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Texas rates low for education, health care

Experts say proposed budget cuts would worsen situation for state's children

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Texas is on track to create a generation of citizens saddled with high health care costs, increasing poverty rates and an inability to compete for jobs on a national level, according to a report released recently.

Compiled by Austin-based Texans Care for Children, the report shows that even at present funding levels, Texas ranks last in several areas it describes as crucial for children. With state funding cuts proposed in every sector including education and medical services, as well as the elimination of several prevention programs, staff at the nonpartisan child advocacy agency say the Lone Star state is setting itself up for failure.

"By how our children are faring, one would think Texas is one of the nation's poorest states. We aren't yet, but continuing to neglect the needs of Texas children will soon make us one," said Eileen Garcia, Texans Care for Children CEO, in a statement. "This legislative session provides a clear opportunity for us to start to right out course and prevent costly lost potential in the youngest Texans, beginning with our state's approach to services and education."

The Lone Star State ranks last in providing health care coverage, mental health services for those with diagnosed challenges, in preventing childhood homelessness and in preventing food insecurity. Texas also ranks the highest for fatalities that result from child abuse or neglect and falls in last when looking at spending rates for child abuse prevention.

According to the report,

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EXTRA HELP Ana Estorga works with children Friday at Goddard Junior High School during lunch hour.
Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

A DAY FOR THE KIDS

ABOVE: Austin Wooldridge, a UTPB baseball player, gives some hitting tips to Haziel Urias, 2, Saturday afternoon at the Helen Greathouse Annual Children's Festival at Midland Center. The annual event is presented by XTO Energy and benefits Bynum School, a private school for children and adults with special needs.
LEFT: Christopher Snyder, 2 1/2, walks on a balance toy in the play area.
RIGHT: Evan Lopez, 6, decorates a pair of head band decorations Saturday.

Tim Fischer
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Nursing homes could face deep cuts

■ House, Senate budget proposals would reduce funding for Medicaid.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Midland's long-term care facilities could be among those working to cut staffing and services if they intend to stay open while absorbing the hit in state funding legislators proposed in their preliminary budgets.

Many statewide simply will close, industry professionals said.

"That is such a drastic, unbelievable consideration," said Alan Hale, executive director of Manor Park, referring to funding proposals. "It's just nothing you could ever conceive would happen."

For nursing homes and long-term care or rehabilitation facilities, both the initial state Senate and House budgets propose what amounts to a more than 30 percent cut in payment for Medicaid patients, said David Thomason, senior vice president of public policy for the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

The total comes from the 10 percent reduction in state Medicaid reimbursement rates that was proposed and the loss of federal funding that will come from those cuts and the elimination of stimulus funds funneled to the industry during the present biennium. Of the estimated 56,000 nursing home residents on Medicaid, spending levels over the upcoming budget period would drop from $4.2 billion to $2.8 billion, according to the House and Senate bills.

"Everything with health care funding right now is almost contradictory," said Michael Austin, chief executive officer at Midland Community Healthcare Services. "On one hand, (there's) expansion because of reform, on the other hand states are going broke."

Area care facilities and medical professionals said they're hopeful the final budget passed will look more favorably upon their industry. Because while they said they understand everyone will be

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■ Sunday Afternoon Jazz featuring Jazz Cafe, presented by the West Texas Jazz Society, 2 p.m. at Zucchi's Ristorante, 1541 JBS Parkway, Odessa.

WTJS members are admitted free. Non-members are $20. Students with an ID are free. Call 683-2026 for information.

Tuesday

■ Classic Movie Club presents "Swing Time," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Wednesday

■ "The Skit Guys," 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church. Tickets: Free. Contact Jay Gage, Youth Pastor at jaygage@firstmethodistmidland.com or 682-3701.

Saturday

■ Children's storytime, "Geoffrey Groundhog Predicts the Weather," 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

■ Knitting Guild of West Texas (adult crafts), 3 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

■ Basin PBS and Midland College present "Freedom Riders," 7:30-9 p.m., Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building.

Today and Sunday

Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show, Horseshoe Main Arena

Meetings Schedule

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

West Texas Real Estate Investment Association
7-9 p.m. Thursday
Atmos Community Room by the Midland International Airport
Web: WestTexasREI.com

Upcoming nonprofit/support group meetings, events

■ An informational meeting for parents of children with disabilities is planned for 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday at the Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd. (near Midland International Airport).

Input is being sought on how parents and schools can work together in a student's education. Parents' comments and suggestions will be forwarded to the Texas Education Agency.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, call 567-3246 or visit www.esc18.net.

Refreshments will be served. Deaf and Spanish interpreters will be available. Child care will not be provided.

■ Midland Book Review Unit is to meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Maridel Fryar will review "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett. For more information or to make a reservation, call 694-0708 or 694-1037.

■ Midland Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall.

Retired educator LaSahara Nieland is to present a program on the state's wildflowers.

To make luncheon reservations, contact Anita at 697-1602 or apatton123@sbcglobal.net.

■ The West Texas Iris Society will hold its first meeting of 2011 at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Furman Community and Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair Ave.

The program wil be on the annual show.

For more information call 697-0557.

■ ODESSA — Accolade Home Care will offer screenings for congestive heart failure 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at Southside Senior Center, 900 S. Dixie.

According to a press release from Accolade, people who are at risk for congestive heart failure are those who have coronary artery disease, high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, heart valve disease or cardiomyopathy or who have had a heart attack.

For more information, call Fabian Franco at 638-3476.

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters is planning Bowl for Kids' Sake 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb.12 at AMF Midland Park Lanes.

To register as a sponsor or a team, contact info@bbbsmidland.org or 687-0195.

African Children's choir to perform next weekend

The African Children's Choir will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Feb. 6 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2800 W. Louisiana Ave.

The concert will include children's songs, gospel songs and traditional African songs and dances.

WISHING HER WELL

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Gloria Newman, right, gets hugs and well wishes Wednesday at her Midland Police Department retirement party. Newman worked for the MPD for 15 years in records and community relations.

A free-will offering will be taken for education and emergency relief for children in Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Rwanda, Nigeria and Ghana.

For more information, call 682-2514.

Falcon Day set for Saturday

Perspective students can get a snapshot of life at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin on Saturday during Falcon Day.

The experience will include lunch in the new, $12 million Student Activities Center and women's and men's basketball games in the Falcon Dome.

There is no charge, but registration is requested through the UTPB website, www.utpb.edu.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. with the first session starting at 10 at the UTPB Library Lecture Center.

Students and parents will hear about admission, financial aid, housing, and scholarship opportunities. The College of Arts & Sciences and the schools of Business and Education will make presentations. Student-guided tours of the campus and an information fair with each of the Academic and Student Services Departments will showcase what UTPB has to offer.

During lunch, an informal question and answer session will be held with UTPB representatives followed by a student panel featuring door prizes and scholarship giveaways. Optional student housing tours will depart from the library at approximately 2 p.m.

The Lady Falcons will play Texas A&M International at 2 p.m.; the men's game will follow at 4:30 p.m. in the gym.

For more information about Falcon Day, please call the Admissions Office at 552-2605 or e-mail Tasha Jobe at admissions@utpb.edu.

West Texas preview event "Freedom Riders" at Midland College

Basin PBS and Midland College present "Freedom Riders," a Stanley Nelson Film, in a West Texas preview event to be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building.

"Freedom Riders" tells the story of a courageous band of some 400 civil rights activists — black and white, young and old, male and female, northern and southern — who in 1961, risked their lives by deliberately violating Jim Crow laws and traveling together on buses as they journeyed through the Deep South.

Greeted by mob violence and bitter racism along the way, many endured savage beatings and even imprisonment. They called themselves the Freedom Riders, and they managed to bring the president and the entire American public face to face with the challenge of correcting civil rights inequities that plagued the nation.

Learn more about the film at pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/freedomriders/

Free fishing contest in Big Spring

A free fishing contest will be held from 1-4 p.m. Feb. 12 at Comanche Trail Lake in Big Spring.

Signup begins at 12:15 p.m. Four thousand rainbow trout have been stocked in the lake since mid-December.

