is about one percent, so I'd wait until then to buy long-term care insurance.

This kind of insurance can make sure you get the kind of care you want in your declining years. Plus, it can keep your nest egg with you and your family and out of the hands of the nursing home!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I make about $85,000 a year. We're debt-free, and we have no kids. We'd like to start saving money to buy some land in the near future. What percentage of our savings should we put toward this?

Dennis

Dear Dennis,

I don't know if there's necessarily a specific percentage for this kind of thing. Since you guys are already debt-free you need to make sure that you've got a fully-loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place, along with retirement funding. In your case, anything else you have sitting around is simply wealth.

If you've got $50,000 sitting in a savings account in addition to these things, and you'd rather have $50,000 worth of dirt instead of a bank account, I'm cool with that. It's really more a matter of ratios than percentages.

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits January 23-January 27

8301 Glasgow Drive	Residence-Detached	$35,000
5522 Carmel Court	New Residence	$178,800
811 Woodland Park Ave	New Residence	$180,640
5400 Unbridled Trail	Swimming Pool	$40,000
2604 Rainbow Circle	Residential Addition	$2,000
4819 Rustic Trail	Residential Addition	$20,000
702 Andrews Highway	Sign	$3,600
600 N. Marienfeld St	Sign	$8,600
2501 W. Wall Street	New Commercial	$350,000
2901 Parton Way	New Residence	$202,480
2810 Parton Way	New Residence	$211,280
2902 Savoy Place	New Residence	$219,840
1812 Washita	Residence-Detached	$5,000
1704 S. Atlanta Street	MH-Single Lot	$15,000
1705 W. Wall Street	Sign	$4,000
1705 W. Wall Street	Fence	$2,000
800 E. Florida	Sign	$1,800
3310 W. Wall Street	Sign	$2,000
1306 W. New Jersey	MH-Single Lot	$2,500
910 Mays Drive	New Residence	$129,000
1002 Mays Drive	New Residence	$123,000
6707 Pebble Court	New Residence	$800,000
3511 Trinity Meadows	Fence	$4,600
5916 Homestead Blvd	Swimming Pool	$20,000
4400 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$6,500
403 N. Marienfeld St	Sign	$5,000
4511 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$2,500
4400 W. Illinois Ave.	Sign	$3,000
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3100 W. Wall Street	Sign	$15,000
3100 W. Wall Street	Sign	$1,800
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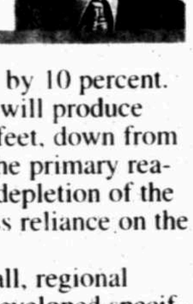
3100 W. Wall Street	Sign	$3,500
300 Charismatic Drive	Swimming Pool	$90,000
1705 N. Fort Worth St	New Residence	$140,080
4212 W. Wadley Ave	New Commercial	$600,000
418 Charismatic Drive	New Residence	$356,400
5215 Technology Circle	Residence-Detached	$60,000

Source: City of Midland

THE ECONOMIST

Securing future water supplies will be expensive but essential



RAY PERRYMAN

The Perryman Group

In spite of some relief over the winter in the form of much-needed rainfall, Texas remains in the midst of the worst drought on record. Agricultural losses for 2011 were in the billions (we topped $5 billion in August), wildfire losses hit $100 million, and cities and water supply systems across the state enacted conservation measures. There are, of course, multiplier effects on top of that.

Currently, less than 1 percent of Texas is not at some stage of drought, down from more than 20 percent a year ago according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Fortunately, the rain has helped eased severity, with the portions of the state in the "extreme" and "exceptional" falling since late fall. However, experts such as Texas State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon have indicated that ocean trends are suggesting the drought could continue for a number of years.

In the midst of the bad news regarding weather patterns, the Texas Water Development Board faced the challenge of coming up with a plan for dealing with the state's future water needs. The 2012 State Water Plan includes projected usage, supplies, and necessary investments to ensure future needs are met.

Population and economic growth increase the need for water. The Water Development Board's population projections indicate 82 percent growth by 2060, up from 25.4 million people in 2010 to 46.3 million in 2060. Water demand is projected to increase 22 percent over the time period from about 18 million acre-feet per year to 22 million acre-feet per year in 2060.

Water supplies from existing sources (given current permits, contracts, and infrastructure during drought), however, are expected to decrease by 10 percent. By 2060, these supplies will produce about 15.3 million acre-feet, down from 17.0 million in 2010. The primary reasons for the decline are depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer and less reliance on the Gulf Coast Aquifer.

To address this shortfall, regional water planning groups developed specific strategies to increase water supply or maximize existing supply. These 562 projects would add 9 million acre-feet per year to the total 2060 supply, thus closing the gap and meeting future needs. Strategies include conservation and reuse (34 percent of the volume added, which may be difficult to achieve), new major reservoirs (17 percent), and other surface water supplies (34 percent).

The cost of these solutions is $53 billion to permit, design, and build. Total capital costs for water-related issues outlined in the plan are $231 billion (about $89 billion for water treatment and distribution, $82 billion for wastewater treatment and collection, and less than $8 billion for flood control). Although these are big numbers, they pale in comparison to the cost if these issues aren't dealt with effectively. Of course, every one of these dollars will likely be a source of controversy, thus likely leading to delays, added expense, and, in some instances, project abandonment.

The Texas Water Development Board recommended several regulatory and administrative changes to help with plan implementation. These include designating additional sites recommended for reservoir construction as protected under the Texas Water Code, providing a mechanism to acquire reservoir sites, allowing interbasin transfers of water, requiring annual water loss audits by retail public utilities, and developing a method to provide financing assistance for implementation of water plan projects. Without a doubt, such impediments to progress in securing and better managing Texas' water supplies should be removed.

In the introduction to the 2012 State Water Plan, Chairman Edward G. Vaughan stated in an open letter to the people of Texas that "in serious drought conditions, Texas does not and will not have enough water to meet the needs of its people, its businesses, and its agricultural enterprises." Addressing these shortfalls is possible (as outlined in the plan), but it cannot happen overnight and is likely to face daunting challenges. Investing in this most crucial resource is essential to the economy and future quality of life, and must be a top priority.

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Taco Bell enters crowded breakfast arena

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Yo quiero Taco Bell breakfast burrito!

The Mexican-style fast-food chain that's best remembered for a 1990s ad in which a Chihuahua proclaimed "I want Taco Bell" in Spanish, introduced a breakfast menu at nearly 800 restaurants in 14 states.

If the launch goes well, Taco Bell plans to begin selling breakfast burritos and hash browns along with its tacos and gorditas in its 5,600 locations nationwide by 2014.

Taco Bell is entering the mad scramble by fast-food heavyweights to compete for the morning on-the-go crowd. Breakfast has become the most important meal of the day for restaurants, accounting for virtually all of the industry's growth in the past five years.

"Right now we're not getting our fair share of that," said Brian Niccol, Taco Bell's chief marketing and innovation officer. "We want to get our fair share and then some."

Breakfast's new popularity has a lot to do with the economy. When people are out of work, they don't dine out much. Lunch sales, in particular, fall because people aren't grabbing a bite to eat during the workday. And at a time when Americans are cutting back on discretionary spending, it's cheaper to buy breakfast at a restaurant than to pay for dinner out.

Fast-food restaurants are clamoring to take advantage of the growing demand. Subway started offering breakfast in 2010. Wendy's is starting to get into the breakfast game, too. And Burger King, Starbucks and McDonald's in recent years have been expanding their offerings of everything from breakfast sandwiches to oatmeal and smoothies.

For its part, Taco Bell is teaming with such popular brands as Johnsonville, Cinnabon, Tropicana and Seattle's Best for its breakfast menu items that range in price from 99 cents to $2.79. The menu includes burritos stuffed with eggs and either sausage, bacon or steak; sausage and egg wraps; hash browns; hot or iced coffee; and orange juice.

Customers can buy the breakfast items in Taco Bell locations in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado. A limited number of stores in Texas, Ohio and Oklahoma also will have the breakfast menu.

Some Taco Bell restaurants already are open around the clock to accommodate the new breakfast offerings. Others will open at least one hour earlier, which means an 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. opening for many. The stores will stop serving breakfast at 11 a.m.

That's a later start time than most other fast-food chains offering breakfast have. But it's a reflection of Taco Bell's core customers - 18- to-20-somethings who generally aren't up at the crack of dawn.

"What we found is, they're not the customer that shows up at 6 a.m. for breakfast," Niccol said. "We can get those guys on board, they become the evangelists, and then we can start adding additional hours for people that want breakfast at 6 a.m. or 7 a.m."

TRISH POWELL

Better Business Bureau

BBB warns of Do Not Call scam

A couple of decades ago, when my family and I sat down for dinner, it was almost a guarantee that the phone would ring. Nobody was allowed to answer because, without fail, the person on the other end was trying to sell us something.

Telemarketers became so annoying that the government created a national registry for people who never wanted to hear from them again. Unfortunately, this opened the door for scammers to try and wriggle personal information from you.

Better Business Bureau issued a warning Monday that scammers are making phony phone calls claiming to represent the National Do Not Call Registry.

According to DoNotCall.gov, "The calls claim to provide an opportunity to sign up for the Registry. These calls are not coming from the Registry or the Federal Trade Commission, and you should not respond to these calls. To add your number to the Registry you can call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register, or go click on 'Register a Phone Number' in the left column of this page."

Once you register your phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry, telemarketers have up to 31 days from that date to stop calling. Certain types of telemarketers are exempt, but after registering, the telemarketing calls to my house dropped to nil.

BBB reminds consumers:

- Do not provide any personal information to unknown callers, including bank information, Social Security Number and contact information.
- If your number is already registered with the Do Not Call Registry, your registration does not expire. You can verify if and when your number was registered by going to DoNotCall.gov.
- The Federal Trade Commission does not allow private companies or other third parties to register consumers for the National Do Not Call Registry. Websites or phone solicitations that claim they can or will register a consumer's name or phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry - especially those that charge a fee - are almost certainly a scam.
- FCC regulations prohibit telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers. As automated dialers are standard in the industry, most telemarketers are barred from calling consumers on their cell phones without their consent. However, you can still register your cell phone number if you'd like.
- You can file a complaint with The National Do Not Call Registry if you are still receiving unwanted phone calls after your number is on the registry for 31 days. Record the date and time the calls were made so that you can include that information in your complaint.
- Report telephone scams to BBB, the FTC and the Texas State Attorney General. The Telemarketing Sales Rule gives the FTC and local law enforcement officers the power to prosecute fraudulent telemarketers who operate across state lines.

SUPER BOWL

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appropriately for time away from work. This supports a healthy work/life balance and reduces unscheduled absences."

A staffing specialist at Energi Personnel said certainly the expectation from employers is that if an individual is scheduled to work on Monday, they will show up.

Still, she said, there's not a lot businesses can do if an individual does call in sick on Monday — though most of their coworkers will assume it occurred because that person "over did it" Sunday.

For those who do come to work, 22 percent of those surveyed by Glassdoor said it's a less productive day than is typical.

With chatter about the game — or, for non-sports fans, about the commercials — employees admit they're more likely to be distracted from work on Monday than they would be on a typical day.

Employers, though, can benefit if they take advantage of the camaraderie that's built over Super Bowl-related conversations, according to the study.

Of those surveyed, about 20 percent said workplace morale is higher on the Monday after the Super Bowl than on a "normal" Monday. Ideally, employers should capitalize on that atmosphere and turn the football-related conversations taking place among employees into teamwork that can then lead to productivity at the office, staffing professionals said.

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MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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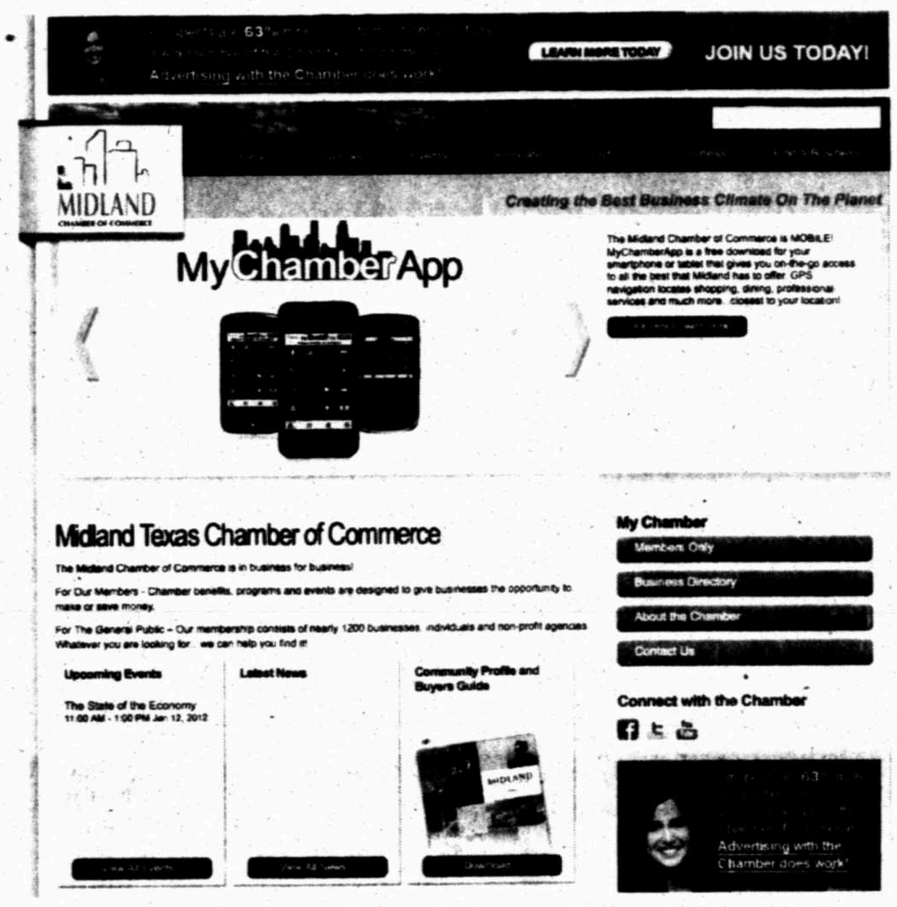
CHAMBER LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Have you visited the Chamber's new website? The new site provides a faster, easier way to find exactly what you need in Midland, Texas. Enabled with all-new search capabilities, the new site puts tons of great information at your fingertips!



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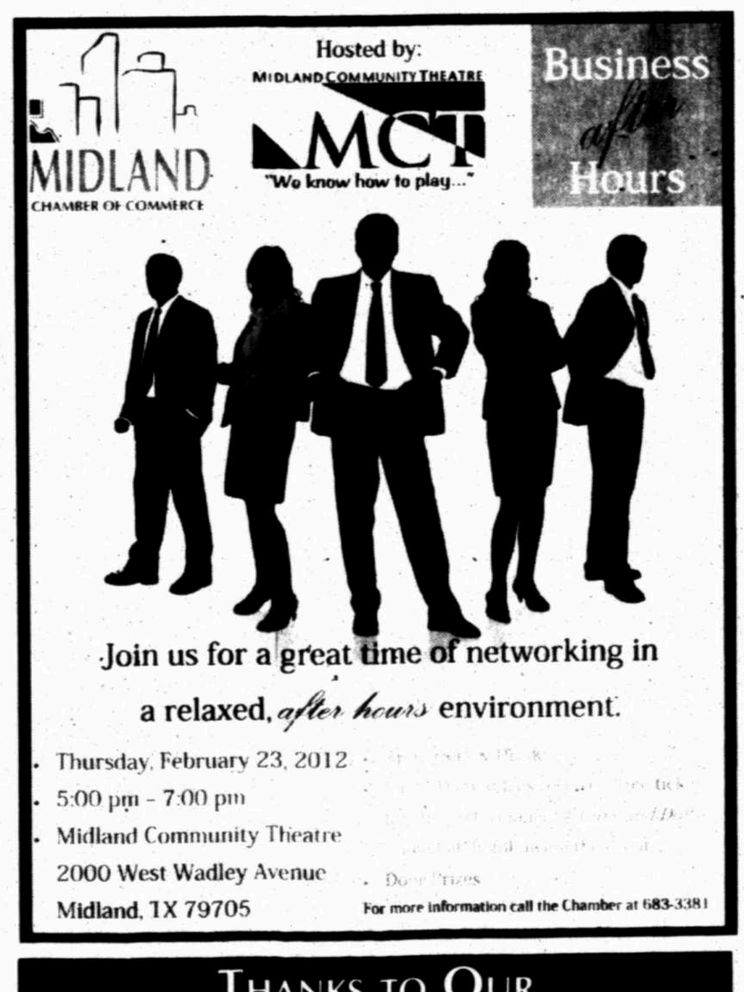
PARTNERS IN EDUCATION MIDLAND

An educated workforce is critical to the success of Midland businesses. Therefore, in 2011, The Midland Chamber of Commerce merged its Education Committee with MISD's Partners in Education Committee. By combining our resources, we believe we can have a greater positive impact on our education community.

The PIEMidland website is a joint initiative with the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Midland Independent School District and the Midland Education Foundation. Founding organizations provide the administrative and financial support to recruit and educate new Community Partners, facilitate donations, connect Community Partners with volunteer and mentoring opportunities and assess Community Partner needs. Our valued Community Partners are the reason PIE was created and these organizations do their best to facilitate the Partner/recipient relationship.

Scan the QR code using your smartphone to learn more about this exciting opportunity to impact education:



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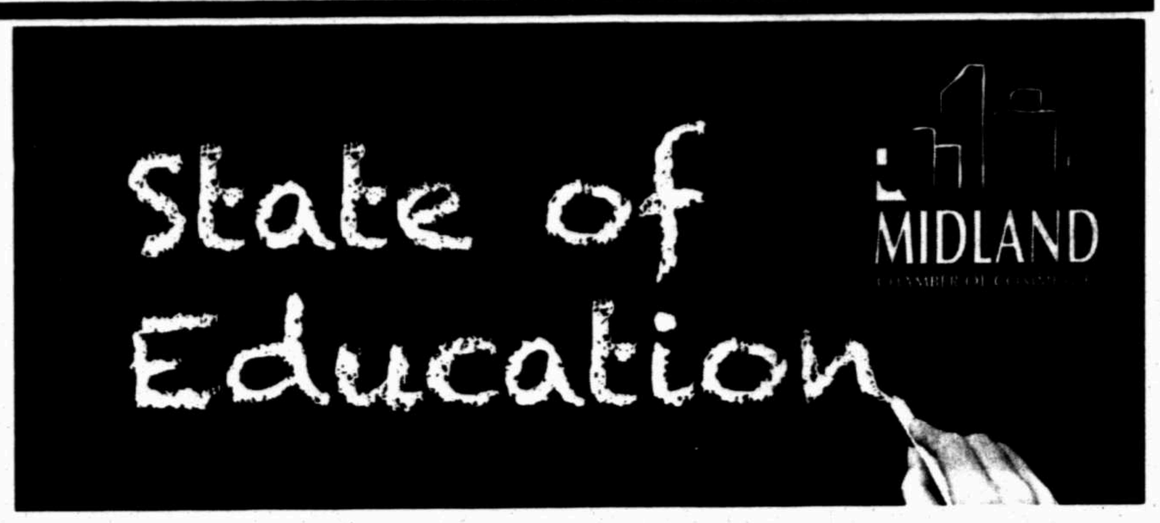

The Midland Chamber of Commerce recognizes the value of an educated workforce. The Chamber's State of Education luncheon is designed to facilitate meaningful discourse on the topic and inform the business community about pressing issues faced by today's educators and potential solutions. Among the challenges facing Midland's educators, both public and private, are the recent budget cuts, new testing standards and the tremendous growth of our city, resulting in a disproportionate rise in the student population. Limited parental involvement, student motivation and family literacy levels pose additional concerns. Add to the mix, an uncertain national economy / job outlook for graduates, and it is easy to see that the situation is complicated, to say the least.

