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MISD looks to transform bilingual program

Superintendent Ryder Warren ready to address 'the gorilla in the room'

By Meredith Moriak
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Based on information Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren shared with trustees during Tuesday's board meeting, Midlanders can expect big announcements regarding a transformation of MISD's schools later this spring.

After trustees heard Joanna Rowley, executive director of bilingual/ESL education, discuss the district's poor bilingual ratings from the Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS), a report issued by the Texas Education Agency as part of its overall evaluation of school district performance and program effectiveness, Warren said it is time for the district to transform rather than reform.

"We have very solid pockets of excellence for kids, but we don't have excellence spread out across the board," Warren said. Now is the time to address "the gorilla in the room" — MISD's bilingual program.

"We have to get our very best teachers and very best instructional leaders to concentrate on that group of kids that has alluded us for decades, and so we're going to make some very difficult decisions in the near future," Warren said.

Warren plans to present a plan about "which campuses will be redesigned and restaffed to truly meet the needs of our children in our specific programs" at future board meetings. Particulars of the plan include program and campus designations. He also hopes for a spring announcement teaching and leadership assignments.

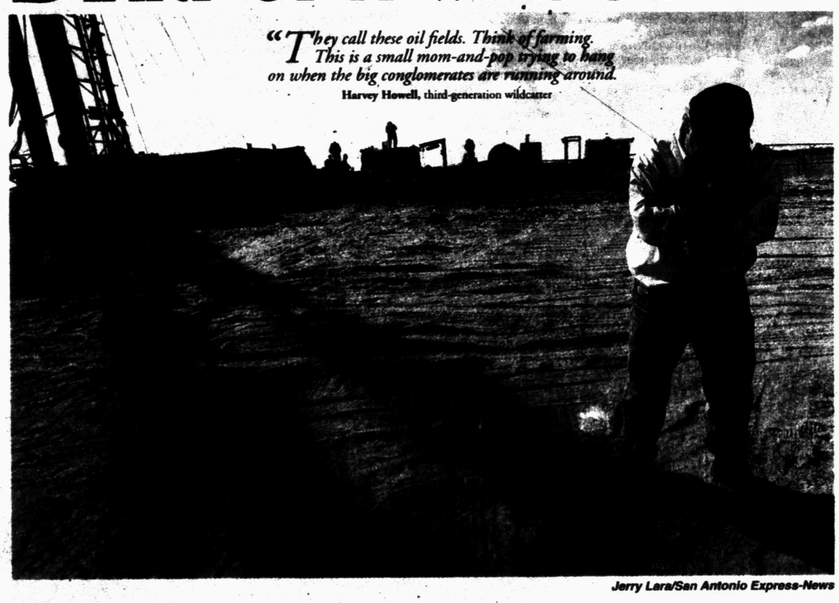
"You have an excellent group of folks who work for you ... but they're not all in the right places right now, and we don't have our kids in the right places," Warren said.

Warren said the district has taken on such transformations before, including with the gifted and talented program and the early childhood education program.

"The gaps that we have between our ethnic groups and the gaps in the programs all have to be taken into consideration," Warren said. "Monetarily and staffing-wise if we are able to reduce those class sizes to get them back to where a teacher can really have a fighting chance to make those children successful and get the right teachers

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DIARY OF A WILDCATTER



Jerry Lara/San Antonio Express-News

Third-generation wildcatter Harvey Howell weighs his decision Jan. 23 to down operations at a drilling site in Frio County. After a week of drilling and $1.3 million in costs, Howell must decide whether to press on or shut down the operation.

Eagle Ford is a make or break proposition

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

FRIO COUNTY — Harvey Howell arrives first to the field where he hopes to turn $1.3 million into a whole lot more money.

As he paces the orangey sand where he's looking for oil, the only sounds are birdsong, the soft rush of a cool winter wind and the buzz of insects.

"Nothing much happening," Howell said. Which is the first problem.

There's supposed to be water in a drilling pit, but it's dry. There's supposed to be a drilling rig, but it's still on the road.

Besides Howell's Toyota 4Runner, the only vehicle on site is a trash trailer.

The 57-year-old Howell's well to be is a modest metal stake near deer tracks. X marks the spot.

He calls his engineer back in San Antonio, the guy coordinating logistics, to ask where everyone is.

"He wanted to know if I had a bow tie and a suit on," said Howell, who wears jeans and boots.

Howell, a third-generation wildcatter, is nibbling at the edges of the Eagle Ford Shale formation, hunting profitable oil where no one has found it.

Multinational companies known as the "majors" and "supermajors" are drilling to the south. Having made their discoveries (or having bought out someone who has), they've leased hundreds of thousands of acres where small, independent prospectors like Howell once reigned. Companies with the best positions in the region drill deep, horizontal wells that cost $5 million to $10 million each, and do it 20 to 30 times a month.

Howell will drill a shallow vertical well once this month. He'll test the famous shale, which is shallow here, but his real prospect lies above it in the San Miguel Sandstone. The majors wouldn't bother with it.

"They call these oil fields. Think of farming," Howell said. "This is a small mom-and-pop trying to hang on when the big conglomerates are running around."

It's taken 2 1/2 years to get here. Researching old well logs. Leasing acreage. Exploring and testing it. Finding investors willing to pour money into a hole.

A beep carries across the field and Howell drives to meet the first of many trucks. A man leaps out and leans toward Howell's lowered window. "Hello, sir. How are you?"

"I'm Harvey Howell. I'm doing great."

He's a geologist and a numbers guy who knows the odds stink. But the prospect has gotten under his skin. So as trucks and trailers erase deer tracks, Howell's voice brims with optimism, like

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Painter's remarks on gun seizure prompt debate

By Joseph Basco
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The attorney for Midland County, a local gun shop owner and the head of the Midland County Democratic Party all said they don't believe a law to seize guns from homes exists, nor are there any proposals in the works.

The remarks came after Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter spoke at a John Birch Society meeting where he said he would not take guns out of people's homes if a presidential executive order mandated such a gun control measure.

Midland County Attorney Russell Malm said he could not comment on Painter's statements but said, "There are no proposals about executive orders that require people to give up their guns.

"Also, the Supreme Court made it clear that the Second Amendment makes it clear that people can own guns," Malm said.

There were recent, precedent-setting Supreme Court cases — District of Columbia v. Heller in 2008; and McDonald v. Chicago in 2010 — concerning the Second Amendment. In both cases, the justices made a split 5-4 decision.

District of Columbia v. Heller was the first decision in U.S. history that said the Second Amendment allows people to own a gun and use it in their home for self-defense purposes, according to a June 27, 2008, Washington Post article. This decision only affected federal enclaves, such as Washington, D.C.

The second case, McDonald v. Chicago, extended the applicability of the Second Amendment to the individual states, citing the due process clause of the 14th Amendment, according to a March 3, 2010, New York Times article.

But according to the District of Columbia v. Heller court opinion syllabus, the court said the Second Amendment right is not unlimited.

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Can George P. Bush reverse the GOP trend with Hispanics in Texas?

By Stewart Doreen
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■ ANALYSIS

Texas Republicans know the sleeping electoral giant that is Hispanic voters is beginning to wake up.

While the state appears every bit as red as it has been for nearly two decades, the presidential election was a proverbial wake-up call. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's inability to connect with Hispanics was a big reason for his defeat in November's presidential election. The fact that

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If you go

Midland County Republican Party Bush Day Event and Ector County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner
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Where: Commodore Air Force
Individual tickets for the event are $50 and are available by calling Midland County Republican Party Chairman James Beauchamp at 682-7537 or Ector County Republican Party Chairman Tisha Crow at 432-337-0800.



George P. Bush talks with Susie Evans on Oct. 11, 2011, during a fundraiser for the Geroge W. Bush Childhood Home. On Feb. 25, Bush, the son of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and grandson and nephew to Presidents George H.W. and George W., respectively, will appear in Midland at the Midland County Republican Party Bush Day Dinner.

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Perry appoints Stanton's Clayton Black to state board

Clayton Black, of Stanton, was one of four people Gov. Rick Perry appointed to the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board for terms to expire Jan. 31, 2015.

The board adopts rules for the licensing and certification of real estate appraisers in Texas.

Black is the owner and manager of Lazy Leven Ranch. He is a past member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Concrete and Masonry Association, Texas Society of Professional Engineers, and Lubbock's Structural Standards Commission. He is also a past member of the Midland and Lubbock chambers of commerce, Lubbock Lions Club and Midland Jaycees, and a graduate of Leadership Lubbock and Leadership Midland. Black received bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental technology management from Texas Tech University.

These appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

Community Calendar

■ The 2013 Midland Prayer Breakfast — "Let us Pray Together " — will take place at 7 a.m. Feb. 27 at Midland Center.

Rosemary Trible, founder of Fear2Freedom, a global nonprofit dedicated to restoring lives wounded by sexual assault and domestic violence, will be the featured speaker.

■ The Llano Estacado Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program is planning a class for 2013. Orientation is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at Sibley Nature Center.

The curriculum includes 40 hours of training and field experience stressing ecosystem dynamics. Participants are expected to do 40 hours of volunteer work in conjunction with the program.

Class fee is $100. For more information, call Sibley at 684-6827.

■ A dodgeball tournament is planned for March 2 at the Midland Indoor Soccer Center for the benefit of National MS Society.

For more information, contact Mark Solari at dbldare@suddenlink.net
or visit www.eteamz.com/doubledarechallenge/.

■ Midland Park Mall will host the Sunburst U.S.A. Beauty Pageant 1 p.m. March 3.

The pageant is a preliminary for the Sunburst State and International finals.

At the state finals in Houston, contestants compete for more than $10,000 in cash and prizes and the chance to advance to the international finals in Atlanta, where more than $50,000 in savings bonds and prizes are given away.

Entry forms are available at the mall or at www.sunburst-beauty.com.

Water Tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis water fields.

Feb. 8 total: 13,926,000 gallons
Feb. 9 total: 12,120,000
Feb. 10 total: 11,901,000
Monday's total: 12,100,000
Tuesday's total: 12,596,000
Wednesday total: 12,905,000
Thursday's total: 12,864,000

Total storage by CRMWD in their lakes as of Friday was 152,291 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 102,125 acre-feet.

The average from the CRMWD for January was 10,301,355. The current average for February is 9,257,071.

Source: City of Midland

Trinity students present one big check



Room to Read founder John Wood accepts a check for $30,000 from Trinity School students recently. The students raised money through their walkathon fundraiser and were informed by Wood that the money would be used to fund a library in Nepal.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Support groups, club meetings this week

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) -- 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. AND Tuesdays at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave. Weigh-in at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

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

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas; third Thursday; 520-3512.

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

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

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

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

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

Toastmasters Clubs

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Dance clubs

■ Tall City Cloggers, 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the M-Squarena Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130; Lynn Meyers, 528-0374.

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

Midland International Airport report for January

Enplanements (people boarding an airplane)
January 2013: 33,864
January 2012: 33,605
Percent difference: 3.2
Year to date: 159,199 (2.2 percent increase from 2011-12)
January 2011: 32,787
January 2010: 29,764
January 2009: 29,684

Total Passengers
January 2013: 70,705
January 2012: 68,489
Percent difference: 3.3
Year to date: 317,005 (2.2 percent increase from 2011-12)

Fuel Sales (in gallons)
January 2013: 529,432
January 2012: 471,074
Percent difference: 12.4
Year to date: 2,158,653 (2.8 percent decrease from 2011-12)
January 2011: 460,876
January 2010: 399,177
January 2009: 369,371

Parking Revenues
January 2013: $188,215
January 2012: $175,542
Percent difference: 7.2
Year to date: $712,033 (5.2 percent increase from 2011-12)
January 2011: $161,477
January 2010: $144,206
January 2009: $145,538

Source: City of Midland

High-income households in the nation

High-income households in the highest concentration MSAs from 2007-11. Included is the percent of households ranking among the top 5 percent of U.S. households with respect to income (which during this period was $191,469).

1. Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, Conn. — 17.9
2. San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif. — 15.9
3. Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md. — 14.1
4. San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif. —13.0
5. Trenton, N.J. — 11.6

Also
14. Midland — 7.9
24. Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown — 6.8

Source: American Community Survey and the U.S. Census Bureau

Know a soldier coming home?

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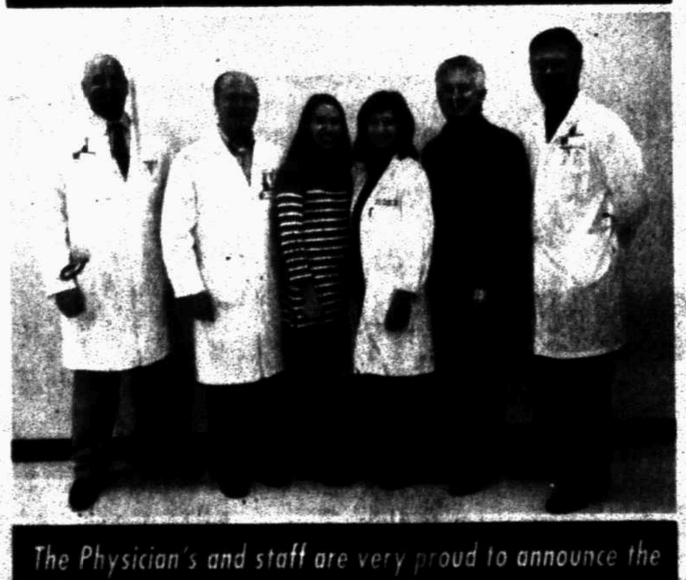
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ROSEMARY D. TRIBLE

COMMENTS

From 1A

"It is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose," the court said.

Tommy Atchison, owner of Guns & Trades gun shop, said he agreed with Painter's comments, to an extent. He said it will be hard to take his guns away from him, as well, but does not think a ban on assault weapons and ammunition will happen.

"We're talking out of terms," Atchison said. "(Painter) can't be forced to do anything."

Atchison also disagreed on Painter's proposal to not enforce a theoretical gun-taking executive order.

"If it's the law, it's your sworn duty to enforce the law," Atchison said, "no matter what they are."

Painter's comments also brought up the question of other laws he would choose not to enforce if he would not follow the executive order to take guns. In response, Painter said not enforcing the executive order would be challenging the constitutionality of it. He also said the choice not to enforce isn't breaking the law.

"That's my right as a citizen of the United States of America," Painter said. "By God, I will exercise it."

Painter also said he would not intentionally violate a law nor the U.S. Constitution.

Malm said laws could be passed to restrict the sale of certain weapons. He also said he was certain there are no discussions nationwide of laws to give up weapons because of the Supreme Court decisions.

David Rosen, president for the Midland Democratic Party, shared similar thoughts.

"It's not on the agenda, and I don't believe it will," Rosen said. "It would be impossible to do it nationwide."

After reading about Painter's speech, Rosen said the sheriff did not say he was against limiting assault weapons. Rosen also agreed with the sheriff's approval of additional background checks.

Rosen said people, such as Wayne LaPierre, CEO and executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, throw rhetorical "bombs" into the nationwide gun control debate.

"The majority of NRA members are not crazy people," Rosen said. "But LaPierre does his best to throw support for his cause, which is defeating any gun regulation."

Inflammatory language, Rosen said, is not good for the country's citizenship. Instead, he suggests a "wait and see" approach to gun policy.

"(Taking away weapons) is not the president's plan," Rosen said. "We should keep calm heads, see what happens in Congress and see the executive orders the president makes effective."

MISD

From 1A

in front of those children, I think we are going to move the bar like we haven't done in decades."

MISD has struggled with having its bilingual and limited-English proficiency students meet state performance levels since at least 2004, according to PBMAS reports accessible on the TEA website, and Warren said it is time to try something different.

"We have got to stop being in the compliance mode and be in that transformational mode," Warren said, noting the district needs to stop writing improvement plans that are never followed-up on simply to comply with TEA. Instead, he said, the district must make plans that can directly address the problem and provide a solution.

The key to helping students make greater educational gains lies in better-preparing teachers to be in the classroom, Warren said, noting the district is currently failing in this area.

"Teachers are getting into our classrooms not knowing what to do and we cannot do that. We cannot have that," Warren said, explaining to trustees that Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones has begun developing a dictrictwide professional development plan.

Warren is working with a group of 70 master teachers to create a model of the perfect Midland teacher, complete with creating and teaching lesson plans, assessing the less and student assessment, Warren said.

To execute a plan that would improve education, Warren said the district needs more teachers in smaller classes, but he's worried about finding teachers to fill those classrooms.

"I had to compete against the Round Rock's and Lake Travises, Austin's and Pflugerville's when I was (superintendent) in Marble Falls and it seems here I've got a competition like I've never seen before," Warren said. "Our economy is unforgiving and it's not going to change for a while."

Describing the district's teacher applicant pool as "very scary," Warren said every additional penny in the district's budget needs to be rededicated to staff salaries — keeping those currently employed in the classroom and also recruiting new blood into Midland.

While trustees made large investments in educational programs under former Superintendent Sylvester Perez, Warren said it is now time to invest in people.

"I beat my chest, especially during the bond program, about us being able to operate with less. This has just created an issue for us, and it has caught up with us," Warren said. "It's a bad time to do this, talk about adding staff, adding teachers and adding more portables, but that's exactly what I'm going to come to you with."

If the district can focus on the big picture — giving teachers manageable class size and focusing on the ethnic and special program students that have not historically been successful or had a fighting chance — Warren said the MISD will do good things.

Board President Rick Davis said he believes the board will support Warren's efforts to transform the district.

"I was very happy to hear you use the words transform and be bold because I think that's exactly what we need to have happen. I think that's what this community expects, and I think that's what this board expects," Davis said. "We don't need a tweak or a slight reform, we need a transformation and so we look forward to you implementing and coming to us."

Obama heads to Florida for weekend with the boys

Associated Press

PALM CITY, Fla. — Faced with a long weekend in an empty White House, President Barack Obama figured he needed a getaway, too, so he put together a golf outing with some buddies.

Not at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland or at Fort Belvoir in Virginia, two Washington-area military posts where he's a regular on their courses.

Instead, he went south, to Florida, to spend the long President's Day weekend staying and playing at the Floridian, an exclusive and secluded yacht and golf club on the state's Treasure Coast. He arrived Friday night after a speech in Chicago and wasn't expected to be seen again in public — including by the members of the news media traveling with him — until he returns to Washington on Monday.

"At this time, there are no public events scheduled or plans for the president to leave the grounds of the golf club," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Saturday.

Call it a weekend with the boys, presidential style.

Eyebrows might have been raised at the thought of the president, any president, high-tailing it out of Washington, without his family, for some "me time" hundreds of miles away from the Oval Office. First lady Michelle Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha are on an annual ski vacation out West.

As it turns out, it isn't at all uncommon for a president to go on vacation on his own.

And, Obama has gone off alone in the past.

During the weekend, the president, a sports enthusiast and avid golfer, planned to practice his putting technique on the club's private, 18-hole course, which opened in 1996, according to golfnow.com, and is owned by Jim Crane, a Houston businessman who also owns Major League Baseball's Astros.

Crane has made political contributions to Republican and Democratic candidates, including $35,800 last year to a joint fundraising committee for Obama and the Democratic Party, and $2,300 to Obama in 2007, according to Federal Election Commission records.

BMW recalls nearly 570,000 cars to fix cables

Associated Press

DETROIT — BMW is recalling almost 570,000 cars in the U.S. and Canada because a battery cable connector can fail and cause the engines to stall.

The recall affects popular 3-Series sedans, wagons, convertibles and coupes from the 2007 through 2011 model years. Also included are 1-Series coupes and convertibles from 2008 through 2012, and the Z4 sports car from 2009 through 2011.

The cable connectors and a fuse box terminal in the cars can degrade over time, and that can break the electrical connection between the trunk-mounted battery and the fuse box at the front. If that happens, the cars could lose electrical power, causing the engines to stall unexpectedly, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in documents posted on its website Saturday.

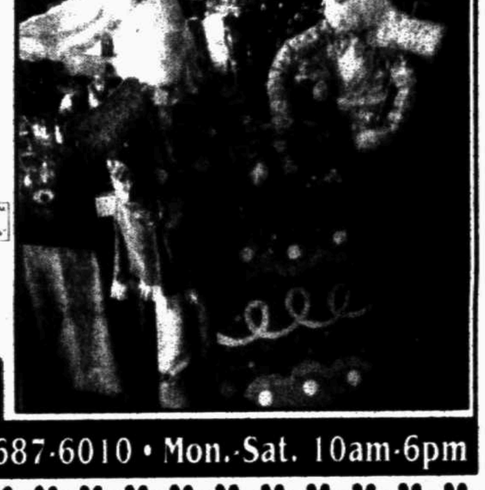
The company said in documents sent to NHTSA that the problem stems from movement between the battery cable and the fuse box.

BMW said it knows of one minor collision in Canada because of the problem, but no injuries.

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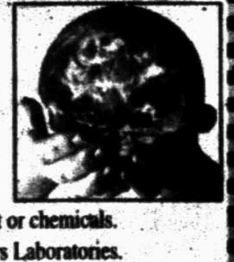
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ Opera Downtown, 6 p.m., Where: Midland Center. Tickets: $10-$25. Call 269-0389.

■ Christian pop rock band Newsboys , 7 p.m., Andrews County Expo. Tickets: $25 at the door.

Thursday

■ Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series presents Don and Julie Judson, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. Info: The newly opened Judson Mineral Gallery at the Petroleum Museum features more than 90 mineral specimens from all over the world. For more info, call 683-4403

■ Concert, REO Speedwagon, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Friday

■ Concert, Los Lonely Boys, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Friday and Saturday

■ Comedian Tom Green at the MCM Elegante Hotel, Odessa.

Saturday

■ The Midland Downtown Lions Club Pancake Jamboree, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Lions building, 200 Plaza.

■ Brian Regan, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Meetings schedule

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

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

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

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

Midland Development Corp.
8:30 a.m. Friday
City Hall basement
300 N. Loraine St.

What's closed on Presidents' Day

■ City of Midland offices (there also will be no trask pickup
■ Midland County offices (includes the public libraries)
■ MISD schools (although Monday is a "staff development day")
■ Post offices (there also will be no delivery)
■ Financial institutions and banks

Online this week

■ New restaurant reports from the city's commercial kitchens are now available to be viewed on Mywest-Texas.com/restaurants.

■ Photo galleries:
Midland College vs Western Texas men's and women's basketball games Monday.
Permian vs. Lee High boys soccer match on Tuesday.
Images from softball, basketball, golf and tennis tournaments Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

■ Voice your opinion at Facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram and vote in our daily polls at MyWestTexas.com.

■ The Reporter-Telegram will give away free tickets to Tom Green's show Friday in Odessa. Follow us at Facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram this week for more details.

Children's Miracle Network radiothon

KICKS 99.1 FM is partnering with Children's Miracle Network for the "KICKS Cares for Kids" Celebration 2013.

The event, which is at the Dillard's Courtyard at Music City Mall in Odessa, helps raise money for funding medical care, research and education.

Medical Center Hospital became the CMN-designated hospital in 1987; since then, more than $7 million has been raised to help local children.

The telethon will continue from noon to 5 p.m. today.

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Lotto Texas: 9-25-39-44-51-52
Powerball: 15-16-46-50-58 PB: 29
All or Nothing (morning): 3-5-6-9-11-12-13-15-18-19-20-23
All or Nothing (day): 2-5-9-10-12-13-14-15-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing (evening): 1-3-4-5-6-8-9-10-12-15-18-20
All or Nothing (night): 1-2-4-7-8-10-11-14-15-16-20-24

Today in history

Today is Sunday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2013. There are 317 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1863, the international Red Cross was founded in Geneva.

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting in Washington.

In 1933, Newsweek was first published by Thomas J.C. Martyn under the title "News-Week." (The magazine abandoned its print format at the end of last year in favor of an exclusively online edition.)

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed the White House with his wife, Pat, on a historic trip to China.

In 1993, a ferry carrying some 1,000 people sank off Haiti; at least 700 of the people on board drowned.

WILDCATTER

From 1A

something deep welling to the surface.

"It's your art. It's like a painting," he said. "I want someone to like it and want it."

He puts his odds at 1 in 10.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Within minutes of arriving, the rig hands move in a choreographed routine as though the circus has come to town. They park trucks. Set out more stakes. Shout and use hand signals.

Big rigs are set on an expensive caliche base, but this rig is smaller — a "double," where two lengths of 30-foot drill pipe are connected and lowered into the ground at one time — so it sits on sand. Which is thick. The crew struggles to align the base of the rig.

A friend of the surface tenant, who is at a cattle auction, arrives to turn on the water. He thinks this is likely a big waste of money. The derrick starts to rise from horizontal to vertical. The rig hands stake the cable they call Geronimo, which lets the derrick man working at the top of the rig rappel off in an emergency.

In the rare moments they're not moving, they bum cigarettes or check their phones.

Nestor Lerma Jr., the derrick man, calls his pregnant wife. She's having contractions a month early in a Corpus Christi hospital. But Lerma will work 12-hour days for a week, bunking on site and only leaving if he must. "She was kind of sad," he said.

They work on "rig time," which doesn't respect weekends or pregnant wives. Tick tock. They must drill 4,000 feet as quickly as possible.

This spot is good for cattle grazing, peanuts and vegetable farming, but putting a well here isn't a shot in the dark. A nearby ranch has had continuous production for decades. Frio County's Bigfoot fields by late 2010 had yielded 26 million barrels of oil.

The majors place wells using 3-D seismic data, which bounces sound waves to create a detailed view of the Earth's layers.

Costing $50,000 to $100,000 per square mile, Howell can't afford that on this project.

Instead, he looks at the geology and geochemistry. Oil and gas always are escaping from the Earth, and at the X, tiny molecules of oil and gas over geologic time have made it within a meter or so of the surface.

It's an old-school science that's not the best that technology has to offer, but it can work, and Howell's used it many times successfully. Many of the world's great fields were discovered near seeping hydrocarbons. If it's coming to the surface, it's coming from somewhere.

What Howell can't tell is whether the oil comes from 2,500 feet or 10,000 feet, or if it's profitable.

After midnight, drilling begins. They reach 475 feet by 7 a.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

At 8:30 a.m., the cement crew that worked overnight rolls away, having poured an 864-foot barrier designed to protect the groundwater from future well leaks. Wispy clouds blanket the bright sky. Diesel fumes hang in the air. The crew does maintenance and waits for the concrete to set.

Lerma's wife is back home in Freer, back on schedule for a February delivery. He climbs the rig to grease the crown. "You can see real nice houses back on these ranches."

Chris Graham, the tool pusher in charge of the drilling rig, rubs his eyes. He sleeps with his trailer door cracked open to listen to the rig, but the overnight crew is driving him crazy.

"They woke me up every hour on the hour," he said. "It's like having five newborns."

As if summoned by the comment, a daytime rig hand pokes his head in the door. "Don't get mad, man. The casing hole was loose."

"It wasn't loose," Graham said. "Nothing's wrong with it. It's fine." He shoos the man away. A "Hurt Feelings Report" hangs on the wall.

His wife has checked in to make sure he's really at the rig. The boss has called to ask why they aren't drilling faster.

This is a turnkey job. Howell paid a flat rate for a well.

"Anything happens to this hole is my ass," Graham says. "The faster we do this job, the more we make. We use less chemicals, less man hours. We've got to burn and turn. I got cussed out this morning because we took too long last night."

Graham would rather work as a driller operating the rig. But a tool pusher earns more. In busy times, Graham, who dropped out of school at 15 to work in the oil field, earns $8,000 a month. He doesn't know if he can do it forever.

"This stuff is tiring," he said. "I'm only 28 years old, and I feel like an old man."

But he likes the brotherhood of the rig. He makes fun of roughnecks who work on the brand-new rigs the majors operate. He calls them softnecks.

WILDCATTING LEGACY

Sunday morning, they drill below 2,100 feet and into the Wilcox and Escondido sandstones. That night, they'll reach the main target, the San Miguel.

Wildcat wells are spectacularly risky.

In 1948, folklorist J. Frank Dobie wrote, "A wildcatter is a person who drills for oil in a place oil is not known to exist. Bankers consider his business about as safe as buying lottery tickets."

Howell's investors are not banks or Wall Street guys in suits. They're retired oil industry executives and business owners in need of a tax shelter.

"Retired schoolteachers are not going to empty out their savings to invest in one of these. It's riskier than farming, which is risky," Howell said. "The shazam of this business is that you can become colossally successful literally overnight."

Wildcatters south of Beaumont in 1901 hit Spindletop, with oil spraying out of the ground in an uncontrolled mess.

In 1930, Columbus Marion "Dad" Joiner stumbled into the East Texas Field in Rusk County and one of the world's great discoveries. The field produced about 1.5 billion barrels in 10 years.

But plenty of wildcatters have gone broke, some repeatedly.

They're gamblers, and Texas is home to plenty of those undaunted by a 10 percent chance of success with a $1 million price tag.

Howell came to wildcatting through family. "Other kids got taken to play football with their dads," he said. "We went to the rig."

His grandfather, Hansel Hamilton Howell, started building wooden derricks but later salvaged marginal wells and started a drilling business. In 1938, he struck a new field near Alice.

Howell's father, John Howell, found fields near Eden and Hallettsville. Howell found and named the Dare I (Hope) field in Concho County.

This week, though, the third Howell grows nervous. Late Sunday night, nothing shows in the San Miguel Sandstone.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

The tan, low-slung Balcones Energy Library in San Antonio brims with rows of file cabinets organized by county, artwork of oil rigs and South Texas geologic maps.

The Eagle Ford play is laid out here if you know where to look.

"It's already been seen," Howell said. In a corner, he steps around a vacuum cleaner and white laundry baskets filled with files to unfold a November 1982 Madison County mud log. The mud log looks like a vertical readout of a heart rate monitor, showing the drilling rate and gas "kicks" as the drill bit encounters hydrocarbons.

For years, the industry saw gas kick in the Eagle Ford and ignored it. There was no way to crack the shale to get oil flowing. Thanks to horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing, which uses water, sand and chemicals pumped at high pressure, history's biggest kicks match today's biggest pay zones.

Library manager Mary Jane Zorola started working in 1988 at the city's other geology library, the Post Cambrian.

"We used to go through three pots of coffee before noon," she said. "In '90, it slumped. I've never seen so many geologists become car salesmen. It goes up. It comes down." Zorola's hands make the rollercoaster gesture. "I think this is the biggest boom I've ever seen."

Back at Howell's office on Loop 410, he learns that drilling has reached 3,545 feet.

Stephen Hunter, the mud logger who catches rock samples that float up the well on drilling mud, says drilling went slowly through the Anacacho Limestone and the serpentine, a volcanic flume that snakes underground. Hunter thinks they're smack in the Austin Chalk.

Background gas is kicking. The Eagle Ford is next.

"You're getting closer to something," Howell said.

"Hopefully, yes," Hunter said.

An investor calls.

"We've had no significant shows," Howell tells him. Drilling is erratic. "My opinion is that we've seen nothing economic at this point. I hate to say it, but maybe we're drilling an Eagle Ford well."

They don't want an Eagle Ford well. But the San Miguel pinched out — geology speak for "isn't there." The Eagle Ford is 60 feet thick and profitable only if there's lots of oil. In that case, they would temporarily abandon the well and come back to drill a short horizontal reach.

Howell puts his boots on the granite-topped desk and sighs. "Unless we get one hellacious show, I'm nervous and so are you."

The investor, who has a geology background, tells him clean dry holes aren't bad. An obviously dry hole keeps you from throwing good money after bad.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

Around 4 a.m. drilling reaches "total depth" and the crew plugs the hole at 3,975 feet. They pull the drill pipe from the hole, which usually takes more than three hours. They do it in two.

"The tool pusher thinks we're not human," says J.B. Espinoza, working his first week on the rig but still smiling.

The pipeless hole must be measured for hydrocarbons, and a wireline services crew lowers its tools down the well. As holes tend to do, this one tries to close. The well at 3,291 feet keeps swelling, and they push the instrument against it 20 times to finagle it through.

Howell moves between the wireline truck and the mud logger's trailer, where Hunter keeps a tidy row of drilled rock in a line — white Anacacho Limestone, green volcanic serpentine, grayish Austin Chalk, black Eagle Ford, white Buda Limestone and so on through geologic time. The fragments get washed through sieves and photographed under a microscope, where hydrocarbons glow fluorescent.

On big rigs, Hunter, the mud logger, may never talk to a geologist. He emails information. Here, he and Howell collaborate. "We're all in it together. It's like a family," Hunter said. "This is like it used to be."

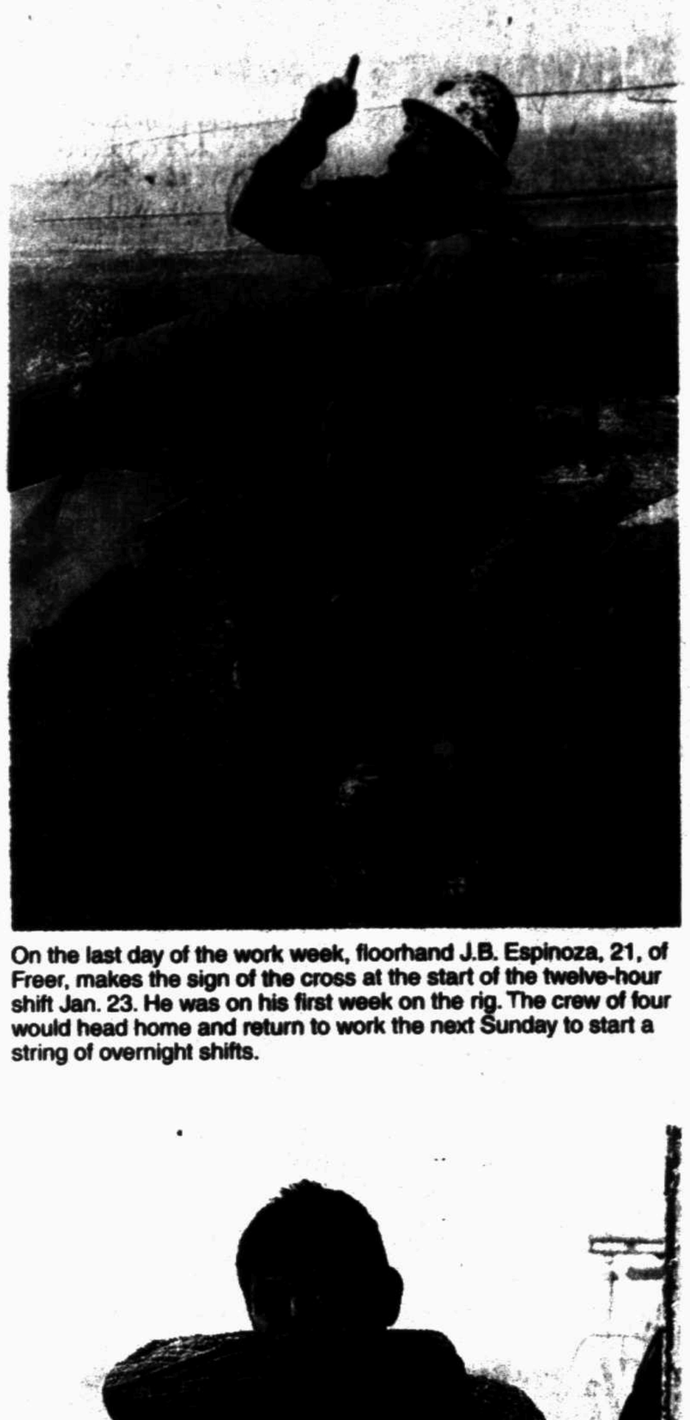
Outside, the company man, Jim McCracken watches rig maintenance and Howell's movements. Now that drilling is complete, he's Howell's man, in charge of the site.

McCracken lost everything in the '80s — he and his brother's drilling and production company, and the real estate investments he thought were safe. He worked in the car business and ran a nightclub, but returned to the oil patch 3 1/2 years ago as shale drilling boomed.

"It's like riding a bicycle," he says.

Howell tells McCracken he thinks it's over. "I'm looking for a miracle because

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On the last day of the work week, floorhand J.B. Espinoza, 21, of Freer, makes the sign of the cross at the start of the twelve-hour shift Jan. 23. He was on his first week on the rig. The crew of four would head home and return to work the next Sunday to start a string of overnight shifts.



Derrick man Nestor Lerma Jr. 36, of Freer, takes a quick break while mixing mud Jan. 21 at a drilling site in Frio County. The mud is used to build up the walls of the hole they are drilling.



Tool pusher Chris Graham, 28, left, and floorhand Miguel Ortiz, help install blowout prevention equipment at a drilling site in Frio County on Jan. 19.



After a logging scan showed no prospects, third-generation wildcatter Harvey Howell, right, talks with company man, Jim McCracken, before shutting down operations at a drilling site in Frio County on Jan. 23.

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Bush

From 1A

Hispanics carried President Barack Obama over the finish line also sent messages across Texas that the time for Republicans to improve its image with Hispanics is now.

While George P. Bush's entrance on Texas' political stage during the past couple of months might be coincidence, what happened to Romney in November increased the exposure given to Bush, who appears to be set for a run at Texas land commissioner in 2014. The Dallas Morning News reported in January that Bush has raised more than $1.3 million in less than two months. Nearly two-thirds was from Texas. The newspaper reported Midland's Clayton Williams contributed $25,000.

There even is a certain air of "savior" status following Bush as upcoming elections approach. Like Sen. Ted Cruz, he is being thrust before Hispanics as a new face of the Republican Party that is conservative but increasingly more diverse.

On Feb. 25, Bush, the son of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and grandson and nephew to Presidents George H.W. and George W., respectively, will appear in Midland at the Midland County Republican Party Bush Day Dinner.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Ector County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner at the Commemorative Air Force inside the hangar named for his grandparents, George H.W. and Barbara.

A party looking for an identity

Republicans in West Texas rarely apologize for their conservatism. When it comes to attracting potential Hispanic voters Republican leaders believe they have much to offer. Rhonda Lacy, president of the Midland County Republican Women, said the GOP set the benchmark for freedom for all people. She also said Romney's presidential run wasn't an indictment of the party, but he was a candidate not willing to dedicate the resources to outreach efforts like George W. Bush did during gubernatorial and presidential campaigns.

Most reports show George W. won at least 40 percent of the Hispanic vote in the 2004 presidential race. By comparison, Fox News Latino cited exit polls showing Romney received 27 percent of the Latino vote in November. Romney's was the worst showing for a GOP candidate since Bob Dole won 21 percent in 1996.

"We will be going back to spending that amount of time, money and effort in the Hispanic, black and Asian communities," Lacy said.

This past week, David Zapata, the Republican Party of Texas' outreach director, said Texas Democrats increased their share of the Hispanic vote in presidential elections from 1 percent (50-49) in 2004 to 23 percent (59-36) this past November.

"When George W. campaigned in South Texas, a 'blue' area, he did well," Zapata said. "If George P. is the same, he's someone that will reach the young and Mexican-Americans."

Midland's Jose Cuevas, who has campaigned for numerous high-profile Republicans across the state, including Gov. Rick Perry, said his party can't be tone deaf when it comes to issues important to Hispanics. According to a USA Today/Gallup poll from June 2012, Hispanics prioritized immigration, health care and unemployment to equal degrees. Immigration, Cuevas said, is one area where Republicans can't drop the ball or damage the brand.

Republicans also must embrace Hispanics during the primary process, where establishment Republicans, including two sitting Texas Supreme Court Justices, were voted out by candidates who were less qualified and without the support of mainstream Republican leaders.

Where George P. Bush fits in

Cuevas talks about the newest Bush on the Texas political scene as having "great mentors, an understanding of the Hispanic community and the courage Texans haven't seen in any of its current leaders."

He believes that a run for land commissioner is the right fit for Bush at this time because it would be a great opportunity to learn about Texas and earn his stripes. Texas Republicans do have a deep bench, having not lost a statewide race since 1994, and there are candidates like Attorney General Greg Abbott and Comptroller Susan Combs ready should Perry or Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst decide on staying out of their respective races in 2014.

"Maybe in a couple of cycles he can look at lieutenant governor or governor," Cuevas said. "As long as he has courage and can lead in the areas that has been damaged in the party, he could be a rising star."

Texas GOP leaders certainly are enthusiastic about the impact Bush can have. During his visit to Midland this past week, party Chairman Steve Munisteri called him "an active voice of young leadership in the community. Munisteri also commented on the popularity of his father (Jeb) with Hispanics in Florida — he got "two-thirds of the Hispanic vote in Florida" — and his ability to communicate with Hispanics. As Florida Sen. Marco Rubio demonstrated delivering two rebuttals (one in English and one in Spanish) to the State of the Union address, Republicans are targeting Hispanic voters.

"He's spent $500,000 in TV ads in big Hispanic markets," Munisteri said of Bush.

The visit to Midland will be Bush's first since announcing he would run for office in Texas. It remains to be seen how much he will talk about his stance on any particular issue. What Midlanders could take in is how much he resembles his uncle, George W., the compassionate conservative who governed the state and led the party during a different time.

Cuevas said the Republican Party must connect again with the "average Latino." He said the disconnection — even on the little things like taking part in parades and Spanish-language radio — has been the reason for Hispanics feeling ignored and "leaning Democrat."

"That is truly a mistake," Cuevas said. "As long as he has courage and can lead in areas that have been damaged in the party he could be rising star."

The Bush name and Mexican roots: A winning combination?

■ George P. already poised to realign voters.



O. Ricardo Pimentel
San Antonio Express-News

George P. See. I don't even have to use the last name and many of you know who this is, though his tio, W, has him beat on name abbreviation.

Many calculate that P is a future governor, attorney general, land commissioner or, apparently, holder of whatever statewide office presents itself first in Texas.

And someday? You didn't hear it here first — President P.

But, of course, were it not for the surname-that-need-not-be-mentioned, he'd have to work much harder [illegible]. Not only [illegible] Mexican roots also burnish his star stature. He represents the perfect mixture of dynasty and just-regular-folks (who also happen to be a growing portion of the electorate).

P is thrown into some pretty fast company on this question of whether Republicans can cut themselves bigger portions of this pie.

Marco Rubio, Florida's wunderkind U.S. senator, and our newly elected Sen. Ted Cruz are also mentioned — more often, actually, since each has already won high office.

But, in the Southwest anyway, P has some things going for him.

His roots on his mother's side are in Guanajuato, Mexico. That's where Columba Bush was born and where she met her future husband, exchange student Jeb.

And P, though he reportedly supported tea party darling Cruz, has, near as I can tell, avoided that label.

He should keep it that way. If the Republican Party needs anything, it's something new.

I called to see if George P., in fact, represents this new way. There was no return call.

But let's suppose that P, though conservative, is more H W than T.C. Cruz. Let's say also that he is more than a soothing tone — Rubio — and has an open mind on the role of government in investing in opportunity.

Such a change would represent a paradigm shift for the Texas GOP, might actually be the real deal in canceling Democratic advantage with Latinos.

As political scientist Cal Jillson, of Southern Methodist University, explains, P likely doesn't have to contort rightward to win votes in a Texas primary. And in the general, he stands a good chance of denying a Democratic candidate the Latino votes crucial to winning statewide.

We would then, of course, see phenomenal pressure on the Castro brothers to run statewide.

Coming down the pike for George P. is the Latino litmus test. Cruz is familiar with this. No Latino candidate should have to be.

Regional ethnic identity is a fact of life but gauging whether someone is really, truly all Latino is an exercise in exclusion and alludes to a purity that doesn't and cannot exist.

Nonetheless, George P. already passes on one well-known level.

He has raised nearly $1.5 million through family and the family "network."

This is soooo Mexican.

If you're in this group, you've probably lost count how many times you've helped a family member clean, paint, cook, build, move or pay a bill. Our old cars don't become trade-ins. They go to brothers, sisters and kids.

This is not exclusively Mexican, but the culture of the family tamal assembly line could take a patent out on it.

The Bush lineage, for W anyway, didn't shut down his regular-guy image. So George P. already has a head start on Latinos envisioning him on that tamal line.

If he cultivates this and embraces policies that appeal — or at least don't alienate — therein lies a winning strategy in an increasingly Latino Texas.

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From 4A

I'm here in a hole with evaluation tools."

McCracken asks if he's sure. "It doesn't take much oil to pay off."

Howell goes to the mud logger one last time to check the serpentine. "Stephen, it doesn't look encouraging."

"That's what I'm hearing," Hunter replies.

They duck into the trailer anyway, turn off the lights and turn on the microscope. Howell looks at the volcanic rock and sees a dry hole.

The pressure shifts to McCracken. They've drilled and measured the well. Now Howell is paying for the rig by the hour.

It's 3:30 p.m. and McCracken must call the Texas Railroad Commission before it closes to get the OK to plug the hole. He needs to hustle the rig off site as quickly as possible.

"Call 'em. What are you waiting for?" Howell asks. "We're burning up time. It's costing me money."

Howell calls his partner in the well.

"Let's go ahead and move on to the next deal," the man says over speakerphone. "You know me. I'm always ready to move forward."

"You're a good man," Howell tells him.

Howell sits in his SUV mulling this well and the next one in another county, but the mood outside brightens.

Hunter has worked 21 days and anticipates a week off at home in Gonzales County.

The day crew, who lack TV and have mostly spent nights off watching the rig, are getting sick. But at 7 p.m. they start three days off.

Lerma beams when he sees a message from his wife. "She sent a picture of my two little girls. She said she can't wait to see me." In two weekends, she'll deliver a new daughter.

Howell calls an investor. "How are you doing?" he asks.

"Waiting on you to call. How's it look?"

"It looks like we're going to plug it."

There's silence, then a long, "Hmmm."

"Is that all you want to know, or do you want the blow by blows?" Howell asks.

"Give me some blows," the man says.

Howell does.

Already, the crew breaks down the pipe. By early Saturday, the circus will leave and reassemble someplace else.

Howell hangs up. "We just lost a million something dollars." It wasn't just investors. Howell threw money down this well, too.

At 3:51, the wireline truck drives off and Howell waves.

He will follow it soon, making calls all the way back to San Antonio.

Eric Potter at the University of Texas at Austin Bureau of Economic Geology and Diana Davids Hinton at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin provided information on Texas' wildcatting legacy.

Colbert Busch: Brother won't overshadow race

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Elizabeth Colbert Busch remembers watching the funeral of Robert Kennedy on television, with her younger brother Stephen — now the star of Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" — sitting in her lap. She said to herself, "Someday, if they let women run for office, I'm going to."

Now, she's making that dream a reality with a run for Congress. And she isn't worried her brother's fame will overshadow her campaign.

"I'm not. I'm so proud of what he is and what he has accomplished," she said in an interview in her campaign office. "But when people see what I have done, and they know the work we have done, and they know me as a person and a professional, it will be fine."

Colbert said he plans to support his sister, whom the family calls Lulu. But that won't include mentions on his show — unless, of course, she does something funny.

"Lulu has a job to do, and that's run for Congress. I have a job to do and that's to make jokes," he said. "I would never use my show to get my sister elected. But the fact my sister is running, or that Mark Sanford is running or Teddy Turner is running or Chip Limehouse, who I knew when I was younger, is running — those are all opportunities for my character to make jokes."

Sanford, the former South Carolina governor trying to make a comeback after an affair derailed his political career; Turner, the son of media magnate Ted Turner; and Limehouse, a state representative, are among 16 Republicans running for South Carolina's 1st District seat.

Colbert Busch is one of two Democrats seeking the seat held by Republican Tim Scott until he was appointed to fill the state's U.S. Senate seat, left vacant by the resignation of Jim DeMint. Her Democratic opponent in the March 19 primary is perennial candidate Ben Frasier.

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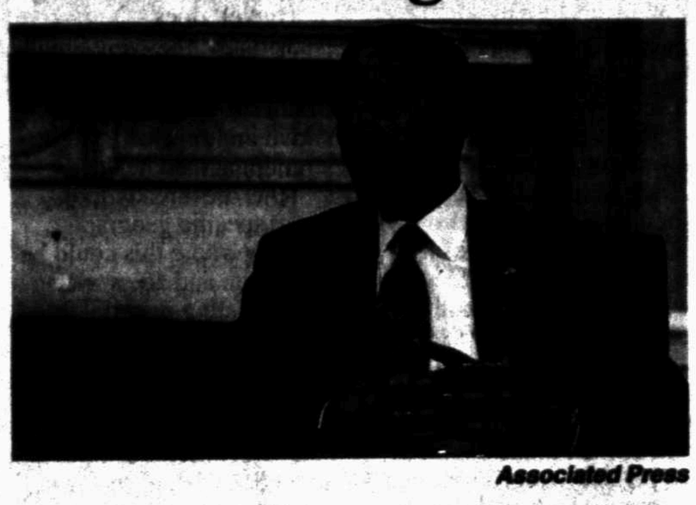
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Obama's focus on immigration concerns many African-Americans

By William Douglas and Franco Ordonez
McClatchy Newspapers



Associated Press

President Barack Obama, seen here Friday during a meeting with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, recently outlined his immigration plan. However, some African-Americans have questioned Obama's priorities.

WASHINGTON — No sooner did President Barack Obama and a group of senators separately outline proposals to revamp the nation's immigration system than the phone lines on several African-American-oriented talk radio shows heated up with callers blasting the plans.

"Amnesty," complained Frankie from Maryland recently on the nationally syndicated "Keeping it Real with Al Sharpton."

A political payback to Hispanic voters that does little or nothing for African-Americans, reasoned Sam from Milwaukee on Wisconsin's 1290 WMCS AM's "Earl Ingram Show."

"Our issues are not being highlighted and pushed, and things like gay marriage and (immigration) are being pushed to the forefront," the caller said. "Hispanics are effectively organized. For us not to be organized and for us not to hold our leadership accountable is disheartening."

Although the civil rights establishment, from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the Urban League and Sharpton, squarely back Obama's desire to tackle immigration, the president's call has reignited complaints within the African-American community that he is addressing the specific needs of almost all major voting blocs — Hispanics, women, gays — except for the African-Americans, who gave him 93 percent of their vote.

Obama addressed the immigration issue again Tuesday in his State of the Union address.

"There (are) clearly different views in the African-American community around immigration," Sharpton said on his radio show last month. "Some have said (illegal immigrants) are taking our jobs, they dilute our strength. Others have said we've got to have rights for everybody or we don't have it for anybody, and this is not just a Latino issue because immigration laws cover the Caribbean, cover Africans, cover South Americans."

Some angst over Obama addressing immigration and other issues so soon in his second term has boiled over into public criticism of the nation's first African-American president by many African-Americans, from the grassroots to the political levels.

Bernard Anderson, an Obama supporter and a former assistant labor secretary during Bill Clinton's presidency, recently told an African-American economic summit at Washington's Howard University that African-Americans should no longer give Obama "a pass" on dealing with issues that directly impact their community.

"He is not going to run again for anything. He does not deserve a pass anymore," Anderson said. "Let him not only find his voice but summon his courage and use his political capital to address racial inequality. He owes that to the African-American."

Some members of the Congressional Black Caucus are quietly seething because Obama hasn't met with the 42-member group since May 13, 2011. Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., vented to the National Newspaper Publishers Association last month. He said the black caucus sent the White House the names of 61 potential candidates for positions in a second-term administration that already is coming under fire for being heavy on white males.

"Not one of that 61 was selected — not one," Hastings told the African-American newspaper publishers at a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., conference.

Obama administration officials reject assertions that the president is race-adverse. Obama has consistently said he takes a "rising tide lifts all boats" approach to governing and that his policies benefit all Americans, not just one group.

"I think comprehensive immigration reform is not about a specific community; it's about a problem that we need to address as a whole," White House press secretary Jay Carney said last week.

But some African-Americans view Obama's immigration drive as an overture to Hispanics who helped power his re-election in November with 71 percent of their vote.

"The amount of blacks who are impacted by this legislation is so small it's infinitesimal," talk show host Earl Ingram said. "Minuscule."

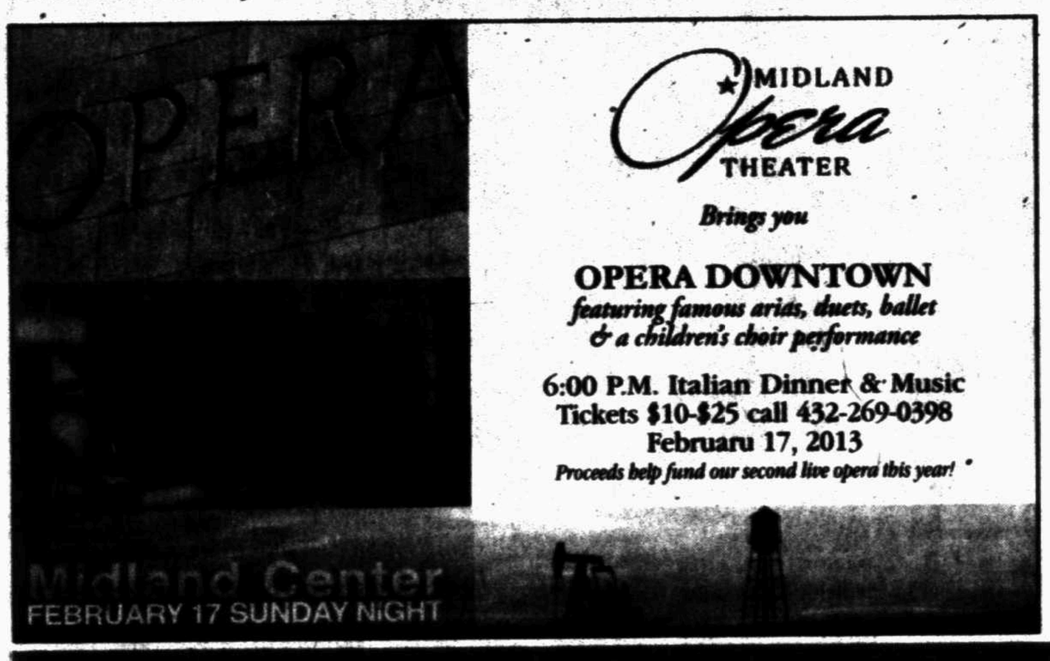
A 2009 report by the Migration Policy Institute found that black immigrants from all regions of the world accounted for just 9 percent of the overall immigrant population in the United States.

However, a 2011 report by the same group discovered that blacks from Africa, though just 3 percent of the U.S. foreign-born population, are among the fastest-growing immigrant groups in this country.

Still, Ingram says many of his listeners see Obama's attempt to push forward on immigration as a reminder of what the president hasn't done to improve economic conditions for African-Americans.

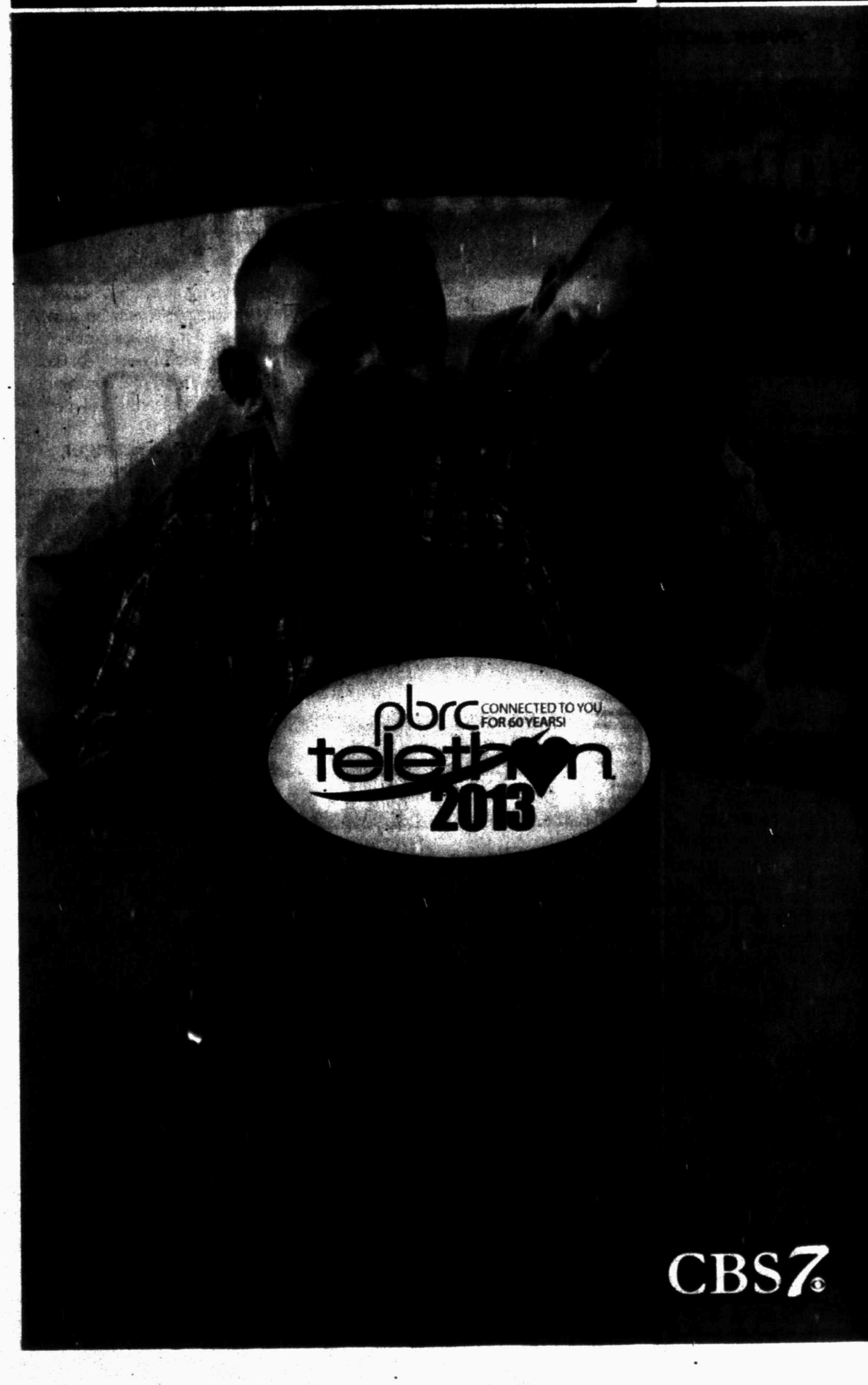
"I would say a bulk of my listenership is anti-immigration," he said. "They look at what's going on with immigration as an affront to African-Americans who can't pay their mortgages because many of the immigrants come here, they are hired at less than minimum wage."

The African-American unemployment rate is at 13.8 percent, according to recently released government figures, nearly twice the 7 percent jobless rate for whites. The nation's overall unemployment rate is 7.9 percent. For Hispanics, the rate is 9.7 percent.



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Medicaid expansion moves forward, but with many questions

By Tony Pugh
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — In the largest one-year enrollment bump in program history, 8 million Americans are expected to gain health insurance in 2014 through Medicaid under the nation's massive health care overhaul.

The Medicaid expansion is a signature provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and will mark a symbolic turning point in the controversial public and private effort to provide health insurance for all Americans.

Yet questions about the cost of the expansion, whether states will cooperate and a potential shortage of care providers has cast a cloud of uncertainty over the move as the nation's rapidly evolving health care system readies for this rare jolt of newly insured patients — and whatever surprises come with them.

"The challenge is you don't know who will show up until they show up," said Matt Salo, executive director of the National Association of Medicaid Directors.

He said nearly every state that has undergone a large expansion of its Medicaid eligibility has seen two things: "More people show up than you think will show up, and the people that show up are sicker than you expected."

Along with requiring individuals to purchase health insurance or face a fine, the law, which critics have derisively referred to as "Obamacare," allows states to expand Medicaid coverage to non-elderly adults who earn up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. That's about $15,900 for an individual in 2013, or nearly $32,500 for a family of four.



So far, 21 states and the District of Columbia are set to make the move next year, according to the Advisory Board Co., a health care consulting firm. Another four states are leaning toward expansion, while 12 others won't participate, and five more are leaning toward not participating. Eight states are still undecided.

Most of the 8 million new Medicaid enrollees will be low-income childless adults, a group that Medicaid has traditionally shunned. The rest will be low-income parents whose earnings exceed current Medicaid eligibility thresholds, and poor people with disabilities who don't meet the disability requirements for the Supplemental Security Income program, a federal cash assistance program run by the Social Security Administration.

As a group, the new Medicaid enrollees will be fairly young, with an estimated median age of just 31, according to PriceWaterhouseCoopers' Health Research Institute. They'll also be poor. The institute estimates that only 26 percent will have a full-time job and that their median annual income will be roughly 65 percent of the federal poverty level.

That's less than $7,500 a year for an individual in 2013, or roughly $12,700 for a family of three.

In addition, most of the new Medicaid enrollees will be female — about 54 percent — and the vast majority — about 74 percent — will be white, according to the group's estimates. Blacks will make up about 18 percent, according to the institute, while the other 8 percent will be Asian, Native American or biracial.

Hispanics, who can be black or white, likely will make up 28 percent of the new Medicaid population, according to estimates by Avalere Health, a Washington research and consulting firm. That syncs with a Health Research Institute estimate that more than one-third will not speak English as their primary language, which can be a formidable obstacle to quality care.

"We anticipate that this will be a significant challenge, both for insurers and for providers," said Ceci Connolly, the institute's managing director. "Some large integrated health systems are already looking at specific geographic markets where this could be a problem and are working on translating material, bilingual call center staffers, bilingual signage and multilingual providers."

Avalere also estimates that nearly 12 percent, or about 960,000, of the new Medicaid enrollees will have a serious mental illness that requires treatment.

Most experts agree that having insurance and a primary caregiver increases the likelihood that the new enrollees' health problems will be treated in a timely manner, which holds down the cost of care.

States originally were required to expand their Medicaid rolls under the Affordable Care Act or face the loss of federal funding. But that mandate was ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in June 2012. In the aftermath of the decision, however, many Republican governors — including some who vowed to block the Medicaid expansion — have since come to support it.

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MONDAY: Mostly sunny
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TUESDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 63
Low: 43

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 71 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph increasing to between 10 and 15 mph in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 42 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

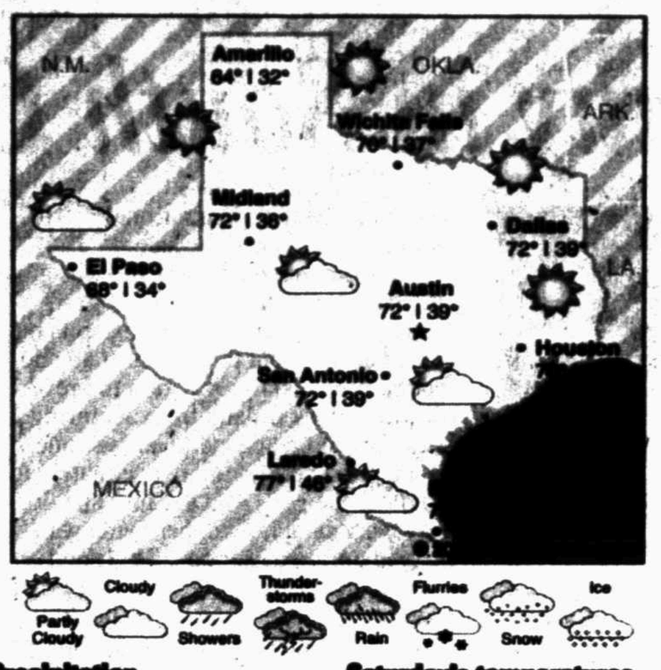
Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 68 and southwest winds around 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Expect partly cloudy skies at night, with a low around 33 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 63 and a low around 43.

The high on Saturday reached 64, while the low dropped to 24. The record high for Feb. 16 is 86 set in 2011. The record low is .17 set in 1936.

National forecast

Warmth will spread north across the central and southern Plains as a front lifts northeast. However, the winter chill will continue in the northern Plains and the Midwest.



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National forecast

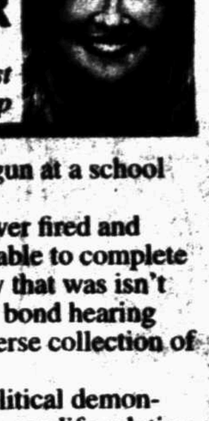
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Is there any sanity in South Carolina?

■ Advancing the gun debate in the Palmetto State has taken lawmakers in different directions.



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COLUMBIA, S.C. —

When President Obama said in his State of the Union address that "This time is different," referring to his push for tighter gun-control laws, he wasn't just whistling Dixie.

Analysts seeking insight into the gun debate need look no further than the land of cotton, where nothing is ever forgotten. In a matter of days, citizens and lawmakers on both sides of the gun issue have advanced laws to:

■ Allow concealed weapons to be carried in bars and restaurants;

■ Make it legal to purchase or own any weapon that could have been acquired legally at the end of 2012;

■ Strengthen background checks to identify people with mental illness.

The latter is the most serious of the batch and follows a recent near-tragedy at Ashley Hall, a private girls' school in Charleston where Barbara Bush, among other notables, was once a student. Several days ago, a woman with a long record of mental instability, including a 2005 court plea of not guilty by reason of insanity, brought a loaded semi-automatic pistol to the school and pulled the trigger several times while pointing the gun at a school administrator.

Fortunately, the gun never fired and Alice Boland, 28, was unable to complete her mission. What exactly that was isn't easily discerned from her bond hearing rant, which covered a diverse collection of complaints:

"I wanted to make a political demonstration about problems in my life relating to the fact that racist feminists, including institutions like that where I was demonstrating ... have been causing me these alleged mental problems ever since I met a lesbian professor," said Boland.

Check.

This was not Boland's first visit to Ashley Hall, which is located near her psychologist's office. Boland prompted a call to police two years ago when she reportedly was seen "harassing children and acting very suspicious," according to a Charleston police officer. This time, she brought a Taurus PT-22 pistol she had purchased a few days earlier, despite a mental health record that, in a rational world, would have blocked the sale.

The woman herself said she was crazy, yet she's sane enough to buy a gun?

More than 50 Ashley Hall parents have signed a letter sent to a dozen state and federal officials urging action to prevent people such as Boland from acquiring firearms. Boland managed to answer questions on a federal questionnaire adequately to purchase the gun. And because she doesn't have a criminal record, her name wasn't flagged during a routine background check.

Laws governing doctor-patient privacy prohibit disclosure of mental health issues — as any who have sought psychological counseling would have it.

But Boland had another record that clearly should have disqualified her from gun ownership. Never mind an earlier diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia. She also had faced federal charges for threatening to kill President George W. Bush and "the entire U.S. Congress." Her plea of not guilty by reason of insanity inarguably should have placed her in a database of those ineligible to purchase firearms. But because her charges were dismissed in 2009, she didn't have a criminal record.

Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, speaking in Washington Wednesday, labeled the Ashley Hall case Exhibit A of a "broken system," and has vowed to introduce legislation that would enhance the background check process to include "prior exposure to court and ... mental status."

Meanwhile, state officials back home in Columbia were busy figuring out ways to skirt any new laws that might restrict gun ownership.

Citing an 1881 "unorganized militia" state law, state Sen. Tom Corbin, R-Greenville, proposed legislation guaranteeing everyone's right to own any weapon that could be purchased legally as of Dec. 31, 2012. Corbin's claim that federal law could not pre-empt South Carolina law, in addition to being incorrect — federal law trumps state law — was rather dramatically disproved during the unpleasantness of 1861-65.

In other action, a state Senate panel approved a bill to allow concealed weapons in restaurants and bars so long as the carriers don't drink. Noting the volatility of mixing guns and alcohol, some suggested that business owners could post signs banning guns in their establishments. But one speaker called that "un-American." Another insisted that he should be allowed to have a glass of wine with his lasagna while packing heat.

So it goes in the state that James L. Petigru, anti-secessionist and former South Carolina attorney general, long ago described as "too small to be a republic, and too large to be an insane asylum."

It remains to be seen if this time is different.

OUR VIEW

Obama fails with bigger government message during SOTU address

We didn't expect much from President Barack Obama's State of the Union message on Tuesday, and we pretty much got what we expected.

We've heard this campaign delivery time and again, and we remain opposed to the path of higher taxes, more government spending programs and more government borrowing. It's a wearisome theme.

In our view, the president is taking the wrong path on nearly every issue without the ability to compromise or even discuss Republican plans or ideas.

Once again we heard spending programs of $25 billion on education and $50 billion on a spending plan to create jobs by rebuilding degraded roads and bridges, not to mention several other projects thrown into the mix that have not been given a cost factor.

The president already has won tax hike for the rich, a plan that was not supposed to affect the middle class, but have you looked at your paycheck lately? It's less because of added taxes the president promised not to deliver.

Even with his tax victory, the president still won't discuss the balance needed through spending cuts, and we didn't hear any spending cut theme addressed on Tuesday.

The president not only is presenting Americans with an unsound fiscal policy, he is stepping up a divisive surge on social issues. He offered a strong defense of gay rights and put climate change back on the agenda, which we fear is another not so thinly veiled attack on the oil and gas industry.

Obama also called on Congress to vote on measures to expand background checks, prevent gun trafficking, ban assault weapons and limit the size of ammunition magazines, saying victims deserved to have their elected officials take up the proposals. Again, we fear much of this proposed legislation is another attempt to undermine the freedoms afforded by the Second Amendment.

There seemed to be a central emphasis in his speech to "build new ladders of opportunity" for the middle class. Yet, we fail to see where his proposal of raising the U.S. minimum wage for workers from $7.25 to $9 an hour can in any way aid the middle class. As he said, states have taken it upon themselves to raise the wage if needed. Maybe it makes sense to allow states to determine what's best for their residents. For a president who desperately needs his nation to produce more jobs, he appears to have an obsession of spending his way out of a crisis at a time when policies are needed to expand growth in the economy.

Our greatest fear remains that we are stuck with these recurring themes as our children and grandchildren inherit a massive debt from a generation not willing to cut spending in order to keep government entitlements.

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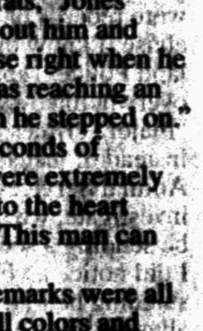
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Rubio's sip was no fatal slip

■ Liberals need to let the water incident go. The senator will prove to be dangerous in the future.



RUBEN NAVARRETTE

Washington Post Writers Group

Here's a thought that Republicans should find as refreshing as a cool drink of water: Marco Rubio drives liberals crazy.

The Florida senator had an awkward moment while giving the Republican response to President Obama's State of the Union address. Rubio had just taped his remarks in Spanish, before giving his speech live in English. This marked the first time someone had given the response in two languages. So he was doing double duty. Naturally, his throat got parched, and he reached for a bottle of water. It was human and funny.

Yet, while Rubio laughed off the incident in media interviews the next day, liberals won't let it go. It's all they're talking about, and this gives away how much they fear the guy.

The way those on the left react to Rubio — a possible 2016 presidential hopeful — goes beyond the resentment they feel toward Latinos who embrace conservatism. Those folks are always an annoyance to the left, which says it believes in freedom of expression — at least in theory. But in practice, the only thing it wants to hear minorities express is a full-throated allegiance to liberalism and the Democratic Party. After all, where would all these high-achieving minorities be without the generous support of liberals for life-altering programs such as affirmative action?

Yet in the case of Rubio, the usual hostility toward Hispanic Republicans seems to be only the starting point. Marco isn't just defiant. He's dangerous.

Take it from former White House adviser Van Jones. During an appearance on CNN, Jones said that Democrats "dodged a bullet" when Rubio took that a sip of water.

"People can chuckle today," Jones said of those on the left. "They're going to be worried about this guy tomorrow."

No doubt. What Democrats need to worry about is that it won't be so easy to portray this Cuban-American son of a bartender and hotel maid as a symbol of privilege. Many middle-class voters can identify with Rubio's journey and feel good about the fact that the American dream is alive and well. And, if Rubio does run for president, the problem that plagued Mitt Romney — i.e., his inability to relate to everyday Americans — probably won't be an issue. Not only that, the 41-year-old is an attractive candidate and an excellent communicator.

"Rubio is dangerous for Democrats," Jones said. "I'm so glad we're talking about him and that we're joking about him because right when he reached for that water bottle, he was reaching an emotional part of the speech which he stepped on."

Jones centered on the last 90 seconds of Rubio's remarks, which he said were extremely powerful. As he put it, Rubio "is to the heart what Paul Ryan is to the head. ... This man can connect emotionally."

Connecting was what Rubio's remarks were all about. In focus groups, voters of all colors and backgrounds said that they could relate to Rubio, and felt he understands their fear and frustration over a fragile economy, a weak job market, and a national debt of more than $16 trillion. This was a message Rubio hit hard during his remarks.

"Mr. President, I don't oppose your plans because I want to protect the rich," he said. "I oppose your plans because I want to protect my neighbors — hard-working middle-class Americans who don't need us to come up with a plan to grow the government. They need a plan to grow the middle class."

And what about Rubio's ability to connect with that one group that can make or break the GOP's efforts to reach out to Hispanics — Mexican-Americans in the Southwest?

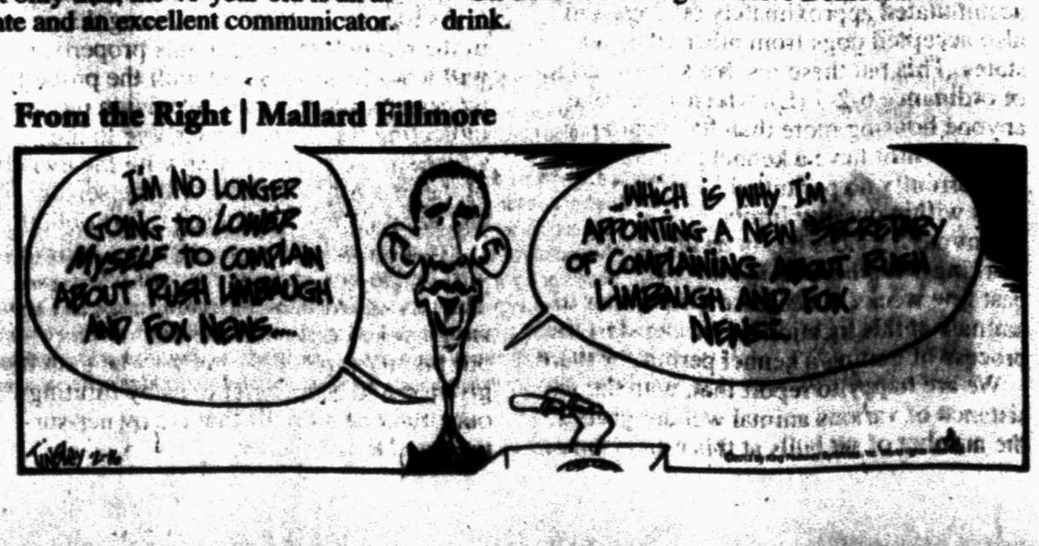
Let's see. Rubio's parents were Spanish-speaking immigrants (not refugees, as with many other Cubans who come to the United States). They worked hard in menial jobs and emphasized education as the way for their children to live out their dreams. Rubio entered politics, challenged the power structure as an underdog and triumphed against long odds. Sound familiar? Now, in the Senate, he is scolding fellow Republicans for taking a tone on immigration that has been intolerant, insensitive and inconsistent with conservative principles. And despite resistance from the radical fringe of his party, he is standing his ground — and communicating his message, not just in English but also in perfect Spanish.

Oh dear. It's enough to drive Democrats to drink.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

High ratings for hospital care

On Feb. 9, my 14-year-old grandson fractured his leg in a junior high basketball game and was taken by ambulance to Midland Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department. I have heard and read lots of reports of complaints about the ED, but it was working to perfection on that day. I could not have asked for a higher quality of care than we received in the ED. From the moment the doors swung open, he received excellent care. The physician, Dr. Larry Wilson, was wonderful with James, as were the nurses. I found out first-hand how efficient the department really is.

I want to thank the staff and the physicians for the excellent care James received. I can still hear Rosalind Grover saying during the campaign, "You can go where you want for your elective medical visits, but when the ambulance picks you up, it will take you to Midland Memorial."

Thank goodness enough people listened to her that we have this wonderful new facility.

Glenn Rogers

Please pray for alleged abuser's family, dog

This weekend while driving down South Midland Drive, I witnessed a man throw a large dog out of his mobile home into a chain-linked fence. He had the dog's head in his hands as he slung it over his head and into the fence.

In horror I stopped my car in front of his door and began to roll down my window, but the creep proceeded to throw a bottle at me, so I drove on. I did file an incident report with the police.

On Monday I checked back with the police and found out they did go to this address but no one was home. I also found out that the Midland Police Department turns over animal cruelty cases to Animal Services to investigate.

My concern is not only for the poor dog, but also for the family of the jerk who committed this act. In recent years, a strong connection has been documented linking animal abuse and domestic violence. A New Jersey study found that in 88 percent of families where there had been physical abuse of children, there also were records of animal abuse. I know the Midland Police Department is overwhelmed with more "major" crimes, but maybe instead of just sending out Animal Services out to investigate, we should also be sending a social worker. I did notice a young female standing behind this "dog-abusing jerk." I hope and pray she is not a victim of his rage, but I feel certain she is or will be, and I say more prayers that there are not any children in this home.

Karol Mayo

Youthful pope is what church needs

Having family and friends in the Midland area, I read the Reporter-Telegram article on Feb. 12: "Pope's resignation viewed as courageous, not unexpected."

Back in 1981, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was overly stern and painted issues with too broad a brush. Originally, he was against the honorable fraternal Order of Freemasonry (which many of America's Founding Fathers were members of, and I am, too).

I wrote Cardinal Ratzinger a letter. To my surprise, he wrote a cold, letter to me in 1982. I tore up the letter, never envisioning he would ever become pope. I am a lifelong Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus and received a Papal Knighthood from his predecessor, Pope John Paul II. I am a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. When Cardinal Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI, it initially caused me to cringe.

But, thankfully, he mellowed. He was not as rigidly opposed to American Freemasonry — in fact, he was more lenient. The order supports worthy endeavors, including the Shriners Hospitals for Children and Masonic nursing homes.

I also wrote to the pope's brother, Father Georg Ratzinger, who wrote me a very polite, friendly letter, and you can rest assured I kept that letter. I understand the pope's frailty and wish him well. I just hope the next pope will be sensitive to the needs of American Catholics who are different yet still faithful.

Bishop Robert Michael Pfeifer is quite correct when he said he personally could "see how difficult it was for him" to carry out his pontificate. When one is tired, he lacks alertness, and mortal-fallibilty can creep in, despite the lofty theory of "papal infallibility".

Vatican II was a wonderful advancement. I just hope some arch-conservative won't set us back 600 years. I pray for a new youthful pontiff who will teach, bless and have a more unblemished papacy.

James A. Marples
Longview

South Side deserves more attention

It's about time the powers that be start building more services south of the city.

We need more drug stores like CVS and Walgreens because Wal-Mart is the only pharmacy south of the city. I hear the same thing from a lot of people that there is more business to go around.

We need one or two more grocery stores, like another H-E-B; Whole Foods would be nice, and we are ready for such. Barber shops, fried chicken places, like Popeye's and KFC, Taco Villa, Taco Bell and Rosa's would be nice. Some nice high-end restaurants such as Applebees, PF Changs, Perkins, Dunkin' Donuts and many more.

Other services like Costco, another home store for building, i.e. Home Depot or Lowe's. Build more apartments based on income and housing.

It's already proven that this side of the city draws a lot of tax revenue for Midland. People traveling like to stay close to the interstate and eat close to where they stay. Remember: We have more room to grow on this side of Midland. Midland is about tapped out if you go east, west or north.

Don Turnbow



Boom can't happen without water

I looked into the future as far as the human eye could see and saw a vision of our state and what was yet to be.

From Spindletop and 10 percent oil, we have floated on that magic sea. For years and years through booms and busts, lessons to be learned were just huffs and puffs and cast aside, just hang on and enjoy the ride.

But for Midland town, the euphoria will someday cease, but not for lack of grease. Strange as this may seem, the arid desert will speak its piece. For what we need is hard to get, and from far distances you can bet. Water and its H_2O sustains our lives and nothing else will do. Without the H and 2 and O, all the future promises is woe are woe and woe.

Just an admonition — here in times of boom great signs of humor but in some venues wild growth may signify a tumor.

Bill Heck

Time for Conaway to stand up against agribusiness lobbyists

Late last year, we were warned that milk prices would double if the farm bill didn't get extended, adding one more surprise at the bottom of the "fiscal cliff."