Staples to headline Republican Women's luncheon on Feb. 9

The next Midland County Republican Women's luncheon is set for Feb. 9 at Midland Country Club.

A community awareness luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. with Dale Little, the fire marshal of Midland County. He will speak on fire safety and fire hazards in the home. The general meeting will begin at noon with guest speaker, Todd Staples, Texas' commissioner of agriculture.

Membership dues for 2011 are due by March 1. Forms may be downloaded at: www.MCRW.us. If you have any questions, email theamccarthy@gmail.com or call 413-2905.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Reporter-Telegram and MyWestTexas.com is looking for community news items. If you think you have one, send it to Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com. Selected items will find their way into the paper or online.

Midland Police Department promotions

The Midland Police Department will promote two of its own on Tuesday. A promotion ceremony will be held 3 p.m. in the third floor classroom at the MPD.

Officer Joey Garcia will move to the rank of sergeant, and Detective Matt Davis will be promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Both Garcia and Davis will be in working in the Field Operations Bureau in the Patrol Division.

Source: MPD

Music Association picks Lee as honor choir

The Lee High School Chorale has been selected as the Texas Music Educator's Association Honor Choir.

The choir will perform at the TMEA's annual conference in San Antonio in February. In preparation for the event, the choir will perform a community concert at 3 p.m. Feb. 6 in the LHS Auditorium, 3500 Neely Ave.

Becky Montgomery, LHS Choirs Booster Club member, said, "This is the highest honor a high school choir can receive in the state of Texas. These students and their directors have worked so hard to prepare for TMEA. The students want to share with the community, and we would love for the students to be supported by the community."

Source: MISD

Citizens Police Academy is accepting applications

The Midland Police Department is accepting applications for The Citizens Police Academy that will begin in February.

The class will meet from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Applications are available on the city's website or call 685-7582 for more information.

The Citizens Police Academy class is a general overview of every bureau of the Midland Police Department.

Source: MPD

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Source: Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee

Recycling Container locations in Midland

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

■ Citibank Ballpark west side – 5514 Champions Drive – Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ H-E-B – 3325 W. Wadley Ave. – No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) – 3200 N. Garfield Road – Cardboard, paper, plastic and aluminum

■ Super Mercado – 2208 N. Big Spring St. – Cardboard

■ Walmart Supercenter – 200 West Interstate 20 – Cardboard, paper and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Walmart Supercenter – 4517 N. Midland Drive – Cardboard, paper and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Western Park Plaza – 1020 Andrews Highway – Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics, paper and aluminum

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

Tell us what you think online

The Reporter-Telegram provides four avenues online for you to participate in the conversation happening in our community.

MyWestTexasChatter: The site allows users to create their own pages, build blogs, upload slideshows and streaming video, interact with other users and create groups along with people with common interests.

MyOpenForum: From local news to politics to the community scene, go to www.myopenforum.com and weigh in on the hot topic of the day.

MyWestTexasFootball: Share your hot sports opinions about District 3-5A with those from Midland, Odessa, Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock and San Angelo. The forum at www.mywesttexasfootball.com also includes opportunities to converse about college football, the NFL and other sports.

At end of stories: Once you finish the story, see what MyWestTexas readers are writing at the comments section.

How to submit your item to the newspaper

■ Births: Have information and a picture about a newborn son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter you want in the paper? Call Managing Editor Mary Dearen at 687-8852.

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■ Religion news: e-mail information and photo to Lifestyle Editor Megan Buck at mbuck@mrt.com. For more information, call 687-8871.

■ Items for "Names & Faces," a roundup of community and society events: e-mail information and photo to Managing Editor Mary Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com or Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com. For more information, call 687-8852.

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Help us celebrate Midlanders who make a difference

The Reporter-Telegram is looking to celebrate those people making a difference in our community.

If you know someone who goes above and beyond, e-mail that person's name and no more than 500 words about why we should recognize that person.

We will run these submissions regularly in the Reporter-Telegram.

For more information or to send in an entry, contact Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com or 687-8856.

ON DISPLAY

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Johnny Brannon unboxes his assortment of knives that he will sell along with his custom woodwork and his wife's one-of-a-kind jewlry during set up Jan. 21 for the 37th annual Gun and Blade Show at the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

Coming soon

Chocolate Decadence, Feb. 10

Bowl for Kids Sake, Feb. 12

West Texas Music Fest with Los Lonely Boys, Feb. 20

Junior League Spring Fling, Feb. 25-27

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■ My Community Federal Credit Union, open Saturdays in February
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■ Midland Senior Services, open starting Feb. 1
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Phone: 681-7636

■ Odessa Affordable Housing, open Feb. 1 to April 14
Address: 3801 N. Dixie, Odessa
Phone: 272-4412
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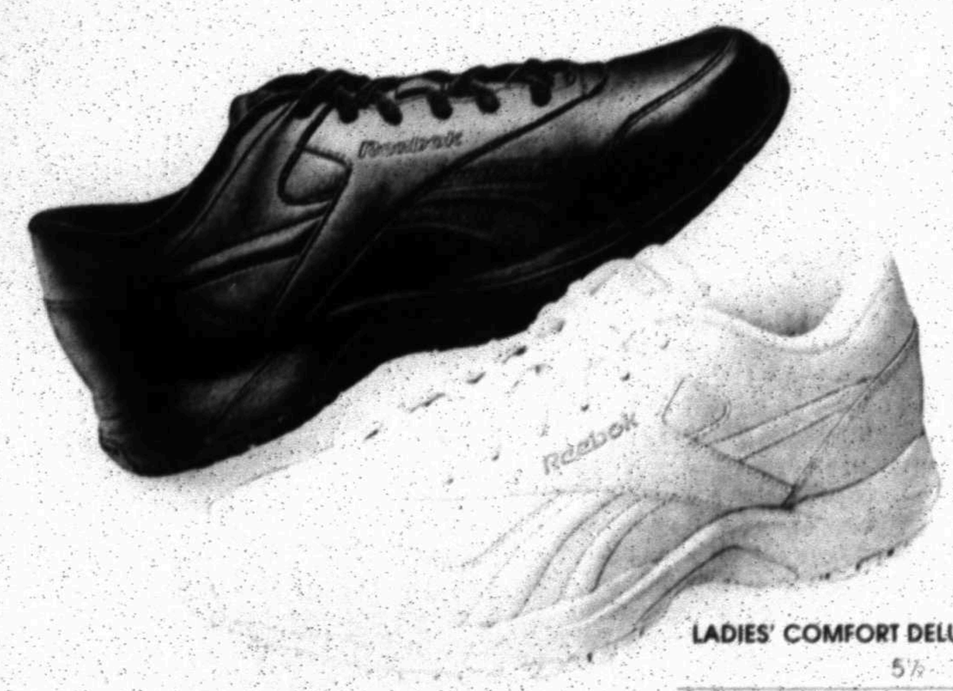

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Massey rejects MSHA findings on W.Va. mine blast

By Vicki Smith
Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Massey Energy Co. on Friday rejected nearly every part of the federal government's theory on what caused the deadly explosion at its Upper Big Branch mine in West Virginia last spring, killing 29 men.

The Richmond, Va.-based coal company doesn't believe that worn shearer bits, broken water sprayers or an excessive buildup of coal dust contributed to the blast, Vice President and General Counsel Shane Harvey said.

Instead, Massey continues to argue there was a sudden inundation of natural gases from a crack in the floor that overwhelmed what it insists were good air flow and other controls that should have contained the blast.

Traces of gas continue to flow from that crack, Harvey said.

MSHA spokeswoman Amy Louviere said investigators found no evidence of a large methane explosion. It appears it took only "a low volume methane and/or methane from natural gas" to fuel the ignition, she said.

MSHA presented preliminary findings from its continuing investigation last week, saying Massey records and evidence from inside the mine point to poor maintenance as a key cause of the blast.

Harvey acknowledged the shearing machine that cuts the coal may somehow have ignited the gas but said the company's own investigators haven't determined how. Massey won't issue its own report on the explosion until after state and federal investigators release theirs, he said.