To shed some light on the topic, the Chamber has invited the following panelists:

- Mr. Eddie Lee, Superintendent - Midland Christian School
- Dr. Steve Thomas, President - Midland College
- Dr. Ryder Warren, Superintendent - Midland ISD

Mr. Eddie Lee

Dr. Steve Thomas

Dr. Ryder Warren

The panel has been selected to provide a look at several facets of education in Midland - both private and public school options for elementary and secondary education as well as higher education. Our goal is to discover not only the difficulties facing our local educators but ways in which the business community and the general public can take action to be part of the solution.

The discussion will be moderated by local business owner Mr. Chris Robin, Chairman of the Midland Chamber's Board of Directors. Chamber Members are invited to submit questions in advance via email: info@midlandtxchamber.com. The Chamber reserves the right to combine / edit questions as necessary. Questions submitted by non-members will not be considered. Therefore, please indicate the business with which your membership is affiliated.

March 22, 2012
Midland Center, 105 N. Main St.
Doors open at 11 am
Tickets: $30/Members and $45/Non-Members
Table (10 reserved seats) $500

To register / purchase tickets or sponsor this event, visit the Chamber's website: www.midlandtxchamber.com

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Bobby Burns
President & CEO
Midland Chamber

Last fall, we announced that the Chamber's 2011-2012 year would focus on developing even more member benefits. We have already made great strides in this endeavor. In January, we announced our second major cost-saving benefit for members, The Midland Chamber Electric Coalition. Through the coalition, Chamber members can save both time and money, obtaining multiple competitive electricity bids by completing a single form. We have also successfully launched the Permian Basin Employer Health Plan Co-operative. A number of our Chamber members have already taken advantage of both great benefits. Rest assured, this is just the beginning. I pledge the Chamber's continued effort to increase the value of Chamber membership.

In addition to the great fiscal benefits of membership, we have added new events designed to engage and inform our members about pressing business related issues. Mark your calendars now for the upcoming State of Education luncheon. This event will feature Mr. Eddie Lee, Superintendent of Midland Christian School, Dr. Ryder Warren, Superintendent of Midland ISD and Dr. Steve Thomas, President of Midland College. The panel will participate in a discussion moderated by Mr. Chris Robin, Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors. The panel will discuss the current challenges facing today's educators and the opportunities for the future. In an effort to provide the most relevant content possible, we invite our members to submit questions for our panelists in advance. To submit, simply email your questions to info@midlandtxchamber.com.

If you are not already a Chamber member, I invite you to join today to take advantage of the great benefits offered. Together we truly will *"...create the best business climate on the planet!"*

Sincerely,

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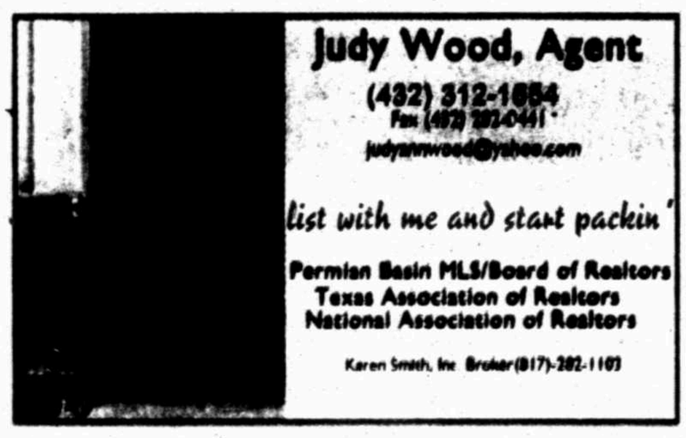

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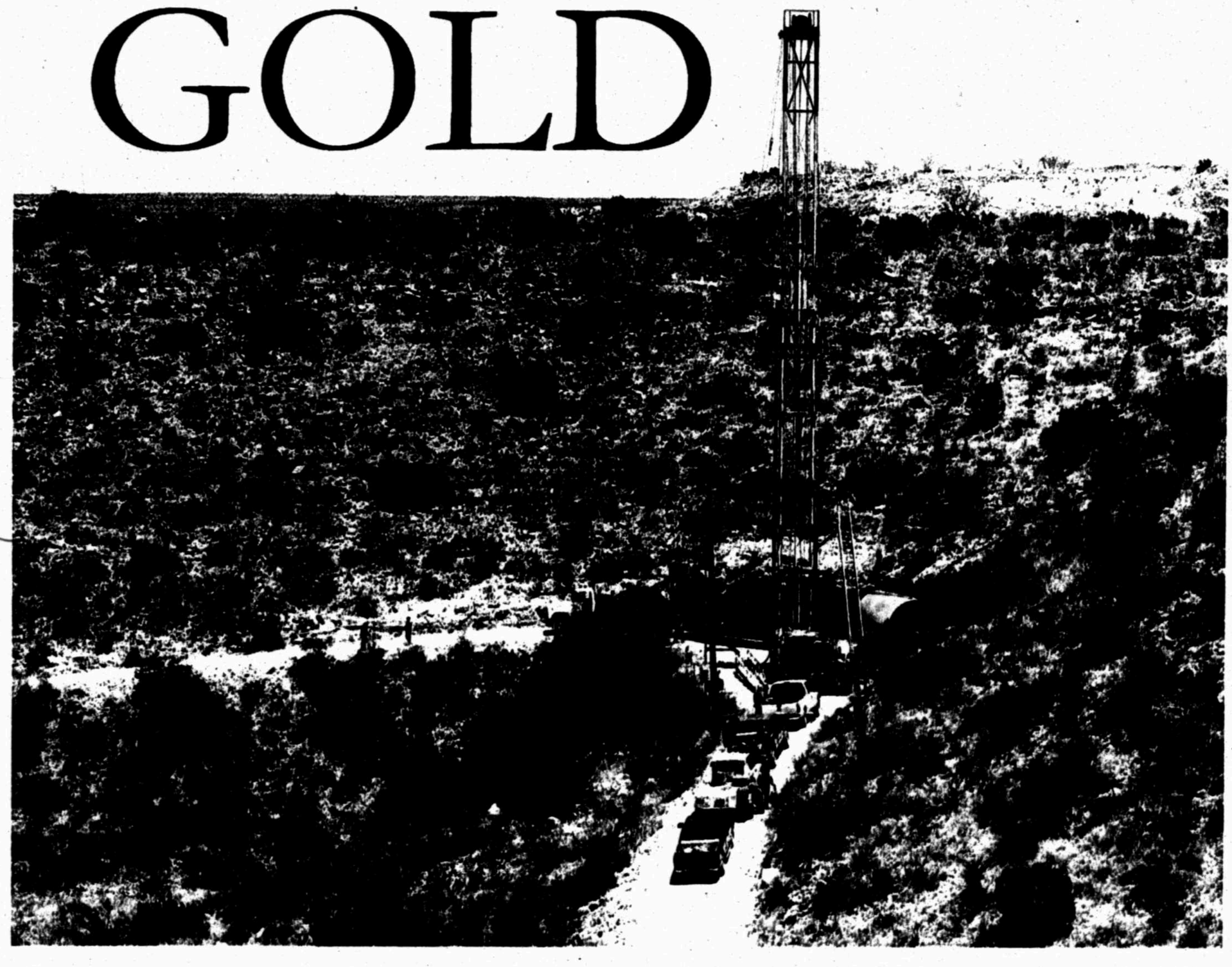

Green gusher flows from Permian Basin oilfields

■ Strong prices, drilling activity help reverse decline in oil production curve.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

A gusher returned to the Permian Basin oil fields in 2011. But this time it wasn't black crude gushing from the wellbore, it was green dollars.

According to Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham, production of Permian Basin crude and natural gas was valued at more than $30 billion in 2011 - $25.8 billion for crude and $4.7 billion for natural gas. He noted the value of that production represents cash flow producers use to acquire land, lease rigs and hire workers, who in turn spend their paychecks at stores, restaurants and buy houses and cars. That, combined with a hefty 20 percent jump in average crude prices helped propel his Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index to a record high, up 12.6 percent from December 2010, which Ingham noted, was 35 percent above December 2009.

The estimated value, he said, sets a record for the index, surpassing even the levels reached in 2008 when oil prices hit a record $147 a barrel.

"The record value in 2011 is a function," Ingham explained, "of higher production in 2011 compared to 2008 and the fact prices were steadily higher in 2011 compared to 2008, when prices rose rapidly, peaked at a monthly average of over $130 a barrel and then dropped rapidly in the second half of the year." Crude prices averaged $91.45 a barrel in 2011, he said, up 20.4 percent from $75.96 in 2010.

The number that really stood out to him, he said, was the rise in crude production volumes, which he said contributed to the record high valuations.

"Astoundingly," he said, "the crude oil production curve has turned around in a big way. The long-term trend has clearly been one of decline, with production falling by about 25 percent between 1995 and 2005. Since then, however, crude oil production has grown about 12 percent, including an estimated 5.5 percent in 2011. In fact, estimated crude oil production in the West Texas portion of the Permian Basin in 2011 is the highest since 1999."

Weakened natural gas prices were apparent in the 6 percent decline in production volumes, coupled with a 13 percent plunge in the value of natural gas production from 2010 to 2011. Ingham said natural gas prices averaged $3.96 per Mcf in 2011, down 7 percent from $4.26 in 2010. The December average of $3.34 per Mcf was down 19.7 percent from $4.16 in December 2010.

Ingham said the rig count in 2011 "is of truly historic significance. The current rig count for the three Railroad Commission districts that make up the Texas portion of the Permian Basin is high not just relative to 2010 or even 2008, when the rig count peaked as a part of the previous expansion, but also to the benchmark exploration and production period of the early to mid-1980s. The December 1984

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> — KARR INGHAM

Commission's new hydraulic fracturing chemical disclosure rules take effect

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Effective February 1, the state's new disclosure rules for chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing took effect across Texas. The new rule requires disclosure of ingredients used in hydraulic fracturing, along with water volumes used, on the FracFocus.org website.

"The new rule requires operators to report on the FracFocus website hydraulic fracturing ingredients, along with water volumes used, that have an initial drilling permit issued February 1 or thereafter," said Ramona Nye, a spokeswoman for the Railroad Commission, which was tasked by the Texas Legislature with writing and enforcing the disclosure rules.

"We were involved in drafting the bill," pointed out Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, "Our members were supportive of the bill, we think it's the right thing to do. Transparency is good and we think being transparent will help dispel some of the myths around hydraulic fracturing. Fracturing has become an overused, misused word."

It is a national topic, he added, noting that he just appeared before the New Mexico House Energy Committee at a hearing on fracturing. New Mexico, he said, is looking at its options regarding the technology.

Just how quickly the disclosure information begins to show up on the website "depends on when operators obtain a drilling permit for a well and when the operator drills and completes that well," said Nye.

She gave as an example the issuance of an initial drilling permit as of February 1. The operator then drills the well and performs hydraulic fracturing treatments on the well, completing it February 25. The operator then has 30 days from the completion date, or until March 26, to submit a completion report to the commission and upload to the FracFocus website the information required by Rule 29.

Still, Shepperd said, there is some confusion on how to follow the rule, such as whether the operator or service company should file the report. That is why, he said, the PBPA is helping sponsor a workshop on the

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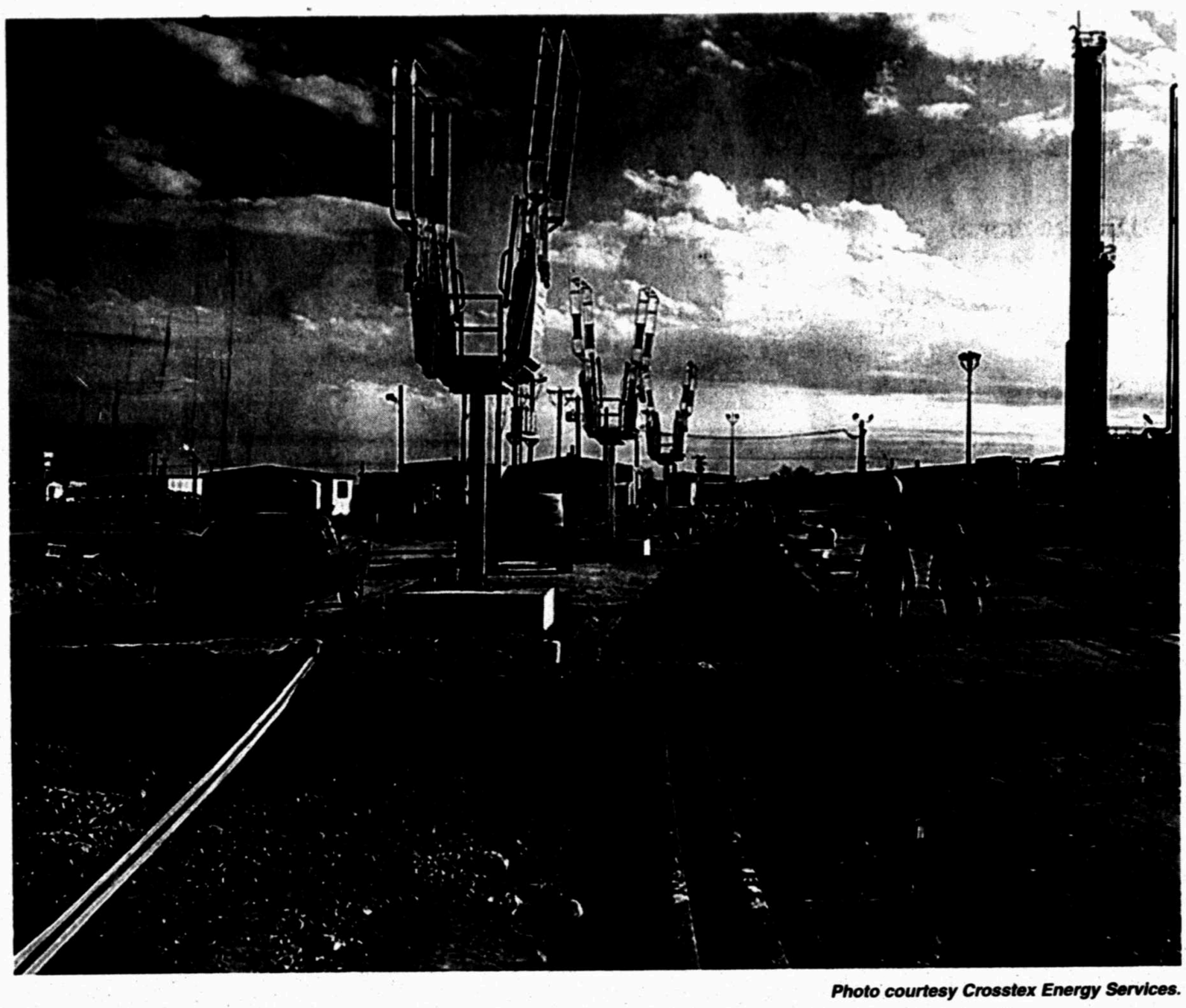
Clarification

A story in last week's Oil Report gave the impression a Plastic2Oil plant already was operating at a RockTenn site in Georgia. Instead, a plant is scheduled to be installed at a RockTenn site in Jacksonville, Fla. in approximately 60 days, according to a RockTenn spokesperson.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.



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From this facility near Midland International Airport, Crosstex Energy Services will load NGLs, minus most of the ethane, onto rail cars for shipment to their Eunice, Louisiana fractionation plant. The Mesquite plant is expected to relieve some of the crowding on NGL pipelines for the next 18 months, when new pipelines are expected to come online.

Crosstex uses rail to solve NGL transportation bottleneck

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

With natural gas liquids (NGL) production rising and far outstripping current pipeline capacity, and with additional pipelines at least a year and a half from accepting product, area producers and midstream companies have been forced to get creative in getting production to the processing hub at Mont Belvieu on the Texas Gulf Coast. Crosstex Energy Services, a midstream company headquartered in Dallas, found an old solution to this issue: The railroads.

S.R. (Suzie) Boyd, Houston-based vice president, commercial, for Crosstex, explained the concept to last week's Natural Gas Producers Association meeting at the Petroleum Club. Boyd attributed the increase in NGLs to low natural gas prices that have shifted drilling activity to oil and its associated liquids-rich gas.

In July of 2011, Crosstex announced a joint venture with Apache to build a natural gas processing plant, named the Deadwood plant, in Glasscock County, with an expected opening date of Feb. 2. As part of that deal, said Boyd, Crosstex agreed to "make the NGLs go away." But where could they go? The pipelines were full.

Trucking is too expensive, she said, so the next option was to look at railroads -- which are more expensive than pipelines per MCF, but the company felt the cost was still manageable as opposed to other options.

Because Midland was founded by the Texas and Pacific railroad in the 1880s, with those tracks still in use, rail options were particularly viable here, Boyd noted.

"This is a project that we came up with," she said, "and we actually purchased a site… off of I-20 just south of the airport, an old fractionator site. We purchased it mainly because it had the rail right there and had some rail spurs already on site." Plus, Union Pacific, who owns the Midland tracks, also owns the tracks at Crosstex's Eunice, Louisiana fractionation plant, meaning the cars could stay with the same carrier from start to finish.

At this facility, known as the Mesquite terminal, Crosstex will take raw make off the Chevron pipeline and run it through one tower of the fractionator to remove just enough ethane to make the NGLs fit onto a rail car. The ethane will then be put back into the pipeline. In the near future — possibly by July of this year — Crosstex expects to frac the propane out of the mix and sell it locally after refurbishing that part of the existing fractionator. This will satisfy local demand for propane and will create even more space on the pipeline.

Boyd stated Crosstex had some experience offloading rail cars at its Louisiana facility but had never managed a fleet. They understood the limitations in fuel mix and vapor pressures inherent in shipping by rail, information they used as a starting point in planning.

"When we started learning what all goes into this we quickly discovered that there was a lot to it," she recalled. Track design, type, number and availability of rail cars, freight charges and more questions were all in the mix.

Company planners first determined they would be loading approximately eight cars per day with a total of 6,000 barrels of NGLs. Each car would take about one hour to load.

The railroad told them it would take 11 days to get the cars from Midland to Eunice, LA, which was a surprise to Boyd and her colleagues. "How can it take 11 days when you can drive there in 11 hours?" she asked. "I still don't know the answer, but what I think the answer is, is that somewhere along the way those cars have to stop so (someone) can paint the graffiti on them," she joked. The round trip, allowing for loading and unloading time, should be approximately 25 days for each car.

Crosstex calculated they would need a fleet of 240 cars, for which they signed an 18 month lease with a Canadian company.

The railroad also gave Crosstex the track design specifications that would facilitate the railroad's pickup and delivery of the cars. As a backup, Crosstex has installed seven holding tanks to contain fuel at times that there is no more room on railroad cars.

Costs per MCF are challenging to calculate, Boyd said, because railroads and pipelines charge according to different methods. "When we net it all back, it's around 15-20 cents (per gallon) if we're loaded right. But on top of that we've got capital recovery," she explained. This compares to a pipeline shipping cost of approximately 8 cents per gallon.

Within 18 months, when new pipelines are expected to be operational, Crosstex believes the Mesquite plant will mostly be unneeded, and they expect it to pay for itself in that time frame. Even after that, it

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President Obama needs a dose of energy reality

LOREN STEFFY
Houston Chronicle

President Barack Obama, in his State of the Union speech, called for an "all-of-the-above" strategy to develop energy that's "cleaner, cheaper and full of new jobs."

He'll be lucky to get one out of three.