Fiscal cliff, sequester, "poison pill." It takes a nation in fear to get the government to govern.

Poison pill is my own phrase to describe the phenomenon better known as the agricultural "permanent law" that would significantly increase the prices of some food essentials if the farm bill should ever expire.

The poison pill was established in the 1930s and sets a commodity price support based on a decades old price index. However, some of the prices were much higher then than now. It's tempting to think prices should have been lower, but remember that farming was very labor-intensive then, and modern farms produce goods cheaper.

If the poison pill is repealed, then a farm bill expiration will allow the free market to set prices. Why won't they repeal it? Because the House and Senate agriculture committees think that a central planning committee is better than the free market. And by keeping alive the threat of a hike in food prices, those committees preserve their power.

Is there any reason to hope that some day the House and Senate agriculture committees will relax their grips and let the free market work?

Our own District 11 congressman, Mike Conaway, whose stated goal is to become chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, gets quoted quite frequently in the Reporter-Telegram on topics over which he has no more influence than any of the other 434 House members. But so far he has not explained why the budget deficit has to be burdened by farm subsidies nor has he explained why the threat of astronomical food prices has to hang over us if the farm bill doesn't get extended.

However, I'm optimistic. I'm hopeful that some day Conaway will have the strength to stand up to agribusiness lobbyists, look them in the eyes and say, "No. This has to end. The people who re-elected me are more important to me."

George Johns

Rubio should get story straight

Marco Rubio's personal finances don't match his rhetoric. After the State of the Union, Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio came with a simple message.

"More government isn't going to create more opportunities. It's going to limit them; more government isn't going to inspire new ideas, new businesses and private sector jobs" Rubio said. "More government isn't going to help you get ahead. It's going to hold you back."

Government hasn't held back Marco Rubio.

Rubio is a rising star in the Republican Party. More government did indeed create more opportunity. The Tampa Times reported during his U.S. Senate run in 2010 that it's hard to determine with Rubio where politics stops and the private begins. As Rubio climbed the ranks, he began to use little-noticed political committees to fund his travel and other expenses and later had a Republican Party of Florida credit card.

Virtually broke, at 31 the lawmaker began campaigning to be House speaker in 2003. As he accumulated power, Rubio's income also grew. The $72,000 he made as a lawyer in 2000 climbed to $92,000 in 2003, then rose dramatically to $270,000 a year later when he became House speaker. During the time, he was employed by three separate law firms.

In 2005, Rubio got a $300,000 job with Broad and Cassel, a large Miami firm that had done millions of dollars of legal work for the Florida House.

Annette Taddeo, vice-chair of the Democratic Party, says Rubio has "made a lot of money off politics. Rubio has a wonderful story if he can keep it straight. As a Hispanic myself who also comes from humbling beginnings and who has made it as a business woman, the story that he tries to portray is not the real story of Marco Rubio."

In his speech, Rubio spoke about the desire to defend his neighbors from Obama's tax-and-spend policies.

"Mr. President, I still live in the same working class neighborhood I always have. My neighbors aren't millionaires," Rubio said.

Rubio house's in Florida is for sale for the working-class price of $675,000.

Jannell Junker

Lesson can be learned from another furniture store failure

On Sept. 1, I purchased several thousand dollars of furniture at a local furniture store. It was delivered Sept. 20, damaged and pieces missing. I have spent the past almost five months trying to get the correct pieces delivered without being damaged.

Deliveries have been made every two to three weeks since the first one with damaged pieces that I would not accept. The customer service department continually has told me that they would do everything to make it right; however, it still is not right.

The only resolution to this disaster is for the store to pick up the furniture and refund my money. I had my last phone conversation Wednesday, and all I heard was, "We want to make it right." But they don't because I was told that someone else would be contacting me.

I have gotten the run-around from them for five months and am planning on filing a lawsuit if they don't come pick up the furniture and refund my money.

Carole Eckert

SPEAKING OUT

Reports don't tell entire story on city's effort to help pit bull rescue

■ **Animal Services continues to work diligently to make bad situation better for residents, animals.**



PAUL O'NEILL
Animal Services director

Much attention has surrounded our recent efforts to help a local pit bull rescue gain code compliance with the city of Midland Animal Services Division. Situations involving animals are very often emotional, and our ultimate goal is to work alongside residents when possible to help them make Midland a better community.

Over the years, Bully Beds Inc., which has been mentioned in recent reports, had accumulated approximately 60 dogs and also accepted dogs from other cities and states. This put these residents in violation of ordinance 6-2-7 (E), which states that anyone housing more than five unaltered animals must have a kennel permit. There are currently no permitted kennel operations within our city limits.

Animal Services has been diligently working with these residents over the past few weeks to decrease the number of animals at this location so we can start the process of getting a kennel permit for them.

We are happy to report that, with the assistance of various animal welfare groups, the number of pit bulls at this establishment has been decreasing steadily. Residents also have come forward to express a willingness to volunteer their time to help clean and organize the property, raise funds and serve on a board if they agree to establish one.

As long as we see a continuing decrease in the number of dogs on this property, we will work in conjunction with the property owners. While there are television reports indicating we turned a blind eye to the situation, we were meeting with the owners of the property to ensure that the seizure of any animals would be a last resort option.

We are headed toward what we believe will be the best outcome for all involved. The city of Midland Animal Services Division's policy does not allow us to adopt out pit bull-type dogs, and we feel that the group could be an asset to us by limiting our intake of pit bulls that are owner-surrendered to the shelter.

If you are considering starting a rescue, I advise you to call Animal Services at 685-7420 to set up an appointment. Communication is key so that we can work together and avoid the problems that may arise from a lack of communication or differing opinions.

For more information about Animal Services-related ordinances, visit http://www.midlandtexas.gov/departments/animal_serv/ordinances.html.

DID YOU KNOW?

■ Our euthanization numbers continue to decline and hit record lows. So far this year, we have euthanized 210 fewer animals than at this point last year. We have also adopted, transferred and returned more dogs back to their owners than at this same time last year.

■ We will conduct a $20 shot clinic on March 5. The event will be start at 4 p.m. at the Midland Animal Shelter located at 1200 N. Fairgrounds Road. Pets will receive their rabies shots, a microchip and a city/county license for $20. For an additional $10, your dog can receive a distemper/parvo vaccination. Dogs must be on leashes, and any cats must be in pet carriers. Payments must be in cash. For more information, contact city of Midland Animal Services at 685-7420.

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Senate even losing money on haircuts

By Lynn Hulsey
Cox Newspapers

America's taxpayers are paying a hefty price for the well-groomed appearance of the U.S. Senate's members and staff.

Since 1997, the Senate Hair Care shop has consistently run deficits of about $340,000 annually, a taxpayer subsidy that is growing rather than shrinking.

Critics point to the salon as another example of members of Congress living a lifestyle far removed from most of their constituents: pulling in annual salaries of $174,000 along with generous health care and pension benefits, traveling the world on the public dime and producing self-promoting newsletters and professionally recorded audio and video pieces at public expense.

Last year the Senate Hair Care barbershop/salon ran a $401,000 deficit providing $20 cuts to senators, staff and members of the public who visited the shop in the basement of the Russell Office Building, according to Terry Gainer, the sergeant-at-arms and doorkeeper of the Senate, whose wide-ranging duties include overseeing the hair care operation.

"I think it is the ultimate hypocrisy for any legislator in Congress who is arguing for cuts from the social side of the budget to not include their own budget," said Wright State University political science adjunct professor Paul Leonard, a former Dayton mayor, state legislator and lieutenant governor. "They need to lead by example and make some serious cuts."

The money-losing hair salon is a small piece of the $4.3 billion appropriated by Congress to run the legislative branch in 2012, but it carries symbolic value at a time when members of Congress are targeting defense and domestic programs for $1.2 trillion in across-the-board sequestration cuts over 10 years and also taking aim at entitlement programs serving the elderly and poor.

"While trimming the Senate salon will do little to balance the budget, allowing it to run such a large deficit indicates a lack of seriousness at best, and immorality at worst," said Mark Caleb Smith, director of the Center for Political Studies at Cedarville University.

More funds requested

The legislative branch budget has grown 73 percent since 2000. Although Congress cut funding by 2.7 percent in 2011 and 5.2 percent last year, the 2013 appropriations request of $4.5 billion is up 4.8 percent over 2012. Embedded in those appropriations is a vast menu of services, an army of staff and an array of supplies, equipment and facilities supporting the 100 senators and 435 voting members and six non-voting members of the House of Representatives.

Nearly half of legislative branch appropriations go to the House and Senate. The rest go to legislative entities that assist them, the largest being the Library of Congress, Architect of the Capitol, Government Accountability Office, Capitol Police, Government Printing Office and Congressional Budget Office.

"While maintaining congressional barbershops or salons, dining rooms, gymnasiums and many other conveniences close at hand seems reasonable, for these things allow members to save time and focus on their jobs, this smacks of elitism," Smith said. "In spite of what members may think, most Americans enjoy nothing like the perquisites they do on a daily basis. No matter how much it costs, it looks shocking when juxtaposed with the financial and fiscal difficulties our nation is now encountering."

When asked about congressional perks, both Ohio senators — Democrat Sherrod Brown and Republican Rob Portman — along with House Speaker John Boehner and Ohio Republicans Rep. Jim Jordan and Rep. Mike Turner — all pointed to their own efforts to spend responsibly.

"The Senate has already reduced its budget nearly 8 percent since fiscal year 2009, and Sen. Brown supports additional efforts to trim any wasteful spending," said Meghan Dubyak, spokeswoman for Brown. "I'm sure most Ohioans wouldn't be surprised to learn that Sen. Brown is not a regular at the Senate Hair Care services."

She said Brown mostly gets his hair cut in Ohio but sometimes heads over to the House barbershop, which is staffed by private contractors and offers hair cuts for $15, five dollars cheaper than the Senate salon.

Caitlin Dunn, spokeswoman for Portman, said he goes to the same Cincinnati barber he's used since the mid-1980s.

"With record deficits, Sen. Portman thinks that all programs deserve a hard and fair look at how they are spending tax dollars," she said, pointing to Portman's efforts last year to eliminate 2013 salary increases for Congress as part of the fiscal cliff agreement in December.

Jordan and Turner pointed to efforts to keep spending lean in their own offices.

"It is always important to cut wasteful spending, but it is even more important now that America is hurtling toward a debt crisis," said Jordan. "We have run one of the lowest-spending offices on Capitol Hill for the past few years, and I am always looking for ways to cut federal spending under control."

Turner spokesman Tom Crosson said Turner voted to cut the House's operating budget by 11 percent "and has returned dollars from his personal office's budget every year he has been in Congress."

Since becoming speaker in 2011, Boehner moved on several fronts to cut the House's budget and trim member office budgets by 11.4 percent, the kind of "common-sense spending reforms that taxpayers should expect from all federal departments and agencies at at time when the national debt exceeds the size of our nation's entire economy," said his spokeswoman, Brittany Bramell.

$6 costs a mile

While senators and representatives receive $174,000, the speaker of the House is paid $223,000 annually. The president pro tempore of the Senate and the majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate are paid $193,400 annually. After controversy over voted pay raises, Congress made those raises automatic in 1989, although a pay freeze approved by Congress leaves salaries at 2009 levels.

Congress members also receive:

- A generous pension that allows a member to retire at 62 with a full pension after five years of civilian federal service.
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Cutting by attrition

Gainer said he has looked at privatizing the hair care service, just as the House did in the mid-1990s. But he opposes laying off the federal employees. Rather, Gainer said he plans to replace staff with contractors by attrition, consider early retirement buyouts or raise prices.

"It could be done quicker if we fired everybody, but I think that would be inappropriate," Gainer said. "I am trying to be a good shepherd with those funds, but I am also mindful that some of those people have been down there for 20 and 25 years ... and I am trying to balance that with the service I think is historically appropriate."

Gainer oversees a $203.7 million budget and is in charge of many of the services provided to senators. He is responsible for protection of senators, staff and visitors within the Senate chamber, emergency planning, information technology, the Senate post office, Capitol facilities, transportation and fleet operations, parking, the cabinet shop, photography and recording studios.

Appropriations for the sergeant at arms have grown by 102 percent since 2000, and staffing grew to 959 from 787 during the same period, in part because of the need for greater security measures in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, and anthrax attacks in the U.S.

"I know this sounds like the defensive part, but it is not a for-profit business we are running here," Gainer said in an interview last week. "We are a service organization."

Dale Eisman, spokesman for Common Cause, said Congress should scrub the budgets to eliminate waste, but he said government needs to pay people enough to attract smart, talented employees who have to live in a very expensive city.

"Government is pretty much like anything else: If you want quality, you have to pay for it," said Eisman. "We're not going to get good government on the cheap."

The median annual salary for a hairstylist in Washington was $40,934. For a barber it was $49,920, according the the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.





AP file photo

State police stand at a roadblock on Feb. 5 because of stepped-up security after masked armed men broke into a beach home, raping six Spanish tourists who had rented the house in Acapulco, Mexico. According to the mayor of Acapulco, five masked men burst into a house the Spaniards had rented on the outskirts of Acapulco, in a low-key area near the beach, and held a group of six Spanish men and one Mexican woman at gunpoint, while they raped the Spanish women before dawn on Feb. 4.

Mexico scrambles as violence threatens tourism zones

By Tracy Wilkinson
Los Angeles Times

"We went from half a million visitors from cruise ships annually, to zero. Practically overnight. It has been devastating."

Gabriel Tostado Bastidas, Hospitality Advance International

MEXICO CITY — You might be hard-pressed to find the word "Mexico" in some of the advertising for tourist resorts in Mexico.

Brands like "Riviera Maya" often eclipse the name of the country where those lush beaches are located.

As deadly violence that has haunted Mexico for years threatens tourist zones, government officials and trade executives are scrambling for ways to minimize damage to an industry that is a top income-earner and employer.

The rapes last week of six Spanish women vacationing in Acapulco have heightened such fears and called into question the government's ability to control crime and attract international visitors. It didn't help that at about the same time, Mexico's minister of tourism was in, of all places, Spain, attempting to promote tourism. "This is Mexico's moment," was her theme.

Despite its many problems, including a flu epidemic in 2009, beach-ravaging storms and the global economic crisis — in addition to the violence that has claimed an estimated 70,000 lives since December 2006 — Mexico has managed to sustain a fairly robust tourism industry up to now. The government that left office Dec. 1 said it had increased the number of international visitors during its six-year term by more than 20 percent over the previous six years.

But revenue has yet to rebound to the all-time high of nearly $13.4 billion reached in 2008, according to statistics published by the Tourism Ministry. Last year, the total was estimated at a little more than $11 billion, although final numbers were not available. Tourism is Mexico's third top source of income, after oil and remittances.

The number of tourists from the U.S., by far the largest single source, has slipped slightly, but Mexico has attempted to make up for that by focusing on countries like Russia and China.

Perhaps most telling is that the Americans who still come are traveling to a shrinking vacationland.

Cruise lines eliminated Mazatlan as a port of call about two years ago, according to industry specialists. Long a cosmopolitan port with wide beaches and a picturesque historic center, not to mention a resort favored by Ronald Reagan, Mazatlan is in the state of Sinaloa, home to Mexico's largest drug cartel. Rival gangs are now battling for control of the city, with shootouts and other violence escalating.

"We went from half a million visitors from cruise ships annually to zero practically overnight," said Gabriel Tostado Bastidas, a Mazatlan native and director in Mexico of Hospitality Advance International, an industry consulting firm. "It has been devastating."

Similarly, Acapulco, once the crown jewel of Mexico's Pacific coast, romping ground for the likes of Elizabeth Taylor and Elvis Presley, lost its international glory years ago. Local officials boasted 98 percent hotel occupancy over the Christmas holiday, but nearly all the visitors were Mexicans.

Ports still frequented by cruise ships include Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta and Cancun (aka the Riviera Maya), all still considered relatively safe. Same with the rest of the Yucatan Peninsula, which got a huge tourism boost last year because of rather hyped predictions of the end of the world according to the Maya calendar.

Mexico "is a very hard sell," said Chris DeRose, president of First Travel of California, an agency based in Villa Park. "The violence is scaring people. Unreasonably, in my opinion. ... But you can't force them."

Even before the latest rapes, the U.S. State Department travel warning on Mexico cautioned visitors to Acapulco not to venture more than two blocks inland from the coastal Miguel Aleman highway. Essentially: Avoid the city.

The rapes took place in a bungalow rented by six Spanish men, six Spanish women and a Mexican woman in the area deemed safe — right on the beach, just a few miles south of the so-called Diamond Zone, Acapulco's newest and most luxurious enclave.

Authorities said that at about 2 a.m., at least five hooded gunmen seized the men who were sitting outside the bungalow, tied them up with phone cords and bathing suit straps and then entered the bedrooms and raped the Spanish women. The Mexican was spared. The ordeal lasted several hours.

Mexican authorities announced Wednesday that they had arrested six men in the case. Mexican Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam said the six suspects had confessed to authorities and that one other suspect remained at large.

Violent aggression against foreign tourists in Mexico is not common, but industry analysts said it behooved Mexican authorities to get ahead of the story and, in publicity campaigns, confront the issue while reassuring potential visitors.

"The transparency approach is much more effective" than ignoring or hiding the reality, said Stephen Barth, professor of hospitality law at the University of Houston and founder of the website hospitalitylawyer.com.

Timing could be urgent. Spring break looms. Cesar Martinez, whose Texas-based MAS Consulting Group has worked with local Mexican governments on image issues, noted that the Texas Department of Public Safety would be issuing its annual travel advisory in the coming weeks. Last year, the department warned Texas college students not to travel south of the border for spring break. At all.

Rival drug gangs are battling for control of Acapulco and Guerrero drug routes and markets, and there is also a huge wave of not-necessarily-related crime. Homicides increased in Acapulco in 2011 (the last year for which official statistics are available) by about 125 percent, a larger uptick than anywhere else in Mexico. A nongovernmental group that studies violence in Mexico, the Citizens' Council for Public Security and Penal Justice, said Acapulco in 2012 became the second deadliest city among the 50 cities in the world that it ranks, with 143 murders per 100,000 residents.

After last week's assault, the Mexican press revealed that the same stretch of Acapulco beach has suffered a string of home invasions, robberies and sexual attacks since November. Eight suspects, including several ocean lifeguards, were arrested last month; they have maintained their innocence. The news came in stark contrast to official insistence that the rapes of the Spaniards were an isolated incident.

"The situation in Acapulco," said consultant Barth, "has really risen the stakes."

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In trying to sink Hagel, GOP takes aim at Obama

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans have found a boatload of reasons to try to sink Chuck Hagel's hopes of becoming the next defense secretary. But the issue they used this week to stall his nomination — the White House's handling of last September's deadly Benghazi attack — may seem entirely unrelated to Hagel's qualifications because, well, it is.

Here are some questions and answers about the connection between President Barack Obama's choice to lead the Pentagon and the campaign by Sen. John McCain and others in the Senate to press for more answers on Benghazi:

Q: How did the Hagel nomination become entangled with Benghazi?

A: The short answer is politics. Hagel had no role in the crisis that took the lives of four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens. Neither did the Pentagon, although some have questioned why U.S. troops did not reach Libya until well after the crisis was over. The answer from Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is that the closest relevant U.S. forces could not get there before the killings; he has said the Pentagon could have acted sooner if it had received intelligence warnings in advance of the attack.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, the South Carolina Republican who has joined McCain, R-Ariz., in temporarily blocking the Hagel nomination, does not claim a connection between the two issues. He asserts that Obama was inattentive when the Benghazi emergency was unfolding, and that by keeping a public focus on this, the Benghazi experience could be a teaching tool for future presidents. Graham, in other words, is using Hagel as a political wedge to highlight what he sees as an exploitable Obama failure.

The White House calls that "political posturing." McCain himself has cast his opposition to Hagel in terms of political payback. He said on Fox News this week that during Hagel's years in the Senate as a Republican from Nebraska, Hagel had been "anti his own party," adding that "people don't forget that" disloyalty.

Q: What remains to be uncovered about the administration's handling of the Benghazi attack?

A: In a nutshell, McCain, Graham and other Republicans say the White House needs to explain more fully why the four Americans died and what the president's role was in coordinating a response by the Pentagon and State Department. The White House says it has answered all relevant questions. On Thursday the White House responded to a Republican request that it say whether Obama spoke to anyone in the Libyan government on the day of the attack, Sept. 11, to request assistance for the trapped Americans. The answer, which had been stated previously, was that Obama called Libyan President Mohamed Magariaf on the evening of Sept. 12, and that then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton phoned Magariaf on Obama's behalf on Sept. 11.

Q: Are there more substantive reasons for Republicans' opposition to Hagel?

A: Yes. They start with an assertion that Hagel is insufficiently supportive of Israel and unreasonably sympathetic to Iran. And Republicans dislike Hagel's association with an international movement called Global Zero, which advocates for sharp reductions in the number of U.S. nuclear weapons and an eventual elimination of them worldwide. McCain has hammered Hagel for "a disqualifying lack of professional judgment."

Hagel and the White House insist he is well qualified, in part on the basis of his experience in the Senate, his work in the private sector, and his record as a decorated Vietnam combat veteran. "For the sake of national security, it's time to stop playing politics with our Department of Defense, and to move beyond the distractions and delay," the White House press secretary, Jay Carney, said after Thursday's Senate action.

Q: Will Hagel ever be confirmed?

A: Unless new obstacles emerge, it appears that Hagel will win confirmation when the Senate returns from recess the week of Feb. 25. McCain and others who sought to prolong the Senate debate this week have said they will be ready to vote to permit an up-or-down vote when the Senate reconvenes. It likely will be a mostly party-line vote, unlike those of recent defense secretaries. Panetta, the outgoing Pentagon chief, for example, was approved 100-0.

On Friday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama remains confident that Hagel will eventually be confirmed.



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Former Nebraska Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel, President Obama's choice for defense secretary, testifies Jan. 31 before the Senate Armed Services Committee during his confirmation hearing, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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DENVER

Bunnies taking toll on cars at airport

Silly rabbits.

The furry creatures are wreaking havoc on cars parked at Denver International Airport by eating spark plug cables and other wiring.

To stop the problem, federal wildlife workers are removing at least 100 bunnies a month while parking companies install better fences and build perches for predator hawks and eagles.

Airport spokeswoman Laura Coale says that out of 4.3 million parking transactions in 2012, three claims were submitted for rodent or rabbit damage, and none was submitted with a claim for towing.

KCNC-TV reported there's another way to stop the damage that can cost thousands of dollars to repair.

Mechanics said coating the wires with fox or coyote urine can rob the rabbits of their appetite. Fox urine can be purchased at many hunting shops.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Woman bites intruder, loses tooth

GEORGE TOWN — Police in the Cayman Islands say a woman drove off an intruder by biting him. It cost her a tooth, though.

Police Chief Inspector Robert Scotland said the woman was home alone when she woke up to find a man standing over her bed. Scotland told The Associated Press on Friday that the woman bit the intruder when he put his hand over her mouth. He then fled.

He said the woman was treated at a hospital, and that police are still looking for the intruder.

PENNSYLVANIA

Woman makes spectacle of self, returns glasses

MONROEVILLE — A woman has returned a pair of $2,000 eyeglasses she stole from a Pittsburgh-area shop after she made a spectacle of herself when surveillance video of the heist was broadcast on the local TV news.

Brad Childs, vice president of the Eyetique in Penn Center, told WPXI-TV that the woman called the store after the station broadcast the video of Wednesday night's theft.

The woman, who was not identified, can be seen taking the glasses from a locked case while a man distracted a sales clerk.

Childs said the woman phoned him "after she saw herself on the news and asked me what we could do."

Police in Wilkins Township haven't decided whether the woman will be charged.

MICHIGAN

'Houdini Horse' gets attention for escape antics

MIDLAND — A horse with a knack for opening stall doors at a Michigan farm is getting attention after a video of her escape-artist antics was posted online.

The Saginaw News reported Mariska, a 9-year-old Friesian, learned to open latches at Misty Meadow Farms and she's been nicknamed "Houdini Horse" by the Midland-area's farm owners Sandy and Don Bonem. A YouTube video Sandy Bonem posted has more than 700,000 views.

The horse, Sandy Bonem said, "doesn't like to be locked in."

The video shot about a year ago shows Mariska opening numerous locks on the farm, as well as unlocking stalls for other horses.

Sandy Bonem said Mariska played with things in her mouth as a young horse and that "she just kind of progressed."

British teen survives 3 days lost in Outback

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — A British teenage backpacker drank contact lens fluid and his own urine to survive three days lost in Australian Outback scrubland in oppressive summer heat, his mother said Saturday.

Claire Derry reached the bedside of her 18-year-old son, Sam Derry-Woodhead, on Saturday at Longreach Hospital in northeast Australia, where he is recovering from dehydration.

She said she feared the worst while flying from London's Heathrow Airport to Longreach until she was told during a stopover in the east coast city of Brisbane that searchers in a helicopter had winched her son to safety on Friday.

"He'd survived on fluid from contact lenses and his own urine," Derry told Ten Network TV. He was sunburned and had lost 33 pounds, she said.

Derry-Woodhead, who's from Richmond upon Thames, outside London, became lost in scrubland while jogging Tuesday near Upshot Station, a cattle ranch 55 miles from Longreach.

He had been working at the ranch for less than two weeks as a novice cowboy, known in Australia as a jackaroo.

Temperatures reached 104 degrees as about 50 searchers scoured the rugged terrain over three days. Two searchers received medical treatment for heat stroke.

Alex Wright, who was part of the crew that rescued Derry-Woodhead, said they were lucky to spot him through the trees 4 miles from where he became lost.

"We just happened to see him as he was crossing a clearing," Wright told Ten. "He's been dehydrated. Everything about him, all of his features, looked very sunken."

George Thomson, another rescue crew member, said Derry-Woodhead thanked them after being winched aboard the helicopter and asked for a popsicle.



Associated Press

British backpacker Sam Derry-Woodhead, second left, sits in a rescue helicopter Friday as he is tended to by ambulance personnel, near Upshot Station, a cattle ranch 55 miles from Longreach, Australia. Derry-Woodhead, 18, drank contact lens fluid and his own urine to survive three days lost in Australian Outback scrubland in oppressive summer heat, his mother said Saturday.

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Stylish, quality headphones gaining popularity

By Ron Harris
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Most people consume their music while on the go these days — in cars, while jogging or while working at a desk. Thousands of our favorite songs are just a playlist away.

But pumping your favorite tunes through common earbuds may not deliver quite the high fidelity you deserve. I took a look at a fleet of modern headphones, both on-ear and over-ear models. I found a handful that could greatly improve your listening experience, with style.

You'd pay much more than the typical pair of earbuds — Apple sells it for $29 — but the investment is worth it considering how much better music sounds. The popular Beats by Dr. Dre aren't the only stylish headphones on the streets. Here's a look at a few others, branded by popular musicians, athletes and even a TV series.

V-Moda True Blood V-80 ($230)

Supremely stylish, with a touch of the macabre, these brushed-metal, on-ear headphones boast branding from the HBO vampire series "True Blood." Once you get past the blood-red color accents on the headband padding and on the finely braided cable, you're still left with an excellent pair of headphones that perform as well as they look.

Allow me a moment to explain a bit of headphone technology. Drivers are the combination of a magnetic element and a moving diaphragm that creates the sound that your ears hear while wearing the headphones. A low-impedance rating indicates that the headphones are primarily suited for low-voltage amplifiers found in small, portable music players.

The V-80s have low impedance and 40-millimeter drivers. They offer a frequency range of 5 hertz to 30 kilohertz, which is a wide spectrum of frequency response. Jonas Starker's cello solos, for instance, felt crisp and alive.

Purists will differ on how much the human ear can hear beyond 20 kilohertz. More important, I've often felt, is the quality of the recording you're attempting to hear.

The V-80s handle modern wall-of-sound type rock records nicely, as well. Regular MP3s and high-definition lossless audio tracks sound sharp and true to the recordings. You'll have few complaints with these.

Scosche Realm RH650md ($129.99)

These attractively priced on-ear headphones are finished in black and metal. They also sport 40-millimeter drivers and have a low-impedance rating. This pair performs fine for modern pop music but appears to lack the detail for the high-resolution tracks that an additional $100 worth of improvements might give it.

The soaring highs in John Coltrane's "Blue Train" hold up well, with clarity, but the lower end suffers and gets a bit lost in the mix. The frequency range on the Realms is a touch tighter at 20 hertz to 20 kilohertz, which may explain why I have to massage the equalizer settings on my player when switching musical genres.

BIGR Audio Jam Master Jay ($149)

The outer earcups on these on-ear headphones boast a stylish woodcut design that pays homage to the late Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC fame. One side has his stage name and initials, while the other has a turntable-like arm gliding over the grooves in an LP. Under the hood of these light-duty, low-impedance headphones are 40-milllimeter drivers and a passable 20-hertz to 20-kilohertz frequency range — the same specification as the Realm headphones.

There's a lot more plastic here than on some higher-priced, metal models, but the sound doesn't suffer terribly from the slight build. These are nice walk-around cans that don't lose their grip as I go about my day on the town. The budding audiophile will want to seek out something more substantial to handle finely mastered recordings, but BiGR Audio has delivered a decent pair of all-purpose gear here.

Soul by Ludacris SL300JAM — Usain Bolt Signature Series ($349.95)

Something about me didn't want to like these brightly colored over-ear headphones, emblazoned with a silhouette of preening Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt on each ear cup. They're a bit ostentatious, like Bolt himself. And they are expensive.

But after I put them on, I surrendered to the most comfortable pair of headphones I've ever worn. My jaw dropped after I cued up Coltrane.

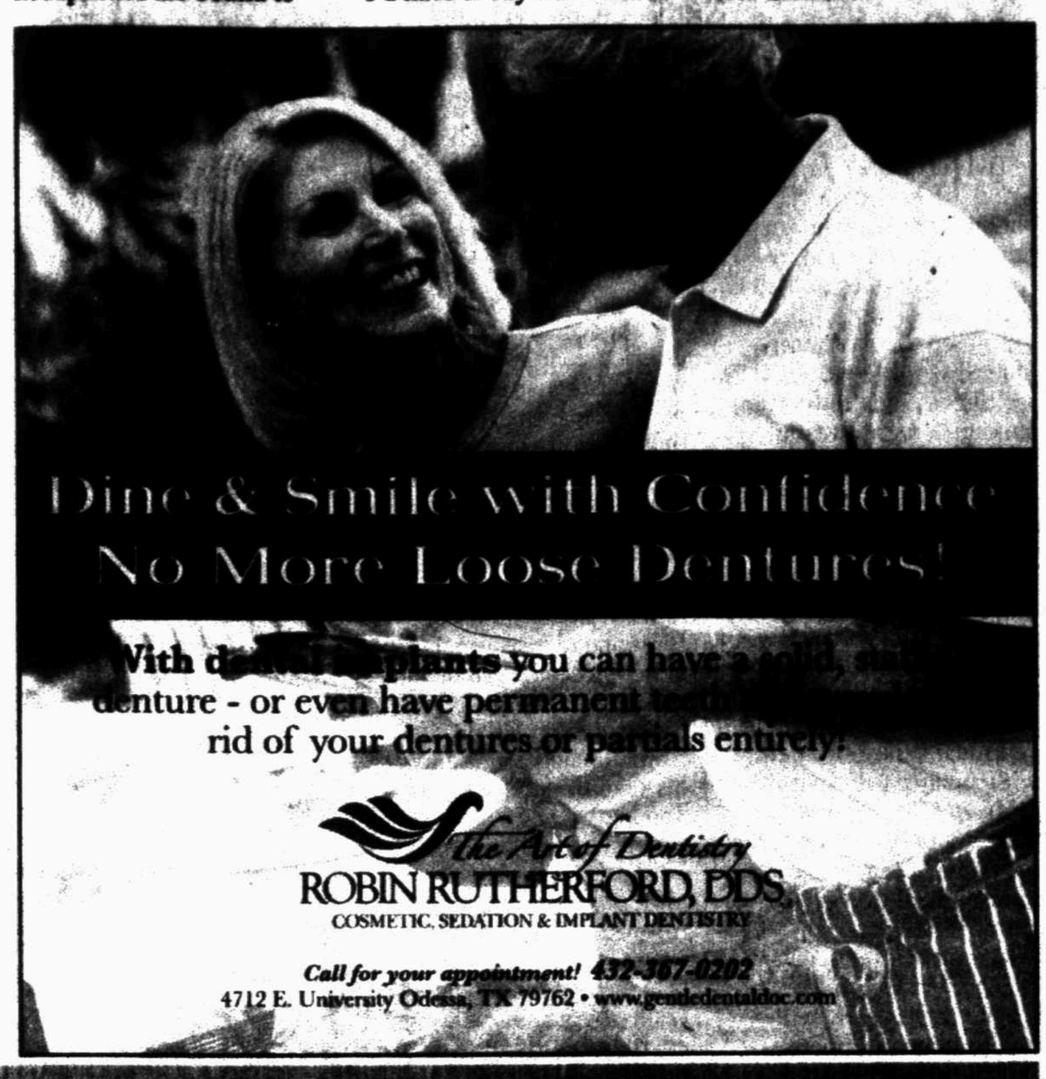
I give up. These are wonderful headphones.

Of the ones I tried, the Bolt headphones are the only ones with noise cancellation, which is the introduction of a discrete signal to eliminate surrounding environmental noise. Whether I had that feature turned on or off, the Bolt signature headphones stood up to each test of each genre I threw at it. I heard range and separation in Coltrane's jazz, precise power in Metallica's metal and the intricacy of latticed percussion in Simon & Garfunkel's "Cecilia."

As far as specs go, these headphones sport 40-millimeter drivers and weigh 252 grams, heavier than the others even without the two small AAA batteries. Soul would not provide additional specifications, such as the frequency range, claiming it is proprietary and patented technology, which is an unfortunate bit of non-disclosure.

The interior headband is smartly quilted, and Bolt series headphones are collapsible for nice portability in their sturdy black case. If you're OK with the Jamaican flag color palette and a bit of sticker shock, these headphones are bound to win you over.

Otherwise, for lighter duty and a less garish look, I'd have to say the V-Moda True Blood headphones should make the budding audiophile quite happy for less than $250.





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Newcomer takes council duties by the horns

District 2's John Love III to focus on infrastructure, business development

By Rachael Gleason
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Nearly a month after taking office, John Love III already could feel the challenges of co-owning a small business and serving as District 2's newest councilman.

But he said one device has eased the transition between financially advising clients and fielding calls from concerned citizens:

"Thank God for the iPad," Love said with a laugh.

The Midlander was the only person to run for the District 2 seat vacated by Vicky Hailey, who served on the council for nine years. Love said he was on Hailey's short list of potential successors.

"He has a really good working knowledge of how city government works," said Hailey, who — at three terms — exceeded her limits. "I got a really good start, and I feel really confident that he'll see it through."

Love is tasked with tackling a laundry list of issues that include upgrading the district's roads and utilities, tapping into the region's robust economy by making room for business development and improving police-community relationships. He also wants to take care of what he believes to be a pesky stray pup problem.

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■ New councilman sets sights on District 2's stray dog problem.

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"Since becoming councilman, I've had 10 different people contact me about different issues; I feel honored," Love said. "No matter where you live, no matter what you do or where you work, this is your city, too. You have every right to participate and contribute information and ideas to the growth of the city of Midland."

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Despite previously serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, where he was the chairman in 2000, Love said he didn't always plan on a career in local politics. He had early interest in business and economics and attended the University of Texas at Austin before graduating from the Permian Basin campus.

"I've always been interested in numbers.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

City Council newcomer John Love III poses for a picture at PaperWerks, a business advisement company he co-owns. The District 2 councilman took office Jan. 7.

HORROR AT SEA



Courtesy photo

Rick Forepaugh and his wife, Lindsay, who took the above picture of makeshift sleeping quarters, were among passengers of the Carnival Triumph cruise ship, which was crippled by a fire in the engine room. They said most people aboard the ship pulled together.

Passenger recalls time on crippled cruise

By Audrie Palmer
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Rick Forepaugh and his wife, Lindsay, were sleeping in their cabin when they heard an alarm sound and a call go out ordering a crew to stairwell 50. A few minutes later, the call sounded again with new orders not to go to the stairwell.

At that point, Rick said he knew something must be wrong.

It was about 5:30 in the morning exactly one week ago. He and his wife were among the more than 3,000 passengers on board the Carnival Triumph cruise ship.

The story about the conditions passengers and crew members were forced to endure as they waited for help after they were stranded without power in the Gulf of Mexico has made national headlines.

Inside

■ Local travel agents don't expect cancellations.

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Forepaugh, a former Reporter-Telegram employee, will move back to Midland this week from Fort Worth and start a new job on Wednesday. He and his wife decided to take their first cruise together — a four-day excursion from Galveston to Cozumel, Mexico, and back — before the hustle and bustle of packing and moving began.

They were stranded at sea with thousands of others for seven days and returned Friday afternoon to their home in the Metroplex. They lost almost a week of packing time.

Triumph left port in Galveston at 4 p.m. Feb. 7 and arrived in Cozumel on Feb. 9, where the Forepaughs and other passengers were able to dock, relax and enjoy the sights. They returned to the ship and were headed home to Galveston on Feb. 10 when a fire broke out in the engine room.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



Mayor is on mission to clean up New York streets

You have to give credit to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg for trying to save mankind from his own streets in New York City.

This mayor will leave behind a legacy of making America skinnier and less obese. At least New Yorkers will have less fat on them as a true example of health for all Americans everywhere.

Just look at what Bloomberg has accomplished. He has banned smoking at restaurants, bars and parks; put limits on the sales of sugary sodas; and required fast food eateries to post the fat and calorie totals of the meals they serve.

And now he wants them to clean up after themselves, proposing another citywide ban on plastic-foam packaging used for coffee cups and food containers.

In fighting for his proposal, Bloomberg has said, "This is something that we know is environmentally destructive and that may be hazardous to our health, that is costing taxpayers money and that we can easily do without, and is something that should go the way of lead paint."

Several things can be accomplished by banning plastic-foam packaging.

First, it eliminates a product that is more expensive to recycle and is considered harmful to the environment.

We know this firsthand in Midland. We have plastic-foam packaging on our own streets, in bulk so to speak. We know how hard that is to remove. I'm pretty sure we have pre-1900 plastic-foam packaging on Midland streets despite the propaganda that plastic-foam products didn't come along until much later, around 1960.

And I'm sure the mayor has considered the fact that the ban on plastic-foam

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High school firearms courses not unlike driver's education

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers



State Rep. James White wants to add triggernometry to the electives that can be offered in Texas high schools. It's right there in his House Bill 1142, which would allow, not mandate, "a public school elective course on firearm safety, training and history."

We're talking shooter's ed, kind of like driver's ed. And just like it's a good idea to train up a kid who's going to legally drive, maybe it's a good idea to train up a kid who's going to legally shoot.

A good number of us urban Texans seem to have difficulty with the notion, but firearms usage (as in hunting and target shooting) is a legal activity with deep roots in many families. And I'm not sure why a school district should not be allowed to decide that a firearms safety course is a wise use of time and money.

"The purpose of a course under this section is to teach the history and importance of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and to teach respect for and proper use of firearms," HB 1142 said.

You got something against teaching the "history and importance" of any part of the U.S. Constitution? Done properly, I don't.

Under White's bill, the course also would have to include firearms safety and maintenance instruction, hunter safety and "training in the use of firearms, including the safe use of common firearms such as pistols, revolvers, rifles and shotguns."

The righteously horrified among you are asking why in the world we'd put firearms in the hands of high school kids.

White, a former teacher, said there are already lots of dangerous activities at public schools, including welding, auto mechanics and chemistry. And he recalled that as an ROTC cadet at a Houston high school, he was on the marksmanship squad.

Like lots of legislation, it's easy to chide HB 1142, which, also like lots of legislation, has a long, precarious path to travel before becoming law. White wants to make sure you know he's not trying to force the course on any district. It's a local decision, he said, to be pursued by districts that see this as "congruent with the values" of their constituents.

Under HB 1142, the course would have to be taught by either a "qualified handgun instructor" or "a peace officer ... employed by a local law enforcement agency."

FYI, Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said school districts now can offer such a course as a "local elective credit." She notes, however, that disfricts "might encounter challenges"

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Obituaries



Diana Kay Glover

Diana Kay Glover, 44, of Denton, Texas passed away on February 9, 2013. She was born in Houston, Texas on March 12, 1968 to Joe and Carol Wilson.

She was a teacher and longtime member of the Sanger Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Gary and two daughters, Alexandria and Madison of Denton, Texas; her mother, Carol Wilson; her sister, Sheri Plankey and husband David; her two brothers, Jeff Wilson and wife Tamara and Dan Wilson and wife Cathy; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Evelyn and Philip Glover, of Midland, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at the Sanger Church of Christ in Sanger, Texas.



Donald W. "Don" Elliott

Donald W. "Don" Elliott, 81, of Midland, died Friday, February 15, 2013. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, February 18, 2013 from 7:00-9:00PM. Memorial services will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 10:00AM.

Don was born on May 5, 1931 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to Robert and Eva Elliott. He married the love of his life, Ruby Smith, in Virginia in 1950. After serving in the Army during the Korean War, Don became very skilled in the trade of brick masonry and worked in this vocation until 1983, at which time he began working for Manor Park as Building and Grounds Coordinator. Don retired from Manor Park in 1999. Don was a very loving and compassionate man with a gentle soul. He was a loyal husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Don was a man of his word and was from the "old school" where a handshake was as good as any written contract. Don and Ruby shared countless hours together working at their favorite hobby doing crafts. They owned "Art With Nails" and enjoyed traveling to various craft shows selling their crafts for over 30 years. He loved spending time with his family and especially the ones that called him PaPa.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Elliott of Midland; son, Gary Elliott of Midland; son, Mark Elliott and Barbara of Midland; daughter, Jennifer Shaw of Mt. Vernon, ME; and daughter, Tracey Arenivas and Jr. of Midland; 10 grandchildren, Amy Aguilar and Mario of Midland; Cassie Bundy and Lan of Midland; Adam Elliott and Lindsay of Midland; Clint Elliott of Midland; Aaron Shaw of Mt. Vernon, ME; Jarred Shaw of Mt. Vernon, ME; Brian Shaw and Michelle of Mt. Vernon, ME; Addison Arenivas of Midland; Chole Arenivas of Midland; Sara Arenivas of Midland; 5 great-grandchildren, Afton, Laylan, Locke, Capri, and Camden.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister.

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Leonard Charles Labbe

The life of Leonard Charles Labbe will be celebrated next month at the Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas, Texas. Hosted by his daughters, the gathering will be attended by family members of Labbe who passed away on February 9th, his 92nd birthday.

Labbe was born in 1921 in Akron, Ohio, the son of Theresa Marie and Edward George Labbe. One of ten children, Labbe had seven brothers who preceded him in death: Jack, Edward, Richard, Joe, Lawrence, James, and Paul. He is survived by two sisters, Cecilia Johnson of Mogadore, Ohio and Mary Ann Hileman of Ocala, Florida.

Proud of his military service, Labbe served in the Army Air Corps in WWII and was stationed in North Africa under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's command where he provided radio assistance to American and British pilots participating in Europe's air war.

After the war, Labbe returned to Akron and worked as a machinist, fabricating tools and demonstrating the resourcefulness common to those in The Greatest Generation. It was in Akron that Labbe met and married Willie Sue Nall to whom he would be married for 51 years.

Moving to Wichita Falls, Texas in 1947, Labbe trained to certify as a dental technician where his artistry in porcelain and precious metals grew his business, Dental Technicians, Inc., which he opened in 1960. Labbe helped organize the Texas State Dental Laboratory Association and served as its president in the early '70's.

A born storyteller, Leonard enjoyed writing fiction and poetry. His numerous hobbies produced wood-carved birds, intricately tied fishing lures, and lost wax castings. He loved to play golf, and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan beginning with the 1960 expansion team. Quite the pool player, Leonard went on to win numerous awards in Texas Senior Olympic tournaments. He and Willie Sue spent as much time as possible in their beloved cabin in Ruidoso, NM.

Most of all Leonard loved his family. Though his wife preceded him in death in 1998, he is survived by daughters Vicki Poole and her husband Ron of Lake Kiowa, Texas and Barbara McLean and her husband Bruce of Midland, Texas. Papa adored his four grandchildren: John Poole and his wife Johanna, James Poole, Amanda Richardson and her husband Scott, and Michael Murphy and his wife Penny. He also leaves four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Always the gentleman, Daddy was a kind and gentle family patriarch.

Memorials in Leonard Labbe's honor can be made to the USO, 2111 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201.

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Mavis Elizabeth McCollough

Mavis Elizabeth McCollough, 88, passed away Friday February 15, 2013 at the Desert Garden Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Midland, Texas after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer.

Visitation will be at the Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo, Texas on Sunday Feb. 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. with Graveside services at the Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, San Angelo, Tx. Monday Feb. 18, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. Services will be conducted by her husband Rev. Clyde McCollough, Patsy Knellar and Scott Beaver.

Mrs. McCollough lived her life in service to God and her Savior Jesus Christ and was at her husband's side as he attended first Seminary then pastored Churches in Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas and Germany. Together they traveled the world and wherever they lived also worked with local Missionaries to share God and their faith. Teaching Sunday School to all ages was her passion along with leading Church youth programs. She was a talented musician with a beautiful Alto voice and played the piano and organ for Church services from her teenage years on and loved giving music lessons. She was an extraordinary Christian example to her family which was her joy and to everyone who knew her.

Mavis is survived by her husband of 70 years Rev. Clyde McCollough, Daughter Elizabeth Harrell and husband John. Two Granddaughters Renee Constancio and husband Marcus and Debra Lindsey, one Grandson Robert Harrell and wife Melissa. Great granddaughters Kelly Lindsey, Brittany and Kayleah Harrell, Great grandsons Paul Constancio, Matthew Lindsey and Zachary Harrell. Great Great granddaughters Jayden Lindsey and Juliet Constancio and Great Great grandsons Nathan Constancio and Caleb Windham, her Sister Maywood Morgan and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Maude Waters, two sisters, two brothers and her Great Grandson Anthony Windham.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity of San Angelo, Tx. your Church Sunday School Class or your favorite charity.



R. C. "Bob" Bennett

R. C. "Bob" Bennett rode off into the sunset on Tuesday, February 12th from his home in Midland, Texas. Bob was born August 8th, 1929 in Mitchell County, Texas, to Robert Hal Bennett and Stella Edna Welch. He was reared in Nolan County, Texas on his parents' ranch with his best friend and sister Avyce. He attended Highland High School in Maryneal where he participated in track, football and basketball while also performing ranching and farming duties. After graduating in 1946 he attended Hardin-Simmons for one year where he roped calves and rode broncos in amateur rodeo. In 1947, Bob borrowed $50 from his dad and headed for Midland and the oil fields. There he met and married Billie Jo Watson in October 1949 and they were together until her death in 1984.

Bob was employed by the Halliburton Co. in Midland and Houston as a draftsman and electrical logging engineer. He also worked for Sinclair, El Paso Natural Gas, spent 3 years operating his own well service company and 2 years as a farm and ranch developer. He returned to Midland In 1965 as an independent petroleum landman and eventually started R. C. Bennett Company as an independent Oil & Gas Operator, which he continued to actively operate until the end of his life. He did business on a handshake and did not tolerate fools. One of his oilfield experiences was chronicled in the book, "Oilfield Stories and Other Lies".

He served in the U. S. Army for 2 years during the Korean conflict, from May 1952 to May 1954 attaining the rank of corporal. He was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany in the 11th Machine Records Unit and was a PT Instructor. Bob was able to return to Germany with his daughters in 1985 in his cowboy hat and boots where he made friends with everyone he met and became known as "Herr General" at the Hoffbrauhaus! Bob Bennett never met a stranger and his motto was "Have a little fun every day"! Luckily he carried everyone along with him.

Bob loved wide-open spaces and spending time fishing on Lake Amistad or driving around his working cattle ranch in New Mexico looking at cows and rocks. He rode horseback in the New Mexico Chuckwagon Riders Association Trail Ride in N. M. for over 40 years where his tradition was to "set out a light and a bottle of whiskey and they will come". Wherever Bennett had a campfire everyone flocked to hear stories (some of them true), drink a lot of whiskey and sing a lot of songs.

Everyone knew Bob's singing prowess around Midland and Del Rio, where he used that deep baritone to stop the chatter, serenade the ladies and pack the dance floors. Wearing his Silver Belly Stetson and buying "whiskey for everybody", he won hearts wherever he went. One of the highlights of Bob's singing career was winning the Karaoke Contest on a Caribbean Cruise where he performed in front of 1500 people at the age of 80!! Another great honor was becoming a Master Mason and a Jester in his later years and the friendships that he made and strengthened through that bond.

Bob Bennett was very generous with his time and money, hosting 2 LHS '76 class reunion parties in his home, donating to the American Legion, the VFW, and cancer research and providing and cooking all of the food (with a lot of help from his friends) for the last 20 years at the Midland Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation Center Family PlayDay. We hope in lieu of flowers you will consider donating to any of these worthy causes or Hospice Midland.

Bob is survived by his daughters Jean Bennett currently of Midland, TX, Jane Bennett of Eagle, CO, and his two nieces Karen and Sue Ann Reeder of Ruidoso, NM. He is predeceased by his infant son Robert Neil, wife, Billie Jo, and his sister, Avyce Reeder.

A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Sunday, February 17, 2013. A church service will be held at Stonegate Fellowship at 1:00 pm, Monday, February 18, 2013 with graveside services to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. We hope the usual suspects will join us at Mr. Bennett's home after the services for a safety meeting and stories around the campfire to celebrate a life well lived but cut way too short. His mischievous grin, kindness, generosity, sense of fun and loyal friendship will always be remembered.

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Sonny Lewis

Sonny Lewis, 80, of Midland passed away on Friday, February 15, 2013. He was born and raised in Rising Star, TX. Sonny worked in Masonry/ Construction business. He ran Mulberry Lakes in South Midland for many years. He enjoyed training and hunting coon dogs.

He is survived by his two sons: David Lewis and wife Donna of Midland, TX and Jerry Lewis and wife Lisa of Haskell, TX, and six grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren. Sonny is preceded in death by his wife Betty Lewis: Daughter: Linda Lewis; Granddaughter: Missy Lewis: two sisters: Wanda Dagenhart and Glenda Holley: Brother Donald Lewis. A memorial service will take place on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 10:00am at Solid Rock Fellowship with Rev. Eddie Elliott officiating, 4601 W. Interstate 20 Midland, TX.

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

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Ivadene Perkins

For in that sleep of death what dreams may come,
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil . . .
William Shakespeare

Ivadene Richardson Perkins (Dene) shuffled off her mortal coil before dawn on January 1, 2013. She died peacefully in her bed at her home in Los Angeles, California. Her chronological age was 86, but Dene would be the first to tell you she felt the weariness of "old age" most of her life. Born in Kaufman County, Texas on May 14, 1926 to Cornelia Elizabeth Porter and Solon Elmer Richardson, Dene was the youngest of four children. Her family moved to Odessa, Texas in 1933, where Solon found work with Gulf Oil. The family built a home, literally with hammer and nails, and figuratively by creating the gathering place for extended family and friends over many decades. She attended secretarial school after her high school graduation and worked for several different oil companies before meeting the love of her life, Earl Louis Perkins (Perk).

She married Perk on November 23, 1953, in Chihuahua, Mexico, before returning to the Midland/Odessa area to raise their two children, Corby Perkins Baumgarten and Marcus Louis Perkins. Their multiple homes also gave shelter to numerous dogs and cats over the course of their marriage. Upon retirement in 1987, they built a home and relocated to Canyon Lake, Texas, where their four grandchildren spent many glorious summer vacations with them. In December of 2001, Dene and Perk moved to Los Angeles so that they could be near those same grandchildren. Perk died peacefully in his sleep on July 13, 2005, in the same bed in which Dene said her final goodnight.

Dene had many talents: she was an artist, a writer, and a remarkable hostess. She taught her nieces how to drive on the dusty country roads of the Odessa caliche pits. She had an eye for beautiful things and made her homes a reflection of her tastes and delights. She played a mean game of Scrabble and could get downright deadly when engaged in mortal combat over the Trivial Pursuit board. There was nothing trivial in her telling of her truths. She loved a good crossword puzzle and a shot of Jack Daniels with an iced-tea back. She was a liberal when it wasn't fashionable to be so, and she could smoke and drink and curse well enough to make a roughneck blush. Her persona was a woman who lived full-throttle, while her inner child hid from the demons that chased her.

To know Dene was to love her. And she knew bounteous love, most especially from her grandchildren, Max, Sam, Regan and Felle Baumgarten. Her talented grandchildren wrote and sang to her of Canyon Lake whenever she felt homesick:

"Waltz with me my dear Ivadene
All the way to Texas, we'll be there by spring.
Cardinals in the oak trees and spotted fawns,
I just spotted three..."

A celebration of Dene's life will take place this summer in her beloved Texas. For more information please email her daughter, Corby, at cbaumgarten@speakeasy.net or her son, Marc, at iperkins@speakeasy.net



Marguerite Clarke Moreland Goudeau

Marguerite Clarke Moreland Goudeau was born July 28, 1921 and died peacefully February 13, 2013, with her loving family by her side. She was born in Big Cane, LA to Samuel Lovel Moreland and Ophelia Clarke Moreland, now deceased.

Marguerite graduated Morrow High School and attended Massey Business College, Houston, TX. Later she graduated Rangely College, Rangely, CO, with High Honors.

She married Willie A. (Bill) Goudeau June 26, 1943, in St. Louis, MO and they were married for 69 1/2 years.

She was preceded in death in 1995 by their son Ronald Eugene Goudeau. She leaves her husband Willie, 2 daughters, Anita Rene Goudeau and Antoinette Faye Goudeau, and 3 sons and their wives: William Glen Goudeau and Peggy; Timothy Alan Goudeau and Marion; John Nathan Goudeau and Sherri. She leaves her only brother Sam Moreland, Jr. She also leaves 7 grandsons, Jonathan Goudeau, Jared Goudeau, Joel Goudeau, Steven Goudeau, Tyler Goudeau, Spencer Goudeau, and Will Goudeau, and 2 granddaughters, Ronda Rubben and Amanda Polania. She also leaves 8 great grandchildren.

Marguerite loved and trusted the Lord and was a devout Christian. She was actively involved in many ladies' classes at church and benevolent works such as Brazil, Kenya, and India, as well as many community activities wherever she lived. She and her husband, Willie, moved eighteen times while serving in the Army and working for Chevron Oil Company. Marguerite served as Registrar at Midland Christian School for 10 years. At retirement, the couple stayed in Midland, TX, where they have lived since 1973. Wherever the family lived, Marguerite made their house a home filled with love, Bible reading and prayer every morning.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to KWO Ministries (Kenya Widows and Orphans) and mailed to 3500 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703, or to Golf Course Road Church of Christ - India or Brazil Missions at the same address.

To our beloved mother, friend, wife and a dedicated servant of the Lord - Cross Our Hearts, we love you!

Visitation will be Sunday, February 17 from 5-7:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Midland, TX. Services will be held Monday, February 18, at 10:00am at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Midland, TX.

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Death Notices

Carlos Natividad Sr.

Carlos Natividad Sr., 60, passed away on Saturday, February 16, 2013. A rosary will be held on Monday, February 18, 2013 at 7:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 11:00am at Primera Iglesia Bautista

Services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Esperanza Soto Gonzalez

Esperanza Soto Gonzalez, 89, passed away on February 15, 2013 in Big Spring, TX.

Preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one son.

Survivors: Sons, Samuel (Anita) Gonzalez of Stanton; Zaragosa (Rosa) Gonzalez, Jr. of Stanton; Homero Gon-

Death Notices

zalez of Stanton; Joe (Liz) Gonzalez of Greenwood; Omar Gonzalez of Stanton; six daughters, Diamantina (Juan) Villarreal of Midland; Elma Rios of Alice; Nieves (Isidro) Moreno of Alice; Tina Valdez of Alice; Delia Ramos of Bog Spring; Luisa (Adam) Morin of Stanton; 45 grandchildren, 96 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements directed by Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Mary K. Anglin

Mary K. Anglin, 84 of San Angelo died on Friday 15, 2013 at an area care center.

Viewing will be 10:00am to 1:00pm on Tuesday February 19, 2013 at Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Tuesday February 19, 2013 at Robert Massie Riverside Chapel. Burial will follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are with Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Survivors include her five sons; Charles Anglin Jr. of Ft. Worth, George Anglin of Nashville, TN., Stanley Anglin, Edmond Anglin and David Anglin, all of Midland, two sisters; Betty Sawall of Lubbock and Judy McVay of Boerne, TX.

Richard Dean Sitz

Richard Dean Sitz, 77, of Midland passed away on Friday, February 15, 2013. Memorial services will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at Grace Lutheran Church at 11:00 AM.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Kieschnick Sitz of Midland; daughter, Cheryle Aikman and husband Steve of Midland; sons, Garry Sitz and wife Cathy of Midland; and Kevin Sitz of Midland; five grandchildren, Tristan Sitz and wife Jackie of Allen, TX; Shea, Shanna, Cassie, and Kieri Sitz all of Midland; 1 great-grandchild, Evan Michael Sitz; and one sister, Reta Ford and husband Dugless "Buster" of Chillicothe, TX.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

OBITS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANTONIO

Jim Moss, ex-Express-News editor, dies

Jim Moss, former San Antonio Express-News executive editor, has died at the age of 77.

Adele Moss told the newspaper that her husband died Friday. Moss had just obtained a teaching certificate and a minor in journalism from Southwest Texas State University, which is now Texas State University, when he began his journalism career.

Starting with the Galveston News-Tribune, which is now the Galveston County Daily News, he went on to work for the Beaumont Enterprise and was the editor of the Seguin Enterprise.

In 1968, he joined the Express-News to help launch the West Side Sun, the first of the paper's five neighborhood weeklies.

BOSTON

'Underdog' cartoon co-creator dies at 85

William Watts Biggers, the co-creator of the cartoon "Underdog," the mild-mannered canine shoeshine boy who turned into a caped superhero to rescue his girlfriend, Sweet Polly Purebred, has died. He was 85.

Family friend Derek Tague said Biggers, who went by "Buck," died unexpectedly at his Plymouth, Mass., home on Sunday.

The native of Avondale Estates, Ga., worked for the New York City advertising firm DFS when he accepted an assignment from the agency's largest client, General Mills, to create television cartoons to promote its breakfast cereals.

The most famous was "Underdog," which debuted on NBC in 1964.



MRT file photo

John Love III takes his oath of office Jan. 7 as city secretary Amy Turner administers the oath to new and returning council members.

New councilman sets sights on District 2 dog problem

By Rachael Gleason
rgleason@mrt.com

Dog problems?

Midland Animal Services is located at 1200 N. Fairgrounds Road.
To file a complaint, call 685-7420.

Pesky pups plaguing District 2's neighborhoods and unpaved alleys is one issue City Council newcomer John Love III hopes to tackle during his tenure.

Love painted a stark portrait of the stray dog problem in his district, which includes areas south of Front Street and east of Big Spring Street.

"There are dogs all over Midland," he said. "In District 2, they roam in packs."

Love, who took office Jan. 7, said residents often walk with sticks to protect themselves from groups of stray dogs. He remembers as a child being hesitant to walk to the Washington Park swimming pool while visiting family in Midland.

Areas along North Fairgrounds Road seem to be dog havens, Love said. A tank farm located on that road might serve as shelter for the stray pups, he said.

Love's mother, Joan Love, with whom he co-owns a financial advisement business, said it's a problem in the alley behind her house.

"I'm afraid to go to my alley to empty my garbage," the longtime Midlander said. "The dogs jump the fence, and they'll attack you."

About 70 percent of calls into Midland Animal Services come from District 2, said Director Paul O'Neill.

"We do have a large volume of our stray dog calls from his district," O'Neill said. "Once (an area) gets dogs, they start to roam, and they breed indiscriminately."

Love said he would like to see more resources devoted to animal services.

The agency has about four patrol officers and a number of programs that deal with the stray dog problem, O'Neill said.

"We have to respond to complaints and try to be proactive," he said.

O'Neill hasn't heard any specifics but said he's open to any of Love's ideas.

Love

From 1B

As a little kid I used to watch cartoons and then turn to CNN's 'Moneyline,'" Love said. "It's helpful with understanding what's going on in the city — especially with that's going on with the expansion — (and with) preparing and planning for the future of Midland."

Love has been a financial adviser since 1994. He later joined PaperWerks, a business consulting company originally started by his mother.

He now co-owns the company, located on New York Avenue, and works from a desk covered in yellow sticky notes and a red office room that pays homage to history's greatest African-American leaders.

The house next door, owned by a family member, shows the depth of Love's Midland roots. Despite being born in Colorado and moving around before, his parents settled down again in Midland, Love still considers himself a true Texan. His family has lived in the Tall City for five generations. His mother was the valedictorian of Carver High School, and Love said his father and namesake was one of Midland College's first student body presidents.

"Midland is entrenched in my blood," Love said. "I have a lot of historical perspective with what has happened here in the past on all levels: economically, socially and racially."

In a moment of reflection, Love said he believes his mother groomed him and his brother, Kerry, to serve the community.

Joan Love agreed: "I've always felt he had the personality to be a leader for this community."

Joan Love said her son is good at seeing the big picture, speaking his mind and researching problems. And his financial background will allow him to find much-needed sources of funding for projects, she said.

"District 2 is often overlooked," Joan Love said. "When it comes to roads and paving, the first thing they say is they don't have any money for this side of town. He knows what he's doing when he looks at the numbers."

STINKY PUDDLES AND PHONE STATIC

Love's mother isn't the only Midlander to think District 2 is overlooked.

"Historically, citizens within the district have felt neglected and felt some of their concerns have fallen on deaf ears," Love said.

One such District 2 resident, Julian Reyes, recently met with Love to talk about an issue with the roads near his home at Maple and Tyler streets. Because the roads are uncurbed — a districtwide problem, according to Love — parking from a nearby church generally spills over into his property and onto the road near his home, Reyes said.

Also on Love's agenda

Expansion of Loop 250 and enhancement of Interstate 20

"One of the things I'd like to do is see what the city can do to encourage TxDOT to connect Loop 250 and I-20. That would be vital to development of the city of Midland and District 2," Love said.

Clean up neighborhood alleys

"They are all dirt," he said. "When it rains, you just have massive pot holes. It's difficult for (garbage) trucks to navigate."

Improve police-community relationships

"In District 2, citizens feel like suspects before citizens. There needs to be a concerted effort on both sides to get to know each other to reduce some of the problems."

Communication with residents

"The city satisfies its legal requirement for notice, but that doesn't mean the citizens are informed," Love said. "It's very easy to complain, but when you have the necessary information, then there's more of a tendency to develop an understanding of why the city does what and how it does what it does.

"From a citizen's point of view, (it seems this issue) is not getting done. There are so many factors that play into getting things accomplished that the average individual might not understand. This is their city, too."

The lack of proper drainage is also an issue, the 65-year-old said.

"When it rains, the water stands on the side of the house because there's no drainage," he said. "I've been living here for at least 42 years, and they haven't done a thing. It's been an issue for many years. The city just doesn't pay attention on this side of town."

Love agreed. The draws are full of weeds, and when it rains, water collects in ugly, stinky puddles, he said.

Bridges over some locations might help residents, including school children, get to local schools, parks and centers without having to avoid flooded areas, he said.

Love said most of these issues arise because of aging infrastructure. He struggles with water, sewage and telephone line problems at his own business.

"Every time it rains, the entire neighborhood calls AT&T," he said.

Love said the city's future looks bright but quality infrastructure is key to developing the district.

"You can't build a business or home without water or sewer lines," he said.

Mayor

From 1B

products will make it harder for people in the Bronx to hide their soft drinks in excess of 16 ounces. Bloomberg doesn't allow soft drinks of more than 16 ounces in NYC if they contain sugar. You can drink all the diet stuff you want. We just wonder how a cop on the street goes about arresting a diet soda drinker, using a plastic-foam container.

Cop: "I see you are drinking a soda pop. Looks to be over 20 ounces there, am I right?"

Soda drinker: "Yeah, I'm having a soda, but it's of the diet variety, officer. No calories, just as the mayor wants and no sugar."

Cop: "Darn, I don't have my sugar tester with me. But I do see you have your drink in a plastic-foam container. You are most respectfully under arrest, sir."

If you are going to visit NYC in the future, you have to be careful.

Don't smoke anywhere and count calories of all meals. They frown on it in NYC if your main entree is more than 550 calories. And expect to pay a lot more for a lot less. Touch the sugar bowl, and it might be a life sentence.

But then again, if you need to lose a few pounds, Mayor Bloomberg will welcome you to his city with open arms. He might even comp you a couple of tickets for a Broadway play.

One Bloomberg action that doesn't make much sense is the fact that he also is proposing 1,000 new recycling bins on city streets while opening a new recycling center in Brooklyn. Shouldn't you be able to have fewer recycling bins if you eliminate much of the products that need to be recycled?

As you know, Bloomberg is entering his final months in office. The plastic-foam ban might be his last effort at reforming the bad habits of New Yorkers. I keep wondering if his ban might help plastic-foam packaging disappear from Midland roadways.

If Bloomberg is able to accomplish that for Midland, I might have a different attitude on his reforms down the road. But what the hey, it only takes about 250 years for these types of products to recycle on their own.

You can ban all the plastic-foam products you want, just leave my soda pop alone.

Thought for the Week: "In New York City, there is no law against being annoying." — William Kunstler.

Firearms

From 1B

presented by state law barring weapons at schools and school-sponsored activities. I note, however, that the penal code has an exemption for weapons possessed "pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the institution."

East Texan White, R-Hillister, is an interesting guy. He's a second-term legislator who surprised lots of folks by winning that second term. The 2011 redistricting process paired him in a district with Rep. Mike "Tuffy" (I don't make this stuff up) Hamilton, a five-term GOP rep from Lumberton.

You might think the five-termer would have an advantage over the one-termer. And, stereotypes being what they are, you also might think that in an East Texas GOP primary a white guy named Tuffy might be a favorite over a black guy named White. But White took 54.5 percent of the vote in beating Hamilton, and there was no Democrat in the general election.

White's hometown of Hillister is an unincorporated community 8 miles south of Woodville. Depending on where his political career takes him, he could become Hillister's most famous son, a title I now bestow on somebody who will be remembered by basketball fans of a certain age.

Anybody else remember Zelmo Beaty? If so, you are nodding appreciatively and you will feel old when I tell you he's now 73.

As I recall, ol' Zelmo was a pretty good shooter.

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

Electricity	13 families	$ 6,364.41
Gas	6 families	$ 2,633.77
Water	4 families	$ 1,574.59
Rent	13 families	$10,732.96
Transportation	1 family	$ 78.00
Medical	1 family	$ 632.71
Plumbing Repairs	2 families	$ 1,191.21
Miscellaneous	2 families	$ 1,586.00
TOTAL		$24,793.65

Dear Helping Hands,

I am writing this letter asking for help with my electric bill. I have a termination notice for this Monday. If I get my service turned off I will have to move out of my apartment. PLEASE HELP!!! My car got repossessed, so I'm having a hard time getting around. My son who is 17 just got hired at Walmart, so things will get better. He can work after school and on weekends. My rent just went way up by over $250 each month and I just can't afford to pay everything that I owe. I'm embarrassed for begging, but this electric bill is hurting me. Please let me know ASAP. Thank you for any help.

P.S. I am working 2 jobs, and now that I have to take the bus I'm not home very much. Leave me a message at the following number, if you can. Please, please help us. We are hurting. God bless U.

Requests such as this one are not unusual from those now being referred to as the "working poor." They are people who oftentimes struggle with multiple jobs, however they are usually minimum wage and part time and there simply is not enough money to meet the rising cost of living. Increases in rent of $200-$300 per month are not unusual in Midland right now, and those increases are having a devastating impact on those who struggle to survive. Please pray for all of the people adversely affected by our high costs of living.

By the way – we were able to bring this woman's electric bill current, thanks to your generous support of the poor through Helping Hands. We also continue to thank the Abell-Hanger Foundation and Atmos Energy for the generous donations they make to Helping Hands to help offset electric and gas bills for our Midland neighbors in need. Thank all of you very, very much!

Most in Texas Medicaid are children or elderly

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Every odd-numbered year, the Texas health and human services commissioner appears before state lawmakers hungry to cut spending on Medicaid, and at every meeting he or she shows them a chart of whose health services would suffer: impoverished children, senior citizens and the disabled.

That's the moment when even the most hard-hearted lawmaker realizes that cutting the program, which accounts for a quarter of state spending, will be tougher than they thought. Texas already has one of the most restrictive Medicaid programs in the country.

But Texas faces a fundamental problem in that the number of poor children and impoverished elderly continues to grow, and federal law requires the state to provide a basic level of services to these people in return for matching funds that cover about 60 percent of the program's cost.

This year lawmakers will try to wring out every dime possible in efficiencies and fighting waste. Sen. Jane Nelson, chairwoman of the Health and Human Services Committee, has introduced bills to fight waste and fraud while rewarding great efficiency.

"These are some of the most vulnerable people we serve. We need to make sure they get the best possible care and that we are delivering services in a way that ensures we can keep caring for them into the future," Nelson said.

This year the agency's new commissioner, Kyle Janek, showed the chart to the House Public Health Committee, where five out of 11 lawmakers are new members. Chairwoman Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, pledged that any proposal must answer two questions, "Does it lower the price of health care and does it improve outcomes?"

Janek explained that Texas does not offer Medicaid coverage to single, childless adults, so the homeless man standing on the street corner doesn't benefit from the program; other taxes pay for his health care. Medicaid also does not pay for legal or illegal immigrants.

But federal rules require Medicaid to cover citizens who are parents in low-income families, poor children, elders and people with disabilities, Janek explained. In Texas, 83 percent of the nearly 4.2 million people on Medicaid are either children or elderly, and 55 percent are female.

For a child between 1 and 5 years old to qualify for Medicaid, they must be part of a family that makes less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level, which is $25,975 a year for a family of three. Once they turn 6, the threshold drops to 100 percent, or $19,350 a year.

More than 2.5 million Texas children are enrolled in Medicaid, and an additional 583,000 qualify for the Children's Health Insurance Program. Because a parent's health has a direct impact on their children, Medicaid covers 226,000 poor parents who make less than $2,322 a year.

The disabled make up the second largest group receiving Medicaid, and they qualify at 74 percent of the poverty level, or $8,500 a year. More than 418,000 adults qualify and most cannot work, while many require constant care.

All elderly people qualify for Medicare, the federal insurance program often confused with Medicaid that covers senior citizens. However, Medicare doesn't cover everything and seniors must make co-payments. Medicaid covers those costs when the elderly earn less than $8,500 a year, unless they need a nursing home. Then they qualify if they make less than $25,278 a year. In Texas, that's about 320,427 people.

More than 93,000 pregnant women who earn less than $21,256 a year qualify for Medicaid until after they give birth. Medicaid pays for 55.9 percent of births in Texas. Yet while children and pregnant women make up the majority of people on Medicaid, more than half of the money is spent on the elderly in long-term care and the disabled, Janek said. Poor children cost the program $250 per month, poor adults and pregnant women cost about $600, while the aged and disabled average $1,200 a month.

Once someone qualifies for Medicaid, it is up to them to sign up for coverage with one of the health care companies Texas pays to manage the program. The Affordable Care Act was intended to simplify Medicaid and expand coverage to everyone, except noncitizens, who earn less than 133 percent of the poverty level. That would add 2 million Texans to Medicaid rolls who currently do not have any form of health insurance.

Nelson and Kolkhorst won't rule out expansion, but both require flexibility from federal authorities on how to do it. And it all comes down to paying for it, because everyone agrees the need is there.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Feb. 11 - Feb. 15 by District Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Juan A. Alvarado, 22, coercion of a witness, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Michael Wayne Campbell, 44, felony driving while intoxicated, four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 365 days driver's license suspension.

Gustavo Cantu Jr., 29, theft of property, 18 months in the State Jail Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Gustavo Cantu Jr., 29, theft by repetition, 18 months in the State Jail Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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Scotty Sipriano Chenault, 39, driving while intoxicated, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, eight years of suspension, community supervision, fine, court cost, 30 days in jail, 365 days driver's license suspension and participation in Treatment Alternative Incarceration Program.

Zeferino Coronado, 38, assault family violence by strangulation, three years of deferred community supervision, fine and court costs.

Roy Deleon, 48, theft by repetition, 20 months in State Jail Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Larry Jerome Dominguez, 35, indecency with a child, deferred six years community supervision, fine and court costs.

Ben Edward Mayberry, 25, credit card abuse, two years in state jail, suspended for five years community supervision, pay $250 fine, $1456.62 restitution.

Richard Hermosillo Rodriguez, 23, engaging in organized criminal activity, two years in state jail, suspended for four years on probation, pay $1,000 fine, pay $107 restitution.

Steven Ray Marquez, 27, criminal mischief, 180 days in state jail, pay $250 restitution.

Richard Leon Stallings, 47, felony driving while intoxicated, continue on probation, interlock until probation expires, and participate in treatment program.

Jose Simabuco Valdespino, 32, possession of a controlled substance to wit: cocaine, deferred two years community supervision, pay $750 fine, pay $140 restitution, participation in Treatment Alternative Incarceration Program.

Aribel Venegas, 24, forgery of financial instrument, four years deferred, fine and court costs.

Tyler Clayton White, 28, felony driving while intoxicated, three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 365 days driver's license suspension.

Contravis Wilson, 55, fail to comply with sex offender registration requirements, five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

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Bill Modisett began writing in his early teens and has continued to this day. Mr. Modisett has worked as a newspaper reporter and edi tor and was employed 10 years at the San Angelo Standard times and 22 years at the Midland Reporter Telegram.

Award winning author Bill Modisett will be presenting a talk about his book The King of Monument. The book is about legendary roper Clay McGonagill who was a living legend in the late 19th century and early 20th century when he was declared the best roper in the country. Historical documents revealed that he was a friend of famed Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid! Mr. Modisett will have books for sale at the event.

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City Municipal Court to participate in statewide warrant roundup

From staff reports

The city's Municipal Court is participating in a statewide roundup of individuals with outstanding municipal warrants from March 2 through March 9, according to a press release by the city.

According to a city report, 250 Texas jurisdictions will target defendants with outstanding warrants for traffic, parking, city ordinance or state law citations.

The city's Municipal Court is mailing the defendants to notify them of their warrants.

The city urges those affected to contact the appropriate jurisdiction to voluntarily dispose of their cases before they are arrested.

Those unable to make payment on their citations must make an appearance at the Municipal Court at 406 E. Illinois Ave.

Court hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and Fridays at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

For more information, please contact 685-7308.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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- Warrant #CR39186
- $250 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
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- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifying the suspect of a theft.

At approximately 1 a.m. on Feb. 11, the suspect entered the Wal-Mart at 4517 N. Midland Drive and made his way to the jewelry department. He then used an unknown tool to force open a jewelry case that contained bridal jewelry. The suspect removed eight pieces of jewelry with a value of $2,384. The suspect then casually exited the store and walked through the parking lot until cameras lost view of him.

The thief is described as a white male with dark-colored Afro-style hair and clean shaven.

If you are the first person to provide information on this suspect and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and NO caller I.D. is ever used.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ryan A. Day, 19, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of criminal mischief between $15,000 and $20,000.

Matthew L. Esquivel, 29, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of indecency with a child through sexual contact.

Nathaniel L. Freeman Jr., 35, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Christopher D. Knox, 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Miguel Mancha Jr., 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of obstruction or retaliation.

Bonita S. Phillips, 56, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of parole.

Lorie L. Ritchie, 30, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

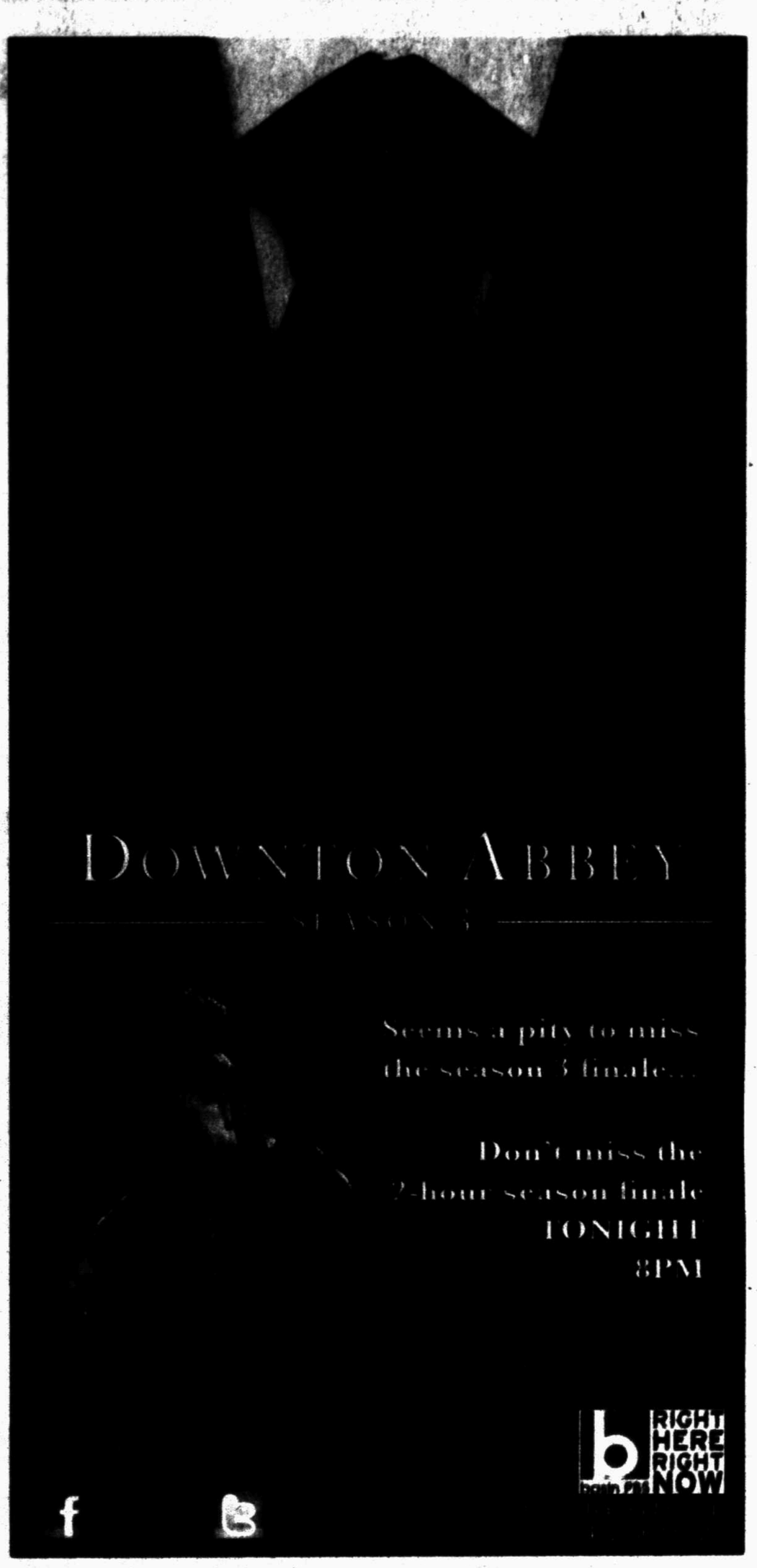
Terry W. Ritchie, 32, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.

LeChandre S. Roberts, 24, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Timothy P. Samuels, 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Alfonso A. Terrazas, 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office





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Exhaust rises from smokestacks in front of piles of coal at NRG Energy's W.A. Parish Electric Generating Station in Thompsons in March 2011.

Where other people see perfectly healthy trees, Anna Graybeal sees drought-stricken skeletons.

"The changing climate is putting these trees at risk," she said, gazing out, with a hint of terror, from a table at an Austin coffee shop recently.

As volunteers for the Citizens Climate Lobby, Graybeal, 47, a psychologist, and her friend, Susan Adams, 40, a technical writer, are among a dozen or so Austinites working on a seemingly Sisyphean effort to get federal lawmakers to adopt a tax-and-dividend scheme on greenhouse gas emissions.

The centerpiece effort of Citizens Climate Lobby, a California-based organization marshaling pockets of volunteers around the country, is a proposed piece of legislation called a carbon fee and dividend. The groups members have nudged the media and hectored elected officials to contemplate the tax, which they see as a necessary step to get businesses and citizens to tamp down emissions.