Also on Friday, the Wall Street Journal reported that Abingdon, Va.-based Alpha Natural Resources Inc. is nearing a deal to buy Massey for about $7 billion in cash and stock. The Journal cited people familiar with the matter which it did not identify. Recent reports have suggested that Massey is a possible takeover target for rivals such as Alpha Natural and global steel conglomerate ArcelorMittal SA.

The April 2010 blast was the worst U.S. mining disaster in 40 years and is the subject of both criminal and civil investigations, as well as lawsuits by some of the victims' families.

RATING

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which was based on state and national data and released last week, Texas children are twice as likely as other American children to be without health insurance, two-thirds more likely to have a mother who didn't receive adequate prenatal care and one-third more likely to grow up in poverty. They're also significantly more likely to drop out of school and 50 percent more likely to be born to a teen mother than their peers in other states.

"If Texas fails to reverse current trends, the state is on course to pay a high price for inaction," said Steve Murdock, former state demographer now at Rice University. "Higher welfare and incarceration costs and lower levels of educational attainment and prosperity are what lie in the forecast today for Texas, if we fail to close the gaps facing different groups of Texas children."

Reversing the data amid a budget shortfall of about $27 billion, though, will admittedly be a challenge.

At Communities in Schools, Executive Director Dawn Parnell said they aim to prevent students from dropping out of school, knowing it costs less to work with children now than to provide for adults without an education. State funding for Communities in Schools, which relies on the Legislature for about half of its funds, was eliminated, according to the preliminary budgets.

"It's making a positive impact right here in our community," Parnell said, adding 82 percent of the seniors they worked with graduated and 98 percent of other students remained in school. "We're contributing to students succeeding, graduating and going on to college."

They work with students at five Midland campuses and were hoping to expand because of the increased need but now are waiting to make plans based on the final budget.

Child Protective Services' prevention programs also are on the list of things that may go completely unfunded.

The Services At-Risk Youth Program, which provides crisis intervention counseling and short-term residential care in hopes of helping families before they have to be split up or children sent to detention centers, was nearly eliminated. The Stay Together program at High Sky Children's Ranch is in a similar situation and looking at 80 percent cuts.

"When you cut prevention, at some point it's going to come back and cost you," said Felipe Garza, vice president of national operations at Buckner. "It's kind of one of those things. Nobody wants to raise taxes, but don't cut my programs."

When it comes to foster care, he said, funding already is slim and any additional decreases will create a challenge.

Tracy Renton, division director at the area March of Dimes, said they work to prevent women from having children without prenatal care by connecting them with services and navigating through the process of qualifying for state aid. She said they'll lobby to have funding maintained for the children's health insurance program, newborn screenings and other services knowing such care is crucial in a child's early life.

"We're doing everything we can possibly do," she said.

Pat Meadows, executive director of the Community Children's Clinic, said many of the children they serve don't quite qualify for state programs such as CHIP but still are in families who can't afford to have everyone on private insurance. When it comes to state funding, Meadows said they'll simply wait and keep serving the community regardless.

"I'll wait and see what happens," she said. "We've been doing this for almost 28 years, (through) changes to Medicaid and CHIP, my services are still needed."

According to the report, while Texas is facing a massive shortfall during the session, overall the state's citizens are better off financially than other states that rank among the bottom when it comes to kids' services.

The median wealth of Texans puts the state at 27th among the 50 states. The median household income in 2009 was $50,043, according to the report. Other states with high child poverty rates, have median incomes of between $37,000 and $43,000.

"We are the only state to possess the means but not the will to better serve our people," the report reads.

Christine Sinatra, spokeswoman for Texans Care for Children, said they're hoping lawmakers will look at options other than the across-the-board cuts presented thus far. She said they advocate cutting wasteful spending but also want legislators to consider using the rainy day fund and targeting cuts at agencies that aren't what they consider "essential" like education and health services.

"Every year that we don't fix this problem it becomes (worse)," she said.

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Voice of Martyrs

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Andrew Stenhouse, of Amarillo, signs up for more information as he talks to Matthew Bu with China Aid on Saturday at Stonegate Fellowship during the Voice of Martyrs symposium. The daylong conference featured speakers from a variety of backgrounds, including two who have been imprisoned in foreign countries for their Christian faith. The event's aim was to create awareness and lift up persecuted Christians in prayer, said conference coordinator Matt Rose. Speakers included former missionary Gracia Burnham, of Kansas, who had been captured in the Philippines by a militant Muslim group while on vacation with her husband, Martin. He was killed during a rescue attempt. Others were Midlander Bob Fu, founder of China Aid Association; Getaneh Getaneh, who was arrested by the Communist authorities for preaching in Ethiopia; and Robert Brocks, a VOM staff member who has met with and served persecuted Christians in more than 11 countries.

Parolee arrested in congresswoman threats case

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A parolee was arrested Friday in connection with a series of recent phone calls threatening to kill retired U.S. Congresswoman Diane Watson, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

Sheron Nelson, 42, was taken into custody at the South Los Angeles office of his state parole agent. He was booked on suspicion of making felony terrorist threats and identity theft, the sheriff's department said.

A search of Nelson's residence revealed no weapons, but numerous stolen electronics items were recovered, the sheriff's department said.

"We recovered the phone used to make the calls to Congresswoman Watson. It belonged to the suspect. Also, during questioning, he implicated himself," sheriff's Lt. Kent Wegener said.

Nelson is not eligible for bail because he is on parole for an unrelated terrorist threats conviction, authorities said.

There was no word on the motive for the threats.

Sheriff's Captain Michael Parker told the Los Angeles Times that Watson and her assistant answered the phone, and each was threatened with death.

Watson is aware of the arrest, Parker said.

Watson, 77, a prominent politician in the Los Angeles region for three decades, announced her retirement from Congress last year.

Gun discharges at bar

From staff reports

A fight between a bar owner and his bartender ended Saturday night with a gun being discharged inside the bar, police said.

Authorities were called out to Betty's Place, 103 S. A St., around 6:40 p.m. in reference to a gunshot victim.

Police said there had been a fight between the owner and employee. The owner went outside the building, retrieved a gun and returned where the weapon was fired.

No one was injured, but the owner was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital for minor injuries resulting from the fight, authorities said.

Police have not released the names of those involved and said charges could be pending against the owner if the bartender presses for them.

Investigators said late Saturday no witnesses had come forward since the incident, but that the case is still under investigation.

Minn. man's dead wife wins him $15,000 jackpot

Associated Press

COTTAGE GROVE, Minn. — A Minnesota man got a bittersweet reminder of his late wife, after she won a share of a small lottery jackpot even though she died in November.

She had never told her husband that in 30 years of working at a grocery store, she and two colleagues always played the lottery. Even after she got sick, Ginny kept contributing money.

Paul said one of the friends called him around Christmas, telling him he'd won a third of a $45,000 jackpot.

He said if Ginny were still alive they would have used the money to see their beloved Packers in the Super Bowl.

CUTS

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tightening spending, Texas already ranks 49th in its level of Medicaid reimbursement to nursing homes.

"When you cut what's already at the bottom we're going to drop to what we calculate is depression-era rates for today," Thomason said.

Hale said Medicaid reimburses them at a rate of about $120 a day per long-term care resident while they spend about $150 per day. Of the about 145 residents they serve each day in the long-term care sector, which operates as a nonprofit, typically 44 are certified Medicaid residents.

If proposed cuts went into effect they'd be reimbursed at a rate of closer to $88 a day, which he said would hinder their ability to provide decent food, adequate staffing and supplies.

"These are honest, good people. They've lived a long, hard life, saved all they could, lost their husband 20 to 25 years ago. (He) never dreamed his widow would live another 20 to 30 years on fixed income," Hale said, describing a typical patient. "A civilized society owes its elders."

Thomason said already facilities are having to limit the number of Medicaid patients they accept. Typically a nursing home's population consists of 65 to 70 percent Medicaid patients, which means funding cuts of more than 30 percent would be beyond the breaking point, he said.

"That will just absolutely close every nonprofit in the state of Texas that provides Medicaid care," he said.