It's likely our energy sources will become cleaner. Stricter pollution and carbon standards are inevitable, and the abundance of natural gas from hydraulic fracturing in the U.S. means it's likely to become a viable alternative fuel — both for electricity generation and powering fleet vehicles. To drive home the point, Obama was in Nevada on Thursday touting the prospects for natural gas.

By 2040, natural gas will surpass coal as the world's second-biggest fuel source behind oil, according to a recent study by Exxon Mobil Corp.

Obama wasn't just referring to natural gas, though. He wants to improve the reliability of other sources -- wind, solar, biofuels. For that, he wants to shift tax incentives from the oil industry to renewables programs.

Given that much of new fuel development is moving toward cleaner sources, it makes sense to offer tax benefits, but it shouldn't be an either-or shift from conventional energy.

As we've seen with the collapse of natural gas prices, companies will simply shut in production if it isn't economical, and the shift to cleaner fuels will stall. So it makes sense to maintain some tax incentives for "unconventional" plays such as shale drilling at least at lower prices, and marginal producing "stripper" wells.

The jobs pitch

If it's jobs the president is worried about, we can't afford to discourage fossil fuel production. While "green jobs" are increasing, they alone can't solve our economic problems any more than renewables by themselves can resolve our energy issues.

Unfortunately, the administration always pitches its energy initiatives in terms of jobs. That may have political value in a struggling economy, but it undermines the purpose of government-funded research.

Solyndra debacle

Innovation can't be measured by short-term hiring. The Solyndra debacle should have made that clear. In his speech, Obama touted — and probably overstated -- the government's role in developing hydraulic fracturing, but he seemed to miss the lesson.

Houston's Mitchell Energy benefited from some early government-funded

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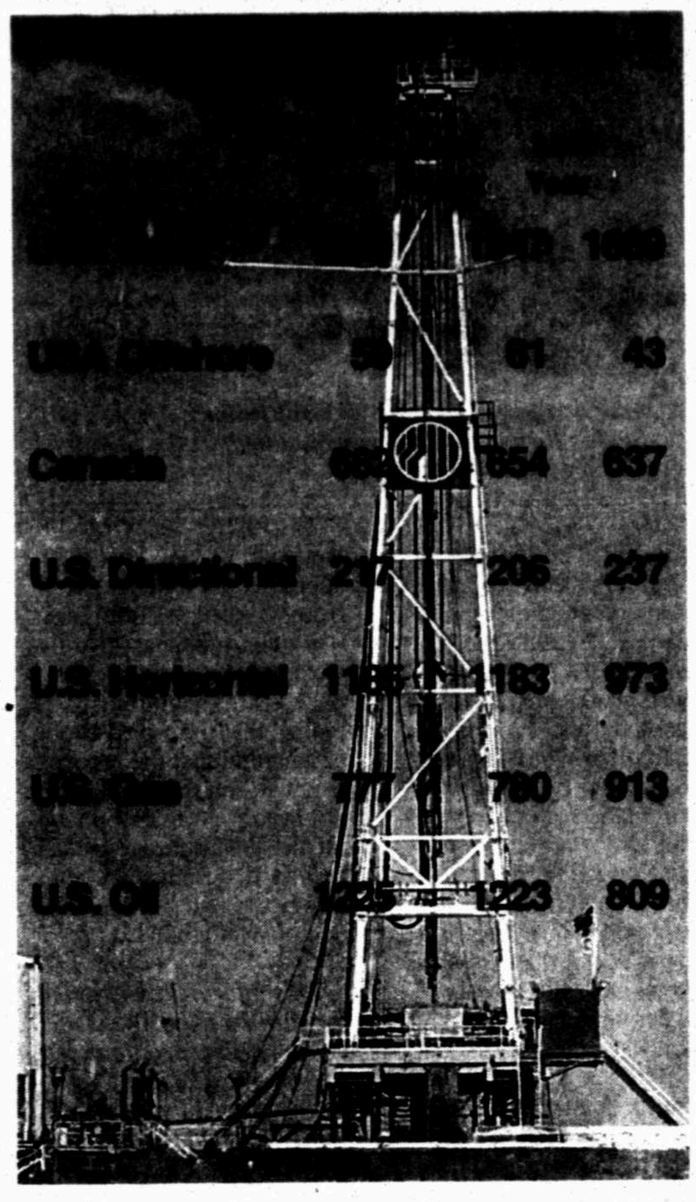

By Norman Johnson

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can be a pipeline injection station or, if still needed occasionally, a loading location for railroad cars.

As to the possibility of anyone else following Crosstex's lead, Boyd said, "We've been working on this for over a year, so you're almost out of time" for anybody else to be able to do this.

"We're really proud of the solution," she added, "because what we were able to do for Apache is — they were so constrained all over the Basin — once we came up with this solution they moved rigs from everywhere (to the Permian Basin)."

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research and maybe even some cost-sharing on early projects, said Bill Whitsitt, a spokesman for Devon Energy, which acquired Mitchell. But it took decades of private-sector financing, development and risk-taking to turn that government research into the current job boom.

Don't expect cheap

The big stumbling block in the president's plan, though, is the "cheaper" part. We have been spoiled by decades of cheap energy, and it is coming to an end, no matter what source we use.

The president started off his comments on energy by stressing the highest U.S. oil production in eight years and the lowest foreign oil dependency in 16 years.

What he didn't explain was why. Four years of rising oil prices have made economical expensive drilling techniques such as hydraulic fracturing, which in turn had led to production gains.

Rising prices encourage development, but they don't make energy cheaper.

As I've said before, an effective national energy policy will focus more on supply than price.

The more we can do to secure supplies, especially in our own hemisphere, the more chance we have of shielding our economy from supply shocks in less stable parts of the world.

Skip the feel-good stuff

Obama's strategy does better on the theoretical than the practical. His earlier State of the Union speeches are littered with ideas that didn't materialize or died in Congress. He falters on energy issues when he tries to turn long-term planning into short-term gains, to tout jobs and feel-good promises over the difficult message of higher costs, tightening supply and the need to prepare.

If we're going to have an energy plan, we have to do better than one out of three.

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rig count, the year of the apparent peak rig count in that period, was 320 for the same geographic region. The rig count for that region surpassed 400 in November and stands at a monthly average of 404 for December 2011," which is up 41.3 percent from 286 in December 2010. For the year, the rig count averaged 355, up 49.8 percent from 237 in 2010.

Surpassing its 1980s peak, he said, "is not the case nationally or statewide, but it is the case in the Permian Basin.

In addition, he said, the Railroad Commission issued 10,424 drilling permits in those three districts - 7C, 8 and 8A. That total, Ingham said, is over 2,500 more than were issued in 2008, the prior peak. The number of drilling permits issued in 2011 is 29.1 percent above the 8,074 issued in 2010, which, Ingham said, was over 90 percent above the total issued in 2009.

"That is an extraordinary outcome," he said. "These events, no one would have been able to predict several years ago. It's a reminder that we can't engineer the future, we can't predict market prices or the effect of technology."

Ten years ago, he continued, "we couldn't have found anyone to tell you this would happen." Ten years ago, he said, the Permian Basin was perceived as "hanging on by a thread, it was a region whose time had come and gone, whose economy had come and gone. Even in 1998-1999 when all the majors were bailing and jobs were being lost, a lot of people were ready to write the Permian Basin off at that time."

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Exxon selling Japan unit for $3.9 billion to cut refining

By Malcolm Foster
Associated Press

TOKYO — Exxon Mobil Corp. is selling its Japanese refining and marketing business to partner TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. in a $3.9 billion deal that reflects a long-term decline in Japan's demand for fuel and a global strategy to refocus on exploration.

TonenGeneral Sekiyu will buy 99 percent of the shares of Exxon Mobil Yugen Kaisha, which refines and sells fuel and lubricants, the Japanese refiner said about the deal, announced Sunday. Exxon Mobil's stake in TonenGeneral will drop to 22 percent from 50 percent.

Large oil and gas companies have been shedding refining operations in recent years and turning to oil exploration and production in the hope of bigger profits. Tighter rules for car and truck fuel efficiency are expected to weigh on growth in demand for fuel in developed countries for years to come.

Sherman Glass, president of ExxonMobil Refining, told a press conference Monday in Tokyo that it was a restructuring move amid a changing global energy market, but said the company remained "very committed" to its refining — or downstream — operations.d

"What we continue to do is try to restructure — in some cases invest, in some cases divest and in some cases restructure — to make it a strong group of operations in our downstream" business, Glass told reporters.

The companies plan to conclude the deal in June.

Exxon, the world's largest publicly traded oil and gas company, has a "long-term strategy of moving away from refining, where the margins are wafer thin, and into exploration," said Nicholas Smith, a strategist at CLSA Asia-Pacific Markets in Tokyo. "Refining is something that anybody can do. You can buy the technology off the shelf."

TonenGeneral said the move would make it more flexible, efficient and competitive in a market where demand is declining as the population ages and shrinks.

"The Japanese market is getting tougher," said Jun Mutoh, the company's managing director. "The decision-making within the company will be more effective in the newly integrated production-distribution operation."

TonenGeneral will continue to deliver products and services under the Esso, Mobil and General brands and continue to rely on Exxon's technology and technological support in the refining and petrochemicals businesses.

Other major oil companies are making similar moves.

Marathon Oil spun off its refining operations last July. This summer ConocoPhillips also plans to split itself in two, separating its refining operations from its more profitable oil and gas exploration and production business. BP and Shell are selling refineries in the U.S. and Western Europe.

Exploring and producing oil and gas offers investors a chance for faster growth. Also, oil prices are high and are expected to remain so, which has helped producer profits and funded a boom in new exploration.

Glass also said Exxon would like to develop Japan as a market for natural gas, another key part of Exxon's business, but said exporting it from the U.S. would be "problematic" and that shipping it from Australia or the Middle East would be more likely options.

He cited the company's 2010 acquisition of XTO Energy for its expertise in shale gas and fracking, a drilling method that is used to free oil and gas from rock, as an example of investment in the business.

"We are taking advantage of their expertise to bring additional gas to the market in a number of places around the world," he said. "We do believe that Japan is a promising market that we'd like to develop for LNG," or liquefied natural gas.

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new rule on Wednesday, February 15 at the Petroleum Club from 9 a.m. to noon. "We appreciate the Railroad Commission coming out," he said.

Nye said many Texas operators were already voluntarily reporting hydraulic fracturing chemicals since the FracFocus website went live on April 1, 2011. "As of January 31, 2012, of the 10,914 total wells nationwide voluntarily reporting disclosures on the FracFocus website, 4,169 of the wells are in Texas," she said.

With Texas in the midst of a punishing drought, Shepperd said any use of water is being closely studied, especially the water used in fracturing.

"The PBPA is in the midst of a water study," he reported. "We want to get a handle on its use. And there are a number of companies investing in water recycling; we want to get a handle on their technologies and the economics of water recycling and reuse."

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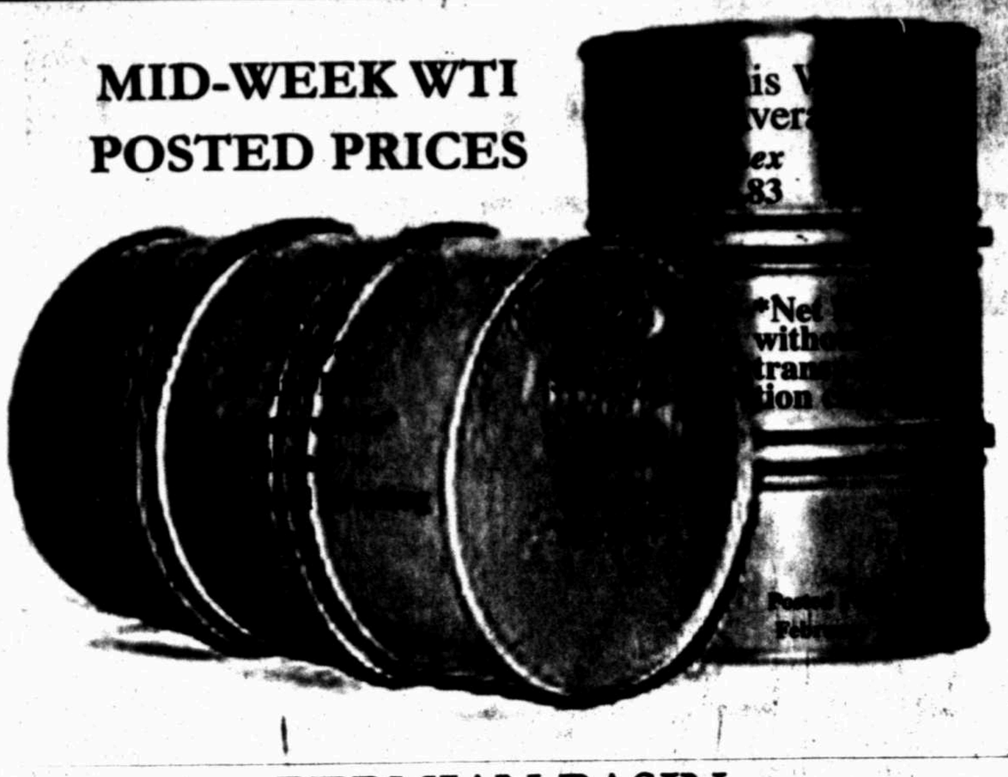

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RKI Expl. & Prod. LLC
Robinson 5 #22
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-142, Blk 56, T1, Sec 5; 1670 FNL 1670 FWL of lse; 1670 FNL 1670 FWL of survey; 12.2 miles S of Orla; obj: 7500; permit #731085; API #301-31689

Martin County

Energen Res. Corp.
Holcomb 46 #2
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Kirkpatrick, L C; A-766, Blk 36, T4N, Sec 46; 510 FEL 660 FSL of lse; 510 FEL 660 FSL of survey; 27 miles NW of Stanton; obj: 12000; permit #730847; API #317-37432

Reeves County

Atlantic Oper., Inc.
Carpenter State #1
Wildcat-D; H & GN RR Co./Abbott, Mrs. E M; A-4146, Blk 13, Sec 248; 660 FWL 1980 FNL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FNL of survey; 18.5 miles S of Pecos; obj: 6500; permit #731183; API #389-33146

Ward County

Northstar Oper. Co.
Graham #1
Wildcat-D; PSL/Queen, W D; A-677, Blk B20, Sec 6; 1880 FWL 660 FNL of lse; 1880 FWL 660 FNL of survey; 7 miles SE of Monahans; obj: 5000; permit #731034; API #475-35975

Winkler County

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
J.W. #1
Wildcat-D; PSL/Cowden, E P; A-1410, Blk B13, Sec 6; 660 FWL 1830. FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1830 FSL of survey; 20 miles SE of Kermit; obj: 8700; permit #723595; API #495-33383

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Borden County

Primexx Oper. Corp.
Biloxi #C227
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-140, Blk 31, T6N, Sec 27; 1907 FSL 566 FEL of lse; 1907 FSL 2066 FWL of survey; 8.8 miles NW of Gail; obj: 8999; permit #730776; API #033-32188

Lynn County

Spiral Energy Corp.
M.E. Eaker #1
Wildcat-D; EL & RR RR. Co.; A-219, Blk 8, Sec 27; 467 FWL 475 FNL of lse; 467 FWL 475 FNL of survey; 4 miles N of O'Donnell; obj: 12000; permit #731124; API #305-30519

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy, Inc.
Ride, South 123 #1
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co./Jones, W; A-2028, Blk 97, Sec 123; 142 FEL 496 FNL of lse; 142 FEL 496 FNL of survey; 3 miles W of Ira; obj: 7300; permit #728341; API #415-34755

ENERGY WATCH

Recent rally is simple: The economy is growing

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There are three types of people involved in the prognostication business these days. The "end of the world" types, the "it's a slower, post-apocalypse world" types, and the "everything is going to be OK" types.

For a long time now, we have been saying the "end of the world" types are over-doing it. This is actually a dangerous stance for us to take because the "end of the world" types can be very nasty to people who disagree with them. The "it's a slower world" types are more cerebral and less nasty, but equally adamant. We, obviously, fall in the third camp.

No matter how we make our argument, and no matter how consistently the economy grows, the doubt and fear and disbelief just won't go away. We noticed this recently, when conventional wisdom started to say that investors were being "complacent" these days.

In other words, when the equity markets go down, investors are "living in reality" and "accepting" that the economy and financial markets just aren't in great shape. But when the equity markets go up, they are being schizophrenic, overly optimistic, and now some are saying "complacent."

We couldn't disagree more. Private sector payrolls have grown 160,000 per month in the past year. The unemployment rate is down almost a full percentage point from a year ago, while the size of the labor force is up (just like it was up in 2010, too). Over the past four weeks, unemployment claims have averaged 10 percent lower than the same period a year ago.

Retail sales are up 6.5 percent from a year ago; orders for long-lasting durable goods are up 12.1 percent and auto sales are up 8.4 percent.

Perhaps most importantly, the long-awaited recovery in the housing sector has finally started. Housing starts in the fourth quarter hit the highest level since late 2008 and were up at a 32 percent annual rate compared to Q2. This was not all apartment buildings; single-family housing was up at a 13 percent annual rate in the second half of 2011.

Meanwhile, even after a recent rally, U.S. equities remain incredibly cheap. Based on trailing after-tax earnings, the price-to-earnings ratio on stocks in the S&P 500 is roughly 13.5. On future earnings it's even cheaper.

Flipping this over, so earnings are on top and price is on bottom, the "earnings yield" on stocks is 7.4 percent, compared to a 10-year Treasury yield of only 2 percent. This suggests stocks are cheap relative to bonds.

In other words, rather than being the result of complacency, craziness or stupidity, the recent rally has a much more straightforward explanation. The economy is growing, it's grow, and if that is the case then stocks are grossly undervalued relative to bonds.

And the good news continues. With about 15 percent of the S&P 500 companies having reported earnings for the fourth quarter of 2011, 60+ percent have beaten street estimates.

Notice how none of this has anything to do with a third round of quantitative easing by the Federal Reserve. The last round of quantitative easing was essentially useless, with banks boosting their excess reserves from $1 trillion to $1.6 trillion.

Nonetheless, bank lending is picking up and accelerated after QE2 ended. This has helped boost the M2 measure of money (Milton Friedman's favorite gauge), which has also been growing faster since the end of QE2 than during it.

So far in 2012, the S&P 500 has had 11 up days versus only two down days. That ratio probably won't continue for the full year, but the idea that it is unwarranted, crazy or complacent is a point of view that is supported by a decidedly bearish set of assumptions.

Rather, it appears that the stock market is finally (or once again) beginning to realize that the world is not ending and that the recovery is not so fragile that it cannot last. We remain optimistic. We continue to believe that things are getting better and we don't feel complacent at all.