Until recently, when President Barack Obama, in his second inaugural speech, named addressing climate change as a priority, their efforts appeared wildly quixotic. The departure in late December of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lisa Jackson, thwarted in her efforts to address the carbon challenge, signaled just how far to the wayside Obama's efforts had fallen. The job of climate change work appeared to have been left to dedicated, way-outside-of-the-beltway volunteers like Graybeal and Adams.

Now their plan might be merely quixotic. Certain key metrics remain unchanged since Obama's election in 2008, when he first suggested that climate change mattered to him: The U.S. still leads the world in carbon emissions and other greenhouse gases, which scientists have linked to a changing climate. Texas, with its large petrochemical and manufacturing base, remains the nation's leading emitter of carbon dioxide.

Texas' top lawmakers oppose carbon regulation and are among the many parties that fought the Obama administration's efforts.

In December, Attorney General Greg Abbott delivered a parting shot Jackson's way.

"It's been a struggle dealing with the overreaching, agenda-driven Jackson-led EPA," he said. "Hopefully the new administrator will take jobs and the economy into consideration. Texas will continue to take legal action if the new administrator exceeds the bounds of the law."

A couple of years ago, the EPA said it wanted states to force large industrial facilities to apply for greenhouse gas permits. Texas refused, so in late 2011, EPA began issuing the permits itself. In the past year or so, companies have submitted several dozen applications for a greenhouse gas permit with the federal agency.

But absent wider federal regulations on carbon, a kind of patchwork quality is in place regarding the tamping down of greenhouse gas emissions, as companies and state governments take a range of attitudes.

That patchwork situation incentivizes some states, such as Texas, to delay enforcement or regulation to lure business, said Shama Gamkhar, who teaches environmental economic policy at the University of Texas. However Obama tries to cut greenhouse gas emissions — through executive order, the EPA or Congress — he's sure to meet with opposition in the courts from Texas and other states with energy interests.

Abbott, for one, who is angling toward a campaign for governor, has made cases against the federal government a routine. As a rule, his lawsuits argue that the regulations will cost businesses and destroy jobs and that the science on global warming remains up in the air. Such lawsuits may ultimately amount to delay tactics, given the Supreme Court's decision in 2007 that the EPA has the authority to regulate carbon dioxide — but they also act as a resume-booster in the Republican primary.

Under the Citizens Climate Lobby proposal, generators, miners and importers of fossil fuels — which, when burned, release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere — would pay a $15 per ton of carbon dioxide they're estimated to create. Gasoline would go up by at least 15 cents a gallon under the proposal, but Americans would be able to cover the increase with their dividend check.

Here's how it might work in the Lone Star state: In 2010, Texas factories, refineries, cars, and power plants emitted 653 million tons of carbon emissions. At a starting rate of $15 per ton, that means fossil fuel generators and importers would have to ante up about $9.8 billion to cover Texas' emissions alone.

Distributed to Texans' 25 million citizens, that would come to a check of $390 per Texan. The dividends will shield Americans "from the financial impact of the transition to a clean energy economy," according to the Lobby's website. "Because the fee (and the price of fossil fuel) goes up predictably over time, it sends a clear price signal to begin using fossil fuels more efficiently or replace them with green energy."

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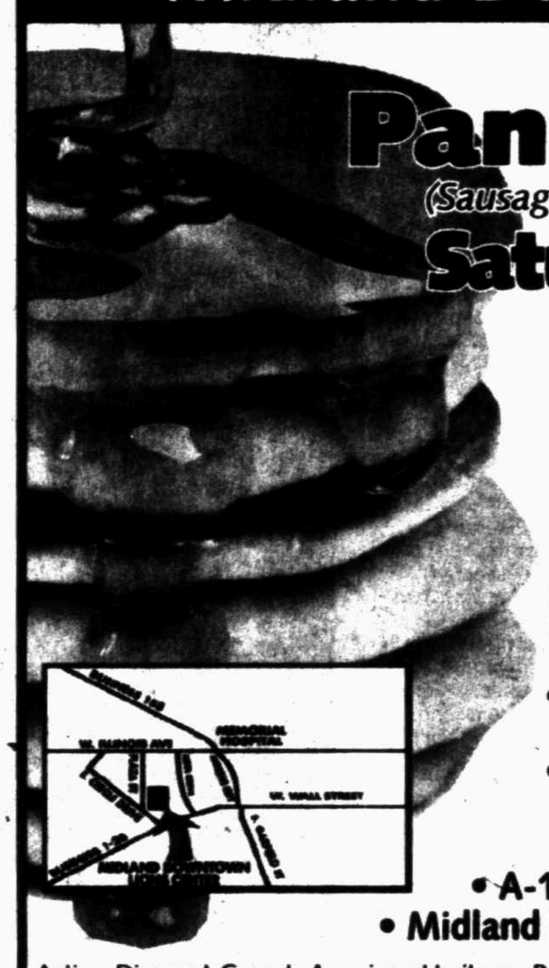
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Local travel agents don't expect cancellations

By Audrie Palmer
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While the horrifying conditions passengers had to endure last week on the Carnival cruise ship Triumph is making news around the country, local travel agents say they are still booking cruises for customers.

Rick Denham, Caribbean Sunset Cruises owner, said he hasn't had any clients call to cancel reservations and one couple is heading to California for a 14-day cruise to Hawaii.

The veteran of almost 20 cruises said he's never had a bad experience similar to what passengers onboard the Triumph faced. He and his wife still plan to leave next week for a Carnival trip to the Caribbean.

He believes that cruise line officials handled the situation well despite the circumstances. While many people might question why the company didn't bring in another ship to transport passengers, Denham said it would be difficult to pull another ship of the same magnitude alongside and get it close enough to move the passengers.

"What seems to be the best situation could have been the most dangerous," he said.

Denham doesn't expect to see a decline in cruise bookings this year, as was the case when the Costa Concordia ran aground off the coast of Italy in January 2012.

"When it sank, I thought, 'I'm dead now,'" he said.

But his business isn't. He plans to take a group to Bermuda on a cruise in June, although he doesn't know many people now might be hesitant to attend. Last year he took 54 guests.

Travel Associates International co-owner Kim Landreth said Friday that she hasn't had anyone cancel upcoming cruise vacations because of the Triumph tragedy but has had several customers ask to change their cruise lines. She had a client come in last week to book a group for a cruise and was looking at Carnival until the news broke of the incident and booked with another company instead.

"They've come in to book and go on another line than Carnival," she said.

Carnival is the only company to offer a four- or five-night cruise out of Galveston; the Triumph is the ship for that trip. But with the fire and anticipated repairs, Landreth said this most likely will impact passengers' upcoming spring break travel plans.

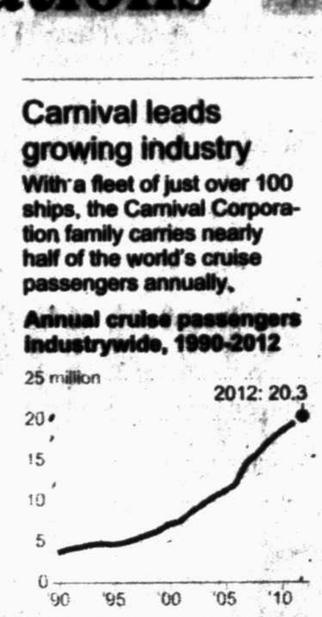
Passengers who have taken cruises in the past probably don't have a problem with taking future cruises despite what's happened in the last week, Landreth said.

"They're still wanting to go on cruises. I don't think anything will ever stop (them from) cruising," she said.

Carnival leads growing industry

With a fleet of just over 100 ships, the Carnival Corporation family carries nearly half of the world's cruise passengers annually.

Annual cruise passengers industrywide, 1990-2012



Estimated market share of passengers worldwide



SOURCE: Cruise Market Watch AP

CRUISE

From 1B

As Forepaugh stood on the balcony adjacent to his cabin at the back of the boat, he could feel one of the engines shut off.

From there, it got worse.

"We were dead in the water. People were starting to wake up, and what they told us was there was a fire in the engine control room. And then that story changed to a fire in the engine-room," he said.

The first, second and third floors were evacuated and passengers stood with life jackets thinking they going to board life boats. No one had any idea what was wrong, Forepaugh said, and the crew waited seven hours until the engine room cooled and they could enter and assess the damage.

He later spoke to a woman whose cabin was on the deck that the fire started on, and she told him she could see the panic on the firefighter's face when he went into the engine room and immediately turned around and told her to get on the ground.

The general speculation was that the room was too hot, and the crew had closed it off to let the fire burn, he said.

When the firefighters went back in, it was immediately clear the ship wasn't going anywhere.

Like a cork bobbing in water, the ship had drifted almost 100 miles north of Progreso, Mexico, Forepaugh said. Tugboats were sent to pull the ship to the port in Mobile, Ala. Without power on board the ship, bathrooms soon quit working and toilets were backing up. Forepaugh said he and his wife were lucky that their cabin didn't become flooded, which happened to other passengers.

Those staying on the lower decks were forced to evacuate their rooms and stay in makeshift tents on the deck. The rooms were so hot, almost 110 or 120 degrees, he said, and many people stayed outside for days.

The biggest problem was the lack of toilets. Crew members passed out red bags for the passengers to put in a trash can in their room to use as a "facility." Those who lost power in their cabin bathrooms started using the public restrooms near the dining hall. But when those backed up, Forepaugh said the dining hall flooded and soaked the carpet and tiles.

Forepaugh said it was filthy everywhere, and the smell of urine permeated the ship. For the last two days on board, passengers who walked through the dining hall for food stepped on the wet carpet.

"It was like hanging out in an outhouse," he said.

Other ships came out to the Triumph and brought supplies. He said they waited in lines of up to four hours for a soggy cold sandwich or a hot dog.

One of the most heart-wrenching incidents he observed was hearing a call out for baby formula and sitting with the father as a bartender told him they didn't have any water to make the formula for his child.

After power to the elevators was cut off, he watched as four stewards helped carry a passenger in a motorized wheelchair up four flights of stairs so the man could get some fresh air and be with his family. He saw a little girl give up her doll's diapers to a family so they had fresh diapers for their baby.

As he and his wife watched the good in people that can come out in dire situations, the bad started to emerge, as well. Some passengers hoarded food and water, and while no one became violent, some people uttered mean comments.

"There were two types of people on board: those who were self-centered and those who were trying to help everybody out," he said. "Most everybody pulled together."

A small tugboat from Mexico came to help tow the ship, but the lines snapped about four times because of the rough seas, Forepaugh said, remembering what he observed from his balcony view. Then a tugboat from Houston came and pulled them to the dock.

The Coast Guard, U.S. Border Patrol and immigration officials boarded the ship and helped the passengers get through customs so that when they landed they were free to leave. The boat docked about 9:15 p.m. on Valentine's Day.

Carnival had hot and cold drinks and catered food waiting for passengers as they disembarked, and the cruise line's president apologized and shook the hands of departing passengers, Forepaugh said.

Shortly after midnight, the couple were on a bus bound for Galveston. Along the way, the buses stopped at a makeshift rest area that was set up to serve coffee and food to the passengers before they arrived in Galveston at 9:15 a.m. Friday, Forepaugh said.

Speaking en route to their home in Fort Worth, Forepaugh said he and his wife hadn't had a shower since Feb. 10.

The passengers were told they will be reimbursed for what they spent for their cruise ticket and aboard the ship — excluding casino and gift shop purchases — and will receive a voucher for a future cruise and $500.

Forepaugh said the passengers he's talked to say that's not enough.

He plans to write the company a letter praising the crew members. While he said the officers on board were unapproachable, the stewards were always smiling and tended to their needs despite the conditions.

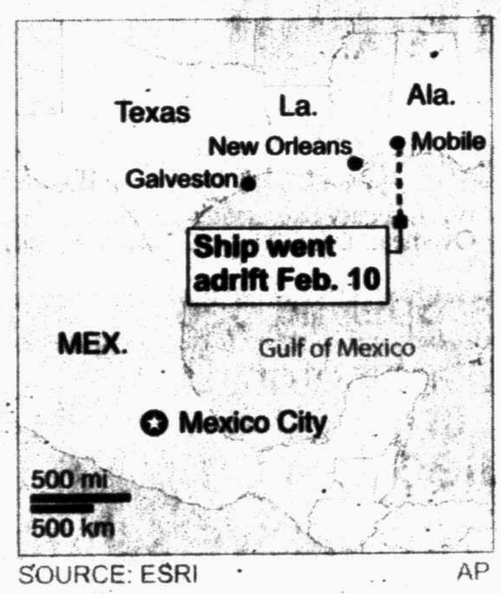
Reflecting on the trip, Forepaugh remembers a pigeon that landed on their balcony when they were 150 miles adrift at sea. It was like an omen, he said, because that bird did not belong so far out to sea.

It appeared exhausted, and Forepaugh said he checked on it often to make sure it was OK. The pigeon stayed with them for the 2 1/2 days until they could see land, and then it flew off.

"It was exhausted as we were. In the bird world, it was going through the same thing we were going through in the human world, if that makes any sense," he said. "But it was kind of special."

Cruise ship docked

Carnival's Triumph was towed to Mobile, Ala., late Thursday after the ship lost power and went adrift. Passengers were bused to New Orleans and Galveston, Texas.



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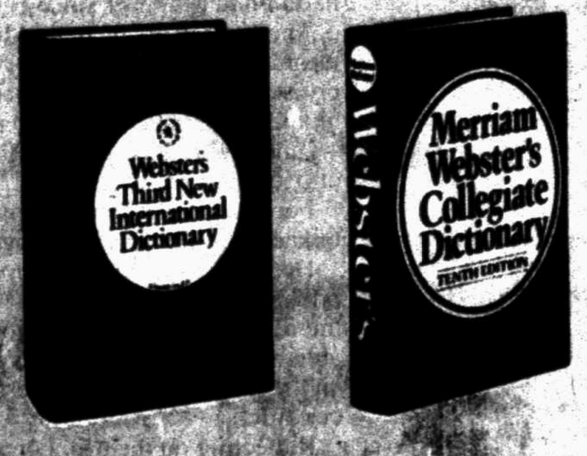
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John Deats, director of Learning Resource Center at Midland College, is the pronouncer for this year's bee. The judges are Dr. Pamela Howell, an English professor at Midland College; John Trischitti, director of Midland County Public Library and Cheree Smith, who is with Region 18 Education Service Center.



HS BASEBALL PREVIEWS

Roper adjusts to high school level

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Lee coach Brian Roper can't remember when he was last at this level.

1992? Or was it 1991?

"It was a long time ago," Roper said with a laugh.

Whenever it was, for the first time in "a long time" Roper is coaching a high school team — taking over for former Lee coach Hector Limon — and even with six months on the job, Roper admitted the transition is still an ongoing one.

But what has invigorated Roper in his return to high school coaching, after winning 562 games in 14 years at Blinn College and Howard College, is a Rebel team loaded with young talent. Lee boasts 14 underclassmen, including seven freshmen and sophomores with possibly more to come.

"It is a great time to be at Lee High School," Roper said. "I feel like our baseball program is in great shape because the future looks so good, and I'm excited."

Yet as eager as Roper is, the players are just excited to have him as he is to have them.

"We want to play, we look forward to playing (every day)," senior pitcher Coleman Watts said.

Added junior Blake Kizer: "It's exciting. You play for fun, you play for the love of the game."

Yet, with players participating in football offseason and

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Lee baseball coach Brian Roper works on a drill in practice. Roper is adjusting to life back at the high school level.

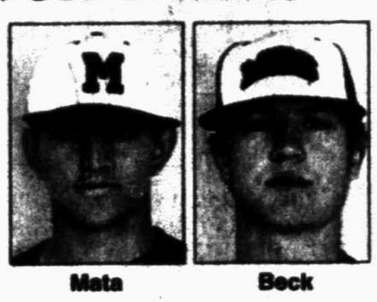
Beck, Mata lead senior-laden MHS

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Alex Mata and Connor Beck have been here before, they just arrived late the first time.

Fortunately for the two seniors, Midland High was just getting started when they were called up to the varsity as sophomores on a senior-heavy team in 2011 — a team that ended the season with a share of a district title and a trip to the Class 5A regional semifinals.

Now, Mata and Beck are part of an even deeper senior class with expectations just as lofty as that 2011 team that first introduced them to varsity baseball.



Mata Beck

"That team, we had a lot of kids returning," MHS coach Barry Russell said. "I don't know if we had as many as we have this year, but that team had a lot of kids coming back, maybe five that started.

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OK with a tie



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Lee goalkeeper Juan Baeza gets physical with Midland High's Michael Barden after the two collided Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium. Lee's Alex Bell (far right) attempts to clear the ball downfield. Midland High's Ethan Baltier (7) watches the play.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Madison Scribner (16) takes the ball down the field while Lee's Erin Cumbest (13) tries to defend Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rebs, Dawgs each claim a point in rivalry fight

By Len Hayward
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Bulldogs	2
Rebels	2

There are rare moments where no teams involved in a tie game are left frustrated, but Saturday was one of those days.

The Lee and Midland High boys soccer teams played to a 2-2 draw at Grande Communications, and they played a game where exciting, fast-paced play was common, and some crosstown rivalry emotion was mixed in as well. But overall both teams were pleased with the result.

"They are a very tough opponent and I give them credit for that, and at the end of the day we gave it our all," said Lee senior midfielder Felipe Sinisterra, who scored the Rebels' first goal. "Both teams played really well. It's better than a loss, and obviously a win would be nice, but a tie is certainly better than a loss."

Lee (8-3-4 overall) stayed unbeaten in league play and maintained its position at second place in the District 2-5A standings at 5-0-2 and 17 points, one point behind league-leading Odessa Permian.

Midland High, meanwhile, moved into third at 7-3-3 overall and 4-2-1 in league play with 13 points.

Both teams, though, had a chance to leave the field Saturday with the precious three points for winning a game.

But neither team could shake the other. Lee responded to an early Midland High lead, and then the Bulldogs responded in the second half to tie the game.

"We just gave it everything we had, and tried as hard as we could and wanted to make sure they didn't get many more shots in the second half," Midland High's Jason Carter said.

Midland High's opening salvo was in the eighth minute when freshman Alex VonHolle headed in a cross from Nico Francino.

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MHS pulls away from Lady Rebels

Lady Bulldogs	2
Lady Rebels	1

By Len Hayward
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Defense ruled the day through the first 60 minutes of Saturday's Lee and Midland High girls soccer game.

Both teams have had scoring woes this season, but on Saturday it was defensive backlines that were turning away opportunities, especially a Lady Rebels' defense that withstood a relentless Midland High attack in both halves.

So, Lady Bulldog freshman Adrienne Almodova decided to go over it. Almodova's 30-yard scoring blast in the 59th minute broke a scoreless deadlock, and opened the scoring flood gates as two more goals were scored in the next seven minutes.

Fortunately for Midland High, it found a way to score one of those two as Madison Scribner tallied her fifth of the season to help the Lady Bulldogs take an emotional, and key, 2-1 victory at Grande Communications Stadium.

"The goalie was coming out and I think she thought I was going to pass to Scribner, and I ended up taking the shot," Almodova said. "It just curved into the corner."

Prior to Almodova's goal both teams were not necessarily playing defensive minded but the two squads' backlines were turning away opportunities against aggressive attacks, making

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Midland College's Blair Beck makes contact during the first game of a doubleheader against Northeastern Oklahoma on Saturday at Christenson Stadium.

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Chaparrals sweep series from McLennan

By Oscar LeRoy
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Chaparrals	11-15
Highlanders	1-5

One thing that Midland College baseball coach David Coleman has never had to worry about with his team is its hitting.

The Chaparrals not only hit the ball well Saturday in a doubleheader sweep of McLennan Community College, but they also got some quality pitching in run-rule victories of 11-1 and 15-5 over the Highlanders at Christenson Stadium.

The Chaps, now 4-2 on the season, belted 12 hits in each of their games on Saturday and with their aggressive base running, forced the Highlanders (3-3) to make some mistakes in the field.

Also, the wins on Saturday mean the Chaps sweep the three-game series against a quality McLennan team, plus it builds some early-season confidence during non-conference play.

"After 12 innings (in a 4-3 win) Friday night, we came out with a lot of energy and a lot of focus," Mc coach David Coleman said. "The weather also had a lot to do with it. We caught a beautiful day to play, so our energy level was outstanding all day. I thought our hitters were good in both games."

The Chaps' bats broke open a scoreless first game with six runs in the fourth inning. Blair Beck blasted a solo home run to left field to get it started, while Chris Shaw (2 for 3) had the big hit in the inning with a three-run double to left field.

"We were just real confident coming out, especially after that win (Friday) night," said Beck, the Midland High grad who was 4 for 8 on the day with a home run, four RBI and four runs scored. "We all believe in

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Sunday Morning Line

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This and that as the coaching rumor mill is starting to churn:

■ There seems to be a lot of discussion lately, mainly in the national media, about the state of college basketball.

Has it lost some of its popularity since young players are going to the NBA? Yes, but what I do see is lots of parity.

The NBA does need to change its silly one-and-done rule, and do what football and baseball does and that's have players to commit to three years if they sign a letter of intent.

But the traditional programs are still good, like Kansas, Duke and now the return of Indiana, and overall the game is as competitive as ever. Is the basketball as good as it was 30 years ago, or even 20 years ago? Probably not.

But what this could make for is an exciting NCAA Tournament, and this is going to hurt college basketball junkies to hear this, but that's what the average sports fan pays attention to when it comes to college basketball.

It's the thing that turns offices into makeshift gambling halls, and produces plenty of exciting moments.

And all this handwringing about the state of the game will go away after a few upsets in the tournament.

■ I think it's the first time in nine years here in Midland that the basketball season for Midland ISD actually ended on the final day of the boys season.

When the Midland High girls squad lost last Tuesday, that left only the Midland High boys game against San Angelo Central later that night as the final game.

The Bulldogs' playoff fate was sealed a few weeks ago, and that meant that no matter the outcome for the MHS boys the MISD season was over. It's downright strange to have the basketball season in the district end so early.

■ Now that National Signing Day has come and gone, anyone thinking Texas A&M's move to the SEC was a bad idea, might be rethinking that position. The Aggies had a nice haul in recruiting.

Yes, their season could be tougher next year with some key offensive linemen leaving, but just being a part of the SEC has been a draw for the Aggies in recruiting this season.

Texas Tech and first-year coach Kliff Kingsbury also had a solid first class, and hopefully it will be the start he needs to succeed at the school.

And as far as Texas, the Longhorns took the less-is-more approach, but I do know there are some nervous Longhorns fans out there these days.

■ So who will really be calling the plays for the Dallas Cowboys this season? I don't even think Jason Garrett knows, or maybe Jerry Jones knows and just isn't telling Garrett yet.

■ The Midland ISD Hall of Legends is currently taking nominations for next year's class. Go to the Midland ISD athletics home page and look for the Hall of Legends link.

I have one suggestion for this year, and that's that somehow Jack Stephenson is inducted. The first three classes have been football heavy, and it's time to honor some basketball folks.

■ And finally, as far as the beginning of this column, I will just say it could be an interesting couple of weeks coming up.

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HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 54 LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 21

LAMESA — Midland Classical clinched the No. 1 seed out of TAPPS 1-3A with a convincing victory against Lubbock Christian on Saturday at Lamesa Middle School.

MCA jumped out to a 21-10 lead after the first period and never looked back. Kayla Beattie led the Lady Knights with 17 points, while her younger sister Alyssa put in 13 points. Senior Amy Hinton added 15 points.

The Lady Knights will now host two playoff games, including a TAPPS 3A bi-district matchup against Fort Worth Temple Christian at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 54, LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 21

MCA (24-2) — Alyssa Beattie 13, Karis Johnson 3, Bunker Sparks 2, Kayla Beattie 17, Rachel Long 4, Amy Hinton 15

Totals ——— 21 12 15 6—54

Lubbock Christian ——— Jaylee Stephenson 3, Brooke Richardson 8, Kaelyn Stephenson 5, Tatum Lowe 2, Kristyn Ford 6, Ashley Delacruz 4

MCA ——— 21 12 15 6—54

Lubbock Christian ——— 10 4 5 2—21

Field Goals — MCA 9-12, LCHS 5-8, 3-point goals — 5 (K. Beattie 3, A. Beattie 2), LCHS 2 (Richardson, Ford). Total fouls — MCA 8, LCHS 15. Fouled out — None.

Next: Fort Worth Temple Christian at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

FRIDAY'S LATE BOX

FORSAN 48, CHRISTOVAL 32

Forsan (24-9) — Brittney Hargett 17, Reagan Haggard 11, Ali Knight 6, Mary-Ashley McDaniel 6, Maria Ortiz 2, Jalinsa Willard 1

Christoval — Forest Jones 8, Addie Jones 12, Kamiron Wise 6, Sierra Holbrooks 4, Mackay Bills 3, Katelynn Eisenbach 31, Kristen Salcedo 1, Cami White 1

Forsan ——— 7 6 13 19—48

Christoval ——— 5 10 7 10—32

Free throws — Forsan 6-22; CHS 5-15.

3-point goals — Forsan 3 (McDaniel 2, Hargett).

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 65 ARLINGTON GRACE PREP 26

Midland Christian wrapped up the No. 2 seed in TAPPS 1-4A and homecourt in the first round of the playoffs Saturday with a 65-26 win against Arlington Grace Prep.

The Mustangs (18-14) went up 10 at the end of the first, then really began pouring it on in the second, outscoring the Lions 24-2 to go up 43-11 at half.

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Grace Prep — McAfee 10, Jones 6, Ahart 4, Forsgo 5, Ellison 3

MCS (19-14, 6-4 in TAPPS 1-4A) — Gunn, Little 19, Mason McClendon 13, Zach Gilbert 3, Nathan Rogers 9, Jarred Keys 6, Caleb Warren 4, Reed Meyers 3, Will Nelson 2

Grace Prep ——— 9 2 7 8—26

MCS ——— 19 24 13 9—65

Free throws — Grace Prep 3-6, MCS 8-18.

3-point goals — Grace Prep 1 (Forsgo), MCS 4 (Gilbert, Little, McClendon, Meyers). Total fouls — Grace Prep 13, MCS 6. Fouled out — Grace Prep, Ellison.

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HSBASKETBALLPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

Class 5A
Region I
Area

Southlake Carroll (W4, 20-7) 72, El Paso Franklin 45

Lubbock Coronado (W2, 35-1) 49, Arlington Martin 29

Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 29-7) 47, Killeen Ellison 35

Mansfield Timberview (R7, 31-5) 63, Lewisville 48

Arlington Bowie (W3, 31-5) 61, El Paso Eastwood 31

El Paso Bel Air (W1, 28-3) 73, Richland 61

Duncanville (W7, 37-0) 68, Hurst L.D. Bell 29

Cedar Hill (T7, 28-9) 50, Flower Mound 36

Regional

Southlake Carroll (W4, 29-7) vs. Lubbock Coronado (R2, 35-1), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, McMurry University, Abilene

Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 29-7) vs. Mansfield Timberview (R7, 31-5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Irving MacArthur HS

Arlington Bowie (W3, 31-5) vs. El Paso Bel Air (W1, 28-3), 6 p.m. Tuesday, OC Sports Center

Duncanville (W7, 37-0) vs. Cedar Hill (T7, 28-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mansfield Timberview HS

Class 4A
Area

Plainview (W4, 27-8) 59, San Elizario 20

El Paso Hanks (W2, 24-8-B) 65, Lubbock Monterey 42

Waco High (W8, 28-5) 47, Denton Guyer 41

Fort Worth Dunbar (W6, 20-12) 63, Crowley 46

Amarillo Palo Duro (W3, 24-7) 70, El Paso Andress 32

Canyon (T3, 28-6) 39, El Paso Chapin 29

Aledo (W7, 28-6) 59, Saginaw High 30

Granbury (T7, 22-13) 54, Wichita Falls Rider 46

Regional

Plainview (W4, 27-8) vs. El Paso Hanks (W2, 24-8), TBA

Waco High (W8, 28-5) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (W6, 20-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glen Rose HS

Amarillo Palo Duro (W3, 24-7) vs. Canyon (T3, 28-6), TBA

Aledo (W7, 28-6) vs. Granbury (T7, 22-13), 7 p.m. Monday, Glen Rose HS

Class 3A
Region I
Area

Loveland (T2, 22-13) 42, Abilene Wylie 37

Lubbock Cooper (W2, 29-4) 74, Sweetwater 37

Mineral Wells (T6, 24-9) 45, Liberty Hill 41

Kennedale (W8, 26-6) 80, Glen Rose 57

Shallowater (R2, 28-4) 66, Clint 24

Perryton (W1, 25-6) 70, Greenwood 49

Stephenville (W7, 25-8) 53, Burkburnett 24

Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 18-13) 60, Burnet 52

Regional

Loveland (T2, 22-13) vs. Lubbock Cooper (W2, 29-4), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena, Lubbock

Mineral Wells (T6, 24-9) vs. Kennedale (W8, 26-6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Weatherford HS

Shallowater (R2, 28-4) vs. Perryton (W1, 25-4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon HS

Stephenville (W7, 25-8) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 18-13), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Bridgeport HS

Class 2A
Region I
Bi-District

Lamesa (W4, 25-4), bye

Spearman (R1, 19-10) 67, Tulia 45

Littlefield (W2, 22-9), bye

Childress (R3, 27-5) 47, Stanton 36

Bowie (W8, 23-11), bye

Brady (T8) 58, Crane 31

Wall (W6), bye

Coleman (R7, 28-4) 51, Jacksboro 26

Idalou (W9, 25-7), bye

Olton (R2, 23-8) 40, Bushland 38

Canadian (W1, 24-5), bye

Slaton (T5) 57, Denver City 43

Merkel (W7), bye

Jim Ned (R6) 61, Reagan County 20

Sonora (W5), bye

Nocona (R8, 18-10) 49, Cisco 47

Area

Lamesa (W4, 25-4) 48, Spearman 46

Childress (R3, 28-5) 45, Littlefield 40

Bowie (W8, 24-11) 51, Brady 46

Wall (W6, 24-7) 36, Comanche 32

Idalou (W3, 26-7) 53, Olton 41

Canadian (W1, 25-5) 50, Slaton 34

Merkel (W7, 33-1) 60, Jim Ned 51

Sonora (W5, 31-3) 66, Nocona 44

Regional

Lamesa (W4, 26-4) vs. Childress (R3, 28-5), 5 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Bowie (W8, 24-11) vs. Wall (W6, 24-7), TBA

Idalou (W3, 26-7) vs. Canadian (W1, 25-5), 6 p.m. West Texas A&M's First United Bank Center, Canyon

Merkel (W7, 33-1) vs. Sonora (W5, 31-3), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sterling City HS

Class A, Division I
Region I
Area

Claude (T2, 21-8) 48, New Deal 26

Clarendon (W2, 26-3) 51, Quanah 38

Forsan (T6, 23-9) 62, Christoval 32

Plains (W6, 30-3) 74, Iraan 69

Wellington (W3, 34-5) 53, Panhandle 39

Gruver (W1, 19-7) 46, Hale Center 26

Smyer (R5, 29-6) 58, McCamey 41

Springlake-Earth (W5, 22-7) 65, Miles 32

Regional

Claude (T2, 21-8) vs. Clarendon (W2, 26-3), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Borger Community Activities Center, Borger

Forsan (T6, 23-9) vs. Plains (W6, 30-4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Tiger Pit, Muleshoe

Wellington (W3, 24-5) vs. Gruver (W1, 19-7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Tascosa Activity Center, Amarillo

Smyer (R6, 29-6) vs. Springlake-Earth (W5, 22-7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Coronado HS

Class A, Division II
Region I
Area

Whitharral (W4, 33-3) 43, Miami 42

Valley (W2, 16-5) 55, Lazbuddie 45

Bunker County (T6) 53, Rankin 38

Grady (W8, 28-4) 63, Balmorhea 34

Hartley (W3) 65, Silverton 46

Follett (W1, 23-5) 47, Nazareth 44

O'Donnell (R6) 60, Sierra Blanca 40

Petersburg (W5, 20-12) 68, Marathon 31

Regional

Whitharral (W4, 33-3) vs. Valley (W2, 16-5), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hale Center HS

Bunker County (T6) vs. Grady (W8, 28-4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Bandera HS

Hartley (W3) vs. Follett (W1, 23-5), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Stinnett West Texas HS

Petersburg (R5) vs. Petersburg (W5, 20-12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Slaton HS

Region II
Area

Paducah (R9) 46, Roby 28

Clyde Eula (T2, 19-12) 55, Caswell 48

Rising City (T4, 15-11) 40, Priddy 21

Garden City (W14, 29-5) 55, May 15

Guthrie (T9) 28, Gradford 23

Baird (R12, 25-5) 58, Aspermont 55

Water Valley (R14) 43, Cross Plains 32

Roscoe Highland (W13) 48, Zephyr 29

Regional

Paducah (R9) vs. Clyde Eula (T12, 19-12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hamlin HS

Sterling City (T14, 18-11) vs. Garden City (W14, 29-5), 7 p.m. Monday, Coahoma HS

Guthrie (T9) vs. Baird (R12, 25-6), TBA

Water Valley (R14) vs. Roscoe Highland (W13), TBA

Boys

Class 5A
Region I
Bi-district

Keller (W4, 22-10) vs. Arlington Lamar (F9, 7-20), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Grapevine HS

El Paso Bel Air (R1, 25-4) vs. Abilene High (T2, 21-8), 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Midland

Cooper, Mansfield (W2, 24-6) vs. El Paso Franklin (F1, 19-14), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Gallego Center, Alpine

Arlington Martin (R2, 25-7) vs. Southlake Carroll (T4, 19-13), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Saginaw HS

Killeen Ellison (W9, 27-6) vs. Duncanville (F7, 23-10), 7 p.m. Monday, The Highlands, Waco

Flower Mound (R5, 25-10) vs. Grapevine (T6, 22-11), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thomas Coliseum, Hebron City

Colleyville Heritage (W6, 22-8) vs. Lewisville (F8, 16-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Keller HS

South Grand Prairie (R7, 30-3) vs. Killeen Harker Heights (T8, 23-9), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Hebron

North Crowley (W3, 26-7) vs. Justin Northwest (F4, 17-15), 7 p.m. Monday, Thomas Coliseum, Hebron City

Lubbock Coronado (R2, 25-7) vs. El Paso Montwood (T1, 28-4), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton

El Paso Canutillo (R7, 31-1) vs. San Angelo Central (F3, 16-15), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton

Rockwall (R4, 22-6) vs. Arlington Bowie (T3, 23-10), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Grand Prairie HS

DeSoto (W7, 29-6) vs. Copperas Cove (F6, 20-11), 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Highlands, Waco

Irving Nimitz (R8, 19-11) vs. Coppell (T5, 16-17), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Carrollton R.L. Turner HS

Lewisville Hebron (W5, 32-2) vs. Euless Trinity (F6, 13-14), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Southlake Carroll HS

Allen Shoemaker (R8, 25-8) vs. Cedar Hill (T7, 18-9), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Hillsboro

Class 3A
Region I
Bi-district

Abilene Wylie (W4, 28-4), bye

Regis (R1, 11-18) vs. Lubbock Cooper (T2, 14-16), 6 p.m. Monday, Canyon HS

Seminole (W2, 25-7), bye

Clint Montoya Vear (R5, 17-12) vs. Mansfield (T4, 23-7), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Gallego Center, Alpine

Liberty Hill (W8, 30-3), bye

Burnet (R5, 22-6) vs. Mineral Wells (T6, 17-16), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Bowie

Kennedale (W8, 21-0), bye

Glen Rose (R7, 13-10) vs. Gatesville (T8, 16-15), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Waco Midway HS

Fabens (W3, 20-10), bye

Lubbock Estacado (R2, 13-17) vs. Dalhart (T1, 16-14), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Palo Duro HS

Perryton (W1, 24-3), bye

Greenwood (R4, 19-14) vs. Clint (T2, 17-14), 7 p.m. Monday, Gallego Center, Alpine

Stephenville (W7, 24-7), bye

Springtown (R3, 21-10) vs. Gainesville (T5, 6-17)

Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 19-13), bye

Burnet (R5, 15-13) vs. Anderson (T7, 16-16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Waco Midway HS

Class 2A
Region I
Bi-district

Bronte (W4, 20-5), bye

Bushland (R1) vs. Littlefield (T2, 9-11), TBA

Abernathy (W2, 19-4), bye

Childress (R3) vs. Denver City (T4, 19-5), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Holliday (W8, 29-3), bye

Kermit (R5, 16-11) vs. Early (T8), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jynell Center, San Angelo

Wall (W6), bye

Clyde (R7) vs. Bowie (T8, 14-20), TBA

Idalou (W3), bye

Dimmitt (R2, 20-10) vs. Boys Ranch (T1), TBA

Canadian (W1), bye

Lamesa (R4, 19-14) vs. Floydada (T3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Breckenridge (W7), bye

Tuscola Jim Ned (R8) vs. Alpine (T5, 15-10), TBA

Tornillo (W5, 26-6), bye

Henrietta (R6, 19-3) vs. Cisco (T7)

Class A
Division I
Region I
Bi-district

Hale Center (W4, 20-4), bye

Gruver (R1, 15-10) vs. Vega (T2, 17-9), TBA

Panhandle (W2, 20-3), bye

Wellington (R3) vs. Crosbyton (T4, 7-9), TBA

Christoval (W8), bye

Morton (R5) vs. Tahoka (T6), TBA

Smyer (W6), bye

Iraan (R7, 19-6) vs. Ozona (T8), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Kendall Center, San Angelo

Memphis (W3, 20-6), bye

Clarendon (R2, 16-7) vs. Booker (T1, 7-10), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Frank Phillips College, Borger

Stamford (W1, 5-4), bye

Nole Deal (R4, 10-9) vs. Shamrock (T3, 19-8), TBA

El Paso Horizon (R7, 23-3), bye

Forsan (R8) vs. Sonora (T5), TBA

Farwell (W5), bye

San Angelo LEAD (R4) vs. Wink (T7, 11-14), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

Class A
Division II
Region I
Bi-district

Winner 4, bye

Miami (R1, 12-9) vs. Kress (T2), TBA

Turkey Valley (W2), bye

Hazerath (R3) vs. Happy 4

Rankin (W8, 19-3), bye

Ropes (R5) vs. Borden County (T6), TBA

Grady (W8), bye

Balmorhea (R7, 12-7) vs. Buena Vista (T8), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos HS

Tadine (W3), bye

Groom (R4) vs. Darrouzett (T1), TBA

Fort Elliott (W1), bye

Runner-up 4 vs. Happy (T3), TBA

Fort Davis (W7, 23-3), bye

Sands (R8) vs. Meadow (T5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Roosevelt HS

Petersburg (W5), bye

Gamerville Novice (R8, 9-4) vs. Sierra Blanca (T7), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos HS

Class A
Division II
Region II
Bi-district

Clyde Eula (W12), bye

Spur (R9) vs. Harrold (T10), TBA

Crowell (W10), bye

Graford (R11) vs. Roby (T12), TBA

Zephyr (W16), bye

Highland (R13) vs. Robert Lee (T14), TBA

Water Valley (W14), bye

Panther Creek (R15) vs. Gustine (T16), TBA

Throckmorton, bye

Knox City (R10) vs. Paducah (T9), TBA

Aspermont (W9), bye

Trent (R12) vs. Woodson (T11)

May (W15), bye

Garden City (W14) vs. Hermleigh (T13), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

Ira (W13), bye

Priddy (R16) vs. Cross Plains (T15), TBA

HSSOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEE FINISHES 4-1 IN LUBBOCK TOURNEY

LUBBOCK — The Lady Rebels improved to 5-1 on the season after going 4-1 in the Lubbock Tournament over the weekend.

On Friday, the Lady Rebels defeated Amarillo Caprock, 20-1, and Lubbock High, 11-1. They then defeated Lubbock Monterey, 8-4, and Lubbock Cooper, 3-2, with a loss to Wolfforth Frenship, 4-2, coming inbetween.

Junior shortstop Ciara Sheppard led the Lady Rebels offensively with 11 RBI.

Lee returns to action in the West Texas Classic at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex next weekend.

MCS CLOSES OUT TOURNEY WITH 2 WINS

ABILENE — Midland Christian closed out its play in the Abilene Icebreaker Tournament with a pair of victories against Sweetwater and Breckenridge on Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs were down 9-2 after the top of the second inning against Sweetwater, but put up nine hits in the bottom of that frame to take the lead. Sweetwater didn't score again.

Maddie Kalt was 2 for 3 with three RBI, while Kelly Kaake went 2 for 3 with two RBI to lead the Lady Mustangs.

Senior Kadee Vines delivered a strong pitching performance in an 8-0 win against Breckenridge to close out the day for Midland Christian. The Lady Mustangs scored all eight of their runs in the first two innings.

Vines allowed just one hit and two walks to go with five strikeouts over six innings of work.

The Lady Mustangs return to action at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, playing host to Andrews.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 15, SWEETWATER 9

Sweetwater	400	00	—9	13	1
MCS	694	0x	—15	16	1

Madi Garcia and Kaylyn Nell. W — Garcia (1-2). 2B — MCS, Kelly Kaake, Kadee Vines, McKinley Walker. 3B — MCS, Nell.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 8, BRECKENRIDGE 0

MCS	200	006	—8	9	2
Breckenridge	000	000	—0	1	3

Kadee Vines and Kaylyn Nell. W — Vines. 2B — MCS, Kelly Kaake, Vines.

Record: MCS 3-3-2.

Next: Andrews at Midland Christian, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, MUGS

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BASEBALL SWEPT BY ST. MARY'S

ODESSA — A seventh-inning two-RBI triple from pinch hitter Mike Briseno briefly tied the third and final game of the weekend against No. 15 St. Mary's, but the Rattlers scored three in the top of the ninth to sweep the series against UTPB with a 5-2 Saturday afternoon win at Roden Field..

The Falcons are back in action at Roden Field next weekend, hosting a three-game series against St. Edward's.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CLINCHES SHARE OF HC TITLE

WICHITA, Kan. — The UTPB women's basketball team has guaranteed itself a share of the 2012-13 Heartland Conference regular season championships with a 69-54 win at Newman. The Falcons can claim the outright championship next Thursday at home in their final conference game of the season against St. Edward's.

Giselle Loya and Taniqua Ards tied for the team lead with 17 points each. Teisha King added 13 points with six assists.

MEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO NEWMAN

WICHITA, Kan. — Newman proved to be too much for the UTPB men's basketball team, knocking off the Falcons 80-62 at Newman Gymnasium.

Fabian Sebastian led UTPB with 14 points off the bench and a game high 16 rebounds. Tyler Reynolds added 13 points in a non-starting role and Madison Turner chipped in 11.

UTPB is back on the court at Falcon Dome at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, hosting St. Edward's.

SOFTBALL DROPS TWO AT ASU

SAN ANGELO — The UTPB softball team dropped both of their games at the Angelo State University George McCorkle Classic on Saturday afternoon, losing a 4-2 decision to host Angelo State before losing 10-0 in five innings against Colorado State - Pueblo.

UTPB took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first against No. 4 Angelo State, scoring the first runs of the game as Taissa Morton reached on an error with two on and two outs that allowed Anna Hollingsworth to score from third. Jackie Guzman followed with an RBI single into center that scored Kara Isbel.

The Rambelles struck back in the bottom of the third, loading the bases on an error that would have gotten UTPB out of the inning and scoring one on a passed ball. Two more came in to score on a double by Forsan grad Ambra Hill to give ASU a 3-2 lead after three. ASU added an insurance run in the sixth..

Desirae Valero struck out six in six innings, giving up one earned run on six hits and four walks.

UTPB is back in action at 2 p.m. Saturday for a doubleheader against Abilene Christian.

On the air

What's on tv

AUTO RACING

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, pole qualifying for Daytona 500, Noon, Fox

NHRA, Winternationals (same-day tape), 7 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Africa Open, final round (same-day tape), 8 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Northern Trust Open, final round, Noon, TGC

PGA Tour, Northern Trust Open, final round, 2 p.m., CBS

LPGA, Women's Australian Open, final round (same-day tape), 2 p.m., TGC

Champions Tour, ACE Group Classic, final round, at Naples Fla. (same-day tape), 6 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ohio St. at Wisconsin, Noon, CBS

Louisville at South Florida, Noon, ESPN

Southern Cal at California, 9 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

Doubleheader, Penn St. vs. Denver and Ohio St. vs. Jacksonville, (EverBank Field), Noon, NBC Sports Network

NBA

All-Star Game, at Houston, 7 p.m., TNT

NHL

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 11 a.m., NBC

Los Angeles at Chicago, 2:30 p.m., NBC

Calgary at Dallas, 5 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 5 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

West Virginia at Iowa St., 12:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

LSU at Mississippi State, 12:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

Regional, Notre Dame at Marquette, Georgia Tech at N.C. State, Oklahoma at Kansas and Alabama at Auburn, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2

Texas at Texas Tech, 2:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Regional, Maryland at Virginia, Cincinnati at St. John's, Iowa at Purdue and Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 4 p.m., ESPN2

Trinity's Farris, Friesenhahn win indoor gold at Texas Tech

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Trinity seniors Christian Farris and Lindsey Friesenhahn each picked up a gold medal in their respective 3,000-meter race at the Texas Tech Indoor Track Open on Saturday.

Farris won the boys race with a time of 9 minutes, 4 seconds, while Friesenhahn won the girls event with a mark of 10:59. Friesenhahn also placed eighth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:27.



NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	15	9	3	3	21	41	28
Pittsburgh	15	10	5	0	20	48	32
N.Y. Rangers	15	7	5	3	17	36	33
N.Y. Islanders	14	6	7	1	13	45	47
Philadelphia	15	6	8	1	13	35	40

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	14	9	4	1	19	40	34
Boston	12	8	2	2	18	34	20
Toronto	15	9	6	0	18	43	36
Ottawa	15	7	6	2	16	40	39
Buffalo	15	6	8	1	13	43	50

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	13	8	4	1	17	41	37
Tampa Bay	14	7	5	2	16	35	36
Florida	14	7	6	1	15	33	33
Washington	14	6	5	3	15	40	41
Winnipeg	13	5	6	2	11	33	43

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	14	11	0	3	25	48	20
Nashville	14	7	3	5	19	35	27
St. Louis	14	9	5	1	17	48	45
Detroit	14	7	5	2	16	30	41
Columbus	15	4	9	2	10	34	46

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	13	8	3	2	18	39	29
Minnesota	14	6	6	2	14	30	36
Edmonton	14	5	7	2	12	39	43
Calgary	12	4	5	3	11	35	44
Colorado	12	5	6	1	11	27	32

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	14	11	2	1	23	50	37
Dallas	15	9	6	1	17	39	35
San Jose	14	7	3	4	17	37	29
Phoenix	15	7	6	2	16	40	37
Los Angeles	12	5	5	2	12	28	33

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores

Anaheim 3, Nashville 2, SO
Tampa Bay 6, Florida 5, OT
Toronto 3, Ottawa 0
Montreal 4, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Islanders 5, New Jersey 1
Phoenix 5, Columbus 3
Colorado at Edmonton, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 11:30 a.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 2:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S SUMMARIES

ISLANDERS 5, DEVILS 1

New Jersey	0	0	1 — 1
N.Y. Islanders	2	3	0 — 5

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 9 (Grapes, Moulson), 16:46. 2, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 10 (Moulson, Visnovsky), 18:09 (pp). 3, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 7 (Boyes, Tavares), 19:06 (pp).
Third Period—4, New Jersey, Zidlicky 1 (Elias, Kovalchuk), 8:47 (pp). 5, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 11 (Streit, Moulson), 14:45 (pp). 6, N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 6 (Aucoin, Hamonic), 19:25.
Missed Penalty Shot—Ullstrom, NYI, 16:45 first.
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 15-5-11—31. N.Y. Islanders 9-14-10—33.
Goalies—New Jersey, Hedberg, N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov. A—15,498 (16,234). T—2:23.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, SENATORS 0

Ottawa	0	0	0 — 0
Toronto	1	0	2 — 3

First Period—1, Toronto, McLaren 1 (Kessel, Gunnarsson), 5:24. Penalties—MacArthur, Tor (boarding), 5:09.
Second Period—None. Penalties—Mc-Clement, Tor (tripping), 5:25; Komarov, Tor (boarding), 16:04; Condra, Ott (high-sticking), 18:40.
Third Period—2, Toronto, Bozak 5 (Phaneuf), 8:32. 3, Toronto, Liles 1, 19:22 (en). Penalties—Gunnarsson, Tor (goaltender interference), 13:55; Phaneuf, Tor (slashing), 18:59.
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 5-19-10—34. Toronto 7-10-12—29.
Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 4; Toronto 0 of 2.
Goalies—Ottawa, Anderson 7-4-2 (28 shots-26 saves). Toronto, Scrivens 3-3-0 (34-34).
A—19,537 (18,819). T—2:23.
Referees—Brad Meier, Francois St. Laurent. Linesmen—Scott Driscoll, Derek Nansen.

CANADIENS 4, FLYERS 1

Philadelphia	0	1	0 — 1
Montreal	1	2	1 — 4

First Period—1, Montreal, Gallagher 5 (Pacioretty, Diaz), 6:52.
Second Period—2, Montreal, Desharnais 4 (Gallagher, Pacioretty), 1:15. 3, Philadelphia, Briere 3 (Hextall, Schenn), 13:28.
Third Period—4, Montreal, Plekanec 7 (Bourque), 4:32. 5, Montreal, Bourque 5 (Gionta, Gorges), 18:59 (en).
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 2-9-9—19. Montreal 12-6-11—29.
Goalies—Philadelphia, Boucher Montreal, Budaj. A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:30.

LIGHTNING 6, PANTHERS 5, OT

Tampa Bay	1	2	2	1 — 6
Florida	1	2	2	0 — 5

First Period—1, Florida, Huberdeau 6 (Weaver, Skille), :48. 2, Tampa Bay, Purcell 4 (Lecavalier, St. Louis), 4:48. 3, Tampa Bay, Ignatti 1 (Carle), 6:51.
Second Period—4, Florida, Skille 2 (Matthias, Weaver), 2:27. 5, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 8 (Conacher, Purcell), 3:42. 6, Florida, Smithson 1 (Kopitar), 19:55.
Third Period—7, Florida, Huberdeau 8 (Shore, Bouchard), 1:53. 8, Florida, Kopecky 3 (Weiss, Campbell), 3:24. 9, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 9 (Purcell, St. Louis), 7:28 (pp). 10, Tampa Bay, Purcell 4 (Stamkos, Thompson), 19:48.
Overtime—11, Tampa Bay, Purcell 5 (Pyatt, Bogosian), 1:19.
Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 10-11-16-1—38. Florida 11-9-10-1—30.
Goalies—Tampa Bay, Lindback. Florida, Theodore. A—17,008 (17,040). T—2:30.

COYOTES 6, BLUE JACKETS 3

Columbus	1	2	0	— 3
Phoenix	3	2	1	— 6

First Period—1, Columbus, Bell 1 (Johnson, Prospal), 2:08. 2, Phoenix, Moss 2 (Boedker, Vermette), 5:30. 3, Phoenix, Vrbata 4 (Hanzal, Sullivan), 7:09. 4, Columbus, Calvert 2 (Boisvert), 8:09. 5, Phoenix, Chipchura 1 (Yandle, Torres), 17:40.
Second Period—6, Columbus, Mackenzie 2 (Bolt, Aucoin), 5:16.
Third Period—7, Phoenix, Hanzal 6 (Yandle, Sullivan), 6:18 (pp). 8, Phoenix, Hanzal 7 (Yandle, Klesla), 18:56 (en).
Shots on Goal—Columbus 7-10-9—26. Phoenix 14-7-11—32.
Goalies—Columbus, Mason. Phoenix, Smith. A—15,485 (17,125). T—2:21.

DUCKS 3, PREDATORS 2, SO

Anaheim	1	1	0	0 — 3
Nashville	1	1	0	0 — 2

First Period—1, Nashville, Hartnell 3 (Blum, Wilson), 13:31. 2, Anaheim, Selesky 3 (Perry, Allen), 17:25.
Second Period—3, Nashville, Weber 1 (Jost, Kostitsyn), 10:41. 4, Anaheim, Maroon 1 (Palmieri, Beauchemin), 16:08.
Third Period—None.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Anaheim 2 (Bonino G, Cogliano NG, Perry G), Nashville 1 (Legwand NG, C.Smith G, Bourque NG).
Shots on Goal—Anaheim 6-9-5-0—22. Nashville 14-6-9-2—31.
Goalies—Anaheim, Fasth. Nashville, Rinne. A—17,322 (17,113). T—2:59.

NFL

Calendar

March 9-11 — Clubs may enter negotiations with certified agents of players who will be unrestricted free agents at end of league year.
March 12 — Before 4 p.m. EST, clubs must exercise options for 2013 on all players on rosters who have options in their 2012 contracts; clubs must submit qualifying offers to their restricted free agents with expiring contracts and to whom they desire to retain a right of first refusal or compensation; clubs must submit a preliminary waiver to which unrestricted restricting rights to players with expiring 2012 contracts and who have fewer than three accrued seasons credited toward 2013 player pension eligibility. All clubs must be under the salary cap. The 2013 league year, free agency and trading period begins at 4 p.m. EST.
March 17-20 — Annual league meetings, Phoenix.
April 25-27 — NFL draft, New York.
May 20-22 — NFL spring league meeting, Dallas.
Sept. 5-9 — 2013 NFL season begins.

GOLF

PGA

Northern Trust Open
Saturday
At Riviera Country Club Course
Los Angeles, Calif.
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,349; Par: 71
Third Round

Bill Haas	70-67-64	— 201
Webb Simpson	68-67-66	— 201
Charl Schwartzel	69-67-66	— 202
Dustin Johnson	68-68-66	— 202
Luke Donald	68-69-66	— 203
Hunter Mahan	68-69-66	— 203
Justin Rose	68-69-66	— 203
Jason Dufner	67-71-66	— 204
Jim Furyk	67-71-66	— 204
Brandt Snedeker	68-70-66	— 204
Jonathan Byrd	68-70-67	— 205
Kevin Na	68-70-67	— 205
Bubba Watson	68-70-67	— 205
Ryan Moore	68-71-67	— 206
Ryan Palmer	68-71-67	— 206
Graeme McDowell	68-71-68	— 207
Ryan Ruffels	68-71-68	— 207
Steve Stricker	68-71-68	— 207
Scott Piercy	68-72-67	— 207
Tiger Woods	68-72-67	— 207
Kevin Chappell	68-72-68	— 208
Jason Kokrak	68-72-68	— 208
Ryan Moore	68-72-68	— 208
Brian Davis	68-73-68	— 209
Jason Day	68-73-68	— 209
Matt Kuchar	68-73-68	— 209
Kevin Streelman	68-73-68	— 209
Jason Dufner	67-71-71	— 209
Jim Furyk	67-71-71	— 209
Jason Kokrak	68-72-69	— 209
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RIVALRY

From 1C

Lee, though, stepped up the pressure on Midland High and the opportunities began to pile up, especially for Rebel junior forward Darius Strambler. During a 15-minute span of the first half, Strambler had three shots, with one on target and two wide.

Meanwhile, Reilly Gwin and Nathan Ortiz both missed golden opportunities.

So it was only fitting that Lee's equalizer was on a penalty kick after Strambler broke through Midland High's defense. The Bulldogs were called for a foul just inside the box, and Sinisterra buried the penalty kick to tie the game.

"That PK was a game changer," Midland High coach Warren Cottle said. "That 10 minutes late in the first half we did things we don't normally do, but you can't let a call like that affect the flow of the match."

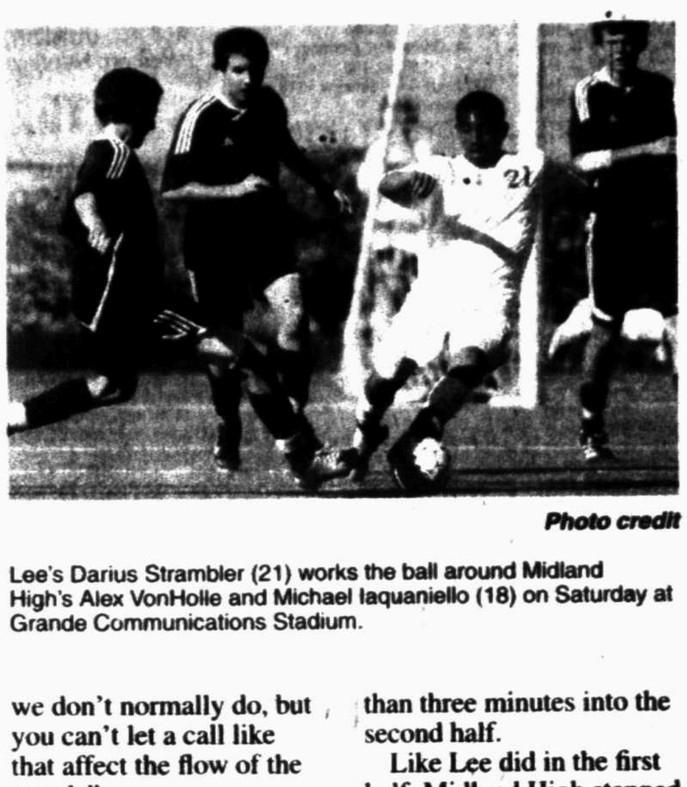


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Lee's Darius Strambler (21) works the ball around Midland High's Alex VonHolle and Michael Iaquaniello (18) on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lee used another free kick to take a 2-1 lead when Omar Alvidrez buried a 20-yarder less than three minutes into the second half.

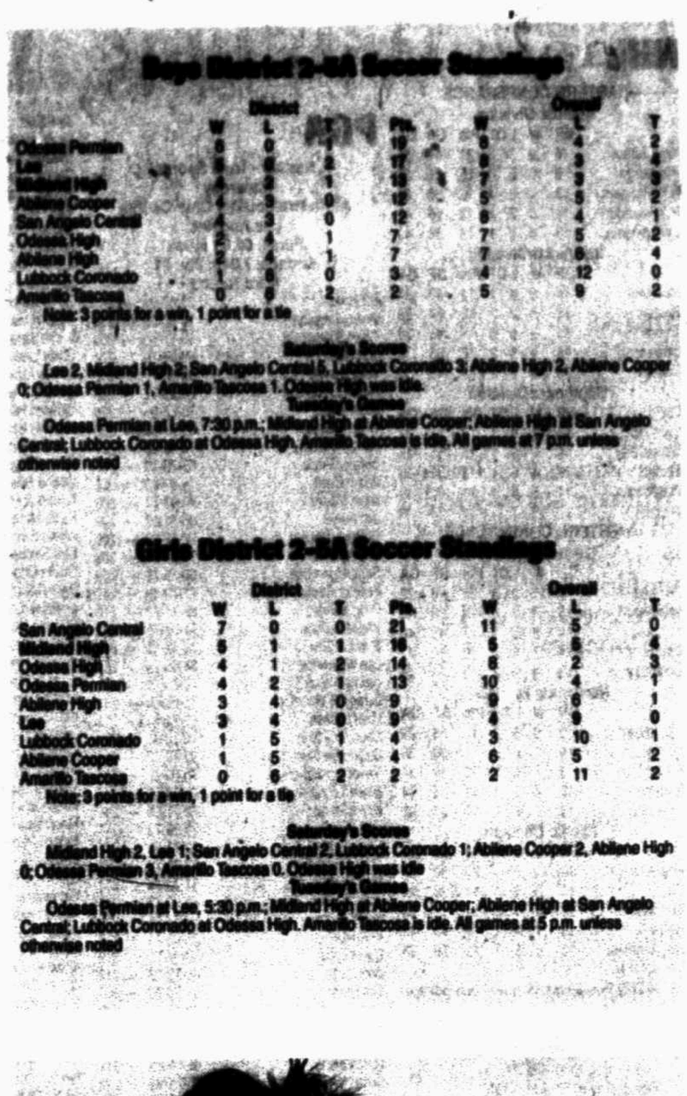
Like Lee did in the first half, Midland High stepped up the pressure in the second and it resulted in a game-tying goal. Ethan Baltier sent a free kick into the box, and Lee goalkeeper Juan Baeza made an attempt to punch it but it went back and Carter headed it into the open net to tie the game.

"I think after we got our second goal, we were a little bit too relaxed, and I think we pushed ourselves back instead of continuing to press, press, press," Lee coach Chris Bryant said.

The two teams had late opportunities but neither team garnered the eventual game winner. But even without that goal, both teams walked off the field feeling pretty good.

"I am a little frustrated because I wish we could've won, but it is what it is," Carter said. "I would rather tie than lose, and have that sick feeling in your stomach that comes with a loss."

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Boys District 2-5A Soccer Standings

	District				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	
Lee	5	0	1	16	9	0	1	0
Midland High	4	1	1	13	10	2	1	0
Odessa High	3	1	2	11	8	2	2	0
Abilene High	3	2	1	10	7	3	1	0
Odessa Permian	2	3	1	7	7	5	1	0
Abilene Cooper	1	4	1	4	3	7	1	0
Lubbock Coronado	0	5	1	1	2	9	1	0
San Angelo Central	0	5	1	1	2	9	1	0

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Lee 2, Midland High 2; San Angelo Central 2, Lubbock Coronado 1; Abilene High 2, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa Permian 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Odessa High was idle

Odessa Permian at Lee, 7:30 p.m.; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High; Amarillo Tascosa is idle. All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Girls District 2-5A Soccer Standings

	District				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	
San Angelo Central	7	0	0	21	11	5	0	0
Midland High	6	1	1	19	11	3	1	0
Lee	5	1	1	16	9	2	3	0
Odessa Permian	4	2	1	13	10	4	1	0
Abilene High	3	4	0	9	9	6	1	0
Lee	2	4	0	6	4	9	1	0
Lubbock Coronado	1	5	1	4	3	10	1	0
Abilene Cooper	1	6	1	4	2	9	2	0
Amarillo Tascosa	1	6	1	4	2	11	2	0

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 2, Lee 1; San Angelo Central 2, Lubbock Coronado 1; Abilene Cooper 2, Abilene High 0; Odessa Permian 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Odessa High was idle

Odessa Permian at Lee, 5:30 p.m.; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High; Amarillo Tascosa is idle. All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted

MHS

From 1C

it hard to create quality chances.

It was late in the first half, though, when Midland High began to dominate the pace of play, and put constant pressure in Lee's half.

The Lady Rebels, though, kept turning away Midland High, and was able to keep the game scoreless. And Lee was doing it with a makeshift backline that has been decimated by injuries, including senior center back Amanda Peterson missing the game with lingering back issues.

Plus, Lee lost starting goalkeeper Morgan Barr in the second half as well.

"We were not giving up much space, and trying not to let them turn and run onto us, and that was kind of our game plan," Lee coach Brian Pollard said. "We ended up losing four defenders this week, and the ones I had back there haven't played defense all year and they did a good job, and our midfield did a good job as well."

One of Pollard's concerns was Almodova gaining some space, and in the 59th minute, the freshman finally found some and sent her 30-yard blast that ended up in the upper left hand corner of the net.

The goal not only broke a scoreless deadlock, but energized the Lady Bulldogs (5-5-4, 5-1-1, 16 points in District 2-5A) and deflated the Lady Rebels (4-9-0, 3-4-0, 9 points).

"I didn't really see it, but I saw the end result and it was going into the upper 90, and I knew there was no way (the goalkeeper) could get to it," Scribner said. "It was the perfect placement of the ball."

Less than two minutes later, Scribner found some rare space and finished a pass from Almodova for a 2-0 MHS lead.

Lee responded, though, in the 66th minute when Deo'nna Calhoun headed in a ball inside the box after a pass from Mia Garcia to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Lady Rebels picked up the pressure but couldn't come up with the equalizer as Midland High earned its second straight victory and stayed in the hunt for a district title.

"It was big for us and it bumped us into second by two points, and if San Angelo slips up we are right there playing for a championship again," Midland High coach Ryan Dunlevy said.

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Midland High's Adrienne Almodova (23) tries to convert a corner kick into a goal in front of Lee's Vanessa Garcia on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rebels finish second in Fort Stockton

From staff reports

FORT STOCKTON — The Lee boys golf team finished second at the Fort Stockton Invitational after shooting 323 as a team for a second straight day, giving the Rebels a two-day total of 646. Levelland won the team title with a 642.

The Rebels were led by Blake Loyd, who had a two-round score of 158, placing him in a tie for eighth.

Midland Christian placed third in the team standings just a stroke back of Lee at 647, despite leading the tournament after the first round. Josh Hollar led MCS with a fourth-place finish at 154. Reagan Brown was sixth at 156.

Trinity's Trace Morrow was third in the medalist standings at 153. Fort Stockton's Omar Ramirez won the individual title at 146.

Fort Stockton Invitational
Desert Pines Golf Course, Fort Stockton
Saturday's Results
BOYS

Team Standings — 1. Levelland 328-314-642 2. Lee 323-323-646 3. Midland Christian 321-326-647 4. Permian 331-323-654 5. Kermit 335-358-693 6. Pecos A 359-339-698 7. Midland High, 353-356-709 8. Sonora 358-353-711 9. Monahans A 360-361-721 10. Fort Stockton 367-356-723 11. Greenwood 373-363-736 12. Odessa High 410-394-804 13. Monahans B 405-409-814 14. Pecos B 430-398-828 15. Marfa 451-448-899 16. Alpine 469-465-934 17. Crane 500-497-997

Medalist standings — 1. Omar Ramirez, Fort Stockton, 74-72-146 2. Zane Stafford, Levelland 76-78-152 3. Trace Morrow, Midland Trinity, 79-74-153 4. (tie) Josh Hollar, Midland Christian, 76-78-154, and Brecken Bain, Levelland, 80-74-154 6. Reagan Brown, Midland Christian 79-77-156 7. Dalton Gilstrap, Pecos, 79-78-157 8. (tie) Nathan Ornelas, Kermit, 75-83-158, and Blake Loyd, Lee, 80-78-158 10. Janson McBride, Sonora, 84-75-159

Individual Results

Levelland (642) — Zane Stafford, 76-76-152. Brecken Bain, 80-74-154. Chance Logan, 84-84-168. Ethan Hill, 88-80-168. Dakota Jordan, 103-109-212

Lee (646) — Carson Good, 82-82-164. Blake Loyd, 80-78-158. Aaron Jacobs, 81-88-169. Bronson Vitello, 80-81-161. Max Ive, 82-82-164

Midland Christian (647) — Josh Hollar, 76-76-154. Reagan Brown, 79-77-156. Coleman Houston, 81-85-166. Dakota Phillips, 85-86-171. Landon Ballard, 91-88-179

Permian (654) — Hunter Burnett, 83-80-163. Brendon Lowrance, 80-87-167. Dalton Anderson, 81-81-162. Jas Bowling, 89-79-168. Michael Rosero, 87-83-170

Kermit (693) — Lucas Gordon, 91-89-180. Nathan Ornelas, 75-83-158. Eron Berzoza, 82-99-181. Adrian Carrasco, 87-87-174. Brody Burns, 106-112-218

Pecos A (698) — Dalton Gilstrap, 79-78-157. Benny Molina, 91-84-175. Jarred Windham, 90-89-179. Matt Mora, 100-91-191. Chris Lease, 99-88-187

Midland High (709) — Jared Larson, 83-88-171. Joel Felix, 85-89-174. Guy Ekstrom, 88-89-177. John Potter, 97-90-187

Sonora (711) — Jansen McBride, 84-75-159. Hunter Hughes, 81-85-166. Sid Anderson, 98-92-190. Gade Rollert, 95-101-196

Monahans A (721) — Blane Heflin, 87-89-176. Kristan Crozier, 90-98-188. Derek Ornelas, 90-88-178. Tyler Smith, 93-87-180. John Roeber, 100-97-197

Fort Stockton (723) — Omar Ramirez, 74-72-146. Zach Simons, 97-90-187. Mikey Lujan, 106-115-221. Raul Rodriguez, 103-86-189. Eusebio Ortriveros, 93-108-201

Greenwood (736) — Matt Rose, 85-81-166. Casey Neatherlin, 93-92-185. Ty Crownover, 103-100-203. Sean Spicer, 98-91-189. Austin Satterfield, 97-99-196

Odessa High (804) — Andy Perez, 102-96-198. Zach Gonzales, 102-93-195. Aaron Castillo, 100-111-211. Zach Inguez, 106-94-200

Monahans B (814) — Logan Smith, 99-91-190. Brock Franco, 81-101-188. Reagan Redmon, 104-109-213. Buck Watson, 105-108-213

Pecos B (828) — Phillip Workman, 105-102-207. Efren Valenano, 114-104-218. Paul Hinojos, 105-93-198. Alex Muniz, 107-112-219. Noel Ybarra, 113-99-212

Marfa (899) — Nathan Alzenhafter, 92-87-179. Thomas Daugherty, 105-NS-NS. Gavin Livingston, 126-111-237. Tim Flores, 132-120-252. Dakota Wilbourn, 128-130-258

Alpine (934) — William Torres, 96-93-189. Garret Walley, 130-120-250. Anthony Marquez, 129-126-255. Ryder Smith, 114-127-241. Tyler Curtis, 130-126-256.

Crane (997) — Ryan Rodriguez, 122-129-251. Carlos Bauza, 131-121-252. Soda Flores, 125-109-234. Ramon Flores, 122-138-260. Austin Grammer, NS-139-NS

Other Medalists

Fort Stockton — Oby Pruitt, 140-131-271. Nicholas Lopez, 141-130-271

Ivaan — Creed Cade, 96-90-186. Weldon Maxcey, 97-84-181. Harley Ortiz, 126-110-236.

Kermit — Juan Valenzuela, 122-127-249.

Midland Trinity - - Trace Morrow, 79-74-153. Van Horn — Tin'or Rivera, 92-87-179. Louis Balcazar, 117-NS-NS. Kevin Seyffert, 115-104-219. M. Robinson, 132-NS-NS

Girls
Snyder Invitational
Friday's results
Division I

Team standings — 1. Snyder 339-337—676. 2. Monahans 365-353—718. 3. Wolfforth Frenship 354-374—728. 4. Amarillo High 367-391—758. 5. Abilene Cooper 403-389—792. 6. Midland High 395-405—800. 7. Seminole 417-386—803. 8. Lamesa 428-415—843. 9. Abilene Wylie 437-403—840. 10. Big Spring 399-n/a—n/a

Medalist standings — 1. Malory Hunter, Snyder 81. 2. (tie) Marisa Marquez, Amarillo High 82, Hali Escobedo, Amarillo High 82. 4. (tie) Cassidy Rawls, Snyder 83, Sabrina Castillo, Snyder 83. 6. Kelsie Guinn, Big Spring 84. 7. Emily King, Monahans 85. 8. Emiley Odom, Frenship 86. 9. (tie) Gabi Cano, Monahans 88, Kayla Johnson, Abilene Wylie 88

Individual Scores

Snyder (676) — Malory Hunter 81-82—163, Cassidy Rawls 83-88—171, Sabrian Castillo 83-84—167, Regan Lindsey 92-86—178, Faith Williams 94-85—179

Wolfforth Frenship (728) — Emiley Odom 86-85—171, Kendall Slaughter 93-101—194, Lindsey Williams 94-97—191, Madison Cabelero 88-91—179, Shelby Hector 87-103—190

Monahans (718) — Gabi Cano 88-83—171, Emily King 85-92—177, Destinee Moore 95-82—177, Landry Owens 97-98—195, Karley Pounds 99-95—194

Amarillo High (758) — Marisa Marquez 82-91—173, Hali Escobedo 82-86—168, Veronica Mejia 105-104—209, Shannon Arnold 103-111—214, Kenzie Clayton 100-110—210

Midland High (3800) — Kathryn McGowan 95-101—196, Erica Frazier 97-98—195, Devan Crawford 103-105—208, Amy Wood 100-101—201, Caroline Grace 137-109—246

Big Spring (n/a) — Kelsie Guinn 84-94—178, Mariah McIntosh 93-n/a—n/a, Briana Cobos 109-108—217, Gabby Fair 113-120—233

Abilene Cooper (792) — CharlesAnn Freeman 89-92—181, Mychellya Shadle 97-103—200, Iryana Benavides 100-97—197, Meagan Albritton 117-97—214, Rebecca Hummel 119-113—232

Seminole (803) — Alyssa Nunez 109-88—197, Ellen Weibe 102-102—204, Chelsey Froese 100-95—195, Janet Froese 107-101—208, Mikaela Stokes 108-108—216

Lamesa (843) — Chelsea Rebber 109-95—202, Leah Medlin 106-103—209, Lindy Medlin 107-111—218, Kaila Cox 112-107—219, Brittany Bruce 109-109—218

Abilene Wylie (840) — Kayla Johnson 88-86—174, Abby Music 114-99—213, Mary Engelker 130-107—237, Kristen Ueckert 110-111—221, Shelbi Moss 125-119—244

Individual medalists — Lauren Rogers, Frenship 102-111—213, Taylor Kiker, Snyder 109-106—215, Megan Wright, Abilene Wylie 128-112—240, Bailie Brown, Abilene Wylie 108-121—229

MC wraps classic with pair of wins

From staff Reports

The Midland College softball team wrapped up the Midland College Spring Classic at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex with a pair of victories Saturday.

The Lady Chaparrals opened the day with a 13-5 victory against Vernon College before shutting out the University of Chihuahua, 5-0. The Lady Chaps ended up going 4-1 in the tournament, leaving coach Tommy Ramos pleased with what he saw from his team.

"We got to see a lot of different kids play for us this time because we've had some injuries," Ramos said. "Some girls got an opportunity to come off the bench and they played well. It gave me an idea of how much depth we have. We also got to learn some things we need to work on before conference play starts."

Ramos praised the play of Ka'iuliani Kamai both in the field and at the plate, while also mentioning the team's pitchers kept the Lady Chaps in each game. He also liked the play of Earnysha Scroggins at the plate and Amy Anderson at catcher calling the games.

The Lady Chaps play a doubleheader against Western Nebraska today with Game 1 set to start at 11 a.m.



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Midland College's Earnysha Scroggins catches a ball in the outfield during the game against Dodge City (Kan.) Community College on Friday at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

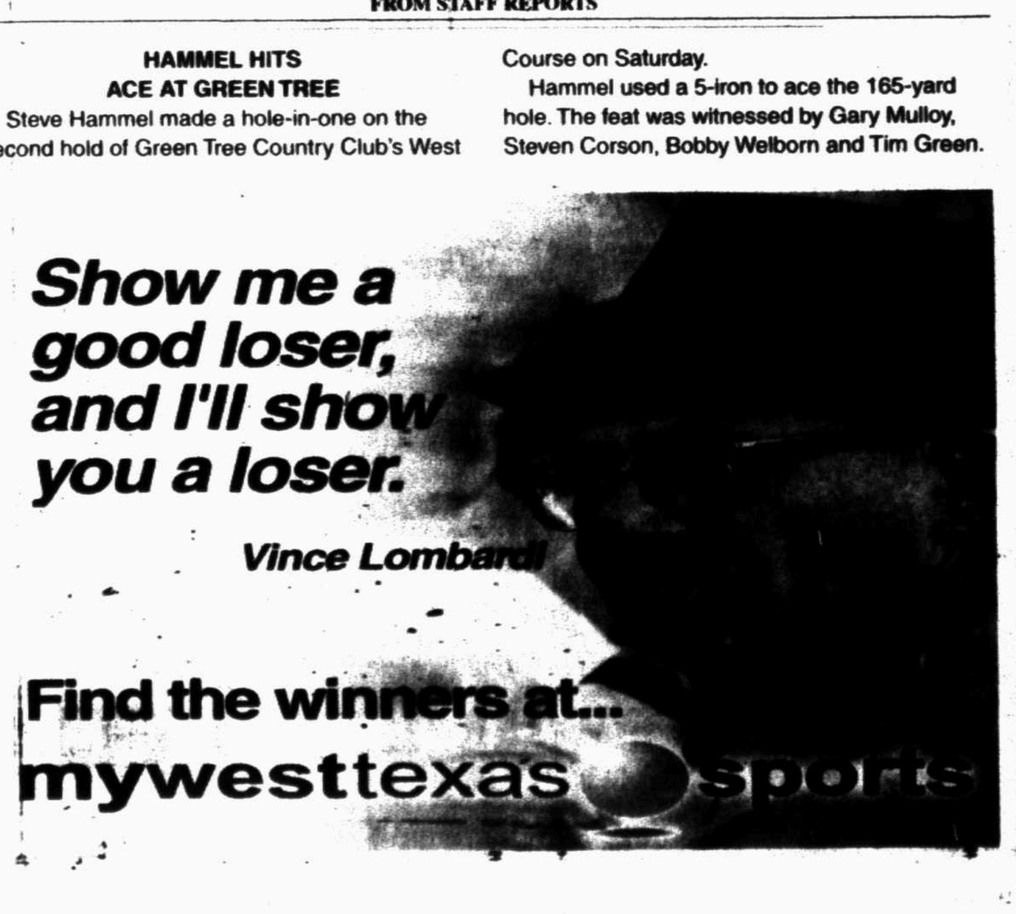
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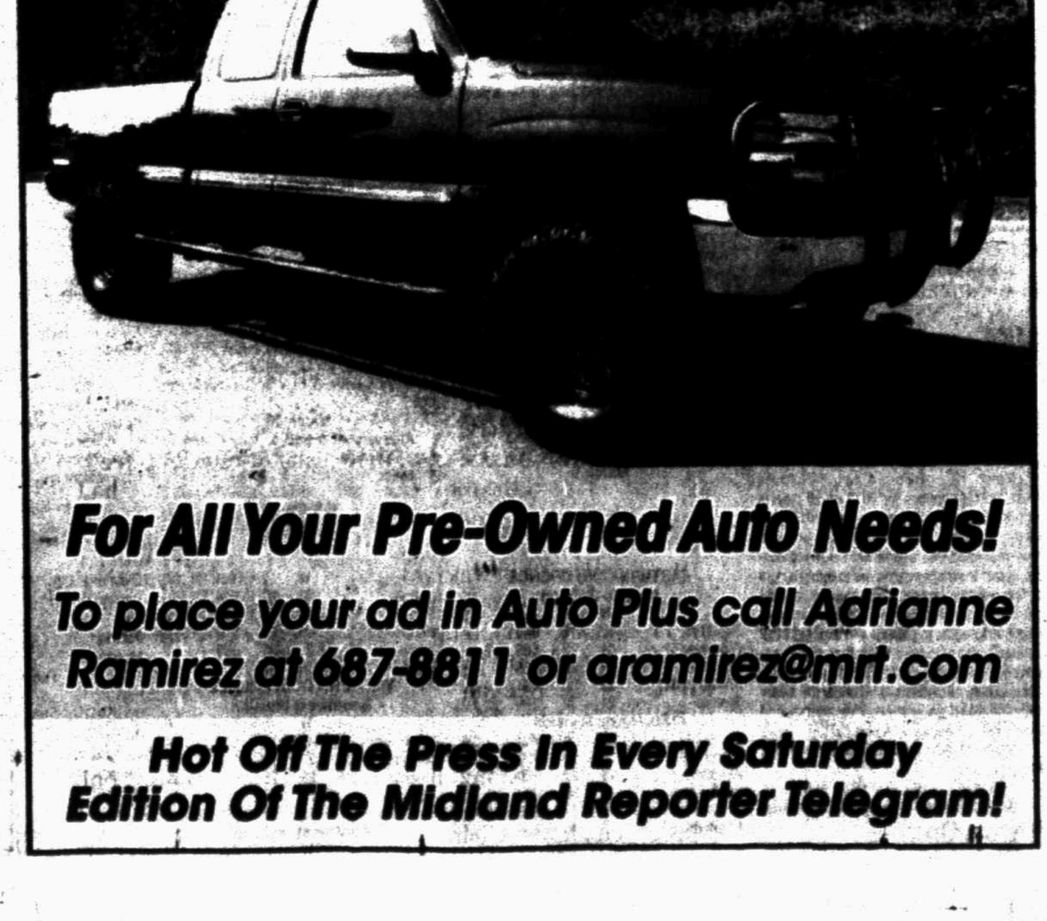
FROM STAFF REPORTS

HAMMEL HITS ACE AT GREEN TREE

Steve Hammel made a hole-in-one on the second hold of Green Tree Country Club's West Course on Saturday.