Dave Johnson at Terrace West Nursing & Rehab said for them, cutting staff would be the absolute last resort.

But, he said, they'd have to take a closer look at who they accept. Charitable care would decrease, the level of high-tech, and therefore high cost, treatment would drop and the number of patients on Medicaid they took would have to be examined, Johnson said.

"It's going to hurt us bad," he said, adding about 90 percent of their residents are on Medicaid. "We are confident we'll be able to provide care, it just makes it tougher."

When they aren't able to accept patients who require high levels of care, some may have to remain in the hospitals longer, he said.

Russell Meyers, president and chief executive officer at Midland Memorial Hospital, said they're reimbursed at about 60 percent of their cost for Medicaid patients.

"Texas is not a rich Medicaid program," he said.

Austin said health care reform has meant more individuals qualify for Medicaid at the same time costs for coverage are on the rise, which only compounds the problem for doctors and care facilities. When clinics and doctors can't accept more patients, the emergency room will start to see people that should be cared for somewhere else.

"There comes a point where you cannot continue to do more with less," he said.

Rep. Tryon Lewis, R-Odessa, said while much of the state budget issues are a result of the drop in sales tax revenue, Medicaid spending also has become unsustainable. Instead of looking at it as an entitlement program he said the state should consider allocating funds as if its a block grant and then reimbursing from there.

Thomason said they too think the system needs to be scrutinized for inefficiencies but said they also want the state to dip into its rainy day fund and to find alternative revenue sources instead of targeting long-term care.

"We're cutting programs that are already cut below the bone," he said.

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Pilot recalls Nazi leader Goering's capture

By Matt Volz
Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — Capt. Bo Foster had an extraordinary mission: Fly captured Nazi leader Hermann Goering to the 7th Army's headquarters for interrogation.

Then he took one look at the one-time heir to Adolf Hitler and commander of the fearsome Luftwaffe — all 300-plus pounds of him — and knew he needed a bigger plane.

It was May 9, 1945, the day after World War II ended in Europe. Goering, Foster and a group of officers from the Army's 36th Infantry Division gathered on a tiny airstrip outside Kitzbuhel, Austria, to transport the highly-prized war prisoner back to Germany in an unarmed, two-man reconnaissance plane.

"They wanted to get him back where he could be debriefed. There was a strong rumor that in a mountainside in the Alps right down there in Bavaria there was a concentration of (German) military," Foster said. "He just acted as though it was a nice, friendly trip."

Mayhew "Bo" Foster, now 99 and living in a Missoula nursing home, recently recounted his rare one-on-one encounter with one of the most wanted Nazi leaders. Foster went on to become brigadier general of the Montana National Guard and was awarded the French Legion of Honor for his World War II service, but it was this mission that stood out as the highlight of an illustrious military career.

Goering, 52, had surrendered to the U.S. Army's 36th Infantry Division the day before. He had fallen out of favor with Hitler and hadn't played an active role at the end of the war, though he remained Reichsmarschall of Nazi Germany.

Before his capture, Goering wrote a letter to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, offering to work with Eisenhower on the conditions of the German army's surrender, according to an account of Goering's capture by Brigadier Gen. Robert Stack kept by the 36th Infantry Division Association.

After receiving the letter, Stack and a group of soldiers drove from the division's base near Kitzbuhel across the border into Germany and intercepted a convoy that included Goering, his wife, daughter, sister-in-law, household servants and military aides, according to the account.

Goering agreed to surrender unconditionally but asked that his family be cared for, and the Nazi leader was delivered to Foster for transport the next day.

Foster, who was 33 at the time, said he didn't fear getting shot down carrying such precious cargo alone in an unescorted, unarmed plane. He didn't worry about Goering taking advantage of the lack of a guard to wrest control of the aircraft.

The main problem, he said, was getting the two of them off the ground — the nimble, lightweight Piper L4 that Foster piloted in his artillery spotting missions wouldn't support both him and Goering. But the division only had the small airstrip that was fine for Foster's aircraft but was problematic for taking off and landing larger planes.

They'd have to upgrade to the one L5 in the division's inventory, a slightly larger aircraft Foster hadn't flown in years.

Goering stood on the tiny airstrip in a plain, gray uniform that was unadorned but for a pistol at his hip and a medal around his neck. Still wearing the pistol, he stepped toward the plane. A Goering aide emerged from the group that had gathered and relieved Goering of the weapon.

The Nazi leader settled into the back seat and tried to fasten his seat belt. It wouldn't stretch across his belly. He held the strap in his hand, looked at Foster and said, "Das goot!" — that's good.

A photograph of that moment shows Foster in the cockpit and Goering seated directly behind him, his elbow jauntily propped on the plane's fuselage.

The two men spent the 55-minute flight from Kitzbuhel to Augsburg, Germany, conversing in a mix of German and English. Foster said Goering avoided any talk of Hitler or the war but appeared to relish pointing out the sites below them.

"He acted as though he was going on a sightseeing tour, or really as though I was going on a sightseeing tour and he was showing me where he grew up," Foster said. "I had a .45 in a shoulder holster, but he couldn't reach that. But neither could I because I had two hands controlling the plane."

He described Goering as sharp, friendly and witty, even cracking a joke when Foster asked him when Germany began manufacturing jets.

"Too late," Goering replied, according to Foster.

At the time, Foster was somewhat less generous in describing the man. In a letter to his wife, Virginia Lou Foster, written soon after the mission, Foster told her that the Nazi leader was "effeminate" and "gave me the creeps."

"Several times I had the impulse to turn the plane over and see if I could shake him out, but he was wedged in like a champagne cork," Foster wrote.

After landing, Foster asked his passenger to sign a blank flight report. The prisoner scrawled "Hermann Goering Reichsmarschall" across the paper, which Foster folded and put in his pocket.

It's a document that he still has, one of Foster's most prized possessions alongside a collection of photographs of Goering, Hitler and other snapshots from the days of the Third Reich.

There was just a single jeep at the airstrip to meet the arriving flight carrying the world's most famous war prisoner. Foster rode with Goering to the gates of the 7th Army Headquarters and formally turned him over to the intelligence officer without ceremony.

It turned out, Foster learned later, those rumors of German troops hiding in the Bavarian Alps were untrue. Goering stood trial at Nuremberg, and the next year he was found guilty of war crimes.

Goering was sentenced to hang, but he committed suicide instead by swallowing a cyanide capsule.

Sixty-five years later, Foster is trim, sharp and carries himself as a former military officer.

He still reflects on his rare insight into the Nazi leadership, and he recognizes that the experience had shifted his perceptions of the enemy. It allowed him to see the human side of those he had only known as caricatures.

"I could see that he was like one of our officers if he'd been picked up," Foster said. "I wouldn't say it changed my view of the war but it showed me that there are ..." He broke off.

"Well, I questioned all that we knew about these vicious people," he said.

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PRECIOUS CARGO In this May 9, 1945, photo provided by Brigadier Gen. Mayhew "Bo" Foster, captured Nazi leader Hermann Goering, second from right, stands on the tiny airstrip outside Kitzbuhel, Austria, before being transported back to Germany for interrogation. As a 33-year-old pilot at the end of World War II, then-Capt. Bo Foster had an extraordinary mission: Fly Goering to the 7th Army's headquarters in Germany for interrogation. "He just acted as though it was a nice, friendly trip," Foster said.

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HIS SIDE OF THE STORY Brigadier General Mayhew "Bo" Foster, 99, speaks to the Associated Press at his nursing home in Missoula, Mont, on Jan. 19.