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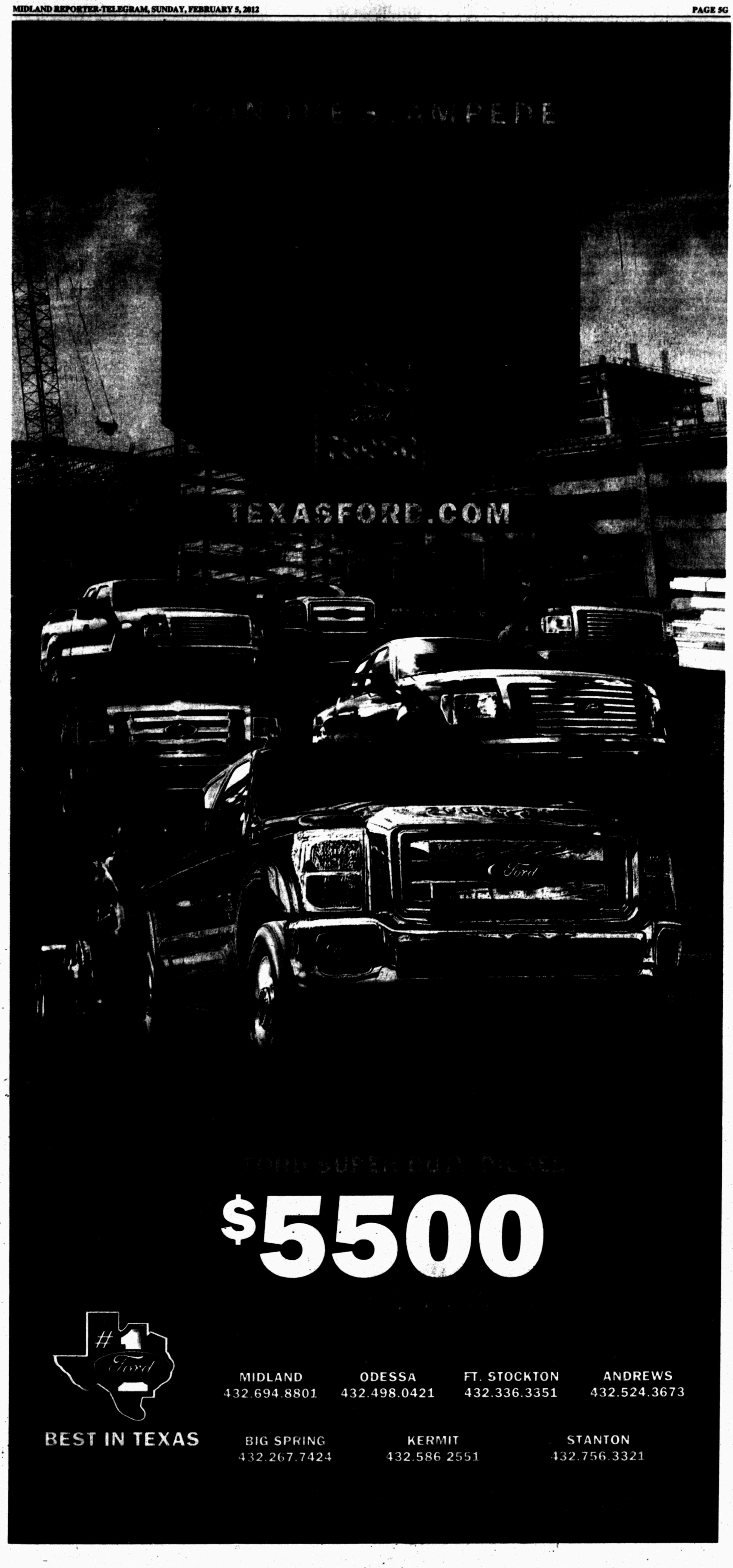
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Coke County

OPS Group Limted
March Ranch #1
Higgins Ranch (Canyon); 3,553 fel, 777 fnl, Sec 75, Abst. 144, EL&RR, 13.5 sw Robert Lee; TD 6,451; Comp 6-19-11; producing from 5,937-6,252, treated with 5,050 gals. 15 percent HCL, 316 bbls. gelled oil, 21,100# sand; pump 48 BO, 30 MCF, 72 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-081-31996

Crockett County

Highmount Exploration & Production Texas LLC
University Unit #1202
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fsl, 1,900 fel, Sec 12, Blk 56, ULS, 18 nw Ozona; TD 8,153; Comp 10-8-11; producing from 3,462-7,958, treated with 16,500 gals. acid, 1,420,00 gals. gel, 1,508,000# sand; pump 62 BO, 792 MCF, 137 BW, 35.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41300

Irion County

Apache Corp.
Ketchum Mountain East Unit #1321
Ketchum Mountain (Clearfork); 1,320 fnl, 1,320 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 14, Abst. 361, H&TC RR, 14.1 w Mertzon; TD 4,807; Comp 6-14-11; producing from 3,3856-3,972, treated with 2,500 gals. 15 percent acid; pump 153 BO, 80 MCF, 380 BW, 36.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34685

Exco Resources Inc.
Sugg Farmar "9" #10
Andrews "A" (Wolfcamp)-Plugback from Sugg Ranch (Canyon); 472 fsl, 1,400 fel, Sec 9, Blk 6, Abst. 316, H&TC RR, 16 nw Mertzon; TD 7,600; Comp 11-4-11; producing from 6,546-6,556, treated with 840 gals. NeFeHCL; flow 306 BO, 75 MCF, 2 BW on 9/64 inch choke, FTP 480 psi, 41.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34558

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Mallard #3039P
Spraberry (Trend Area); 670 fsl, 530 fel, Sec 3039, Blk 24, Abst. 211, H&TC RR, 24 nw Mertzon; TD 8,692; Comp 10-14-11; producing from 4,825-8,281, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent HCL acid, 941,976 gals. gel fluid, 1,031,281# sand; pump 117 BO, 68 MCF, 87 BW, 40.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34714

Reagan County

El Paso Exploration & Production Company LP
University "43-17" #1H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 120 fnl, 600 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 43, ULS, 12.2 se Big Lake; TD 6,702 TVD; COmp 10-13-11; producing from 7,365-14,437 MD, fracture stimulated; flow 1,260 BO, 597 MCF, 1,226 BW on adjusted choke, FTP 222 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37316

Prime Operating Company
Hunt #1709
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,030 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 17, Blk L, Abst. 113, D&P RR, 3.6 sw Stiles; TD 9,251; Comp 10-2-11; producing from 6,228-9,216, fracture stimulated; pump 48.2 BO, 78 MCF, 183 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37095

Schleicer County

Approach Operating LLC
University "54-9" #1
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 54, ULS, 19 nw Eldorado; TD 8,200; Comp 7-13-11; producing from 5,250-6,615, treated with 4,924 bbls. fluid, 67,700# sand; flow 44 BO, 138 MCF, 72 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 40 psi, 53.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32681

Highmount Exploration & Production Texas LLC
University "57-3" #4
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 467 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 57, ULS, 19 nw Eldorado; TD 7,682; Comp 10-8-11; producing from 3,792-7,574, treated with 17,500 gals. acid, 1,381,000 gals. gel, 1,346,120# sand; pump 33 BO, 115 MCF, 51 BW, 32.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32760

Highmount Exploration & Production Texas LLC
University "54-24" #6
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-Reentry; 600 fnl, 930 fel, Sec 24, Blk 54, ULS, 20 nw Eldorado; TD 7,590; Comp 10-1-11; producing from 4,129-7,423, treated with 18,000 gals. acid, 1,199,931 gals. gel, 1,586,000# sand; pump 31 BO, 156 MCF, 118 BW, 40.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32631

Tom Green County

TDC Engineering Inc.
Demere #1
Hercules (Canyon); 1,068 fnl, 1,310 fwl, Sec 8, Abst. 7108, GC&SF RR, 3.6 nw Carlsbad; TD 7,223; Comp 11-1-11; producing from 6,217-6,222, treated with 750 gals. 15 percent HCL, 200,000# sand; pump 20 BO, 50 MCF, 20 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32695

Upton County

Apache Corp.
CC #3702
Spraberry (Trend Area). 1,980 fsl, 1,880 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 40, T-5-S, Abst. 470, T&P RR, 22.4 n Rankin; TD 10,850; Comp 10-25-11; producing from 7,571-10,715, fracture stimulated; pump 80 BO, 45 MCF, 322 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36397

COG Operating LLC
Railway Ranch "30" #16
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fel, 467 fsl, Sec 30, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst 1475, T&P RR, 26 nw Rankin; TD 10,565; Comp 10-18-11; producing from 7,697-10,325, treated with 1,097,786 gals. gel, 745,259# sand; pump 102 BO, 225 MCF, 42 BW, 42.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37279

COG Operating LLC
Sarah #4520
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,825 fwl, 875 fnl, Sec 45, Blk 41, T-4-S, Abst. 484, T&P RR, 30.2 nw Rankin; TD 10,672; Comp 10-29-11; producing from 8,195-10,485, treated with 1,032,402 gals. gel, 581,675# sand; pump 71 BO, 78 MCF, 167 BW, 41.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37406

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Caza "158" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 158, Blk E, Abst. 1291, CCSD&RGNG, 8.3 se Crane; TD 10,649; Comp 8-2-11; producing from 9,276-10,148, treated with 19,465 bbls. fluid, 319,559# proppant; pump 7 BO, 17 MCF, 39 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37113

Jamex Inc.
Peck #1
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 660 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 22, Blk 42, T-4-S, Abst. 1266, T&P RR, 17.4 sw Crane; TD 10,700; Comp 10-11-11; producing from 7,865-10,304, treated with 2,764 bbls. water, 900,200# proppant; pump 147 BO, 225 MCF, 298 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37535

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Andrews County

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
Mabee "W" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fel, 660 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 39, T-3-N, Abst. 99, G&MMB&A, 18.6 se Andrews; TD 10,240; Comp 10-18-11; producing from 7,807-10,079, treated with 407 gals. 15 percent HCL water, 1,415,715# sand; pump 19 BO, 26 MCF, 461 BW, 40.3 Oil Gravity; API #$2-003-42761

Reliance Energy Inc.
Mabee "240A" #3601
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,969 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 80, G&MMB&A, 19 se Andrews; TD 12,048; Comp 4-11-11; producing from 8,194-11,638, treated with 35,500 gals. 15 percent NeHCL with crosslink gel, 976,477# sand; pump 91 BO, 143 MCF, 239 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42331

Reliance Energy INc.
Mabee "240A" #4201
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 88, G&MMB&A, 19 se Andrews; TD 11,582; Comp 3-16-11; producing from 7,766-11,333, treated with 34,600 gals. 15 percent HCL, 928,000 gals. crosslink gel,1 ,349,000# asnd; pump 180 BO, 82 MCF, 255 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42318

Reliance Energy Inc.
Mabee "240A" #4401
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 44, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 100, G&MMB&A, 15 se Andrews; TD 12,063; Comp 4-5-11; producing from 8,218-11,346, treated with 35,500 gals. 15 percent NeHCL, 1,112,000# sand; pump 94 BO, 154 MF, 367 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42324

RSP Permian LLC
Cross Bar Ranch #1801
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 1743, T&P RR, 23 se Andrews; TD 11,618; Comp 10-10-11; producing from 8,865-11,490, treated with 35,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 760,000 gals. crosslink gel, 994,660# sand; pump 101 BO, 74 MCF, 148 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42978

Samson Lone Star LLC
University "A-4" #1
Andrews South (Leonard); 660 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 1, ULS, 6 se Andrews; TD 10,130; Comp 10-20-11; producing from 8,512-9,966, treated with 15,750 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 14 BO, 8 MCF, 3 BW, 40.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42791

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
MacFarlane #15
Fuhrman-Mascho; 470 fsl, 2,370 fel, Sec 15, Blk A-42, Abst. 863, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,800; Comp 9-22-11; producing from 4,374-4,584, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,124 bbls. fluid, 202,965# proppant; pump 40 BO, 19 MCF, 80 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43199

Reliance Energy Inc.
Mabee "240C" #2502
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fnl, 1,980 fel, Sec 25, Blk 39, Abst. 82, G&MMB&A, 17 e Andrews; TD 11,389; Comp 2-23-11; producing from 7,940-11,144, treated with 22,000 gals. 15 percent NeHCL, 1,004,000# sand; pump 82 BO, 70 MCF, 150 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42122

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
W.H. Bush "B" #20
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 2,322 fsl, 2,405 fwl, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1551, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,880; Comp 9-23-11; producing from 4,506-4,780, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,141 bbls. fluid, 192,538# proppant; pump 38 BO, 17 MCF, 32 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43259

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University -I- #3202
Fullerton; 130 fwl, 330 fnl, Sec 32, Blk 13, ULS, 2.2 se Frankel City; TD 8,580; Comp 7-18-11; producing from 8,268-8,322, treated with 433 bbls. acid, 640 bbls. fluid; pump 43 BO, 47 MCF, 298 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42793

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Lindley "16" #5
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,020 fnl, 2,120 fwl, Sec 15, Blk A-47, Abst. 1644, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,908; Comp 8-25-11; producing from 4,520-4,812, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,210 bbls. fluid, 208,990# sand; pump 89 BO, 36 MCF, 86 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43158

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University Cons. V #2002
Fullerton; 293 fsl, 255 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 13, ULS, 14 nw Andrews; TD 7,318; Comp 7-27-11; producing from 6,716-7,141, treated with 605 bbls. acid, 4,753 bbls. fluid, 125,900# sand; pump 122 BO, 98 MCF, 231 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42906

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University -17W- #7
Fuhrman-Mascho; 440 fnl, 220 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 10, ULS, 19 sw Andrews; TD 4,786; Comp 10-23-11; producing from 4,424-4,682, treated with 4 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,108 bbls. fluid, 2,039,243# proppant, pump 79 BO, 35 MCF, 207 BW, 23 Oil Gravity; API #$2-003-43349

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Knight-Watson #14
Fuhrman-Mascho; 471 fnl, 930 fel, Sec 10, Blk A-41, Abst. 1616, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,830; Comp 8-15-11; producing from 4,417-4,652, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,079 bbls. fluid, 202,363# proppant; pump 100 BO, 59 MCF, 107 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43101

W&T Offshore Inc.
University "6-46" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,420 fwl, 1,929 fsl, Sec 46, Blk 6, ULS, 20.1 ne Andrews; TD 11,352; Comp 10-17-11; producing from 7,770-11,142, treated with 16,539 bbls. fluid, 1,123,734# sand; pump 208 BO, 146 MCF, 297 BW on one-inch choke, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42940

XTO Energy Inc.
University Block 9 #7AO
University Block 9 (Devonian)-Horizontal recompletion; 2,308 fnl, 1,973 fel, Sec 10, Blk 9, ULS, 7.8 s Andrews; TD 10,593 TVD; Comp 9-28-11; producing from 10,418-12,695 MD, treated with 155 gals. slick 15 percent HCL; pump 384 BO, 118 MCF, 28 BW, 43.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-02919

Ector County

ConocoPhillips Company
Clyde Cowden #239
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1,600 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 24, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 791, T&P RR, 14 nw Odessa; TD 6,822; Comp 9-20-11; producing from 5,475-6,570, treated with 276,728 gals. fluid, 847,744# proppant; pump 253 BO, 618 MCF, 81 BW, 38.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40927

Reliance Energy Inc.
Ratliff "A" #1703
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 17, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 11.5 n Odessa; TD 11,430; Comp 4-25-11; producing from 7,640-11,345, treated with 17,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,234,122# sand; pump 250 BO, 167 MCF, 115 BW, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40751

Walsh & Watts Inc.
Parker -D- #14
Harper; 1,650 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 22, Blk 44, T-2-S, Abst. 1105, T&P RR, 9 w Odessa; TD 4,457; Comp 9-23-11; producing from 3,990-4,351, treated with 2,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 25 BO, 4 MCF, 15 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41108

XTO Energy Inc.
Penwell Unit #2156
Penwell-Plugback from Metz (Wichita-Albany); 1,445 fnl, 2,332 fel, Sec 4, Blk B-16, Abst. 942, PSL, 3.4 ne Penwell; TD 6,256; Comp 5-23-11; producing from 4,496-4,759; pump 277 BO, 146 MCF, 3,541 BW, 36.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40542

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al #2115
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 120 fnl, 1,381 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 683, T&P RR, 15.5 nw Odessa; TD 6,695; Comp 7-11-11 producing from 5,419-6,270, treated with 9,000 gals. acid, 368,000# sand; pump 82 BO, 206 MCF, 2,969 BW, 35.05 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41094

Glasscock County

Apache Corp.
Schwartz "36" #4
Jailhouse (Fusselman); 1,950 fsl, 1,350 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 1134, T&P RR, 3.5 n Garden City; TD 10,571; Comp 5-26-11; producing from 10,448-10,456, treated with 1,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 52 BO, 28 MCF, 228 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34079

Energen Resources Corp.
Cole Ranch -35- #4406
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 44, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1100, T&P RR, 11 sw Garden City; TD 10,838; Comp 10-1-11; producing from 7,076-10,489, fracture stimulated; pump 22 BO, 130 MCF, 58 BW, 60 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33898

Energen Resources Corp.
Canadian #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 860 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 993, T&P RR, 12 sw Garden City; TD 10,075; Comp 11-7-11; producing from 6,144-9,903, fracture stimulated; pump 31 BO, 170 MCF, 155 BW, 46.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34163

Energen Resources Corp.
Cole Ranch -35- #4007
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1102, T&P RR, 11 sw Garden City; TD 10,834; Comp 10-21-11; producing from 7,635-10,719, fracture stimulated; pump 51 BO, 335 MCF, 153 BW, 60 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33860

Energen Resources Corp.
Cole Ranch -35- #4102
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 2,312 fel, Sec 41, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 356, T&P RR, 11 sw Garden City; TD 10,898; Comp 10-25-11; producing from 6,450-10,177 MD, fracture stimulated; pump 21 BO, 202 MCF, 73 BW, 60 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33895

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Hurt #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 2,173 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 1147, T&P RR, 15.3 nw Garden City; TD 10,285; Comp 8-11-11; producing from 6,682-10,103, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 335,922 gals. crosslink gel, 954,206 gals. linear gel, 1,525,120# sand; pump 13 BO, 19 MCF, 128 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34048

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Kaylina "18"#2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 1148, T&P RR, 15.6 nw Garden City; TD 10,214; Comp 6-16-11; producing from 6,474-9,858, treated with 1,401,506 gals. gel, 1,531,645# sand; pump 25 BO, 14 MCF, 453 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34016

Martin County

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
Mabee "C" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fwl, 1,980 fnl, Sec 6, Blk 39, T-2-N, Abst. 408, G&MMB&A, 25.6 nw Stanton; TD 10,270; Comp 10-21-11; producing from 7,846-10,122, treated with 335 gals. 15 percent HCL water, 1,273,039# sand; pump 17 BO, 56 MCF, 533 BW, 41.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37014

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
University "7-30" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fwl, 1,980 fnl, Sec 30, Blk 7, ULS, 12 nw Tarzan; TD 11,150; Comp 10-22-11; producing from 8,014-11,025, treated with 479 gals. 15 percent HCL, 23,342 gals. crosslink gel, 1,698,532# sand; pump 47 BO, 73 MCF, 304 BW, 40.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36867

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp.
Heredia "46B" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 2,343 fsl, Sec 46, Blk A, Abst. 325, Bauer & Cockrell, 5 w Knott; TD 10,740; Comp 10-18-11; producing from 7,616-9,748, treated with 13,000 gals. acid, 14,787 bbls. gelled water, 740,380# sand; flow 19 BO, 25 MCF, 430 BW on 27/64 inch choke, FTP 140 psi, 40.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37039

Energen Resources Corp.
Jones-Holton #19
Spraberry (Trend Area); 6,550 fnl, 3,000 fel, Sec 246, Abst. 610, Wheeler CSL, 22 nw Stanton; TD 11,419; Comp 5-20-11; producing from 8,162-11,281, fracture stimulated; pump 40 BO, 45 MCF, 100 BW, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36501

Piedra Operating LLC
Holt Ranch #10
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,600 fsl, 467 fel, Labor 25, League 249, Hartley CSL, 22 ne Midland; TD 11,137; Comp 10-1-11; producing from 9,522-10,762, treated with 10,343 gals. 7.5 percent HCL, 593,147 gals. Hybor GR-15, 7,275 sacks proppant; pump 52 BO, 75 MCF, 62 BW, 48.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37094