Hammel used a 5-iron to ace the 165-yard hole. The feat was witnessed by Gary Mulloy, Steven Corson, Bobby Welborn and Tim Green.





Lee's Williams, Mangum win singles titles

From staff reports

ODESSA — Lee singles players Hope Williams and Stephen Mangum won singles titles in the respective divisions of the Permian Invitational on Friday.

Williams started the day with a straight sets victory, 6-4, 6-2, against Wolfforth Frenship's Alex Brown before knocking off Lubbock Monterey's Kiersten Cox also in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, for the Girls Single A Division title.



Williams

Mangum's title cam with a little more difficulty. He defensive Big Spring's Kie Jones in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, in the semifinals, but was pushed to three sets by Midland Christian's Johnathan Dorman in the finals. Dorman, who beat Rodolfo Mendieta of Andrews, 6-0, 6-1, in the semifinals, took the second set, 1-6, after losing the opening set to Mangum, 6-2. Mangum rallied in the third and took a 6-2 win for the Boys Singles A Division title.

Midland Christian did win some titles as well. The team of Austin Hedrick and Kolton Cook defeated Lubbock Monterey's pairing of Ryan Bolton and Ryan Bedford in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, for the Boys Doubles A Division title. Also, Zane Nelson won the Boys Single B Division title for the Mustangs with a 6-0, 6-3 victory against Lubbock Monterey's Alec Jeffries.

Permian Invitational
Sunday's Results
BOYS DOUBLES
At Rattliff Tennis Complex
A Division
Semifinals

Ryan Bolton-Bedford, Lubbock Monterey, def. Dakota Brown-Trent Ward, Andrews, 6-4, 7-6 (8); Austin Hedrick-Kolton Cook, Midland Christian, def. Tyler Avant-Alex Byrd, Big Spring, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Third-Place Match
Avant-Byrd, Big Spring, def. Brown-Ward, Andrews, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

Final
Hedrick-Cook, Midland Christian, def. Bolton-Bedford, Monterey, 6-2, 6-1.

B Division
Semifinals

Billy Jefferson-Evan Geist, Lubbock Monterey, def. Hiroqjio Thomas Ribio, Midland Lee, 6-2, 6-1; Jacob Rangel-Josh Baker, Big Spring, def. Corbin Shaunne-Cobi Gutierrez, Andrews, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Third-Place Match
Hinojos-Rubio, Lee, def. Shaunnur-Gutierrez, Andrews, 6-3, 6-2.

Final
Jefferson-Geist, Monterey, def. Rangel-Baker, Big Spring, 6-1, 6-3.

GIRLS SINGLES
At Permian
A Division
Semifinals

Hope Williams, Lee, def. Alex Brown, Wolfforth Frenship, 6-4, 6-2; Kiersten Cox, Lubbock Monterey, def Victoria Inman, Odessa High, 6-3, 6-0.

Third-Place Match
Inman, Odessa High, def. Brown, Frenship, 6-4, 6-1.

Final
Williams, Lee, def. Cox, Monterey, 6-0, 6-2.

B Division
Semifinals

Morgan Waagner, Lubbock Monterey, def. Caitlyn Ball, Midland Christian, 6-1, 6-2; Claire Tisdale, Wolfforth Frenship, def. Milann Bryant, Permian, 6-0, 6-1.

Third-Place Match
Ball, Midland Christian, def. Bryant, Permian, 6-4, 6-1.

Final
Waagner, Monterey, def. Tisdale, Frenship, 6-3, 6-4.

BOYS SINGLES
At Rattliff Tennis Complex
A Division
Semifinals

Johnathan Dorman, Midland Christian, def. Rodolfo Mendieta, Andrews, 6-0, 6-1; Stephen Mangum, Midland Lee, def. Kie Jones, Big Spring, 6-2, 6-4.

Third-Place Match
Jones, Big Spring, def. Mendieta, Andrews, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Final
Mangum, Lee, def. Dorman, Midland Christian, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2.

B Division
Semifinals

Alec Jeffries, Lubbock Monterey, def. Alex Quinones, Midland Lee, 6-1, 6-1; Zane Nelson, Midland Christian, def. Jose Martinez, Odessa High, 6-1, 6-1.

Third-Place Match
Quinones, Lee, def. Martinez, Odessa High, 6-3, 6-4.

Final
Nelson, Midland Christian, def. Jeffries, Monterey, 6-0, 6-3.

GIRLS DOUBLES
At Permian
A Division
Semifinals

Amber Seay-Colleen Dennis, Hobbs, def. Katie Vaughan-Kalinda Wight, Midland Christian, 7-5, 6-1; Maritza Baeza-Nichole Salinas, Andrews, def. Rene Martinez-Julie Hurtado, Lubbock Monterey, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

Third-Place Match
Martinez-Hurtado, Monterey, def. Vaughan-Wight, Midland Christian, 6-1, 6-2.

Final
Seay-Dennis, Hobbs, def. Baeza-Salinas, Andrews, 6-1, 6-3.

B Division
Semifinals

Natalie Duzan-Alyssa Garcia, Andrews, def. Maiot-Romero, Hobbs, 6-2, 6-0; Emily Sims-Mercedes Cruz, Lubbock Monterey, def. Natalie Keesee-Faith McGinley, Midland Christian, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Third-Place Match
Maiot-Romero, Hobbs, def. Keesee-McGinley, Midland Christian, 6-1, 6-2.

Final
Duzan-Garcia, Andrews, def. Sims-Cruz, Monterey, 6-1, 7-5.

MIXED DOUBLES
At Rattliff Tennis Complex
A Division
Semifinals

Ryan Morton-Kaleigh Smith, Odessa High, def. Jerrika Midkiff-Jake Sellers, Permian, 6-2, 6-3; Brittany McClellan-Landon Hope, Wolfforth Frenship, def. Jovten Davis-Candace Trevino, Andrews, 6-2, 6-4.

Third-Place Match
Midkiff-Sellers, Permian, def. Davis-Trevino, Andrews, 6-2, 7-5.

Final
Morton-Smith, Odessa High, def. McClellan-Hope, Frenship, 6-0, 6-1.

B Division
Semifinals

Isaac Doyle-Lesly Gonzales, Andrews, def. Victor Lujan-Avery Steen, Permian, 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-1; Kyle Foshee-Emily Orras, Odessa High, def. Josephine Camus-Cole Medley, Wolfforth Frenship, 6-4, 6-2.

Third-Place Match
Lujan-Steen, Permian, def. Camus-Medley, Frenship, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Final
Doyle-Gonzales, Andrews, def. Foshee-Orras, Odessa High, 7-5, 6-3.

Different looks for Heat, Lakers at All-Star break

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

The Game

NBA ALL-STAR GAME
EAST VS. WEST

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Toyota Center, Houston
TV: TNT

HOUSTON — The last All-Star game in Houston was a glimpse of what Miami Heat games would become.

LeBron James scored 29 points and was the MVP. Dwyane Wade added 20 and made the go-ahead basket to cap a huge comeback, and the Eastern Conference beat the West 122-120 in 2006.

"I had a pretty good experience the first time around, looking for the same thing this time," Wade said Friday.

The way things are going for the Heat, why not?

And think about this: James was already the best player that night, and he was nowhere near the player he is today.

"I'm a better player. At that point in time, I wasn't a complete basketball player. I couldn't shoot as well as I can now, I never posted up back then," James said. "More games, more playoff games, more knowledge. You continue to learn each and every day, it makes you a better player. That's what you want, to become a better player. That's what I want. I want to be the greatest of all-time. I try to do whatever it takes to get me in that position.

"Seven years, I've tried to improve each and every year."

Back where they first teamed up as All-Stars, Wade, James and Chris Bosh will start together for the East on tonight, another highlight for the NBA champions.

Kobe Bryant, Dwight Howard and the Los Angeles Lakers aren't having nearly as much fun in a season so disappointing that Bryant was asked Friday if the All-Star weekend was a "retreat" for him.

"I don't know if it's a retreat, it's just more of an opportunity to get some rest, regroup, put the first half of the season behind us and move on," he said.

As Wade knows, the All-Star break can be just that — a break — from a forgettable season.

He arrived for the 2008 All-Star game with a 9-43 record after the Heat lost on Valentine's Day to the Chicago Bulls, on their way to a 15-win debacle just two years after they won the NBA title.

"I put all that aside," though, and I came and I enjoyed the weekend, and when I went back to Miami, it was like, 'Oh my God, we're back in it,'" Wade said. "But All-Star weekend, you just enjoy being an All-Star. You enjoy being around the guys. You can kind of forget about that a little bit, unless you have the cameras and the microphones in front of you asking you questions about it, but besides that you try to enjoy it."

This time, the Heat celebrated Valentine's Day in Oklahoma City with a 110-100 victory over the Thunder, the team they beat in five games last summer for the title. They have won seven in a row, James is playing arguably the best basketball of his career, and they can relax and reminisce as they return to Houston.

"It's really indescribable," Bosh said, "just to not only win a championship with great guys, be in a great locker room, and just to have fun doing it, but just to be an All-Star every year, play with great teammates. I mean to play in front of a lot people in arenas every night. I don't take those things for granted."

Haas shoots 64 to take lead at Riviera

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bill Haas had no reason to think this round at Riviera was going to be anything special.

With an iron in his hand, he failed to make birdie on the par-5 opening hole, the easiest on the golf course. Solid iron shots led to a pair of birdies on the front nine, and with Riviera playing tough in warm, dry conditions on Saturday, he was part of a large group challenging for the lead.

Three holes changed everything.

Haas made a tough 30-footer for birdie on No. 9. He pitched in from 60 feet for eagle on the scary par-4 10th. And he hit a good bunker shot with little margin for error on the par-5 11th that set up a birdie.

Just like that, he was on his way to a 7-under 64 and a three-shot lead going into the final round of the Northern Trust Open.

His 64 was the best round of a difficult day by three shots, and it was nearly eight shots better than the average score. It put Haas at 12-under 201, leaving him in good position to become only the eighth back-to-back winner in the 76-year history of this tournament.

All he cares about Sunday is winning.

"It's very difficult in this game to just pull away from the rest of the field," Haas said. "You've only seen a few guys ever really do that, and those are guys like Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson. So I think I've just got to stay in the moment, don't let my emotions get the best of me."

A year ago, Haas was two shots behind going into the final round and wound up winning in a playoff over Mickelson and Keegan Bradley. This time, he has a comfortable margin over U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson and former Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, who each thought they did well for a 68.

John Merrick bogeyed the 18th hole for a 70 and joined Simpson and Schwartzel at 9-under 204.

Luke Donald overcame a sloppy start — three bogeys in a six-hole stretch — with four birdies on the back nine to salvage a 70 that put him four shots behind, along with Fredrik Jacobson (72).

Mickelson was hopeful of making a move and instead went the other direction. He missed three par putts of about 6 feet on the front nine and had a 72, putting him nine shots behind. Ernie Els, playing with Mickelson, also dropped shots early and dropped out of the hunt with a 73.

The round started with 20 players separated by five shots. Thanks to Haas and his flawless play, only eight players were within five of the lead.

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From 1C

each other and know what we can do, so it was good to get those bats alive after last night."

The six-spot was more than enough for MC starter Jeremy Filipek, who was wildly effective as he allowed the one run on four hits with eight strikeouts, two walks and two hit batters in a complete-game victory.

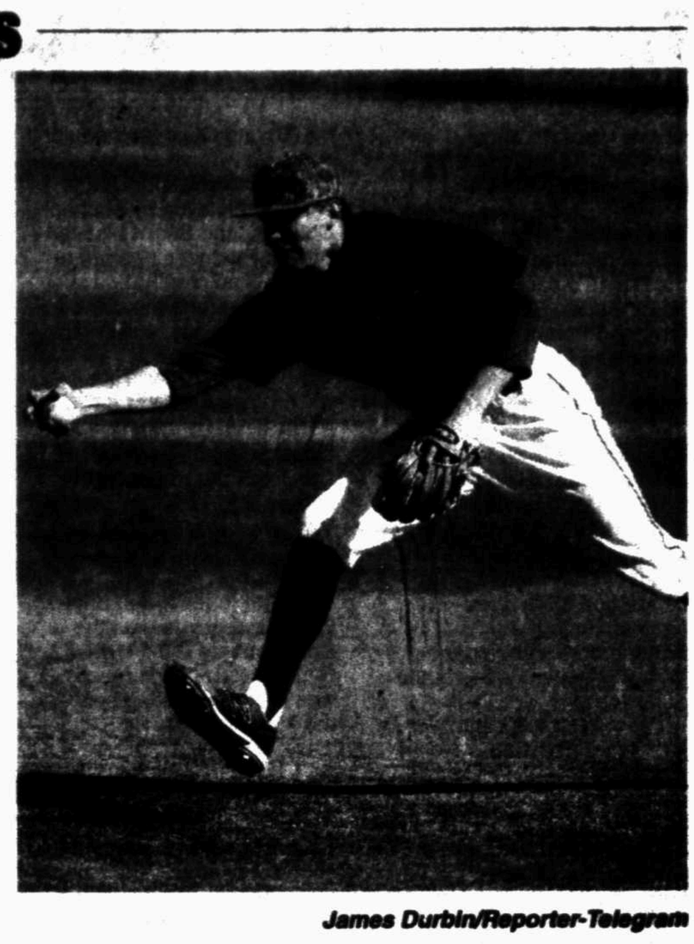
"I think Filipek will tell you that without his best stuff found a way to compete," Coleman said. "He wasn't able to locate the fastball as he normally does. McLennan is a good team with good hitters and to be able to beat them with that many lefthanders without being able to locate the fastball is a testament to his confidence."

MC added six runs in the sixth to invoke the run rule as Joel Atkinson (2 for 4, 3 RBI) and Jeremie Fagnan each drove in two runs, while Jay Gonzales (2 for 3) ended the game with his RBI single to third base.

The Chaps got into a little trouble early against the Highlanders in the second game as freshman starter Chris Dixon gave up three runs on three hits and three walks in the first inning.

Coleman didn't waste time and pulled Dixon with two outs in the first in favor of Thomas McIlraith, who came in and pitched 5 2/3 solid innings of relief for the win.

"He was outstanding," said Coleman of his freshman right-hander from Amarillo. "He stabilized the game. When we needed a guy out of the 'pen to do that, and it gave our hitters a chance to scratch and get back in it. He had to come in and pitch with pressure and I thought he handled it really well."



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College pitcher Thomas McIlraith catches a grounder before throwing to first for the out during the second game of a doubleheader against McLennan Community College on Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

The Chaps got back in the game with single runs in the first and third innings and then broke the game open in the fourth with five-run frame that saw MC get five hits and take advantage of four McLennan errors to take a 7-3 advantage.

Then in the seventh with MC leading 8-5, the Chaps added six more runs, before adding a run in the eighth as Ethan Kohnle tripled home Hunter Redman (4 for 5) to once again invoke the run rule.

"This is a big step for us," Beck said. "It gives us a lot of momentum going into our game Monday (against Colby Community College), and our pitchers did well, too."

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FIRST GAME
MIDLAND COLLEGE 11, MCLENNAN CC 1, 8 INNINGS

McLennan CC	000	001	—1	4	1
Midland College	000	605	—11	12	0

Two outs when game was run-ruled.
Troy Wall, Brandon Holub (4), Patrick Herbelin (6) and Caleb Williams. Jeremy Filipek and Chris Shaw. W - Filipek. L - Wall. 2B - MC: Matt Reyes, Jay Gonzales, Chris Shaw, Joel Atkinson. HR - MC: Beck. RBI - MCC: Kyle Thornell; MC: Atkinson 3, Shaw 3, Jeremie Fagnan 2, Reyes , Beck, Gonzales.

SECOND GAME
MIDLAND COLLEGE 16, MCLENNAN CC 5, 8 INNINGS

McLennan CC	300	000	20	—5	7	0
Midland College	101	510	61	—15	12	0

Two outs when game was run-ruled.
Caleb Willingford, Kody Hessemer (5), Corey Kilough (7), Enrique Oquendo (7), Andrew Sanchez (7) and Kyle Havens. Chris Dixon, Thomas McIlreath (1), Jason Zgardowski (7) and Hunter Redman. W - McIlraith. L - Willingford. 2B - MCC: Andrew Rhodes; MC: Fagnan, Gonzales, Redman, Reyes. 3B - MC: Ethan Kohnle. RBI — MCC: Rhodes, Justin Perales, Zach Valenzuela, Lee Raley. MC: Redman 3, Reyes 2, Atkinson, Fagnan 2, Gonzales 2, Kohnle.

Records: Midland College 4-2; McLennan CC 3-3.

Next: Midland College vs. Cloud County (Kan.) CC at Hobbs, N.M., 3 p.m. Monday

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TEXAS&BIG12ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 14 KANSAS 73 TEXAS 67

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Jeff Withey had 15 points and 11 rebounds while becoming the Big 12's career blocked shots leader, Elijah Johnson emerged from a season-long slump and No. 14 Kansas walloped Texas 73-47 on a festive Saturday night at Allen Fieldhouse.

Johnson finished with 12 points for the Jayhawks (21-4, 9-3 Big 12). Travis Releford added 15 and Ben McLemore had 13, including a 360 jam in the closing minutes that capped off quite a show against the Longhorns (11-14, 3-9) for more than a dozen former players in attendance.

IOWA ST. 87 TCU 53

AMES, Iowa — Freshman Georges Niang scored a career-high 19 points and Iowa State rolled past TCU 87-53 on Saturday for its 21st straight home win.

Will Clyburn added 16 points and Tyrus McGee had 15 for the Cyclones (17-8, 7-5 Big 12), who remained the only team in the conference with a perfect home record at 14-0.

WEST VIRGINIA 66 TEXAS TECH 64

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Deniz Kilicli scored a career-high 25 points as West Virginia held off a formidable comeback by Texas Tech for a 66-64 victory Saturday.

A potentially game-winning shot by the Red Raiders' Josh Gray hit the front of the rim at the buzzer.

NO. 10 KANSAS ST. 81 BAYLOR 61

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Angel Rodriguez scored 22 points and Shane Southwell added 18 on six 3-pointers to lead No. 10 Kansas State to an 81-61 win over Baylor on Saturday night.

The game remained fairly close in the first half, but the Wildcats (20-5, 9-3 Big 12) took control in the second, outscoring the Bears 43-32 after the break.

NO. 17 OKLAHOMA ST. 84 OKLAHOMA 79

STILLWATER, Okla. — Marcus Smart scored 28 points, Le'Bryan Nash added a season-high 26 and No. 17 Oklahoma State beat Oklahoma 84-79 in overtime Saturday for its third straight down-to-the-wire win at home.

Smart led Nash for a right-handed slam with 53 seconds left in overtime to put the Cowboys (19-5, 9-3 Big 12) up 80-79, and Oklahoma couldn't come up with an answer. Markel Brown's steal led to a fastbreak layup by Michael Cobbins, and Smart blocked Steven Pledger's attempt at a tying 3-pointer that gave Oklahoma State the ball back with 18 seconds to go.

VANDERBILT 63 TEXAS A&M 56

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rod Odom scored 19 points and Dai-Jon Parker added a career-high 17 points to lead Vanderbilt to a 63-56 victory over Texas A&M on Saturday night.

Parker made a personal-best five 3-pointers as the Commodores (10-14, 4-8 Southeastern Conference) won the first meeting between the schools since 1955.

TULANE 78 SOUTHERN METHODIST 67

NEW ORLEANS — Ricky Tarrant scored 25 points and Jordan Callahan added 20 off the bench as Tulane downed Southern Methodist 78-67 Saturday.

Tarrant was 7-of-14 shooting and made 4 of 8 from 3-point range, while Callahan knocked down six treys in 12 attempts and hit 7 of 13 overall for the Green Wave (17-9, 5-6 Conference USA).

UTEP 73 UCF 58

EL PASO — John Bohannon scored 16 points and Konner Tucker 15 to lead UTEP to a 73-58 victory against UCF on Saturday night.

UTEP (14-10, 7-4 Conference USA) came into the game aiming to tighten its defense after the Miners' two previous opponents scored 74 and 79 points while shooting 49.5 percent from the floor. That mission was accomplished, as the Knights (17-8, 7-4) shot 20 of 62 (32.3 percent) from the floor and tied their fourth-lowest point total of the season.

TEXAS SOUTHERN 75 ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF 69

HOUSTON — Omar Strong hit seven 3-pointers and scored 25 points as Texas Southern pulled away in the second half for a 75-69 victory over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Saturday.

Strong was 7 for 11 on 3-point attempts and did most of his damage in the second half, when he scored 22 points to help the Tigers (12-14, 11-2 Southwestern) win their seventh straight game.

TULSA 101 HOUSTON 92, 3OT

TULSA, Okla. — D'Andre Wright turned it on when his team needed it most, scoring 15 of his 21 points during three overtime periods to help Tulsa outlast Houston 101-92 on Saturday night.

Heading into a third overtime tied at 86, Tulsa (13-11, 5-5 C-USA) used an 11-3 run in the first 3 minutes to put Houston away for good.

UTSA 73 TEXAS ST. 62

SAN MARCOS — Kannon Burrage scored 15 points to lead a balanced UTSA offense and the Roadrunners held on to beat Texas State 73-62 on Saturday, snapping a six-game losing streak.

Michael Hale and Jeromie Hill scored 13 apiece, Jordan Sims scored 12 and Edrico McGregor finished with 10 points for UTSA (6-18, 2-12 WAC), which had first-half runs of 14-1 and 14-0 on the way to a 46-20 halftime lead.

ORAL ROBERTS 56 TEXAS A&M-CC 51

TULSA, Okla. — Warren Niles opened the game with three straight 3-pointers and finished with 25 points as Oral Roberts defeated Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 56-51 Saturday night.

Damen Bell-Holter added 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Golden Eagles (16-10, 11-3 Southland), and D.J. Jackson had 10 points.

HOUSTON BAPTIST 53 TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 48

EDINBURG — Anthony Hill and Rob Lewis scored 12 points apiece and Houston Baptist won its sixth game in a row, defeating Texas-Pan American 53-48 Saturday night.

All of Hill's points came on 3-pointers. Art Bernardi added 11 points and Dauson Womack had 11 rebounds for the Huskies (10-14, 2-3 Great West), whose winning run was preceded by an eight-game losing streak.

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM 80 RICE 57

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Preston Purifoy and Jordan Swing scored 19 points each to lead Alabama-Birmingham to an 80-57 victory over Rice in a Conference USA game on Saturday.

Fahro Alihodzic scored 10 points, and Swing contributed 10 rebounds and made 8 of 11 from the field while Purifoy was 7 of 8 for the Blazers (12-14, 4-7), who lost to East Carolina 74-71 on Thursday.

MCNEESE STATE 69 LAMAR 62

BEAUMONT — Jeremie Mitchell scored 17 points and hit two key free throws to seal the deal for McNeese State in a 69-62 victory over Lamar on Saturday night.

Mitchell's two free throws with 8 seconds to go capped a 9-0 run by McNeese State (10-13, 4-9 Southland) in the final 2 minutes. Lamar's Hondo Webb tied it at 60 with a tip-in at the 2:26 mark but the Cowboys responded with nine straight points.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 80 CENTRAL ARKANSAS 75

CONWAY, Ark. — James Thomas had 26 points and 12 rebounds as Sam Houston State defeated Central Arkansas 80-75 on Saturday night.

PRAIRIE VIEW 80 MVSU 77

PRAIRIE VIEW — Jourdan DeMuynck had 27 points and 10 rebounds Saturday night and Prairie View A&M held off Mississippi Valley State 80-77.

SE LOUISIANA 54 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 50

HAMMOND, La. — Brandon Fortenberry scored 16 points and Roosevelt Johnson grabbed 14 rebounds as Southeastern Louisiana upset Stephen F. Austin 54-50 Saturday.

NORTH TEXAS 63 TROY 61

TROY, Ala. — Jordan Williams scored 25 points, hitting 7 of 9 3-pointers, as hot-shooting North Texas edged Troy 63-61 Saturday night.

Women

NO. 1 BAYLOR 78 TCU 45

WACO — Brittney Griner had 22 points and 10 rebounds in just 23 minutes and No. 1 Baylor clinched at least a share of the Big 12 regular season title with a 78-45 victory against TCU on Saturday.

Griner scored eight of the Lady Bears' first 10 points as Baylor won its 53rd straight home game and 36th in a row in the conference, both the longest current streaks nationally. Baylor (24-1, 14-0) also has a nation-leading 22-game winning streak.

NO. 25 OKLAHOMA ST. 80 KANSAS ST. 45

STILLWATER, Okla. — Toni Young had 23 points and 18 rebounds to lead Oklahoma State to an easy win over Kansas State.

All five starters were in double figures for the Cowgirls (18-6, 7-6 Big 12). Kendra Suttles also had a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

MARYLAND 83 NO. 2 DUKE 81

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Seth Allen broke a tie by making two free throws with 2.8 seconds left, and Maryland stunned No. 2 Duke 83-81 Saturday night to end a six-game skid against its bitter rival.

As the final horn sounded, thousands of fans from the sellout crowd charged onto the court to celebrate the Terrapins' biggest victory of the season.

NO. 1 INDIANA 83 PURDUE 55

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Will Sheehey scored a career-high 22 points and Cody Zeller had 19 as Indiana rolled over Purdue for the second time in 2 1/2 weeks.

Indiana (23-3, 11-2 Big Ten) bucked the recent trend of No. 1 teams losing and will likely keep the top spot for a third straight week. It also will retain at least a share of the league lead.

NO. 5 GONZAGA 71 SAN FRANCISCO 61

SAN FRANCISCO — Kelly Olynyk had 26 points and nine rebounds and Elias Harris added 17 points and 13 rebounds to help Gonzaga snap a three-year losing streak at War Memorial Gymnasium.

The Bulldogs' frontline tandem bullied and bruised their way to a fast start and furious finish. Olynyk finished 13 for 17 from the floor and Harris went 7 of 15 as both keyed an 11-0 run in the final minutes that put the Zags (25-2, 12-0 West Coast Conference) ahead for good.

NO. 6 SYRACUSE 76 SETON HALL 65

NEWARK, N.J. — Brandon Triche scored a career-high 29 points to go with six rebounds and five assists, leading Syracuse to a tougher-than-expected win.

NO. 7 FLORIDA 83 AUBURN 52

AUBURN, Ala. — Mike Rosario scored 22 points, Kenny Boynton had 16 and Florida routed Auburn.

NO. 8 MICHIGAN ST. 73 NEBRASKA 64

LINCOLN, Neb. — Keith Appling scored 16 points to go over 1,000 for his career and Adreian Payne added 15 points and 14 rebounds to lead Michigan State.

NO. 11 BUTLER 68 FORDHAM 63

NEW YORK — Rotnei Clarke scored 22 points and Butler handed Fordham its sixth straight loss and ninth in the last 10 games.

NO. 18 MARQUETTE 79 NO. 16 PITTSBURGH 69

MILWAUKEE — Vander Blue scored 19 points to help Marquette a share of first place in the Big East.

NO. 19 NEW MEXICO 60 BOISE ST. 50

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Cameron Bairstow had 16 points and seven rebounds, and reserve Jamal Fenton hit three 3-pointers in the second half to lead New Mexico.

PROVIDENCE 71 NO. 21 NOTRE DAME 54

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Kadeem Batts scored 20 points and Vincent Council had 11 assists to become Providence's career leader.

NO. 22 MEMPHIS 71 MARSHALL 59

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Adonis Thomas scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Memphis to its 16th straight victory.

NO. 23 OREGON 79 WASHINGTON STATE 77, OT

PULLMAN, Wash. — E.J. Singler made two free throws with 3.8 seconds left, lifting Oregon past Washington State to hold on to first place in the Pac-12 Conference.

NO. 24 COLORADO STATE 69, AIR FORCE 66

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Dorian Green scored 22 points to help Colorado State get its sixth straight win.

TENNESSEE 68 NO. 25 KENTUCKY 58

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Trae Golden had 24 points and eight assists as Tennessee got its most lopsided win in the 216-game history of this series.

Women

NO. 3 CONNECTICUT 65 RUTGERS 45

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Morgan Tuck scored 15 points and Stefanie Dolson added 14 to help UConn beat Rutgers, denying coach C. Vivian Stringer her 900th victory.

NO. 23 SYRACUSE 80 PITTSBURGH 39

SYRACUSE, N.Y — Kayla Alexander scored 19 points, La'Shay Taft added 11 and Syracuse exploited 23 turnovers to defeat Pittsburgh for its fifth straight win.

SATURDAY'SSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TOP 25

1 Indiana (23-3) beat Purdue 83-55. Next: at No. 8 Michigan State, Tuesday.
2 Duke (22-3) lost to Maryland 83-81. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
3 Miami (20-3) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Sunday.
4 Michigan (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Sunday.
5 Gonzaga (25-2) beat San Francisco 71-61. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Wednesday.
6 Syracuse (21-4) beat Seton Hall 76-65. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
7 Florida (21-3) beat Auburn 83-52. Next: at Missouri, Tuesday.
8 Michigan State (22-4) beat Nebraska 73-64. Next: vs. No. 1 Indiana, Tuesday.
9 Arizona (20-4) did not play. Next: at Utah, Sunday.
10 Kansas State (20-5) beat Baylor 81-61. Next: vs. West Virginia, Monday.
11 Butler (21-5) beat Fordham 68-63. Next: vs. Duquesne, Tuesday.
12 Louisville (20-5) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Sunday.
13 Ohio State (18-6) did not play. Next: at No 20 Wisconsin, Sunday.
14 Kansas (21-4) beat Texas 73-47. Next: at No. 17 Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
15. Georgetown (19-4) did not play. Next: vs DePaul, Wednesday.
16 Pittsburgh (20-6) lost to No. 18 Marquette 79-69. Next: vs. No. 21 Notre Dame, Monday.
17 Oklahoma State (19-5) beat Oklahoma 84-79. OT Next: vs. No 14 Kansas, Wednesday.
18 Marquette (18-6) beat No. 16 Pittsburgh 79-69 Next: at Seton Hall, Tuesday.
19 New Mexico (22-4) beat Boise State 60-50. Next: at No 24 Colorado State, Saturday.
20 Wisconsin (17-6) did not play Next: vs. No 13 Ohio State, Sunday.
21 Notre Dame (20-6) lost to Providence 71-54. Next: at No. 16 Pittsburgh, Monday.
22 Memphis (22-3) beat Marshall 71-59. Next: vs. Houston, Wednesday.
23 Oregon (21-5) beat Washington State 79-77. OT Next: vs. California, Thursday.
24 Colorado State (21-4) beat Air Force 69-66. Next: at UNLV Wednesday.
25. Kentucky (17-8) lost to Tennessee 68-58. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 73, Missouri 71
Houston Baptist 53, Texas-Pan American 48
McNeese St. 69, Lamar 62
Middle Tennessee 68, ULM 61
Oklahoma St. 84, Oklahoma 79, OT
Oral Roberts 56, Texas A&M-CC 51
Prairie View 80, MVSU 77
Sam Houston St. 80, Cent. Arkansas 75
Texas Southern 75, Ark.-Pine Bluff 69
Tulsa 101, Houston 92, 3OT
UTEP 73, UCF 58
UTSA 73, Texas St. 62

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 63, Colorado 62, OT
BYU 85, Portland 72
Cal Poly 67, UC Santa Barbara 49
Colorado St. 69, Air Force 66
E. Washington 86, S. Utah 72
Gonzaga 71, San Francisco 61
Long Beach St. 75, UC Riverside 35
Montana 61, Idaho St. 54
N. Colorado 78, Sacramento St. 64
New Mexico 60, Boise St. 50
Oregon 79, Washington St. 77, OT
Saint Mary's (Cal) 61, Loyola Marymount 50
UC Davis 73, CS Northridge 61
UCLA 88, Stanford 80
UNLV 72, San Diego St. 70
Weber St. 69, Montana St. 61
Wyoming 55, Fresno St. 51, OT

MIDWEST

Akron 67, Bowling Green 50
Austin Peay 83, SIU-Edwardsville 71
Bradley 80, Indiana St. 68
Buffalo 79, Miami (Ohio) 71
Chicago St. 82, Urbana 74
Creighton 71, Evansville 68
Dayton 70, Xavier 59
DePaul 75, Rutgers 69
Detroit 84, Valparaiso 74
E. Illinois 79, Murray St. 70
E. Michigan 96, Ball St. 90
IPFW 64, South Dakota 51
Indiana 85, Purdue 55
Iowa St. 87, TCU 53
Kansas 73, Texas 47
Kansas St. 81, Baylor 61
Loyola of Chicago 69, Ill.-Chicago 60
Marquette 79, Pittsburgh 69
Michigan St. 73, Nebraska 64
N. Arizona 74, South Dakota St. 72, OT
N. Dakota St. 75, IUPUI 39
N. Iowa 71, Drake 64
Oakland 86, UMKC 74
Ohio 78, Kent St. 75, OT
S. Dakota St. 64, W. Illinois 55
S. Illinois 62, Missouri St. 54
Saint Louis 76, Charlotte 58
Toledo 73, Cent. Michigan 64
W. Michigan 68, N. Illinois 58

SOUTH

Alabama 66, South Carolina 58
Alabama A&M 72, Alcorn St. 65
Arkansas St. 87, Louisiana-Monroe 54
Campbell 87, VMI 78
Charleston Southern 73, UNC Asheville 65
Coll. of Charleston 69, Georgia Southern 60
Davidson 72, The Citadel 57
Delaware St. 57, Coppin St. 43
E. Kentucky 80, Jacksonville St. 67
Elon 80, W. Carolina 73, OT
FIU 87, W. Kentucky 82
Florida St. 91, Auburn 52
Florida A&M 46, Howard 45
Florida St. 69, Boston College 66
Gardner-Webb 70, Coastal Carolina 63
Georgia St. 78, George Mason 60
Georgia Tech 57, Wake Forest 56
High Point 73, Liberty 68
Jackson St. 77, Grambling St. 38
LSU 80, Mississippi St. 68
Lipscomb 84, Florida Gulf Coast 74
Longwood 76, Radford 61
Louisiana-Lafayette 58, FAU 57
Maryland 83, Duke 81
Memphis 71, Marshall 59
Mercer 71, ETSU 54
Mississippi 84, Georgia 74, OT
Morehead St. 65, Tennessee Tech 63
Morgan St. 87, Md.-Eastern Shore 55
NC State 90, Virginia Tech 86, OT
North Carolina 93, Virginia 81
North Texas 63, Troy 61
Northwestern St. 84, Nicholls St. 79
Presbyterian 64, Winthrop 57
Richmond 83, St. Bonaventure 80, OT
SC State 72, NC A&T 70
SC-Upstate 79, Kennesaw St. 67
SE Louisiana 54, Stephen F. Austin 50
SE Missouri 96, UT-Martin 74
Samford 64, Furman 53
Savannah St. 44, NC Central 36
Southern Miss. 86, East Carolina 82, OT
Southern U. 58, Alabama St. 49
Stetson 82, N. Kentucky 46
Tennessee 68, Kentucky 58
Tulane 78, SMU 67
UAB 80, Rice 57
UNC Wilmington 73, Northeastern 67
VCU 84, George Washington 57
Vanderbilt 63, Texas A&M 56
William & Mary 74, Old Dominion 62
Wofford 78, Charleston So. 58

EAST

Albany (NY) 75, Hartford 49
Army 56, Navy 55
Butler 68, Fordham 63
Canisius 68, St. Peter's 59
Colgate 64, Lehigh 60
Cornell 69, Brown 66
Harvard 69, Princeton 57
LIU Brooklyn 92, Fairleigh Dickinson 67
La Salle 76, Saint Joseph's 64
Lafayette 63, Bucknell 62
Loyola (Md.) 80, Siena 57
Maine 64, Binghamton 60
Monmouth (NJ) 73, St. Francis (NY) 64
Mount St. Mary's 89, CCSU 80
NJIT 63, Utah Valley 55
Penn 87, Dartmouth 57
Providence 71, Notre Dame 54
Quinnipiac 71, St. Francis (Pa.) 55
Rhode Island 67, Duquesne 62
Robert Morris 68, Sacred Heart 63
Syracuse 76, Seton Hall 65
Temple 83, UMass 82
Towson 57, Hofstra 50
Villanova 70, UConn 61
Wagner 89, Bryant 75
West Virginia 66, Texas Tech 64
Yale 75, Columbia 56

Women

TOP 25

1. Baylor (24-1) beat TCU 78-45. Next: at No. 3 UConn, Monday.
2. Notre Dame (23-1) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.
3 UConn (24-1) beat Rutgers 65-45. Next: vs. No. 1 Baylor, Monday.
4. Stanford (23-2) did not play. Next: at No. 15 UCLA, Sunday.
5. Duke (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Thursday.
6. California (22-2) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Sunday.
7. Maryland (20-4) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Sunday.
8. Penn State (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Wednesday.
9. Kentucky (22-3) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Texas A&M, Monday.
10. Louisville (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Sunday.
11. Texas A&M (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Kentucky, Monday.
12. Tennessee (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Sunday.
13. Georgia (20-4) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday.
14. North Carolina (23-3) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Florida State, Sunday.
15. UCLA (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Stanford, Sunday.
16. South Carolina (20-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi St., Sunday.
17. Dayton (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Duquesne, Monday.
18. Purdue (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Sunday.
19. Florida State (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 North Carolina, Sunday.
20. Delaware (21-3) did not play. Next: at William & Mary, Sunday.
21. Colorado (19-5) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Sunday.
22. Oklahoma (18-6) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Sunday.
23 Syracuse (21-3) beat Pittsburgh 80-39. Next: vs. Rutgers, Tuesday.
24. Iowa State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Sunday.
25. Oklahoma State (18-6) beat Kansas State 80-45. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 78, TCU 45
Cent. Arkansas 71, Sam Houston St. 51
MVSU 58, Prairie View 53
McNeese St. 65, Lamar 46
Oklahoma St. 80, Kansas St. 45
Oral Roberts 81, Texas A&M-CC 59
Seattle 78, Texas-Arlington 64
Texas Southern 63, Ark.-Pine Bluff 59
UALR 51, Middle Tennessee 43
UTSA 74, Texas St. 65
Utah Valley 51, Texas-Pan American 50

FAR WEST

BYU 67, Pepperdine 44
CS Northridge 51, UC Davis 49
Cal Poly 65, UC Santa Barbara 56
Colorado St. 67, Air Force 60
Denver 83, San Jose St. 68
E. Washington 78, S. Utah 70
Fresno St. 61, Wyoming 47
Gonzaga 101, San Francisco 65
Long Beach St. 80, UC Riverside 66
Montana 61, Idaho St. 49
Montana St. 69, Weber St. 65
N. Arizona 64, North Dakota 60, OT
N. Colorado 81, Sacramento St. 73
New Mexico 66, Boise St. 58
New Mexico St. 106, Utah St. 94
UC Irvine 43, Cal St.-Fullerton 39

MIDWEST

Akron 64, Ball St. 52
Austin Peay 67, SIU-Edwardsville 53
Bowling Green 60, N. Illinois 49
Buffalo 79, E. Michigan 63
Cent. Michigan 72, Miami (Ohio) 60
Creighton 56, Wichita St. 46
Drake 75, Missouri St. 64
E. Illinois 73, Murray St. 59
Green Bay 60, Youngstown St. 46
IPFW 71, South Dakota 64
IUPUI 57, N. Dakota St. 40
Illinois St. 64, Evansville 46
Indiana St. 77, S. Illinois 64
Loyola of Chicago 79, Wright St. 70
Michigan 70, Michigan St. 69
Milwaukee 73, Cleveland St. 72
N. Iowa 70, Bradley 45
S. Dakota St. 61, W. Illinois 52
Toledo 82, Kent St. 45
UMKC 59, Oakland 53
Valparaiso 88, Ill.-Chicago 62
W. Michigan 62, Ohio 52

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 55, Alcorn St. 44
Appalachian St. 77, Wofford 50
Arkansas St. 77, Louisiana-Monroe 58
Campbell 64, UNC Asheville 39
Chattanooga 73, Coll. of Charleston 58
Coastal Carolina 70, Gardner-Webb 67, OT
Coppin St. 73, Delaware St. 68
Davidson 71, Furman 49
E. Kentucky 80, Jacksonville St. 69
Elon 70, UNC-Greensboro 57
FIU 72, W. Kentucky 53
Florida Gulf Coast 89, Lipscomb 38
Georgia Southern 52, Samford 51
Howard 58, Florida A&M 57
Jackson St. 71, Grambling St. 67
Jacksonville 57, North Florida 55
Liberty 69, Radford 60
Louisiana Tech 64, Idaho 62
Louisiana-Lafayette 72, FAU 57
Md.-Eastern Shore 54, Morgan St. 50
Mercer 67, ETSU 58
N. Kentucky 73, Stetson 68
NC Central 43, Savannah St. 38
Nicholls St. 67, Northwestern St. 50
Presbyterian 79, Charleston Southern 61
SC State 68, NC A&T 57
SC-Upstate 57, Kennesaw St. 48
South Florida 67, Seton Hall 56
Southern U. 55, Alabama St. 44
Stephen F. Austin 82, SE Louisiana 80, 2OT
Tennessee St. 54, Belmont 53
Tennessee Tech 84, Morehead St. 70
Troy 86, North Texas 69
UT-Martin 75, SE Missouri 61
Winthrop 67, High Point 62

EAST

Army 48, Navy 40
Boston U. 59, New Hampshire 45
Bryant 71, Wagner 53
Cornell 63, Brown 58
Fairfield 61, St. Peter's 49
Fairleigh Dickinson 64, LIU Brooklyn 63
Holy Cross 73, American U. 63
Iona 84, Canisius 79
Lafayette 66, Bucknell 61, OT
Lehigh 62, Colgate 40
Maine 74, Binghamton 69
Monmouth (NJ) 51, St. Francis (NY) 47
Mount St. Mary's 80, CCSU 48
NJIT 77, Houston Baptist 48
Penn 63, Dartmouth 40
Princeton 67, Harvard 51
Quinnipiac 61, St. Francis (Pa.) 50
Sacred Heart 59, Robert Morris 52
Syracuse 80, Pittsburgh 39
UConn 65, Rutgers 45
Vermont 48, Stony Brook 43
Villanova 57, Georgetown 44
Yale 62, Columbia 43



HSBASEBALLPREVIEWCAPSULES

BY JORDAN MASON

LEE RIDERS

Coach: Brian Roper (562-253-1 overall at Biola College and Hawaii Pacific College; First season at Lee)

2012 Record: 21-11, 7-5 in District 3-5A (3rd)

Players to watch: IF Blake Kizer, IF Ray Calhoun, OF/P Clay Marburger, P Coleman Watts

What to expect in 2013: With seven freshman and seven juniors, Lee will be a young squad in 2013. As youthful as the team is, first-year coach Brian Roper believes the Rebels are talented, and he has the résumé to back his credibility. Roper hasn't coached high school since 1992, but the last time he did, he led Rails to back-to-back district titles and consecutive regional finals appearances while compiling a 40-5 record. ... Calhoun and Kizer are good hitters who contributed last year as a freshman and a sophomore while Marburger and Watts return to lead a small senior class. "They have a big responsibility as far as leadership goes, and they have done a good job of leading these guys," Roper said of the veterans. "Everybody's treated equally in this program. If anything, if you're a senior, you have more responsibility to help teach and help nurture the younger guys." Watts had one of the stronger arms in 3-5A last year and will be called upon to lead an inexperienced pitching staff. Roper said he expects the Rebels to experience growing pains early in the season but is confident his team can handle them. "I'm really wanting them to understand we're competing against the game, we're competing against ourselves trying to get better, and that's where we're setting things," Roper said. "We're setting the bar high for them, and they need to just work on the process and not really focus on we've got to win this game. The wins are going to come, we just want to make sure we're doing things the right way and that we're bringing these guys along this right way, that they play the game the right way, that they prepare the right way."

2013 Lee Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Class
1	Evan Mata	IF/P	Fr.
2	Brady Roper	OF/P	So.
3	Mario Salcido	C	Jr.
4	Blake Kizer	IF	Jr.
5	Ray Calhoun	IF/P	So.
6	Jeff Sanchez	OF	Sr.
7	Martin Escajeda	IF/P	Jr.
8	Clay Marburger	OF/P	Sr.
9	Blake Blassie	IF/P	Fr.
10	Hunter Coleman	C	Fr.
11	Jonathan Schmalbach	OF/C	So.
13	Anthony Navarrete	IF/P	Jr.
14	Jesse Snapp-Carrasco	IF	Jr.
15	Austin Mata	IF/P	So.
16	Chris Bell	OF/C	Sr.
17	Coleman Watts	P	Sr.
18	Raul Ayala	IF	Jr.
19	Christian Lopez	P	Sr.

2013 Lee Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 21-23	Lewisville Tournament	TBA
Feb. 26	at Odessa High*	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 28-March 2	Tournament of Champions	TBA
March 5	Odessa Permian*	4:30 p.m.
March 7-9	Caballo Tournament	TBA
March 12	Abilene High*	4:30 p.m.
March 14	Midland High*	7 p.m.
March 16	at San Angelo Central*	1 p.m.
March 22	at Lubbock Coronado*	4:30 p.m.
March 23	Abilene Cooper*	4 p.m.
March 26	at Amarillo Tascosa*	8:30 p.m.
March 29	Odessa High*	4:30 p.m.
April 5	at Odessa Permian*	4:30 p.m.
April 6	at Abilene High*	1 p.m.
April 9	Midland High*	7 p.m.
April 12	Andrews	4:30 p.m.
April 13	San Angelo Central*	1 p.m.
April 20	Lubbock Coronado*	1 p.m.
April 26	at Abilene Cooper*	4:30 p.m.
April 27	Amarillo Tascosa*	1 p.m.

*denotes district game

MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS

Coach: Barry Russell (585-282 overall; 305-179 in 18 seasons at MHS)

2012 Record: 22-12, 9-3 in District 3-5A (1st)

Players to watch: 2B/P Alex Mata; 1B/P Jimmy Essman, CF/P Austen Wade, OF/P Connor Beck, SS/3B/P Lance White;

What to expect in 2013: The Bulldogs return a ton of talent, even more so than two years ago when Midland High reached the regional semifinals behind a veteran team. Yet the Bulldogs are focused on the results on the field after having their season cut short in the area round last season against El Paso Americas following a district title. The sweep by Americas ended a forgettable stretch for Midland High, which lost four of its last six to end the season. With that finish in mind, the Bulldogs have worked hard in the offseason, with players such as Jackson Lancaster — who increased his pitching velocity from 78-79 mph to 85-87 mph — showing great improvement in the offseason. Pitching figures to be a strength for the Bulldogs, as the staff is deep, led by senior Mata, who coach Barry Russell said is throwing 88-91 mph this season. "You better be deep pitching (in this district)," Russell said. "We feel pretty good about ourselves in that aspect." Russell said the key for this team will be offense, unlike the 2010 Bulldogs, which hit .400 as a team. Russell said if his team can improve as hitters it will have a good shot at going to the next level. "I think we're going to defend decently and we're going to pitch decently, we've just got to be able to hit," Russell said. "We hit the guys last year that were 80-85, well if we want to go to the next level we've got to hit the guys that throw from 85-90." Russell also said a key will be finishing strong once the schedule begins deviating from its normal two-game-a-week format, which seemed to throw off the Bulldogs last year. Besides that, Midland High will be one of the most talented and experienced teams in 2-5A.

2013 MHS Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Class
1	Jake Pawlik	OF	So.
2	Alex Vita	OF	Sr.
3	*Alex Mata	2B/P	Sr.
4	Jason Naughton	2B/SS	Jr.
5	Brent Bowman	OF	Sr.
6	Ryan Whittenberg	C/3B	Sr.
7	Jimmy Essman	1B/P	Sr.
8	Travis Garza	C/P	Sr.
9	JM Hillman	C/2B	Sr.
10	Lance White	3B/P	Jr.
12	Grant Edmondson	OF	Jr.
13	Jeremy Hallmark	OF/P	Sr.
15	Austin Wade	CF/P	Jr.
17	Brooking Houser	2B/C	So.
19	Jackson Lancaster	1B/P	Jr.
21	Travis Williams	1B/P	Jr.
22	Shawn Leyba	2B/3B	Sr.
23	Gilbert Sanchez	SS/P	Jr.
24	Connor Beck	OF/P	Sr.
25	Kyle Fritschen	SS/P	Soph.
27	Max Tesla	P	Sr.

2013 MHS Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 19	Lubbock Cooper	4 p.m.
Feb. 21-23	Round Rock Hardball Classical	TBA
Feb. 26	Odessa Permian*	4 p.m.
Feb. 28-March 2	Tournament of Champions	TBA
March 5	at San Angelo Central*	4 p.m.
March 7-9	Scotland Yard Classic	TBA
March 12	at Odessa High*	Noon
March 14	Lee*	7 p.m.
March 16	Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
March 19	at Abilene Cooper*	4:30 p.m.
March 22	Amarillo Tascosa*	4:30 p.m.
March 23	at Abilene High*	Noon
March 29	at Odessa Permian*	4:30 p.m.
April 5	San Angelo Central*	4:30 p.m.
April 6	Odessa High*	7 p.m.
April 9	Lee*	7 p.m.
April 13	Abilene Cooper*	4:30 p.m.
April 20	at Amarillo Tascosa*	1 p.m.
April 26	Abilene High*	4:30 p.m.

*denotes district game

GREENWOOD RANGERS

Coach: Craig Finley (75-50 overall; First season at Greenwood)

Players to watch: P/OF Garrett Carlisle, P/3B Zane Helms, P/OF Zach Long

2012 record: 4-17, 2-6 in 4-3A (4th)

What to expect in 2013: Greenwood nearly scraped out a playoff spot last season and now will try to improve on its 2012 finish under first-year head coach Craig Finley. Finley, a Loraine native, comes from Lexington in central Texas where he led his team to the regional finals in his first season five years ago, ultimately falling to the eventual state champion. Finley said he sees it as a challenge to get the Rangers over the playoff hump and has been impressed with the way his players have embraced it as well. "They've been working so hard. I've been very pleased," Finley said. "We've gotten better and better every scrimmage. The kids have been accepting everything we're trying to do. Things have been going well. It's showing on the field." The seniors, Carlisle, Helms and Long will be depended on to lead and Finley said they have impressed him in that respect as well. The Rangers will have a more aggressive approach under Finley, but he said he doesn't believe it will be that difficult of a transition. At the end of the day, what Finley expects from his team most is effort. "Obviously, we want to go out and win but I'm just looking for the guys to go out and hustle," Finley said. "But the biggest thing is just to go out there and play your tail off — as long as they walk away putting it all on the field." Greenwood nearly landed in the postseason last year despite a losing record, and the Rangers might have done so had they pulled out winnable games against Fort Stockton and district-champion Andrews. The Rangers will be young again, but with senior leaders Carlisle, Helms and Long back, they have players who know what it will take to factor in the playoff race. "They're a big part," Finley said. "We've got a couple of sophomores that have stepped up — they'll all be called upon to do stuff. But those three seniors are going to be the ones to lead it."

2013 GREENWOOD ROSTER

Name	Class
Garrett Carlisle	Sr.
Marco Flores	So.
Zach Gratis	Jr.
Caleb Hayes	Jr.
Zane Helms	Sr.
Jordan Helms	Sr.
Zach Long	Sr.
German Martinez	Sr.
Braydin Moreland	Jr.
Timmy Murphey	Sr.
Zach Redwine	So.
Jared Salas	Jr.
David Sanchez	Jr.
Jonathan Shaw	Jr.
Efam Tavarez	Sr.
Victor Urias	So.

2013 GREENWOOD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 21-23	West of the Pecos Wood Bat Classic	TBA
Feb. 26	Lamesa	7 p.m.
Feb. 28-March 2	Sandhills Tournament	TBA
March 5	Kermit	7 p.m.
March 7-9	West Texas March Classic	TBA
March 12	at Eunice (N.M.)	6:30 p.m.
March 15	at Seminole	7 p.m.
March 19	at Stanton	7 p.m.
March 22	Abilene Wylie	7 p.m.
March 26	at Big Spring*	7 p.m.
March 28	Andrews*	7 p.m.
April 2	at Andrews*	7 p.m.
April 5	Stanton	7 p.m.
April 9	at Monahans*	7 p.m.
April 12	Big Spring*	7 p.m.
April 20	at Snyder*	Noon
April 26	Monahans*	7 p.m.

*denotes district game

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN MUSTANGS

Coach: Mike Munguia (180-59 overall; 59-14 in two seasons at MCS)

Players to watch: P/IF Colton Chalker, P/IF Daniel Crooks, OF Christian Whigham, P/IF Caleb Thomas

2012 record: 27-8-2, 10-2 in TAPPS 1-4A (2nd)

What to expect in 2013: Midland Christian finally got over the hump in 2012, meeting its lofty preseason expectations by defeating district rival Fort Worth Christian for the TAPPS 4A state championship. And while the Mustangs return nearly every key contributor from that team, coach Mike Munguia said the approach hasn't changed at MCS. "It doesn't change a thing," Munguia said. "Last year is last year. You live in the moment, and that moment's over. We're just going to work and seeing what we can do with what we've got." What the Mustangs have is a wealth of talent that rivals last year's, which Munguia called as deep a team as he's ever had. Midland Christian is particularly deep at pitcher as Munguia said the Mustangs are working 14 pitchers and must find a rotation. Daniel Crooks, who claimed a spot in the rotation when injuries took out seniors Matt Withrow, now at Texas Tech, and Nikko Velarde, is expected to lead the staff, "but after that it's wide open," Munguia said. The Mustangs have also received good news on outfielder Christian Whigham, who injured his knee during football season and has been released to play baseball. "He's not full speed yet but he's working his way back," Munguia said. "He's swinging the bat really well right now actually." While Midland Christian returns most of its core from last year, the Mustangs must still replace the leadership of Withrow and Velarde, which will be a tall task. But the Mustangs have the talent for a deep playoff run again and figure to be one of the top teams in TAPPS 1-4A again. Winning a district title certainly won't be easy with state runner-up Fort Worth Christian in the district, but Munguia said if his team works hard, he sees no reason why it can't build on last year's success. "It's going to take a strong commitment from all of them to come to work on a daily basis. It needs to be more of a hard-hat and lunch-pail kind of team," Munguia said. "There's not 90 mph arms like there was last year. We're going to have to go out and play really well and outplay people."

2013 MCS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Class
1	Grant Little	IF	Fr.
2	Korey Rasure	IF/OF/P	Jr.
3	Bailey Blain	IF/OF/P	Jr.
4	Austin Timm	P/OF	Sr.
5	Elias Aguirre	P/OF	Jr.
6	Sutton Foulds	OF	Sr.
7	Morgan Munguia	P/IF	Jr.
8	Jerron Rodriguez	P/IF	So.
10	Garrett Clark	IF	Jr.
11	Ben Bezcza	P/OF	Sr.
12	Colton Chalker	P/IF	Sr.
13	Ethan Crooks	P/OF	Sr.
14	Hayden Wood	P/OF	Jr.
15	Daniel Crooks	P/IF	Sr.
16	Nathan Slaytor	P/IF	Jr.
17	Jimi Lozano	P/IF	Sr.
19	Austin Robles	P/IF	Jr.
20	Christian Whigham	OF	Sr.
21	[illegible]	P/C	Jr.
24	[illegible]	P/IF	Jr.
27	[illegible]	P/IF	Jr.
28	[illegible]	OF	Jr.
34	[illegible]	P/IF	So.
38	[illegible]	DOF	So.

2013 MCS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 19	at Abilene High*	4 p.m.
Feb. 21	Andrews	6 p.m.
Feb. 23-25	Rangers Sunset Classic	TBA
Feb. 28-March 2	East Texas Tournament	TBA
March 5	Plainview	6 p.m.
March 7-9	First Bank Classic	TBA
March 12	at Lubbock Estacado	Noon
March 15	at Arlington Pantego*	TBA
March 16	at Arlington Pantego*	TBA
March 18	at Lubbock Christian	5 p.m.
March 22	FW Southwest Christian*	6 p.m.
March 23	FW Southwest Christian*	11 a.m.
March 26	at Fort Worth Christian**	2 p.m.
April 1	Lubbock Christian	5 p.m.
April 5	Grapevine Faith Christian*	6 p.m.
April 6	Grapevine Faith Christian*	11 a.m.
April 12	at Arlington Grace Prep*	7:30 p.m.
April 13	at Arlington Grace Prep*	TBA
April 16	at Lub. Trinity Christian*	5 p.m.
April 18	Lubbock Trinity Christian*	6 p.m.
April 19	at Lubbock Cooper	6 p.m.

*denotes district game
**denotes doubleheader

MIDLAND CLASSICAL KNIGHTS

Coach: Ciete Seyle (First season)

Players to watch: James Avampato, Miciah Avampato, Garrett Mindrup, Josh Raies

2012 record: 3-7, 1-5 in TAPPS 1-3A (4th)

What to expect in 2013: Ciete Seyle takes over at MCA after serving as an assistant coach the last two years under athletic director Andy Zinkgraf. Seyle is excited to take over, as are his players, who will also receive instruction from assistant Eric Boyt, who pitched at Southwestern. The Knights have a young team with eight freshmen and two sophomores playing with four seniors and a junior. Seniors Garrett Mindrup, a first-team all-district selection in 2012, and James Avampato, second-team all-district in 2012, will lead the way, and Seyle called Avampato "possibly our most improved player last year." Yet the Knights also expect to get contribution from sophomores Raies and Miciah Avampato, and Seyle even said freshmen Garrett Sparks and Josh Rabe ought to contribute early. What will be critical for the Knights is that its mix of young and veteran talent mesh before it begins play in a grueling TAPPS 1-3A. Only two teams from TAPPS 1-3A can reach the playoffs, and district mates Amarillo San Jacinto and Lubbock Christian were the state champions and runners-up in 2012. "That's kind of the challenge and the uphill battle that we face," Seyle said. Midland Classical has the talent to improve on last season but will need a concerted effort to knock one of its powerful rivals out of the playoff race. "It's going to take improving everyday," Seyle said. "It's going to take us getting better every single day before district."

2013 MCA Roster

Name	Class
James Avampato	Sr.
Micaih Avampato	So.
Jacob Bailey	Fr.
Blake Gladson	Fr.
Heath Gladson	Fr.
Cole McCranich	Sr.
Marshall McCray	Fr.
Garrett Mindrup	Sr.
Josh Rabe	Fr.
Josh Raies	So.
Haydon Rogers	Sr.
Daniel Small	Jr.
Garrett Sparks	Fr.
William Telschow	Fr.
Aaron Vanderburg	Fr.

2013 MCA SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 26	Andrews JV*	5 p.m.
Feb. 28-March 2	Forest Tournament	TBA
March 4	Andrews JV*	5 p.m.
March 7-9	Big Spring Tournament	TBA
March 18	San Angelo TLCA	6:30 p.m.
March 19	Trinity*	5 p.m.
March 23	at Live Oak	TBA
April 1	Midland Christian JV*	3 p.m.
April 5	Lubbock Christian*	TBA
April 6	Amarillo San Jacinto*	TBA
April 9	at Trinity*	TBA
April 13	at Hillcrest**	10:00 a.m.
April 16	Trinity*	TBA
April 19	Lubbock Christian*	6 p.m.
April 20	at Amarillo San Jacinto*	TBA

*denotes district game
**denotes doubleheader

TRINITY CHARGERS

Coach: Thomas LaFarelle (215 in two seasons)

Players to watch: CF Paul Dingas, 1B/P Jed Johnston

2012 record: 9-15, 3-4 in TCAF 1-4A (3rd)

What to expect in 2013: Trinity will be young again in 2013 after the experienced Chargers only won games in TCAF play last season. Trinity did, however, manage to place third at the TCAF state tournament last season and is hoping to carry over momentum from ending the season on a positive note. "We've all decided whatever happens we're definitely going to learn from our mistakes," second-year coach Thomas LaFarelle said. "It's going to be an adventure. The kids are definitely looking forward to it, and everyone's going to have to pitch in." LaFarelle said he expects seniors Dingas and Johnston to be key contributors and lead a team with many players playing baseball for the first time. Sophomore Byron Hofman was a first-time player last year and has impressed LaFarelle with his improvement from when he first stepped on the field. "He's dove in. He's going to pitch, catch. He's learning it all the way around," LaFarelle said. "He likes being out there. If we had a team full of him we'd be great." LaFarelle said he is stressing consistency as the players try to round into form by the start of district play. Trinity faces the same stiff challenge of reaching the postseason as Midland Classical with powers Amarillo San Jacinto and Lubbock Christian in its new TAPPS 1-3A district. Trinity won all of its games in district play last season and will need a similarly strong finish this year if it hopes to reach the postseason. The Chargers know just doing so will be a test, but LaFarelle said the team will take its chances if it can improve its hitting early in the season. "This year they're going to have to actually push for (the playoffs)," LaFarelle said. "It will be kind of a stretch for us but at the same time that's what we play for."

2013 Trinity Roster

Name	Class
Ryan Armendariz	Fr.
James Chen	Sr.
Holden Cherry	So.
Paul Dingas	Sr.
Andrew Garcia	Jr.
Kam Gil	Sr.
Lewis Grimes	So.
Peyton Harrington	Fr.
Byron Hofman	So.
Jed Johnston	Sr.
Andres Mogollon	Jr.
Boomer Selvera	So.
Jacob Webb	So.

2013 TRINITY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 21-23	MHS Sophomore Tournament	TBA
March 1	at Loraine	5 p.m.
March 4	at Andrews Sophomore	5 p.m.
March 19	at Midland Classical*	5 p.m.
March 25	at Andrews Sophomore	5 p.m.
April 5	at Amarillo San Jacinto*	TBA
April 6	at Lubbock Christian*	TBA
April 9	Midland Classical*	TBA
April 16	at Midland Classical*	TBA
April 18	at Amarillo San Jacinto*	TBA
April 20	at Lubbock Christian*	TBA



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Lee baseball coach Brian Roper works on a drill with his catchers during practice Tuesday at Lee.

ROPER

From 1C

freshmen arriving late to practice, Roper has had even less time to get to know his players than he had when he was hired in late July last year.

While Roper said that has lengthened the adjustment period for both sides, the process is coming along fine, partly because he has two children that age, with daughter Emily a senior at Lee and son Brady a sophomore outfielder for the Rebels..

Roper, of course, isn't the only one having to adjust.

After following the lead of a talented senior-laden team last year, players like Watts and fellow senior Clay Marburger are having to lead for the first time in, well, in life.

"I've always played up," Watts said. "Now I have to switch the role. I'm prepared to be a leader. The seniors have to step up and take the role of the seniors."

Watts will be particularly important, leading a pitching staff that loses two of the best arms in the district last year in Mick Limon, now at Lubbock Christian, and Michael Brosig, now at Midland College.

"We're going to have to spot up a lot," Watts said. "We're going to have to stay real, real accurate because we don't have as much of a power offense.

"I'm still working it out, figuring out ways to try to help these kids out."

Of course, it also helps when the kids are talented and Roper and his veteran players agree on that.

That's why, even as Roper cautioned that there will be an early learning curve — saying he wants his players to simply focus on winning the next game — he and his players were optimistic that the future, and hopefully the near-future, will be bright for Lee.

"I honestly think we're going to be alright," Marburger said. "Even the younger kids, the first day they got out here it was kind of a sketchy deal, but they've all already changed attitude big time."

Add it all up, and even with a new coach and a youthful roster, the Rebels are feeling pretty good about the upcoming season and even better about the man leading them into battle, even if it has been a while since he last did it at this level.

"He's building us well," Watts said. "He's helping us out as people too. He's getting us all on the same page."

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MHS

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(It wasn't) like it is this time where you virtually have everyone back.

"I'm (just) missing a pitcher and a catcher."

Midland High boasts nine seniors, at least four of whom will play at the next level, and 12 players with varsity experience.

All 12 were part of a team that went undefeated in the first half of district play last season en route to a second straight district title.

And the Bulldogs are talented, with Mata, a second baseman/pitcher, and Beck, an outfielder/pitcher, headed to TCU to play next year while first baseman Jimmy Essman will head to New Mexico and Brent Stewart to Midland College. That doesn't even include junior Austen Wade, who will join Beck and Mata at TCU in two years.

With that said, you'd certainly understand a bit of giddiness from the Bulldogs on the prospects of this season, right?

Not quite.

"I tell them all they are right now is a team that got beat in the second round of the playoffs," Russell said.

The memory of the Bulldogs' area round loss to El Paso Americas, which abruptly ended what looked to be a second straight deep run, is one reason the Bulldogs aren't getting ahead of themselves.

After the Americas loss, as seniors cried and players embraced trying to figure out how the Bulldogs' season was suddenly over in Van Horn, Mata approached Beck with a goal already in mind.

"After that game, Alex came up to me, and he said, 'Let's not let this happen again,'" Beck said.

That and Russell's message have clearly taken hold at Midland High, where Beck and Mata spoke in measured tones on the eve of the season about what they must do to put together a run reminiscent of the one they experienced as sophomores — a run that they feel ought to be the standard not an achievement.

"It's been like that for a long time here," Beck said. "We won a district championship, but we want to do more than that, we want to take it a step farther than that — a few steps farther than that actually."

It helps, of course, when juniors like center fielder Wade and pitcher Jackson Lancaster set the tone early in the year, before most of the football players arrived for offseason.

"All these juniors, they're practically leaders themselves," Mata said. "It makes it a lot easier on us when we have guys like that who know how to get the job done and put forth the hard work."

The hard-working underclassmen remind Beck and Mata of when they first moved up to varsity and were determined not to let down the seniors playing the last games of their high school careers.

And, coincidentally, that's exactly what this year's underclassmen were aiming for.

"Talking as a junior class and sophomores as well, I know we worked extremely hard for all these guys whether they start or not," Wade said. "We're trying to achieve the same goals and that's being awesome at the end of the season."

In order to do that, Russell and his players agreed that Midland High can't take any game for granted in a district with perennial power Lubbock Coronado and up-and-coming San Angelo Central.

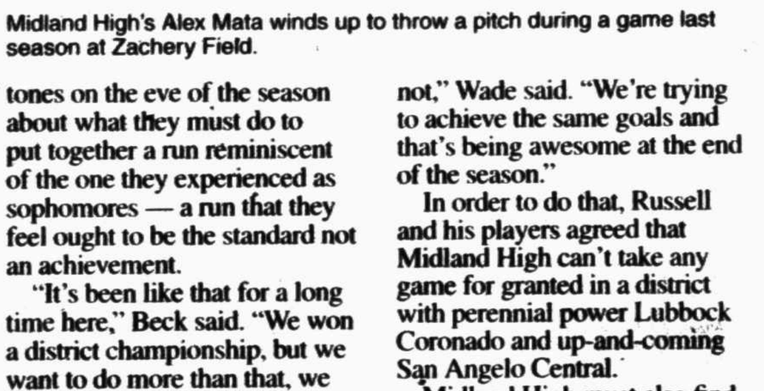
Midland High must also find a way to replace the production of four-year starter and catcher Travis Sims — senior Ryan Whittenberg will get the first crack — and pitcher Will Taylor, who developed into one of the Bulldogs' best players by the end of last season.

But with competition high on a team loaded with talent, and a coach and players like Beck and Mata who have experienced a deep playoff run, Midland High knows what it will take to meet all those lofty expectations like the 2011 team did. And it starts with not buying any of the hype.

"On paper, we look pretty good. But paper burns up pretty easy if I recall," Russell said. "Paper doesn't go out and hit a ball, paper doesn't go out and catch a ball. We've got to be able to do it.

"All that paper does is just blow away, we've got to go out and produce. Period."

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Midland High's Alex Mata winds up to throw a pitch during a game last season at Zachery Field.



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1	TX12139	Midland Central Appraisal District v Clarissa Costilla et al, in the 385th District Court	South 50 feet of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 121, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2618, Page 529), 507 East New York Avenue and 511 South Dallas Street, Account #R000045450/R000045451
2	TX12208	Midland Central Appraisal District v Terrance L. Evans et al, in the 142nd District Court	Lot 14, Block 12, Casa Loma Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1700, Page 119), 1305 Century Drive, Account #R000013184
3	TX12346	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ricky R. Salazar et al, in the 142nd District Court	Lot 27, Block 89, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1081, Page 329), 703 Spraberry Dr., Account #R000038524
4	TX12375	Midland Central Appraisal District v Monica McLaughlin, in the 441st District Court	Lot 1, Block 6, Brunson Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2019, Page 166), 1200 Chestnut Avenue, Account #R000012572
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6	TX12397	Midland Central Appraisal District v Juan Tarango et al, in the 238th District Court	Lot 19, block 86, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1437, Page 717), 4204 Pleasant Drive, Account #R000038926
7	TX12413	Midland Central Appraisal District v James Rowley et al, in the 385th District Court	Lots 9 and 10, Block 28, College Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1084, Page 466 and Volume 693, Page 446), 2604 and 2606 W. Washington Ave., Account #R000014118/R000014117
8	TX12418	Midland Central Appraisal District v Vanessa G. White, in the 142nd District Court	Lot 19, Block 1, Branson Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2967, Page 885), 1107 E. Jax Avenue, Account #R000012480
9	TX12429	Midland Central Appraisal District v Richard Vasquez et al, in the 441st District Court	Lot 19, Block 79, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2719, Page 345), 3509 Fairmount Drive, Account #R000038739
10	TX12448	Midland Central Appraisal District v Juan Carlos Morales et al, in the 142nd District Court	Lot 11, Block 13, Belmont Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1658, Page 155), 1403 South Colorado Street, Account #R000011161
11	TX12459	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jarrod Earl Johnson et al, in the 142nd District Court	South 25 feet of North 50 feet of Lot 3, Block 45, Original Townsite, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 90, Page 551 of the Deed Records and Probate No. 10209), 205 N. Marshall St., Account #R000035240
12	TX12461	Midland Central Appraisal District v Michael Andre Jones et al, in the 385th District Court	Lot 5, Block 1, Rogers Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 560, Page 152), 1108 E. Pecan Ave., Account #R000041811
13	TX12555	Midland Central Appraisal District v Mary Crow AKA Mary Lynn Browning, in the 142nd District Court	Lot 2, Block 35, Skyline Terrace West Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document 2010-12271), 4406 Parkhurst Drive, Account #R000043971
14	TX12576	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gary Richard Tague et al, in the 385th District Court	All of Lot 3 and North 5.15 feet of Lot 4, Block 4, West Way Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1011, Page 287), 2102 Ward St., Account #R000052874
15	TX12607	Midland Central Appraisal District v Robert Owen et al, in the 238th District Court	Lot 29, Block 101, Wilshire Park Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2703, Page 889), 308 Thornridge Drive, Account #R000054454
16	TX12677	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gerald Erwin et al, in the 385th District Court	79.00 Acres out of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 45, Block 38, T-1-S, Midland County, Texas (Instrument #2010-1499), 4701, 4705, and 4709 FM 307, Account #R000003059
17	TX12706	Midland Central Appraisal District v Mary Ramsey, in the 142nd District Court	Lot 4, Block 130, Wilshire Park Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1143, Page 393 of the Deed Records and Midland Divorce Cause #FM47851), 4614 Mercedes Drive, Account #R000055090
18	TX12719	Midland Central Appraisal District v Chrystal D. Copeland, in the 238th District Court	Lot 5, Block 19, High School Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2883, Page 435), 709 North D Street, Account #R000024575
19	TX12732	Midland Central Appraisal District v Robert Aleman et al, in the 385th District Court	A 199.5 feet by 239.8 feet tract of land out of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Block 39, T-1-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2794, Page 876 and Volume 1030, Page 339), Account #R000004335
20	TX12734	Midland Central Appraisal District v Aniceto Silva et al, in the 142nd District Court	East 51 feet of Lot 21 and West 39 feet of Lot 22, Block 6, North Boulevard Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2447, Page 726), 721 Shell Avenue, Account #R000033334
21	TX12773	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ricardo Nieto et al, in the 385th District Court	All of Lots 15 and 16 and the West 10 feet of Lot 17, Block 13, Parklea Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2010-9454),2623 Delano Ave., Account #R000036481
22	TX12810	Midland Central Appraisal District v Alicia Olgin et al, in the 238th District Court	South 22.7 feet of Lot 24 and North 46 feet of Lot 25, Block 127, Wilshire Park Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1279, Page 513), 114 S. Eisenhower, Account #R000055021
23	TX12825	Midland Central Appraisal District v Marion Cooper et al, in the 441st District Court	Lots 2 and 3, Block 62, Section 2, Park Avenue Heights Addition, to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2563, Page 705), 802 S. Madison, Account #R000036079
24	TX12829	Midland Central Appraisal District v Kelly Leigh Hayes, in the 238th District Court	Plot 35, Block 5, Roy Rotan Addition, to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas and a Palm Harbor Mobile Home, Label #PFS0486599/00, Serial #PH173186A/B (Volume 2930, Page 364). 6103 S. County Road 1167, Account #R000041863
25	TX12849	Midland Central Appraisal District v Bobby T. Hodges, in the 441st District Court	4.820 Acres, more or less, Northwest 1/4, Section 30, Block 40, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1075, Page 501), 5906 S. County Road 1285, Account #R000007943
26	TX12850	Midland Central Appraisal District v Daryl Loudd et al, in the 142nd District Court	Lot 13, Block 13, Trueland Addition, to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2009-10182), 2108 N. Jackson St., Account #R000049355
27	TX12870	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gricelda Montoya, in the 441st District Court	Lot 35, Block 1, Barber Cole Extension Addition, to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Instrument #2009-21303), 1708 N. Terrell Street, Account #R000010021
28	TX12880	Midland Central Appraisal District v Alfredo Arredondo et al, in the 142nd District Court	The east 61 feet of Lot 24 and the west 31 feet of Lot 25, Block 21, Cresview Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1815, Page 704), 3203 Thomas Avenue, Account #R000015923
29	TX12884	Midland Central Appraisal District v Tony Galindo et al, in the 238th District Court	Lot 1, Block 1, Bob Nelson Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1295, Page 683), 1401 S. Lamesa Road, Account #R000011965
30	TX12898	Midland Central Appraisal District v Anita Castillo, in the 142nd District Court	Lot 8, Block 83, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2591, Page 848), 4101 Pleasant Drive, Account #R000038839
31	TX12900	Midland Central Appraisal District v Leroy Franklin, III et al, in the 441st District Court	East 33 feet of Lot 6 and West 33 feet of Lot 5, Block 2, Replat of Barbandale First Section, an Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Instrument 2008-13240), 108 E. Shandon Avenue, Account #R000010061
32	TX12907	Midland Central Appraisal District v Harold Howard et al, in the 385th District Court	Lot 3, Block 34, Moody Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1617, Page 514), Account #R000032633
33	TX12911	Midland Central Appraisal District v Martin Mendez et al, in the 238th District Court	West 90 feet of Lot 13 and the South 40 feet of the West 90 feet of Lot 14, Block 3, Richardson Abilene Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Instrument 2009-16501), Account #R000041063
34	TX12911	Midland Central Appraisal District v Martin Mendez et al, in the 238th District Court	Lot 1, Block 3, Ranchero Park Subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1347, Page 523), Account #R000040186
35	TX12913	Midland Central Appraisal District v Yolanda Palomino et al, in the 441st District Court	Land only being Lot 29, Block 6, Colonial Hills Addition, Section 2, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1571, Page 74), 1911 E. Pine Ave., Account #R000014326
36	TX12914	Midland Central Appraisal District v Francisco Villareal et al, in the 142nd District Court	North 75 feet of Lot 1, Block 19, Haley Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2982, Page 834), Account #R000024317
37	TX12914	Midland Central Appraisal District v Francisco Villareal et al, in the 142nd District Court	South 50 feet of Lot 4, Block 19, Haley Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2880, Page 171), Account #R000024326
38	TX12918	Midland Central Appraisal District v Miguel Hines et al, in the 441st District Court	Lot 14, Block 12, Trueland Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1744, Page 663 and Volume 1147, Page 470), 1612 Butternut Lane. Account #R000049330
39	TX12949	Midland Central Appraisal District v Thomas Evans, in the 385th District Court	Lot 1 and the East 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 99, West End Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 913, Page 745), 2101 W. Indiana Ave., Account #R000052364
40	TX12955	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jesus Munoz, in the 385th District Court	Lot 16, Block 2, Chestnut Place Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Instrument 2010-24568), 1405 E. Parker Ave., Account #R000013404
41	TX12959	Midland Central Appraisal District v Joe Cortez et al, in the 238th District Court	Lot 8, Block 30, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2886, Page 29 and 30), 3900 Gaston Dr., Account #R000037652
42	TX12971	Midland Central Appraisal District v Donald Lawrence Connelly et al, in the 385th District Court	Casselman, Unit 10, Wells 2, 3, 4, and 5, Section 10, Block 40 T-1-S, T&P/B. N. Aycock Survey, OPERATOR NAME: HENRY RESOURCES, Midland County, Texas, Account #N000218989
43	TX12972	Midland Central Appraisal District v Roy G. Blanscett et al, in the 441st District Court	1.00 Acre, more or less, out of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 14, Block 39 T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1324, Page 121), 3607 S. Highway 349, Account #R000005533
44	TX12979	Midland Central Appraisal District v Javier Ponce et al, in the 385th District Court	4.77 Acres, more or less, being Lot 10, Block 1, Arrowhead Hill Subdivision, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1216, Page 289), 9713 S. CR 1136, Account #R000009713
45	TX12988	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gerardo Gabaldon et al, in the 238th District Court	Lot 9, Block 18, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2315, Page 205), 3933 Gaston Dr., Account #R000037383
46	TX12989	Midland Central Appraisal District v Rodney J. Roman et al, in the 385th District Court	Lot 9 and the West 4 inches of Lot 10, Block 16, Wilshire Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1967, Page 690), 4415 Wilshire Dr., Account #R000054202
47	TX13022	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jerry Norman, in the 142nd District Court	East 65 feet of Lot 24, Block 17, Ranchland Hills Addition, Section 3, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 913, Page 626), 1824 Maple Ave., Account #R000040785
48	TX13027	Midland Central Appraisal District v George Garnett II et al, in the 385th District Court	Lot 5, Block 9, Barberdale Addition, Section 2, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 987, Page 167), 412 E. Shandon Ave., Account #R000010165
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52	TX13103	Midland Central Appraisal District v Siri Duecker, in the 238th District Court	Lot 2, Block 2, Kimber Lea Addition, Replat of Blocks 1 and 2, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 993, Page 249), 4 Cambridge Ct, Account #R000027705
53	TX13029	Midland Central Appraisal District v Elizabeth Ann Hext et al, in the 441st District Court	A 10.04 acre tract of land out of the northeast ¼ of Section 40, Block 40, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas and a Signal Manufactured Home, Label #PFS0570024/PFS0570025, Serial #SGO10503A/B99 (Volume 1639, Page 216), 7705 S. CR 1285, Account #R000008142/R000008143

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 4th day of February, 2013, at Midland, Texas.

GARY PAINTER
Sheriff, Midland County, Texas

By: _____
KEN COLSTON, Investigator

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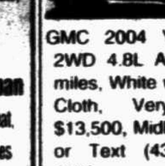
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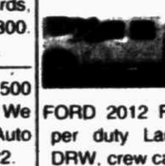
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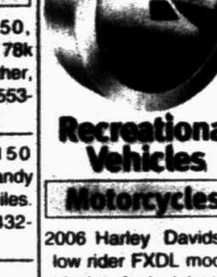
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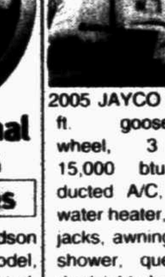
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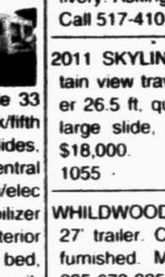
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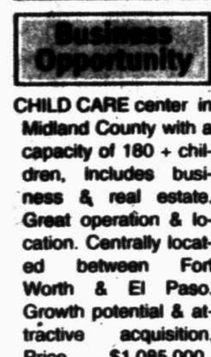
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Amendments to Community Development Program

The City of Midland proposes amendments to the community development program as follows:

- Re-allocating $150,000 of unspent/uncommitted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the 2012 Owner Occupied Major Projects Program

- Re-allocating $8,597 of unspent/uncommitted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the 2012 Contingency Account

- Consolidating existing allocations for homebuyer assistance, lot clearing and the owner occupied major projects programs from prior CDBG grants into the 2012 CDBG grant

A document on the above is available for review from February 18, 2013 to March 19, 2013 at the City Secretary's Office, Room 330, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine and the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. Please direct any written comments to the City's Community Development Division, PO Box 1152, Midland, Texas, 79702, by March 19, 2013. The Midland City Council will consider approval of the amendments at a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. The Amendment will then be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For further information, call the City's Community Development Office at 685-7472 or 685-7408.