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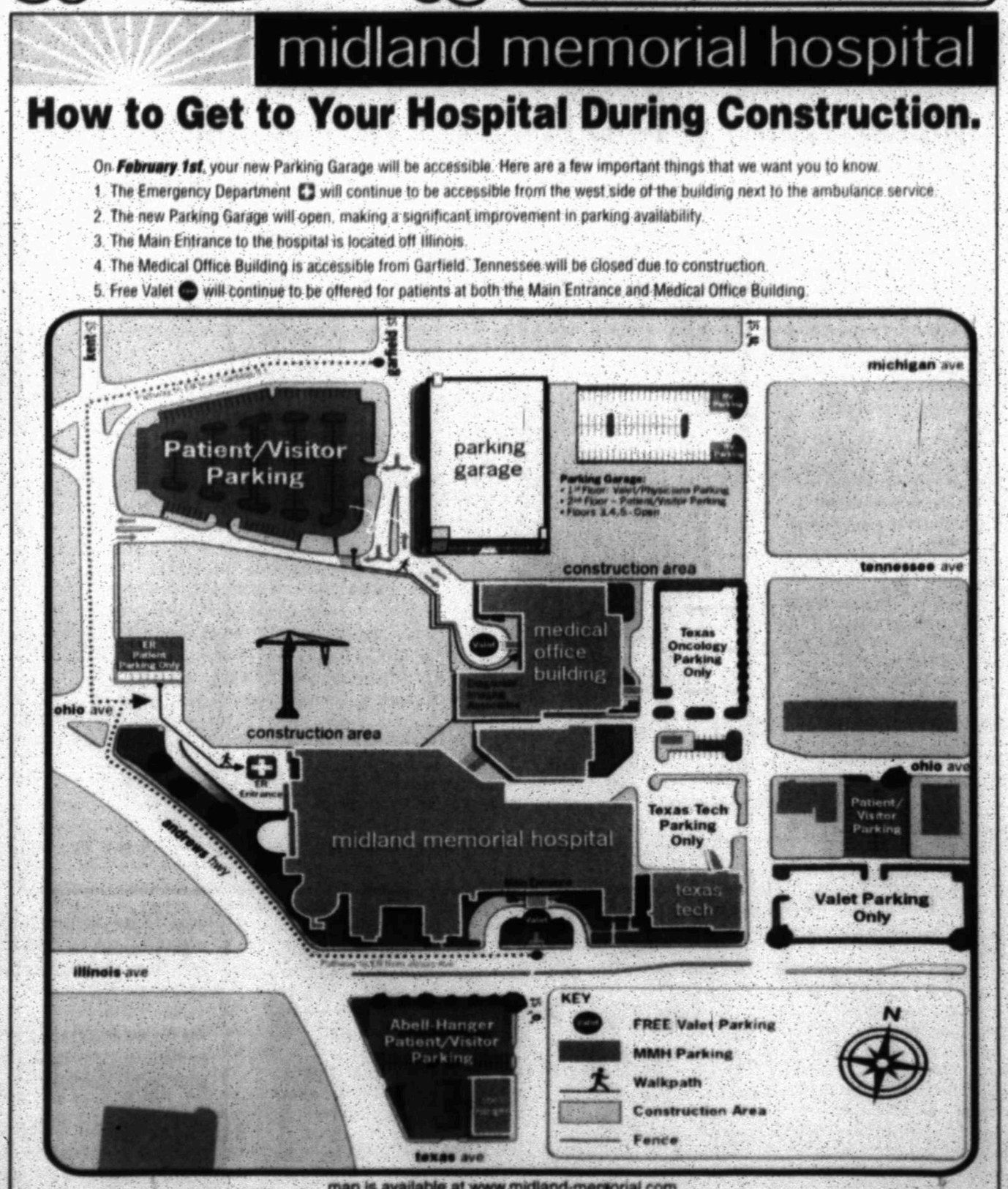

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Official: What led to 2 slayings uncertain

PAW PAW, Mich. — Authorities on Saturday worked to piece together what happened between the morning when a southern Michigan mother apparently left home voluntarily with a family relative and a short time later when she and another woman were gunned down.

Investigators have said they believe 30-year-old Amy Henslee left her home in Hartford Township on Monday with Junior Lee Beebe, her husband's cousin. Van Buren County sheriff's Sgt. Scott Schmitt said they don't know why.

"We don't know what happened next," Schmitt said Saturday afternoon.

Investigators believe Tonya Howarth, whom Beebe dated on and off for the last few years, met up with them that morning in a wooded, rural area in nearby Bangor Township. Shortly afterward, Henslee and Howarth were dead of shotgun blasts, Schmitt said.

Beebe, 34, remained jailed without bond Saturday after being charged with two counts of murder and possession of a firearm during a felony on Friday, the day after tracking dogs helped find the bodies of the women: both mothers of two.

Group tries to bring Greek warship to New York

NEW YORK — A group of history buffs wants to bring a full-size replica of an ancient Greek warship to the United States and row it in New York Harbor.

The ship is known as a trireme. It is the same kind of ship the Greeks used in 480 B.C. in their war against invading Persians. Researchers built a replica in Greece in 1987, but it hasn't sailed since 1994.

The Wall Street Journal reports that a New York group, Trireme in New York City, Inc., is trying to raise $3 million to restore the replica and bring it to the United States.

The group is also trying to recruit 170 rowers to row the ship during a tall ships festival in New York on July 4, 2012.

Ex-Blackwater president denies excessive force

RALEIGH, N.C. — The former president of the security firm Blackwater has denied in sworn testimony that the company's contractors regularly used excessive force or that officials falsified travel documents.

Gary Jackson said in a December deposition for a civil lawsuit he believes both claims are false. Two former Blackwater employees, Brad and Melan Davis, have accused the company's workers of using extreme force and improperly billing for travel costs. Blackwater has since changed its name to Xe.

Jackson declined to answer several questions during the deposition, exercising his Fifth Amendment right to not incriminate himself. Jackson's attorneys advised him to do so when questions came close to the scope of a criminal case against him.

A federal grand jury in North Carolina indicted Jackson and others last year on weapons charges.

Beheading suspect: Wife had my unconditional love

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A man accused of beheading his wife after she demanded a divorce told a jury in upstate New York that he had given her "unconditional love" during their marriage.

Muzzammil Hassan spent hours Friday testifying about his relationship with his wife, Aasiya.

He is acting as his own lawyer in his murder trial. He is arguing that he killed his wife in self-defense because she was abusive.

The Buffalo News reports that on the witness stand, Hassan has portrayed himself as a patient spouse who wished to heal a woman who was needy and volatile.

But he also described terrible arguments.

He said he once prevented his wife from visiting her family in Pakistan by throwing his children's passports over Niagara Falls.

Hassan's testimony began Thursday and is scheduled to resume Monday.

Mom charged in kids' slayings treated at hospital

TAMPA, Fla. — The woman who authorities say killed her teenage daughter and son because she was fed up with them talking back and being mouthy will not appear in court Saturday because she's being treated at a hospital for an unknown condition.

Authorities say Julie Powers Schenecker was taken to Tampa General Hospital shortly after midnight Saturday to be treated for a medical condition that existed before she was taken to jail. Hillsborough Sheriff's deputies — who oversee jail inmates — said they could not reveal Schenecker's medical condition, citing health care privacy laws.

Power shift: For GOP, how sweet it is

By Richard S. Dunham
Houston Chronicle

■ Analysis

WASHINGTON — A spoonful of power is a sweet thing.

Just ask Rep. Pete Olson, R-Texas.

For two years, Olson, as the junior member of Congress from Texas, had been required to arrange for the transportation of Blue Bell ice cream from the Lone Star State all the way to delegation lunches in Washington, where the legendary delicacy can't be purchased.

But now, with Texas voters having elected three new freshman Republicans in the 2010 midterm elections, Olson doesn't have ice cream duty any more.

Sweet.

And, by the way, because of the 63-seat GOP gain in the House, Olson gained a coveted spot on the House Energy & Commerce Committee, which oversees the energy and health care industries, both major employers in his suburban Houston district.

Double sweet.

"I'm very optimistic," said Olson. "Being in the majority is a much better position to be in than to be in the minority."

In ways little and big, the transfer of power from Democrats to Republicans has radically altered the daily routines and political clout of every member of the House.

With one handoff of the gavel on Jan. 5, Republicans went from being a marginalized minority with almost no leverage in policy debates to masters of their House. And Democrats began to cope with less power, smaller staffs and sudden disinterest from many of the lobbyists who had donated to their campaigns when they held sway.

"Minorities are always oppressed in the House of Representatives," said former Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Martin Frost, who served in the majority and the minority during his 26 years in Congress. "You have a letdown when you go from the majority to the minority. It's tough."