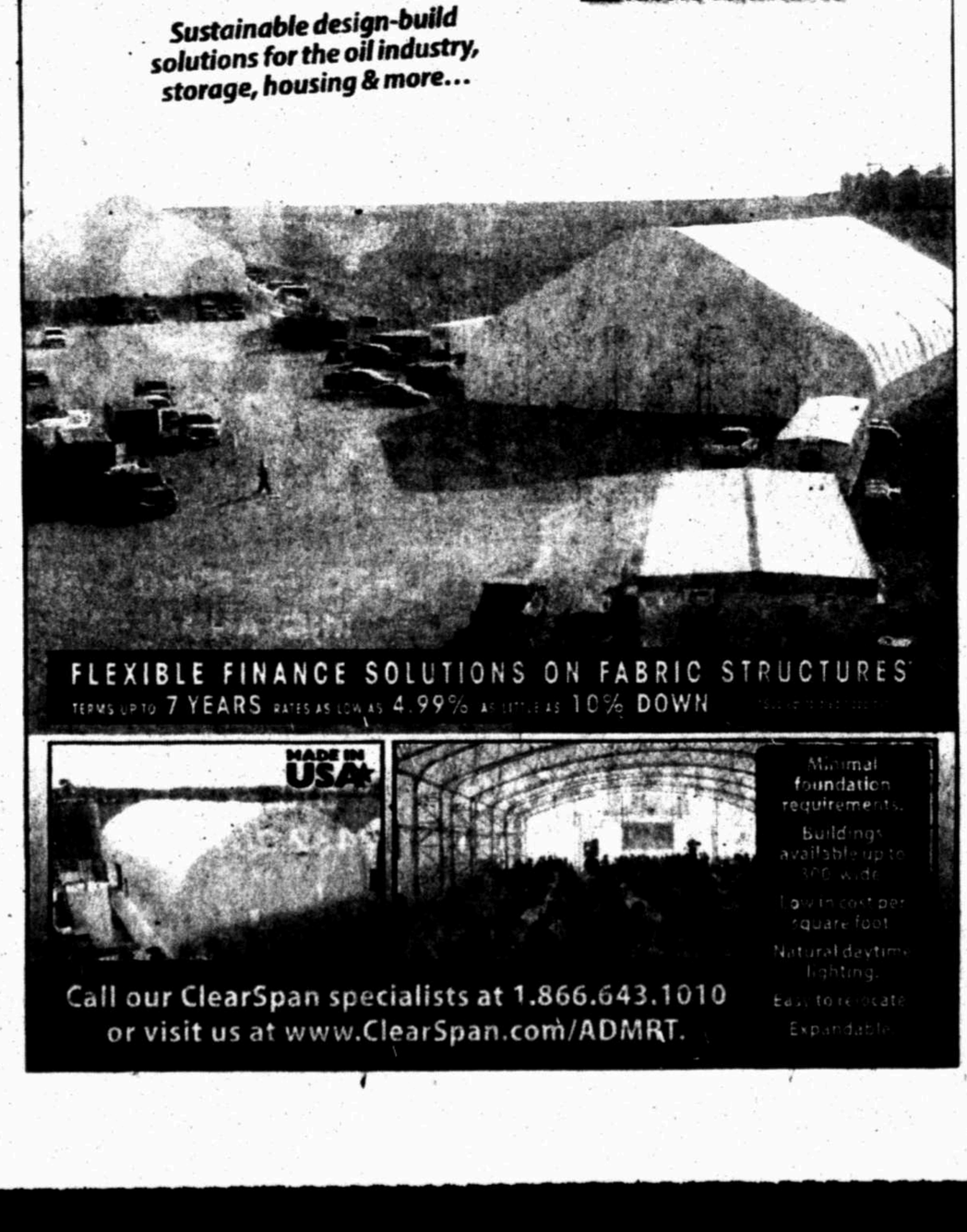
Piedra Operating LLC
Holt Ranch #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fwl, Labor 24, League 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 24 ne Midland; TD 11,919; Comp 9-2-11; producing from 9,322-11,708, treated with 21,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 358,406 gals. fluid, 6,677 sacks proppant; pump 95 BO, 200 MCF, 150 BW, 46.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36608

Piedra Operating LLC
Holt Ranch #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 922 fnl, 660 fwl, Labor 3, League 248, Abst. 600, Hartley CSL, 24 ne Midland; TD 11,892; Comp 10-11-11; producing from 11,178-11,532, treated with 11,073 gals. 15 percent HCL, 285,577 gals. Hybor G-R, 2,190 sacks proppant; pump 53 BO, 160 MCF, 47 BW, 48.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36669

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Reese "35" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 35, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 229, T&P RR, 8.1 nw Stanton; TD 10,700; Comp 9-27-11; producing from 7,418-10,464, treated with 1,059,310 gals. gel, 1,234,241# sand; pump 55 BO, 88 MCF, 360 BW, 44.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36420

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
McMorries "19" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,118 fsl, 820 fel, Sec 19, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 245, T&P RR, 15.7 nw Stanton; TD 10,820; Comp 6-25-11; producing from 7,676-10,760, treated with 19,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 386,280 gals. crosslink, 721,254 gals. linear gel, 1,398,074# sand; pump 40 BO, 117 MCF, 325 BW, 41.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36633

RSP Permian LLC
Johnson Ranch #1502
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 36, T-1-N, Abst. 137, T&P RR, 20.2 w Stanton; TD 11,440; Comp 10-23-11; producing from 8,490-11,267, treated with 23,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 14,895 bbls. crosslink, 981,299# sand; flow 67 BO, 65 MCF, 250 BW on 14/64 inch choke, FTP 400 psi, 40.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36978



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Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Jameson Reef Unit #2310
Jameson-D; Snyder, D H/Rosenberg, J W & W J; A-644, Blk N/A, Sec 5; 5575 FEL 3275 FSEL of lse; 333 FEL 2045 FNL of survey; 15.4 miles NW of Robert Lee; obj: 7000; permit #731002; API #081-32012

Crockett County

Approach Oper. LLC
University '42-A' #2102H
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 42, Sec 21; 990 FWL 350 FSL of lse; 990 FWL 350 FSL of survey; 14 miles N of Ozona; obj: 7000; permit #729614; API #105-41364

Approach Oper. LLC
University '45 F' #2304H
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 45, Sec 23; 2640 FNL 350 FWL of lse; 2640 FNL 350 FWL of survey; 15 miles NW of Ozona; obj: 7000; permit #731071; API #105-41385

Irion County

FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Rock Hollow #191A
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-631, Blk 1, Sec 191; 812 FNEL 1901 FWL of lse; 308 FNL 753 FEL of survey; 26.35 miles SW of Mertzon; obj: 9500; permit #731063; API #235-34942

Three Rivers Oper. Co. LLC
Sugg 3060 NW #1A
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; H & TC RR Co./Brock, J W; A-899, Blk 28, Sec 3060; 721 FWL 1135 FSL of lse; 721 FWL 1505 FNL of survey; 12 miles W of Mertzon; obj: 6500; permit #728633; API #235-34916

Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
ESPY 'A' #14
Danny Mae (Lower Cisco "A")-D; Herring, J; A-376, Blk N/A, Sec 1468; 7004 FWL 1672 FNL of lse; 199 FWL 2518 FNL of survey; 10 miles NW of Menard; obj: 3000; permit #731108; API #327-31152

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
ESPY 'A' #15
Danny Mae (Lower Cisco "A")-D; Herberg, J; A-377, Blk N/A, Sec 1469; 5975 FWL 945 FSL of lse; 531 FWL 2856 FNL of survey; 10 miles NW of Menard; obj: 2500; permit #731192; API #327-31153

Reagan County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Ricker #4
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; L & SV RR Co.; A-282, Blk A, Sec 45; 467 FEL 467 FNL of lse; 467 FEL 467 FNL of survey; 12.3 miles SE of St. Lawrence; obj: 12000; permit #716687; API #383-37326

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
University 2-23 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; UL; A-U59, Blk 2, Sec 23; 520 FEL 660 FNL of lse; 660 FNL 2173 FWL of survey; 14.7 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 10700; permit #731126; API #383-37626

Tom Green County

Banner Oper., LLC
Livingston #3009
Funk (San Andres)-D; H & TC RR Co./Locklin, W L; A-7189, Blk 5, Sec 30; 356 FNL 1681 FWL of lse; 356 FNL 1681 FWL of survey; 21 miles NW of San Angelo; obj: 2000; permit #731142; API #451-32734

Upton County

Apache Corp.
McElroy Ranch Co. 111 #1SE
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Wilshire (Consolidated)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-66, Blk D, Sec 111; 467 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 467 FEL of survey; 18.3 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11000; permit #729603; API #461-37786

COG Oper. LLC
Jennifer #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./McElroy, J T; A-1466, Blk E, Sec 134; 1980 FWL 660 FNL of lse; 1980 FWL 660 FNL of survey; 22.3 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11500; permit #719922; API #461-37536

JM Cox Res., L.P.
Powell Ranch '24' #5
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; T & P RR Co./Rankin, J P; A-871, Blk 41, T5S, Sec 24; 467 FWL 467 FNL of survey; 24 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #730764; API #461-37827

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Andrews County

Pacesetter Energy, LLC
UB 13-14 #1H
Shafter Lake, N. (San Andres)-D; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 13, Sec 14; 250 FSL 2180 FWL of lse; 250 FSL 2180 FWL of survey; 13.1 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 9800; permit #730968; API #003-43845

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Coopwood Eva A #9
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Putnam, C; A-1697, Blk A47, Sec 4; 486 FSL 630 FWL of lse; 842 FNL 2013 FEL of survey; 15 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #731028; API #003-43846

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Sun #27
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Brown, W N; A-2224, Blk A42, Sec 9; 175 FEL 942 FWL of lse; 1695 FSL 2473 FWL of survey; 10 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #731059; API #003-43847

OXY USA Inc.
UniversityChloe #5
Saint Wilma (Strawn) & Magutex (Atoka)-D; UL; A-U60, Blk 3, Sec 13; 470 FSL 470 FEL of lse; 470 FSL 470 FEL of survey; 30.3 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 12200; permit #729955; API #003-43759

Crane County

Burlington Res. O & G Co-Midland
Waddell, W.N., Et Al #1083
Sand Hills (Wolfcamp)&(Tubb)-Recompletion; PSL/Waddell, W N & Co.; A-1245, Blk B21, Sec 13; 4013 FNL 14820 FWL of lse; 1267 FSL 1020 FEL of survey; 20 miles NW of Crane; obj: 6200; permit #730780; API #103-30754

Burlington Res. O & G Co-Midland
Waddell, W.N., Et Al #1174
Sand Hills (Tubb)-Recompletion; PSL/Waddell, W N & Co.; A-1243, Blk B21, Sec 11; 2004 FNL 23299 FEL of lse; 2004 FNL 2179 FEL of survey; 20 miles NW of Crane; obj: 5620; permit #730841; API #103-32408

Culberson County

Finley Res., Inc.
Harrier 10 #1
Ford, West (4100)-D; T & P RR Co./Allen, J T; A-17, Blk 58, T2S, Sec 10; 330 FEL 695 FNL of lse; 330 FEL 695 FNL of survey; 10 miles W of Orla; obj: 6000; permit #729576; API #1C9-32445

Finley Res., Inc.
Catclaw State Waterflood Unit #17A
Ford, West (4100)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-N/A, Blk 58, T2S, Sec 8; 330 FEL 990 FNL of lse; 330 FEL 990 FNL of survey; 10 miles W of Orla; obj: 6000; permit #729577; API #109-32462

Ector County

XTO Energy Inc.
Goldsmith, C.A. Et Al #2208
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./Beaty, W A; A-687, Blk 44, T1S, Sec 16; 14574 FNL 7154 FEL of lse; 1368 FSL 1874 FEL of survey; 4.3 miles SW of Goldsmith; obj: 6750; permit #730933; API #135-41489

XTO Energy Inc.
Goldsmith, C.A. Et Al #2216
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./Beaty, W A; A-687, Blk 44, T1S, Sec 16; 13209 FNL 7202 FEL of lse; 2580 FNL 1923 FEL of survey; 4.1 miles SW of Goldsmith; obj: 6760; permit #731001; API #135-41485

RSP Permian, LLC
Parks Bell #3303
Spraberry (Trend Area)&(Trend Area Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-63, Blk 41, T1S, Sec 33; 467 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 8.33 miles NE of Odessa; obj: 12000; permit #730956; API #135-41494

Glasscock County

Energen Res. Corp.
Craig #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Three Ninos (Fusselman)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-183, Blk 33, T5S, Sec 29; 2196 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 467 FWL 2196 FSL of survey; 9 miles S of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #724186; API #173-34503

Berry Oil Co.
Zant #206
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Berryhill (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Boatner, M; A-919, Blk 36, T3S, Sec 2; 467 FWL 3110 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 467 FSL of survey; 5.1 miles E of Spraberry; obj: 12000; permit #731026; API #173-34713

Hannathon Pet., LLC
Ray 27 #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-182, Blk 33, T5S, Sec 27; 660 FSWL 467 FSEL of lse; 1960 FSWL 467 FSEL of survey; 13 miles SE of Garden City; obj: 10000; permit #731093; API #173-34712

Berry Oil Co.
Zant C #3503
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Berryhill (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-389, Blk 36, T2S, Sec 35; 551 FSL 2173 FEL of lse; 2100 FNL 2173 FEL of survey; 6.2 miles NE of Spraberry; obj: 12000; permit #731204; API #173-34719

Howard County

Crownquest Oper., LLC
F Phillips 18 #1R
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Paul Page (Atoka)-D; T & P RR Co./Simmons, G J; A-1683, Blk 33, T2N, Sec 18; 521 FWL 517 FNL of lse; 2173 FEL 2116 FSL of survey; 0.1 miles NE of Knott; obj: 11900; permit #731559; API #227-36866

Loving County

Chaparral Energy, LLC
TXL 3 #1H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-141, Blk 56, T1, Sec 3; 250 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 250 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 5.7 miles NE of Orla; obj: 8230; permit #731023; API #301-31688

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Galapagos 53-2-39 #1H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-39, Blk 53, T2, Sec 39; 306 FNL 790 FWL of lse; 306 FNL 790 FWL of survey; 7 miles NE of Carthage; obj: 16000; permit #731221; API #301-31690

Martin County

OXY USA Inc.
Mabee 139 #307
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe (Atoka)-D; G & MMB & A; A-417, Blk 39, T1N, Sec 3; 3785 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 1558 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 14.5 miles N of Midland; obj: 12500; permit #730998; API #317-37443

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Scharbauer Ranch 'A' #21
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lower (Atoka)-D; La Salle CSL/Labor 4; A-423, Blk N/A, Sec 324; 1100 FNL 3445 FWL of lse; 1100 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 21.8 miles NW of Stanton; obj: 12500; permit #729712; API #317-37406

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Thomas '4' #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss.)-D; T & P RR Co./Eidson, A O; A-876, Blk 35, T2N, Sec 4; 660 FEL 660 FNL of lse; 660 FEL 1980 FSL of survey; 5 miles NE of Lenorah; obj: 12000; permit #731077; API #317-37446

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Bailey, Wynell '35' #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Breedlove (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-82, Blk 35, T2N, Sec 35; 467 FEL 660 FNL of lse; 467 FEL 1988 FSL of survey; 6.2 miles E of Lenorah; obj: 12000; permit #731229; API #317-37450

Midland County

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Noa TXL Fee #3705M
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hallanan (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-341, Blk 41, T1S, Sec 37; 1541.4 FNL 494.8 FWL of lse; 1541.4 FNL 825.1 FEL of survey; 10 miles W of Midland; obj: 11050; permit #713898; API #329-37194

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Donald L Hutt 'C' #73
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Bradford Ranch (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Stuart, W; A-989, Blk 38, T3S, Sec 36; 2080 FSL 1850 FWL of lse; 2080 FSL 1850 FWL of survey; 16.9 miles SE of Midland; obj: 11600; permit #729645; API #329-37798

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Bradford 'C' #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Azalea (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Johnston, C C; A-1173, Blk 39, T3S, Sec 46; 467 FL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 16.4 miles SE of Midland; obj: 11450; permit #730913; API #329-37849

Mitchell County

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
McCabe, V T #52
Jameson, N. (Strawn 6050)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co.; A-887, Blk 1A, Sec 5; 467 FNL 1971.6 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 4 miles N of Silver; obj: 7400; permit #729980; API #335-32604

Pecos County

Mexco Energy Corp.
Mary Ruth Price 'B' #2
El Cinco (Wichita Albany)-D; H & GN RR Co./Brooks, M E; A-5610, Blk 12, Sec 10; 467 FWL 540 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 3240 FSL of survey; 8.7 miles SW of Girvin; obj: 5500; permit #730599; API #371-38881

Reeves County

Patriot Res., Inc.
Bongo 13 #1
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; PSL/Eddins, L; A-4542, Blk C1, Sec 13; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 19.7 miles SE of Pecos; obj: 12000; permit #731019; API #389-33143

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
Earnhardt 3 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-D; H & GN RR Co.; A-382, Blk 4, Sec 3; 467 FNWL 150 FSWL of lse; 467 FNWL 5247 FNEL of survey; 9 miles NW of Pecos; obj: 11500; permit #731068; API #389-33144

Sterling County

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
Foster McDonald #602
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Credo, N. (Wolfcamp)-D; W & NW RR Co./Read, N; A-1187, Blk 30, Sec 6; 467 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 17.6 miles NW of Sterling City; obj: 8200; permit #730949; API #431-33344

Chesapeake Oper., Inc.
Spade Ranch #S45OH
Spade (Miss.)-D; SP RR Co./Willis, D B; A-783, Blk 18, Sec 50; 9751 WL 5931 FSL of lse; 1094 FEL 1930 FNL of survey; 22.7 miles SW of Colorado City; obj: 10000; permit #730427; API #431-33343

Ward County

Jetta Oper. Co., Inc.
Barstow 27 #4
Scott (Cherry Canyon)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-255, Blk 34, Sec 155; 187 FSL 374 FWL of lse; 187 FSL 374 FWL of survey; 9.2 miles E of Pecos; obj: 6800; permit #730957; API #475-35973

Energen Res. Corp.
University 43-18 #1
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; ULS; A-N/A, Blk 18, Sec 43; 567 FNWL 467 FSWL of lse; 567 FNWL 467 FSWL of survey; 5.4 miles W of Pyote; obj: 11500; permit #731348; API #475-35978

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Borden County

Primexx Oper. Corp.
Nan Martin 'A' #2736
Clayton Ranch, N. (Spraberry)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-140, Blk 31, T6N, Sec 27; 3223 FSL 3683 FWL of lse; 584 FSL 2366 FWL of survey; 8.8 miles NW of Gail; obj: 5900; permit #730806; API #033-32192

Crosby County

Juno Oper. Co. II, LLC
Caddell-1072, Etal #7212
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR. Co./Spikes, J J; A-1149, Blk N/A, Sec 1072; 660 FNL 1320 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 1320 FWL of survey; 11.3 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #730843; API #107-31489

Juno Oper. Co. II, LLC
Caddell-1072, Etal #7261
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR. Co./Spikes, J J; A-1149, Blk N/A, Sec 1072; 1320 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 1320 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 10.8 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #730834; API #107-31483

Juno Oper. Co. II, LLC
Caddell-1072, Etal #7252
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR. Co./Spikes, J J; A-1149, Blk N/A, Sec 1072; 1980 FSL 1320 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 1320 FWL of survey; 11 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #730840; API #107-31487

Gaines County

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Merworth #5
Tex-Mex, SE. (Wichita-Albany)-D; PSL/Guthrie, T E; A-491, Blk A12, Sec 9; 1049 FWL 1059 FSL of lse; 1049 FWL 1059 FSL of survey; 24 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 7800; permit #731062; API #165-37528

XTO Energy Inc.
H & J Sec 451 #30
Russell, North (Devonian)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-35, Blk G, Sec 451; 475 FEL 400 FSL of lse; 400 FSL 475 FEL of survey; 9.3 miles SW of Denver City; obj: 11300; permit #731133; API #165-37531