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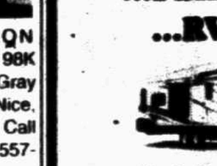
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KIDS AND CAREERS

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
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When she was three, she wanted to be a "Mommy." When she started kindergarten, it was a teacher. In junior high, she watched the family dog recover from an accident and announced she was going to be a vet.

It's typical for kids to aspire to different professions as they grow, asserts Dr. Dominique Morisano, a clinical psychologist and assistant professor at the University of Toronto.

Very young children often declare what they want to be based upon professions they are exposed to, as well as those they see in the media, Dr. Morisano notes. "But I wouldn't dismiss what [pre-teens] say they aspire to," she notes. "As children grow and their worldviews expand, their ideas about what is possible start to diversify."

Indeed, a survey of 8,000 adult workers recently completed by the online professional network LinkedIn finds that 30 percent of people surveyed either currently have their childhood dream job or a career related to it.

"The dream jobs we aspire to as children are a window into our passions and talents," observes Nicole Williams, LinkedIn's career expert.

Ever since the economy cratered and young adults found themselves without a job and some even without a direction for a secure path, there's been a new focus amongst educators to beef up career education. A new endeavor common in several states are "personalized learning plans" which involve "setting long term academic and career goals with the help of parents," notes Brendan Desetti of The Association for Career and Technical Education.

Experts say there's much that parents can do to help their kids find one of life's greatest rewards: fulfilling work.

BROADEN THEIR WORLD

Exposing your children to many subjects and experiences helps them to discover their natural passions and interests, says Loni Coombs, author of "You're Perfect And Other Lies Parents Tell." (Bird Street Books, 2013)

Taking nature walks could spark a flame for environmental work, for instance, or asking them to help you read labels on food items could trigger an interest in a health field.

Encouraging reading can take you child to worlds you can't take them to yourself, adds Coombs.

HELP THEM TAKE REAL STEPS

For that 13-year-old who wants to be a veterinarian, or that teen who wants to be a novelist, help them see the realistic steps they must take to achieve that goal, advises Dr. Morisano.

The aspiring novelist, for instance, can be encouraged to keep a daily journal, and the future vet to get good grades in science.

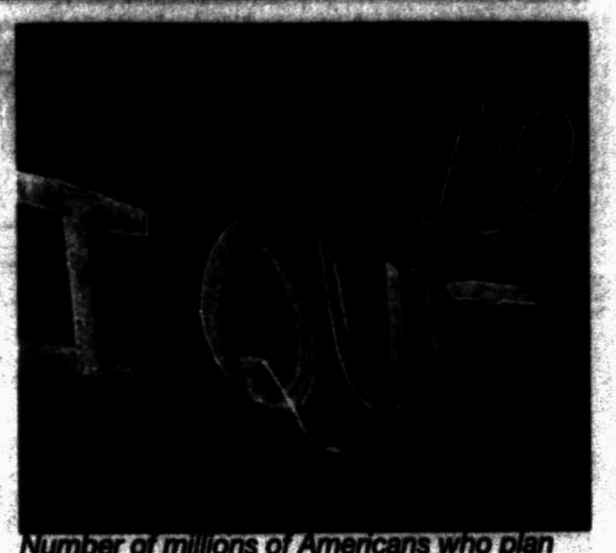
Even if they don't continue on that path later, "Taking small steps towards specific goals builds confidence and also lets them learn how to attain goals," Dr. Morisano notes.

EXHIBIT A LOVE FOR LEARNING

Kids learn from what their parents do, and talking about how you may be taking continuing professional education or practicing a new skill helps them learn one of the most important lessons for the modern work world: Industries change quickly, and workers must continually learn and adapt, says CarolChristen, co-author of "What Color Is Your Parachute For Teens." (Ten Speed Press, 2006) .

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JOB WEEK



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ALL TIME IS ALL TIME

IN TODAY'S WORK WORLD, OLD-FASHIONED TIME MANAGEMENT TRICKS ARE BASICALLY MOOT. INVESTING IN TOP PRIORITIES IS THE NEW KEY TO GETTING THINGS DONE.

By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW Features

If you're always feeling at a loss for time, think like a millionaire.

Figure out what actions offer the most return on your investment and avoid actions that provide little to no dividend, says Melody Stevens, a time management coach from Central New Jersey who recently wrote, "Become a Time Millionaire: 100 Ways to Gain an Extra Hour a Day." (CreateSpace, 2012)

Increasingly, time management gurus are seeing that those who feel wealthiest in regards to the luxury of free time use a more strategic approach to juggling daily demands. In her book, "The 3 Secrets to Effective Time Investment: Achieve More Success with Less Stress," (McGraw-Hill, 2012), Elizabeth Grace Saunders, also a time management coach, delves into a similar philosophy.

"I want to get people away from the mentality of frantically trying to 'manage time,' which often leads to the scheduling equivalent of smashing more papers into an already overflowing file drawer," she explains.

Time management is dead given the demands in modern society.

"You can no longer fit everything in, no matter how efficient you become," Saunders says. "Instead, think strategically about the portfolios of your life, investing only in top priorities and making sure that you have the proper allocation of resources."

The high achievers who manifest less levels of stress know how to use their time.

Stevens adds that each individual defines how they should invest their time, focusing on activities that offer greater sustained joy, peace of mind or greater financial reward.

"It takes strength of character to do what it takes to stop indulging in low dividend activities, things that promise to fulfill you in the moment, but really bring you down in the long run," Steven says.

Saunders takes a systematic approach to wise time investment. Essentially, she encourages others to recognize and excel in what really counts – and to aim for less than perfect in everything else. Her three-step process is as follows:

1. Clarify action-based priorities

Don't let others manipulate your time. Invest it in clearly defined priorities. The only way to achieve more success with less stress is to invest in what really matters most to you – your priorities. By aligning your actions to your priorities, you feel good about what you do and don't do.

2. Set realistic expectations

Shoot for the stars when it comes to your dreams. But when you set daily expectations, shoot for the realistic. Take traditional time-management tools such as to-do lists and combine them with a clear understanding of the finite nature of time. Keep in mind some of the less important and urgent items will slide to the next week, and that's okay.

3. Strengthen simple routines

Develop and follow routines that lead to optimal time investment. The reality is that habit patterns rule. The people who understand this concept invest their time well. They can instantly compute the cost of their choices. But establishing a routine takes time and discipline.

Stevens says that becoming a time millionaire also includes practicing some regular habits that allow you to gain an extra hour or more in your busy day each day to do what you really want with your life.

"Time millionaires continually identify what's a waste or simply not the best use of their time, eliminate doing these activities or participating in these relationships and replace them with better time investments," she adds. "They make choices on how to best spend their time based on the knowledge they have at hand."

Some specific ways to gain an hour revolve around making technology your employee, not your boss. Technology should make time management easier. Instead, it causes many people to lose hours of time in the week.

Stevens suggests a few more tips:

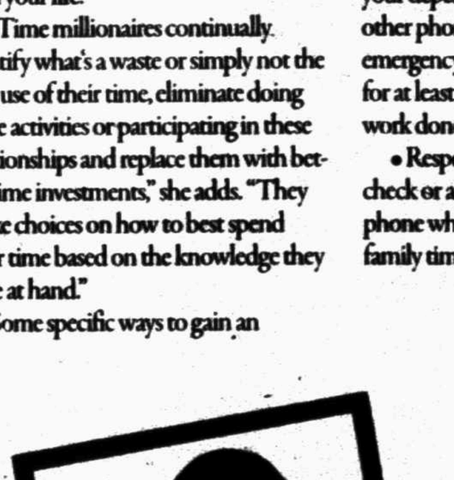
- Limit the number of times you check emails. Check emails no more than three times a day. If you're questioning if three times a day is enough, then try it for a day or two. Many people check emails compulsively, out of fear.
- Adapt and enforce an "acceptable use" policy for home and business. You need to have a policy. Observe whether you family watches endless hours of television or play countless video games. Make time for the family and then enforce the policy.
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JOB HUNTING

FACE IT: PICTURES MATTER

You want a good hair day and a bright smile when you're meeting a potential employer for the first time.



However, many job candidates won't be given the chance to make an in-person impression because their picture is missing from their profile on networking sites like LinkedIn, finds Nicholas Salter, assistant professor of psychology at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

Today, before they're called for an interview, candidates get a first look on the Internet, Salter notes.

To determine how important it might be to include a headshot in the profile, Salter and Tiffany Poeppelman, industrial-organizational scientist at Aptima, Inc., conducted an experiment.

First, a group of HR recruiters compared two hypothetical LinkedIn profiles that didn't contain pictures. "They said they were about the same," explains Salter. "The purpose of this was to ensure that the content of the two profiles were equivalent."

Then, another group was asked to review the same profiles, but this time some were given profiles with attractive headshots, unattractive headshots or no headshot.

When a profile with a photo was compared to one without, "they chose the candidate with the picture," says Salter.

Usually, the reviewers couldn't point to a compelling reason why the pictured profile was better. However, some did say that they thought the faceless candidates were not thorough in constructing their profile, Salter notes.

A picture gives candidates an edge. A good hair day is still important, though, because candidates whose pictures were viewed as attractive were even more highly endorsed by the reviewers, relates Salter.

The take-away: Post a picture that puts your best face forward.

– Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

CRMWD
Colorado River Municipal District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions in the Midland-Odessa Area.

Operations Supervisor – Supervise Maintenance employees to assure smooth operation of District facilities while following direction of the Operations Superintendent. The successful candidate will have the experience necessary to successfully plan, direct, organize, and, oversee the daily activities of a crew maintaining the District's raw water pipelines, pumps, and pump stations.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling (432) 267-6341 or our website www.crmwd.org

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Senior Environmental Project Manager
Nova Safety & Environmental is seeking a **Senior Environmental Project Manager**. Candidate must have at a minimum a Bachelors of Science Degree in one of the following areas: Geology, Environmental Science, Biology or Chemistry, and a minimum of five years in the environmental industry. Job duties include but are not limited to ensuring compliance with state and federal environmental regulations, preparing technical reports, preparing ground water maps and other site diagrams and overseeing various projects from start to finish. The candidate will need to be able to travel from site to site in the Permian Basin area with limited overnight stays. The job comes with an excellent salary and benefits package, including 401 K, health insurance, paid vacation, & bonuses. Call 432-520-7720 or email rhaskell@novatreating.cc

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ODESSA POWER

Title

Health Safety Security & Environmental Manager –Odessa, Texas

Description
The Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) Manager has overall responsibility for plant compliance with HSSE permits and regulations as required by governing bodies such as, but not limited to local, state and federal environmental, safety, and security agencies. The HSSE Manager must also develop and implement plant safety programs to comply with corporate HSSE policies and directives. The HSSE Manager reports directly to the Plant Manager and has dotted line reporting relationship to the corporate Director, HSSE. The HSSE Manager interfaces daily with plant manager and operation personnel at multiple power plants.

Essential Duties
- Coordinates the timely preparation and submittal of routine and non-routine environmental reports in accordance with the facility permits as well as local and federal regulations.
- Prepares permit renewals and modifications associated with plant projects.
- Works closely with the Plant Managers and plant personnel at assigned location(s) to ensure compliance with permit and regulatory requirements
- Ensures projects are completed on time and on budget.
- Prepares, maintains, and updates environmental, health, safety and security policy and procedure manuals.
- Works directly for the Plant Manager and with the corporate Director, HSEE to ensure plant environmental, health, safety and security programs meet corporate directives and policies.
- Interacts with external agencies as representative of the plant and the company.
- Participates as emergency response team member and responsible for contacting regulatory agencies in emergency situations.
- Communicates with senior management on a regular basis regarding status of compliance.
- Monitors EPA, OSHA, and all applicable regulatory requirements to maintain up-to-date compliance programs / procedures.
- Manages recordkeeping and programs required for HSSE regulatory compliance.
- Identifies and prioritizes plant monitoring and performance improvement opportunities or requirements.
- Ensures plant employees are meeting required training for HSSE programs.
- Manages onsite hazardous waste and oil inventory in accordance with state and federal requirements.
- Required to be on call 24-7 for plant emergency issues.
- Maintains awareness of safe working conditions and practices safe work habits in all activities.
- Educates and promotes safe work practices and programs.

Formal Education & Certification
A Bachelor's degree in Environmental, Safety, Engineering, or the equivalent, plus a minimum of 5-7 years of related experience is required.

Knowledge & Experience
- Experience working with Data Acquisition Handling Systems and Continuous Emissions Monitors.
- Required to have working knowledge of environmental laws and requirements on the Federal and State level.
- Required to have working knowledge of safety and security laws and regulations.
- Working knowledge of OSHA VPP Program is a plus.
- Progressive work experience in electrical power generation or related fields with emphasis on plant required reporting.
- Preferred technical knowledge of power plant operations, calculations, and practices.
- Required to have very strong computer skills with ability to create and maintain spreadsheets, databases, and word processing documents.
- Must possess a valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record.

Personal Attributes
- Team player with strong communications skills.
- Ability to work well under pressure in a fast paced dynamic environment
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Independently prioritize workload and multitask.
- Interact with all levels of management in a professional manner.
- Must have the ability to organize compliance tasks and ensure they are completed on time with appropriate documentation.
- Must possess strong interpersonal and negotiation skills and the ability to manage multiple and complex issues and work independently

Work Conditions
- Ability to work between multiple locations.
- Must be able to frequently climb ladders, enter confined spaces, climb to and work from elevated platforms and ladders.
- This job requires the ability to occasionally work outdoors in adverse weather conditions.
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Sales Support Analyst
Midland, TX

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What will I be doing?
The **Sales Support/Analyst** will directly support our sales organization. They will be the in-office contact for our outside salespeople and serve as the administrative point-person. They will be responsible for assisting the sales team with paperwork, maintenance reports, and electronic filings. **The Sales Support/Analyst** will also collaborate on sales efforts and occasionally support the sales team during presentations or trade shows. This dynamic individual will gain mastery over our retail clients' websites and learn how to analyze and interpret sales data in order to maximize growth.

What skills and qualifications do I need?
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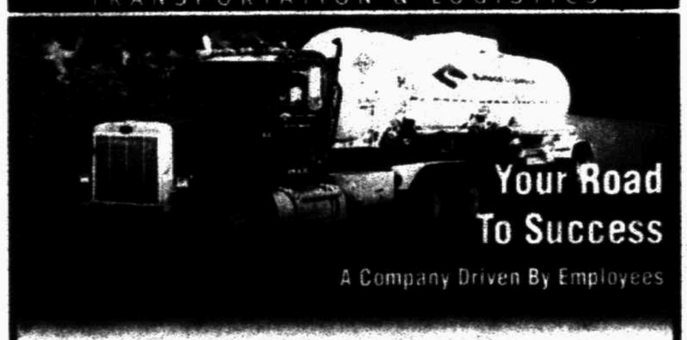
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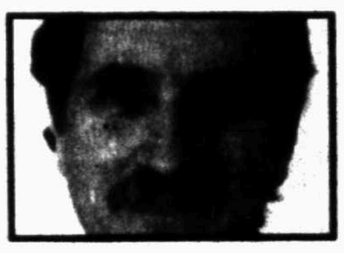
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ANSWER:

Reverse mortgages insured by the FHA come in two forms. The "standard" reverse mortgage allows you to borrow more but has high up-front fees. The "saver" program has far-smaller up-front fees, but you cannot borrow as much. Interest quotes, of course, can vary.

With a reverse mortgage, you are not required to make monthly payments for principal or interest – but you must continue to pay for such things as property taxes and insurance. Reverse mortgage borrowers who do not pay taxes, water bills or association fees can face foreclosure and the loss of their property.

Depending on the equity available, you might use a reverse mortgage to receive a monthly stipend. However, interest is being charged and the loan balance grows each month. When you move, sell or die, the loan must be repaid.

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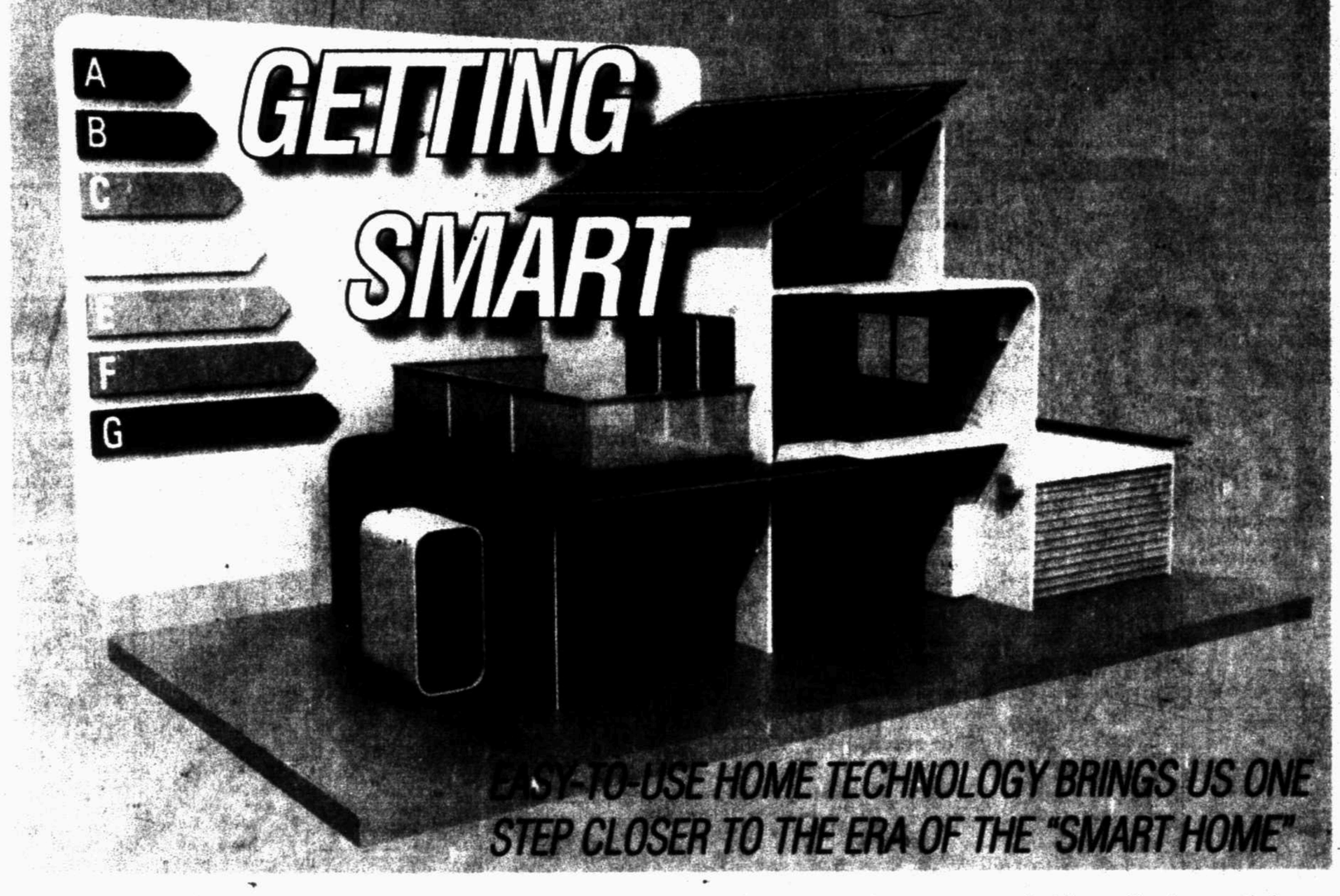
Reverse mortgages are complicated and part of the bigger issues associated with financial and estate planning. Given such complexities, it's important to speak with fee-only financial planners and attorneys who specialize in elder law before agreeing to any reverse mortgage proposal.

A less-tangled alternative to a reverse mortgage may be to sell the present property and to then use the check from closing to buy something less expensive – and perhaps mortgage-free.

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TRENDS



EASY-TO-USE HOME TECHNOLOGY BRINGS US ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE ERA OF THE "SMART HOME"

By MADHUSMITA BORA
CTW Features

Consumers love 'smart': smartphones, smart cars and now smart homes. As lives get busier than ever, homeowners want convenience and control at their fingertips. They want to dim the lights, turn off the oven and monitor home security from a distance.

Looks like the industry is listening.

In years past, the dream automated home was just an aspiration that existed as a prototype. Not anymore. At this year's Consumer Electronics Show, the industry's largest annual event, home technology was prominently featured. It's a trend that organizers say would continue.

"Innovation fuels our economy, and we project that the consumer electronics industry will grow by nearly 3 percent in 2013 reaching a record $209.6 billion," says Erica Corley, spokeswoman for Consumer Electronics Association. "Home technology will be a major part of that."

Automated devices such as temperature-controlled water heaters, timer-enabled lights and stoves and programmable thermostats have made life easier for homeowners for a while now, says Leonard Kady, an architect and former chair of the American Institute of Architects, small projects committee.

"Today, remote access to such devices and a host of intermediate control devices is what makes automation real," Kady says. "The use of these remote-access devices by a growing user group is largely a function of ease of integration and ease of use."

Mobile control and mobile connection are the future of home technologies, Corley says.

"When we are all able to operate the lights, thermostats, [audio-visual] equipment and other electronics via our mobile devices, home control suddenly becomes much more attractive," she says. "We will continue to see tablets and smartphones being used as primary control devices."

Here are some hot features for smart homes in 2013:

• Wi-Fi-enabled light bulbs: Keep forgetting to turn off the lights before stepping out? Phillips launched Phillips hue, a Wi-Fi-enabled light bulb with color controls that you can manipulate through a tablet or a phone. The app includes pre-programmed "light recipes" that Phillips says can help for reading, energizing, relaxation and concentration.

A three-bulb starter pack retails for about $200, so it's a big investment, but popular among home techies.

• The re-invented thermostat: Tony Fadell, a man who helped design the sleek iPod, is now making an ugly home-heating tool sexy. Fadell's company sells the Nest Learning Thermostat, a device lauded for its sleek design. Nest programs itself in about a week after installation, creating a schedule based on the user's manual temperature changes and motion sensors placed throughout the home that detect a person's presence. The device can be remotely controlled by a free Apple or Android app, allowing you to heat your home before you arrive or change temperature any time when you are away.

At $250, it might seem like a steep price to pay for a thermostat, but the company says you will recover that money in energy savings in less than two years.

• Remote monitoring: Remote home monitoring is a growing niche in the home tech world for both security and convenience purposes. Products such as Vera 3 Z-Wave help homeowners-away-from-home keep an eye on their abode with a variety of features, such as live video feeds on smartphones, text messages with updates and the use of one button to shut down, lock up and arm the house. Vera can be integrated with existing security systems. The system will notify users through their phones about various household events like thermostat changes, opened windows and basement floods.

Vera's model retails for $300.

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FORECLOSURE

NEED ASSISTANCE? APPLY SOON

The three-year-old Hardest Hit Fund has yet to dry up, and struggling homeowners can still receive mortgage assistance in many states



In February 2010, President Obama initiated the Hardest Hit Fund for homeowners struggling to pay mortgage bills in certain states after the housing crisis. While the program had assisted 94,000 families by December 2012, "We think the program can reach about 400,000 families," says Andrea Risotti, spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Treasury.

The regions where residents can apply for Hardest Hit Fund assistances are Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee and the District of Columbia.

A total of $7.6 billion was divided amongst their local Housing Finance Agency to distribute to struggling homeowners based on local needs. Each HFA has until 2017 to spend all their funds, but Risotti says most of the states will probably be out of money by 2014. "If you're struggling with your mortgage – especially if you recently lost your job – don't wait," Risotti says.

The federal program originally intended to support struggling homeowners. "We were seeing more and more homeowners struggling because of unemployment or because they were underwater on their loans," Risotti says. Each HFA determines the specific eligibility criteria for local homeowners.

Rhode Island was the first state to use all their funds. "We spent all the money so we're stopping the program at the end of the month January," Faye Zuckerman, a spokesperson for Rhode Island's HFA, says.

Still, real estate experts say other states are still not reaching the majority of local struggling homeowners – many don't know the funds exist. Some groups, like the nonprofit Help Share the Word, are working to raise awareness. According to Risotti, they are not affiliated with the treasury or HFA in any way. "What they're trying to do is just really educate homeowners about free resources for help, warn them against scams and encourage them more about the Hardest Hit Fund," Risotti says.

Already there has been a tremendous growth in families applying for aid from the Hardest Hit Fund; in fact, there have been 27,000 applications since December. — *Nicky Nicholson-Klingerman*

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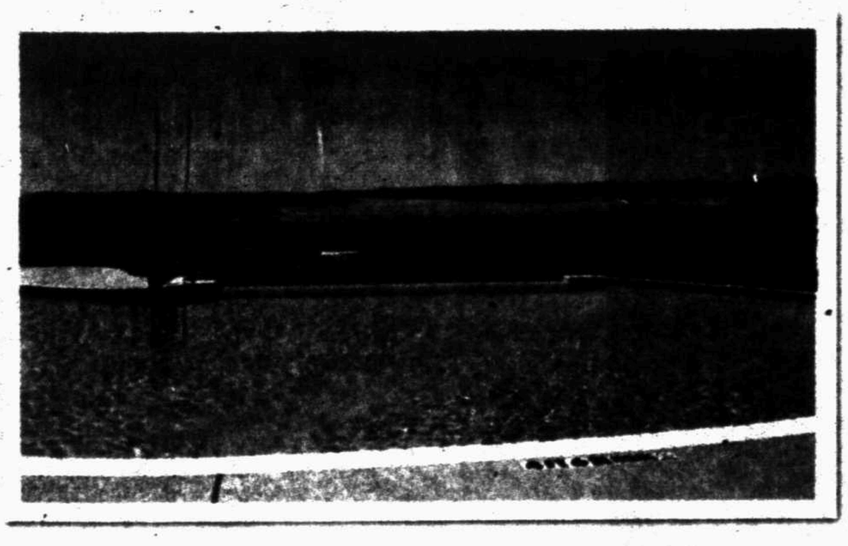


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Top 5 - The Right Way to Manage Your Credit Cards

While one in seven Americans has at least 10 credit cards, the average is four, according to a report from Experian. Usage on credit cards has dropped dramatically in the last two years as financially constrained consumers have reduced spending and begun paying off debt. The national average interest rate on credit cards as of November 2009 is 12.64%, which has declined 0.45% from six months earlier.

As a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, I know that mortgage-seeking clients are always asking for advice on how they can improve their credit profile, such as the number of credit cards they should have. According to the credit experts at ApprovalGuard.com, however, it's not just the number of credit cards you have, but how you use and manage those cards.

Here are some critical tips for managing your credit cards in order to maximize your credit profile:

1. Use your credit cards regularly, but in small amounts, never exceeding 30% of your entire credit line. For example, if your card limit is $4,000, set a self-imposed limit to keep your balance at $1,200.

2. Even if you pay your bills on time, coming close to your full balance each month affects your credit score negatively. Regularly maxing out your card limit is a bad habit in the eyes of credit-rating firms. It's better to spread your credit charges out over two or three cards, keeping each balance at or below 30% of your total credit line.

3. Don't get rid of old cards even if they have higher interest rates than ones you may get on newer cards. Credit rating firms like to see a well-established history, so utilize your old cards every so often for small purchases.

4. On the flip side, avoid getting new cards, if possible. When you add a new credit card, your credit score will likely suffer a temporary drop until you have established a payment history with that card.

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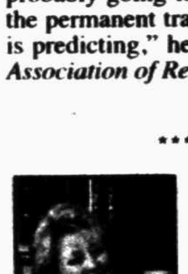
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Real Estate News

Breaking News. April 1. That is the date set by FHA to raise mortgage insurance premiums again. If you are thinking about purchasing a home, moving now would make sense with rates rising and FHA set to raise premiums. FHA is also increasing down payment requirements for certain loans. It would also be wise to see if you qualify for low downpayment alternative for FHA financing. If you would like more information, please contact us.

The U.S. headed into 2013 with prices on a rebound due to an 8.3% year-over-year surge in home prices in December, according to data firm CoreLogic. The Irvine, Calif.-based company said December home prices grew the most annually since May of 2006. From November, home prices – including distressed sales – edged down 0.4%. When excluding distressed properties, home prices rose 7.5% over last year in December "December marked 10 consecutive months of year-over-year home price improvements, and the strongest growth since the height of the last housing boom more than six years ago," said Mark Fleming, chief economist for CoreLogic. "We expect price growth to continue in January as our Pending HPI shows strong year-over-year appreciation." CoreLogic's Home Price Index currently suggests home prices will rise 7.9% from last year in January and fall by 1% from December. When excluding distressed sales, January home prices could rise 8.6% from a year ago. *Source: HousingWire*

The conventional wisdom today around the millennial generation, often defined as having been born between 1980 and 2000, seems to be that they aren't as interested in owning a home as previous generations. Recent stories in the media go so far as to claim that the dynamic, diverse people in this group prefer the flexibility of renting to the stable, long-term arrangement provided by home ownership. However, this is a misinterpretation of present-day trends, said Dr. Glenn Crellin, a professor at the Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. D.C. Crellin acknowledged that the home ownership rate among the under-35 population in 2011 was just under 40 percent (compared to the national rate of approximately 65 percent), and that home ownership levels had declined more sharply among those under 35 than among other groups since the housing bubble burst. But he said many in the media were drawing the wrong conclusions from that data. "Recently, headlines showed the general press believed we were entering an era of rentership," Crellin said. "[As a result], they believe home ownership doesn't deserve the kind of support it had been given." But Crellin pointed out that the rate of home ownership for those under 25 today is actually higher than that of the under-25 baby boomers in 1970. Also, a recent poll of Washington State University students that he conducted showed that 48 percent of them expect to buy a home in the next 3-5 years. While the willingness of young people to purchase a home is certainly there, the financial means to do so may not be, Crellin said. The underlying story, then, is not one of shifting mindsets but rather changing economic factors. "[The recession] is probably going to delay purchases, but it's not the permanent transition that the national press is predicting," he explained. *Source: National Association of Realtors*



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Adding value to your home

Whether you're buying or selling a home, it's important to think in terms of value – that is, the value that you get simply from owning a home. Much of that value comes from the structure itself and general property values in your area. But a great deal of it also comes from what you do to the house – and what you don't. Some remodeling choices add value to homes; others subtract value. Some unwise remodeling choices also can make a property extremely challenging to sell. The majority of remodeling projects cost more than the amount your home's value will increase. That's not always the case, but you shouldn't assume that undertaking a home-improvement project will put more money in your pocket when you sell the home than you shell out to complete the work. However, some types of projects come closer to paying for themselves when you eventually sell.

Sometimes, it makes sense to undertake certain remodeling projects simply to make the house more attractive to buyers. But the best reason to remodel is to get more pleasure and functionality from your home while you're still living there. While you're at it, making wise choices can pay off in the long run.

Here are some of the best ways to get the most value from your projects:

* Invest in a great kitchen and bath

People are using kitchens to entertain; after all, the kitchen has become the heart of the home – the place people like to gather. So it's no surprise that top-of-the-line kitchens can be a great remodeling project. Homeowners are also cooking more, so solid surface counters in granite, marble, Corian or Silestone are hot, as are professional-quality appliances. Stoves with more than four burners and cabinets in maple, cherry and birch are guaranteed to make even the most jaded homebuyer swoon. Bathrooms have become private havens, and more people are adding luxury master baths with jetted tubs or steam showers like the ones often seen in spas. Use wood (or tile or granite) Natural materials or synthetic materials that look natural (like laminate flooring) will attract buyers.

First impressions count

Make sure your home looks great from the outside, because a well-kept home always adds value. Drive down your street and check out the neighbors' yards. Then grab those hedge clippers and get to work. Think landscaping isn't a big deal? Mature, beautiful trees can add thousands of dollars in value to a property, according to appraisers. And don't underestimate the power of the porch. Front and back porches are back and in high demand.

Fix it now

It sounds obvious, but fix what needs fixing. If something's broken in your house – however minor – it's a big value-detractor if it is still broken when you decide to sell your home. Even if you're not selling in the near future, fixing a problem now can help avoid it turning into an even bigger and more-expensive repair in the future. And consider this: If you're going to have to fix a problem before you sell your home anyway, you might as well fix it as soon as it breaks. That way, you get the benefit of the repair while you're still living in your home.

Paint it!

A fresh coat of paint or a new color can do wonders for your home. And if you don't like it, it's paint! Just paint over it.

Check out the competition – and get ideas

Visit your neighbors' remodeling projects and tour model homes and furniture showrooms to check out current design trends and identify styles you like.

Prioritize

Make a list of the improvements you want to make – then rank them in order of importance. You might love to take a jackhammer to your kitchen, but your priorities might depend on your budget – in which case you'll start with painting the trim.

Ask your REALTOR®

The value of improvements can vary from region to region and even neighborhood to neighborhood. Ask your REALTOR® when you're thinking about a room addition or kitchen remodel if you want an opinion on how it might affect the resale value of your home. And if you're getting ready to sell, a REALTOR® can give you advice about which remodeling projects might help your home sell faster or increase its value. Finally, start with the easy stuff like adding curb appeal, creating a great entry, and repainting rooms before jumping into major renovations. Little changes can really make a big impression.



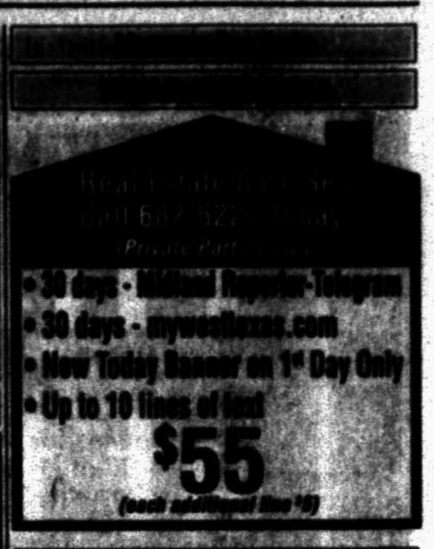
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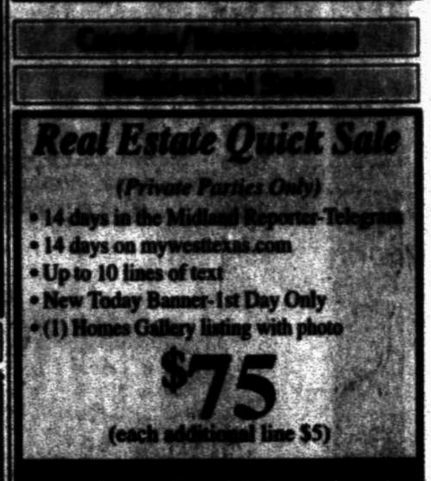
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4+ BEDROOMS

5308 Glasgow Dr. -NEW- Immaculate 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Pecan Acres sits on 2.5 fenced acres! Stunning features include walls of bright windows w/plantation shutters, miles of tile, dramatic barrel ceiling, & soaring stacked ceilings! Custom granite package & custom lighting throughout! Open floor plan! Lovely backyard has a brick fireplace & covered patio perfect for entertaining! $650,000

2109 S County Rd 1118 Greenwood - Lovely 4 bed/3 bath home plus 1 bed/1bath guest house in Greenwood sits on 5 acres! Huge open floor plan! Game room & home office! SS/GE w/working w/cl-wired areas + back room w/built-in saddle racks & "tack hooks"! 30X60 barn w/4 15X20 stalls w/auto waterers & misting system! Dazzling swimming pool & covered patio perfect for entertaining! $650,000

2711 Shasta - Horse lovers dream on 5 acres! Gorgeous 4 bed/2.5 bath home features soaring beamed ceilings, walls of windows w/fabulous courtyard views from 4 rooms, painted ceiling, and huge limestone fireplace! ..... SOLD...$560,000

4913 Daybreak Ct. - Fabulous 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Mockingbird Heights boasts spectacular updates throughout! The gourmet kitchen features granite countertops, like "new" stainless appliances, gas range, and refinished cabinets! Huge sequestered master suite offers an updated bath and beautiful fireplace! $525,000

4310 Breezeway Ct. - Spectacular 4 bed/3 full/3 half bath home sits on a corner lot in Green Tree North! Squench like and granite counter tops throughout! Formal dining features beautiful hardwood floors! Open gourmet kitchen w/gas range and breakfast bar! Dazzling pool, fabulous covered patio, and lovely cabana perfect for entertaining! $479,000

4005 Spring Meadow Ln. -New construction!- 4 bedroom/3 bath home in Meadow Park! Some of its fabulous features will include high ceilings, gourmet kitchen, wood shutters, hardwood floors, and book cases! $349,900

4+ BEDROOMS

5500 Ashwood-Move-in ready 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home sits in Grassland on a quiet cul-de-sac! Beautiful hardwood floors in the den and master! ..... SOLD...$310,000

2507 Bongo Ave. -Fabulously 4 bed/2.5 bath updated home w/sparkling salt water swimming pool in Fannin school district! Gorgeous gourmet kitchen w/huge island & stainless appliances! ..... UC...$330,000

3706 Oakridge -BACK ON THE MARKET!- Spacious 4 bed/3 bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac! Large living w/gas fireplace that opens to the updated kitchen and formal dining w/high ceilings! Sequestered master bedroom w/tub-size shower, dual sinks, and separate closets! $270,000

3 Fairfax Ct. -Spacious 4 bed/3 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Emerson school district! Formal living and dining areas boast beautiful hardwood floors! Den has a brick fireplace & patio access! ..... SOLD...$260,000

#10 Wardsville Ct. -Spacious 4 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Fannin school district! This light and bright home features 4 living areas, sunroom, and 2 dining areas! ..... SOLD...$242,000

1601 Stansfield Ave. -NEW!- Spacious 4 bedroom/3 bath home sits on a corner lot close to downtown! Lovely kitchen features stainless appliances, abundant cabinetry, and opens to the den! Den features beamed ceilings and a towering brick fireplace! Sequestered master bedroom! $189,900

4511 Anette-Darling 4 bed/2 bath home in great condition w/lots of space! Some of its' charming features include bath-ins, walls of windows w/2 inch blinds, updated flooring, and brick fence! ..... SOLD...$129,900

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

7000 DCR 1205- Spacious 3 bed/4.5 bath country estate sits on 19.8 acres between Midland & Odessa! Updated throughout! The home features miles of tile, 2 fireplaces, tons of storage, 4 water wells, and guest shed! ..... SOLD...$525,000

4501 Shady Oak-Huge 3 bed/3 full bath/3 half bath home on the golf course in Green Tree! Huge downstairs master suite features a fireplace, oversized tub and separate shower! Gameroom upstairs! All bedrooms have private baths! Many updates on home w/great potential! Kitchen is light and bright and has stainless appliances! $325,000

4515 Shady Oak-This spacious 3 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Green Tree! Some of its' wonderful features include 2 large living areas, tons of storage, and beautiful views of the golf course! ..... SOLD...$280,000

5000 Rio Grande-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home sits on a great neighborhood! Cozy kitchen opens to the den and dining area! ..... SOLD...$210,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2006 Lindora Way. -NEW!- Nicely updated 3 bed/2 bath home sits near a park and Bush Elementary! Great open floor plan! Soaring vaulted ceilings, walls of windows, and towering brick fireplace! ..... UC...$189,000

4207 Roosevelt Ave. -Fabulous 3 bed/2bath brick home built in 2008! Spacious living area w/high ceilings and beautiful fireplace! Neutral paint, tile flooring, tray ceilings, and great natural light! ..... SOLD...$184,500

3601 Dell Ave. -Charming 3 bed/2 bath home sits on a corner lot w/in walking distance to school! Open floor plan! Plenty of storage w/floor to ceiling cabinets! Spacious light & bright den w/brick fireplace! Spacious master bedroom has beautiful custom tiled shower! $164,900

3010 Hamilton-Spectacular 3 bed/2 bath low maintenance townhome sits on a quiet tree lined street! Cute! Cute! Cute! Soaring ceilings, many French doors, and tile in walkways! Lovely kitchen features granite tile countertops and opens to the living room! Fabulous garage w/workshop w/workbenches! $159,900

2314 W. Kansas-Charming 3 bedroom/2 bath home w/recent updates throughout! Living areas w/easy access to the nicely updated galley kitchen! The kitchen features recent paint, storage, gas range, and tile! ..... SOLD...$149,900

5102 Tennessee-Spacious 3 bedroom 1.5 bath sits within easy access to the loop! This home features 2 living areas, one with a fireplace! 2 car garage and workshop! $149,900

4515 Wampler Dr. -Charming 3 bed/2 bath home sits on a large corner lot! Some of its' wonderful features include wood laminate floors, tile, gorgeous updated bathrooms, new interior paints, and recent exterior paint! ..... SOLD...$139,900

421 W. Diamond-Cozy 3 bedroom/2 bath home sits on a great neighborhood and is within walking distance to shopping centers and restaurants! The charming kitchen features a gas stove! Tons of tile, 2 living areas, separate utility, and sequestered master suite complete this lovely home! $99,900

LAND AND LOTS

2321 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivision, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 5 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $75,000

1925 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivision, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 4.8 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $72,000

1900 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivision, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 4.3 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $64,500

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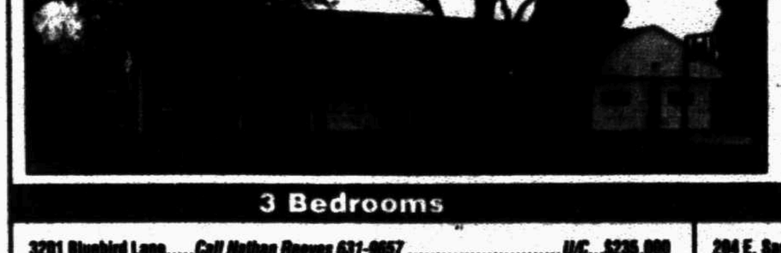
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE



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1005 UPLAND STREET
$218,000
Shown by Rochell Buck

New Listings

5111 Ashdown Place ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321* $275,000
*2695 sq ft - Fabulous 2 story w/2 master bedrooms in Saddle Club South!

4405 Gleneagles ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321* $230,000
*2406 sq ft - Beautiful 4 bed/2 bath home with marble & wood floors!

3002 Whittle Way ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* $170,500
*1763 sq ft. Charming 3 bed, 2 bath home with screened-in porch and some updating!

0 Hwy. 349 & Tejas $115,000
.815 Acres - Office/Residential

1100 Washita ..... *Call Bill Lanier 349-1144* $85,000
0.5 Acres - Office/Residential.

1101 Washita ..... *Call Bill Lanier 349-1144* $85,000
0.643 Acres - Office/Residential.

1103 Washita ..... *Call Bill Lanier 349-1144* $75,000
0.643 Acres - Office/Residential.

1102 Washita $75,000
0.5 Acres - Office/Residential.

4+ Bedrooms

6507 Los Conchos Lane ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* ..... *REDUCED*...$643,750
*3414 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 car garage.

2511 Colonial Dr. ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* $650,000
*4000 sq ft - 4 bed/4.5 bath/4 car garage. New Mike Jackson home under construction. Updated energy package.

4710 Yellowhouse Canyon ..... *Call Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* ..... UC...$505,000
*4220 sq ft - Fabulous 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on 2.5 acres in the city limits!

4024 Rosewood Dr. ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* $300,000
*2963 sq ft - Loads of updating in this immaculate 4 bed/3.5 bath home!

1029 Cedarbrook ..... *Call Ann Flatt 638-4074* ..... UC...$385,000
*3469 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage. 2 story Mark Payne resale in Grassland Estates.

2308 Golf Course Rd. ..... *Call Kandi Bagwell 352-4134* ..... *REDUCED*...$335,000
*2676 sq ft - 5 bedroom, 3 bath Old Midland charmer. Spectacular, one-of-a-kind dream home w/all the bells & whistles.

5907 N. Canterbury Dr. ..... *Call Mary Lynn Parsley 413-4240* $299,000
*2572 sq ft - well maintained 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Lots of updates. Beautiful backyard!

2829 Tyler Dr. ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* ..... UC...$347,500
*2405 sq ft - 4 bed/3 bath. Great neighborhood, pool, storage & covered patio. Granite counters in kitchen, large bedrooms and vaulted ceilings.

3903 Cresthaven ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321* ..... UC...$230,900
*2750 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, large living, formal dining, split BR plan.

1005 Upland St. ..... *Call Rochell Buck 352-0950* ..... *REDUCED*...$218,000
*2406 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, spacious home w/lots of updates.

3621 Beechwood Ave ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* ..... UC...$189,900
*2278 sq ft - Great 4 bed, 2 bath home with shop!

5007 S. Co. Rd. 1130 ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* ..... UC...$175,000
*1696 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 bath home which sits on 1 acre.

319 Thornridge Dr. ..... *Call Ann Flatt 638-4074* ..... UC...$144,900
*1809 sq ft. Cozy 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home!

1602 S. Baird St. ..... *Call Lance Heller 349-3863* ..... *REDUCED*...$99,900
*1229 sq ft - 4 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, 2 car carport, and large storage shed/ workshop.

3 Bedrooms

5203 Elton Joyce Way ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* $350,000
*2270 sq ft. New construction! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage. Lance Friday home!

5205 Elton Joyce Way ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* $330,000
*2077 sq ft - New construction, Lance Friday Home! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage w/ low maintenance yard, storage room & glass doors that open to a patio!!

5804 Linda Court ..... *Call Tobe Partridge 661-2291* ..... UC...$295,000
*2187 sq ft - Simply awesome 3 bed/2 bath custom home w/separate room for office or other living area.

917 Lafayette ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* $299,000
*2258 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath attached townhome under construction in Barkman Square.

5003 S. Co. Rd. 1205 ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $269,900
*1368 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great equestrian property in Midland county with 13 acres!

3221 Chelsea Place ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* ..... UC...$259,900
*1994 sq ft -3bed/2bath/3car garage. Mike Jackson new construction with all the upgrades and quality that you expect!

4100 S. Co. Rd. 1130 ..... *Call Taylor Lanier 889-6452* $250,000
*2212 sq ft - Great country property on 4.536 acres! 3 bed/2 bath, 2 living rooms, sunroom & office!

10607 E. Co. Rd. 104 ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* ..... UC...$230,000
*1708 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great home in Greenwood area! Large backyard!

3 Bedrooms

3291 Bluebird Lane ..... *Call Nathan Reagan 631-9657* ..... UC...$235,000
*1605 sq ft - 3 bed/2 bath newer home with a great floorplan! Low maintenance yard.

5600 Rio Grande Ave. ..... *Call Dawn Sutton 638-8063* ..... UC...$215,000
*1619 sq ft - Great 3 bed/2 bath Kahler home like new!

3312 Presidence Dr. ..... *Call Mary Lynn Parsley 413-4240* ..... UC...$190,000
*1840 sq ft, nicely updated 3bed/2bath/2car garage in a great location!

2304 Aquarius Dr. ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* ..... UC...$179,900
*1850 sq ft - 3 bed/2 bath home located on a cul-de-sac, great open kitchen & living areas. Large bedrooms and built-in book shelves in living room.

2923 Citizens Ave in Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $179,900
*2139 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, beautifully remodeled mid century home.

2509 Sherry Ave. ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* ..... UC...$175,000
*2143 sq ft. Great 3 bed/2 bath home with tons of recent updates!

4105 S. Co. Rd. 1107 ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768. REDUCED!*...$159,500
*1746 sq ft - Priced to sell! 3 bed/2 bath home in Ridge Heights on 2.66 acres.

3410 Shell Ave. ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321* ..... UC...$159,500
*1566 sq ft - 3 bed/2 bath.

3404 Beaumont Ave. ..... *Call Nita Clarkson 352-2852* ..... *REDUCED*...$152,000
*1709 sq ft - Nicely updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath home located on corner lot.

4009 Windy Dr. ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* ..... UC...$126,900
*1332 sq ft - Spruced up 3 bed/1 bath home! Tile floors thru-out. Worth seeing!

502 E. 16th St., Lamesa ..... *Call Lance Heller 349-3863* $99,500
*1585 sq ft - Lovely updated 3 bed/2 bath home. Granite in kitchen, gorgeous hardwood floors, & updated bath.

4400-B Thomason Dr. ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* $99,000
*1254 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great investment property or large enough for a family.

3608 Redbud Ave in Odessa ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0200* $79,500
*1242 sq ft, 3 bed/2 bath. Great home to redo, lots of space, convenient to school.

1009 N. Lamesa Rd. ..... *Call Lance Heller 349-3863* $65,000
*960 sq ft - 3 beds/1 baths, large backyard.

3704 Starke ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768.* $76,000
*908 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, tile flooring throughout & huge backyard.

2 Bedrooms

918 Lafayette ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* ..... UC...$200,000
*1001 sq ft - 2 bedroom, 2 bath low maintenance one story townhome under construction.

2300 Wadley Ave. ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankenaugh 553-0768* ..... UC...$199,900
*1950 sq ft - Charming 2 bed/2 bath with original hardwood floors. Large gameroom - that attaches to the 1 bed/1 bath guesthouse!

1214 E. Bedell St. ..... *Call Ann Flatt 638-4074* $92,000
*1021 sq ft - this 2 bedroom, 1 bath has lots of potential!

Odessa & Surrounding Areas

204 E. San Antonio St., Marfa Tx. ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $449,900
*5161 sq ft - Vacation rental apartments with a free standing 2 bedroom, 1 bath house.

64 Oak Canyon on Lake Alma Henry ..... *Call Taylor Lanier 889-6452* $275,000
*1962 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 Bath. This isn't your typical lake house! Enjoy the view by the outdoor fireplace under the covered patio!

1600 Indian Hills in Big Spring ..... *Call Charlotte Dalton 352-7256* ..... UC...$185,000
*2486 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a pool. This house has so many updates!

12925 W. April in Odessa ..... *Call Lillian Iniguez 349-7905* $132,000
*1650 sq ft *3 bedrooms, 2 baths, carport and workshop.

1205 W. Conestoga, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $129,000
*1288 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Double wide mobile home with open floor plan on 3 acres.

1602 S. Biddle Path, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $115,000
*2000 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Beautiful double wide that has been added too and made a home on 2 lots.

1608 S. Biddle Path, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $79,900
*1248 sq ft - 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, beautifully redecorated mobile home.

Lease Property

3316 #113 Coldren Blvd.-RENTAL ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $3,900/Month
*1047 sq ft - 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. beautifully remodeled corporate rental. Completely furnished and all bills paid.

Land & Lots

0 Hwy 173 ESE Bandera, TX ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $1,250,000
292 acres - Own a piece of the Hill Country!!! Just a few miles outside of Bandera, TX!

44 & 46 Bonita Vista Dr. - Junction, TX ..... *Call Cameron Williamson 978-4290* $650,000
6.218 acres of Lake Property. Located on Lake Alan Henry.

10101 W. Co. Rd. 77 ..... *Call Nathan Reagan 631-9657* $75,000
2.065 acres of land.

0 Collins Blvd. ..... *Call Vicki Barton 528-4717* $75,000
5 acre unrestricted.

5200 Bella Place ..... *Call Lee Wood 557-1464* $60,000
Vacant lot in new Subdivision in Green Tree North!

300 S. Starkweather ..... *Call Vicki Barton 528-4717* $35,000
16 acre corner lot; may be suitable for a multi-level storage facility.

County Rd. 2001, Andrews ..... *Call Kay Sutton/Lance Camp 559-1569* $20,000
2.77 acres in Martin County. No deed restrictions.

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3905 GASTON

$162,000

Custom interior - must see this conversation piece.

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NEW & REDUCED LISTINGS

4909 Trailwagon Rd. 4 bd/ ba, 2 1/2 ba, 28 acres, barns, waller	$1,775,000
2112 Maplewood 4bd/4 1/2ba, new carpet & paint	UC $621,142
4109 ECR 63-4 bdrm, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres	REDUCED $559,000
5701 Ridgecrest Pl -Sbr, 3.5ba, Great buy in Grassland Estates	UC $480,400
10315 ECR 109-3 bed, 3 1/2 bath, pool, RV parking, media room w/equipment, bath room so much more	$475,000
1307 WCR 139-5 bedroom, pool, guest house	UC $445,000
12501 ECR 110 -4bd, 3ba w/5 acres, workshop & barn	$439,000
3301 Fontayne -4br/3ba	$400,000
1001 N. Garfield -5br/3ba, Pool	$399,000
3311 Haynes -4bd, 3 1/2ba, 2 story, pool, cabana	UC $344,900
4305 Lehigh Dr -3 bed, 2 bath, upstairs bonus room	APPRAISING $319,900
3627 Boyd Ave -3 bed/2 bath townhome w/wood floors & covered patio	$297,000
11091 E. CR 135-3bd/2bath w/ baths, 2+ garage+RV/shop, horse stalls, pool	$239,000
3301 Durant -402E, corner lot	$225,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-0.8 Acres	REDUCED $205,000
2400 Northtown-3/2/2, Southwestern Garden Home	UC $200,000
5805 E. CR 110-3 bdr, 2 bath, 2 garage, carport, 24C, 17x36 shop, 24x24 shop, Greenwood	$189,900
5116 Cinalton-Next updated 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 garage	UC $175,000
4112 Cynthia-3 bed, 2 bath, A-frame in country on 1.25 acres	$174,000
3200 Camaro -3br, 2ba	$165,000
2910 N. A Street -3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 garage	$165,000
3304 Gaston -3/2, Great Value!	$162,000
3236 Elma Dr -2 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 garage townhome	OPTIONED $159,000
1011 Denton -3/2, clean & ready	$163,500
112 E. Cottonwood -3/2, new construction	UC $155,000
1112 Hickory -3/1 new construction	$155,000
6806 E. CR 66-3/2 With an 1/2 AC, Greenwood schools, Built 1994, 1568 sq ft	REDUCED $75,000

1 BEDROOMS

4909 Trailwagon Rd. 4 bd/ ba, 2 1/2 ba, 28 acres, barns, waller	$1,775,000
4109 ECR 63-4 bdrm, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres	REDUCED $559,000
12501 ECR 110 -4bd, 3ba w/5 acres, workshop & barn	$439,900
3301 Fontayne -4br/3ba	$400,000
2801 Fontayne -5br/3ba, 1 acre country home	$395,000
2604 Northtown Place -4br, 3 bath	UC $295,000
5 San Miguel Square, Odessa -4br, 5 1/2ba, Great Buy!	UC $282,000
1301 N. Garfield -5br/3ba, Huge shop!	$269,000
3301 Durant -402E, corner lot	$225,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-0.8 Acres	REDUCED $205,000
1107 Main -4/2/3ba, .34Ac On MAIN!!!	$170,000

5+ BEDROOMS

2509 Wedgewood-Nine construction! 5br, 4.5 ba Robert Graham	$814,109
5701 Ridgecrest Pl -5br, 3.5ba, Great buy in Grassland Estates	UC $480,400
1307 WCR 139-5 bedroom, pool, guest house	UC $445,000
1301 N. Garfield -5br/3ba, 2.5 acres, Huge shop!	$269,000
3301 Durant -402E, corner lot	$225,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-0.8 Acres	REDUCED $205,000
2607 Ave -5br/3ba, Great Buy!	$182,000
1107 Main -4/2/3ba, .34Ac On MAIN!!!	$170,000

COUNTRY HOMES

4909 Trailwagon Rd. 4 bd/ ba, 2 1/2 ba, 28 acres, barns, waller, inground drip system	$1,775,000
4109 ECR 63-4 bdrm, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres	UC $559,000
4109 ECR 63-4bd,"3 baths, 2.2 Acres, Stunning Property	$559,000
10315 ECR 109-3 bed, 3 1/2 bath, 3 half-baths, gazebo/hot tub, cabana, party patio, RV parking	
10315 ECR 109-3 bed, 3 1/2 bath, 3 half-baths, gazebo/hot tub, cabana, party patio, RV parking, workshop, home stalls, garda room w/ephyllum & more!	$475,000
1307 WCR 139-5 bedroom, pool, guest house	UC $445,000
12501 ECR 110 -4bd, 3ba w/5 acres, workshop & barn	UC $439,900
12501 ECR 110 -Greenwood, 4bdrm, 3 bath	UC $399,900
11599 FM 307 -New constr., Greenwood 4/2/2, 2 liv or din , granite + tile, 1.5 AC	SOLD $354,900
1301 Texas -4br/3ba, 2.5 acres, Huge shop!	$269,900
11091 E. CR 135-3bd/2bath w/ baths, 2+ garage+RV/shop, horse stalls, pool	$239,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-0.8 Acres	REDUCED $205,000
5805 E. CR 110-3 bdr, 2 bath, 2 garage, carport, 24C, 17x36 shop, 24x24 shop, GISD	UC $189,900
4014 FM 307 -4bdr, 2.1 bath, ground home, 10 AC, stalls, shop	UC $189,900
4112 Cynthia-3 bed, 2 bath, A-frame in country on 1.25 acres	$174,000
6806 E. CR 66-3/2 With an 1/2 AC, Greenwood schools, Built 1994, 1568 sq ft	REDUCED $75,000

LAND

3312 Andrews Hwy -Great location, .841 Acres	$390,000
4306 N. CR 1140-2.91 Acres	$80,120
11 44 Cynthia	$89,000
3903 Gaston-Residential Lot	SOLD $27,500

COMMERCIAL

1002 I-20 Service Rd -5.71 Acres	$695,000
4216 Mamies Ct-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley	$259,000
4301 Mamie Ct-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley	$340,000
4208 Mamies Ct-Lot, 0.78 Acs Approx Off Wadley	$289,000
900 S. Marshall-2 huge service bays w/living quarters	REDUCED $179,900

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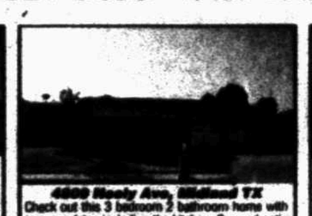
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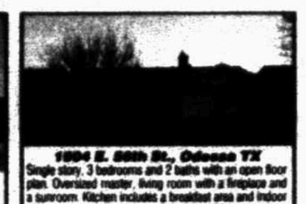
402 Elm, Midland TX

Nice starter home with hardwood floors throughout. Tile floor in bath and kitchen. Central heat and air. Fenced backyard with storage building. Kitchen refrigerator and washer/dryer stay with the home. Nice neighborhood close to schools, shopping and restaurants. Priced at $89,900. Call Leo Salcido 432-557-9487



4609 Hardy Ave, Midland TX

Check out this 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home with custom updates including the kitchen. Covered patio with a nice sized yard. Must see to appreciate. Call Brandi Geron 432-238-2402



1904 E. 26th St., Odessa TX

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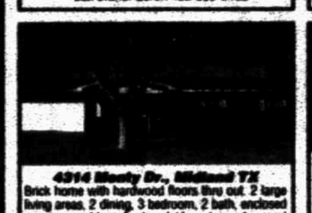
3502 S. Garrett, Midland, TX

Don't miss this one! So many updates to this 4 bedroom 2 bath, with 2 car garage. Open and Living areas, a must see! Updated kitchen with granite counters, stainless steel appliances, built-in desk with large drawer and pantry, tile floors throughout, and gorgeous master bath with custom tile shower and garden tub! Custom kitchen, so many to list, call for details. Call Brandi Geron 432-238-2402



2801 WCR 140, Midland, TX

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4914 Monty Dr., Midland TX

Brick home with hardwood floors thru out. 2 large living areas, 2 dining, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, enclosed sunroom, and large back yard. Very nice curb appeal with large trees and shrubbery. Call Brandi Geron 432-238-2402



3000 St. Gile Ave, Midland, TX

This house was only 6ft's with does in it. Has 4 bedroom 2 bath with plenty of room both inside and out. BIG back yard and a BIG work shop in the back, with 2 carports one on the house and one on the shop. With water well, water does not seperately water well. Come check this out before its gone. Call Anna 432-425-2708



602 S Colorado, Midland TX

Home is inhabitable with 528 sq feet. Good size lot with access to the alley. Call Carol Cauddle 432-425-5487



2215 Judy Ave, Odessa TX

FIRST TIME on the market a must see! Single zero lower level with 1 BR, Spacious 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath, open floor plan, home sits on one acre of land. Fenced backyard with a 2 car under storage. All the property is fenced in with a total of 5,877 acres. Easy access from RCH and Loop 338. Call Lee Mahaan 432-559-1959



1109 Douglas Dr, Odessa TX

Spacious open floor plan located in a corner lot with easy access to dirty or street. Covered backyard with an inviting entrance to a corner living room. Dining room & open kitchen with a bar area. Three bedrooms,2 bath with carpets. Most of the bedrooms have been updated. Landscaped with a little grass and a separate room. Oversized garage perfect for a hobby or entertaining. Call Carol Cauddle 432-425-5487



4314 Cedar Spring, Midland TX

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1010 Crescent Pl. -Fantastic townhome! High ceilings and open living spaces $595,000
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1005 Castleford-Spacious & beautiful family home $569,000
2105 Wellington Ct. -4bdr/2.5bth home in Polo Park Estates. So much New! $359,900
2500 Harvard-3/2/2, 2 living areas, lovely Old Midland home! $249,900
10909 E. Co. Rd. 107-Rare 4 bedroom home in Greenwood! Large bedrooms, great closets and sequestered master w/tray ceilings. Perfect family home $189,900
2504 Rosewood Ave $107,000

Two Bedrooms

2600 W. Dengar-2BR/2BA/2 living, motivated seller! In Fannin area. ..... UC...$199,000
2004 Roosevelt Ave $107,000
206 Casa Grande Dr. -Wonderful home w/2 bdrm, 1 bath. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, big bedrooms plus large sunporch and small workshop ..... UC...$95,000

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1110 Breckenridge-Gorgeous custom Woodruff 3/3/2/4 garage $595,000
6721 E. Co. Rd. 88-2 story charmer on 2 acres - roomy tile & hardwood floors, updated kitchen, very well care for! $595,000
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2400 Dogridge Ct. -Well maintained 3BR, 2.5BA home in Bent Tree $392,000
3022 Haynes-Nicely updated with a new yard or back with covered patio! $289,000
2500 Harvard Ave.-3/2/2, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, lovely old Midland home just yards away from Condon Park $249,900
2600 W. Standon Ave. -Home has been completely updated, huge bedrooms, huge closets, tons of storage ..... UC...$225,000

Three Bedrooms

2302 Hardy Ave.-3/2, 2 living, 2 dining, updated and move in ready. Hurry - won't last long $210,000
2004 Rainbow Circle-3BR/2BA/2 garage, many great updates @ ..... UC IN 1 DAY...$199,500
2007 Dunbarton-Great 3/2 plan, lots of fresh paint, new carpet w den and master, wonderful! ..... UC...$189,900
2008 Co. Rd. 1160-Recently built 3br/2bth brick home includes shop, corral, stalls, plus another acre without improvements. All pipe fenced ..... UC...$180,000
2001 Sands-Room to roam, bright & open plan with 2 car garage ..... UC...$159,500
4402 Harlowe Dr.-Clean 3 bdrm/1 bath home in Wilshire Park. Move-in ready ..... UC...$105,000
1415 Whitaker-Ore w/fireplace, formal living, sunroom, shop & RV storage, buyer bonus ..... UC...$104,000

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7009 E. Co. Rd. 108-Great home in Greenwood w/shop, horse stalls and pond! ..... SOLD...$575,000
6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $549,900
1005 Castleford-Great family plan, updated everywhere, move-in ready! $539,000
7000 Chadwick Ct.-Gorgeous one-owner 4/3.1/2/2, 3 garage, updated, granite, hardwoods ..... UC...$385,000
2105 Wellington Ct.-Light & bright w/loads of windows. So much new in the last year and a half. You don't want to miss this one! $359,900
2703 Sunny-4/2 1/2 w/pool! ..... SOLD...$349,900
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4910 Foxboro-Kohler custom 4/3/2/3 updated cul-de-sac ..... SOLD...$299,900
2001 W. Standon Ave.-4/3, 2 living in Fannin/Midland Christian area ..... UC...$225,000
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Five or More Bedrooms

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New Construction

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Lots, Land and Acreage

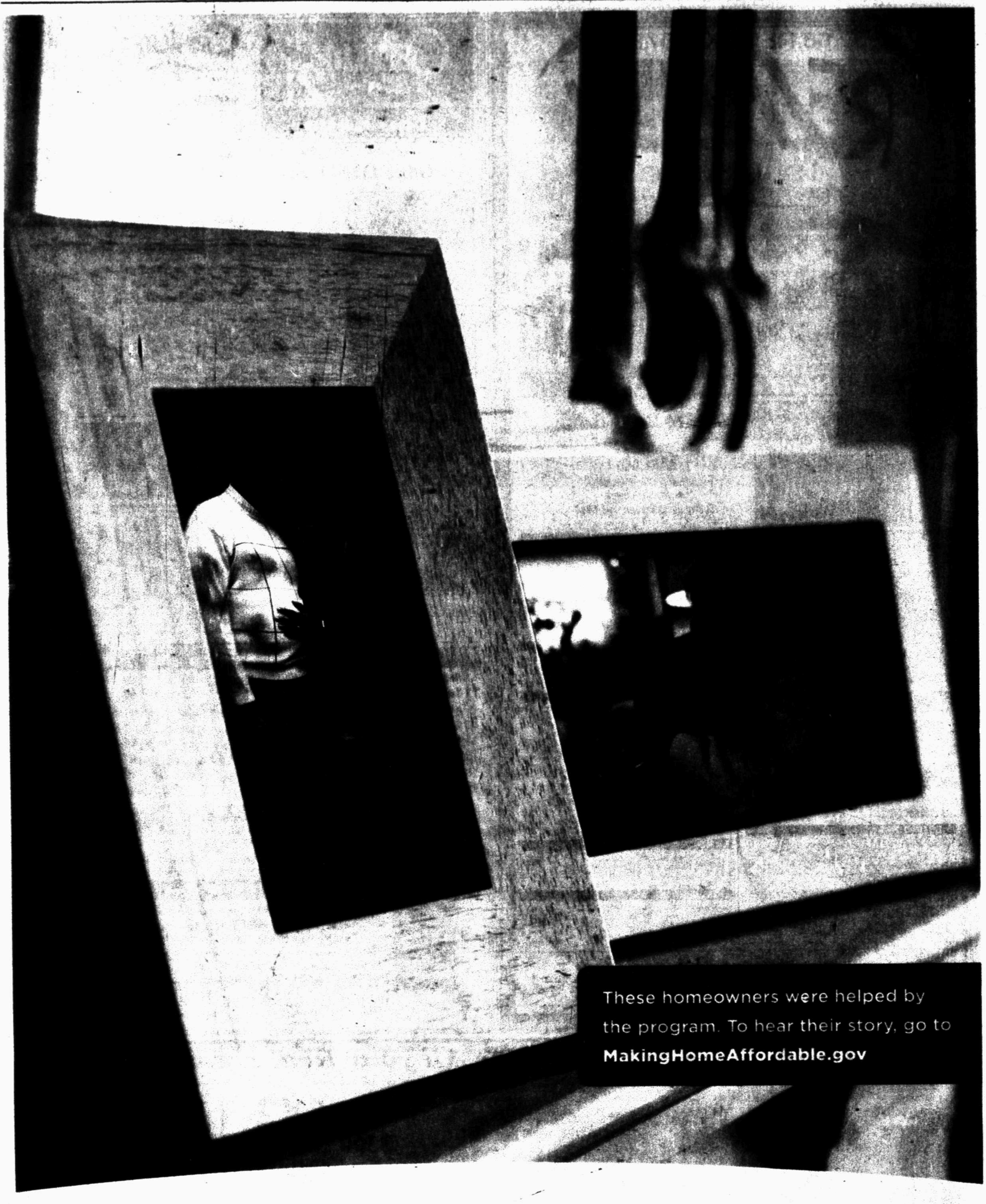
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2203 Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx. -10 acres, numerous buy/storage buildings as well as many offices, asphalt paved parking/drives. 25,414 sq. ft. bldg. area $1,000,000
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44 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house. Lake Nasworthy $170,000
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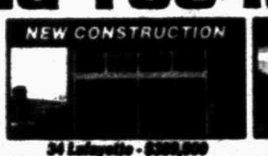
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3410 Bluebird Ln - 5 Bedroom + Study 4.5 Bath M.R. Lary One of Kind Design! Outdoor Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres of Fenced and Improved Property! 5,000+ sqft, 3 Car Garage, Christmas Storage Closet, & So Much More!!! Call Norma for more details Sale Pending! $699,900
2101 Ironwood - 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 4 Car Garage. Brand NEW McPherson Construction in the New Phase of Grassland West. INCREDIBLE FINISHES! Still Time To Select Colors!!! Sale Pending! $552,000
501 Princeton - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. KNOCK Your Socks Off GORGEOUS! Custom Kitchen. Level 3 Granite, All the Bells & Whistles! The real deal when you here about OLD MIDLAND RESIDENTS!!! Sale Pending! $495,000
6513 Mosswood - 4 Bedroom 3 Bath in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Almand Construction! Stunning High Ceilings, Handscraped WOOD Floors, Shutters Throughout, Media Room or 5th Bedroom! Sale Pending! $499,900
6517 Mosswood - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Spectacular NEW Almand Construction in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Granite, Stainless, Plantation Shutters, Crown Molding, Hardwood Flooring!!! Ready to Move In! New Construction! $499,900
3813 Tumbleweed - 4 Bedroom 3 Bath. Brand NEW Triple M Construction in Country Sky w/All the Bells & Whistles! 1.14 ACRES. Still Time To Select Colors! Sale Pending! $499,900
5805 Sterling - 5 Bedroom 3.5 Bath. 2 Living, + Fabulous Florida Room or Party Room!!! Loaded w/Tile. Plantation Shutters, Transom Windows, Soaring Ceilings! An Absolute Gem in Grassland Estates!!! Sale Pending! $419,000
3110 Shell - 4 Bedroom 3.5 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Ma Mar Terrace! Charming 2 Story Home. Hardwood Floors, Shutters, Circle Drive, Water Well!!! New Price! $394,900
12216 W Co Rd 54 - 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bath. Beautiful Custom 2010 Home by Sainz Signature on 3 ACRES! Rock Accents, Gorgeous Flooring & Finishes, Circle Drive, Workshop! So Much More!!! Sale Pending! $389,900
5410 Grassland Blvd - 4 Bedroom 2 Bath. TONS OF REDO HERE!!! Updated Kitchen & Baths. Gorgeous Finishes!!!! Tile, Granite, Stainless, Shutters! Requested Schools! Sale Pending! $387,000
1218 S Co Rd 1120 - 4 Bedroom 3 Bath. 5 Car Garage. 3,500+sqft in Covered Greenwood on 1 M ACRES. recent septic, water well, 1992PM. Storage All Over! New Price! $387,000
2601 Fannin - 4 or 5 Bedroom 3 Bath. 2 Story Home! Large Corner Lot! Completely Updated. Flooring, Paint, Kitchen, Baths, Appliances, Tons of Storage & Closets! Upstairs Deck! To Much to Mention! New Price! $386,000
1800 College - 4 Bedroom 3 Bath. 3 Living. 2 Dining. 2,754sqft! Stunning 2 Story Home in Museum District w/an Income Producing Guesthouse! Remodeled Kitchen. Water Well. Storm Cellar! New Listing! $369,900
1087 Shell - 4 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Wonderful REDO! Great floor plan, loads of storage. MASSIVE Sec. Master Bedroom. Updated paint & baths. Very Well Maintained! New Price! $349,900
4608 Aspen - 3 Bedroom 2.1 Bath. 2 Car Garage. 2,314 sqft. 2 Story House. Miles of Tile, High Ceilings, Granite in the Kitchen! Corner Lot w/Circle Drive! Endless Possibilities Here! New Listing! $345,000
2625 E 11th St. Odessa - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Almost Total Redo!!! Paint, Carpet, Lighting, Fans, Mirrors, Vanities, Fixtures, 30 Yr Roof, Exterior Paint, the List Goes ON & ON!!! Sale Pending! $339,000
1301 E Golf Course - 4 Bedroom 4 Bath. Complete Overhaul Here! Need TONS of Room?! NEW Flooring, kitchen, baths, paint, fixtures, heat & ac!!! HUGE House for the $$$ 2,800 sqft Sale Pending! $139,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2001 E FM 1379 - 2 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Custom Built Retreat on 54.54 ACRES!!! Gated Entry w/paved drive. AMAZING half acre pond. Gourmet kitchen w/eene fridge. All top of the line high end finishes here!!! 4 water wells! Call Sabrina for more details! New Listing! $599,900
34 Lafayette - 3 Bedroom 3.5 Bath. 2 Living. 2 Dining. 2 Story Townhome! Absolutely FANTASTIC New Designs! Seriously Stylish!!! New Price! $399,900
35 Lafayette - 3 Bedroom 3.5 Bath. 2 Story. Townhome!! 2 Masters Downstairs, Gourmet Kitchen, Stainless, Granite, Glass Tile Backsplash. HIGH END FINISHES!!! Sale Pending! $399,900
5809 Los Alamitos - 3 or 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bath. 2 Living Areas. Location! Location! Saddle Club South! Beautiful Curb Appeal. New Outside A/C Unit. Huge Master. Lots of Storage. New Price! $298,000
4509 Folsom - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 2 Living Areas in Northgate!!! Requested School District. Greathouse. Abstl. Lot! Great Floor Plan. Granite in Kitchen & Master Bath! Miles of Tile! This One Won't Last!!! 4-4-rebater Contract in 10 DAYS!!! $315,000
2900 Wydewood - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath in Wydewood Estates! Granite in the Kitchen! Hand-scraped Hardwood Floors. Vessel sinks in the bathroom! In-ground Pool, Pool is As Is. Sale Pending! $302,000
2608 Stanton - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath. 2 Living in Fannin District! Dbl House Ready to Sell!!! Great curb appeal. functional & charming floor plan, entirely located! New Listing! $299,000
1508 W. C Street - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath. 2 Car Garage. Freshly Painted. HUGE Front Living Area. Kitchen is Loaded w/cabinets. Great Back Yard. Easy Maintenance in the front! Sale Pending! $274,500
2104 W Missouri Ave - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath. 2 Living! CHARMING Cape Cod Cottage!!! Hardwood Floors. Stainless Appliances. Breakfast Bar. Giant Laundry Room. 2 Car Rear Entry Garage! Sale Pending! $173,000
297 E Spruce - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath. Like NEW Home! This One is Just Adorable! Bronze Fixtures. Loaded w/Tile. Sequestered Master. HUGE Backyard! New Listing! $169,900
808 Sinclair - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath. 2 Living. Huge Lot. New Windows, Water Well. Beautiful Updated Bath!!! MOTIVATED SELLERS!!! New Listing! $169,900
4713 Shadylane Dr - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas. 2 Car Garage. New Paint & Carpet. Recent Appliances & Countertops! Also For Lease $2,000/Month! New Listing! $165,000
511 S Carver - 2 Bedroom 1 Bath. LOTS OF NEW!!! Interior & Exterior Paint. Flooring, Vanity, Stove, Doors, Blinds, & So Much More! Sale Pending! $95,000

COMMERCIAL/LOTS/ACREAGE

1901 N. Big Spring - 2 Lots. High Traffic. Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info New Price! $999,000
2503 Wall St - 2.67 ACRES with Buildings & Warehouses! Perfect for trucks, Call lot, storage company, retail store New Listing! $899,000
2001 E FM 1379 - 2 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Custom Built Retreat on 54.54 ACRES!!! Gated Entry w/paved drive. AMAZING half acre pond. Gourmet kitchen w/eene fridge. All top of the line high end finishes here!!! 4 water wells! Call Sabrina for more details! Land! $599,900
520 N CR W. Odessa - Phenomenal investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land. Church & Warehouses Included!! New Listing! $595,000
Bixby Hunt Rd. Odessa - Fabulous Pad Site in Eastridge Office Park! Anchor Location! Call Chris for more details! New Listing! $399,000
1111 W Wall - Fantastic Opportunity to Own Your Own Business!!! Loads of Space. High Traffic Location! Zoned O1. Call Chris for Details New Listing! $399,000
2001 FM 1379 - Beautiful 21.27 acres with two water wells. Restricted to site built homes only but no minimum sq ft. Wild game, amazing view endless possibilities. Additional land and home available Land! $399,100
7710 Trenton - One of the Last Available Lots in Saddle Club Ranch Estates!!! No HOA! Build Your Dream Home on 1.95 ACRES! New Lot! $169,900
Scharbauer Dr - Investor Opportunity! 4 Lots Sold in package. 1201-1207 Scharbauer Dr. Owner will not subdivide. Ready to Build! May require flood insurance. Lots! $65,000
911 S. Main - Great Opportunity! Lot is currently fenced. Zoned LR 3. Owner will finance w/$10,000 down at 8%. NO CREDIT CHECK! Lot! $49,900
Turtle Dove Ln, Pontoon Kingdom - Great Lake Property in a Private Gated Community! Ammenities include 3,000 sqft Clubhouse over looking lake w/infinity pool! Call Blanca for more details!!! New Price! $32,000
E CR 60 - 15 Lots Available! 2 ACRES Each. Horses Allowed. No Mineral Rights. Mobil & Modular Homes Allowed! Call Ron for more details Lots! $17,500/each

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

8508 Avis - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba, in ground pool! Bank foreclosure in SW Austin right off S Mopac Sale Pending! $234,900
121 Serene Hollow - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath w Boat/ Relocation listing in pristine condition! Bonus Study! Sale Pending! $181,000
138 Dove Lane - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake LBJ! Sale Pending! $169,000
151 Stone Creek - 3 Bedroom 2 Ba Chalet foreclosure in Buda with super easy access to IH-35! 1 Story Ranch Style Sale Pending! $164,000
6507 Eudora Cove - 4 Bed/ 3.5 Ba, 3 living. FANNIE MAE listing with fresh new beige paint & clean carpets. Cul-de-Sac in S Austin Sale Pending! $144,000
8804 Winter Storm - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba Bank Foreclosure! SF Austin KB home in master planned community Sale Pending! $134,000
5629 Victory Gallop - 3 Bedroom 2.5 Bath in Del Valle! FANNIE MAE property! over 2600 sqft on corner lot! Sale Pending! $104,000
404 Emerald Way - Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West! Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4340 New Price! $29,000



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SUNDAY FEATURED HOME



5907 GRASSLAND
$329,900
Lovely one owner 4 bed/2.5 bath in grassland estates. Formal dining, breakfast area, formal living, spacious den w/fireplace, open kitchen has lots of cabinets & double ovens. Sequestered master w/jetted tub, dual sinks & separate shower. Covered patio perfect for entertaining, oversized 3 car garage (oversized) + workshop area. Large backyard w/mature trees.