The transition was a lot more wrenching this year because of the shock that reverberated across Capitol Hill following the Jan. 8 assassination attempt against Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz. The shooting spree, which resulted in the deaths of six people, prompted bipartisan calls for civility in political discourse.

The tragedy also led to an unprecedented display of fellowship on the House floor Tuesday during President Obama's State of the Union address as dozens of Democrats and Republicans sat side-by-side rather than across a yawning partisan divide.

"I just hope that kind of the spirit of working together that I think prevailed in the not-so-lame-duck session (of 2010) continues," said Rep. Jim Himes, a Democrat who represents Connecticut's wealthy Gold Coast and the cities of Bridgeport, Stamford and Norwalk.

That's probably wishful thinking. House Republicans already have voted to repeal the health-care overhaul signed into law last year by President Obama — after a spirited but respectful debate. They followed it up with a proposal to roll back federal spending to 2008 levels.

Despite Republicans' dominance in the House, their power is constrained by two major factors: spiraling government debt that limits the amount of spending they can lavish upon their constituents, and Democratic control of the Senate and the White House. Senate Democratic leaders already are warning the House GOP not to get its hopes up.

"Republican fiscal policies are dead on arrival" in the Senate, declared Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

To maximize their policy influence, House Republicans have developed a strategy to use oversight hearings to shed light on White House policies they deplore. The House Energy & Commerce Committee held its first oversight hearing Wednesday to grill the administration's top regulator on the economic impact of environmental and safety regulations.

"Our goal is to use that oversight as a platform to bring about change," said Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee's oversight panel, is planning to examine federal border security efforts. McCaul: "Let's be honest — it's going to be tough to get things through the Senate, and the president is going to veto a lot of what we do. I think the oversight role could be key to this Congress."

Agency questioned identity of kidnapped girl

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Years before a widely publicized reunion between a girl who was snatched from a New York hospital and her birth mother, Connecticut's child protection agency had doubts about the true identity of the girl, who was raised under a false name in Bridgeport, a department spokesman said Saturday.

Gary Kleeblatt, a spokesman for the Department of Children and Families, said the agency missed an opportunity in 2005 to help solve the disappearance of now 23-year-old Carlina White, who was raised in Connecticut under the name Nejdra Nance by a woman who now faces a federal kidnapping charge.

DCF Commissioner Joette Katz "is convinced that the Department had a greater obligation in supporting Nejdra Nance," Kleeblatt said in a statement.

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Future uncertain after jobless benefits expire

By Cristina Silva
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The portraits of his dead father are among the few mementoes Bud Meyers is certain he will take with him when he is forced from his home of five years next month because he cannot pay the rent.

His prized collection of mystery novels, the bedroom set he was once proud to purchase new and anything else that can't fit into the trunk of a car must be left behind.

More than two years after Meyers lost his job as a Las Vegas Strip bartender and nearly eight months after he exhausted his unemployment benefits, it has come to this: a careful inventory of a life's possessions and the hopeless embrace of a future as a middle-aged homeless man.

"I can't believe this is happening to my life," Meyers, 55, said on a recent afternoon, as he surveyed the one-bedroom apartment he must soon abandon. "It's a social holocaust."

Meyers, who is single and childless, is among a growing number of men and women who no longer qualify for unemployment benefits because they have been out of work for so long.

"Exhaustees" or "99ers" — as they are sometimes called — are searching for work and help across the United States. But their situation seems particularly bleak in Nevada, where unemployment, bankruptcies and foreclosure rates are the highest in the nation and job creation is at a crawl. The "99er" moniker refers to those who've gone beyond the maximum weeks of benefits available, but many people don't qualify for the full 99-week period.

More than 30,000 Nevadans have exhausted their benefits and hundreds more are expected to join those ranks this year, with the state's average length of unemployment climbing to more than eight months in December, according to state data.

The response from Washington has been muted. A law passed last month that restored the federal emergency unemployment program through the end of 2011 did not account for exhaustees.

Meanwhile, efforts to extend benefits for 20 more weeks in states with unemployment rates of 10 percent or higher have mostly met silence.

"People that are unemployed, particularly in hard-hit states like Nevada, they are not spoiled," said Rep. Shelley Berkley, a Las Vegas Democrat who introduced a measure to extend benefits. "They are not lazy. They are not hobos. It is just the economy is so bad that there aren't enough jobs out there."

The Silver State's unemployment rate grew to 14.5 percent in December. In the Las Vegas area, where most Nevadans live, it soared to 14.9 percent. In Reno, the rate climbed to 13.8 percent from 13.3 the month before. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 9.4 percent in December, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Transportation, warehousing and utility industries continued to shed jobs in Nevada. Gambling revenue, the lifeblood of Las Vegas, fell by 4.7 percent in November.

At best, Nevada's economy shows uneven signs of growth, said Stephen Brown, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"People have stopped looking for work," he said. "They don't think they will find" a job.

Caught with no income and a recurring flood of unpaid bills, the chronically unemployed are overwhelming charitable groups.

At the Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow, a Las Vegas work placement center, the number of people asking for help has doubled to 1,000 this year since 2007. Staff members can only do so much for those who have been unemployed for years, said Development Coordinator Rachel Santos.

"These are some of the hardest to employ," she said. "We can't create jobs. We can't do anything magical."

The Goodwill of Southern Nevada said more than 5,600 people asked for career guidance in 2010, up 30 percent from the year before. Roughly 25 percent of those people no longer qualified for unemployment benefits, said CEO Steve Chartrand.

"One of the things we offer is hope," he said. "Many people come in really feeling down and out and our staff will take the time to listen to them."

But for some 99ers, the time for hope has passed.

Meyers initially welcomed his termination in October 2008 as a vacation from the daily grind of catering to tip-hungry cocktail waitresses and standing behind a crowded bar. He raided his $30,000 rainy-day fund and cut back on luxuries such as new clothes and hair cuts.

But as more people lost their jobs and the stock market teetered, Meyers became panicked. The casinos on the Las Vegas Strip, where he had worked his way up from a lowly bar-back to a comfortable $1,100 weekly wage, seemed reluctant to hire a pudgy, gray-haired bartender over the flocks of young women competing for the same jobs.

The one time he was called to an interview, his inexperience with mixing mojitos, a trendy mint-fused drink unheard of in the unassuming Vegas era that drew him to Sin City, cost him the opportunity, he said.

He all but emptied his checking account this month to make rent. With the remaining $56, he bought groceries — a pie, some bread, milk, coffee — and penned a notice to his friends on Facebook:

"I'm tired of being made to feel like dirt because I lost my job," he wrote. "Only three more weeks, and I won't be tired any longer."

It was not so much a suicide note, he said days later, but a cry for help.

His friends have unsuccessfully urged him to seek counseling.

"I feel like he is desolate and he is at the end of his rope," said Jacqueline Decker, who also has exhausted her unemployment benefits. "We each have our own hell."

Robert Leahy, director of the American Institute for Cognitive Therapy in New York, said it is not uncommon for 99ers to grapple with depression.

"You certainly get stuck in a negative thought over and over again," said Leahy, who studies depression. "The longer you are unemployed, the more evidence you think you have that you will never get a job."