Garza County

Saga Pet. LLC of Colorado
Southeast Garza Unit #825
Garza-D; Aycock, K; A-509, Blk 5, Sec 3; 430 FNL 835 FEL of lse; 430 FNL 835 FEL of survey; 3.3 miles SE of Post; obj: 3500; permit #731317; API #169-34071

Saga Pet. LLC of CO
Southeast Garza Unit #826
Garza-D; Aycock, K; A-506, Blk 5, Sec 4; 890 FEL 1425 FNL of lse; 890 FEL 1425 FNL of survey; 3.3 miles SE of Post; obj: 3500; permit #731319; API #169-34072

Scurry County

Unitex Oil & Gas, LLC
Ms. Ruth #1
Revilo (Clear Fork)-D; H & TC RR Co./Eastman, G H; A-1971, Blk 97, Sec 301; 330 FSL 990 FEL of lse; 2299 FNL 990 FEL of survey; 10 miles W of Snyder; obj: 3800; permit #730883; API #415-34764

Yoakum County

OXY USA WTP LP
Willard Unit #35C
Wasson-D; Gibson, J H; A-16, Blk D, Sec 801; 4071 FSL 7256 FEL of lse; 1211 FNL 1972 FEL of survey; 3.5 miles N of Denver City; obj: 5900; permit #724770; API #501-35864

Apache Corp.
Roberts Unit #1726R
Wasson-D; Gibson, J H; A-102, Blk D, Sec 767; 5288.8 FNL 2640 FEL of lse; 40 FNL 2640 FEL of survey; 5.8 miles NW of Denver City; obj: 5500; permit #731226; API #501-35906

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
D State #70
Artesia; T17S, R28E, Sec 35; 190 FNL 2380 FEL; 10 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 4600 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-39742

Apache Corp.
D State #69
Artesia; T17S, R28E, Sec 25; 220 FSL 990 FWL; 9 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 4600 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-39743

COG Oper. LLC
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GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 1210 FNL 183 FEL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4806 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39754

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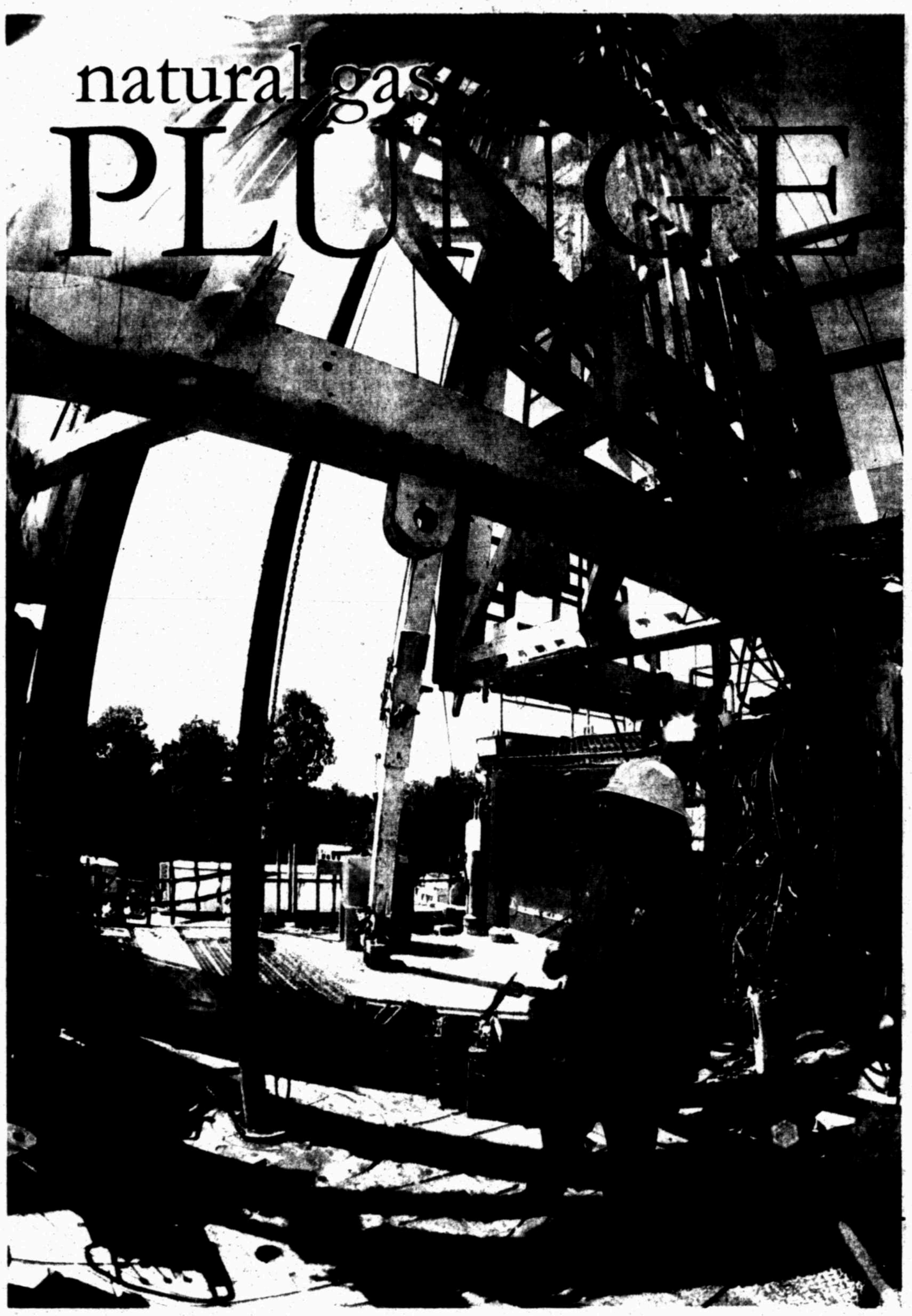


Range Resources site manager Don Robinson stands near the well head by the drill that goes into the shale at a well site for natural gas July 27, 2011 in Washington, Pa. The price of natural gas is plummeting at a pace that has caught even the experts off guard. A 35 percent collapse in the futures price of natural gas over the past year has been a boon to homeowners that use it for heat and appliances, and to manufacturers who power their factories with the fuel and make chemicals and materials from it.

Keith Srakocic/AP

Low prices deflate natural gas rush

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

A precipitous plunge in natural gas prices has turned the national shale gas rush into a retreat.

Oil and gas companies released a stream of announcements last week of plans to close off natural gas wells, pull out gas rigs and curtail spending in gas fields from Texas to Pennsylvania.

Oklahoma City-based Chesapeake Energy, the nation's second-largest natural gas producer after Exxon Mobil Corp., launched the barrage with an announcement on Monday that it would slash natural gas drilling in half over the next few months.

ConocoPhillips followed, reporting that it would close off natural gas wells and dial down spending in gas fields.

Then on Thursday, Noble Energy and Consol Energy released plans to cut 41 wells from their joint venture's original 140-well shale gas drilling program in the Northeast.

"This situation has been a long time coming," said Robert Ineson, head of the North American gas research group for IHS CERA.

The price of natural gas has plummeted from more than $13.50 in 2008 to under $3 per million British thermal units. Developments in drilling techniques, including hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, led to a resurgence in North American drilling, particularly in dense shale rock formations. That released a glut of natural gas onto the U.S. market, causing prices to drop.

Hopes that a frigid winter would help, as homeowners used natural gas for heat, didn't materialize. Instead, fall and winter temperatures have been warmer than usual for many Northern states, and natural gas prices have continued to fall.

"As it got below $4, you heard some grumbling," Ineson said. "But when it got below $3, you saw things change pretty quickly."

Shale rock cutbacks

Shale rock fields holding dry natural gas, or methane, are experiencing an exodus. Companies are chopping operations in the Barnett Shale in north Texas, the Marcellus Shale in the Northeast and the Haynesville Shale on the Louisiana-Texas border.

There are 780 natural gas drilling rigs operating in North America, down from 906 a year ago.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration noted that 2011 brought the largest increase in marketed natural gas volumes in history. Daily production grew by more than 7 percent over 2010. But year-over-year, growth will drop to 2 percent this year and to 1 percent in 2013, the federal agency projects.

"In the face of continued low spot and future prices, as well as record high storage levels for this time of year, drillers appear to have begun cutting back on new production plans for 2012," the agency wrote.

Huge amount stored

But so much dry natural gas is in storage that it will be awhile before slower growth in production has much effect on the market, Ineson said.

Prices rose last week in response to the tightened production - closing Friday at $2.68, compared with $2.34 a week earlier.

But the United States is saddled with 3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, 21 percent more than it typically has in stock at this time of year, according to federal data.

"It's a huge, huge number," Ineson said. "And it's going to take awhile to absorb all that, even if companies dial back on production."

Energy producers won't completely curb natural gas production. Turning off a well's spigot can damage the rock below. And some land use contracts go void if companies don't drill or produce.

Plus, some natural gas wells produce high-value liquid fuels like butane, propane and ethane, making it worthwhile to keep them running.

ConocoPhillips executives said that's what's keeping them from pulling more rigs out of fields.

Of the 2.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas that ConocoPhillips produced in North America each day in the final months of 2011, two-thirds produced enough natural gas liquids to make them economic, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Sheets said.

"Off the top, there's a portion of our portfolio where it's just not going to make sense to shut in wells," Sheets said. But, he added, "We will have some shut-ins of natural gas going forward, on the order of 100 million cubic feet a day."

Chesapeake, one of the first companies to make a bet big on U.S. shale gas, plans to cut up to 16 percent of its daily natural gas production and curb drilling in areas including the Barnett Shale.

About 90 percent of the company's capital spending budget targeted dry natural gas in 2009. This year, it is just 15 percent.

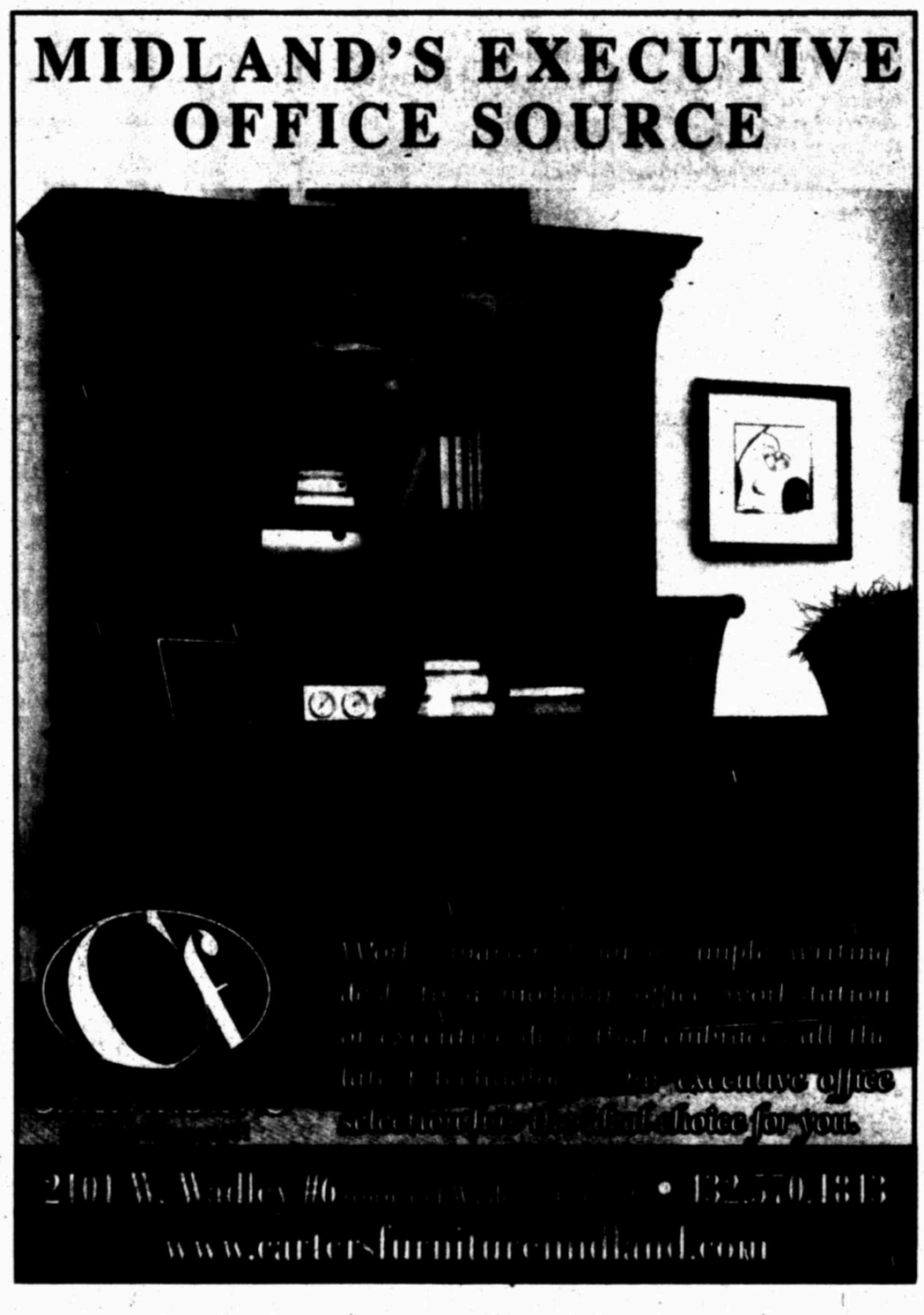
The rest will funnel into fields containing high amounts of oil and natural gas liquids.

More to come

Other energy companies are likely to follow suit, said Alan Lammey, an energy analyst for WeatherBell Analytics.

"By spring, we will see prices really run down, and more producers will put the brakes on supply."

Because natural gas prices are closely tied to heating demand, the price tag slumps as temperatures moderate in March.



The Arts

West Texas Wind members: Ashleigh Leas, flute; Caryn Crutchfield, oboe; Chris Chance, clarinet; Luis F. de la Garza, III, bassoon; and Matthew Haislip, horn.

West Texas Winds to perform spring concert at Wagner Noël

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

The West Texas Winds performs its spring concert at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Greathouse Recital Hall at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

"They were actually the very first ensemble to perform in that hall," said Diane Hilbert, executive director of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. "This will be their second performance there."

Originally formed by the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale in the 1980s, the ensemble was disbanded in 1995 for financial reasons and activated again in 2000. In 2002 the Winds gained national recognition when the ensemble advanced to the semi-finals of the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition.

"They are sounding fabulous," Hilbert said. "They have been together for a couple of years, and they are sounding even better in the new recital hall at the Wagner Noel."

The program includes a wind quintet by Anton Reicha, Hungarian Sketches by Bela Bartok and Kleine Kammermusik by Paul Hindemith. Tickets are $12 with senior and student discounts available. Music students are free. To purchase tickets call the symphony office, 563-0921.

Members are Ashleight Leas, flute; Caryn Crutchfield, oboe; Chris Chance, clarinet; Louis F. de la Garza III, bassoon; and Matthew Haislip, horn.

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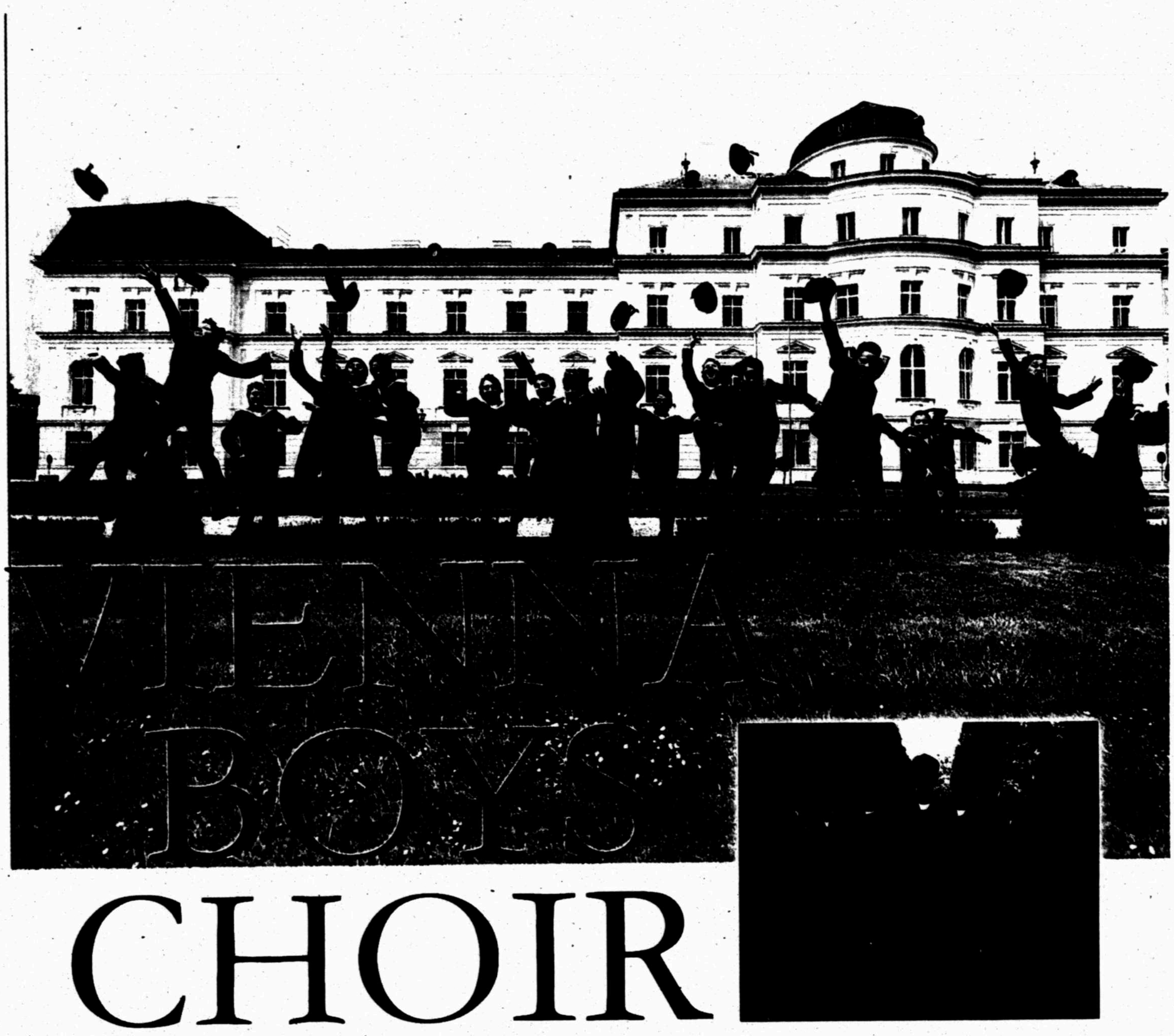

CHOIR

Choir rich in history to perform at Frist Presbyterian

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment editor

Boys' voices will fill First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., Saturday when the 25-member touring company of the Vienna Boys Choir comes to town.

"The VBC came to the Permian Basin about seven years ago and played for a full house," said Diane Hilbert, executive director of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. "We had the opportunity to bring them back as they were on tour in the U.S., and it should draw quite a crowd."

Boys have been singing at the court of the Holy Roman Emperor since the early 15th century. Historians have settled on 1498 as the foundation date of the Vienna Hofmusikkapelle and in consequence the Vienna Boys Choir. Until 1918, the choir sang exclusively for the imperial court, at mass, at private concerts and functions and on state occasions.

"Haydn, who actually belonged to the Cathedral Choir of St. Stephan, sang together with the court choir boys in the chapel of the Hofburg and in the newly built palace of Schnbrunn," said singers.com. "Franz Schubert's first compositions were written when he was with the court choir boys, always in conflict with his teachers, since he was more interested in music than in getting good marks for his school work.