GREEN TREE PROPERTIES

5309 Deathhorn Lane - fabulous 4 bedroom/3 bath home in green tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, stone back splash & stainless appliances. Great den has built-ins, brick fireplace & lots of windows! Formal living & dining areas w/so much natural light. Spacious utility room w/walk-in pantry, sep. Master suite w/2 vanities, sep tub/shower & walk-thru closet. Lovely covered patio overlooks lush landscaping SOLD ... $360,000

GREENWOOD PROPERTIES

2102 County Road 1005-NEW-Lovely dwlo resale in greenwood on .416 Acre lot. Spacious living w/faux paint & crown molding opens to kitchen w/custom cabinets, tumbled stone backsplash & island. Sequestered master, walk in closets & dual sinks, upgraded solar board house wrap, over sized garage, double return air & daybed attic ... $210,000

4+ BEDROOMS

6513 Los Conchos Lane - Spectacular country estate on nearly 1 acre! 5 Bed/5 ba/5 gar formal dining, grand living area + den. Hand textured walls, gourmet kitchen boasts stainless appliances (6 burner gas cr & ice maker) seq. Master suite w/barrel ceiling, jetted tub, sep shower (dual shower heads) soaring ceilings & walls of windows overlook huge patio w/stone fireplace & kitchen. Every star home w/room vacation ... $899,000

6113 Homestead-NEW-Fabulous 4 bed/4 full bath/2 half bath/2 liv/2 din/4 gar w/dazzling pool w/retractable cover. Gourmet kitchen w/gorgeous granite, stainless appliances (includes ice maker!) Spacious master suite w/jetted tub. Wrap around closet w/tons of built-ins. All bedrooms w/private baths! Wonderful theatre room w/3 rows of stadium seating! All equipment stays! $3k chandelier stays! Study w/hardwood floors ... $575,000

Odessa, Tx. - 4 Bed/4 Bath/2 Car Garage/Oversized custom home in ponderosa estates on 1.21 Acres! 4 Bed/2.5 Bath/2 oversized garage + 40x40 shop! Formal living & formal dining w/lovely hardwood floors & stacked crown molding. Spacios den w/stone fireplace. Open kitchen w/custom cabinets, skylight, granite, gas cook top, stone backsplash & travertine, 3rd. Living (upstairs), study w/french doors. Seq. Master suite w/private sitting area ... $550,000

6105 Oak Valley - Immaculate custom home w/gorgeous features thru-out. Large living w/stone columns, stone fireplace, miles of tile & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/large island gas cooking, stainless appl. Stone backsplash & breakfast bar. 3 Covered patios. Great backyard+separate side yard! Seq. Master suite w/jetted tub, sep shower w/dual heads, 2 vanities & wrap around closet. Big bedrooms w/walk-in closets SOLD ... $500,000

5309 Greathouse-New construction in greathouse! Boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living, 2 dining & 3 car garage. 4th bed is larger (14 x 17) can be a 2nd living area/media room ! Spacious living has brick fireplace, coving ceiling & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen opens to ta & offers granite, island, stone backsplash, skylight, & stainless appliances! Seq. Master suite w/sep tub/shower & wrap around closet ... $365,000

5807 Grassland-NEW-Lovely one owner 4 bed/2.5 Bath in grassland estates. Formal dining, breakfast area, formal living, spacious den w/fireplace, open kitchen has lots of cabinets & double ovens. Sequestered master w/jetted tub, dual sinks & separate shower. Covered patio perfect for entertaining, oversized 3 car garage (oversized) + workshop area. Large backyard w/mature trees ... $329,900

1605 Windhill-Amazing 4 bed, 3 bath. 2 car garage home, 4 bed, 3 bath. 2 car. 1 living are, 2-dining areas, gas logs, in living area ... SOLD ... $279,900

4408 St. Andrews-NEW-Great 4 bed/2 bath/home in fairmont park. Spacious living are w/high ceilings, brick fireplace & crown molding. Nice kitchen w/stainless stove & microwave, under over cabinet lighting. Lots of storage. Sequestered master w/dual sinks & walk-in closet SOLD ... $195,000

1112 Chuhar-NEW-Charming country property on 5 acres close to downtown. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car carport. Lovely hardwood floors! Large living w/neutral paint & wall of windows. Formal living, spacious kitchen w/island, lots of cabinets & gas stove. Lots of recent upgrdes. 4 ton central air , windows, disposal, paint, light fixtues & well pump. Concrete block shop & lots of room for rv or parking ... $180,000

1200 Tejas-Super cute 4 bedroom/1.5 Bath w/ recent carpet, paint, flooring & fixtures. Large lot (67 Acre) SOLD ... $145,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

3208 Teakwood Place-NEW-Wonderful low maintenence home on quiet cul-de-sac. One owner 2 bedroom/2 bath/2 garage. Open kitchen w/breakfast bar & lots of cabinets. Breakfast area overlooks covered patio and side yard. Spacious living area has lovely brick fireplace. Sequestered master w/dual sinks, jetted tub, & large walk-in closet. Rear entry garage has lots of storage ... $299,900

2100 Abbey PL -NEW-Spacious home in Wydewood 2 blocks from the park! 3 Bed/2 ba/3 car garage! Formal dining + breakfast area. Big living area w/brick fireplace & built-ins! Master has dual sinks, dual closets & separate tub. Home needs some updating...Has a ton of potential. Seller wants an as-is sale. SOLD ... $179,900

3700 W. Louisiana-NEW-Nice 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 garage on corner lot. Updated kitchen w/granite look counter tops painted cabinets, fixtures (5 burner gas cooktop) & backsplash. Open living w/corner brick fireplace & laminate wood flooring. Sequestered master w/dual closets. Large utility room, 2 inch blinds, gas line replaced '08, roof 2008 ... $169,000

4700 Boulder # 106-NEW-Spacious 2 bedroom/2 bath condo! Open living area with custom paint, miles of tile and brick fireplace. Kitchen offers custom paint & spacious pantry. Nice-sized bedrooms each with private bathroom. Inside utility closet. Patio has wood fence. ... $95,000

COMMERCIAL

600 N. Weatherford - Great high visibility location. Corner lot! 12,000 Square feet under roof, 1000 square feet of additional storage. Onsite fenced parking. Heating, electrical & ac upgraded in 2000 when property was expanded ... $1,200,000

LAND

101 Tommy Dr., - Odessa. Prime location, 10 acres cleared. 1 Water well (gpm per well) pressure 20 psi) + electricity. 30 Trees on drip system Recorded restrictions as follows: no hazardous materials dumped on the ground, no lot subdivided, no dumping, front setback 100 ft ... $10,000 ea.

6000 Tommy Dr.-Odessa. Prime location! 10 Acres of raw land zoned commercial. This is unimproved property. Recorded restrictions as follows: no hazardous materials dumped on the ground, no lot subdivided, no dumping, front setback 100 ft ... $10,000 ea.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Houston Chalmers Homes



5606 Dumbarton Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $363,800

Ashingdon Homes



2503 Legacy Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $479,500

Walker Oaks
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5303 Wimberley Spring Court
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $379,900

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FEATURED HOMES



6509 Mosswood
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $468,500



6505 Mosswood
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $470,000

"The key is to keep company only with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best."
~ Epictetus

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Crystal Homes



6401 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, game room, 4 car garage
Photo is representative of finished work by Crystal Homes

Saenz Signature Homes



3204 Fairfield
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $349,900

Carrasco Homes



2500 Regency Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $469,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

3330 Caldera Blvd	Condo/2 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
2210 Merrily Dr	Big Spring/4 Bdrm/1.5 Ba	U/C
7244 Barksdale	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Townhouse	U/C
3404 Segemont Dr	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3003 Suncrest Ave	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316	Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$299,900
4236 Timbergien	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$595,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

306 S. Tilden	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
1209 E. Hobbes	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$142,500
1204 E. Hobbes	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$142,500
1211 E. Hobbes	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1213 E. Hobbes	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
409 Springwood Ct	Justin Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5303 Wimberley Spring Ct	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5312 Wimberley Spring	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5306 Wimberley Spring	Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3121 Patrick Pl.	Hansen Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3204 Fairfield	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5606 Dumbarton Oaks	Houston Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
6501 Mosswood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
6509 Mosswood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$468,500
2500 Regency Oaks	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$469,500
6505 Mosswood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$470,000
2503 Legacy Oaks	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$479,500
6508 Saddle Horn	Mesa Properties/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/Ring Homes	Call Gary
5911 E. Co. Rd. 57	Greenwood/5.70 Acres	$195,000
4007 E. Co. Rd. 109	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/5.2 Acres	$129,000
10070 N. Pecan Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1.49 Acres	$174,000
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316	Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$299,900
FM 1213	Approx 30 Acres	$600,000

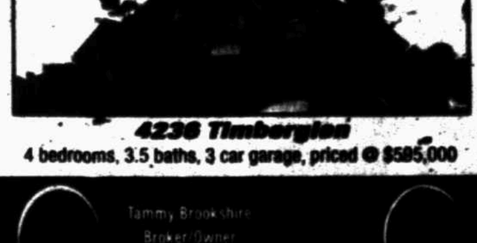
SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 35/5.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
0400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.924 Acres	U/C
3005 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Horse Barn	$125,000

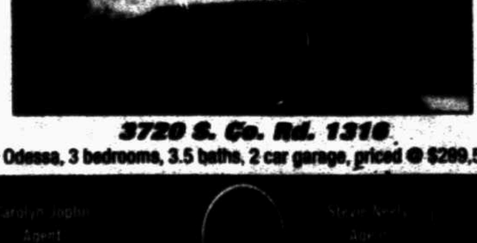
LAKE-SIDE PROPERTY

421 Co. Rd. 011	Lake Brownwood/2 Bdrm/2 Ba	$399,900

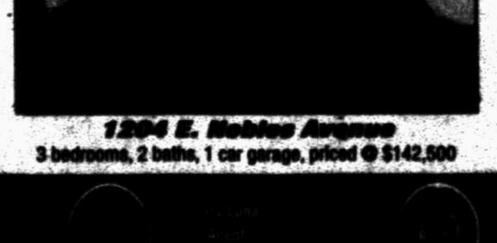
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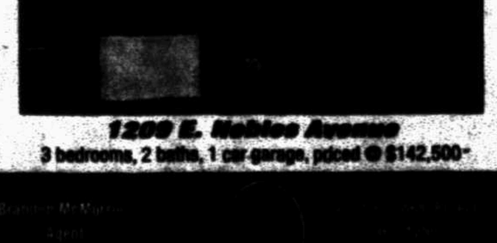
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3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316
Odessa, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $299,500



1204 E. Hobbes Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 car garage, priced @ $142,500



1209 E. Hobbes Avenue
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00



1005 GODFREY ST.
$160,000
Nicely updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath w/sunroom.
Shown by Susan Palmer

OPEN 1:30-2:30



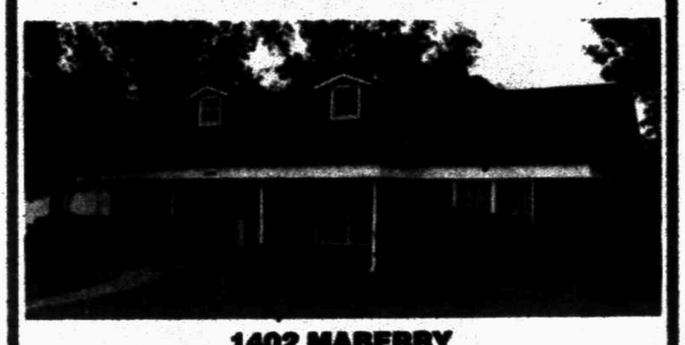
4502 MOCKINGBIRD LANE
$265,000
3/2, 2 LA's, great location, 1 acre, reduced price.
Shown by Jennifer Martin

OPEN 2:30-3:30



4309 CRESTGATE AVE.
$269,900
Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath w/office.
Shown by Susan Palmer

OPEN 2:30-3:30



1402 MABERRY
$296,500
Two story, 4/3 with over 3400sf and heated pool across from Cowden Park.
Shown by Mark Phillibar

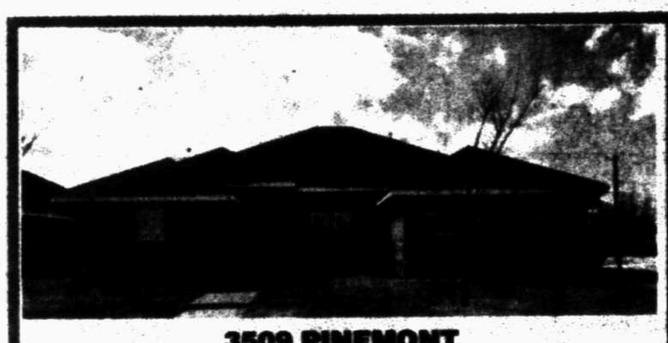
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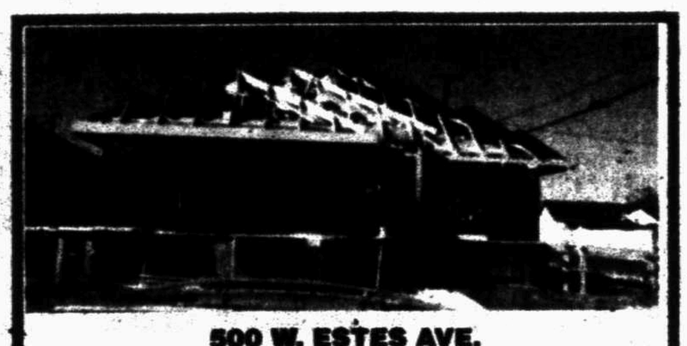
4505 TEAKWOOD TRACE
$409,000
4 bdrm, 3 bth home on extra large lot in Green Tree Country Club.
Shown by Melissa Williams



FEATURED HOMES & NEW LISTINGS



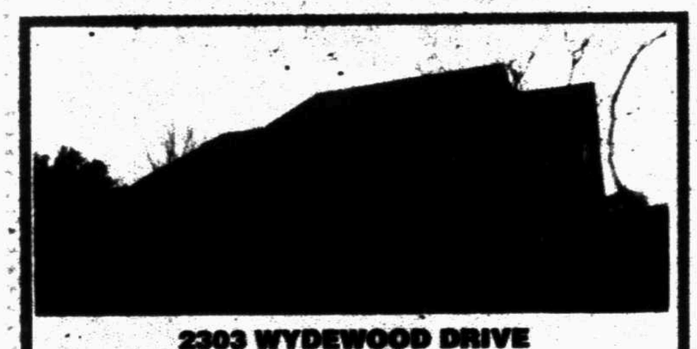
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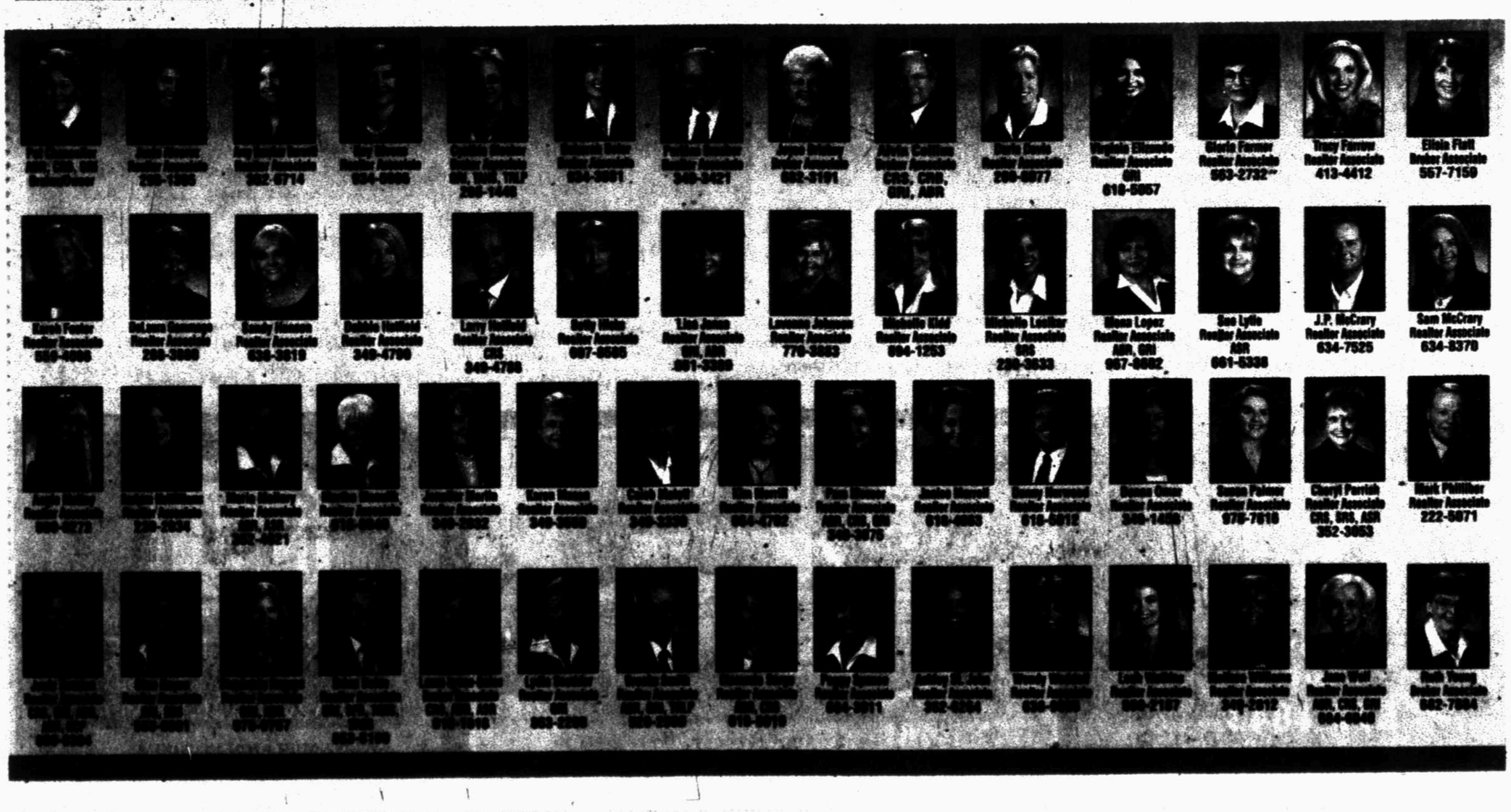
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HOMESTYLE

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

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Get Crafty with Clutter

These repurposed household items can become useful storage to help keep you organized

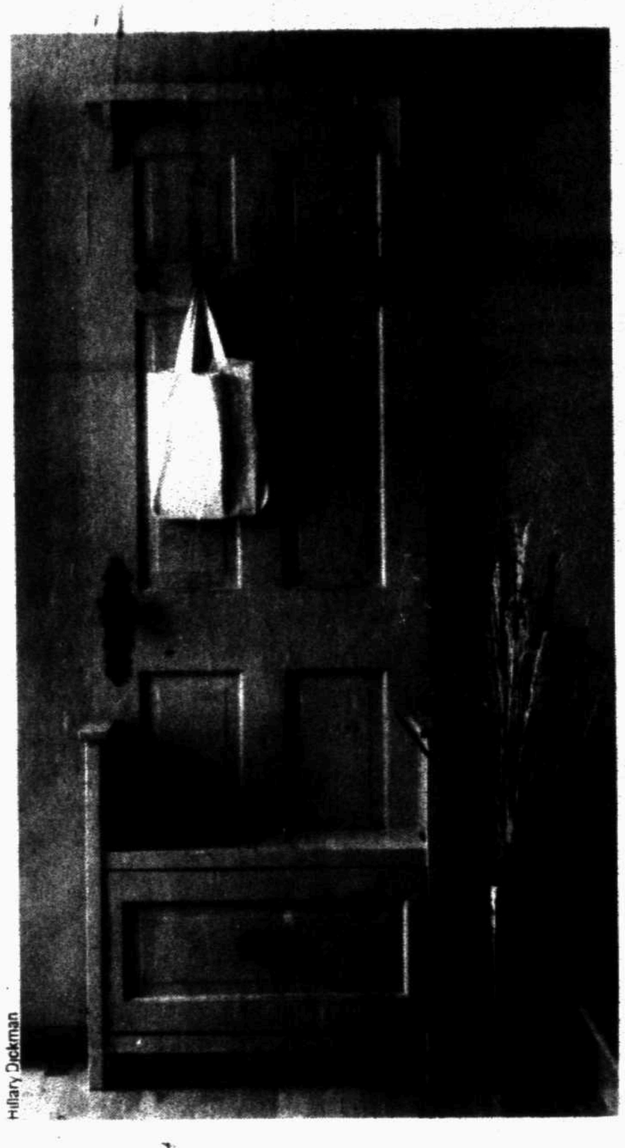
By ALYSSA KARAS
CTW Features

Here's a clutter-clearing tip for crafty people: Don't buy a new set of storage containers – use what you already have.

Creating a DIY storage solution is a great way to recycle and repurpose things that would otherwise go the way of the trash bin, and the end product will keep the rest of your possessions organized.

To choose materials to repurpose, get creative. "When I see something that's sitting in someone's driveway waiting to be picked up by the trash... [it's] almost like money in the bank," says Hillary Dickman, who blogs about her home projects and green living at The Friendly Home website.

Here are three repurposing projects to organize your home that even DIY beginners can craft.



Hillary Dickman



Hillary Dickman

One man's treasure: Two old closet doors became a stately looking entryway bench (left) with hooks and a drawer for storage. Above, the project required some basic woodworking skills.

Revamped Entry Bench

With a pocket hole jig, some glue and a few nails, Dickman turned two old closet doors into a hall tree, which holds coats, shoes and other miscellaneous items. "What it takes mostly is vision and creativity," says Dickman, who lives in Colorado Springs. "It's not so much skill, it's more about seeing how to put the pieces together."

Dickman used one full-sized door for the back of the entry bench. She cut the second door into two long pieces, and then cut those again to form side panels, armrests, the bench and a drawer panel.

After assembling it, Dickman painted and distressed it, and she added a few finishing touches, like hooks and a decorative door knob. Since all of the wood was reclaimed, she spent only $53 on the project, which went toward hardware and decoration.

"When I see something that is usable waiting to go to the landfill, it breaks my heart," Dickman says. "I think of how full our landfills are, and I think, 'That could be something beautiful and useful, and why would we toss it?'

Soup Bowl Storage

Miki Steiner needed a way to bring some order to morning chaos, and she found a solution in an unexpected place: plastic soup bowls.

Using a utility knife, Steiner cut a hole in the bottom of plastic soup bowls. She spray painted them and then nailed them to the wall.

"I store all sorts of knick knacks needed before leaving the house like keys, sun glasses, gloves, gum, etc.," says Steiner, who lives in Israel and blogs at her website, Miki's Design. "Instead of searching for these items in a rush every time I get out, it is all lined up waiting for me."

Repurposed Magazine Rack

Gail Wilson used a discarded bi-folding door to create a magazine rack. Total cost of the project? Zero.

"It was a curb find," Wilson says, who writes about her projects on her blog, My Repurposed Life. "I just removed every other slat in order to give room for the magazines to hang."

Wilson used a tool to achieve flush cuts on the slats, but you can get the same result with the claw end of a hammer. Simply snap the slat in the middle and then remove it from each side. You can also use a window shutter instead of a bi-folding door.

After that, Wilson spruced it up with some spare paint.

If you're wondering where to find an old shutter or door, Wilson says it's not as hard as you might think. "I know a lot of people are embarrassed to do curb shopping, but I find the best way to ask for stuff is on Facebook," says Wilson, who lives in Louisville, Ky. "I'll say, 'I need an old crib,' and people have this stuff! Your friends and family have this – they just don't know you need it."



Gail Wilson

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Fabrics for the Future

Textile choice is more than a matter of color, pattern and feel – 'green' options make a big impact

By ALICE OGLETHORPE | CTW Features

When it comes to so-called "green" fabrics, not all of them are cut from the same sustainable cloth.

"Sustainability is an umbrella term with a lot of characteristics that fall under it," says Susan Inglis, executive director of the Sustainable Furnishings Council. "Sustainable could mean that a fiber is organic, that it's made of recycled content or that it's been produced in a non-toxic and energy-efficient way."

And while some materials may sound like they are good for the environment, they may not be. "Labeling a textile as natural doesn't necessarily make it eco-friendly," says Rachel Winkour, an eco-focused interior designer based in Los Angeles. "You need to do research on your own and ask salespeople questions – does this fabric have any certification, is it fair trade and is it organic?"

To make the shopping process easier, there are organizations that certify products as sustainable. The OEKO-TEX Standard 1000 certification shows that the textile meets strict criteria about use of environmentally compatible technologies, chemicals, dyes and more.

Another certification, SMART Sustainable Product Standards, is only given to products that have a sustainable life cycle – from growing and processing to how easily the fabric can be recycled or reused.

The exciting news is that more eco-friendly textiles are showing up on store shelves. "Most companies offer some sort of ecofriendly fabric now," Winkour says. "A big one to look for is hemp, which is quick to regrow, very durable and biodegradable."

Jute and grasscloth are also sustainable choices. "They are both rustic looking, so you probably wouldn't want to use them on upholstered furniture that you'd want a fine finish on," Inglis says. "But they are good choices in terms of environmental impact."

Synthetic fabrics are also a smart buy. "They don't sound as pretty as something like organic cotton, but there are some really high-quality fabrics out there made from recycled plastic bottles," Inglis says.

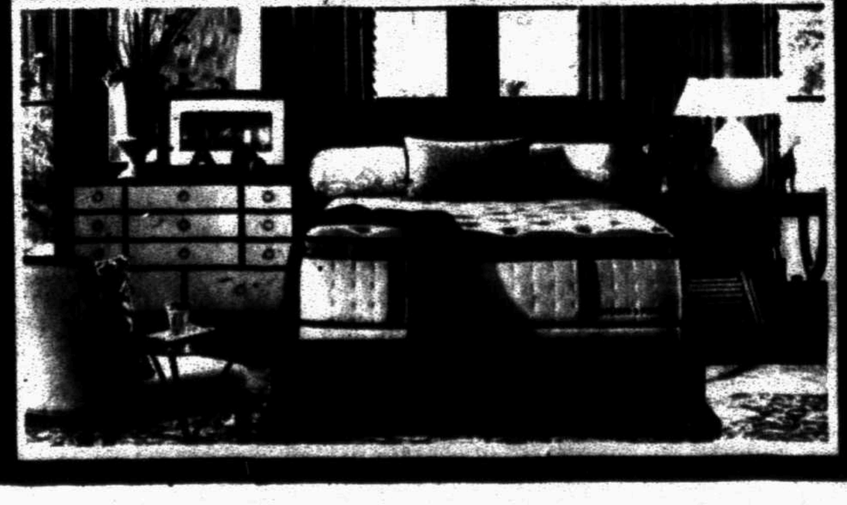


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No matter what you choose, experts agree that buying sustainable fabrics can make an impact. "Customers determine the marketplace down the road," Winkour says. "So the more sustainable fabrics they buy today, the more options they'll have in the future."

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(Side Entry)

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MLS# 92881, $184,900

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2406 W. Golf Course		MLS# 92881	$184,900
717 Ruby Dr.		MLS# 92658	$79,900
2108 Evans Ln.	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 92846	$381,000
4622 Erie Dr.		MLS# 92750 NEW PRICE	$143,500
3921 E. Golf Course-(New Construction)		MLS# 92731	$296,444
600 Liddon #68		MLS# 92560 NEW PRICE	$65,000
811 W. Storey-with pool and guest house	UNDER CONTRACT/OPT.	MLS #92265 NEW PRICE	$349,950
3223 Cimmaron		MLS #92074 NEW PRICE	$172,000
6921 North Co. Rd 1294-4.93 acres		MLS #91681	$330,000
2648 East FM 1212, Stanton-12 acres		MLS #91639	$229,900
6801 SCR 1210-on 70 acres w/ private gun range, pool & cantina		MLS #91271	$920,000
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Flagston entry & cantera doors! Beautiful formal living/dining! Gourmet kitchen w/granite & faux painted cabinetry! Huge dining w/beamed ceiling! Sequestered master w/fireplace, sitting area & fabulous bath! Office/study close tothe master! Upstairs gameroom leads to wooden deck w/gorgeous views of the west texas sky! Private yard with stunning pool, hot tub, pool bath & outdoor fireplace and huge playground with privacy fence! Plus over 5000 sq ft in outbuildings - barn, 4 stalls 50x35, 2 tact rooms, 50x60 shop, 50x25 awning! 10 Beautiful acres!



23 HALEAH DR. - $999,999
LOCATION! LOCATION!
Tons of light! Pretty landscaping,circle drive & dramatic entry! Beatiful living rm/dinl w/plush carpet, fireplace & built-ins! Enourmous kitchen/w/huge island is loaded w/cabinetry & counterspace+big pantry! Seq master w/spacious bath has dual sinks, 2 closets & storage! Roomy bdrms!Great closets! Utility rm w/sink & desk! Incredible grounds! Pool/ hot tub! Guest house/cabana! Outdoor kitchen!



2405 DARTMOUTH DR. - $325,000
WONDERFUL & SPACIOUS! LIGHT & BRIGHT!
4 Bedrooms! 3 Full baths! 3 Living areas! Wow! Formal living & formal dining! Den w/fireplace, built-ins & skylights! Gameroom/sun room too! Sequestered master suite is large & offers private bath & great closets! Sequestered in-law plan with private bath! Kitchen is loaded w/cabinets, has breakfast bar & nook! Huge utility room! Great yards! Workshop! 2 Cg!

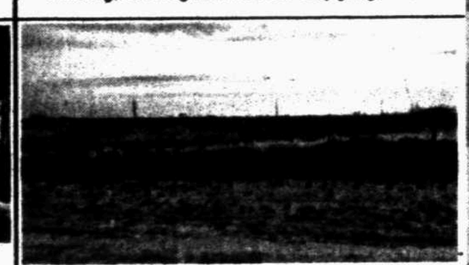


3609 OAKRIDGE - $285,000
TONS OF SPACE & SPECATACULAR POOL!
4 Bedrooms! 3.5 Baths! Formal living! Formal dining! Breakfast nook! Nice kitchen & breakfast bar! Large family room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace! Computer room/nook(old wet bar)! Sequestered master suite w/spacious bath! Roomy bedrooms! Great closets! Freshly painted interior! Awesome backyard w/covered patio, gorgeous pool & hot tub plus artificial grass & dog run! 2 Car rear entry garage! Wow!



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1605 W. TENNESSEE - $175,000
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900 W. ESTES AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #93321	$184,000

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412 CHARISMATIC DR	Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #93008	$865,000

PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES

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4005 TODD DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92010	$1,400,000	3109 SEABOARD AVE	Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #93237	SALE PENDING
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4011 DUNKIRK	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #92235	$385,000	4316 ARROYO DR	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #92727	SALE PENDING
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3533 LONOKE AVE	Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #92481	$259,000	3300 TERRACE AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92982	SOLD
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2705 MARK LANE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92745	SALE PENDING	3402 BAUMANN AVE	Wendy Waddell 638-9855	MLS #92917	SALE PENDING
3306 STEWART AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #93221	SALE PENDING	1001 GARFIELD	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92764	$144,000
502 ESTES AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92559	$189,900	100 RIDGLEA DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #93144	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY	Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #90145/90146	$425,000	11506 W. CO. RD. 92	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92361	SALE PENDING
1200 W. CO. RD. 150	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #91908	$265,900	2100 WADLEY AVE., 4J83	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #93019	$145,000
60 ARROYO SANTIAGO, ODESSA	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #93005	SALE PENDING	2001 DELANO	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #92970	SALE PENDING
5417 WIMBERLEY, ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #87682	SALE PENDING	925 EDWARDS ST	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #93261	$99,000
1103 W. MISSOURI	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91815	$170,000	104 CLUB DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91648	SALE PENDING
602 RUBY	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #93217	$85,000				
717 RUBY DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92856	$79,500				
5109 S. CO. RD. 1104	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91960	$85,000				
909 400 LIDDON	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92560	SALE PENDING				
4700 BOULDER AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92229	$47,000				

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

6814 W. CO. RD. 50	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #93098	$1,300,000	1200 W. CO. RD. 150	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #91908	$265,900
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000	4000 COYOTE TRAIL	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #93179	$249,900
2102 S. CO. RD. 1129	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92196	SALE PENDING	2850 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	SALE PENDING
2100 S. CO. RD. 1087	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #93081	$482,000	11911 W. CO. RD. 50	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91125	$230,000
11901 FM 307	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92151	$380,500	2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91639	$229,900
7112 FM 307, GREENWOOD	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #93278	SALE PENDING	1008 W. APRIL ST., ODESSA	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91399	5.5 ACRES/$225,000
6921 N. CO. RD. 1294	Sandy J. Hansbn 638-3819	MLS #91681	$330,000	3101 S. CO. RD. 1210	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #93322	$229,000
1217 S. CO. RD. 1120	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92463	SOLD	10904 E. CO. RD. 107, GREENWOOD	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92800	$195,000
2804 S. CO. RD. 1067	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #93007	SOLD	6001 A S. CO. RD. 1285	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92896	SALE PENDING
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$279,000	10807 E. CO. RD. 105	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92927	SALE PENDING
2369 CO. RD. 2951, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$270,000				

3401 S. CO. RD. 1070	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93288	SALE PENDING				
6102 E. CO. RD. 66	Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #93325	$170,000				
5013 E. CO. RD. 50	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #93243	SALE PENDING				
1002 E. CO. RD. 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91840	SALE PENDING				
5010 E. CO. RD. 50	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #92700	SALE PENDING				
11008 W. CO. RD. 92	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92361	SALE PENDING				
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	2.5 Acre Lots/$135,000				
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	3+ Acre Lots/LL Sold					
1500 N. CO. RD. 1130	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #91845	SOLD				
5109 S. CO. RD. 1104	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91960	$85,000				

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

1651 DOVE DRIVE, ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #87118	$549,900	5417 WIMBERLEY, ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #87682	SALE PENDING
4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90854	$499,900	302 9TH ST., IRAAN	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92308	$179,000
6670 SANDHILLS DR., GARDENDALE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92943	$369,000	207 DAVIS RD, BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92879	$175,000
7112 FM 307, GREENWOOD	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #93278	SALE PENDING	5011 BUFFALO AVE., ODESSA	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #87929	SALE PENDING
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$279,000	2102 ALLENDALE RD., BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92792	$157,900
2369 CO. RD. 2951, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$270,000	609 E. 54TH ST., ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88105	SALE PENDING
4613 VALLEYBROOK LANE, ODESSA	Amy Fore 664-4704	MLS #93230	$240,000	502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92272	SALE PENDING
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	SALE PENDING	906 10TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #93175	$139,500
2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91639	$229,900	1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1449	MLS #87457	$130,500
60 ARROYO SANTIAGO, ODESSA	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #93005	SALE PENDING	905 NE 4TH ST., ANDREWS	Amy Fore 664-4704	MLS #93311	$120,000
10904 E. CO. RD. 107, GREENWOOD	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92800	$195,000				

2926 CO. RD. 2951, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90491	SALE PENDING				
2211 E. 12TH ST., ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92923	SALE PENDING				
1025 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92186	SALE PENDING				
105 E. 21ST., CRANE	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85747	$98,000				
1931 LYNDALE DR, ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91943	SALE PENDING				
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88348	$92,000				
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$89,000				
3239 DREXEL, BIG SPRING	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91794	$84,700				
907 MAIN ST., LAMESA	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90679	$82,000				
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #79043	$49,000				

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

2901 S. CO. RD. 1180	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90763 & 90762	138.7 Acres/$2,774,000	1205 W. INDUSTRIAL	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #92449	$985,000
2700 RANKIN HWY	Amy Barnett 349-3421	MLS #88603	$2,000,000	4505 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE	Deborah Bolar 934-3881	MLS #91610	$375,000
901 GALLEGO, ALPINE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92405	1.95 Acres/$998,000	412 MIDLAND DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89013	$368,000
11911 CO. RD. 125	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #92547	$950,000	4810 S. HIGHWAY 349	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #92898	4.2 Acres/$300,000
8200 W. CO. RD. 116	Caleb Matott 349-3330		6.7 Acres/$800,000	6301 N. CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$298,000
3105 BANKHEAD HWY	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91818	$795,000	4301 W. ILLINOIS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #93229	SALE PENDING
720 MULBERRY, ODESSA	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #93219	2 Acres/$899,000	1502 TEXAS AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92967	SALE PENDING
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE RD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92155	7.04 Acres/$550,000	1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83958	$180,000

816 MAIN ST., RANKIN	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92107	$185,000				
W. HWY. 80,	Caleb Matott 349-3330		4.3 Acres/$129,000				
310 ST. PETER, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90806	$110,000				
600 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #79313	$100,000				
301 NW AVE. B, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1449	MLS #86457	$97,000				
1001 S. LAMESA	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #90326	$90,000				
1601 N. LAMESA RD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92526	$47,000				

LANDS AND LOTS

7600 W. CO. RD. 116	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92031	SALE PENDING	3487 S HWY 349	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90196	$330,/ac
2501 S. CO. RD. 1180	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90763 & 90762	138.7 Acres/$2,774,000	AIR PARK ROAD	Amy Brasher Barnett 349-3421	MLS #89176	$325,000
E. CO. RD. 130	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90125	141.466 Acres/$2,475,655	CO. RD. 1130	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89518	29.1 Acres/$320,100
E. CO. RD. 130	Brooks Smith 526-2980	MLS #90439	80 Acres/$1,400,000	6301 N. CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$298,000
901 GALLEGO, ALPINE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92405	1.95 Acres/$998,000	I-20	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90688	$271,750
CO. RD. 60	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88932	$950,000	HIGHWAY 191	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87988	$250,000
2005 S. CO. RD. 1110	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91487	.95 Acres/$992,500	CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92100	10 Acres/$240,000
00 N. CO. RD. 1150	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92695	$819,000	1008 W. APRIL ST., ODESSA	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91399	5.5 Acres/$225,000
FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90083	$801,600	121 SE CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87345	SALE PENDING
720 MULBERRY, ODESSA	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #93219	2 Acres/$899,000	CO. RD. 2300	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89227	$179,000
2112 I-20 SERVICE RD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92155	$550,000	AIR PARK ROAD	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #92776	1.75 Acres/$199,000
SINCLAIR	Ruth Young 682-7884		5 Acres/$425,000	MOCKINGBIRD LANE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92377	2 Acres/$140,000
1600 CO. RD. 1120	Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #88627	$395,200	7200 W. CO. RD. 40	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92979	3.5 Acres/$139,000

SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	2 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000				
W. CO. RD. 100	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #93150	6.98 Acres/$125,000				
2020 LOOP 250	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #90585	2.38 Acres/$90,000				
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$85,000				
LIME STREET, ODESSA	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86738	9.24 Acres/$81,000				
13500 E. CO. RD. 110	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #92978	6 Acres/$79,900				
S. FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92050	2 Acres/$79,000				
13210 E. CO. RD. 1100	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #93114	$80,000				
1001 N. LAMESA RD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92526	$47,000				
FREELAND ADDITION	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	1+ Acre Lots/$69,000/PER ACRE					
CO. RD. 110	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93931	1 Acre Lots/$35,000				
S. TYLER	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92810	SALE PENDING				

FARMS AND RANCHES

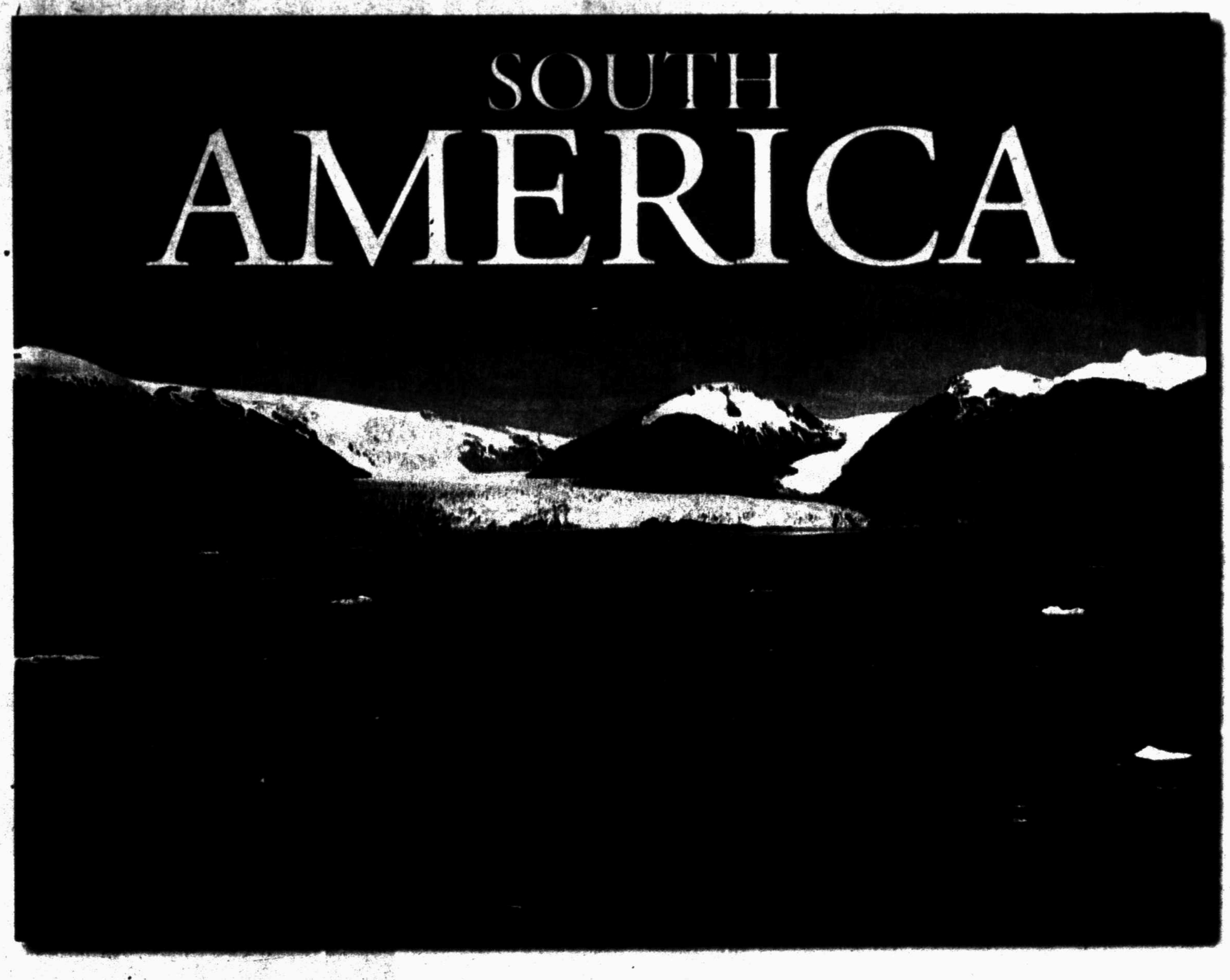
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S. CO. RD. 1000	Caleb Matott 349-3330		80.05 Acres/$10,000 PER ACRE
6001 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
REAGAN COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330		272 Acres/$268,000
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330...Big Cat Ranch/Finest Ranch in Texas		10,200 Acres/$Market
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330...Madera Canyon Ranch/The Best of Texas		6,401 Acres/$Market
HOWARD COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330...Best gamebroom in West Texas		995 Acres/$725 PER ACRE

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91 CHAPARRAL CT	Susan Fisher 978-7016	MLS #92844	$1,200/month
3011 W. INDUSTRIAL AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92514	$1,200/month
1505 W. TENNESSEE AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92663	$1,200/month
4307 PLEASANT	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #93339	$1,200/month

SOUTH AMERICA





'Dream trip' includes water falls, penguins, beaches

It was a dream trip, one that we had anticipated for a year. Sometimes the anticipation is the best part of a trip, but not this time. It was much more than expected. We flew Delta to Rio de Janeiro by way of Atlanta. We spent a week in Rio and Iguazu Falls, then flew to Buenos Aires where we boarded the Star Princess for a cruise around Cape Horn. We went to Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, the Falklands and Chile.

It was early January when we arrived in Rio. That's in the middle of summer down there. Rio has a beach culture. Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon beaches are crowded with umbrellas and people. Swimwear is not limited to the beach. Cariocas, as people in Rio are called, walk around town in speedos and bikinis. Everybody wears havaianas, what we call shower shoes or thongs. Formal wear is a shirt, usually unbuttoned, worn over the bathing suit.



The Amalia glacier, top, is seen from a cruise ship near Punta Arenas, Chile. ABOVE: Street entertainers perform near the Hippie Market in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. RIGHT: Iguazu Falls, includes 270 waterfalls where the borders of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay converge. BELOW LEFT: People shop at the Hippie Market in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. BELOW CENTER: Christ the Redeemer statue overlooks Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. BELOW RIGHT: A statue in Santiago, Chile.

It is so much fun to watch native Brazilians talk in their Portuguese language. They speak with explosions of exuberance. If you look at a person, he or she will sit there quietly, then in a very loud voice start a soliloquy that seems to last for minutes, then goes passive again.

We were amazed to learn our ability to speak Spanish worked pretty well in a Portuguese-speaking country. When we ran into trouble we reverted to English, which was widely used everywhere we went.

Tourists in Rio do two things: go to Corcovado to see the statue of Christ the Redeemer or take a cable car to Sugarloaf Mountain. In my opinion, you don't have to do both, because the lines are long and the views from the mountaintops are much the same. We stood in line for more than three hours in hot sun to visit Sugarloaf. Because it was early in the day, we were among the first wave of visitors to Corcovado, so the lines and the crowds were almost non-existent.

We visited what's called the Hippie Market in a park near Copacabana Beach. Hundreds of stalls had everything from fine art to handmade musical instruments. The merchandise included jewelry, leather goods and weavings.

Entertainers juggled and practiced kickboxing in the middle of a busy street on the edge of the market. When traffic lights turned red for the traffic, the entertainers

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Story and photos by Tumbleweed Smith



9th of July Avenue in Buenos Aires, Argentina

SOUTH AMERICA

From 1E

jumped in front of the cars and did their thing. When the light turned green and cars started to move, the entertainers jumped out of the way. We saw this sort of thing all over Rio.

We flew from Rio to Iguazu Falls (Cataratas Del Iguazu in Spanish, Cataratas Do Iguaçu in Portuguese), where the borders of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay converge. The falls are at the confluence of the Iguazu and Parana rivers and provide the viewer with a magical display of cascading water. One of the two main reasons I went to South America was to see the falls. There are 270 of them along a two-mile stretch of tiered cliffs and rocky ledges. Watching the falls was a spiritual experience for me. I have never seen so much water outside of an ocean, millions of gallons per second making thick, boiling water curtains. It's not just the grandeur of the largest falls but the hundreds of little streams poking out the sides of green hills, creating silver stripes of liquid.

The falls date back 200,000 years and were discovered by Cabeza de Vaca in 1541. He named them Falls of Saint Mary, but later they reverted to the original name given by the aborigines. In their language, Iguaçu meant "big waters." The falls range from 130 to more than 250 feet, creating foam that looks nearly frozen.

Visitors can see the falls from Brazil or Argentina. Perhaps the most impressive sight is the Devil's Throat on the Argentinean side. A steel walkway across islands in the Iguazu River takes visitors to the edge of the impressive falls, which are in a huge arc and water falls 262 feet at such an extraordinary force that a permanent mist forms. It can be seen from four miles away and moistens the subtropical rainforest surrounding the falls. Sunrays through the mist create spectacular rainbows.

One of the vendors takes people on a boat ride that goes under the falls. The ride takes about half an hour and goes under three or four falls several times. The passengers are laughing and screaming at the same time. Susan and I have never been so wet.

For our trip to the falls we stayed at a newly updated Orient Express Hotel (Das Cataratas) across the street from the entrance to the falls. You can see them from the hotel.

From Iguazu we flew to Buenos Aires. It is like visiting a European city. If Rio has a beach culture, Buenos Aires has a tango culture. The country's biggest heroes are a soccer player (Diego Maradona), the wife of a dictator (Eva Peron) and a composer of tango music (Carlos Gardel). There are statues of them all over town.

Buenos Aires has the widest boulevard in the world, 9th of July Avenue, named for the country's Independence Day (from Spain), July 9, 1816. The avenue has seven lanes in each direction and on either side are parallel streets of two lanes each. It spans an entire city block and is wider than the length of a soccer field.

We were in Buenos only a couple of days. We went to a tango show the only night we spent there. I expected a demonstration of the folkdance, but had no idea it would be so compelling. It was a dinner event, with the show following the meal, which included generous servings of Mendoza red wine. We were treated to a night of brilliance. It was a formal presentation, with the male dancers in tuxes and the females in evening dresses. Tango music demands attention, and so did these exceptionally talented dancers. They glided across the stage like they were floating, their acrobatic moves exciting to watch. We felt like we were seeing the soul of the country.

The next day we went to the port and boarded our ship. We had known for sometime the number of our stateroom but on the ship we were given another number. When we opened the door, we learned quickly it was more than a stateroom. It was a full suite, with a living room, bedroom, Jacuzzi bathroom, plenty of closet space and two televisions. We had originally ordered a mini-suite and thought maybe someone had made a mistake. Then we started looking through some of the material in the room and found stationery with our names on it. A suite comes with all kinds of perks including free laundry, free booze and an opportunity to hobnob with the captain. It was called the Ocho Rios Suite on the eighth level at the back end of the ship. Our private balcony had two deck chairs, a table with four chairs around it and plenty of space to walk around. It gave us a 180-degree view and was a perfect place to watch the ship's wake. We cruised away from Buenos Aires on the Rio de la Plata, the widest estuary in the world.

Our first stop was at Montevideo, Uruguay. We took a two-hour bus ride to a village named Colonia del Sacramento. On the way we passed pastureland that looked like central Texas. Cattle is Uruguay's main business and its largest export. Our guide said most everybody in the country has the same hobby: eating meat. "We eat it three times a day," he said. Uruguay has 3.3 million people, with 1.8 million living in Montevideo, the capital. The majority of the population is of European descent. The country doesn't have an army but a high cost of living. Gasoline is $7 a gallon. We saw a lot of motorbikes.

Colonia del Sacramento is the only Portuguese settlement along the Rio de la Plata and is a resort city, a port and trade center for a rich agricultural center. Homes in the historic portion of Colonia are said to be like those found in Lisbon. Winding cobblestone walkways, colorful houses and sidewalk cafes are subjects of artists and photographers. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) named the city a world heritage site in 1995.

During the weekend we watched football playoffs on the ship. It was strange to hear commentators Troy Aikman and Joe Buck speaking Portuguese.

We took time from cruising the Atlantic to stop in the city of Stanley on the Falkland Islands. We learned the war between Argentina and England in 1982 over the Falklands was bigger than most people realize. Some land mines still are active in places. There are monuments to the war all over town. England was declared the winner resulting in the end of a military dictatorship in Argentina and the establishment of fishing rights around the Falklands. After the war, foreign fishermen had to pay for the right to fish in Falkland waters, something they had been doing free of charge. Argentina still has bad memories of the war. Argentine maps refer to the Falkland Islands as Islas Malvinas. Billboards all over Argentina declare "Las Malvinas belong to Argentina." Visitors to the Falklands are urged not to wear clothing with Argentine logos.

Stanley is definitely British. Houses, churches, stores and government buildings are clean and orderly. Yards have flower gardens. One front yard of a residence had some sheep in it. We took a three-mile hike on peat bogs. Residents dig up peat, dry it and use it for heating and cooking.

The second reason I wanted to take this trip was to cruise past Cape Horn, the southernmost point in South America. I had heard about the rough seas, which were referred to as the sailor's graveyard. But when we were there, the seas were calm. The south end of South America is not just the end of land and the beginning of sea. It's where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans come together. It's a series of hundreds of islands, fjords, mountains and glaciers. We were given certificates showing that we had rounded Cape Horn. We saw the lighthouse, the chapel and the weather station at the very bottom of South America.

We visited the city of Ushuaia, Argentina and took a strenuous trek over dangerous peat bogs, small streams, paths that were slick and uphill and through a forest nestled between two snow-covered mountain ranges that reminded me of New Zealand. We wore boots that came up to our knees. We should have been wearing hip boots. I fell down in a wet bog and my jeans had mud from my knees to my waist.

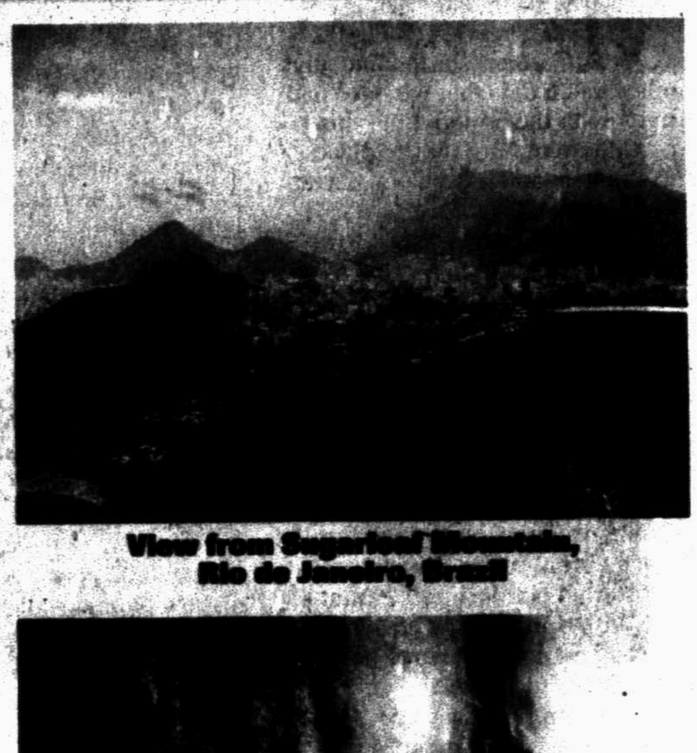
Ushuaia claims to be the southernmost city on earth. It is the capital of the Argentine portion of the island of Tierra del Fuego and is one of the most expensive cities in Argentina. We took a train to the "end of the world" and visited the southernmost post office on earth.

Punta Arenas (Sandy Point), Chile, was the leading supply station for ships rounding the Horn. It fell into decline after 1914 when the Panama Canal opened and ships didn't have to pass Cape Horn. Now, with the discovery of oil, development of a commercial center and the rise in tourism, the city is once again prespering. It is the capital of Magallanes Province, named for Ferdinand Magellan, an explorer whose ship in 1520 was blown through a strait that now bears his name. He was the first European to reach the windswept shore and was so relieved to see the calmer water west of the strait he gave it a name we still use: Pacific Ocean. The city's main plaza has a huge statue of Magellan. At his feet are two mermaids and two reclining Indians. If you rub or kiss the big toe of one of the Indians, legend says you will return there one day.

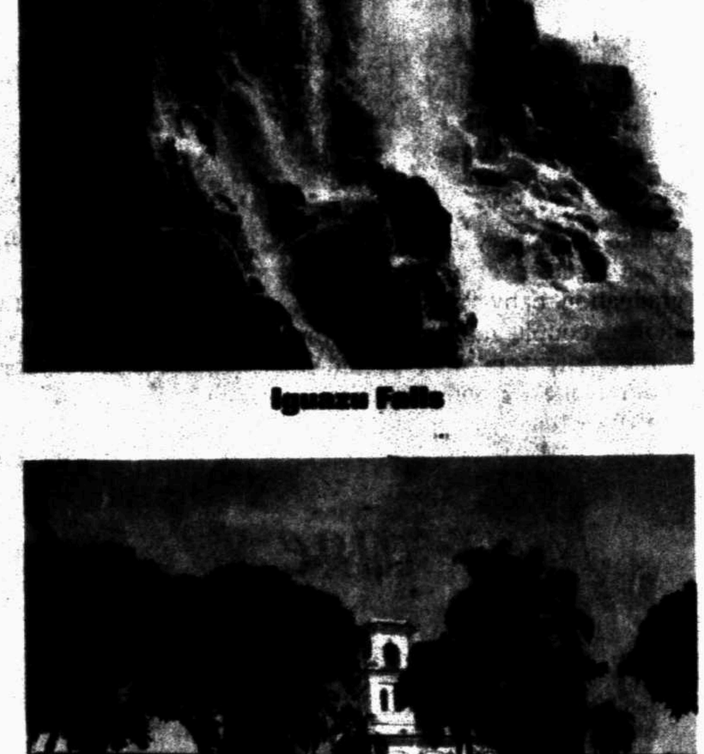
At Punta Arenas we boarded a strange looking ferry and went to Magdalena Island and saw a rookery of penguins. It has more than 100,000 pairs. Some of the friends we met on the cruise had such a good time looking at the whimsical little creatures we decided we'd take a look at them ourselves. They are funny, especially when they walk downhill. They are monogamous and have many human characteristics. We saw parents teaching their offspring. This particular type of penguin is called the "jackass penguin" because it can bray like a donkey. The island had a lighthouse and a Chilean flag, which looks very similar to our Texas flag. After Punta Arenas, we had a special thrill. Our ship captain took time out to give us a good view of the Amalia glacier, making a slow 360-degree circle so everybody on board could see it.

At Puerto Montt, we shopped, took a walk through a forest and visited a German museum. Then we went to the lake country and visited the resort city of Puerto Varas. We took photos of a white sailboat on a lake of royal blue against a backdrop of two snow-capped volcanoes.

After leaving the ship at Valparaiso, we took a tour of the city and made our way overland to Santiago where we got on a plane and flew home. It was a perfect trip, one that I would love to repeat. The weather was perfect everywhere we went. Some crew members who had made the trip 20 times said this was the best weather they had ever seen. The trip included so many things we wanted to see in South America. We left the cruise with a great sense of satisfaction. It ended on a high note. When we stepped off the bus at the airport in Santiago, all our luggage was on a cart. We pushed it to the automated kiosk and obtained our boarding passes. Because we had them, we went to the front of the line, which had about 400 people in it. It definitely was a bon voyage.



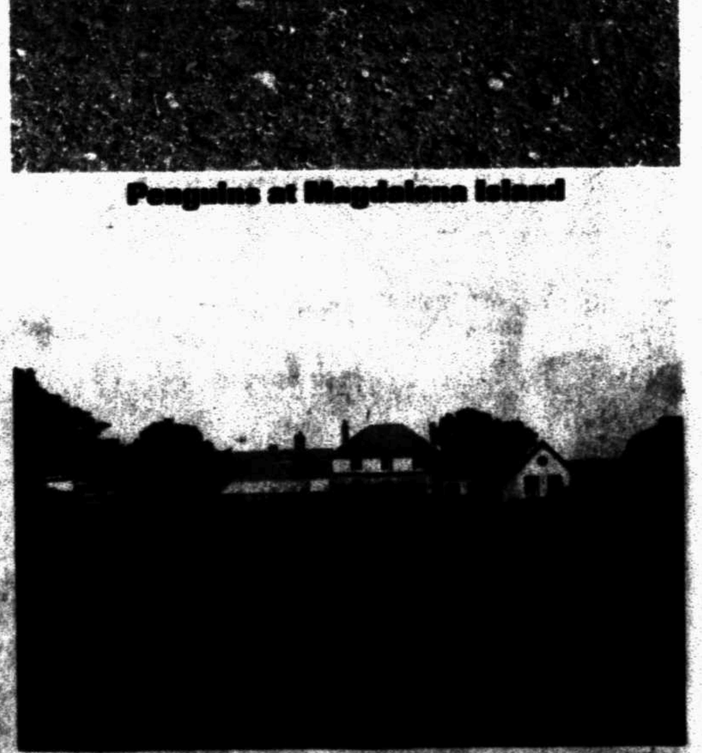
View from Sugarloaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Iguazu Falls



Hotel Das Cataratas near Iguazu Falls



Penguins at Magdalena Island



Ushuaia, in Chile, is the capital of Argentine Tierra del Fuego

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PLAYTIME



Children play recently on the newly renovated playground equipment, far left, in Grafa Park. CENTER: Lexington Boulevard, 2, runs around the newly renovated playground equipment recently at Pioneer Park. LEFT: Ava Shipp, 5, plays on the newly renovated playground equipment at Grafa Park.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram



ALEX ROSE

AARP Community Service volunteer

Art provides a great way to get together

My lunch date with my daughter at Café at the Gardens started like any other lunch date that we have had. Even with the remodeling, this is still one of our favorite places to catch up and have a wonderful light meal.

My attention was drawn to a rather large table of women who were painting and seemingly having a very good time. I asked the server what was going on and she brought me a brochure about the party.

Cindi Thoma has been hosting painting groups for a little over a year now in the Midland area. Thoma is a transplant from the Washington, Idaho, area where she started her business, "Painting With Spirits." She absolutely insists you do not have to have experience to create and enjoy your own masterpiece.

She provides all the materials you need, including the canvas, and of course inspired directions to help you along the way. Her gatherings range from 10 to 25 people. Sometimes people want to get together, but can't think of new ideas to inspire them. This sounds like a very exciting way to get together for a birthday, graduation, baby shower, bridal shower, couple gathering or for no particular reason. She is confident children ages 10 and older also can enjoy this.

For most of her gatherings, each participant is asked to bring his or her own beverage — beer, wine, water, etc. When food is included in the gathering the cost goes up. Thoma said it's fun to host these parties at restaurants and have a buffet of snacks included in the entertainment. She also loves hosting parties in private homes, churches, clubs, office conference areas and any place small groups want to get together. What a great idea for team building.

It is my understanding that she records these gatherings so the memories linger on.

Thoma's parties range from two to three hours, depending on how much detail is needed. The cost ranges from $40 per participant for a two-hour class to a $50 three-hour class in which the instructions are a little more intricate.

Thoma relies on local artists to assist her in supervising and giving instructions to the participants. "By the time the party is over, you will have created a beautiful painting that will be ready to take home and display," she said.

She is willing to travel to surrounding areas such as Fort Davis. For more information, call 260-5559 or visit www.paintingwithspirits.net.

Husband fears he's addicted to watching Internet porn



FAMILY MATTERS

Jim May, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center

DEAR FAMILY: Sometime last year I caught my husband looking at porn on the Internet. He uses his computer at home for business all the time, so I never paid much attention to what he was doing. It upset me a little but I thought I handled the situation pretty well. He promised it was just something he did when he was bored and he wouldn't do it anymore. I had two older brothers and they had Playboy magazines they hid under their mattresses, so I knew guys did stuff like that. Just in case, I would make it a point to just happen to walk by when he was on the computer and look over his shoulder. He was always doing something other than watching pornography.

Last week I woke up around 2 a.m. and he wasn't in bed but it was a weekend and that wasn't too unusual. Then something told me to get up and check on him. He was on the computer again watching pornography. This time I did lose it. I yelled at him and called him names I regret. I think I was more upset about his lying to me than what he was doing. Two days later we talked more calmly and he admitted he had been watching it all the time and wasn't able to quit for more than a few days. He was afraid he might be addicted to it. Is there such a thing? If there is how would he know if he was addicted and what can be done about it? — ADDICT'S WIFE?

DEAR WIFE: To be fair, the field is somewhat divided on whether there is such a thing as Internet porn addiction. There are no standard criteria for defining an Internet porn addiction. There have been a number of studies about the effects of excessive watching of pornography. Some researchers have noted excessive use of the Internet, "... is a psychosocial disorder and its characteristics are as follows: tolerance, withdrawal symptoms, affective disorders and problems in social relations. Internet usage creates psychological, social, school and/or work difficulties in a person's life. Eighteen percent of study participants were considered to be pathological Internet users, whose excessive use of the Internet was causing academic, social and interpersonal problems. Excessive Internet use may create a heightened level of psychological arousal, resulting in little sleep, failure to eat for long periods and limited physical activity, possibly leading to the user experiencing physical and mental health problems such as depression, OCD, low family relationships and anxiety." There are scholarly arguments as to whether Internet pornography falls within that finding. No studies to date attempt to isolate porn from other addictions. Some sex researchers argue it is more a compulsion than an addiction.

Likewise, there are mixed theories about why people watch Internet pornography in terms of genetic predisposition, sexual experiences, sexual abuse/exploitation, family history and life experiences. However, there is no clear or simple explanation readily available.

Regardless of the cause of your husband's Internet porn usage and his desire to stop it, he does need help with the process. I would offer the following resources for your husband to pursue:

- "In the Shadows of the Net," a self-help book by P. Carnes, D. Delmonico, and E. Griffin that offers specific ideas on recognizing and recovering from compulsive online sexual behaviors.
- "Out of the Shadows" and "Don't Call it Love," two books by Dr. Philip Carnes dealing with sexual addiction.
- Dr. Carnes' website, www.sexhelp.com, offers a number of helpful tools including a self-assessment test.

I would also strongly encourage you and your husband to seek counseling with a professional trained in sexual addiction. As you have already experienced, it is not just his problem; you are caught in the addiction, too.

Marriage starts on wrong foot after man steps out of line



DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I recently married a loving man who works full-time and is studying for his MBA online. A few months ago, he received a promotion and was transferred to another state, so after our wedding I moved here to be with him.

While he was living here alone before our wedding, he got into some trouble with the law and he's now on probation. He was never in trouble before. I have no family or friends here, and he can't go out and socialize to meet new people now that he's under those strict guidelines.

I have always been popular and have many friends back home, but I'm lonely and depressed now. I moved here because I love him, but I can't get over the fact that this has dampened our first year as husband and wife. How should I handle the future of our marriage and our life here with all these unsettling issues he has put me in? — HURT WIFE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HURT WIFE: Unless your husband is under house arrest — which probation is not — he can socialize. He can make friends through work, and look for volunteer opportunities if he has the time. Both will help him to make connections with constructive people. The same is true for you to help you connect with the community.

I know this is a big adjustment for you, but in time you can both put this unfortunate chapter behind you. I wish you both a future filled with success.

DEAR ABBY: Help! My husband won't wear clothes. When our children were young, he walked around naked because he wanted to make sure they didn't have the same hang-ups about nudity that he grew up with. (His father was ultra-conservative and uptight.)

My husband began wearing clothes again when the kids got older, but now they have all moved out and he has quit. He sits naked in his recliner to watch TV. The recliner is right next to the front door, and there's only the storm door between him and the world. Abby, he literally strips all his clothes off to do the dishes!

We live in a neighborhood. It's not like we're out in the country. If I say anything to him, he says I can go into a different room if I don't like it. Is this normal? — NUDIE'S WIFE IN FLORIDA

DEAR NUDIE'S WIFE: It appears to be normal for your husband. Some — not all — families are very relaxed about nudity. As long as your living room isn't visible to the neighbors and you don't have drop-in visitors, your husband is harming no one. If you don't want to look at him, take him up on his suggestion.

P.S. I hope you thank him for doing the dishes. Not all husbands are so helpful.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter was a bridesmaid recently. The bride chose a designer dress that my daughter had to put a nonrefundable deposit on. A month later, the bride changed her mind about the color and canceled the order, so all six bridesmaids had to purchase another dress.

Am I wrong in thinking the bride should reimburse her bridesmaids for the first dress that she insisted they buy ASAP — the one she canceled without talking to any of them? — BRIDESMAID'S MOM IN ELKHORN, WIS.

DEAR BRIDESMAID'S MOM: Not in my book you aren't. And shame on the bride for not volunteering to do so.



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WEDDINGS



Allums - Kauffman

Abigail Paschal Allums and Cade Siler Kauffman exchanged wedding vows at Star Hill Ranch in Bee Cave, Texas on the evening of December 29 after a four year engagement. The ceremony was officiated by Reverend Sam Riccobene.

A cocktail hour, seated dinner and dancing to the music of Platinum followed also at Star Hill. A "Chevy-chic" rehearsal dinner on the eve of the wedding was hosted by the parents of the groom at The County Line.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Allums of Dallas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clyde Allums, Jr. of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Joseph Aucoin, Jr. of Houston.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Kerr Kauffman of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Edwin Kauffman of Midland, Texas and Mrs. Edith Angalene Grafa and the late Mr. Carroll Bains Grafa, Jr. of Midland, Texas.

For her wedding, the bride chose a Monique Lhuillier gown called Cecilia. To complete the look the bride selected a pair custom made python boots and a cathedral length tulle veil. She carried an exquisite bouquet of roses wrapped in ivory satin. Attached to her bouquet was a six pence from her grandmother, a Victorian wedding tradition.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her family. The bride's sister, Elisabeth Leigh Allums, served as the maid of honor. The bride chose longtime friends Ashlyn Miller Beadel, Jessica Nicole McClanahan, Christine Caldwell Seay, and Kayle Self Sneed to serve as bridesmaids. House party members were Edy Jones Addison, Mary Catherine Burford, Laura Swope Butler and Laura Ann Schultz.

The best man was the groom's father, Drew Kauffman. Also at his side as groomsmen were the groom's brother, Jerrad Grafa Kauffman, Brandon Todd Beadel, John Christopher Bickham and Gordon Chandler Warren. Ushers at the ceremony were John Matthew Franzen, Matthew Travis French, Philip Daniel Friday and Ryan Douglas Martin.

Music was provided by a string quartet from Musical Discovery Chamber Players of Austin. The grandparents in attendance offered the readings at the wedding ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Highland Park High School in Dallas. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Oklahoma and will graduate will her Master of Arts in Communication from OU in May. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and served as president for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Assembly. She will be starting as a Development Officer for the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas.

The groom is a graduate Midland Lee High School and of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science and Business. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He received a Juris Doctorate from the University Of Oklahoma College Of Law, and following the Texas Bar Examination in February, will practice law in the private sector in the Midland/Odessa area.

The newlyweds celebrated a mini-honeymoon at the Four Seasons, Austin. Following the Texas Bar Exam, they will honeymoon along the Turkish Aegean coast and in Istanbul.

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Sledge - Cunningham

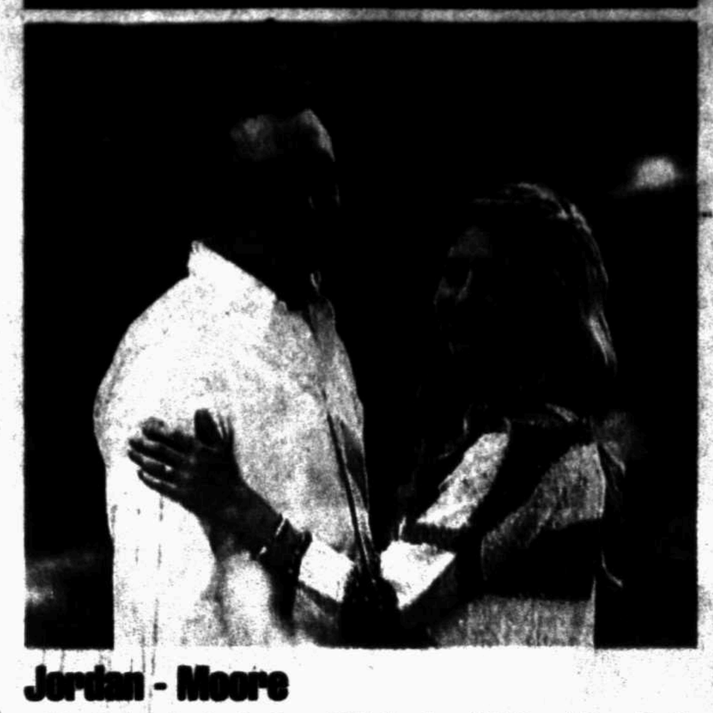
Mr. and Mrs. David Warren Sledge are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shelley Lynn Sledge to Mr. Tony Kyle Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cunningham of Odessa, Texas.

Shelley is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sledge of Midland, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harmon of Mansfield, Texas. She is a 2001 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She received a Bachelors of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics from Texas Christian University in 2006 where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Shelley is currently employed with Midland Independent School District as a health and AVID teacher, student council sponsor and coaches the Lee Rebel Junior Varsity Volleyball Team.

Kyle is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foster of Midland, Texas and Frances Cunningham of Weatherford, Texas. Kyle is a 2000 graduate of Permian High School. He graduated from Texas State University in 2004 with a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a Master's degree in criminal justice, in 2006. Kyle is currently employed with Pioneer Natural Resources as a Land Department Division Order Analyst.

After a June 29 wedding in Horseshoe Bay, Texas, the couple will make their home in Midland.

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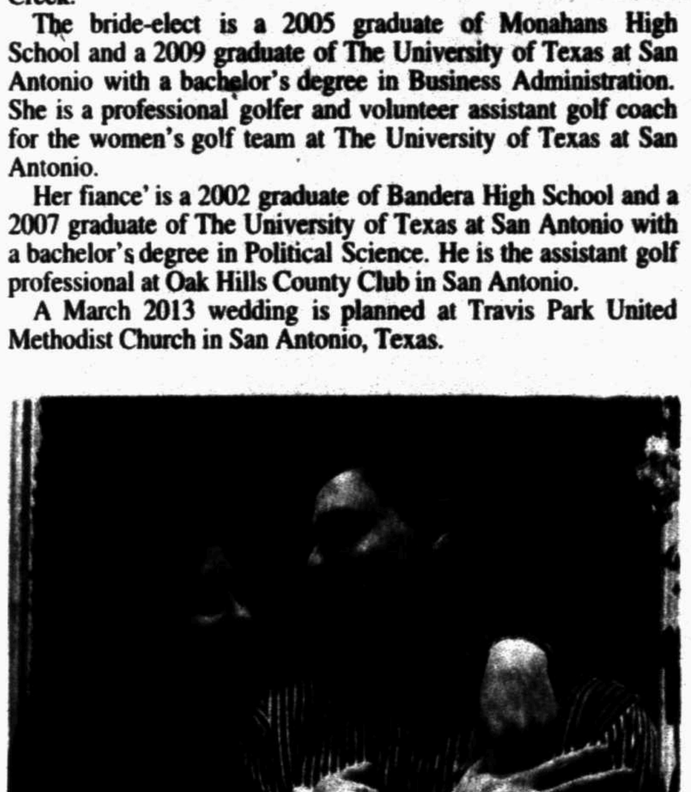
Jordan - Moore

Brent and Angie Jordan of Midland and Bill and Pam Davison of Monahans are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Brynn Jordan, to Brandon James Moore. Brandon is the son Robby and Teresa Moore of Pipe Creek.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Monahans High School and a 2009 graduate of The University of Texas at San Antonio with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She is a professional golfer and volunteer assistant golf coach for the women's golf team at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Her fiance' is a 2002 graduate of Bandera High School and a 2007 graduate of The University of Texas at San Antonio with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He is the assistant golf professional at Oak Hills County Club in San Antonio.

A March 2013 wedding is planned at Travis Park United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas.



Meritt - Malaise

Bob and Teresa Meritt and George and Rebecca Malaise are pleased to announce the engagement of Elizabeth Meritt and Spencer Malaise. Both Elizabeth and Spencer are from Midland, Texas and are both graduates of Texas A&M University. Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Sociology in December of 2012 and is currently searching for a job in social work. Spencer graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Agricultural Economics in December of 2012 and is currently In a partnership with his father at PBA Supply LLC. The wedding date is set for June 8th, 2013 at Bellview Baptist Church of Midland.



Langford - Battle

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Langford of York, S.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Ruth, to Bob Hayden Battle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob H. Battle of Blackwell, TX.

Ms. Langford received her Master's Degree form the University of Georgia and is employed by C.C. Creations in College Station, TX. Mr. Battle is a graduate of Midland High School and received a B.S. degree from Texas A & M University. He is currently employed by Reynolds and Reynolds in College Station, TX.

A June wedding is planned.

Williams - Franklin



Craig Franklin, son of Chuck and Charlotte Franklin of Midland, Texas and Christy Williams, daughter of Kenneth Smith and Shelby Davis of Lubbock, Texas would like to announce their engagement.

The couple will wed on March 9, 2013 in Brownwood, Texas.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.





A pair of Neopolitan bull mastiffs, above, named Paparazzi and Ruben ride the elevator Wednesday, with their owners after checking into the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York in preparation for the Westminster Dog Show. LEFT: Aristocrat, a St. Bernard, attends a news conference Feb. 7, about the 137th annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show in New York.

AP file photos

Giant-breed owners see having dogs as living large

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Life with Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett's dogs has required a few adjustments. Getting rid of the coffee table, for one.

Stashing things in the microwave or on top of the refrigerator if she wants to keep them out of the dogs' reach, since they can easily grab items off the counter and stove. Buying a minivan — and taking out the middle seat so they can fit.

But after 16 years of owning Great Danes, Kelleher-Duckett wouldn't live without one.

"As big as they are, they love that big," the Santa Clarita, Calif.-based breeder said Tuesday as one of her two Danes, a 3-year-old, 134-pound female named Vendetta who's 34 inches tall at the shoulder, eyed her owner's sandwich after the breed's competition at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.

Giant breeds can't help but make a big impression on spectators who snap pictures of small children reaching up to pet huge dogs and ping the owners with queries: How much does he weigh? How much does she eat? What's it like to live with one?

Here's what it's like for Chris Boltrek and Ashley Erlitz, who share their Sound Beach, N.Y., home with Huxley, a 190-pound mastiff who's nearly 2. He plays with tree branches, not sticks, and with balls designed as horse toys.

He eats 10 to 12 cups of food a day, he'll get spit on the walls if he shakes his head, and he outweighed the petite Erlitz when he was 9 months old and has knocked her over on walks a few times.

Take the imposing-looking mastiff on a walk, and "either people gravitate toward him because of the anomaly of a large dog, or otherwise they walk on the other side of the street," Boltrek said as Huxley lazed in his grooming area, accepting pets from passers-by, after his breed's contest.

But for all the challenges — which can include health considerations — particular to massive dogs, their owners say they're drawn to animals that can inspire both awe and awwwww.

The Irish wolfhound is considered the tallest among the 175 breeds currently recognized by the American Kennel Club, but the lanky hound isn't necessarily the heaviest breed. (The Guinness World Record for the individual world's tallest dog belongs, at the moment, to a Michigan-dwelling great Dane named Zeus, who measures 44 inches from foot to shoulder — and 7-foot-4 when he stands on his hind legs.)

A Scottish deerhound, a breed similar to the Irish wolfhound, won at Westminster in 2011, but there have been fairly few giant winners in the show's 100-year-long history. (Doberman pinschers, which are large, have won several times.) The diminutive Pekingese was top dog last year.

Lynne Hamilton would be the first to admit that good dogs can come in small packages. Her pets include a miniature dachshund and two medium-sized dogs, a smooth fox terrier and a springer spaniel.

But the moment she saw a college roommate's Newfoundland, "I fell in love with the big breed," said Hamilton, who has since owned Newfoundlands for 32 years. Her latest, 2-year-old Ares, was in his breed's competition at Westminster on Tuesday.

Caring for the 130-pound, heavy-coated Ares involves dealing with "lots of hair, lots of slobber" and keeping her Enola, Pa., home at 58 degrees year-round, she said, "because you don't want that panting in your face."

Many dog breeds, big and small, are susceptible to certain health problems. Giant breeds can be prone to orthopedic troubles, heart problems and what's known as bloat, a dangerous stomach condition. And in general, smaller dogs tend to live longer than huge ones.

Also, temperament and training are perhaps even bigger priorities for giant dogs than others because the big breeds' size and appearance can be off-putting if they're not well-behaved.

"You want to be able to look them in the face and have it be inviting," said dog handler Melody Salmi, who showed the St. Bernard best-of-breed winner, Aristocrat (or, formally, Jamelle's Aristocrat V Elba), Tuesday at Westminster. He's owned by Linda and Edward Baker of Hopewell, N.J.

Afterward, Aristocrat snoozed placidly in his crate.

Oftentimes, "I sell a puppy to people, and they say, 'Oh, it's so big,'" said Aristocrat's breeder, Michele Mulligan of Diamond Bar, Calif. But a year later, the same owners will say fondly, "They're not so big," she said.

"They just grow on you."

Dress up popcorn for Oscars viewing party

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

Of all of the awards shows I love to watch (and I love to watch them all), the Oscars is my favorite. And it's a great excuse to throw a party. Many of my friends do the "red carpet" thing for their own parties and ask guests to dress in their black tie best. But I prefer watching in comfy clothes and snacking on simple but satisfying goodies. After all, it's a very long show!

This year, I am going to make popcorn the old-fashioned way — on the stovetop — and flavor the hot kernels three different ways. Everyone loves popcorn and there is no other food that is so closely associated with movies. Even though I sometimes make microwave popcorn just like the rest of the world, when I make it from scratch, I can't believe the difference in taste. Microwave popcorn is a mere shadow of the original.

There are basically two ways to top popcorn — wet and dry.

Let's start with wet toppings, such as melted butter. Melted butter is always a crowd pleaser, but you have to make that version just before serving or else it gets soggy. Plus, buttered popcorn is always best hot. Other wet toppings, such as melted chocolate, should be applied to popcorn spread flat on a baking sheet, then allowed to cool. Otherwise it becomes soggy.

The advantage of dry flavor toppings is that you can make the popcorn a few hours in advance, then serve it room at temperature. Just make sure to add the spices while the popcorn is hot. My three favorites are truffle salt, Parmesan cheese and a sweet and spicy barbecue rub.

To cook the popcorn for use with a dry topping, I use a heavy enameled cast-iron Dutch oven set over medium heat. I heat the empty pot for about 2 minutes over low heat, then pour in the olive oil and the popcorn, increase the heat to medium and immediately place the lid on the pot. The heavy pot helps prevent the popcorn from burning and almost all of the kernels pop. I find that a good olive oil gives the popcorn a great flavor and that you won't even want to add melted butter.

As soon as the popcorn is popped, I pour it out of the pan into the biggest bowl I have. I toss the popcorn with the seasoning and continue to toss so that the steam doesn't make the popcorn soggy. When the steam dissipates, I toss it a few more times, taste to make sure that I have enough flavoring, then let it come to room temperature in the bowl. At this point you can place it in serving bowls or baskets or even individual paper bags to give your guests.

And don't forget to pair your gourmet popcorn with a flute of sparkling wine. The make the perfect high-low party combination!