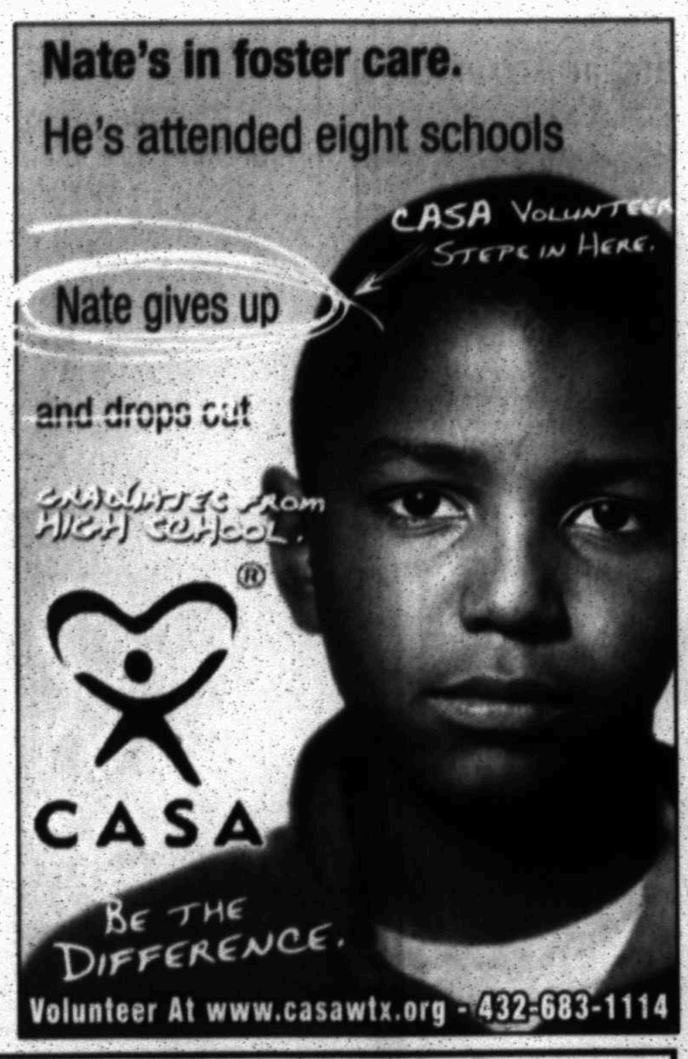
Meyers' pessimism was somewhat softened recently by a display of altruism. A stranger who heard of his Facebook posting invited him to stay in her guest room if he is evicted. She, too, is unemployed.

He doesn't see it as a solution that can last.

He calculates that it will take three days of not having access to a shower before he is shunned on the street. He pictures police officers rousting him from the sidewalk. He wonders what he will eat.

Associated Press

ALL ON THE TABLE Money which Bud Meyers says is his last, sits on a countertop at his apartment in Las Vegas on Jan. 22. More than two years after Meyers lost his job as a Las Vegas Strip bartender and nearly eight months after he exhausted his unemployment benefits, the 55-year-old is certain he will soon be homeless. He is among a growing number of people who no longer qualify for unemployment benefits because they have been out of work for so long.



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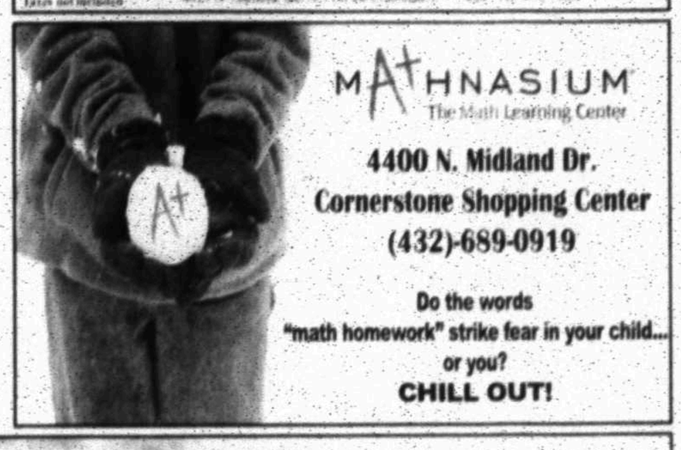

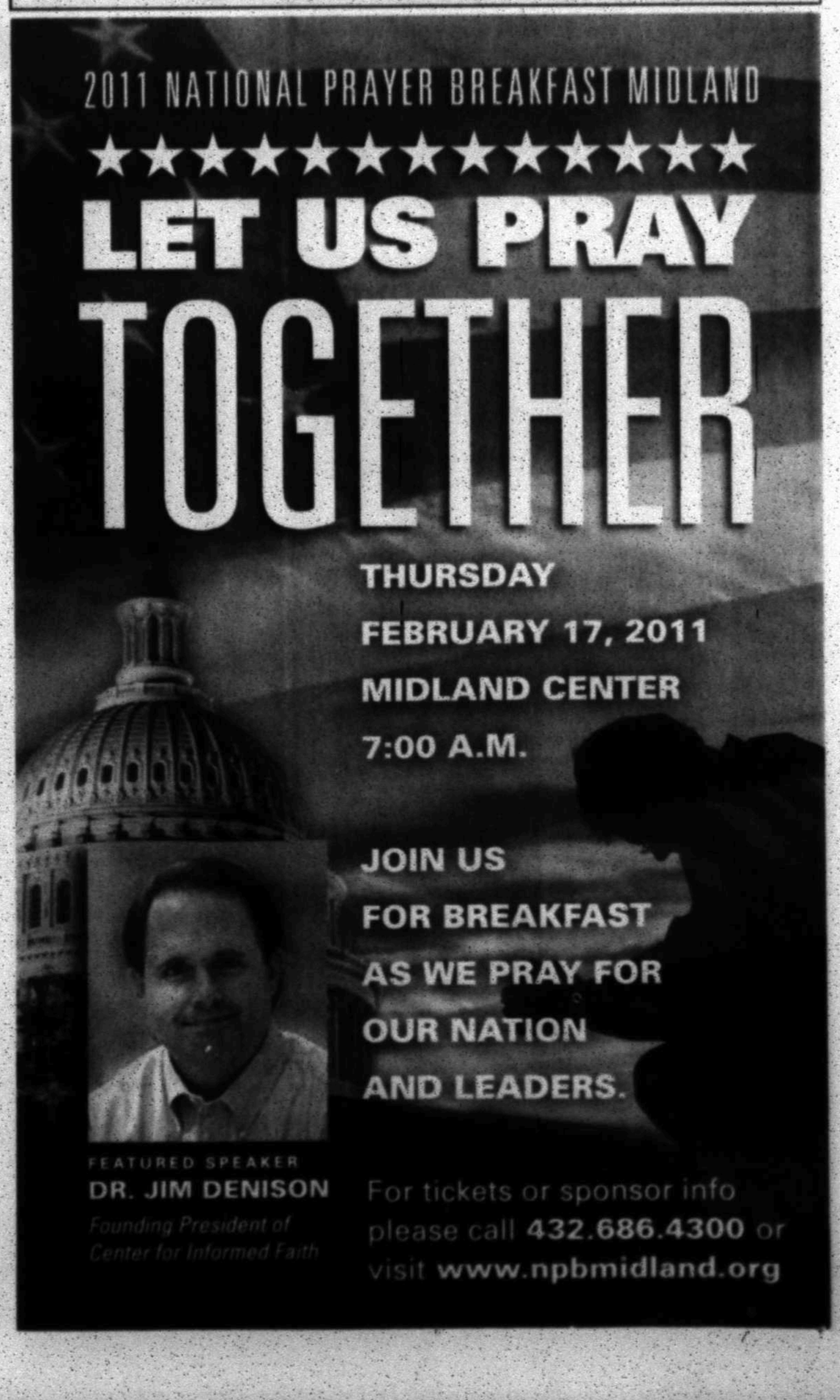

Comcast takes control of NBC Universal

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The nation's largest cable TV company, Comcast Corp., took control of NBC Universal after the government shackled its behavior in the coming years to protect online video services such as Netflix and Hulu.

The deal closed shortly before midnight EST on Friday.

The takeover gave the cable-hookup company 51 percent control of NBC Universal, which owns the nation's fourth-ranked broadcaster, NBC; the Universal Pictures movie studio and related theme parks; and a bevy of cable channels including Bravo, E! and USA.

The combination had raised fears that Comcast might abuse its control of NBC Universal to favor its most valuable customers: the 23 million who rely on it for cable TV service and the 17 million who pay for Internet connections.

But the Justice Department and Federal Communications Commission imposed conditions that prevent Comcast from keeping to itself NBC Universal's popular shows such as "The Office" and movies including "Despicable Me" for the next several years.

NBC's "30 Rock" on Thursday night spoofed Comcast's impending takeover from General Electric Co. As a clock bell sounded, a neon "GE" atop an office building fizzled out and was replaced by a "K" inside a swoosh resembling Comcast's logo.