"Mozart's erstwhile rival, Salieri, noted Schubert's talent in his entry examination, and took him under his wing. The vocal training he received formed the foundation of Schubert's sensitive Lieder.

"Georg Boyer, Benedikt Randhartinger, Hans Richter, who created the reputation of the philharmonic concerts in Vienna, the operetta composer Karl Zeller ("Der Vogelh"ndler") or the famous Wagner conductor Josef Sucher, Felix Mottl, Clemens Krauss and Lovro von Matacic are former members of the Vienna Boys' Choir, and helped to write the musical history of the 19th and

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Photo by Graham Dixon

In the limelight
Dances from the Islands

By Graham Dixon

Our annual journey to the Pacific islands of Hawaii and Tahiti was as tantalizing and enjoyable as ever last Saturday at the Yucca Theatre. The fourth "Dances from the Islands" was the customary mixture of sensual dancing, interesting snippets of story-telling, often sweetly bizarre production malfunctions and a general riot of color and music.

As in previous years, Kelii Choy was the MC. Choy has an intriguing demeanor, a fine tenor voice and some nifty skills on the ukulele. This year he did not overtly mourn the virtual destruction of Polynesian culture by the West, but still possessed a vaguely pained expression much of the time — as if privy to knowledge that the rest of us are sadly lacking. As such he is a perfect counterpoint to the general celebratory tone of an evening like this.

The Hawaiian hulas range from spooky, disturbing dances like "The Night Travelers" to the near slow-motion gorgeousness of "Child of the Night." In the tropics twilight is much shorter than in higher latitudes, and perhaps this sudden change from light to dark is partly responsible for the stark contrasts

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MIDLAND MARQUEE

THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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Arts Council of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 432-687-1149. Arts Council of Midland is now accepting applications from visual artists for our 29th Annual Celebration of the Arts, to be held May 18-20, 2012. Celebration of the Arts is a three-day arts festival featuring the best in visual and performing artists from throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and beyond. Interested artists may submit an application with three images on CD for this juried show. Postmark deadline for entries is February 15, 2012. For a prospectus, please contact: Arts Council of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702, call 432-687-1149, or email lorri@acmidland.org for more information.

SUNDAY

Basin PBS: LAWRENCE WELK: A tribute to Nat King Cole includes "L-O-V-E," "Paper Moon," "Ramblin' Rose" and "Too Young" and "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer." 4pm Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: MASTERPIECE CLASSIC: Downton Abbey, Season II (Episode 4) continues with Matthew and William engaging in a fierce battle at the front; Vera striking a cruel blow against Bates and Anna; and Daisy facing the severest test of her life. 8 pm PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: MASTERPIECE CLASSICS: Downton Abbey, Season II (Episode 5) continues with the household preparing for the war's end. While the family looks forward to having a private home again, cousin Isobel has other ideas for Downton. In other events, a wounded officer makes a startling claim. 9pm. PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: AUSTIN CITY LIMITS: Wilco performs selections from the 2011 album "The Whole Love." 10pm PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: BACKSTAGE PASS: Thom Jayne and the Nomad's. 11pm PBS TV. Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: The Mike and Linda Tilton Collection of contemporary art, through April 8. EXHIBIT: Downstream: Paintings by Joyce Howell, through March 11. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two presidents, two governors, and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio 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.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery: EXHIBIT: "He Got Marks" featuring the works of Gordon and Dagan Sherman, through March 30. Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mccormick. No admission charged.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-5447. Open by appointment.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Audubon's Animals of North America, through February 26 in the Turner-Thomas Galleries. EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series 2012: "Tribal Stories": Linda Vallejo Opening, through March 18 in the Here and Now Gallery. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations Welcome.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 432-684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: EXHIBIT: Formed and Fused by Tommy Gregory and Leslie Slaughter, through March 4. 4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday- Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "After School Fine Arts Program" A free Fine Arts program for 1st – 7th graders. Students will learn basic rhythm, musical chords, instruments, and construct musical equipment, instructor, Mary Lou McDonald. 1101 East Garden Lane. For enrollment, contact Youth Education Coordinator Chris Stonedale at 682-9701.

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana. 682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of J. Mark Cox, artist for the month of February, Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas Ave. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research; 301 West Missouri Ave. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of a local artist for the month of February, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall St. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Permanent exhibits include "My Town", "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound". Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged.

Midland Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon, 907 West Wadley. For more information call 352-8297.

WEDNESDAY

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Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

Aphasia Center of West Texas: BENEFIT: Chocolate Decadence 2012, 7 p.m., Midland Center, call 432-699-1261 or go to aphasiawtx.org for more information. Admission charged.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT: Bring out the Mad Scientist in YOU! Make a screaming balloon, try on ghost skin, make exploding toothpaste and shoot off a rocket with a chemical reaction! Refreshments provided. 6:30-8 p.m. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Free admission.

FRIDAY

Basin PBS: AMERICAN SONGBOOK: Lost and Found: Michael Feinstein sets out to authenticate a previously unknown song by one of the giants of American popular music. He also convinces Broadway composer Jerry Herman to share one of his previously unknown tunes. Tony Award-winner Christine Ebersole also appears. 8 pm Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: AMERICAN SONGBOOK: Michael Feinstein presents: Best Band in the Land. The roles that popular music played during WWII, providing emotional solace and boosting morale, are remembered. Michael Feinstein also discusses the era's big bands, USO shows, V-Discs and war bond rallies; and prepares an original patriotic song. 9pm Basin PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "Guys and Dolls". 8 p.m. Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 570-4111. Admission charged.

SATURDAY

Basin PBS: LAWERENCE WELK: The Italian Show: Songs include "Santa Lucia," "Tarantella," "O Sole Mio" and "Carnival of Venice." . 6pm For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: AUSTIN CITY LIMITS: Season 36 kicks off with reggae musician Jimmy Cliff, who performs a mix of his greatest hits and songs from his "Existence" album. 10 pm For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: WOODSONGS: Guitar Shorty and Tracy Nelson. 11 pm Basin PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

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21 __ Fagan, Billie Holiday's birth name
22 Left on board
23 San __ holiday VIP, in Italy
24 Pudding stanches
25 Stuns at the altar
26 "Supercorporation's revenues
28 Ladd and Freed
30 Shot
31 Hi-__ monitor
32 "Lithium or sodium, e.g.
38 Singer Minogue
40 Clever comeback
42 Villain's demise, usually
43 Water filter brand
45 "House arrestee's device
48 Pupil's place
49 Final words
51 1997 U.S. Open champ
52 Latin clarifier
54 Music symbols
55 "One blowing off steam
59 Half of a rhyming incantation
63 Stadium souvenirs
64 Taipan's frypan
65 "Star Wars" royalty
66 "The Story of Civilization" coauthor Ariel or Will
67 Verdi's "__ tu"
68 Boomer's kid, probably
69 Different ones are hidden in 12 starred answers
71 Cacophony
72 Prefix with perfect
73 Military school freshmen
75 Hammer end
76 Chicken
77 Near-eternity
78 Chickan supplier to much of the fast-food industry
79 "Having one Corkonian parent, maybe
82 Record holder?
83 Eddie of men's clothing
85 Battleship letters
86 Butterflies
87 Rulner of a perfect report card
90 "Liable to spontaneously combust
95 Springfield's Flanders
96 Draft again
98 Some navels
99 Narrow groove
101 "Gypsy" star
103 NBA position
104 "South Park": rating
107 Every seven days
108 "Freud essay based on a mythical monster
112 Frenzy
114 Alcohol- vis-a-vis driving ability
118 Unpolished
119 Clubs for pros
120 Little biters
121 Protect in glass, say
122 Hogwash
123 It may be regular
124 Vegas job

DOWN
1 Beatles hair style
2 Not straight up
3 "Cereal pitched by a trio
4 Like some knees
5 Bruins' sch.
6 Signet-bearing jewelry
7 Zorba's snore?
8 Skyward, in Hebrew
9 Toon Le Pew
10 Buddy
11 Ambient music pioneer
12 Opp. of express
13 "Deathtrap" dramatist Levin
14 Twangy
15 __ bottoms
16 "Popular music magazine VIP
17 Piece keeper
18 "All __ is but imitation of nature" Seneca
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27 Go after
29 Free, in France
33 K-O connection
34 Japanese carp
35 Fifth-century scourge
36 Songwriter DiFranco
37 Mormons, initially
39 Landlocked Asian country
40 Composer Bartok
41 Siberian city
43 Mental impression
44 Catching the worm?
46 Onion relative
47 Lyrical tribute
50 Sgt.'s superiors
53 Duck
55 Craggy crest
56 1965 Kate Nelligan title role
57 Athletic supporter?
58 It's in an old way
60 "Place to go to launch in Florida
61 Set free
62 In awe
64 Guitar great Montgomery
66 Twice omg
68 TV princess
69 Business card no.
70 Foul caller
71 "Stupid me!"
74 "Dallas" character who died in Pam's season-long dream
75 Bingo setting
76 Soft attention-getter
77 Can
79 Bit of a giggle
80 Mysterious character
81 Fertility goddess
82 M.I.T. grad., often
84 "I'm here to help"
86 Like calls whose source isn't determined
87 Rush find
88 Pay in your pocket
89 Still product
91 Giant sound
92 Call-day link
93 Cheap saloon
94 Adherents' suffix
97 "The magic word"
100 Cornell University city
102 Squeezing (out)
103 Hex
105 Tricky billiards shot
106 Run like __
109 "... kissed thee ere killed thee" Othello
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113 Jackie's "O"
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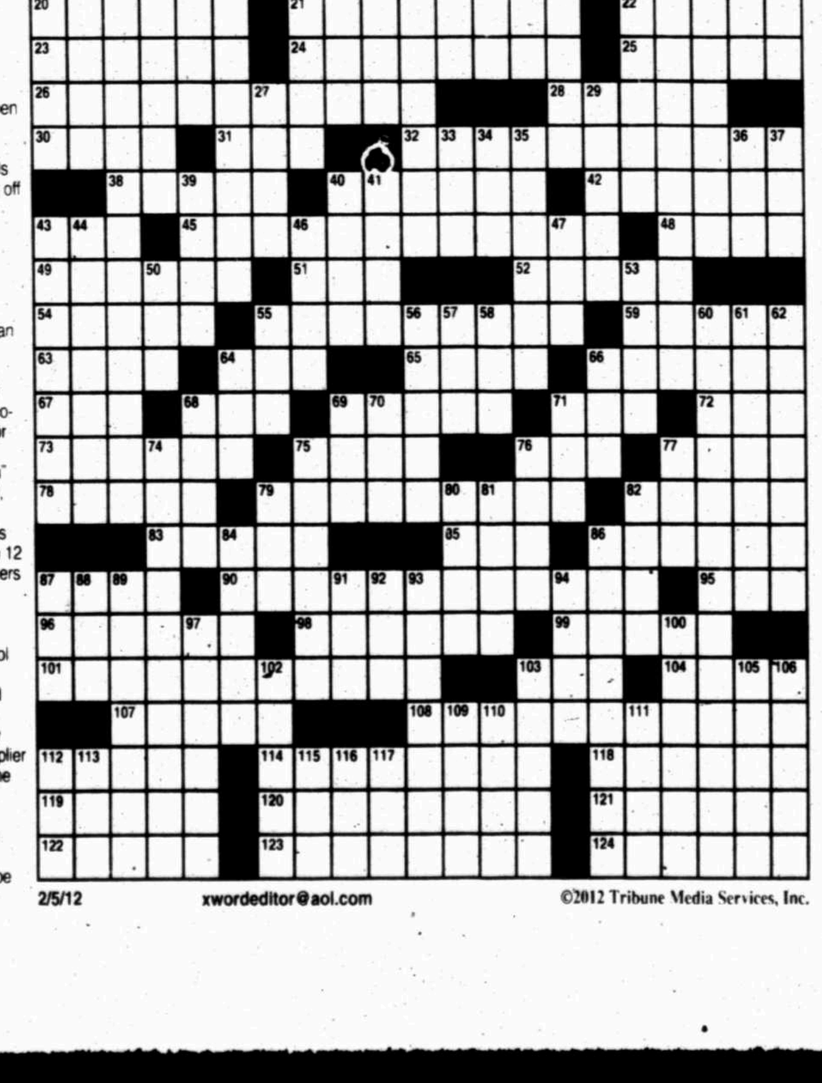
116 "Nova" network
117 Blood system letters



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The Way to Win

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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EAST
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SOUTH
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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	2♡
2♠	Pass	4	Pass
4	Pass	4NT	Pass
5	Pass	5	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Ten of ♡

Two teams of U.S. internationalists competed at the recent ACBL Fall North American Championships. This deal proved to be decisive.

After a strong no-trump opening bid, North-South brushed aside East's overcall and reached six spades. Careful play by Mark Feldman for the Larsen team brought home the bacon.

Declarer won the opening heart lead in hand with the ace, cashed the queen and jack of trumps and, on learning of the 4-1 split, started on diamonds. When East's discard on the second diamond revealed that the defender was dealt two singletons, declarer played off the remaining high diamond, then ruffed the table's last diamond with the 10. He crossed to dummy with a trump, bringing about this position:

♠ A
♡ J
◇ —
♣ 7 5 3

♠ 9
♡ —
◇ J
♣ 9 4 2

♠ —
♡ Q 9
◇ —
♣ A J 8

♠ —
♡ K 6
◇ —
♣ K Q 10

A heart discard allows declarer to win two heart tricks and a club permits declarer to force out the ace of clubs and score two club tricks.

At the other table the Kasle squad collected 800 from three hearts doubled but lost 12 IMPS on the deal and the match by 18 IMPs. But had the slam failed...

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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You are about accomplishment this year. If that is what feels good to you, great, but try not to judge people in the same way. They have other priorities. CANCER wants you to take care of yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You finally channel all your frustrated energy into a positive outlet. Somehow you get your message heard. Tonight: Be happy to be home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You finally figure out how to get a project off the ground. You might have been challenged by others' reactions lately. Tonight: Hang out happily.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could go on a spending spree in the name of your home and lifestyle. You need to do some price comparison. Tonight: The unexpected appeals to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Whatever your plans, you finally get them going. Honor a need to move around a lot, which is innate with your sign. Tonight: At a neighborhood haunt.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Stand back and gather more information. If you feel lucky and can afford to take a risk, go for it. Tonight: You need a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Take action early in the day. You know what you must accomplish or with whom you must get together. Tonight: Pretend tomorrow isn't Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Take a stand if you must, but expect to lead and accept extra responsibility. An older relative or friend calls. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Read between the lines. How you see a situation could be much different from many others. Tonight: Allow creativity to flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your ability to relate on a totally different level emerges, pointing to a better relationship. Tonight: With a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Defer to others. Provide the acceptance they need in order to feel comfortable. Tonight: Off to the movies, or invite others over for dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Whatever you have been putting off, the time is now. Whether in the mood to get the house cleared of the winter celebrations or just organizing closets is your call. Tonight: Go along with another person's request.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You cannot help but smile as your imagination takes an interpersonal situation to another level. Express everything that is on your mind is up to you. Tonight: Let your hair down.

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BORN TODAY
Baseball slugger Henry Louis Aaron Jr. (1934), author William S. Burroughs (1914), singer Sara Evans (1971)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Feb. 5-11

MONDAY

Concert

Tickets are on sale for Starship's 25th anniversary tour starring Mickey Thomas Feb. 25 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Also on the program is special guest Bobby Kimball, former lead singer of the band Toto.

Thomas made his mark in 1976 as lead vocalist on the mega-hit "Fooled Around and Fell in Love" with The Elvin Bishop Band. Thomas joined Jefferson Starship in the late '70s. Every Starship album released has gone gold, platinum or multi-platinum.

While Kimball was with Toto, the band won six Grammy Awards.

Tickets are $35-$75 and can be purchased at www.wagnernoel.com.

Series tickets

The Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center is selling tickets for its upcoming inaugural Broadway in the Basin Series.

The series consists of STOMP on Sunday, Feb. 26; Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance on Saturday, March 10; Hal Holbrook's Mark Twain Tonight on Friday, April 13 and The Rat Pack is Back on Friday, May 4.

The Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center is located off of Highway 191 and FM 1788.

For ticket information, contact the Wagner Noël staff at 552-4430 or order online at www.wagnernoel.com.

THURSDAY

Dance

Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, Colombia, will perform at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center Feb. 9.

The performance is slated from 7 to 9 p.m. In addition to the performance, the dance company is offering workshops.

Event

Family Science Night is set for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West.

Make a screaming balloon, try on ghost skin, make exploding toothpaste and shoot off a rocket with a chemical reaction. Refreshments will be provided.

Admission is free.

FRIDAY

Musical

Midland Community Theatre's production of the musical "Guys and Dolls" is on-stage in Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., through March 3.

Co-produced by Wagner & Brown, Ltd., "Guys and Dolls" is MCT's opening musical of the season.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The Reach Out and Pay What You Can performance is set for Feb. 12.

For tickets call MCT's box office, 570-4111.

UPCOMING

Art show entries

Arts Council of Midland is now accepting applications from visual artists for its 29th Annual Celebration of the Arts, to be held May 18-20.

COA is a three-day arts festival featuring the best in visual and performing artists from throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and beyond. Interested artists may submit an application with three images on CD for this juried show.

Postmark deadline for entries is Feb. 15. For a prospectus, contact: Arts Council of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, 79702, call 687-1149, or e-mail lorri@acmidland.org for more information.

On the screen

ODESSA —"Leonardo Live," a cinematic tour of the sold-out UK National Gallery exhibition "Leonardo da Vinci: Painter at the Court of Milan" hits movie houses in more than 400 theaters nationwide Feb. 16. Showtime is 7 p.m.

The film will be playing at Odessa 12, 4221 Preston Smith Road.

Hosted by art historian Tim Marlow and presenter Mariella Frostrup, the exhibition brings together the largest number of da Vinci's rare surviving paintings.

Tickets for Leonardo Live are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com.

Musical

ODESSA —The Kaleidoscope Company of Permian Playhouse is presenting "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Feb. 17 through March 4.

Shows are set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $14 for adults , $12 for seniors and students and $7 for ages 12 and younger.

For reservations, call 550-5456 or go to permianplayhouse.com.

Concert

LUBBOCK — The Rock and Worship Roadshow featuring Mercyme, Tenth Avenue North, Lecrae, Hawk Nelson, Disciple, Sidewalk Prophets and Rend Collective Experiment comes to United Spirit Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave., Feb. 18.

Showtime is 6 p.m. Tickets, sold only at the door, are $10. For more information, call 800-965-9324 or go to www.therockandworshiproadshow.com.

Concert

The Alaska String Band will perform Feb. 21 in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave.

The free performance begins at 7 p.m.

Drama

Trinity School will present "Once Upon a Mattress" Feb. 23-25 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

Tickets may be purchased through Trinity School.

Shrimpfest

ODESSA —On Feb. 27 at least 1,200 pounds of Cajun flavored jumbo shrimp will be served as part of the Ellen Noël Art Museum's annual Shrimpfest fundraiser.

Starting at 7 p.m., in Building G at the Ector County Coliseum, the evening will feature all-you-can-eat shrimp with all the fixings, a silent auction, a live auction and toe-tapping music from the Main Stream Jazz Quartet.

General admission tickets are $35 each and can be purchased at the museum during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or online at www.noelartmuseum.org.

Sponsor tables are available for $1,200, $3,000 or $5,000. These tables include admission to the sponsor-only cocktail reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with appetizers, appointed tables and private waiters.

IN THE NEWS

Texans honored

AUSTIN — Actor Barry Corbin, musician Meat Loaf and filmmaker Douglas McGrath will be honored at the 12th annual Texas Film Hall of Fame awards on March 8.

McGrath is from Midland and was a member of the Pickwick Players, Midland Community Theatre's youth performing troupe. He was nominated for an Academy Award for his "Bullets Over Broadway" screenplay.