Stovetop Popcorn Many Ways

Start to finish: 10 minutes
Servings: 1/2 cup corn kernels will produce about 12 cups popcorn

2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil (depending on the size of the pot)
1/3 to 1/2 cup popcorn kernels (depending on the size of the pot)
Fine-grain sea salt or other seasoned toppings

Heat an empty cast-iron Dutch oven over low heat for 2 minutes. Add enough olive oil to the pot to thinly coat the entire bottom. Add a single layer of popcorn kernels. You want them to be touching but not more than one layer thick. Increase the heat to medium and place the lid on the pot. Wait until popping begins, then turn the heat down slightly. Shake the pot every 30 seconds or so. Start shaking a bit more when the popping starts to subside. When the kernels stop popping in unison and you only hear one pop every couple of seconds, it is done.

Pour the popcorn into a large bowl. Season generously with the toppings listed below, or another one of your favorites. Toss the popcorn in the bowl and sprinkle with additional seasoning several times to make sure you have an even coating. Serve immediately or let cool.

Wet Popcorn Toppings

Be certain to spread the popcorn flat on a baking sheet before adding wet toppings, then let it set before serving.

- Melted chocolate
- Melted chocolate and peanut butter
- Melted caramels and a pinch of salt

Dry Popcorn Toppings

- Maple sugar and crispy bits of smoked bacon
- Mini marshmallows, chocolate chips and chopped salted peanuts
- Mini M&Ms, chopped roasted almonds and dried coconut
- Ragin' Cajun Spice mixture
- Lemon-pepper salt
- Italian spice blend and finely grated Parmesan cheese
- Truffle salt
- 1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- Barbecue rub (use purchased or the recipe below)

Sweet and Spicy Barbecue Rub

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Makes about 1 cup

1/4 cup paprika
2 tablespoons superfine sugar
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
2 tablespoons dried chipotle chili powder
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon cayenne
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 tablespoon garlic powder

In a small bowl, combine all ingredients. Store in an airtight container for up to 6 months.

Robin Kingham

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America volunteer



Mardi Gras lesson: Don't let ulcerative colitis get in life's way

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Tuesday was Mardi Gras Day. Some of you may be familiar with how big a deal that is here in New Orleans. It was my first Mardi Gras in four years, since moving to West Texas. My youngest daughter, Baylee, flew in for the festivities and brought two of her friends. I'm happy to say the girls are already planning for next year's celebrations. Mardi Gras Day was a success at the Kingham place. The threat of rain held off and we received only a few sprinkles. Even if it would have poured, I would have loved it. One thing I missed living in West Texas was the rain, the cloudy skies and the mist in the air.

Because we had first-timers with us, we decided to do Mardi Gras uptown. We parked down St. Charles Avenue by Audubon Park and took the street car to Napoleon Avenue where it runs right into the parade route. We hopped off, walked a couple of blocks and found our perfect spot, not too many people, right on the corner. We brought tons of plastic grocery store bags to carry our loot and some snacks to tide us over. There are people who camp out and set up grills, tables, tents — the works. There are people who line up on the edges with their Mardi Gras ladders for the children. We were winging it this year, not a big set up, just going and having fun. We watched Rex, the King of Carnival, and his entire parade and then stayed for the truck parade that followed. The truck parade is when you can get a lot of throws. We left with beads, stuffed animals, big plastic glasses, batons, cups — let's just say the girls had a hard time getting their loot back to the car. It was a great day to be in New Orleans!

I had and "aha" moment while planning what we would do on Mardi Gras Day. I used to love Mardi Gras as a child. We would go to parades every night of the week, even with school the next day. We would meet my aunts, uncles and cousins, have food and drinks and wear costumes. I even enjoyed Mardi Gras as I got older marching in parades in seventh, eighth and ninth grades. The people-watching was fun, but the marching for miles while dancing was not that much fun. I enjoyed going to parades with friends in high school and college. Then I moved away, had two children and got sick. When I moved back home, I wasn't as excited about Mardi Gras. I said it was because my daughters were too little and Mardi Gras was dangerous. I think the real reason I wouldn't admit to myself is I didn't want to get out there and then have to go to the bathroom. Businesses were either closed or posted signs that said "Restrooms are for customers only." Port-a-potties are an option, but believe me, you don't really want to go that route during Mardi Gras unless you have no other options.

I realized my ulcerative colitis and subsequent surgeries had been keeping me from doing things I used to enjoy. I don't know that I would have ever admitted that. I got out of going to parades when my daughters were growing up by sending them with my sister and her family or with my parents. A few times they even went with their friends or my friends and their children. I would do anything I could do to get out of going and I'm sad about that now. But, I'm excited for Mardi Gras next year and I'm so happy Baylee's friends are planning a return trip.

Here's the life lesson: Don't let whatever your stumbling block is keep you from living your life. You've got to live, take charge, use mind over matter for as long as you can. Last year the term YOLO was made popular by a song, "You Only Live Once." I recently saw an inspirational poster that really put it in perspective, "You Only Die Once — you live everyday." Are you going to spend your days living? I hope so. Email me at robin@robinkingham.com and tell me how you are overcoming and really living.

Recipe can be used for sandwiches, as dip

Hints from Heloise

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Dear Heloise: I have lost your mother's olive spread recipe. Could you please reprint it, since I cannot remember it by memory? — Nora M. in Texas

Nora, here is one of the most-often-asked-for recipes: Heloise's Olive Nut Dip or Sandwich Spread, which my mother made all the time. I've added some updates where I substitute low-fat versions of some ingredients. So, you can mix and match. Gather the following ingredients:

8 ounces cream cheese (regular, low-fat or no-fat), softened
1/2 cup mayonnaise or no-fat mayo/no-fat sour cream
1 cup chopped or sliced green olives or salad olives
2 tablespoons of juice from the olive jar
Dash of ground pepper (more, if you like)
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Mix the ingredients together and refrigerate an hour or longer. If you want to change it up, add hot sauce, jalapenos or any other spice you like. Use this spread to make little finger sandwiches, or as a dip for fresh-cut vegetables. — Heloise

Portobello mushrooms

Dear Readers: Whether you are a vegetarian or just looking for something new to try, portobello mushrooms are just the thing. These are the largest of all mushrooms and have a taste very much like meat. Many restaurants offer them as a sandwich or grilled like a hamburger. This is my favorite way to enjoy them.

Here are some mushroom hints: Store them in the refrigerator in the package they came in. If you buy them loose, then store them in a brown paper bag in the refrigerator.

Before using (not storing), gently get rid of dirt with a damp paper towel or soft brush. Don't soak in water, but you can clean them in cool running water. Eat up, as these mushrooms are cholesterol-free and low in calories, fat and sodium. — Heloise

Banana hint

Dear Heloise: My favorite way to store ripe bananas is to remove the skin, place in a freezer bag and freeze.

When you need a quick breakfast, put it in the blender with any liquid/juice, milk, etc. Add some yogurt and any other fruit or berries for a smoothie. This works better than adding ice to a smoothie, as it comes out much creamier. — Regina in New Jersey

Snack attack

Dear Heloise: I often snack on potato chips. When I would like some but don't want to get a plate dirty, I grab a coffee filter. I throw a handful of chips (or any snack) in there and use it as a temporary bowl. When done, I just toss the filter away. — A Reader in Alaska

These filters are so inexpensive. I do the same thing with them, even with celery and carrot sticks. — Heloise

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Technology offers solution to overestimating healthy habits

■ Facts show we don't realize how unhealthy our living is. Technology can change that.

Esther Cepeda

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Those who follow me on Twitter and Facebook know that since Christmas, I've been regularly sharing my exercise regimen.

After a full year and a half of hitting the gym three-to-four times a week in the quest to add 10 pounds of muscle to my small frame, I'd pretty much hit a wall last November. There are only so many barbell reps and protein-heavy meals one person can take, and no one would argue that I'm not in decent shape. So, I started taking it easy. Too easy.

First I stopped weight-lifting. Then I started skipping my long runs, the weather turned cold, the holidays started ... you get the picture. So my husband bought me a Nike FuelBand for Christmas.

Even before the bracelet, which measures every movement and creates a score that I can use to gauge progress against myself or other FuelBand users by way of an iPhone app, became an ever-present accessory on my left arm, I've been a devoted tracker.

I have weight, pulse, blood pressure and daily calorie intake records going back a decade, but this has become mostly useless information. Today, via a variety of mobile apps, I keep track of important health markers and view actionable data that show me how I'm doing and what I need to do to stay on track.

For instance, with Type 2 diabetes coursing through my family, I record everything I eat. Yes, everything.

After I enter the data on an app, I can consult nutrition and weight charts, graphs and recognition awards for maintaining my intake of carbs, protein and fat on an even keel over the long haul, even in the face of holidays and special occasions.

The reason tracking works is not, as some believe, that it keeps you accountable, though that part helps, especially the cheering and support I get when I post my push-up counts and daily "Fuel" points on social media. (And no one was too hard on me last week when I posted the heartbreaking end of a 23-day streak of meeting my daily movement goals even after several days where I trudged up and down my stairs at a quarter-till-midnight just to make my numbers.)

But, actually, the most important thing is having those cold, hard facts to evaluate.

People are generally terrible at overestimating their healthy actions and underestimating their vices — study after study has confirmed that the average person thinks they are more active than they really are. From normal-weight people who overestimate their exercise level by a factor of three or four, to parents who believe their children get eight times the minutes of daily movement that they really do, we routinely misperceive our routines.

Calories are another area where we're generally clueless. Studies going back years, such as a 2006 Cornell analysis, confirm that normal-weight people tend to underestimate their caloric intake by 20 percent while overweight people can guess low by 40 percent.

In the realm of wellness, knowledge is power and real information about what we do with our bodies is invaluable. Though the FuelBand has been working well for me, it's not perfect. I'd love a wristband to keep a record of my heart rate and, like some of the other fitness bands on the market, keep track of my sleep, in addition to other biorhythms.

Maybe that's coming. Rumors are flying that Apple is currently developing a wristwatch-like device made of curved glass, and though the techies are imagining email, maps and music on your wrist, I can only salivate at the health possibilities of such a device.

But we needn't go into the realm of science fiction to imagine how technology can realize tangible health benefits.

Hispanics are just one example — they suffer from the highest rates of Type 2 diabetes, which can be controlled with good diet and exercise. They also boast higher-than-average smartphone ownership.

Combine this with the woeful news that, according to Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, Latinos are less likely than non-Hispanic whites and African-Americans to keep track of health parameters such as weight, caloric intake, headaches and sleep patterns. It should be obvious there is a golden opportunity for transforming millions of mis-estimators into devotees of healthy, data-driven lives.

Keep equipment clean to ensure good fishing experience



MIKE LEGGETT
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Sixty years of shooting have taken a toll on my eardrums. Today I don't hear most turn signals, phone beeps and chain saws.

For some darn reason I can still hear crickets, which drive me mad. And I can still hear the clack of something that isn't quite right deep down inside my Shimano reel. Confirmation of this comes from an uncommon vibration in the handle.

The source of noise might be something jammed in the level wind gear or it might be something that's broken in there or it might be nothing more than a little loop of line from a careless cast that's grabbing against the reel's top each time the spool makes a full loop.

Wishful thinking. There's something broken, something I'd better get taken care of quickly.

Now I'm like most people, I think. I don't see any need to fix something that's not broken, and I treat my reels that same way. If it still slings line and sucks it back onto the spool, that's good enough for me. The lone exception is when I fish in saltwater. Afterward, I'm careful to wash and clean and treat with oil any surfaces that need treating.

But now, as I consider my Shimano baitcast reel, I look at all my other fly reels, and realize I can't remember the last time I took them apart and wiped off scum and dirt, replaced old oil with new and checked for any sign of wear on drags and palls and gears. I've changed line regularly, but I don't think I've really cleaned reels since, oh, when was Nixon president?

So, I take down nine rods and reels and haul those off to McBride's to be cleaned and refurbished if need be, then have line added since they're there. Eight days and $200 later, I have my reels back and on the proper rods, ready to go fishing.

"Your reels actually were pretty clean and didn't need any real work," said Jay McBride. "Most people don't decide to have any work done until their reel is already broken. Yours are fine."

McBride, who runs the fishing department at the family store in the middle of Austin, said fishing tackle is so good today that freshwater anglers don't have to do much to keep them in good working order.

"If you'll put one drop of oil on each bearing on each end of the spool and another drop inside the cast control knob, you won't have any problem," he said. "These reels will last forever."

Saltwater, of course, adds a different dimension to reel maintenance. "The main thing is to wash them down really well, maybe take them apart and let them dry, then add that one drop of oil and you won't have any problems."

He's right about that. I have an odd collection of reels that I've accumulated over the years; odd because I have bought Shimanos, Pfluegers, Daiwas, Abu Garcia Revos and others just to try different models. Most of them are in that $100 to 200 range because I don't think the average angler needs to spend $500 on a reel and another $250 on a rod.

That's just conspicuous consumption, and inevitably it's going to irritate a spouse. Instead, buy a nice reel, keep it clean and in good working order.

And that brings us to the most repaired reel McBride deals with. "A Shimano Curado," he said, and my eyebrows go up. I have two, the old, larger model and the newer small profile Curado. Both green.

"It's the one we get in for repairs," McBride said, "because there are more of them out there. That's the most popular reel, especially in saltwater, and when you're using them down there you're going to have some repairs."

A $200 reel that's in need of repair that might cost $100 usually is a pretty easy decision. Cheaper reels are another issue, though.

Today you can buy inexpensive reels for $50 or less. Spinning reels don't cost much at all. It can be cheaper, McBride said, just to replace the entire thing, rather than pay to have it repaired at twice the cost of a new reel.

Precision rifle is high in price, high in accuracy

LIBERTY HILL — The .338 bucks in my hands, and I wait.

Actually, I lounge until, a little more than six seconds later, the sound of clanging steel drifts back from 1,000 yards down range. That's more than a half mile.

The 300 grain projectile has overcome heat and wind and gravity to perfectly intersect with the orange steel plate down range.

I smile and marvel at the rifle I'm shooting. I hit the target. Had I tried this shot with my trusty 7-mag using its 4x14 power scope, it might have taken days to hear the clang.

Just for good measure, I drop back to the stock, zero the scope, fire and hit the target again.

Bret Boyd is sitting next to me, using his iPad to watch streaming video images of everything I'm seeing through the scope on this .338 Lapua custom rifle. He's wearing sunglasses, but I can see a smug I-told-you-so look on his face.

Boyd, vice president of TrackingPoint of Austin, knows I was skeptical about the practicality of hunting with a 23-pound, $22,000 rifle called a "precision guided firearm" topped with a "networked tracking scope."

"We made these rifles for hunters," Boyd said. "These are long-range hunting rifles."

TrackingPoint is an entrepreneur's response to a missed shot in Africa, an all-in attempt to build a shooting system that adds computer power to the gun to make it more accurate. It's complicated, obviously, but user friendly. Boyd ran me through a 90-second tutorial, which was all it took to make the 1,000-yard shot.

TrackingPoint also offers two other rifles in .300 Winchester Magnum that sell for $20,000 and $17,500. TrackingPoint includes in its pricing 200 rounds of custom Barnes ammunition for both range and hunting situations, along with an iPad and software to allow shooters to download to their phones or computers or to watch the shot in real time or replayed later.

Boyd notes, and correctly, that a high-end, custom, long-range rifle with a target scope can run to $12,000 or more. Add a laser range-finder and binoculars, spotting scope and other extras and the package can quickly push the $17,500 the company charges for its least expensive model. It's not cheap but it's not meant to be. There is a significant high-end market, especially in Texas, and that's the company's user group.

"We started working on this nearly three years ago and have finally gotten to this point," Boyd said. "We started with the thinking that a bolt action rifle is essentially an 1800s device that hasn't changed very much (in 150 years). You've got a rifle, scope and a trigger. We wanted to use sort of drone technology to advance that."

The Surgeon custom rifle is matched to the scope device, which is all-weather system, as well as a tracking and ranging device. The shooter "tags" the target, either animal or steel, by depressing the trigger when the rifle is pointed at exactly the right spot.

Maintaining pressure on the trigger, the shooter brings the scope's red dot back to the "tagged" location and the rifle fires. The gun won't shoot unless the tag is back in the exact location. The weight of the rifle helps reduce recoil, which in the .338 is no more than moderate.

You aren't looking through a scope tube but at a visual image of the target inside the scope. The scope, meanwhile, is storing or streaming images of the tagged target. It's refreshing itself 54 times per second as it computes distance, movement right or left, movement up or down of the barrel, temperature and the air pressure and the rotation of the earth, all of which can have a significant affect on bullet flight at extreme distances.

The rifle system does that and lets the shooter concentrate on the target. "We want it to be simple magic," Boyd said. "This is a tool to allow people to do things they might not be able to do otherwise."

That's a pretty good description.

Storytellers share local history through tales of landscape, people



BURR WILLIAMS
Sibley Nature Center founder

Wintertime was story telling time for folks, until radio, television and the virtual world stole the night from us. "Primitive" humans told stories about themselves and each other, and those who came before. Our ancestors invented complex mythologies memorized by many, and told stories about the landscapes, the plants and creatures who lived around them. They populated their surroundings with shared stories. The shared stories became our histories, the record of how people met the challenges of the day.

In the winters during the final few decades of Comanche dominion, the camps were down in the breaks and canyons of the Llano Estacado. Comanches were nomadic, constantly moving because of the needs of their horse herds, the changing location of the buffalo herds, the planned places of the trade fairs with the Comancheros or any activity from Texas Rangers or regular Army patrols. Winter camp was the longest camp of the year for the old and young, and a place of rest for the raiders and traders constantly traveling.

The trips extended hundreds of miles, more than 1,000 miles at times, riding at the most optimum speed, swapping horses every hour and riding fresh mounts previously trailed behind, finally leaving the most worn out horses. Return trips from raids against Texans were even more pell-mell. The return to winter camp meant rest and many days of doing nothing but telling stories.

Some of the stories were tales of their raids. My grandfather, who ran West Texas cattle on Seminole Indian land along the North Canadian River bottoms for more than a decade, talked with older warriors who could flawlessly repeat the landmarks of a raiding or trading trail 20 years and more later, describing how to travel from water hole to water hole all the way from northern Mexico to Indian Territory. Seminoles had been part of the extralegal trading network during the years that Wildcat and John Horse, the Black Seminole leader, had taken many of their people to Mexico.

Some of the tales were about the character of the bravest warrior, his self-sacrifice in times of other's needs and how that warrior shaped the success of a raid. Boys asked for stories of their fathers, their brothers and other kin and how they dealt with the travails of the trail. The people hunkered down during winter storms, which gave time for the old men and women to entertain the families with older stories, stories of how the people came to be connected with the world around them.

The world changed abruptly for the Comanches. For 170 years they roamed the plains of Texas, fashioning a trading and raiding empire. They were then ordered to live in houses and each family owned a small amount of land to farm and raise stock. They no longer lived in dense villages of tipis, where their social life flourished. Their old stories lost their importance.

When I drive past or visit places I know were old winter camps of the Comanches, my mind usually creates the image of tipis lit from within, with the shadows of storytellers flickering large on the walls. Palo Duro State Park, the area near present day White River Lake, and the valleys below Mushaway Peak in Borden County were places were thousands of stories were told. In the sounds of the ever present wind I pretend I hear the voices of those who told the stories. Loving and sharing and remembering history is as much an act of imagination as it is scholarship — it is up to us to keep the stories alive.

We should tell the stories of the eastern Jornada-Mogollon, the Jumano, the Comanches, the Kiowas, the Mescaleros and Lipans, the Comancheros, the Ciboleros and the pastores.

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Local Author and Editor Enjoys Publishing As Much As Writing



Most people read books, some collect them, some give them as gifts, and a few write them. But Dr. Tom Parks is different: he likes to publish them.

"There is something about designing and publishing a book that I find endlessly creative and satisfying," the UTPB professor and administrator said. "It is fascinating to read a book manuscript and find the core ideas or concept that the author had in mind, and then design a book to fit all that."

Sometimes, he says, the title that the author chooses is a good clue and can help in selecting the type font, size, and design of the book's front cover, as well as illustrations or dominant colors – even the spine and back cover.

"It doesn't matter whether the writer sends you a manuscript of poetry or a novel or a collection of essays or short stories, the excitement is the same for me," he said. "Basically, it's creating a book design to symbolize the author's intent. Some authors leave it totally up to the publisher, and some have their own ideas. Either way, it's a creative process that I find immensely satisfying, to deliver the finished book to the writer."

An author himself, his fiction and nonfiction books have been produced by such national publishers as Time Warner Books and Kendall-Hunt, and he admits to having a couple of major writing projects underway. But in recent years, the bookmaking process itself interested him just as much, and the associate dean and director of the doctoral program at UTPB hasn't stopped since.

It started several years ago when the Midland County Library was celebrating its 100th birthday and he was serving as chairman of the Library Board at the time. He was asked to edit a volume of works by local authors to commemorate the occasion, and what resulted was a book entitled "Home From the Library" that was dedicated to then-First Lady Laura Bush, herself a librarian from Midland. It has since found a home as an artifact in the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas and resulted in a personal letter of thanks from Laura Bush in the White House.

That process of publishing a book fascinated him, and he hasn't stopped since. Over the past few years, his Marble Press (www.marblepress.com), which he describes primarily as a hobby and non-profit enterprise, has published some fifteen books and continues to turn out three or four a year. They run the gamut from a bilingual children's Christmas story to a sprawling 400-page Viking saga. He likes to work with local authors, although his press has published writers from Pennsylvania to Louisiana to California. He maintains a New York office address and web page "because that's the heart of the publishing world," he says, but all inquiries are forwarded to him in Midland. A particular project he enjoys is publishing an annual anthology of works by local and regional writers, including poems, short stories, essays, and excerpts from longer works as part of a summer arts and film festival produced by the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Midland.

His publishing company can produce as few as 25 copies of a book or as many as 25 million, thanks to recent technology. "Before the digital revolution, the small publishing enterprise like mine couldn't have existed," he said. "But the creative aspects of designing and turning out a book are still the same as they've always been."

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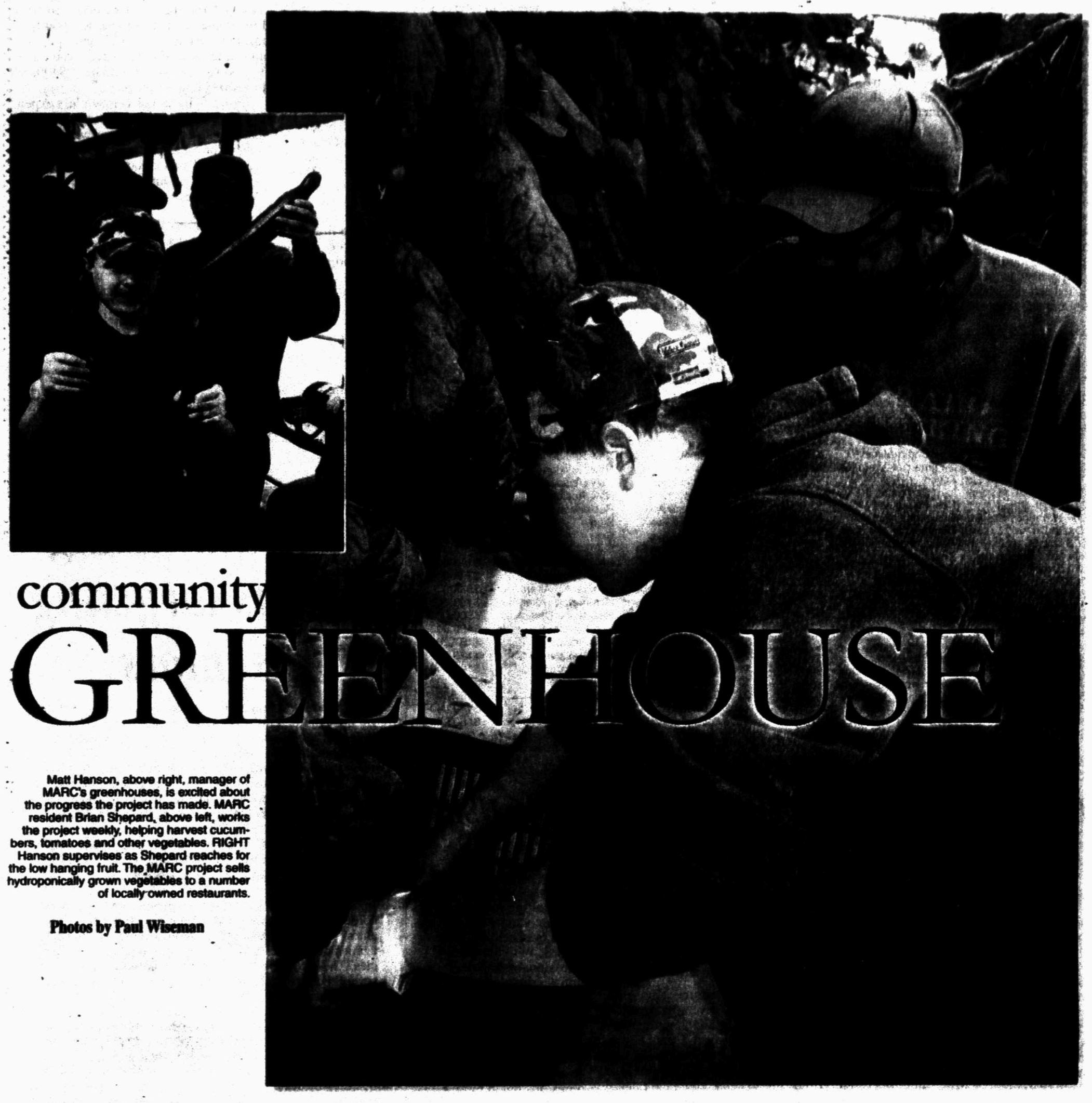
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community GREENHOUSE

Matt Hanson, above right, manager of MARC's greenhouses, is excited about the progress the project has made. MARC resident Brian Shepard, above left, works the project weekly, helping harvest cucumbers, tomatoes and other vegetables. RIGHT Hanson supervises as Shepard reaches for the low hanging fruit. The MARC project sells hydroponically grown vegetables to a number of locally owned restaurants.

Photos by Paul Wiseman

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Betenbough Homes announces several new hires to its Midland team.

Kayla Aulds has been hired as a new home hostess for Betenbough Homes. Aulds graduated from Frenship High School in Wolfforth and is currently attending Midland College.

Keith Smith has been hired as a community development coordinator. Smith brings more than 25 years of experience in residential, commercial and federal construction to the company.

HOUSTON – Burleson LLP, the largest law firm in the country devoted specifically to the oil and gas industry, announced that attorneys Brent Chicken, Don Hueske, Andrew Jenkins, Wes Sharples and Michael Vennum have become partners.

Chicken, who joined Burleson's Denver location in 2011, has a broad base of experience in exploration and production as well as midstream oil and gas law matters. Licensed to practice in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota, he represents clients in complex commercial litigation, mediation and arbitration involving a wide range of concerns, and is well versed in corporate, regulatory, and oil and gas law.

Hueske joined Burleson in 2010 and practices oil and gas law while providing leadership on the firm's Rapid Response Due Diligence℠ team. Hueske is Board Certified in oil, gas, and mineral law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Jenkins is an attorney in Burleson's Pittsburgh location, where he concentrates his practice primarily in litigation.

Sharples has practiced in the firm's San Antonio office since 2010, overseeing the workflow and assignment of oil and gas title matters. He has rendered numerous title opinions on lands located in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico, and regularly advises clients on oil and gas mineral title issues.

Vennum joined Burleson's Pittsburgh location in 2010 and now leads the firm's Land Use Practice Group in Pennsylvania. He is licensed in all four jurisdictions of the Appalachian region — Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and New York — and has represented exploration and production companies in a wide range of regional development issues, including local zoning, road use, municipal ordinance challenges and general real estate matters.

OMAHA, Neb. — Farmers National Company has announced that Lee Vermeer, vice president of real estate operations, has retired after leading the company's real estate and appraisal business lines for the past 11 years.

Vermeer first joined Farmers National Company in 1982 as a farm manager and real estate agent in Sioux City, Iowa. He was quickly promoted to regional vice president, based in Columbus, Ohio, then moved up to the position of area vice president/area sales manager for Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Derrick Volchoff, ALC, has joined Farmers National Company as its new vice president of real estate operations. Volchoff, originally from Michigan, spent the past three years in western Nebraska managing an international real estate division serving landowners and clients. He has also completed many hours in a graduate level program in real estate.

MARC greenhouse project helps residents participate in community commerce

By David Wiseman
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

Five years ago, Matt Hanson's brother became a resident of the Intermediate Care Facility at the nonprofit MARC Inc., at about the same time that MARC Inc. introduced a new vocational program for residents.

The vocational program was a greenhouse for growing tomatoes hydroponically, where residents could work, earn some income and help to support MARC financially. The timing was ideal, both for Matt Hanson and for MARC, because Hanson has years of experience with sustainable farming. Soon he began working as an independent consultant as the program was getting off the ground.

"I consulted with them initially, but wasn't really interested in working with them," said Hanson. This situation persisted until the spring of 2012, when MARC approached Hanson about providing leadership for the project. "I started as a paid consultant, but after a few weeks we decided it would be better to do it as a full-time position because they needed a manager." Hanson took on the position as full-time manager of the project last July.

The shift from consultant to full-time manager was prompted in part by the realization that maintaining the greenhouses would require more consistent oversight. Hanson found it difficult to effectively supervise the controlled environment of the greenhouses without working on them full time. "There were a lot of things that needed attention, needed someone to take the reins and figure out how the systems work and make them work consistently," said Hanson.

Since becoming fully involved in the project, Hanson has been able to become proficient in managing the greenhouses. Hydroponic agriculture is a system by which crops are grown in nutrient-rich water rather than in soil. This kind of system requires constant supervision to keep nutrient levels and atmospheric conditions consistent enough for the crops to thrive, and it is a system with which Hanson had no previous experience. "The learning curve was pretty steep in the beginning and I had to fix things over time."

Having attained a degree of proficiency in working with the hydroponic system, Hanson has begun to expand the project beyond tomatoes and beyond the greenhouses. "We're growing cucumbers in the greenhouse, experimenting to see how that does with a hydroponic system," Hanson said. He has also returned to more traditional farming, planting onions, root vegetables and leafy greens in an effort to expand the scope of the farm.

In addition to expanding the range of crops, Hanson is interested in expanding into new markets. "The Midland Downtown Farmers' Market has been our most consistent source of marketing," Hanson said, though they have also been supplying some local restaurants. For the next stage in expansion, Hanson is working toward supplying grocery stores, in addition to his current outlets. Selling to grocery stores, he says, "requires that we have a food testing program, which will take a couple of years to get implemented."

More immediate concerns have cropped up with the manpower shortage

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San Angelo-based credit union building location on Briarwood

CONSTRUCTION IS under way for a Midland branch of First Community Federal Credit Union at 4616 Briarwood Ave. Completion is expected in April.

First Community is a San Angelo-based credit union and the Midland office will service Midland, Ector and Glasscock counties.

It will include lobby service and a remote transaction kiosk for customer convenience. The location will also feature a four-lane drive-through with the first drive-through lane including a night depository and drive-up ATM. The exterior will also include a digital sign.

Lorna Harris has been hired as branch manager and is currently undergoing training in San Angelo.

SETTLED INTO much larger quarters is BeDazzle in Imperial Shopping Center at 3211 W. Wadley Ave.

The new location, just a few doors down from its original site, is much larger,



MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

allowing for new businesses that offer BeDazzle's mix of clothing, shoes, accessories and gift items.

Owners say the additional space also makes inventory more accessible: "You can see it more because it's spread out."

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The store has a page on Facebook.

TO CELEBRATE The opening of an in-store shop in Dillard's at Midland Park Mall, the skincare company Kiehl's, in conjunction with Dillard's, will present a $1,000 donation to Midland Fair Havens with a public celebration Wednesday, Feb. 27 beginning at 11 a.m.

Kiehl's philanthropic efforts are centered on three pillars: Children's well-being, HIV/AIDS awareness and education and the environment and are done with local events and with larger initiatives.

Kiehl's began as an old world apothecary at 13th Street and Third Avenue in New York City in 1851 and continues to sell skin and body remedies for men, women, children and pets from that same spot. Notable customers have included Gwyneth Paltrow, Halle Berry, Demi Moore, Jennifer Aniston, Sarah Jessica Parker, Ben Stiller and Ben Affleck. A longtime apprentice, John Kiehl, purchased the apothecary, which began operations as Kiehl's. It was sold to his longtime apprentice Irving "Doc" Morse in 1921. Morse, a pharmacist and herbologist, passed the business to his son Aaron, whose daughter Jami was raised among the "family" of Kiehl's employees.

Family should stage intervention on mother-in-law's spending



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

My mother-in-law has a serious credit card problem. She can't afford stuff, but she shops anyhow, acquires more and more credit and thinks she'll pay for it all later somehow. Her husband has bailed her out a few times, but he's unwilling to do it anymore. My wife and I, and her sister, want to address this issue, but where do we start?

Jonathan

Dear Jonathan,

First of all, you need to stay out of the discussion. This is something for her daughters to handle, and her husband needs to be part of it, too. He's closer to this and feels the effects more than anyone else in the family.

They need to sit down with her in a closed setting, where there are no interruptions, no television and no one else. Start with the fact that they love her and care about her deeply. This part is really important. But they also have to walk through what's going on, and let her know they're tired of watching her destroy herself and her marriage with this immature and irresponsible behavior.

Everyone involved should understand going in that they're likely to receive a volatile, angry reaction from this lady. Sometimes people get ticked off when they hear the truth, especially when it's connected to their own misbehavior. It may even be a good idea for your wife, her sister and your father-in-law to get some advice from a family counselor beforehand. What we're really talking about here is an intervention.

If she were a drunk, you'd want to try and make her see how alcohol was hurting her and the relationships she has with her family. Basically, she has a credit card addiction, and it's wreaking havoc on her marriage and their financial well-being. Show as much love and understanding as possible, but someone has to say something and draw a line in the sand. Otherwise, this behavior will eat everyone alive!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I want to get out of my whole life policy. Should I formally close out the old policy, or just stop paying the premiums?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Close out the old policy once you have a good, term life insurance policy in place. I recommend 15- to 20-year level term insurance equal to 10 to 12 times your annual income. For instance, if you make $40,000 a year, you should have $400,000 to $500,000 in coverage.

Term life insurance is much less expensive than whole life. Plus, did you know that you lose the part of your whole life policy known as the "savings plan" or "cash value" when you die? They only pay the face amount of the policy. So, close it out and stop pumping money into that thing!

But don't leave yourself uninsured. Make sure you have the proper coverage in a term policy first. There is never a good time to save money inside a rip-off, whole life, cash value insurance plan!

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

3109 Stanolind Ave	Residential Addition	$25,000	6009 Clarewood Drive	New Residence	$454,000
105 N. Marshall Street	New Residence	$130,000	6401 Los Conchos Lane	New Residence	$364,400
103 N. Marshall Street	New Residence	$130,000	2900 W. Loop 250 N	Commercial Alteration	$185,000
1205 E. Nobles Avenue	Residential Addition	$2,500	4611 Kiowa Drive	Residence-Detached	$3,500
2010 Rankin Highway	New Commercial	1,035,000	3504 Shell Avenue	New Residence	$191,440
4511 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$83,000	3502 Shell Avenue	New Residence	$191,440
1122 E. Golf Course Rd	Fence	$300	3504 Shell Avenue	New Residence	$191,400
5206 Princeton Avenue	New Commercial	3,200,000	1811 Pueblo	New Residence	$189,600
307 S. Clay Street	New Residence	$2,000	3901 Crestgate Ave	Residence-Detached	$3,120
2004 W. Tennessee Ave	Residential Addition	$39,000	805 W. Wadley Ave	Sign	$11,000
6 Desta Drive	Commercial Alteration	$747,980	805 W. Wadley Ave	Sign	$11,000
1603 N. L Street	Residence-Detached	$7,511	2014 N. Big Spring St	Sign	$7,000
2307 Rankin Highway	Sign	$10,000	4614 Versailles Drive	Residential Addition	$15,000
2307 Rankin Highway	Sign	$10,000	1300 W. Washington	Residential Alteration	$7,000
2307 Rankin Highway	Sign	$10,000	206 W. Parker Avenue	Residential Alteration	$5,000
2307 Rankin Highway	Sign	$10,000	5514 Champions Drive	Commercial Alteration	$193,000
2307 Rankin Highway	Sign	$10,000	3502 Jordan Avenue	Residence-Detached	$500
1822 N. Midland Drive	Sign	$2,400	3600 N. Garfield Street	Commercial Alteration	$400,000
4400 N. Midland Drive	Sign	$1,315	3524 Ellen Jayne Way	New Residence	$187,280
801 Shea Lane	New Residence	$121,000	1104 Milltown Road	New Residence	$128,800
803 Shea Lane	New Residence	$121,000	1100 Milltown Road	New Residence	$128,640
4703 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$200,000	1102 Milltown Road	New Residence	$108,480
4511 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$80,670	2113 E. Golf Course	MH-Single Lot	$10,500
4511 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$200,000	1402 E. Pecan Avenue	New Residence	$149,440
4609 Hilltop Drive	Residential Addition	$14,930	2306 Garden City Hwy	Commercial Addition	$160,000
2307 Seaboard Ave	Residential Addition	$24,624			
1601 W. Cuthbert Ave	Residential Alteration	$395,000			
2 Saddle Club Drive	Residential Addition	$250,000			

Source: City of Midland

Ending Saturday mail move in right direction for USPS



RAY PERRYMAN

When the US Postal Service announced that it was stopping Saturday delivery in an effort to cut costs, my first thought was that it's about time! As much as I like my Saturday mail and appreciate the heritage, I have been surprised by past resistance to the idea among some members of Congress, a few vocal businesses and a handful of households. Given rising costs and falling mail volume, the move is a long-overdue streamlining of services aimed at preserving the viability of this essential institution (the revenue from Saturday delivery doesn't cover even half the cost).

From the 1770s when Benjamin Franklin was named first Postmaster General, to the 1860s and the pony express, to the 1890s with the beginning of free rural delivery, the Postal Service has been knitting together the nation. By allowing vital lines of communication to develop and flourish in those early days, mail was an essential aspect of economic development and settlement of the United States. Its legacy, however, does not define the future, any more than that of the stage coach or the telegraph.

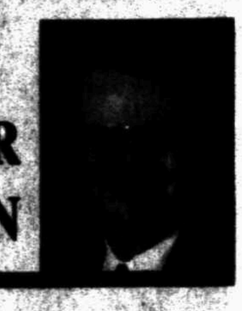
Although first-class mail is now only a fraction of the pieces handled by the USPS, it is illustrative of the changing role of the Postal Service; in addition, it represents about half of revenues. The volume of mail trended steadily upward for decades. In 1926, the Postal Service delivered about 15.3 million pieces of first-class mail. Volume had doubled by the late 1950s and then doubled again by the 1980s. After rising for more than 75 years (and then some), volume peaked in 2001 with 103.7 million pieces, but dropped to 102.4 in 2002. The downward slide picked up steam and last year, only 68.7 pieces of first-class mail were delivered. Although the pattern is less pronounced when you look at total mail volume (which fell from almost 203 billion pieces in 2002 to 168 billion in 2011), it is still notable.

Of course, the drop in mail volume is no surprise given the increasingly digital nature of the world. Email has replaced "snail mail" for a variety of purposes, and cheap telephone rates, ubiquitous cell phones, and social media have usurped old-fashioned letters as a way to keep in touch. In response to these changes, the Postal Service launched its public Internet site in 1994, and now about 1.2 million people visit the site every day. A free iPhone app was offered in 2009, as the Postal Service again moved to answer the evolving needs of customers.

Although the huge entity (which would rank 35 in the 2011 Fortune 500 if it were a private company) has tried to keep up with the times, it is too constrained by Congress to be able to adapt fast enough and is now facing a dire budgetary situation. By law, the Postal Service is required to cover its costs without any tax dollars. If it were a private company facing declining revenue from falling volume, logical responses would include cost-cutting measures that are simply not legal or possible for the USPS. With the Congressional mandates, long-term labor contracts, and difficulties closing down even the tiniest post offices, the Postal Service is hard pressed. Moreover, it is required to fund its pensions much more aggressively than any of its private-sector counterparts, thus putting it at a competitive disadvantage. In essence, it is asked to have the financial statement of a private company with all the burdens of a government agency, and it simply doesn't work.

For example, the number of delivery points is rising, up from 139 million in 2002 to almost 152 million in 2011. Nearly 214,000 vehicles traveled 1.2 billion miles to deliver the mail in 2011, and rising fuel costs are driving up related expenses. The Postal Service also keeps up with labor-intensive tasks such as the 40 million address changes, the 62 million inquiries and 116

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TYLER PATTON

Telemarketing scams targeting seniors

I will admit to laughing at that old "I've fallen and I can't get up" commercial years ago. But, I recently saw it again and mostly felt concerned about the way it exploits the fears of senior citizens to sell a product.

As much as I dislike that commercial, however, I have to acknowledge that it is selling a real product that may be useful to certain people. A new scam is using that same fear tactic to bilk seniors out of money without providing any actual service.

Senior citizens nationwide are reporting pushy, suspicious telemarketing calls from businesses going by the names "Senior Emergency Care," "Senior Safety Alert" or "Senior Safe Alert."

According to reports, these businesses are using prerecorded telemarketing calls to pitch a personal emergency alarm system. The recording claims the alarm will protect against dangers such as break-ins and medical emergencies. The recording further claims that the system — worth several hundred dollars — can be installed for free, but will cost $30 a month thereafter.

After the pitch, callers are prompted to press a button to speak with a live person for "verification" purposes. However, victims report that staff refuses to provide basic business information, such as the business address.

If you answer the phone and are greeted by an automated message instead of a live person, that is considered a robocall. Furthermore, according to the Federal Trade Commission, "if the recording is a sales message, and you haven't given your written permission to get calls from the company, the call is illegal."

Red flags of a telemarketing scam include:

- The caller or automated message tries to create a sense of panic. In this case, the call alarms seniors by describing a situation where they are incapacitated at home and cannot call for help. Also watch out for calls that push for immediate action.
- Promises of something for free. Be wary of "free" offers that ask you to pay a handling fee or other charges.
- Implies an endorsement from a well-known organization. In this case, the call claims the alarm system is endorsed by the American Heart Association and the "American Diabetic Association," which is really the "American Diabetes Association."
- Spoken errors. Just as phishing emails often contain misspellings and grammar errors, scam calls can have similar errors, such as referring to the American Diabetes Association as the "American Diabetic Association."
- No legitimate contact information. Any legitimate business should be able to provide you with detailed contact information, such as an address or website.

Additionally, if you receive a call similar to this:

- Hang up right away;
- Do not push any button(s) to proceed further;
- Consider blocking the number and add your number to the Do Not Call Registry;
- Report the call to your Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org or to the FTC at www.donotcall.gov.

MARKET WATCH

Markets beginning to confound many participants



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Using the term "everybody" is a little bit of an exaggeration; but, it seems in recent weeks that more and more investors are jumping on the bandwagon and waiting for some sort of correction in the stock market before they commit new money to equities.

But those of us who have been weathered by the markets over a long period of time know that stocks usually embark on a course that confounds and confuses most people. And right now things are starting to confound and confuse many market participants. The economy contracted in the fourth quarter of last year, overspending in Washington seems to have no bounds, the Middle East is a hotbed of violence and European woes continue to affect the markets on a regular basis.

In spite of all these issues, the S&P 500 is trading up nearly 6 percent this year after notching a 13.4 percent gain in 2012. The market started off the year with a bang in the wake of the "fiscal cliff" negotiations that pushed taxes higher and delayed any government spending cuts. What could be at work here? Likely, it is multiple things coming together at once. Of course, the Fed's easy money policies and big purchases of mortgage-backed and Treasury securities have given the markets a tailwind for some time. Interest rates are unlikely to move significantly higher any time soon. In addition, the economy grew modestly last year and is expected to do so again in 2013. And do not forget

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million money orders each year.

Employees are, of course, a major element of Postal Service operating costs (about $1.9 billion paid out every two weeks in salaries and benefits). Since 1999's level of almost 797,800, the number of USPS workers has been dropping and now totals approximately 528,500. The past few years have seen particularly sharp declines, with about 100,000 positions eliminated in the past four years. In fact, today's level is less than that of 1968. One thing the Postal Service does is differentiate between "career employees" and its part-time workforce, and these numbers reflect only career employees.

Even with our move to digital communications, there are certain fundamental functions of the Postal Service that are still essential to commerce and desirable for customers. In addition, the size of the mailing industry that is dependent on the USPS is enormous, with some estimates reaching trillion-dollar levels. Cutting out Saturday delivery is a cost-saving move in the right direction, and the informal polls I have seen indicate that most people really don't care. Congress needs to either declare it a public good or wise up to the fact that the Postal Service must be allowed to adapt to its changing environment in order to ensure its long-term viability.

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that companies, overall, have figured out how to make money in this slow growth environment where inflation has not been a problem and costs have been contained.

But another factor starting to play a role in the rally is nervous investors beginning to worry they are missing something. Baby Boomers sitting on too much cash and concerned about the prospects of outliving their money. With CDs yielding almost nothing, other sources of income, like dividend-paying stocks, have seen more attention. We sense that some investors are starting to chase the market higher. But this is in the very early stages.

The S&P 500 is up more than 125 percent since the early March 2009 lows. In past cycles, investors would have been trying to jump on the rally train long before now. But this recovery has been different. The economy and labor markets have only improved slowly. Many investors took major hits to their portfolios as the technology bubble burst early in the last decade and then again in the more recent financial crisis. Many investors are still fearful of the stock market and wary of the global landmines that seem to be hidden everywhere.

Some investors are being drawn into the market now. They are starting to worry about missing more upside. They are starting to throw caution to the wind and jump in. Given that, and while we do believe there will be opportunities to buy stocks at lower levels as the year progresses, when everybody is waiting for a pullback, at least in the near term, it usually does not occur.

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in Midland. "We have a hard time maintaining staff because of the oil boom," Hanson said. As part of a nonprofit, Hanson related that he is unable to offer the same kind of salaries that are offered in the oil field, but he encourages potential employees to look at the other benefits the job offers: Fulfilling work, interaction with the MARC residents, and the knowledge that they are contributing to the community.

Hanson has another resource, though, for working through staffing shortages: Volunteers. "MARC is listed, and can provide volunteer hours," he said. Hanson is also looking forward to attracting gardening clubs and school field trips, "so they can see what a working farm looks like and also do some work." For Hanson, volunteers are more than a way to fill a shortage of workers, they are a part of the purpose of the farm. "We're bringing a model of sustainability so that Midland can see what a working farm looks like."

For Hanson, the farm has several goals. He wants West Texans to realize that "it is possible to produce a large amount of food on a small budget, in a small amount of space," he said. Even in West Texas, it is possible to grow nutritionally dense produce and operate sustainable farming. The farm is an example to West Texans of local options that they may not have explored and a resource to the community. Hanson encourages Midlanders to "come to the farmers' market, go to local restaurants and have good quality, locally produced food."

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DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dumbo	Mickey M.	Jake	Sofia 1st	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Jessie
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLimo	Report	SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Sun ESPN	30 for 30			SportsCenter		OLimo	Report
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Boy Mtf							
FNC	45	50	53	23	55	Sun FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Nadia's Week		Glada	Southern	Pioneer	Paula	Ma' Meal	Big Bite
FSSW	37	43	56	45	29	Paid	Paid	Quest for Greatness		Paid	Paid	Game	Courtside
FX	31	31	59	64	69								
HALLMARK	54	49	59		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	59	26	48	44	Income	Income	Income Property		Income Property		Income Property	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Book of Secrets		Air Force One	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Ilr. Power	Turn Point	J.Osteen	Paid	Diva	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business			Up With Chris Hayes		Melissa Harris-Perry	
NBCSN	38	39				FishBook	H.Outdoors	Bill Dance	Outdoor	Alaska	Fishing	Fishing	Babe W.
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Mega	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	30 Days of Night: Dark Days			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Home I.	Home Imp	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Cougar T	Queens
TCM	41	61	24	63	66								
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Reggo	Reggo	Noodle	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball All-Star Saturday Night					F.Files	Law & Order "Virtue"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Rose.	(:25) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Suits "Normandy"			
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — FEBRUARY 17, 2013

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		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	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Shark Tank		The Taste		News	Paid
KOSA	CBS	NCAA Basketball Ohio State vs. Wisconsin (L)				PGA Golf Northern Trust Open Site: Riviera Country Club (L)							News
KWWT	CW	Hollywd.										ThereYet	ThereYet
KPEJ	FOX											HomeT.	Hispanic
KMLM	IND	Mark B	Joe McGee	T.Scrivner	Dr. R.B.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		A.G. Roth	Dr. Dye	Calls	Alewine
KWES	NBC					NHL Hockey	Los Angeles Kings vs. Chicago Blackhawks (L)					Inside Ed.	News
KPBT	PBS	Passport	Travel Kids	Daytrip	Getaways	GED	FBPorter	Sewing	Knitting	L. Web	Love Songs		
KUPB	UNI	NFL Fútbol	Monarcas Morelia vs Pumas (L)			Republica deportiva		Al Punto		Fabrica de Ideas		Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA	MNT	Business	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Thinks	Insider	Access Hollywood				Ent. Tonight	Private Practice

FLIX	340	65		165									
HBO	300	08	14	14									
HBO2	302	09	15	100	23								
HBO5	304	70	16	102									
MAX	300	71	17	120	24								
MAX2	302	72	18	122									
PLEX			96										
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25								
TMC	329	67	22	165	26								

ABC	27	32	28	35	47	Ship War	Ship Wars	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War
AMC	40	21	23	42	51										
BET	58	26		40											
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Top 20		Beverly Hills		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Housewives Atlanta	
CMBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	58	Fareed Zakaria GPS		News	Next List	Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	The Devils Ride		The Devils Ride		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	(:15) Good.	(:45) Farb	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Dog Blog	Jessie	Shake Up	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Louisville vs. South Florida (L)				PBA Bowling				WPT Poker	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Rebat.	Dunks of the Year	NCAA Basketball (L)					Score.	NCAA Basketball (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33										
FNC	45	50	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Stossel		America's News HQ		Dinners	Dinners
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Bobby's Dinner Battle		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	56	45	29	Gymnast	NCAA Basketball	West Virginia vs Iowa St. (L)		NCAA Basketball	Texas vs. Texas Tech (L)			Pre-game	NHL Hockey (L)
FX	31	31	59	64	69										
HALLMARK	54	49	59		34										
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Gettnwy Unbuckled				It's Good to be President				The President's Book of Secrets	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48										
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				NCAA Lacrosse Southwest Classic (L)								Fight36	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Wmz (N)	Sponge	T.U.F.F.	Drake	Drake	Drake	iCarly		iCarly	
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Tiki Curse"	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67										
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Home									
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:15)									
TELE	20	8	10	20		Videos									
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Borrowed	Borrowed	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon
TNT	24	23	40	26	50										
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Hot In	Hot/ Clevs.	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49									SVU "Personal Fouls"	SVU "Blood Brothers"
WGN	19	18										Home Videos		30 Rock	Home Videos

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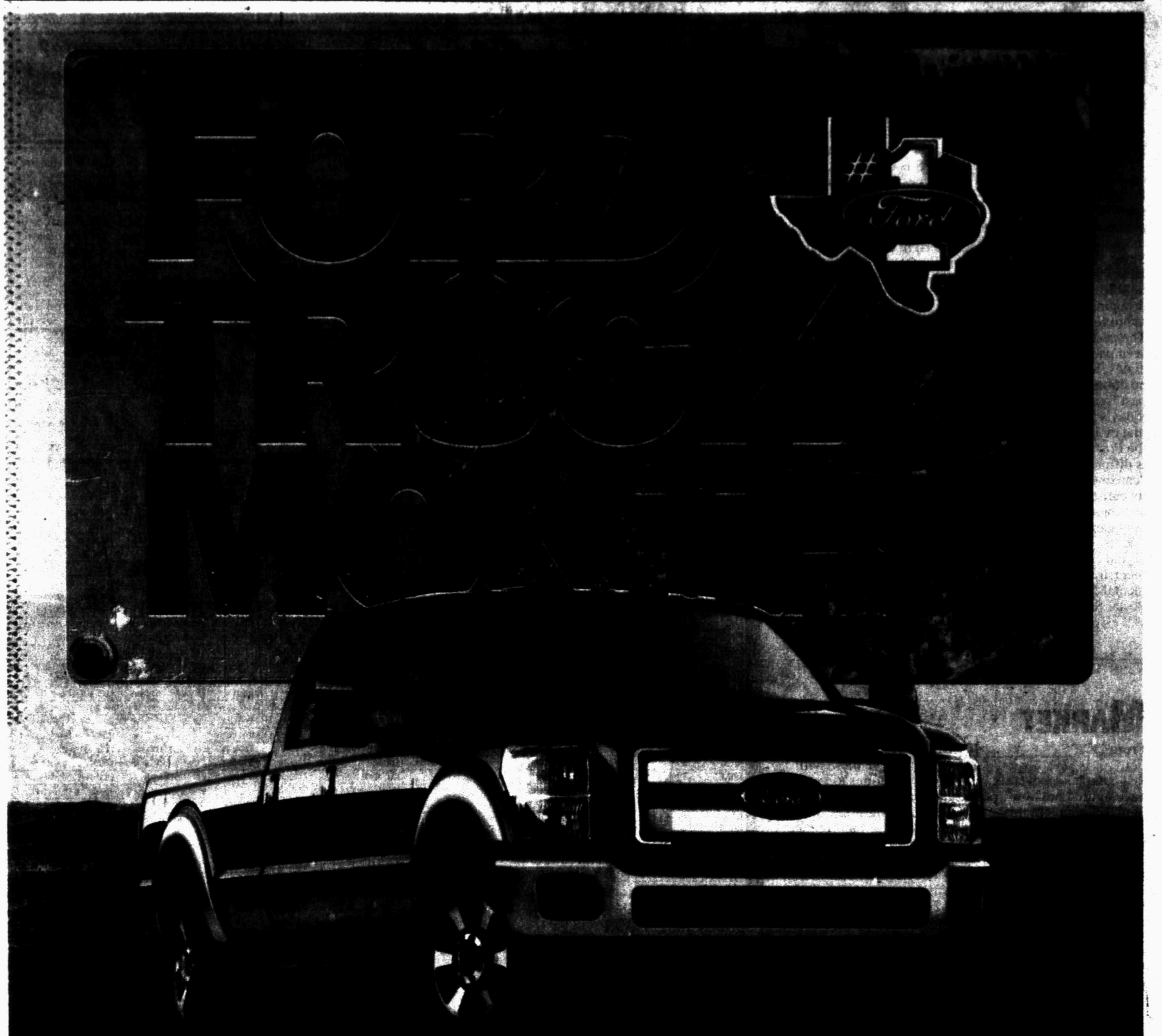
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon a Time "Manhattan" (N)		Revenge "Sacrifice" (N)		Revenge for Real (N)		KMID News	(:35) Crook and Chase		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA	CBS	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race (SP) (N)		The Good Wife "Red Team/ Blue Team" (N)		The Mentalist "Red in Tooth and Claw" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT	CW	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Paid Program						Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	'Til Death	'Til Death
KPEJ	FOX	The Simpsons	The Simpsons (N)	Theslim-psons (N)	(:35) Bob's Burger (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Throw Wide Life	Tx.Roa-dhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Jack Van Impe	Consum-er Corner
KMLM	IND	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Dr. Bill Wedge	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	Update News	For the Heart of the City	
KWES	NBC	Dateline NBC		Off Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	Saturday Night Live In the '90's: Pop Culture The highs and lows of the 1990s. (N)				News-Web 9	Reporter	Country Reporter	Paid Program	Whacked Out	
KPBT	PBS	Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey, Series 3"				Masterpiece "Dolmonton Abbey, Series III" The Crawleys head to a Scottish hunting lodge.				Dibley "Animals"	The Old Guys	Perspec-tive	Noticiero Univision	Woodsongs	
KUPB	UNI	Aquí y Ahora		Lo Que Mas Quieres				Sal y pimienta		Perspec-tiva	Noticiero Univision	Una Noche con Yuri	
KOSA	MNT	Burn Notice		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Game

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SHOW	320	66	19	140	25								
TMC	329	67	22	165	26								

ABC	27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51										
BET	58	26		40											
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atl. (N)		Shahs "Reunion" (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta	Shahs	
CMBC	46	45		39	72	Princess	Christmas	60 Minutes		60 Minutes		American Greed		60 Minutes	
CNN	43	24	51	30	58	CNN Newsroom		CNN Special		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNN Special	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Day	Austin	Shake Up	Gravity	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Jessie	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Sports Center		Mike & Mike		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsC.	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Rebat.	Dunks of the Year	NBA Story Racing Mountmonials						Poker '12 World Series	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33										
FNC	45	50	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rachael vs. Guy		Chopped (N)		WorstCooks (N)		Chef Wanted (N)		Iron Chef America	
FSSW	37	43	56	45	29	Sun NHL Hockey Cap Crit. (L)			Stars Live	WPT Poker		NCAA Basketball USC vs. California (L)			
FX	31	31	59	64	69										
HALLMARK	54	49	59		34										
HGTV	63	59	26	48	44	Income	Income	Income Property		Income Property		Income Property		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Book of Secrets		Air Force One				Secret Access: The Vatican	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Ilr. Power	Turn Point	J.Osteen	Paid	Diva		What Color Is Love? Sonja Bennett.	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business			Up With Chris Hayes		Melissa Harris-Perry			
NBCSN	38	39				FishBook	H.Outdoors	Bill Dance	Outdoor	Alaska	Fishing	Fishing	Babe W.	FLW Outdoors	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Mega	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Bar Rescue	
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..		
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TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Home I.	Home Imp	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Cougar T	Queens	Queens	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66										
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Reggo	Reggo	Noodle	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Op. Repo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball All-Star Saturday Night					F.Files	Law & Order "Virtue"		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Rose.	(:25) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Divorced	Divorced
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Suits "Normandy"					
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		

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ABC	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "JJ"	Criminal Minds		
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Killing "Vengeance"		Killing "Stonewalled"			
BET	58	26		40		Sun BET Inspiration				Lift Voice			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta	Inside Actors Studio			Inside Actors Studio	Top Chef	Top Chef	
CMBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	58	Early	Sunday	Sat. Morn. News		State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS		
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Fast N' Loud	Sea Gold "Dirville"	Gold Rush	
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TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Rose.	(:25) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Suits "Normandy"			
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid



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PBPA: Best science doesn't warrant 'threatened' listing for lesser prairie chicken

■ Shepperd says chicken population on the rise.

By Nicole McEwen
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Representatives of the Permian Basin oil and gas industry used four public hearings to make the case that the listing of the lesser prairie chicken as "threatened" would "slam the brakes on oil and gas activity for a minimum of two years."

They also took the opportunity to state the primary reason a listing is opposed is that best available science shows the lesser prairie chicken population is improving. In fact, Permian Basin Petroleum Association President Ben Shepperd said the biggest threat to the chicken is the ongoing drought, "and that's a threat to all of us."

The Permian Basin oil and gas industry, Shepperd said, was represented as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services held public hearings in Woodward, Okla., Garden City, Kan., Lubbock and Roswell, N.M.

"The meetings were well-attended," Shepperd reported. "The vast majority in attendance were opposed to a listing."

Rep. Mike Conaway of Midland submitted a video statement and was represented by a staff member at the Lubbock hearing. In a statement, he commented, "I appreciate the Fish and Wildlife Service's willingness to engage with stakeholders on this important issue, and I urge them to take what they hear at today's hearing and consider it thoughtfully before issuing a final rule on the lesser prairie chicken.

"Absent a conservation agreement, it would take that long for operators to get permits to drill," Shepperd said.

The listing, he added, would affect not only oil and gas but all industries, from ranching to wind energy. "All industries would be affected throughout this huge swath of 18 million acres across five states."

Efforts to conserve the species and its habitat are "enthusiastically supported," Shepperd said, adding that the oil and gas industry has submitted a conservation plan that would encompass all five states that hold the animal's habitat and the hope is operators can soon begin to enroll acreage under a plan. The plan's administrator, who would be authorized to approve acreage for enrollment and approve permits, would be the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. WAFWA is comprised of the fish and wildlife regulators from the five states who, Shepperd said, have resources "on the ground and know the habitat. The states have been doing a good job for decades of overseeing the habitat."

"Texas farmers and landowners are concerned about the proposed rule's impact on their land and their livelihoods, and I believe there are no better stewards of our resources than those who work and depend on the land. Wildlife and our natural resources are best managed at the local level, and I look forward to hearing the service's response to the concerns, proposals and thoughts shared at the hearing," Rep. Conaway said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service recently approved a conservation agreement with assurances for Oklahoma, which Shepperd said took two years to win approval.

The hope is that the model of high industry participation established last year when Texas and New Mexico successfully established conservation plans that avoided listing the dunes sagebrush lizard as endangered will be followed with the lesser prairie chicken, Shepperd said.

"Never before has the industry been engaged in so many efforts at cooperation," Shepperd said, not only in terms of the Endangered Species Act but other areas as well. Those areas include working with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on air emissions from oil and gas operations, and the Railroad Commission on new rules regarding well integrity through updating rules on casing, cementing and completing wells.

For now, Shepperd said the association is focusing on developing comments on the lesser prairie chicken to be submitted by the deadline of March 11, even as it seeks a deadline extension. The FWS has a deadline of Sept. 30 to announce a decision on a listing, something Shepperd also wants delayed.

"The listing proposal was delayed by two months" until Nov. 30, he said, which gives an abbreviated timeline to craft public comments and submit the best available science regarding the lesser prairie chicken.

Efforts to extend the deadlines drew support from Conaway and eight of his colleagues in the House of Representatives, who wrote FWS Director Dan Ashe requesting a 60-day extension of the public comment period and a 90-day extension of the deadline for a final listing decision. They also requested a face-to-face meeting with Ashe on the subject.

Obama: If Congress won't act on climate, I will

By Jennifer Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — An emboldened, second-term President Obama on Tuesday made clear that if lawmakers don't tackle climate change, he will do an end run around Congress and use his executive powers to curb greenhouse gas emissions linked to global warming.

The commitment — delivered during Obama's fourth State of the Union address — shed more light on how the president plans to make good on his inaugural vow to combat climate change and revealed that he is willing to flex his muscle on the issue.

"If Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will," Obama pledged. "I will direct my cabinet to come up with executive actions we can take — now and in the future — to reduce pollution, prepare our communities for the consequences of climate change and speed the transition to more sustainable sources of energy."

Although Obama didn't spell out details, the president could immediately direct his Environmental Protection Agency to impose new greenhouse gas emission standards on existing power plants, going beyond proposed mandates that apply only to new facilities.

Obama also pitched a "drilling for clean energy" plan, where revenue from oil and gas drilling on federal lands and waters would be steered toward research into alternatives for fueling the nation's cars and trucks.

The "Energy Security Trust" Obama proposed would be used to support development of advanced electric vehicles, biofuels, natural gas-powered cars and other alternatives to petroleum fuels and the classic combustion engine.

As part of the deal, Obama said his administration "will keep cutting red tape and speeding up new oil and gas permits."

Similar ideas have surfaced on Capitol Hill before. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, included a plan for using drilling revenue to fund clean energy research in unveiling her "20/20" vision for U.S. energy policy last week. And two years ago, as a handful of senators tried to fashion a compromise on climate change legislation, one possible deal hinged on expanding offshore drilling in exchange for new limits on carbon emissions.

"The president was clear about the magnitude of the challenge and resolute in his determination to use his executive authority to take action, especially if Congress won't," said former Environmental Protection Agency administrator Carol Browner, now a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress.

But some oil and gas industry leaders were skeptical.

"We will have to take a closer look at the president's proposals

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Instructor: Mark Bland
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Instructor: Dr. John Lorenz and Scott Cooper
March 19-20, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$765; Out of State, $790
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Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellCAP)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
March 25-28, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m. - Noon
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An Introduction to Coiled Tubing - Rescheduled
Instructor: Jeff Harris
March 28, Thu, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: J. T. (Tommy) Lent, Jr.
April 2-3, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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MEETINGS

SEPM to hear about Cline Shale

The Permian Basin section, SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) will be meeting Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

John Polasek, exploration manager, Permian New Ventures, Apache Corporation, Midland, will present "Midland Basin Unconventional Resource Play: Pennsylvanian Cline Shale."

Lunch is included. The public is invited. Additional information may be found at http://www.pbs-sepm.org under 'Talks.' Reservations can be made by calling 683-1573 or e-mail at wtgs@wtgs.org.

Tax issues topic for petroleum accountants

Members of the Petroleum Accountants Society of the Permian Basin will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Midland Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Following lunch, Craig Clayton will present a technical session on severance tax and sales tax issues.

Reservations can be made by email at BOD6@paspb.org.



Photo by Paul Wiseman

"Land, lots of land, under starry skies above" could be the Fasken Oil and Ranch theme. But they are about to fence some of it in as part of a1,000-acre-plus development west of Holiday Hill Road and south of the Craddick reliever route. Fasken's headquarters building, which opened Jan. 8, is the first step.

New Fasken headquarters is cornerstone of new northwest Midland development

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

To the uninformed, gazing west from the second floor window of the new headquarters of Fasken Oil and Ranch, the planned 1,100-acre development area looks huge, if barren. Piles of brush interspersed with dust-brown pumpjacks give clues that something is about to happen in that quadrant west of Holiday Hill Road and just south of the SH 349 reliever route.

But realizing that the Fasken C Ranch, of which this is part, totals 160,000 acres between here and Andrews, including ranchland in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, this 1,100 acres is just a drop in the bucket for them. The company's total holdings come to 300,000 acres, making them the nation's 25th largest landholder, according to some sources. Canadian lawyer David Fasken began buying Texas property in 1913.

The new 60,000-square-foot office building at 6101 Holiday Hill Road opened Jan. 8 after about a year and a half of construction work. Fasken's employees, approximately 100 strong, moved there from the Bank of America tower in order to be more closely connected with the company's oil fields. To the first-time visitor, the grounds still look empty — but that's because employee parking is all housed under the office building. Only visitors park on the surface.

Chuck Hedges, Fasken's vice president and general counsel, who manages the company's real estate development, noted that the building and grounds include allocations for expansion to the west. With the current rate of growth, that addition may come sooner than later.

Hedges said the company considered other alternatives before settling on the Holiday Hill Road location. "We looked at rehabbing an old building downtown, at building a new one downtown and at building here. Putting the building here gave traction to our planned development in this area," he explained.

Over the next four to five years, Fasken plans to develop that area with single- and multi-family homes, schools (one public and possibly more than one private), retail and office space. Trails for hiking and biking will also be part of the plan — the beginnings of which are already visible at the front of the Fasken office building.

Green Tree Country Club, situated just east of the northern part of the planned development, is discussing ways to add nine holes to their golf course, to be placed across from the existing course. Homes in the Fasken development that abut the golf course would be premium properties.

The next phase will be multi-family housing just south of the building and office space located just north of the building. Single family homes are planned for later in 2013. A retail strip is planned for an area just north of the office building on Holiday Hill Road. Hedges said all zoning has been approved by the city.

Since all this development will be dotted by pumpjacks, Hedges and other company officials have made two trips to southern California to see how Bakersfield, Long Beach, Orange County and other oil municipalities in that region have dealt with similar issues. The team found pumpjacks snuggled against fast food restaurants, surrounded by parks and nestled between homes — some with chain link fences and some with larger walls, but none that seemed to be an issue.

Some areas of California have mandated that drilling rigs and pumpjacks be enclosed in faux buildings, but Hedges and his team did not visit those areas.

He stressed that there will be no future drilling in the developing area. "We drilled these wells on 40 acre spacing," he said, to keep them far enough apart. The pumpjacks will be surrounded by fences of a yet-to-be-determined height, and plants such as vines or others will be planted as landscaping around them. Hedges himself served on the committee that drew up Midland's city ordinance on drilling inside the city limits.

As to how the company will handle workovers, pumpers and other well services, Hedges said those policies are still under review. He did say, "We'll have to do it differently in here from out in the field." Some Fasken employees are likely to live in the subdivision, he said.

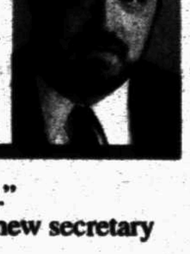
Most of the development is expected to come within the next five years, depending on the price of oil.

In May Fasken plans a ribbon cutting for the development that will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of their acquisition of the C ranch. If lawyer David Fasken should somehow come back and look over his first Texas acquisition and its development, he would not recognize the area — but he would probably be very proud.

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With a new energy secretary, we need a new energy strategy

LOREN STEFFY
Houston Chronicle



We need a change of plan.

As President Barack Obama searches for a replacement for Steven Chu, who said last week he would step down as energy secretary, he needs to search for a new energy strategy as well.

After four decades of policies based on a scarcity of energy resources, we need a plan that capitalizes on abundance, that recognizes the tremendous fortuity that increased domestic production represents.

"There's a tectonic shift in terms of the opportunity," said Stephen Arbogast, a University of Houston finance professor and former Exxon Mobil executive. Rising domestic production "really is medicine for a lot of ills we've struggled with for decades."

Chu, a Nobel-winning scientist with expertise in renewables, was a secretary for a different era. Much has changed since he took office four years ago.

During his tenure, hydraulic fracturing unleashed a production boom in the U.S. that hit a 17-year high in December and shows little sign of abating.

"The new energy secretary will have an excellent opportunity to achieve balance in the administration's stated goal of an 'all-of-the-above' energy policy," said Ryan Lance, chief executive of Houston-based ConocoPhillips. "One of the ways is a commitment to giving natural gas and oil technology development its proper placin our nation's energy options."

Some key initiatives the new secretary must consider include:

- Shifting toward a more fossil-fuel-centric strategy without losing the progress that's been made in renewable research. After all, we still will need renewables in the future.

"We're going to have fossil fuels for the next 50 years," Dallas billionaire Boone Pickens, an outspoken champion of natural gas, told me.

- Promoting demand for natural gas, the best immediate option for reducing carbon emissions.

- Resisting increased pressure from the industry to repeal regulations. As drilling increases, the government must make sure existing safety and environmental protection rules are followed.

- Allowing the industry to pursue initiatives such as exporting liquefied natural gas and building the Keystone pipeline. Infrastructure improvements may be the key to unlocking the full economic benefits of increased domestic production.

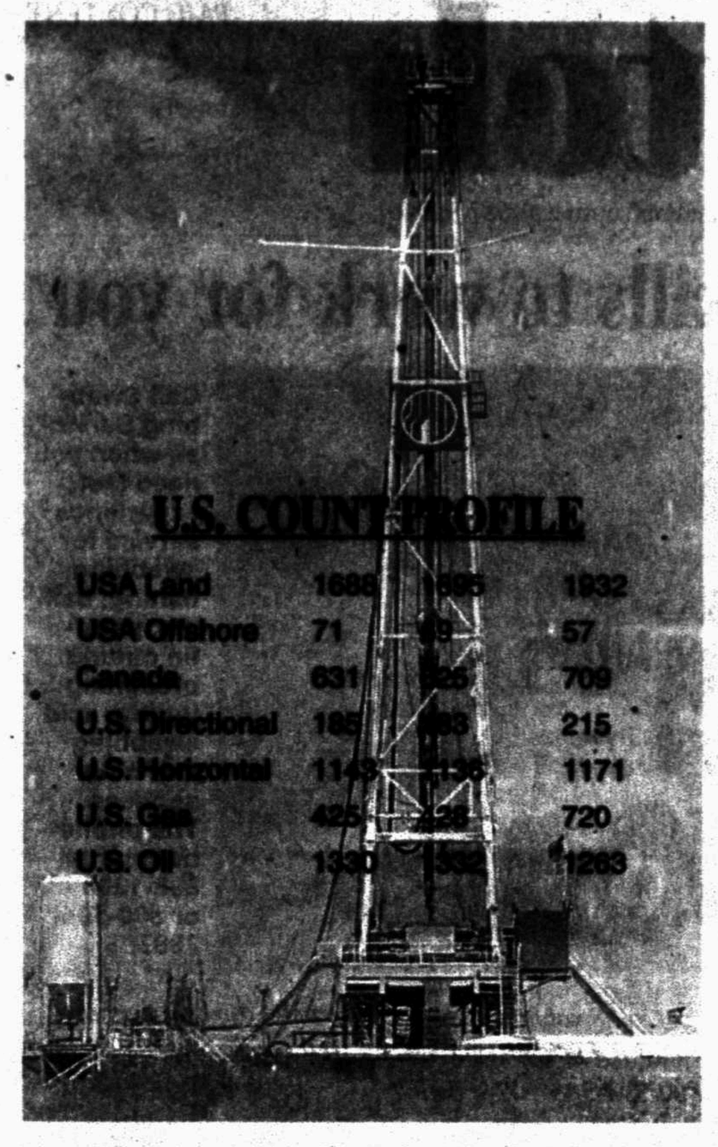
- Striking the right balance between increased production now and renewable development for later to help shield us from future supply shocks.

- Revisiting antiquated programs such as the Bush-era mandate for ethanol production. It was designed to reduce oil dependence, and it's been rendered ineffective by rising domestic production.

"The next secretary of energy needs Washington experience and credibility — for his or her understanding of the national security implications of energy in the broadest sense, accompanied by a sense of reality and proportion, not to mention thick skin," said William Arnold, a professor of energy management at Rice University.

None of the 12 energy secretaries since the position was created in 1977 have come from the industry, which probably won't change. While Arnold said industry insiders such as Anadarko Chairman James Hackett or former Sunoco CEO Lynn Elsenhans should be considered, he also suggested former Houston Mayor Bill White, former Ambassador Carlos Pascual, now a counselor to the secretary of state on energy issues, and Karen Harbert, the former assistant secretary of energy for

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international affairs, who's now president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Whoever gets the job inherits a shifting fiscal climate. For the past four years, much of the department's focus has been using stimulus money to fund research into renewables.

"There's still general support for R&D, but the dollars are going to be tighter," said Michael Skelly, president of Houston-based Clean Line Energy Partners, which develops long-haul transmission lines to connect communities with renewable power.

There's another characteristic that the new energy secretary must demonstrate: caution. It's easy to get swept up in the potential of our new energy abundance, to become so enamored of the economic possibilities that we forget how often forecasts are wrong.

The surge in domestic production is undeniable, but there's also no guarantee it will last. As I've written before, the production increases have come from some of the most expensive drilling operations ever, and maintaining that higher production will require billions in new capital every year. We can't afford to ignore the lessons of the past.

"If there's anything we should have learned on energy policy in the past 30 years, it's beware the full pendulum swing," Arbogast said.

Rather than scrapping all alternative energy research, we can allow the research to continue apace while recognizing its limitations. Think of it as an insurance policy against future shortages.

Regardless of who is picked to run the Energy Department, he or she should build a new strategy that leverages today's abundance while preparing for the possibility that it won't last.

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related to taxes and use of revenue from natural gas production to ensure that they don't have a negative impact on our ability to provide affordable energy and create jobs," said Regina Hopper, president of America's Natural Gas Alliance.

Jack Gerard, head of the American Petroleum Institute, said that if Obama wants to make good on his commitment to an all-of-the-above energy strategy, he "must follow through by implementing a national energy policy, lifting existing restrictions in support of responsible development of our vast energy resources, approving the Keystone XL pipeline and standing up against unnecessary and burdensome regulations that chill economic growth."

Obama used his nationally televised address to reiterate his call for America to take the lead in a global clean energy race, leverage the strides the U.S. already has made to expand wind power and drive down the costs of solar power.

"As long as countries like China keep going all-in on clean energy, so must we," Obama said.

He also advanced a plan modeled after the "Race to the Top" education program for states that would reward those that make big advances in energy efficiency. Details on the program were scarce Tuesday night but the administration signaled it would be used to support state governments that implement policies to boost efficiency and slash waste.

Echoing previous State of the Union addresses, Obama once again invoked the promise of natural gas, which produces fewer carbon emissions than coal when burned for power. Energy companies are using hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling to extract natural gas and oil from dense rock formations nationwide, unlocking previously inaccessible supplies.

That natural gas boom "has led to cleaner power and greater independence," Obama said.

Although the president stopped short of specifically pledging that the EPA would impose new greenhouse gas emission limits, Andrew Steer, president of the World Resources Institute, said this is one area where Obama clearly could act administratively, even if Congress doesn't move first.

"The administration can make significant progress in reducing emissions . . . by enacting standards for existing power plants, which represent the largest portion of U.S. emissions," Steer said.

Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, praised Obama for backing up his "bold words on addressing global warming from his inaugural address by outlining clean energy solutions."

But, he said Americans are "counting on the president to clean up carbon pollution from power plants, which will help the United States fulfill its obligation to future generations."

Environmentalists widely cheered Obama's tough climate change talk but insisted a major test of the president's commitment is coming soon, when the State Department decides whether the proposed Keystone XL pipeline is in the national interest. That $7 billion project would ferry bitumen to refineries along the Gulf Coast, potentially expanding the market for oil sands crude harvested in Canada using more energy-intensive techniques than conventional supplies.

Bill McKibben, the founder of 350.org, which is organizing a major Keystone XL rally in Washington, D.C. next weekend, said that he was glad to see the president "ratcheting up the rhetoric about climate change."

But, he added, "the test of that rhetoric will be what he does about ... the Keystone XL pipeline, with its freight of nearly a million barrels a day of the dirtiest oil on earth."

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Starting Wednesday, April 3, Pioneer Resources' chairman and CEO, Scott Sheffield, will explain Pioneer's new joint venture with Sinochem Group totaling some $2.9 billion. Pioneer plans to fast-track horizontal Wolfcamp exploration in its roughly 207,000 net acres in Upton, Reagan, Irion, Crockett and Tom Green counties, Texas. Hear the company's findings from dozens of existing Wolfcamp wells.

Then in a presentation entitled, "Technical Roadmap: The Export of North American Technology," John Ely, president of Ely & Associates, Inc, will address the tremendous technical breakthroughs now in great demand across the world — and will show how Permian operators can profit.

Wednesday morning's powerhouse presentations continue with "Spotlight: A Veteran's Guide to a New, Unconventionals-Driven Approach to Petroleum Geology" from Richard Stoneburner, retired president, North American shale production division of BHP Billiton Petroleum. Stoneburner, a co-leader of the discovery of the Eagle Ford and Haynesville plays and an early developer of the Wolfcamp play, presents his findings on the exploration, appraisal and development of unconventional reservoirs and "a new approach to petroleum geology."

After a panel discussion rating progress in various resource plays around North America, a discussion of resource plays on an international scale evaluates them against those in this continent.

After lunch, you'll want to hear Apache's John Christmann, vice president for the company's Permian region, explain Apache strategies for its resource plays in the Permian's Barnett, Witchita, Albany and Lower Cline plays.

The rest of the afternoon will feature informative panels on the southern Delaware Basin, the Wolfcamp, Cline and Mississippian, along with a discussion of M&A activity in the Basin.