Corbin, who is from Lamesa, has appeared in movies including "No Country for Old Men" and "Urban Cowboy." Corbin drew an Emmy nomination for TV's "Northern Exposure."

Meat Loaf, whose real name is Marvin Lee Aday, is a Dallas native who has drawn fame as a Grammy award-winning rock 'n' roll star, selling more than 43 million albums. He also appeared in films such as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "Fight Club."

CHOIR

From 1H

20th centuries."

Today the Vienna Boys Choir contains around 100 choristers between the ages of 10 and 14, divided into four touring choirs. The four choirs perform around 300 concerts annually in front of almost half a million people. Each group spends nine to 11 weeks of the school year on tour.

The concert in Midland will feature the talents of the Vienna Boys Choir accompanied on piano by Choirmaster Manolo Cagnin.

Cagnin took over as one of the conductors of the Vienna Boys' Choir in 2008.

"Music, and particularly singing, is a gift; it is a language everyone understands," Cagnin said. "As performers, we have a duty to master that language. We have a duty to reach out to our audience, to engage, to touch people. If we manage that, we will have achieved much."

The choir's repertoire includes everything from medieval to contemporary and experimental music. Motets and lieder for boys' choir form the core of the touring repertoire, as do the choir's own arrangements of Viennese music, waltzes and polkas by Lehar, Lanner and Strauss.

"This is a stand alone concert that the MOSC is presenting, so the MOSC Orchestra will not be performing with the VBC," said Hilbert, suggesting patrons buy their tickets early and be aware the venue is First Presbyterian Church.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 and may be purchased through the symphony office, 563-0921.

"As early as 1924 the Vienna Boys' Choir – reformed by the rector Joseph Schnitt, with great personal zeal – gave guest performances in the world's most famous concert halls," said singers.com. "Even in the days of the First Republic they were regarded as Austria's 'singing ambassadors.'

"And, as ever, every Sunday the Vienna Boys' Choir sing solemn mass in Vienna's Hofburg chapel, continuing a tradition unbroken since 1498."

ALL THE DETAILS

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Info: Sponsored by the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. The orchestra will not be performing.
Tickets: $25
Call: 563-0921 for more information or tickets

LIMELIGHT

From 1H

between the joyful colors of the dances portraying daytime activities and those that dwell on the night.

The Westernized versions of Hawaii like "Little Brown Girl" are almost mockingly superficial — the dancing is sweet and enjoyable, but the lyrics represent a sanitized, comfortable view of a culture that is controlled rather than appreciated. The dance and song exploring the mysterious Easter Island represented entirely the opposite dimension: the inhabitants of that island strangely disappeared, and all we are left with are the statues and our imaginations.

The undoubted star of the evening was Nikki Doria, who surely should be seen on ANTM. This lovely, elegant young woman moves with a languid grace around the stage. She performed several solo dances. In "What a Beautiful Evening," she embodied the often intoxicating beauties of Polynesian life, while in the "Hawaiian Wedding Song," perhaps the most famous piece of music to emerge from those islands; she encapsulated the joys of a person embarking on a new life.

As the dances moved from Hawaii into those from the South Pacific, Doria offered the knowing, unmistakable message of the frenetic Tahitian moves. For a few moments many in the audience became like those 18th century sailors who first experienced Polynesian culture. The dances were entrancing, almost hypnotic — revealing as much about the audience as they did the performers.

Siblings Devin and Briel Hernandez danced together again — a delightful few minutes. Devin is also part of the dance troupe that recently auditioned for America's Got Talent with the wonderfully energetic Ta Tookie. Devin is a superb dancer, combining the fluidity of the girls moving around him with a more assertive physicality. Other groups came from Fort Stockton and San Antonio, the latter with an intricate love song in which the dancers represent three birds.

At times production values would fall a little -- songs would start and then mysteriously stop with the dancers in mid-movement — but in general this was a more seamless show than has occurred in previous years. It started on time and acts moved smoothly from one to the other. Diane Faulkner deserves praise for the energy and enthusiasm she brings to this evening every year -- offering the Permian Basin a glimpse of exotic lands so very far away.

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WINDS

From 1H

An avid performer and teacher, Leas is currently the principal flute of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, the professor of flute at Trinity University in San Antonio, and also performs regularly as a substitute flute/piccolo with the Orlando Philharmonic, Orlando Opera, San Antonio Symphony and San Antonio Opera. She earned her Bachelor's in Music Performance from Duquesne University in Pittsburg, Penn., and her Master's in Music Performance from Rice University.

Crutchfield is in her 14th season with the MOSC and her fifth season with the Winds. She holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in Oboe Performance from West Texas A&M University where she studied with Robert Krause. Crutchfield has also performed with many symphonies throughout West Texas including Big Spring, Abilene and Amarillo. She teaches a number of double reed students from the Permian Basin area and teaches band at St. Ann's School.

Chance received a Bachelor of Music degree, a Performer Diploma and the Performer's Certificate award from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, Ind. He has performed coast-to-coast in the U.S., as well as in Canada, Mexico and Japan. Chance spent several years as a recording studio musician in the Indianapolis area as a member of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic. He is currently co-principal clarinet of the Missouri Symphony Orchestra, principal clarinet of the MOSC and a member of the Winds. He also teaches clarinet in the Permian Basin area.

Originally from Laredo, de la Garza began his professional career in 2000 as a marine musician after graduating from the Armed Forces School of Music. He was then stationed with the First Marine Division Band located in Camp Pendleton, Calif. He earned a Master's Degree in Musical Performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music and has played with the Amarillo Symphony and the Akron Symphony. De la Garza is principal bassoon of the Mansfield Symphony, Ohio, plays second in Ashland Symphony, Ohio, and is co-principal of the Missouri Symphony Orchestra. This is his second year with the MOSC and the Winds.

Haislip is the co-principal horn of the Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra and the horn player with the Winds. He has performed with the Cincinnati Opera, the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, the Queen City Brass Quintet, the North East Texas Symphony Orchestra; and the Hamilton-Fairfield Symphony Orchestra. Haislip received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Texas A&M University-Commerce and his Master of Music in Horn Performance from the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music. He is on the faculty of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Mich.

All of our concerts have been pretty much selling out," Hilbert said. "So we are encouraging people to purchase in advance."

ALL THE DETAILS

THE WEST TEXAS WINDS
When: 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12
Where: Greathouse Recital Hall at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $12. Senior and student discounts available. Music students free. Call 563-0921
Info: The West Texas Winds is a performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.

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QUICKTAKES

Reviews of recent CDs

LANA DEL RAY
"Born to Die"

Before you judge Lana Del Rey for her disastrous performance on "Saturday Night Live," listen to her album.

Last month's performance on "SNL" was strikingly horrific. Del Rey sang two songs with no emotion or effort, appearing bored and detached. Her hair even looked strange. The whole thing was a mess, but that's not the complete case on her album, "Born to Die."

Del Rey's buzz has been outrageous during the past few months, with headlines ranging from that "SNL" performance to her father's wealth to her plump lips. But her debut is somewhat impressive, at times lovely, at others lackluster.

The 12-track set mainly finds the 25-year-old singing about a tumultuous relationship — she often sings about how he "likes those insane girls" — and she sounds convincing on the first single "Video Games," as well as "Dark Paradise" and "Summertime Sadness," which is almost as good as a Lykke Li track. But on other songs, Del Rey is a lyrical failure, sounding unfocused. On "Diet Mountain Dew," with its hip-hop beat, she sings about 7-Eleven and a Pontiac; others songs are also sprinkled with similar nonsense. Del Rey is part of a cluster of mainstream pop singers — Lady Gaga, Ke$ha — who often blurt weird things in song, which is unfortunate for the listener (and unfortunate for them, too).

"Born to Die" is a mix of 1960s retro, eerie artsy girl hooks and weird-girl pop — an odd mix, and overall oddly uneven album.

— Mesfin Mikadu
Associated Press

LEONARD COHEN
"Voyaguer"

Throughout his 45-year career, Leonard Cohen has walked a fine line between love, sex, and religion, often embodying the trinity in the same song. Cohen doesn't abandon those themes on his latest album, "Old Ideas," his first studio recording in eight years and perhaps one of his best in decades.

Part of the reason the record succeeds is the honesty that the 77-year singer-songwriter delivers as he questions mortality, god, and betrayal with poetic dignity.

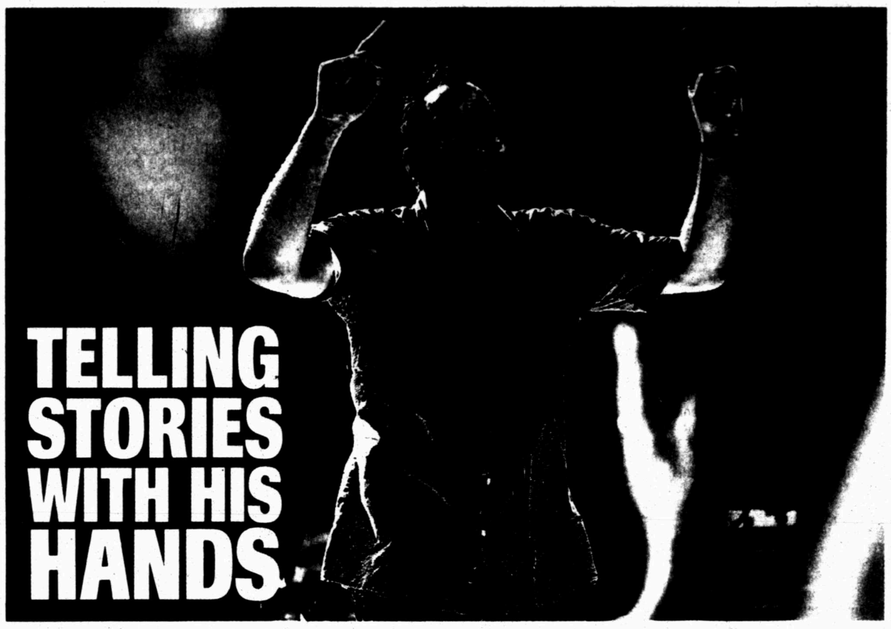
In 2005, Cohen's former manager took the liberty of emptying his savings accounts, leaving the deep-throated troubadour nearly broke. Although the singer won a civil lawsuit in 2006, it's not believed that he's collected any money back. As a result, Cohen has had to spend his retirement years on the road singing for his supper.

But, out of this adversity comes an album rooted heavily in his signature prayer-like delivery with an air of aesthetic realism.

This album seems to provide more weighted spiritual balance. It's not religious, at least in any organized form, but it's definitely more pious than usual.

Minimal instrumentation helps support the album's 10 tracks, dominated by Cohen's raspy baritone delivery.

— John Carucci
Associated Press



TELLING STORIES WITH HIS HANDS

Hold Steady's Finn turns to Austin for solo record

By Peter Mongillo
Austin American Statesman

AUSTIN — In December, Craig Finn, frontman for well-known Brooklyn rock band the Hold Steady, took the stage at downtown hot dog joint Frank as a warm-up for a tour to promote his new solo album, "Clear Heart Full Eyes," which was released Jan. 24 and was recorded in Austin with producer Mike McCarthy and a group of Austin musicians.

Aside from the fairly small, unusual venue (though the restaurant has been offering a steady stream of live music), the setup wasn't all that different from a show by Finn's other band: Men outnumbered women by at least 2-to-1, and a healthy amount of beer and booze was consumed.

Finn has never been outspoken in his appearance, and that night was no different, as he led the band in a plain blue shirt and rectangular glasses. As always, he gestured a lot as he sang, telling stories with his hands. He chatted between songs.

Though the songs were unmistakably Finn's — on the long side, full of words and narrative, references to Jesus and Catholicism (though not nearly as many as usual), dead rock stars and self-destructive behavior (but, again, not quite as much) — they were different than the Hold Steady's material. Finn sang more first- and second-person pronouns. If the Hold Steady's songs unfold like novels, with recurring characters negotiating the ups and (mostly) downs of adolescence, these songs felt more like short stories.

The biggest difference, however, was the sound, a considerably more reigned-in version of the raucous, over-the-top rock 'n' roll that made the Hold Steady pretty famous over the past eight or so years.

New CD
What: "Clear Heart Full Eyes"
Who: Craig Finn
Release Date: Jan. 24
Label: Vagrant

On an uncharacteristically freezing Austin day that same week, Finn joked about the weather as he talked about the new album outside a packed coffee shop. "I'm a Minnesotan; I can handle the cold," he said, hands tucked into his jacket between sips of coffee.

Of course, fans of Finn and the Hold Steady already know that. The state, Minneapolis in particular, is a common setting throughout the Hold Steady's catalog. Starting with its 2004 debut, "Almost Killed Me," the band has attracted a loyal following (and probably as many people who hate it) for its mix of over-the-top classic rock (Springsteen and the Replacements get thrown around a lot to describe their sound) and Finn's storytelling, informed in equal parts by his love of music and the world surrounding it and his Catholic upbringing. Kids make out at the high school dance, people get lost in drugs, some of those people find Jesus and are saved.

In part to pass the time in January last year, Finn began writing a song a day. "I was listening to kind of classic songwriting, Townes Van Zandt, Warren Zevon, Randy Newman," Finn said. "A lot of the songs I wrote ended up being terrible. I kind of looked back and said this one's good, this one's not so good, and the songs all kind of came from there." Twenty-three songs emerged from the exercise.

He also wrote the music, a job that Tad Kubler usually handles with the Hold Steady. "I thought doing something different might challenge me a little bit," he said. "I kind of wanted to do a more organic record where I wrote the music and the lyrics. It's less me singing along with a band and more letting the words drive the thing. I was kind of leading the band with vocals, which is way different than I'm used to doing."

About a year earlier, Finn met McCarthy. He liked McCarthy's approach to music and decided he would record the album in Austin.

McCarthy, who has produced albums for Spoon, Patty Griffin and many others, put together a studio team of Austin musicians, all of who have had some success of their own, including Josh Block, Jesse Ebaugh, Ricky Ray Jackson and Billy White. Centro-matic's Will Johnson contributed some backup vocals.

At the beginning of July, Finn flew to Austin and met the band briefly before entering the studio. "I remember coming down and I was like 'Oh, (expletive), what am I doing?'" Finn said. "I'm not a great musician, I'm not a great player. I play guitar in the Hold Steady, but you don't really hear me. Coming in with these guys that play at a really high level was somewhat intimidating."

Recording lasted three weeks, during which time Finn saw Alejandro Escovedo perform at the Continental Club ("I can't believe I've never been to this before"). The resulting album is different than anything he's ever released — less electric, more roots rock, especially with Jackson's pedal steel work.

As for the Hold Steady, it is at work on its sixth studio album. In case fans were wondering if the solo album signaled a softening, Finn said it won't be anything like his solo album, with "a lot of guitars."

"I think in some way it got out of my system," he said.

Coming Tuesday

Van Halen 'A Different Kind of Truth'

Paul McCartney 'Kisses on the Bottom'

The Fray 'Scars & Stories'

Blacks Bamley 'Home'

Rio Aaliyanah 'Tension'

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7 **Such Gold, This Romantic Tragedy, No Bragging Rights, Speaking the Kings** @ Pine Box
9 **Ivy League, The Beautiful Ones, Bent Life, Thornz, Calloused, Hardside** @ Pine Box
9 **Gary P. Nunn** @ Rockin Rodeo
10 **Loudfinger** @ New Blue Max
10 **Cleto Cordero** @ Cigar Frog's
10 **Jerry Nelson** @ The Detour
10-11 **GloveBox** @ Hot Shots
10-11 **Blacklisted** @ Riley's
10-11 **Mister Happy** @ Flash's Cantina
11 **Gary Gorence** @ Cigar Frog's
11 **Aaron Einhouse** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **David Marez** @ Gritos
11 **Jared Thomas and the Vagabonds** @ New Blue Max
11 **Trout Fishing in America** @ Yucca Theatre
11 **Prophecy, First Dead Witness, Shackled to the Grave, Negative Offset, Broken Jaw Philosophy** @ Fast Freddy's
12 **West Texas Winds** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
13 **Heywood, TS and the Past Haunts** @ Pine Box
14 **Suicide Silence, Darkest Hour, First Dead Witness, Shackled to the Grave, Only the Dead** @ Dos Amigos
14 **Rich O'Toole** @ Yucca Theater
15 **Future Ghosts, To Speak of Wolves, Write This Down, Phinehas** @ Pine Box
17 **Cory Yeager** @ Cigar Frog's
17 **Shane Rogers** @ The Detour
17-18 **Blue Midnight** @ Riley's
18 **Hybrid Child** @ New Blue Max
18 **Joe Nichols** @ Dos Amigos
18 **Alberto Madrid** @ Cigar Frog's
20 **Victorian Halls, The Mighty Classic, Divided by Friday, I the Mighty** @ Pine Box
21 **Alaska String Band** @ First Baptist
23 **Fred Andrews and Honeybrowne** @ Rockin' Rodeo
24 **Robert Claiborne** @ Cigar Frog's
24 **Run Home Jack** @ The Detour
24-25 **Kevin Ochs** @ Riley's
24-25 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
24-25 **Loudfinger** @ Hot Shots
25 **Starship featuring Mickey Thomas** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
25 **Jason Tarleton & Unsweet T's** @ Cigar Frog's
25 **Stampede** @ Gritos
25 **Brian Keane** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **A Formal Affair** @ The Ground Floor
25 **Boys No Good** @ Pine Box
25-26 **Creed Fisher** @ Flash's Cantina
26 **Man Overboard, Handguns, Seahaven, Candy Hearts, Ivy League, Moving Forward** @ Pine Box
26 **Permian Basin String Quartet** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center (2 p.m.)
26 **Stomp** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center (7 p.m.)
27 **We Still Dream** @ Pine Box
28 **Elitist, Erra** @ Pine Box

March

2 **Tex Ritter's Doomtown** @ New Blue Max
2 **Aaron Watson** @ Graham's
3 **Jeans n Classics — Madmen Across the Water: Elton John Tribute featuring the Midland/Odessa Symphony and Choir** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
3 **Kevin Ochs Band** @ New Blue Max
3 **Buckshot Bradley** @ Rockin Rodeo
3 **David Hobbs** @ Gritos
6 **The Water Coolers** @ MHS auditorium
9-10 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Hot Shots
10 **The Fab Five** @ Ector Theatre
10 **Texas Latino** @ Gritos
10 **Lord of the Dance** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
13 **Big John Bates** @ New Blue Max
16 **Glen Campbell** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
16 **Johnny Outlaw and the Johnson Creek Stranglers** @ New Blue Max
16 **Diamond Dust** @ The Detour
17 **Joe Ely** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
17 **Filthy Still, The Johnson Creek Stranglers** @ New Blue Max
17-18 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Flash's Cantina
19 **Sawyer Family, Viva La Fox, Rachel Brooke** @ New Blue Max
23-24 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar

LUBBOCK

February

11 **Uncle Lucius** @ Blue Light
16 **Brad Paisley, The Band Perry, Scotty McCreery** @ United Spirit Arena
18 **MercyMe, Tenth Avenue North, Lecrae, Hawk Nelson, Disciple, Sidewalk Prophets, Rend Collective Experience** @ United Spirit Arena
19 **Children of Bodom, Eluveitie, Revocation, Threat Signal** @ Lone Star Pavillion

NEW MEXICO

February

10 **Great White, Slaughter** @ IOMG

March

29 **LeAnn Rimes** @ IOMG
31 **REO Speedwagon** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

February

7 **Brandi Carlile** @ House of Blues
10 **Kelly Clarkson, Matt Nathanson** @ Verizon Theatre
14 **Trey Songz, Big Sean** @ Verizon Theatre
16 **Yellow Submarine** @ The Prophet Bar