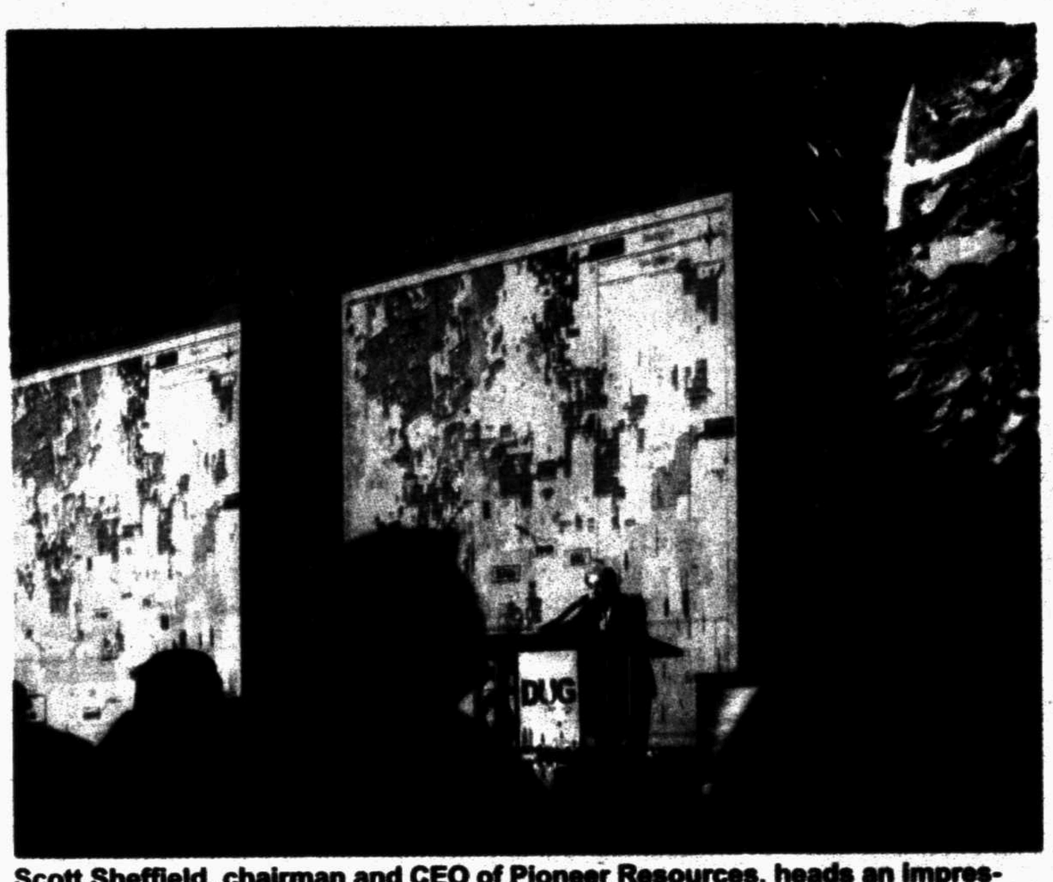
Thursday kicks off with "Keys to Maximizing the Resource Potential of the Wolfcamp Oil Shale Play," from J. Ross Craft, president and CEO, Approach Resources. A panel discussion on how to drill better, faster and cheaper wells follows. Next is a discussion on global infrastructure challenges regarding resource plays.

Then — do NOT think of leaving early, no matter when your flight leaves. The final session features two legends of the Permian Basin: Ted Collins Jr., chairman and CEO, Patriot Resources Partners LLC, and co-founder, Collins & Ware Inc.; and George Yates, president and CEO, HEYCO Energy Group Inc.

Featured speakers throughout the conference include such great minds as Dr. Carmine Difiglio, deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy; Peter Tertzakian, chief economist for ARC Financial Corp.; General Colin L. Powell, former secretary of state and military leader; and Herve Wilczynski, partner at A.T. Kearney, Inc.

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Speed is of the essence in joining any kind of oilfield pipe, whether in the field or in a facility, and Victaulic couplings fill that bill. There is even a Victaulic system for fusion bonded epoxy piping that, because it uses a cold joining process, creates no holidays in coatings.

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On the other hand, field welds can compromise the integrity of the fusion bonded coating. When those coatings are then repaired, studies show that those coatings no longer match the protection afforded by factory applied coatings. Grooved piping does not require field applications or repairs, thereby eliminating temperature and weather concerns.

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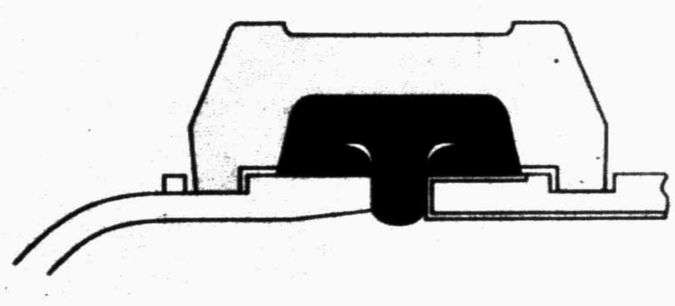
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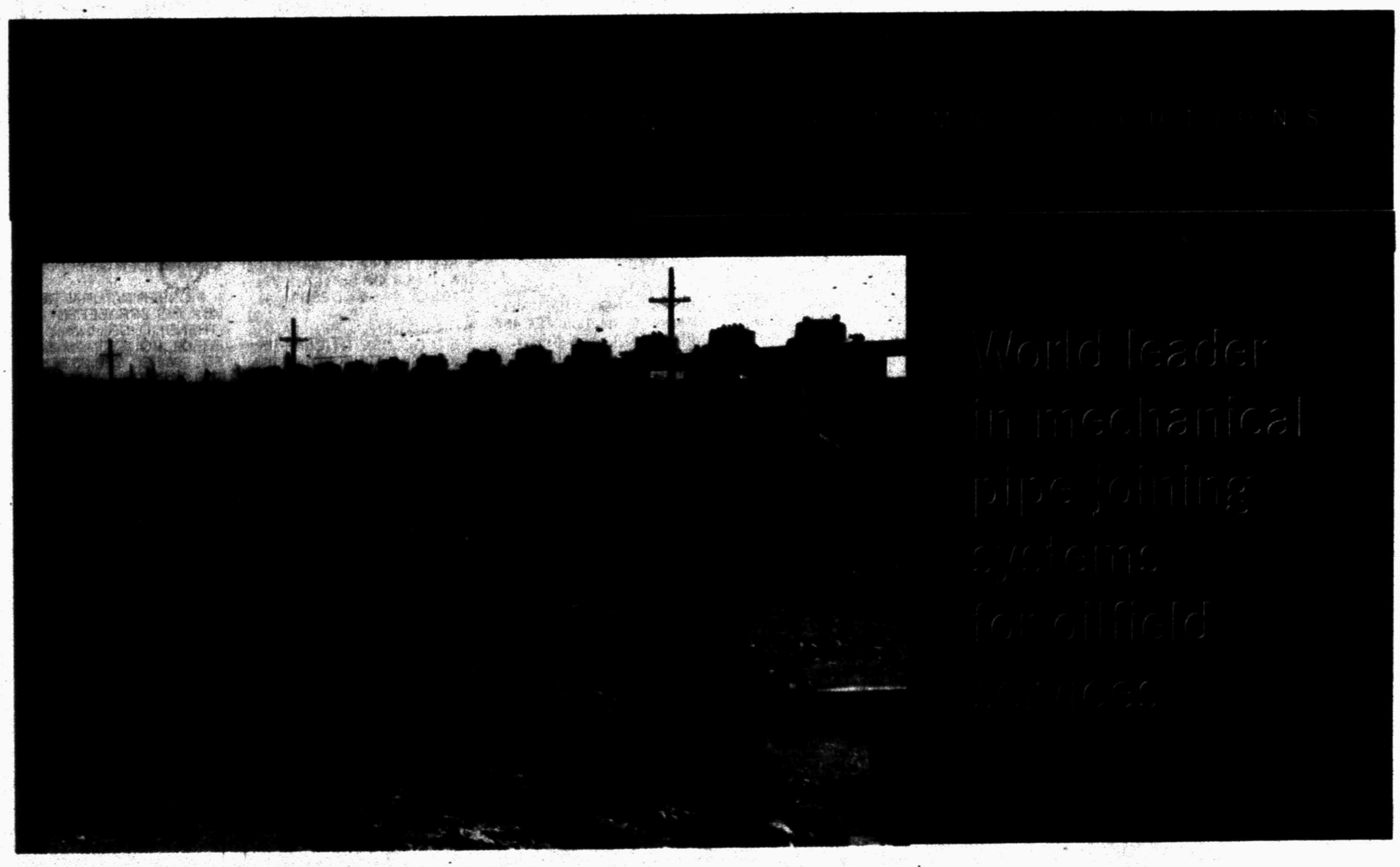
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Current Natural Gas Prices Price per MMBtu	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 2/13/13	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:....	$3.226	$3.306	$2.431
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:.....	$3.280	$3.270	$2.465
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$3.233	$3.268	$2.479
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$3.245	$3.270	$2.470
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:.....	$3.240	$2.390	$2.485
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$3.218	$3.235	$2.485
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:.....	$3.185	$3.270	$2.497

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Crockett County

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 710H UNIVERSITY 45 A SL, 2190 FNL 4980 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 45, ULS SUR. 7800', 18 NW OZONA

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 712H UNIVERSITY 45 A SL, 2190 FNL 2000 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 45, ULS SUR. 7800', 18 NW OZONA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6302H UNIVERSITY BL, 728 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 6, UL SUR. 7400', 37 NW OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 52-24, 2350 FSL 1763 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 52, ULS SUR. 9000', 26 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H UNIVERSITY 52-23, 2350 FSL 1913 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 52, ULS SUR. 9000', 25 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H UNIVERSITY 52-23, 2350 FSL 1873 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 52, ULS SUR. 9000', 25 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 52-23, 2350 FSL 1721 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 52, UL SUR. 9000', 25 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H UNIVERSITY 52-23, 2135 FSL 90 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 52, UNIV LANDS SUR. 9000', 25 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H UNIVERSITY 52-24, 2135 FSL 130 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 52, ULS SUR. 9000', 25 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H UNIVERSITY 52-23, 2350 FSL 1761 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 52, ULS SUR. 9000', 25 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H UNIVERSITY 52-24, 2350 FSL 1803 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 52, ULS SUR. 9000', 26 NE OZONA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H UNIVERSITY 52-24, 2350 FSL 1760 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 52, ULS SUR. 9000', 26 NE OZONA

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4413GH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FNL 115 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 44, UNIV LAND SUR. 7275', 23 NW OZONA

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4412EH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FNL 2458 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 44, UNIV LAND SUR. 7275', 24 NW OZONA

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4413BH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2609 FSL 1555 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 44, UNIV LAND SUR. 7275', 23 NW OZONA

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4413EH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2293 FNL 1649 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 44, UL SUR. 7275', 23 NW OZONA

Irion County

APACHE CORPORATION LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 32M SUGG 2829, 865 FSL 2345 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 14, H&TC SUR., A-368 9999', 11 NE BARNHART

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 10 SUGG 29W, 760 FNL 1982 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 6, H&TC SUR., A-326 7500', 16 NW MERTZON

EXCO RESOURCES, INC. ANDREW A (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SUGG FARMAR 19, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 19 BLK 6, H&TC SUR., A-321 8000', 14 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3045I SALT HOUSE, 1809 FSL 559 FEL, SEC 3045 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-214 9500', 28 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 83O WINDY POINT, 564 FSL 1891 FEL, SEC 83 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-617 10500', 25 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC HONDO PIPELINE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 3049A OAK, 325 FNL 247 FEL, SEC 3049 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-1192 11000', 28 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3045N SALT HOUSE, 669 FSL 2160 FWL, SEC 3045 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-214 9500', 28 NW MERTZON

Menard County

MARBIL OIL, INC. WILDCAT (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1 BARBEE, 1350 FWL 572 FSL, SEC 120, BS&F/RR RUSSELL SUR., A-1715 1850', 7 NE MENARD

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 HELWIG, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 46 BLK 35 T5S, T&P/ REC DAUGHTERTY SUR., A-92 8300', 16 SW GARDEN CITY

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 14C RUPERT P RICKER KO, 467 FEL 467 FNL, SEC 5 BLK O, GC&SF SUR., A-181 12000', 13 SE ST LAWRENCE

LAREDO PETROLEUM - DALLAS, INC SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 1SW SUGG-E-208 SANTA ROSA WATER WELL, 2565 FSL 1468 FEL, SEC 208 BLK 2, T&P/RD FERGUSON SUR., A-143 1000', 27 NE BIG LAKE

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 75H ROCKER B N, 100 FSL 2600 FWL, SEC 93 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-515 7800', 11 NE BIG LAKE

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 76H ROCKER B N, 100 FSL 2630 FWL, SEC 93 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-515 7500', 11 NE BIG LAKE

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H UNIVERSITY 1-27, 401 FSL 1900 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 1, UL SUR. 8600', 15 W BIG LAKE

Runnels County

ENRICH OIL CORP. N NORTON (FRY SD LO) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CUATRO, 220 FNL 2440 FEL, SEC 55 BLK 63, HT&B SUR., A-298 5000', 4 SW WINTERS

Schleicher County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H UNIVERSITY 52-24, 2350 FSL 1720 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 52, ULS SUR. 9000', 26 NE OZONA

Upton County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 343H NEAL, 1482 FWL 2140 FSL, SEC 3, GC&SF SUR., A-179 9000', 6 NE RANKIN

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 342H NEAL, 1422 FWL 2140 FSL, SEC 3 BLK G, GC&SF SUR., A-179 9000', 6 NE RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 5 TXL 39, 1980 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-505 12000', 23 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 16 NEAL RANCH 44, 660 FSL 1880 FEL, SEC 44 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-1385 12000', 21 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 5 POWELL 31, 1883 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-467 12000', 22 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 11 TXL 11, 1980 FSL 1780 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-491 12000', 28 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 10 NEAL RANCH 42, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ WW BRUNSON SUR., A-1384 12000', 21 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 7 POWELL 31, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-467 12000', 22 NW RANKIN

JM COX RES., LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4 RINN, 2180 FWL 1250 FNL, SEC 11 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-457 12000', 26 NW RANKIN

JM COX RES., LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 RINN, 1320 FEL 467 FNL, SEC 11 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-457 12000', 26 NW RANKIN

MIDENERGY OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4603 NEAL, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 46 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ OH SCHAWE SUR., A-1280 13000', 21 SE RANKIN

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Andrews County

BVX OPERATING, INC. MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) (RE-COMP) Well# 1 MAGRUDER, 330 FEL 463 FSL, SEC 2 BLK 45 T2N, T&P/WH RHODES SUR., A-539 6810', 19 SW ANDREWS

OXY USA INC. MAGUTEX (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 7 UNIVERSITY PAMELA, 2484 FNL 1420 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 3, UNIV LAND SUR., A-U51 12000', 31 NW MIDLAND

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC. MABEE DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW MABEE 240B, 1650 FSL 170 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 40 T2N, T&P/JB FORD SUR., A-731 5800', 16 SE ANDREWS

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC. MABEE DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW MABEE 240C, 2640 FNL 2010 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 40 T2N, T&P SUR., A-32 5800', 17 E ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 5 MARTIN, 1270 FSL 1653 FEL, SEC 13 BLK A47, PSL/J MARTIN SUR., A-1588 5200', 13 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3 UNIVERSITY 22B, 990 FSL 1776 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 10, UL SUR., A-U306 5200', 19 SW ANDREWS

SM ENERGY COMPANY SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H UNIVERSITY 17 RAWLS, 2310 FWL 500 FSL, SEC 8 BLK 1, UNIV LANDS SUR. 7290', 7 S ANDREWS

UNITEX OIL & GAS LLC MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 UNIVERSITY 12, 1650 FEL 762 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 11, ULS SUR. 6400', 16 SW ANDREWS

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H KING 9, 250 FSL 2182 FEL, SEC 9 BLK X, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-18 3500', 2 NW CRANE

Culberson County

COG OPERATING, LLC W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2303H ARMSTRONG, 1830 FWL 170 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 58 T1S, T&P/ FK CAMPBELL SUR., A-7011 19000', 13 NW ORLA

Ector County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2913E LUPIN TXL FEE C, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-146 12000', 8 S ODESSA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP SALLIE ANN (SPRAWC) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 17H MARY ELLEN, 660 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 40 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/KCH PRICE SUR., A-775 9650', 10 E ODESSA

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP SALLIE ANN (SPRAWC) (O) DRILL Well# 4 MILLIE B, 2150 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/ P & JD SLATOR SUR., A-1272 10500', 14 SE ODESSA

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 583 GOLDSMITH-LANDRETH/ DEEP/ UNIT, 1338 FNL 750 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/ GS WIGHT SUR., A-827 6800', 3 NW GOLDSMITH

PAR DEVELOPMENT S COWDEN (O) DRILL Well# 14 FOSTER, 330 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 43 T3S, T&P/ JJ HENDERSON SUR., A-568 4800', 9 E PENWELL

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (36)(37) Well# 10 HARDY 18, 921 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 33 T4S, T&P/ WE CHANEY SUR., A-707 11000', 2 SE GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 AUGUST, 2173 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T5S, T&P SUR., A-373 8500', 14 SW GARDEN CITY

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 DANIEL SCHWERTNER, 1709 FSL 1604 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 35 T5S, T&P/ RE OVERTON SUR., A-1110 11000', 13 SW GARDEN CITY

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC PETEY (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 LANDRY 23, 472 FWL 510 FSL, SEC 23 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-347 12000', 8 SW GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 5 FROST, 1980 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 40 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1083 11000', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MOLLIE A, 467 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1064 11000', 15 SE GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 MOLLIE A, 1967 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1064 11000', 15 SE GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL (36)(37) Well# 3 MOLLIE A, 2217 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1064 11000', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 11 GLASS, 1950 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 45 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-191 11000', 15 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 GLASS 60, 626 FNL 1972 FEL, SEC 60 BLK 30, W&NW SUR., A-860 12000', 7 S FORSAN

McCLURE OIL CO. INC. VETERANS (U LEONARD) (O) DRILL Well# 15 DRIVER 33, 2310 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-257 5400', 5 SW GARDEN CITY

McCLURE OIL CO. INC. VETERANS (U LEONARD) (O) DRILL Well# 5 DRIVER 28, 1650 FSL 2310 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/ MD CHANEY SUR., A-1163 5400', 5 SW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2 FRED B HOUSTON 25, 2229 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-305 10750', 14 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 5 CORSON B5, 1820 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 36 T2S, T&P

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 5 BRUNSON 35, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-408 11300', 14 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 7 CHEATHAM 13, 810 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-299 11500', 18 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4 MCDANIEL 34, 1009 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 34 BLK 35 T4S, T&P/ EP TEELE SUR., A-1061 11000', 9 SW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. DEWEY LAKE (STRAWN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BRUNSON 24, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/WW BRUNSON SUR., A-1153 11200', 13 NW GARDEN CITY

Howard County

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 BROUGHTON 23B, 600 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-313 10000', 4 NW BIG SPRING

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H GUITAR 5, 567 FNL 2073 FWL, SEC 5 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-554 12000', 5 W BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 HOPPER 7, 467 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 31, T&P SUR., A-83 9800', 9 N BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BROUGHTON 23C, 1708 FSL 667 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-313 10000', 4 NW BIG SPRING

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER., LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 BROUGHTON TRUST 43, 1980 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 34 T1S, T&P SUR., A-424 11000', 9 E STANTON

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER., LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 LELA BELL 32, 467 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 34 T1S, T&P/ IB COCKERHAM SUR., A-1256 12000', 10 E STANTON

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 POWELL 36, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ ZT JOYNER SUR., A-1410 11500', 6 N KNOTT

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 MCNEW 28A, 467 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR., A-685 11500', 9 N STANTON

HADAWAY CONSULT & ENGINEER LLC BIG SPRING (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ROBINSON, 2172 FNL 2187 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/ MRS AM PHOFITT SUR., A-1677 10500', 3 NE KNOTT

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 GATES 13, 1980 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 13 BLK 34-T1N, T&P SUR., A-389 11000', 9 W BIG SPRING

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (37) Well# 4 STONE 39, 467 FEL 560 FSL, SEC 39 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-544 11200', 17 SW BIG SPRING

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4744 ADAMS LEGACY, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-341 10500', 6 SE KNOTT

TRILOGY OPERATING INC. SPRA (TREND STRAWN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 TRENTINO 36, 1980 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 36 BLK 32 T1N, T&P/ JT DAWSON SUR., A-1467 10500', 5 NE BIG SPRING

Loving County

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. SANDBAR (BONE SPRING) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BULLHEAD 55-1-39, 300 FNL 1175 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 55 T1, T&P SUR., A-111 14000', 12 NE ORLA

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. SANDBAR (BONE SPRING) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BULLHEAD 55-1-39, 300 FNL 1200 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 55 T1, T&P SUR., A-111 14000', 11 NE ORLA

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. SANDBAR (BONE SPRING) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H BULLHEAD 55-1-39, 370 FNL 1239 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 55 T1, T&P SUR., A-111 14000', 12 NE ORLA

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. SANDBAR (BONE SPRING) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H BULLHEAD 55-1-39, 365 FNL 1213 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 55 T1, T&P SUR., A-111 14000', 12 NE ORLA

ATLANTIC OPERATING, INC. GRICE (DELAWARE) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 POLAR, 1980 FWL 1200 FNL, SEC 43 BLK 76, PSL/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1117 6000', 13 N MENTONE

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H JOHNSON 1-36, 250 FNL 1621 FNWL, SEC 86 BLK 1, W&NW/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1106 18000', 5 NE MENTONE

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SANDBAR (BONE SPRING) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SLACK BOX 54-2-32 LOV, 200 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 54 T2, T&P/Y BELL SUR., A-972 15000', 10 N MENTONE

TEMA OIL & GAS COMPANY SANDBAR (BONE SPRING) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ZAT 32, 300 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 54 T1, T&P/CF CARMINE SUR., A-1269 9000', 15 NW MENTONE

Martin County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP ATLM. (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 PIER 22, 990 FEL 467 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 37 T2N, T&P/PC TOM SUR., A-906 12000', 3 W TARZAN

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ACKERLY LANGHAM 24, 467 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 35 T3N, T&P/ H&O BUSINESS SUR., A-812 11500', 8 SW ACKERLY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ACKERLY BARBER 19, 467 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 19 BLK 34 T3N, T&P SUR., A-22 11500', 4 SW ACKERLY

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (PENN) (RECOMP) Well# 5 MABEE C, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 39 T2N, GBAMB&A SUR., A-570 6400', 19 SW PATRICIA

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1839 KIMBERLY, 1352 FEL 2656 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/ LO DUNN SUR., A-723 12500', 24 W STANTON

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 840 KIMBERLY, 161 FSL 1285 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 39 T1S, T&P SUR., A-448 12500', 23 NW CRANE

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 833 KIMBERLY, 1169 FEL 1320 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/LO DUNN SUR., A-721 12500', 23 NW STANTON

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 738 KIMBERLY, 1256 FWL 1320 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 39 T1S, T&P SUR., A-449 12500', 23 NW STANTON

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 839 KIMBERLY, 1169 FEL 2656 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/LO DUNN SUR., A-721 12500', 23 NW STANTON

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1840 KIMBERLY, 1 FSL 1396 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-436 12500', 24 W STANTON

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2834 KIMBERLY, 1320 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-311 12500', 22 SW STANTON

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 348 BILLIE COX, 467 FNL 2087 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ TW COTTEN SUR., A-1102 12000', 19 NW BIG SPRING

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 ALLAR 29, 660 FSL 1967 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 35 T2N, T&P SUR., A-79 10868', 9 E LENORAH

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 301 JENKINS, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 35 T1N, T&P SUR., A-42 10010', 13 NE STANTON

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LOWE (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 401 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 442 FNL 329 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 39 T1S, T&P/JS CURTIS SUR., A-710 11450', 8 NW MIDLAND

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 209 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 2369 FNL 701 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 39 T1S, T&P/JS CURTIS SUR., A-711 11500', 7 NW MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 DOVE M, 1220 FSL 1320 FEL, LASALLE CSL/LEAGUE 322/ LABOR 11 SUR., A-425 12200', 20 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MARY LANE, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 39 T3N, T&P SUR., A-175 12100', 25 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 DOVE V, 1320 FSL 1320 FEL, LA SALLE CSL/LEAGUE 322/ BLK 2 SUR., A-425 12200', 21 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 SLATTON, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-692 12200', 17 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 MCADAMS 10, 1980 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 10 BLK 35 T1N, T&P SUR., A-1127 11450', 10 NE STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 6 ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER, 1330 FNL 940 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 37 T1S, T&P SUR., A-260 11600', 8 SW STANTON

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 703H MABEE 138, 660 FSL 610 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T1N, G&MB&A SUR., A-415 13500', 18 NW STANTON

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1010 JOHNSON RANCH, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-726 12000', 21 W STANTON

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1610 JONES BAR RANCH, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/LL REIGER SUR., A-950 12000', 24 W STANTON

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 406 JOHNSON RANCH, 600 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WM DUNN SUR., A-725 12000', 20 W STANTON

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL (37) Well# 2812 WRIGHT, 1980 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 34 T3N, T&P SUR., A-703 11400', 3 W ACKERLY

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1724 BURNS, 2179 FNL 516 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 34 T3N, T&P SUR., A-21 11400', 2 W ACKERLY

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1713 BURNS, 800 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 34 T3N, T&P SUR., A-21 11400', 3 W ACKERLY

Midland County

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3326 ROY PARKS B, 2750 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 41 T2S, T&P SUR., A-77 12000', 6 SE ODESSA

COG OPERATING, LLC PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 TIMMERMAN 7, 660 FSL 2172 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-276 12000', 14 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4303 ST W, 467 FNL 2320 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-261 12000', 4 W MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC E CIRCLE BAR (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 711 ST W, 1890 FSL 1739 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-50 12000', 5 W MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 803 ST S, 1482 FWL 98 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/HE CROWLEY SUR., A-700 12000', 5 W MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4308 ST W, 1520 FNL 900 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-261 12000', 4 W MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4101 ST, 995 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-260 12000', 4 W MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 617 ST W, 1289 FSL 973 FNL, SEC 6 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-701 12000', 4 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 624 ST W, 1008 FEL 2455 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-701 12000', 4 SW MIDLAND

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 1H EVANS E, 1670 FNL 2168 FWL, SEC 56, JL VEAZEY SUR., A-1000 12000', 11 SE GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 145 DONALD L HUTT, FEE, 2714 FNL 793 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 38 T3S, T&P/EC GOOD SUR., A-912 11400', 15 SE MIDLAND

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3112 BETTYE JO, 1980 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-288 10950', 17 SW MIDLAND

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3711 SHELBY FAYTH, 1980 FSL 2172 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-291 11000', 17 S MIDLAND

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3903 ABBIE LAINE, 467 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 39 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-292 11150', 18 SW MIDLAND

Mitchell County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SNYDER C, 837 FNL 732 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 30 T1S, T&P SUR., A-1791 9000', 21 W COLORADO CITY

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STRAIN, 467 FSL 567 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 26, H&TC SUR., A-9 9000', 17 NW COLORADO CITY

W.P.P.I. INC. W WESTBROOK(CLR FRK) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 3 WHITESIDES D, 286 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 47 BLK 28 T1N, T&P SUR., A-580 3350', 1 W WESTBROOK

Pecos County

COG OPERATING, LLC HOEFS T-K (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW GRANDEST STATE, 1980 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 35 BLK 50 T10, T&P/ P LEGROS SUR., A-8513 7500', 25 E FORT STOCKTON

EXL PETROLEUM, LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H MAGGIE, 200 FNL 1440 FEL, SEC 42 BLK 49 T9S, T&P/ HD MENDEL SUR., A-9106 16500', 23 NW FT. STOCKTON

STEPHENS & JOHNSON OPER., CO. HANKS (CLEARFORK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 CASCABEL, 54 FNL 917 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 125, T&STL/M ALVARES SUR., A-6504 6600', 10 W BAKERSFIELD

XTO ENERGY, INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 15 WAYNE MOORE, 660 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 7 BLK C2, PSL/KD DELANEY SUR., A-5070 11760', 29 NW FT. STOCKTON

Reeves County

J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 VANGUARD 3, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 3 BLK C7, PSL/WA REYNOLDS SUR., A-1257 13500', 9 SE PECOS

OXY USA, INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 ANNA KATHERINE 23, 1996 FNL 2368 FEL, SEC 23 BLK C6, PSL/C RITZ SUR., A-4895 13000', 12 S PECOS

OXY USA, INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 AMANDA 14, 755 FNL 2047 FEL, SEC 14 BLK C6, PSL/C RITZ SUR., A-4891 13000', 12 SE PECOS

OXY USA,,INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 AMANDA 14, 1959 FNL 491 FWL, SEC 14 BLK C6, PSL/C RITZ SUR., A-4891 13000', 12 SE PECOS

PATRIOT RES., INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 DUIKER STATE 14, 990 FSL 990 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 50 T8S, T&P/JR WILSON SUR., A-4982 13000', 23 SE PECOS

PATRIOT RES., INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 ROAN STATE 24, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 50 T7S, T&P/YM HEAD SUR., A-2968 13000', 18 SE PECOS

PATRIOT RES., INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 ZEBRA STATE 10, 660 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 50 T7S, T&P/YM HEAD SUR., A-2966 13000', 15 SE PECOS

PATRIOT RES., INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BONGO 13, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 13 BLK C1, PSL/L EDDINS SUR., A-4542 13000', 20 SE PECOS

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BOLD BLAKE STATE 57-T2-2, 230 FSL 990 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 57 T2, T&P/JU DEVANEY SUR., A-2059 12750', 3 NW ORLA

PIEDRA OPERATING, LLC WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 PIPER 13-175, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 175 BLK 13, H&GN SUR., A-297 13000', 28 N PECOS

PIEDRA OPERATING, LLC WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SAWYER 13-311, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 311 BLK 13, H&GN SUR., A-344 13000', 26 N PECOS

Sterling County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SW CONGER (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 8 STERLING X FEE, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-535 8500', 19 SW STERLING CITY

FOREland OPER., LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H PARRAMORE 66, 467 FNL 4900 FEL, SEC 176 BLK 29, W&NW/ JM COLEMAN SUR., A- 1211 9000', 19 NW STERLING CITY

OXY USA INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2801H ATKINSON, 2642 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 7, H&TC/GW DONALDSON SUR., A-1016 9100', 18 S STERLING CITY

Ward County

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ROCA 34-159 UNIT, 310 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 159 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-257 14000', 4 NE BARSTOW

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H DRAINAGE 34-136, 200 FSWL 660 FNWL, SEC 136 BLK 34, H&TC/ M VICKERS SUR., A-1272 11200', 7 NE BARSTOW

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H PITZER-LASATER STATE UNIT, 200 FNEL 123 FSEL, SEC 8, GD HOUSTON/LA CASEY SUR., A-1400 10980', 9 SW PYOTE

DOUBLE EAGLE OPERATING LLC S WARD (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 COLE, 330 FSEL 1940 FNEL, SEC 25 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-317 3500', 2 NW GRANDFALLS

DOUBLE EAGLE OPERATING LLC S WARD (O/G) DRILL (36)(37) Well# 1 COLE, 660 FNEL 990 FSEL, SEC 25 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-317 3500', 2 NW GRANDFALLS

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BLUE JACKET 73, 467 FNEL 1980 FSEL, SEC 73 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-214 13000', 11 SW WICKETT

Winkler County

MINERAL TECHNOLOGIES INC. KEYSTONE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 106 KEYSTONE CATTLE CO., 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 14 BLK B2, PSL/KEYSTONE CATTLE CO SUR., A-1645 10094', 5 NE KERMIT

STOUT ENERGY, INC. EMPEROR DEEP (O) DRILL Well# 5 EW COWDEN B, 990 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 39 BLK B5, PSL/HC BOATLER SUR., A-285 3300', 4 SW KERMIT

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Borden County

RAW O&G, INC. LUCK-POT (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 HORSESHOE 45, 1097 FWL 2072 FSL, SEC 45 BLK 32 T5N, T&P SUR., A-341 10000', 10 SW GAIL

Cochran County

TEMA OIL & GAS COMPANY LEVELLAND (O) (RECOMP) Well# B 1 NORTH WRIGHT, 440 FEL 412 FSL, BREWSTER CSL LABOR 18 LEAGUE 98 SUR., A-84 4701', 8 SE MORTON

Crosby County

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3550 CLARK WOOD (B&S), 1980 FSL 5 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3574 CLARK WOOD A (B&S), 660 FSL 2635 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3562 CLARK WOOD A (B&S), 1325 FSL 1325 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 1121 CLARK WOOD, 1140 FNL 675 FEL, SEC 11 BLK D19, D&SE SUR., A-379 5000', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 1111 CLARK WOOD, 800 FNL 361 FEL, SEC 11 BLK D19, D&SE SUR., A-379 5000', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3542 CLARK WOOD A (B&S), 2630 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3517 CLARK WOOD J, 695 FSL 940 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 10 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3567 CLARK WOOD J, 1316 FSL 850 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 10 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3570 CLARK WOOD J, 660 FSL 5 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 10 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3510 CLARK WOOD A, 560 FNL 80 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3520 CLARK WOOD A, 1260 FNL 5 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 9 NE SLATON

Dawson County

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 COTHAM 21, 467 FEL 660 FSL, LOVING CSL LGE 272 LAB 21 SUR., A-412 12000', 16 SW LAMESA

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 KENT CO 265-19, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 265, KENT CSL SUR., A-405 12000', 18 SW LAMESA

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER., LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 LINDSEY 25, 660 FSL 660 FEL, KENT CSL/LABOR 25/LEAGUE 266 SUR., A-406 12000', 18 SW LAMESA

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC BIG WHEEL (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 DONNELL 264, 467 FWL 947 FNL, KENT CSL LABOR 1 LEAGUE 264 SUR., A-404 13000', 8 W PATRICIA

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC BIG WHEEL (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 DONNELL 264, 467 FWL 2312 FNL, KENT CSL LABOR 1 LEAGUE 264 SUR., A-404 13000', 8 W PATRICIA

RAW O&G, INC. ADCOCK (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 1 HAMMER, 1578 FWL 1996 FNL, SEC 17 BLK 33 T7N, HE&WT SUR., A-220 12000', 2 SE O'DONNELL

RK PETR CORP. GIN (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 2 COREY, 660 FWL 1913 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 36 T4N, T&P/ E ANDRUS SUR., A-494 9000', 7 SW LAMESA

SM ENERGY COMPANY CHILTON (PENN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 TATONKA, 467 FSL 1320 FWL, LOVING CSL/ LABOR 15/LEAGUE 272 SUR., A-412 11500', 17 SW LAMESA

Dickens County

HALLIBURTON OPER. CO. TRIFECTA (CROTON LIME) (O) DRILL Well# 4 ELWANDA, 1206 FSL 666 FEL, SEC 267 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-140 8000', 5 NE SPUR

Gaines County

HANNATHON PETROLEUM, LLC WESCOTT (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 O'NEAL 23, 467 FEL 660 FNL, SEC 23 BLK C43, PSL/ JB THOMPSON SUR., A-860 12000', 5 E SEMINOLE

HESS CORPORATION SEMINOLE (SAN ANDRES) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4129 SEMINOLE SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1320 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 219 BLK G, WT SUR., A-297 6577', 3 NW SEMINOLE

JOHN M. CLARK, INC. HOMANN (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1 HOMANN, 1563 FWL 1560 FSL, SEC 76 BLK G, WT SUR., A-1628 5800', 8 NE SEMINOLE

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 7446 DENVER UNIT, 1237 FSL 677 FEL, SEC 52 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-997 5800', 3 SW DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 6576 DENVER UNIT, 1087 FSL 94 FEL, SEC 51 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-996 5800', 2 SW DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 6575 DENVER UNIT, 1236 FSL 790 FWL, SEC 50 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-995 5800', 2 SW DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 7445 DENVER UNIT, 2498 FNL 680 FEL, SEC 52 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-997 5800', 2 SW DENVER CITY

PETROPLEX ENERGY, INC. CHAMPMON (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 STEADMAN 11, 3299 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 301, TERRY CSL SUR., A-985 12500', 14 SE SEMINOLE

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC SE TEX-MEX(WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 1 POWELL, 770 FSL 985 FEL, SEC 7 BLK A28, PSL/RB WILSON SUR., A-674 12000', 26 SW SEMINOLE

COMPLETIONS

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Irion County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Windy Point "A" #59G
Spraberry (Trend Area); 661 fsl, 1697 fwl, Sec 58, Blk 1, Abst. 955, T&P RR, 26 nw Mertzon; TD 8721; Comp 1/21/2013; producing from 4890-8269, fracture stimulated; pump 85 BO, 94 MCF, 21 BW, 37.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35105

Reagan County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Barbee #70C
Spraberry (Trend Area); 946 fnl, 756 fel, Sec 70, Blk 2, Abst. 711, T&P RR, 30 ne Big Lake; TD 9400; Comp 1/22/2013; producing from 5439-9093, fracture stimulated; pump 209 BO, 582 MCF, 102 BW, 40.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37934

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Cat Claw "B" #63G
Spra;berry (Trend Area); 656 fsl, 1998 fel, Sec 63, Blk 1, Abst. 502, T&P RR, 15 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; Comp 1/23/2013; producing from 5083-8468, fracture stimulated; pump 35 BO, 147 MCF, 65 BW, 39.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37469

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Andrews County

SandRidge Expiration and Production LLC
Munger Nix #132
Fuhrman-Mascho; 320 fsl, 162 fwl, Sec 18, Blk A-47, Abst. 1997, PSL, 12 nw Andrews; TD 4910 TVD, 4917 MD; Comp 1/13/2013; producing from 4608-4787, fracture stimulated; pump 20 BO, 4 MCF, 25 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-44773

Ector County

BC Operating Inc.
Jason #2
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1081 fnl, 323 fel, Sec 25, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 264, T&P RR, 2.1 ne Goldsmith; TD 7179; Comp 1/16/2013; producing from 6093-7055, fracture stimulated; pump 6 BO, 1183 BW, 38.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41765

BC Operating Inc.
Jocelyn #3
Golsmith (Clearfork)); 318 fsl, 231 fel, Sec 25, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 264, T&P RR, 2.5 ne Goldsmith; TD 7174; Comp 1/16/2013; producing from 6051-7004, fracture stimulated; pump 20 BO, 2 MCF, 621 BW, 39.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-42095

Glasscock County

Energen Resources Corporation
Daniel -3A- #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 35, T-5-S, Abst. 361, T&P RR, 11 sw Garden City; TD 10921; Comp 1/20/2013; producing from 6848-10119, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 39 BO, 79 MCF, 210 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-35284

Martin County

Burleson Petroleum Inc.
Bake #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1980 fnl, 1980 fel, Sec 4, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 844, T&P RR, 19 nw Stanton; TD 11681; Comp 1/27/2013; producing from 7822-11212, fracture stimulated; flow 90 BO, 320 MCF, 300 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 400 psi, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36788

Reeves County

J. Cleo Thompson
Weinert State "34" #2
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 34, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 2280, T&P RR, 15 s Pecos; TD 11620; Comp 1/16/2013; producing from 10130-11090, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 307 BO, 560 MCF, 936 BW on 14/64 inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-33446

J. Cleo Thompson
Carter "26" #3
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 26, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 2278, 14 se Pecos; TD 11595; Comp 1/23/2013; producing from 10220-11460, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 140 BO, 239 MCF, 279 BW on 14/64 inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-33499

J. Cleo Thompson
Chevron Minerals "41" #4
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 1980 fnl, 1980 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 751, T&P RR, 16 se Pecos; TD 11560; Comp 1/18/2013; producing from 10160-11413, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 128 BO, 135 MCF, 137 BW on 14/64 inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-33518

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
G.W. O'Brien et al #1952
Ward-Estes North; 7590 fsl, 7012 fwl, Sec 22, Blk F, Abst. 8, G&MMB&A, 1 n Wickett; TD 3030; Comp 1/24/2013; producing from 2526-2828, treated with acid; pump 0.5 BO, 1 MCF, 300 BW, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36278

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Hockley County

Socorro Exploration Inc.
Lobise Arnold #2
Levelland; 440 fnl, 655 fwl, Labor 6, League 29, Abst. 204, Rusk CSL, 2.25 sw Levelland; TD 4895; Comp 1/27/2013; producing from 4843-4895, treated with acid; pump 54 BW, 8 MCF, 25 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37257

New Mexico

Eddy County

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Quail State Com #3
Empire; Sec 6 T17S R28E; 840/S & 170/E, BHL: 382/S & 343/W; EL 3554 GL, TD 7695; Spud 6-14-12, Comp 10-9-12; production is through perfs: 3738-7891. IP: 11-1-12 Pump 24 hrs 31 BO, 564 BW, 156 MCF. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 377 w/150 sx, 7 @ 3438 w/896 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7891; API #30-015-40045

COG Operating LLC
Moncrief State #4
Empire; Sec 23 T17S R28E; 1815/S & 830/W. BHL: 1675/S & 932/W; EL 3612 GL, TD 5278, PBTD 5200; Spud 7-1-12, Comp 8-1-12; production is through treated perfs: 3560-3810, 4050-4275, 4335-4560, 4620-4870. Treat: Acdz w/8000 gals 15%, Frac w/457,201 gals gel carrying 546,783# 16/30 brown + 103,109# siberprop. IP: 10-5-12 Pump 24 hrs 25 BO, 457 BW, 10 MCF, GOR 400, Gty 38.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 261 w/300 sx, 8 5/8 @ 863 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5278 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4784; API #30-015-39588

Apache Corp.
D State #77
Artesia; Sec 25 T17S R26E; 1766/S & 1620/E; EL 3687 GL, TD 4700, PBTD 4655; Spud 9-27-12, Comp 11-2-12; production is through treated perfs: 3768-4465. Treat: 200,634 gals 20#, 252,920# pd, 3500 gals acid, 3675 gals gel. IP: 11-22-12 Pump 24 hrs 49 BO, 191 BW, 78 MCF, GOR 1592, Gty 39.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 395 w/450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4700 w/1230 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4581; API #30-015-40310

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OLIVER!







From left in photo across page, Zuleyma Thompson as Mrs. Bedwin, Jordan Sanz as Oliver, Zack Lyon as Doctor Grimwig, and Lewis Grimes as Mr. Brownlow act out a scene from the musical "Oliver!" during rehearsal Feb. 6 at Trinity School. AT TOP From left, Adam Syed as Bill Sykes, Morgan Lane as Nancy, Henry Barrett as Artful Dodger, and Audrey Grimes as Bet act out a scene from the musical. ABOVE From left are Josh Maguire as Noah, Chris Cooper as Mr. Sowerberry, Jordan Sanz, Zuleyma Thompson as Mrs. Sowerberry, and Lauren Wagner as Charlotte. RIGHT From left are Gillian Fisher as Widow Corney, Corey Allcorn as Mr. Bumble, Austin Escamilla as Oliver, and Christian Farris as Pauper Assistant.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Orphans move into Yucca Theatre as Trinity presents 'Oliver!'

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Child labor, crime, cruelty and greed take center stage at the Yucca Theatre when Trinity School presents the British musical "Oliver!"

"If you look at every single character in the play, no character is all white and harmless," said Paul Dingus, who plays Fagan. "Every character has his faults, some more than others.

"And the other thing I like about the show is that it deals with what we really don't think about here in Midland, Texas — poverty and child labor. Even though this is a historical piece, this is something that exists even today. In larger towns, in foreign third world countries you see it. It's still applicable to the world today in so many places."

And it was quite real in in the world of Charles Dickens when he wrote the book "Oliver Twist" in 1838. Lionel Bart turned the book into a musical that premiered in London's West End in 1960. The musical opens in the workhouse as the half-starved orphan boys are entering the dining room for dinner. They sing "Food Glorious Food" and receive only gruel. It may be difficult for audience members in the 21st century to understand the agony of gut-wrenching hunger, but it was standard fare for many in the London of Dickens.

The character Dingus plays is a conniving career criminal who takes in homeless boys

Please see MUSICAL/3H

Los Lonely Boys live at Wagner Noël

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

For Jojo Garza, his career was inevitable. The middle son of three brothers collectively known as Los Lonely Boys, he grew up surrounded by music.

"Our dad showed us all kinds of music — so much music — from The Beatles to Ronnie Milsap, Chuck Berry and all the oldies and goodies," Garza said in a telephone interview before Friday's Los Lonely Boys performance at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. "We were all between 5 and 7 years old when introduced to music."

Jojo credits the birth of Los Lonely Boys to his older brother, Henry.

"It started with him first, and I know from the years of hearing it over and over, basically he wrote his first song when he was about 5 years old. 'She Left Me.' What does a 5-year-old know about love or a girl leaving him? It was hearing influences from my father and all the love songs he sang."

Their father, Ringo Garza Sr., formed a band with his brothers called The Falcones. The band played in Texas during the 1970s and 1980s. Jojo remembers the first time he was on stage with his father.

"I was about 5 or 6, I didn't write a song at that age. I clearly remember going on stage with my father and brother at the American Legion

Please see CONCERT/3H



ALL THE DETAILS

LOS LONELY BOYS

When: 8 p.m. Friday

Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market 1788

Tickets: $25-$60 plus convenience and handling fees through 1-800-514-3849 or online through ETIX. May also be purchased in person at the Wagner Noël box office. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Info: Call 552-4430.



THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Ave. For more information, call 683-2882.

Ellen Noel Art Museum: "Destinations in Painting: From the Kasten Collection through Feb. 24. "Art Glass 1860 -1940" From the Becker Collection through Feb. 17. "They Practice What They Teach: Works by Regional Art Faculty" works include ceramics, printmaking, painting and new media. Art faculty represents universities and colleges in Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Snyder and Alpine, through March 10.

For more information, visit the Museum's website: www.noelartmuseum.org or call the Museum at 432-550-9696. Hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Tour unique landmark home to two presidents, two governors and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home. Gift shop features 1950s toys, books, clothing and patriotic items. 1412 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.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." FROM HOUDINI TO HUGO: THE ART OF BRIAN SELZNICK on view through April. Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.

Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale: Permian Basin String Quartet Concert at 2 p.m. at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Call 552-4430 for ticket information.

Midland Opera Theater: "Opera Downtown" featuring famous arias, duets, ballet & a children's choir performance. 6 p.m. Italian dinner and music. For more information call 432-269-0398.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year. 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.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: Exhibit: "Beaten with a Hammer" by Bettina Landrebe, through March 3. Gallery hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum houre 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

MONDAY

Haley Library and History Center: 1805 West Indiana Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free.

Midland Arts Association: Features J. Mark Cox at the Community National Bank through the month of February. Downtown CNB located at 401 W. Texas Ave.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 432-260-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Open 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447. Open by appointment.

Odessa College LRC: 201 W. University Blvd. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Scarborough-Lineberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: 1307 East Wadley Ave. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

Tall City Cloggers: Dances every Monday at M-Squarene. Information about clogging can be obtained by contacting Lynn Myers, 697-6416 or danznfoot@grandecom.net

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Ave.

Midland County Public Library: Exhibit: "Benjamin Franklin in Search of a Better World," with six sections of colorful, freestanding photo-panels, Tuesday-April 1, Downtown Library at 301 W. Missouri Ave. Monday- Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday - Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 688-4343.

Midland County Public Library: "Trinity School Readers Theater" students present short plays from Ben Franklin's Time at 1:45 p.m. at the Downtown Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. For more information call 432-688-4334.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

WEDNESDAY

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple St., Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Third Thursday Reading Program for children of all ages in the visitor center. Featured book is "Symbols of the USA." Copies of the book will be given to children in attendance. Call for reservations as space is limited. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Midland Opera Theater: Opera 101 Study the operas "Persée" and "Iolanthe" at Midland College 7-9 p.m. For more information email www.midlandoperatheater.org or call 432-269-0398.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: "Brown Bag" Edward Judson Memorial Mineral Collection" 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free admission sponsored by The Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center: "REO Speedwagon," Purchase tickets at www.wagnernoel.com or call 432-552-4430 for more information.

FRIDAY

Midland College Gallery: "Out of Bounds" featuring work by David Herbold, Hector Hernandez, Jieun Beth Kim, Molly Wicks in collaboration with Midland College students through March 29. Allison Fine Arts Building. Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p. m.

Midland Community Theatre: "Shrek The Musical" at 8 p. m. Co-produced by Wagner & Brown, Ltd. For ticket information call the box office 570-4111.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: "Cubs Memorial Mineral C/Webelos Camp-In." Topic: Geology. Call 683- 4403 for more information. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

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Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Bill Keen "Moving On" Contemporary Artist Series 2013, Here and Now Gallery through March 24. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882 Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations welcome.

The Permian Basin Chapter, Poetry Society of Texas: "Writer's Round Table," Ground Floor Coffee Shop, 203 W. Wall St., at 2 p.m. For more information contact MARC at 432-349-5042.

Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center: "Brian Regan." Purchase tickets at the box office. For more information www.wagnernoel.com or call 432-552-4430.

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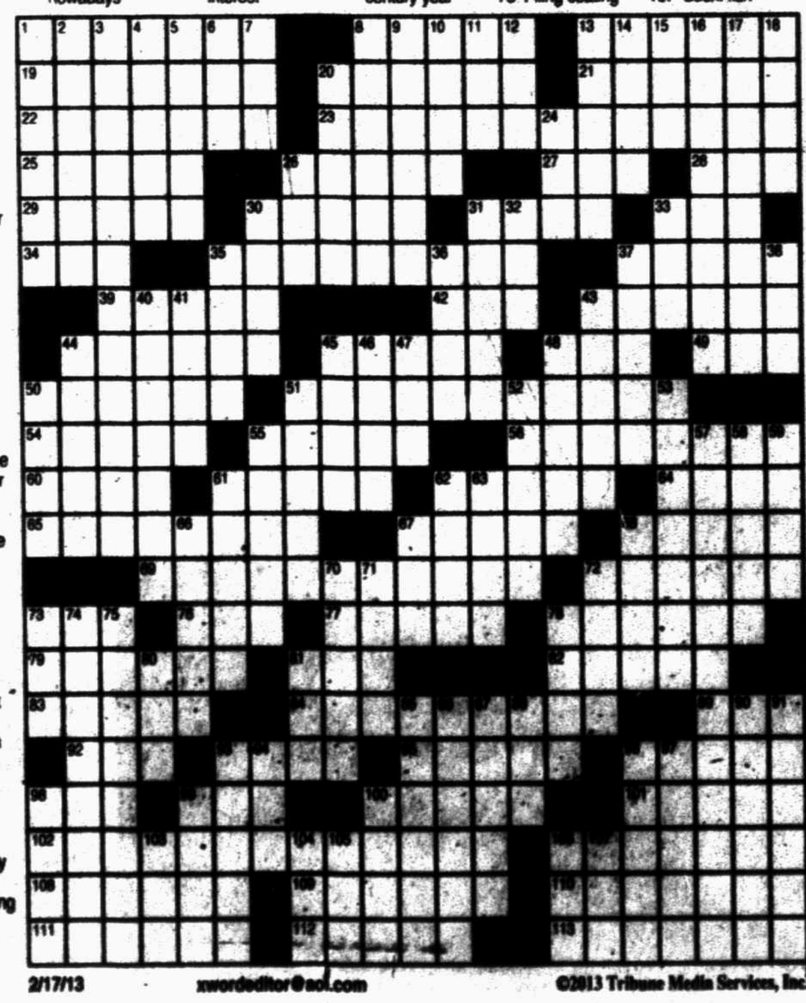
"BEGONE!" By MIKE PELUSO

ACROSS

1 Charge for unlimited use, say
8 Nice woman
13 Dines lavishly
19 Go back over
20 Connecticut town on Long Island Sound
21 "It was all ..."
22 About to deliver
23 Garden tool for unexpected situations?
25 Escargot
26 Start the day
27 NBA one-pointers
28 Ayres who played Dr. Kildare
29 Barone's superior
30 Ridge
31 Pvts.' superiors
33 Start of many California city names
34 N.Y. neighbor
35 Hardly ever laugh?
37 PowerShot maker
39 Up
42 Elite school
43 Welcomes at the door
44 Drive aimlessly
45 Annoy with complaints
48 Mentalist Geller
49 "Just a __!"
50 Nickels and dimes
51 Reason for a few nicks?
54 Some sopranos
55 Spies on, in a way
56 Runs amok
60 Thought: Pref.
61 "Tales From the __": '50s horror comic
62 Small toy?
64 Al Green genre
65 Blisters
67 Apples, e.g.
68 "What __?" ("Ewww!"
69 Plumber's assessment?
72 Closely watched index
73 Abbr. usually preceded by a comma
76 AMEX adjustments
77 Tenured coll. employees
78 Walks casually
79 Golfer Garcia
81 Sch. fundraising gp.
82 Scandinavian capital
83 Suave competitor
84 Panama Canal bash?
89 Capp and Kalme
92 Joey's mom
93 __ Mawr
95 Equip anew
98 Amoxicillin target
98 Alliance formed under HST
99 Great Basin cap.
100 His name is Spanish for "fox"
101 Punt navigator
102 Highland scoundrel?
106 At a moment's notice
108 Relents
109 Most exposed
110 Author Prosper who wrote "Carmen," on which the opera is based
111 Old cinemas
112 Orchard Field, nowadays
113 Surprise success

DOWN

1 Giants' home, familiarly
2 "The Lawrence Welk Show" sisters' surname
3 Loud parties in Georgia?
4 Blue eyes, e.g.
5 It has a moral
6 Green prefix
7 Eternally, to Blake
8 Starve, to Shakespeare
9 1974 hit sung entirely in Spanish
10 Muddy area
11 Bit of computer memory
12 Omaha-to-Milwaukee dir.
13 Statistical input
14 It's Dreyer's west of the Rockies
15 SFO info
16 Routes for liners
17 Show particular interest
18 Fish-eating duck
20 She was the ten in "10"
24 Broncos' org.
26 Pie slice feature
30 Leonardo's co-star in "The Aviator"
31 Halloween gathering?
32 Snoop
33 Pennzoil letters
35 Do surgery, in a way
36 __ golf
37 Invigorating, as air
38 Pres. advisory team
40 Controversial baby food ingredient
41 Major leagues, in baseball lingo
43 Crotchety sort
44 Rebuke
45 Party enforcer
46 Stop
47 QR hangers
48 Eurasian range
50 Early 5th-century year
51 Authority
52 A mystery, metaphorically
53 Aging pro, maybe
55 Arduous journeys
57 Vulcanized rubber inventor's unsteady gait?
58 Gullder replacements
59 Ton
61 Light cigar wrapper
62 Response from Fido
63 Ins. plans
66 Five-time MLB All-Star Cooper
67 Oslo Accords signer: Abbr.
68 "I get it," wryly
70 Author Sinclair
71 Gillette razor word
72 Parliament member
73 Seer's alleged gift
74 Like many apartments
75 Piling coating
78 Business sch. major
80 Day-__
81 Thickness
85 Cincinnati-based retailer
86 Look over
87 Octagonal road sign, in Arles
88 El Amazonas, por ejemplo
90 Actress Sobieski
91 More like a spring chicken
93 Dots that may beep
94 Some colas
96 What a slash may mean in some scores
97 "It's __ fort"
98 City served by Gardermoen Airport
99 Dumbbound
100 Writer __ Neale Hurston
103 Chicken general?
104 "Veep" network
105 Cheer word
106 Apt. divisions
107 Sushi fish



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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Hot air is costly

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠104
♡AKQ43
◇AJ2
♣983

WEST
♠986
♡Void
◇K10953
♣Q10742

EAST
♠K
♡1098652
◇Q8764
♣K

SOUTH
♠AQJ7532
♡J7
◇Void
♣AJ65

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
3♡	4♠	Pass	5♡
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Four of ♣

There is a tendency among duplicate players, when the vulnerability is favorable, for ever-lighter opening precepts.

To pre-empt at the three-level on a poor six-card suit with all the high cards in side suits is bizarre, to say the least. We would not dream of any action other than pass with the East hand. South felt that his holding merited more than just three spades, which might sound to partner as merely a competitive effort, so he jumped to game in his suit. North cannot be faulted for moving toward slam, but South was not interested.

West led a club and declarer captured East's king with the ace. The bidding and opening lead made it clear that West was void in hearts, so declarer was not tempted to try to get to dummy for the spade finesse. Instead, declarer laid down the ace of spades, and great was the fall thereon. Trumps were drawn, three clubs were discarded on the ace of diamonds and two good hearts, and declarer took all the tricks.

At the other table East saw no good reason to open the bidding, and North-South ended in a quiet four-spade contract. Again the lead was a club to the king and ace. Declarer, mesmerized by the lure of an overtrick or two, tried to cross to dummy with a heart to take the trump finesse. West ruffed, cashed the queen of clubs and gave partner a club ruff, then ruffed another heart for down one. Five spades making seven at one table, four spades down one at the other. Truly, bridge is a wonderful game!

STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013:

This year you move away from some of your firmly held positions. You see the power of being flexible and giving others their space. Your imagination is nothing less than a gift. **GEMINI** can make your mind work overtime.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might be weighing the pros and cons of using a certain method to handle your finances. Others will push heavily. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Others appreciate your impulsiveness, as it rarely is experienced. You can be creative, but putting that gift into action is uncommon for you. Tonight: Out on the town.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Get some extra sleep if that would make you happy. You need some time to yourself. Your uniqueness separates you from others, and it is intriguing many people. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Go to a movie or someplace else where you will be entertained. You'll enjoy the energy that surrounds the crowd. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You seem to assume your natural role as the leader. Instead, why not let go of this responsibility and join friends? Tonight: Maximize the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Someone you care a lot about could add some confusion to your plans. Tonight: Touch base with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others in the morning — it simply is easier. Use the afternoon for getting together with someone at a distance. Meet this person halfway. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Listen to what others suggest. Before you know it, you could have some interesting plans. Tonight: Say "yes" to someone, and you will love the outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Do something just for you this morning, whether it be sleeping in or reading the Sunday paper. By afternoon, you will have plans. Tonight: To the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Express your enjoyment of a loved one by spending time with him or her. The two of you often act like two kids playing in a sandbox together. Tonight: Play it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might not feel awake until midafternoon, but once you are, there is no stopping you. Tonight: Do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Keep asking important questions. Make calls in the morning to loved ones and friends. Tonight: Happiest at home.

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BORN TODAY

Basketball player Michael Jordan (1963), TV personality Paris Hilton (1981), political activist Huey P. Newton (1942)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



WEEK AHEAD

Arts & Entertainment opportunities for Feb. 17-23

TODAY

Opera

Midland Opera Theater presents Opera Downtown today at Midland Center. Dinner is at 6 p.m.

The evening features Italian food and music including well-known arias and duets as well as ballet and a performance by a children's choir. Tickets are $10 to $25 and may be purchased by calling 269-0398.

TUESDAY

Reception

An art show and reception for the portrait artist of first lady Laura Bush, Aleksander Titovets and his wife Lyuba Titovets, is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Haley Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave.

The show will hang through March 12. Titovets painted the portrait of Mrs. Bush for the new First Lady Gallery at the Smithsonian.

THURSDAY

Concert

REO Speedwagon takes over the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center on Thursday.

Curtain is at 7:30 p.m.

Over the course of its career, the band has sold more than 40 million records and charted 13 Top 40 hits, including the No. 1s "Keep On Loving You" and "Can't Fight This Feeling."

The box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or go to wagnernoel.com.

FRIDAY

Musical

"Shrek, the Musical" is onstage Friday and Saturday until March 9 at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. The show is the opening production of Midland Community Theatre's 2013 season.

Other production dates and times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 2 p.m. today and Feb. 24. The Reach-Out-Pay-What-You-Can performance is today.

Individual tickets are $24 for adults, $18 for seniors 65 and older and 18 years old and younger. They may be purchased by calling 570-4111, Monday through Friday between 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

During the run, Midland Community Theatre Gallery is featuring the works of California fine artist Joshua Jacobo, who is the co-founder of the New Masters Academy, an educational institution for artists and art enthusiasts in California.

Opera

ODESSA — The Globe Theatre and Odessa College's Music Department will present the opera "The Dream" Friday through March 3 on the Globe stage, 2308 Shakespeare Road.

Tickets are $15 general admission, $13 for seniors and students, $10 for a group of 15 or more, $7 for ages 12 and younger and free for all students and faculy of Odessa College with ID.

For reservations call the Globe Theatre at 432-332-1586.

Performance

ODESSA — The Diamonds will perform Friday at the Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas Ave.

Tickets are $25. All seats are reserved.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. For reservations call 580-0898.

Comedy

ODESSA — Comedian Tom Green brings his stand-up routine to the MCM Elegante Hotel Friday and Saturday.

Green's one-hour comedy special taped early this year at the Wilbur Theater in Boston is currently airing on Showtime, and he recently headlined at the Edinburgh Comedy Festival, Scotland.

Drama

ODESSA — "The Vagina Monologues 2013," by Eve Ensler and directed by Rosyln Ross, will be on stage in the Black Box Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, next to the Globe Theatre on Friday and Saturday.

The drama has adult content. Profits will benefit The Crisis Center. For more information, go to www.mark10theatricals.com or call 432-853-5249.

SATURDAY

Performance

Brian Regan brings his show to the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center Saturday. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

Regan's theater tour has visited more than 80 cities each year since 2005. The box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or go to wagnernoel.com.

UPCOMING

Concert

A Lone Star Brass Chamber Concert is set for 2 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center in the Rea Greathouse Recital Hall.

This ensemble offers programs of classical music, jazz, original works and even opera. Tickets are $12 general admission.

Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance by calling the Wagner Noël Performing Arts box office at 552-4430.

Comedy

Tickets are still available for the 2:30 p.m. Feb. 24 performance of Monty Python's "Spamalot" at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

A limited number of tickets may also be available for the 7 p.m. performance that day.

"Spamalot" received the 2005 Tony Award for best musical. To purchase single tickets visit the box office, which is open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 552-4430.

Shrimpfest

ODESSA —Shrimpfest, the Ellen Noel Art Museum's annual fundraiser, is set for Feb. 25 at Ector County Coliseum.

Nearly 1,200 pounds of shrimp, along with all the sides, are served at Building G in the coliseum. The evening features a silent auction, a live auction and live music.

Sponsor tables for $1,200, $3,000 or $5,000 are available. These tables include admission to the sponsor-only cocktail reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with appetizers and private waiters.

General admission tickets with all you can eat and drink are also available. They are $40 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.

Concert

Live on Stage! Permian Basin presents Terry Barber in concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

Single admission tickets are $30 and may be purchased at the door.

Guitar festival

The 2013 West Texas Guitar Festival is set for March 7-9 at the Wager Noël Performing Arts Center. The headliner for the Friday evening concert is slap-guitarist Andy McKee.

Tickets to the concert are available at www.wagnernoel.com. The festival website is www.WestTexasGuitarFestival.com

McKee is a self-taught musician who grew up studying cassettes and CDs of artists as diverse as Preston Reed, Don Ross, Billy McLaughlin, Michael Hedges, Eric Johnson and Dream Theater. His slap and pop technique is inspired by Earth Wind & Fire's bassist Verdine White.

Concert

Ryan Bingham will perform at La Hacienda Event Center on March 8.

Bingham collaborated with Grammy-winning producer T Bone Burnett on the soundtrack for the 2009 film "Crazy Heart," including co-penning and performing the film's award-winning theme song "The Weary Kind." The title track earned him an Academy Award, Golden Globe Award and Critics' Choice Award for best song in 2010, as well as a Grammy Award for best song written for a motion picture, television or other visual media in 2011. The Americana Music Association honored Bingham with the organization's top award in 2010: artist of the year.

In September, he released his album "Tomorrowland."

Concert

Six-time Grammy Award winner Buddy Guy performs March 15 at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member received the Kennedy Center Honors Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack Obama in December. Guy was honored with talk show host David Letterman, rock 'n' roll band Led Zeppelin, actor Dustin Hoffman and ballerina Natalie Makarova.

Eric Clapton and former President Bill Clinton have both stated, "Buddy Guy is the absolute greatest living guitarist in the world today." Guy has toured with The Rolling Stones, BB King, Eric Clapton, Carlos Santana, Stevie Ray Vaughn and many others.

Robert Randolph and The Family Band will open the show. Randolph is known as the "Jimi Hendrix on pedal steel" and has toured the world with Eric Clapton, Dave Mathews Band, Buddy Guy, Carlos Santana and others. Randolph's concerts are known for their lively stage performances.

Tickets, priced at $55 to $95, may be purchased at the Wagner Noël box office, online at www.wagnernoel.com, or charge by phone at 1-800-514-3849. The Wagner Noël box office is open Monday-Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

Art show

Midland Arts Association's 35th Annual Spring Juried Art Exhibition is set for March 28-April 28 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be March 28.

Michael R. Grauer, curator of art at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, is the juror.

Entry deadline is March 16. Categories include oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, fabric, drawing, print making, photography, pastel and 3-D. Entries must be appropriately framed, with attached wire for hanging. Size limit is 50x50.

MAA reserves the right to refuse any inappropriate, misrepresented or inadequately framed artwork. Artwork should be original, completed within the last two years without supervision and not previously shown competitively in Midland.

MUSICAL

From 1H

and teaches them to pick pockets for him.

"Fagan is possibly the most selfish character in the play," Dingus said. "He's very flamboyant, and he's very deceitful. And all he really cares about is himself, but that changes throughout the play. That's actually one of the more dynamic character changes in the play."

Oliver is introduced to Fagan through a character whose name identifies him even to those unfamiliar with this story — the Artful Dodger, aka Jack Dawkins.

"He's very crafty," said Tripp Hankins who is double cast as the Artful Dodger with Henry Barrett. "He's the best of the pickpockets. He knows how things are run in Fagan's world, and he knows how to get the best recruits for Fagan. And he can get the most money for picking pockets."

Oliver is born in the workhouse. His mother dies leaving him an orphan and at the mercy of Mr. Bumble and the Widow Corney, the heartless and greedy caretakers of the workhouse.

"He's a nasty character," Corey Allcorn said of Mr. Bumble. "He doesn't feed them well, and makes them work all day and doesn't treat them right. That's to just have their respect and have it so that they don't really act up and have this freedom because they're in the workhouse, and he doesn't get paid if they don't do anything."

Although he was born into poverty, Oliver arrives with manners that set him apart.

"He's very gentleman like," said Austin Escamilla, who has been double cast as Oliver with Jordan Sanz. "He's never met a gentleman yet he bows when he meets someone and talks like a fine gentleman. It's something that Nancy (Sikes) found very interesting about him."

Nancy Sikes is Bill Sikes' live-in girlfriend who takes a liking to Oliver.

"Nancy is a victim of unfortunate circumstances," said Morgan Lane, who plays Nancy. "She's grown up in an orphans' workhouse and essentially been a thief all her life. She has stayed at the workhouse and tried to take care of the boys there but unfortunately she's involved with Bill Sikes, who is violent and not the best choice for her or for the boys."

Last year, Trinity School presented "Once Upon a Mattress."

"This one is more of a drama and a tragedy," said Allcorn, who plays Mr. Bumble. "It's exciting to do something new. The music is upbeat. It's also in some parts very serious. It all comes together very lovely and poetically in each scene."

"Oliver is a really well-crafted period show," said Lane. "The music in it is very well done, and the plot line is something most people are familiar with, but the musical handles it in a little more playful, upbeat way than Charles Dickens did."

All the details

THE MUSICAL "OLIVER"
When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Feb. 24
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado Ave.
Info: Presented by Trinity School
Tickets: $15. On sale at Trinity School. Call the box office, 691-3394.
Cast: Corey Allcorn, Henry Barrett, Chris Cooper, Paul Dingus, Austin Escamilla, Christian Ferris, Grant Fisher, Audrey Grimes, Lewis Grimes, Tripp Hankins, Morgan Hughes, Morgan Lane, Zack Lopez, Thomas McGuire, Mark McGuire, Julia Nguyen, Jordan Sanz, Reagan Scott, Adam Syed, Zuleima Thompson and Lauren Wagner. Many cast members play multiple roles. The roles of Oliver and the Artful Dodger are double cast.
Production staff: Carl Beery Moore as director, Barbara Wischmeier as musical director and Lauren Curry as choreographer.

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and playing 'La Bamba' and 'Twist and Shout' and things like that."

When his parents separated, the sons moved back and forth between their mother's home in Amarillo and their father's in San Angelo.

"Henry and I had taught each other to play drums," Jojo said. "Dad had a real cheap set of drums. I still don't know where the drums came from or where they went."

Henry had demonstrated his expertise with the guitar and then Ringo, the youngest of the sons, showed his on the drums.

"And that was basically it," Jojo said. "I couldn't play drums anymore. Henry was better at guitar. I'm either going to play or be a sideshow freak. We didn't have a bass player."

That's the lineup: Henry on guitar and vocals, Jojo on bass and vocals and Ringo on drums and vocals. Los Lonely Boys' self-titled debut album went double platinum and from that a No. 1 radio hit "Heaven" won a Grammy.

The newest album, "Rockpango," is the band's fourth studio album. All of the material was written by the Garzas, who add the Tosca String Quartet and keyboards where necessary to expand the sound. Love and family are major themes.

"It was like we always talked about it and dreamed about it — standing in front of a sea of people with all these different lights. We all pretty much had that thought. From a really early age we knew we were given the gift of music, and we really appreciated it and we really wanted to play.

"It was something we knew around the household. It was like part of eating and drinking water. We're going to sing or sit here and watch Mommy and Daddy sing together. 'When I was a little bitty baby, my mommy would rock me,' doing stuff like that all together as a family.

"Music was like there. It really wasn't even a choice like do you want to play music? It was like this gift had been given to us, and we are passing it on to you."

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JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
(A joint production with the Midland College Music and Drama Departments)
February 24th and 25th
at 6:30 p.m. 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
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at 6:30 p.m. Wagner & Brown Auditorium,
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QUICKTAKES

Reviews of recent CDs

MY BLOODY VALENTINE
"mbv"



My Bloody Valentine's breakthrough record "Loveless" was a landmark album in 1991, a groundbreaking mix of guitar work, production techniques and unusual song structures that influenced generations of indie-rockers from the Catherine Wheel to Garbage.

The world waited to hear what My Bloody Valentine mastermind Kevin Shields would come up with next. They waited patiently for the follow-up to "Loveless," then not-so-patiently and then, well, most people gave up.

But last week, more than 21 years after the release of "Loveless," in the middle of the night, Shields surprised the world with an announcement that "mbv" (mybloodyvalentine.org) had arrived, which promptly crashed the band's website.

Oddly enough, the announcement turned out to be a bigger surprise than "mbv" itself, with the album seemingly picking up where "Loveless" left off, in both style and structure.

The bulk of the album is atmospherics created by the layers of Shields' guitar work, using distortion and reverb to stretch and manipulate the guitar sound. The closing songs "Nothing Is" and "Wonder 2" are the most experimental, bringing in some EDM elements. But the most memorable songs are "If I Am" and "New You," the ones featuring Bilinda Butcher's breathy, ethereal vocals that float over Shields' churning guitars.

Twenty — or even 10 — years ago, "mbv" would have been seen as groundbreaking. However, music caught up to, or even surpassed, Shields' techniques years ago. Luckily, his songwriting and playing are more than enough to make "mbv" worth a listen.

Glenn Gamboa/Newsday

FOALS
"Holy Fire"



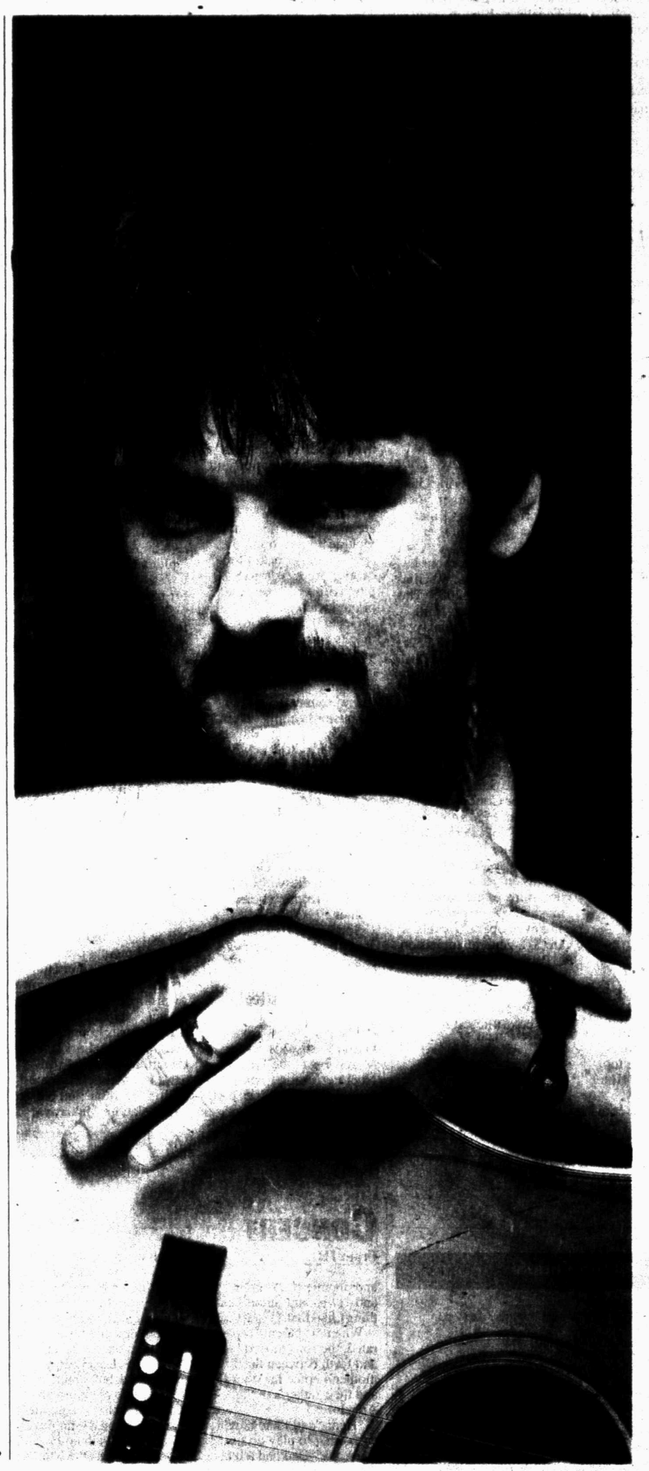
One thing you can say about the Foals is that they always mix it up. Their first album, "Antidotes," was loaded with heavy drum-beats, while "Total Life Forever" was more melancholic with beautiful lyrical prowess.

The British band sticks to their wild formula on the new album, "Holy Fire." It opens with "Prelude," a 4-minute long instrumental that blasts into "Inhaler," showcasing a rockier side to the band. There are howling guitars and shouting vocals, courtesy of Yannis Philippakis.

"My Number" is addictive and could have jumped straight from a Talking Heads record. It is funky, uplifting and playful, and the lyrics illustrate optimism: "I feel the love, feel the love."

Melancholia isn't far away though, as the record swings back down with "Bad Habit," which is a soulful lament. "I'm a bad habit, one you cannot shake," sings Philippakis.

Sian Watson /AP



Eric Church leads ACM Awards nominations

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — They don't call him Chief for nothing: Eric Church is the top nominee at this year's Academy of Country Music Awards.

The rising country music star has seven nominations for the April 7 awards show in Las Vegas. Hunter Hayes is next with six, followed by Taylor Swift and Miranda Lambert at five apiece.

Swift and Lambert are up for the academy's top honor — entertainer of the year — with Lambert's husband, Blake Shelton, Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan. Swift is going for her third straight win in that category.

Shelton and Bryan will co-host the broadcast, to air live on CBS from the MGM Grand.

Along with naming nominees in a series of videos online Wednesday morning, the academy also awarded trophies in the three new artist categories. Jana Kramer is the new female vocalist of the year, Brantley Gilbert is the new male vocalist winner and Florida Georgia Line took new vocal duo or group, as voted by fans. Those three acts will now compete for new artist of the year.

Fans will continue to have a say in that category and entertainer of the year. Fans can vote in those categories beginning March 25 at http://VoteACM.com.

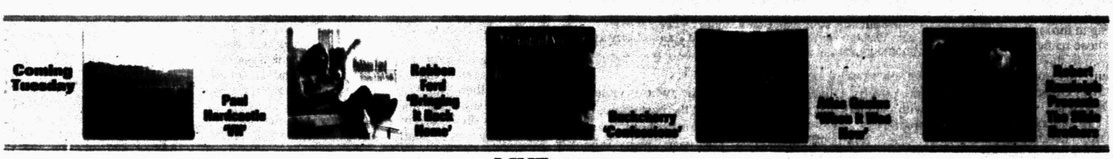
Hayes began an incredible run on the awards show circuit with a nomination for best new artist at the ACMs last year. He didn't win, but has since has been on a streak. He won the Country Music Association's best new artist in November, was tied with Swift as the top-nominated country artist at Sunday's Grammy Awards, where he performed, and now takes center stage in Las Vegas.

"It's amazing. That puts it in perspective," a groggy Hayes said a few minutes after his manager woke him up with the news. "I'm kind of feeling like I'm part of the family now, especially now, with this. That's such an honor, such a huge compliment. This is serious. This is for real. This says that my music's been accepted by this community and it's unbelievable — and that's one of the best feelings in the world."

Church's "Chief" is up for album of the year along with Swift's "Red," Bryan's "tailgates & tanlines," Carrie Underwood's "Blown Away" and Little Big Town's "Tornado." Jay Joyce scored a rare double in the category: He produced the Church and Little Big Town albums and will take home a trophy if either wins. He's also up for producer of the year.

"Chief," released in 2011, slipped through a loophole and into the category for the second straight year. Academy rules allow an album to be nominated outside its usual qualification period if it did the bulk of its sales during the next opening. The album reached platinum last year and currently sits at more than 1.3 million copies sold.

That album's inclusion may have cost Zac Brown Band's "Uncaged" a nomination just three days after the band took home the Grammy for best country album. Another potential nominee left off the list was Brad Paisley, who had been nominated every year since 1999.



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17 **Newsboys, Building 429, All Things New, Campbell** @ Andrews County Expo center
17 **Goodtimers, Matthew Rios, Jacob Garcia** @ Music City Mall
18-19 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Escape Lounge
21 **REO Speedwagon** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
21 **Jake Kellen** @ Rockin Rodeo
22 **Los Lonely Boys, Platero** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
22 **The Diamonds** @ Ector Theatre
22 **The Six-String Boys** @ Redneck's
22 **Nite Life, Ann Russell, Dene Redmon** @ Music City Mall
22 **Seth Candan, Justin Langston** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Hot Shots
22-23 **Blacklisted** @ The Bar
22-23 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
23 **Happy Good Times, The Blood Of Tyrants, Pathogenocide, Cicada, First Dead Witness** @ Blue Max
23 **Sam Riggs Band, Charlie Stout** @ Lone Star Bar
23 **Bentlo Ramos, Arisce Strings, Mike Leonard, Jesse Thomas, Ty Miller, Richard Jaquez** @ Music City Mall
24 **Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra chamber concert: Lone Star Brass** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center (2 p.m.)
24 **Monty Python: Spamalot** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center (two shows, 2:30 p.m., 7 p.m.)
24 **Tom Jean Jerry Band, Tech Jazz, Mary Mitchell, Jacob Garcia, Hunter Blain** @ Music City Mall
25 **Terry Barber** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
28 **Aaren Watson** @ Rockin Rodeo
27 **William Clark Green** @ Lone Star Bar
28 **GreyFace** @ Yucca Theater

MARCH
1 **The Generators, Nomadic Roadtrip** @ Blue Max
1 **Los Huracanes del Norte** @ La Hacienda
1 **Run Home Jack** @ Detour
1 **Dean Seltzer** @ Redneck's
1 **Loudflinger** @ Your Place
1-2 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
2 **Run Home Jack** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra Pops: Shower the People** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
3 **Jennifer B & the Groove Kings** @ Riley's
7 **American Aquarium** @ Rockin Rodeo
8 **John Dempsey** @ Redneck's
8 **Stewart Mann & the Stateside Revue** @ Lone Star Bar
8 **Ryan Bingham** @ La Hacienda
8-9 **Freeride** @ The Bar
9 **Truthless Heroes, Broken Jaw Philosophy, Nightmare Canvas, Nomadic Roadtrip** @ Blue Max
9 **No Dry County, Danielle Reed, Mike McClure Band** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **The Moody Blues** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
12 **My Iron Lung** @ Pine Box
13 **Yo Gabba Gabba Live! Get The Silies Out** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
13 **The Dollyrots** @ Blue Max
13 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
15 **Shane Rogers Band** @ Detour
15 **Buddy Guy** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
16 **The Temptations** @ Ector Theatre
16 **Ando Ehlers** @ Blue Max
17 **21st Century Goliath** @ Blue Max
19 **Merle Haggard** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
21 **William Clark Green** @ Rockin Rodeo
22-23 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
23 **BugGirl, Speedozer** @ Blue Max
29 **The Assassinators, Broken Jaw Philosophy**

LUBBOCK

FEBRUARY
23 **Jon Wolfe, Old 97's** @ Blue Light

MARCH
7 **Ricky Nelson Remembered featuring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson** @ Harral Memorial Auditorium (Plainview)
7 **Awolnation, Mother Mother, Blondfire** @ LoneStar Amphitheatre
8 **The Devil Wears Prada, As I Lay Dying, The Chariot** @ Lonestar Events Center
17 **Bon Jovi** @ United Spirit Arena

NEW MEXICO

MARCH
8 **Aaron Lewis** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

APRIL
26 **Lorrie Morgan, Pam Tillis** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

FEBRUARY
17 **Rick Springfield** @ Arlington Music Hall
20 **Ricardo Arjona** @ Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie
22 **Pink, The Hives** @ American Airlines Center