"Wow, out with GE, in with Kabletown," said Tina Fey's character, Liz Lemon. "Seems like one of us should sing 'The Circle Game' right now."

Conditions imposed on Comcast were serious, though.

Regulators forced Comcast to make the full suite of NBC Universal content available as a single package to online competitors on terms comparable to those reached with more established rivals such as Dish Network Corp. and DirecTV.

NBC Universal is also expected to match new deals for smaller chunks of programming between other media firms and online video providers if it has comparable programming on hand. As an example, NBC Universal might have to make the Bravo channel's "The Real Housewives of New York City" available to Netflix Inc. if Viacom Inc. cuts a similar deal for MTV's "Jersey Shore."

The company also had to give up the decision-making power associated with its 32 percent share of Hulu, the online video service it co-owns with The Walt Disney Co., News Corp. and Providence Equity Partners. Hulu is one of the services that makes viewing "30 Rock" possible online.

The rules highlight the new battleground for entertainment in the home between traditional power players such as Comcast, which has lost subscribers in the economic downturn, and companies such as Netflix, which added them with its cheap service and compatibility with a range of devices. Netflix ended the year with 20 million customers after adding 3.1 million during the fourth quarter, by far the most during any three-month period since its service launched in 1999.

In the deal, Comcast paid General Electric just under $6.2 billion in cash and contributed its pay TV channels such as E! Entertainment Television and The Golf Channel, worth $7.25 billion, to NBC Universal.

GE's stake in NBC Universal fell to 49 percent from 80 percent, but GE plans to diminish that to zero by being paid out from the venture over about seven years. Earlier this week, GE bought out the 20 percent stake held by France's Vivendi SA for $5.8 billion in order to complete the deal.

As part of Comcast's takeover, NBC Universal changed its corporate logo to NBCUniversal — without the space, the peacock or the globe silhouette. Officially, the company's name is still NBC Universal, but the space-less design is meant to represent the unity of its two main divisions.

Ahead of a town hall meeting with their new corporate bosses on Thursday, some 25,000 NBC Universal employees each received a certificate for 25 Comcast shares, worth $22.84 each on Friday; a family pass to one of the Universal theme parks; and other materials, including a "Big Idea Book" in which they were to record their own.

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Big reason for hope in Iraq: Oil, and lots of it

By Shashank Bengali
McClatchy Newspapers

BASRA, Iraq — On a bleak stretch of desert near the Iraq-Kuwait border — half a world away from the Gulf of Mexico and last year's nightmarish blowout — BP is riding high, rapidly developing one of the world's richest oil fields.

The British energy giant plans to drill 3,000 new wells here over the next 10 years and build a town from scratch to house 4,000 employees. BP and Iraqi officials hope the Rumaila field soon will become the second most productive in the world — after Saudi Arabia's Ghawar — propelling the country into competition with Saudi Arabia and its other powerful oil-producing neighbor, Iran.

Iraq sits on the world's third-largest oil reserves, after Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, with the biggest known fields lying under the windswept sands outside Basra. Despite aging pipelines, spotty electricity, chronic insecurity and a maze of inefficient bureaucracy, the oil sector is pressing an ambitious expansion plan that will determine Iraq's economic future long after the last American soldiers withdraw at the end of the year.

Earlier this month, thanks largely to the gains at Rumaila, Iraqi officials said that daily oil production had climbed to 2.7 million barrels, the highest level since the U.S.-led invasion nearly eight years ago. Though that's barely a quarter of what Saudi Arabia produces, Iraq claims that within seven years it could surpass its rival by increasing production to more than 13 million barrels per day.

That would be a colossal achievement, and few expect it to happen. But after three decades of dictatorial neglect, economic sanctions and conflict that decimated Iraq's oil sector, the increases so far are "extraordinarily encouraging," said Jim Jeffrey, the U.S. ambassador to Baghdad.

"I can't stress how important that is from the standpoint of Baghdad and the politics and economics of this country as it gets reintegrated with the rest of the world," Jeffrey said during a recent visit to Basra, Iraq's port on the Persian Gulf and the hub of its southern oil region.

The international oil industry views Iraq as one of the last great crude jackpots. Experts think that Rumaila and the nearby West Qurna fields — where a consortium led by Texas-based Exxon Mobil is working — could reshape world markets and bring down oil prices. They also could rattle the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, putting Iraq on a diplomatic collision course with fellow members of the oil cartel.

More immediately, oil could finance Iraq's postwar recovery. Crude exports account for roughly 90 percent of government revenue, more than $190 billion from 2005 to 2009, according to U.S. government figures.

So central is oil to Basra that the province's official seal features a derrick. At the height of the sectarian warfare that followed the invasion, however, it was one of the scariest places in Iraq, a battle zone ruled by Shiite Muslim militias such as Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army and the Iranian-backed Vengeance of God. In 2008, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki deployed thousands of security forces to retake control.

Today, oil companies worry less about security than about logistics: difficulties securing visas for foreign employees, for example, and long delays in clearing heavy equipment through customs at Basra's airport. Still, the companies employ large private-security details and, in an unusual arrangement, BP and a few other British firms are renting some offices and bedrooms from the British consulate, housed in a bombproof building on the U.S. military base in Basra.

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Russia identifies airport bomber as Caucasus man

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The suicide bomber who killed 35 people at Moscow's busiest airport was deliberately targeting foreigners, investigators said Saturday, which would mark an ominous new tactic by separatist militants in southern Russia if he was recruited by an Islamist terror cell.

Federal investigators know the identity of the bomber, a 20-year-old native of the volatile Caucasus region, where Islamist insurgents have been battling for years for a breakaway state.

But the country's top investigative body stopped short of naming him, fearing that it would compromise ongoing attempts to identify and arrest the masterminds of the Domodedovo Airport attack on Jan. 24. The blast also wounded 180 people.

There has been no claim of responsibility, but security analysts suspect Islamist separatists of organizing the bombing because of its magnitude and method.

"It was no accident that the terrorist act was carried out in the international arrivals hall," federal investigators said in a statement. "The terrorist act was aimed first and foremost at foreign citizens."

The victims were mainly Russians but also included one person each from Britain, Germany, Austria, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

The violence stemming from the predominantly Muslim Caucasus region originates from two bloody separatist wars in Chechnya in the past 15 years. Federal forces wiped out the large-scale resistance, driving the insurgency into the mountains and into neighboring provinces. The rebels seek an independent Caucasus emirate that adheres to Shariah law.

Caucasus rebels have claimed responsibility for a number of deadly attacks over the years, including a double suicide bombing on the capital's subway system in March 2010 that killed 40 people.

This time, the terrorists are out to show that it's not just the Russian public who are defenseless, said Pavel Felgenhauer, an independent security analyst.

"There is always a message," he said. "If the message with the metro bombings was to show the FSB that they are not out of reach, then the message here is that foreigners should keep away from Russia, it's a dangerous place. The point was to scare off foreigners, not to maybe kill them but to hit Russia's image, (and) its economy as an investment destination."

Dutch freeze contacts with Iran after hanging

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The Dutch government froze official contacts with Iran on Saturday to protest the hanging of a Dutch-Iranian woman, the Foreign Ministry said.

Iranian Ambassador Gharib Abadi was informed of the sanctions after he confirmed reports that Zahra Bahrami, 45, was executed in Tehran on Saturday.

His embassy later said the hanging was "an internal issue" that should have no impact on diplomatic relations.

Iranian state television reported Bahrami was hanged for possessing and selling drugs. The report said that initially Bahrami was arrested for committing "security crimes," but it did not say what became of that case.

Bahrami had been jailed in Iran since December 2009 after protests against President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's re-election. Protesters took to the streets, saying the vote was marred by fraud and that opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi was the rightful winner.

The Iranian Embassy in a statement Saturday said Bahrami was a member of an international drug trafficking ring who traveled on Dutch, Iranian and Spanish passports with different personal information.

It said Bahrami — who was born in Iran, but gained Dutch citizenship after moving to the Netherlands — was accorded the legal rights of an Iranian citizen but that Tehran does not recognize dual nationality.

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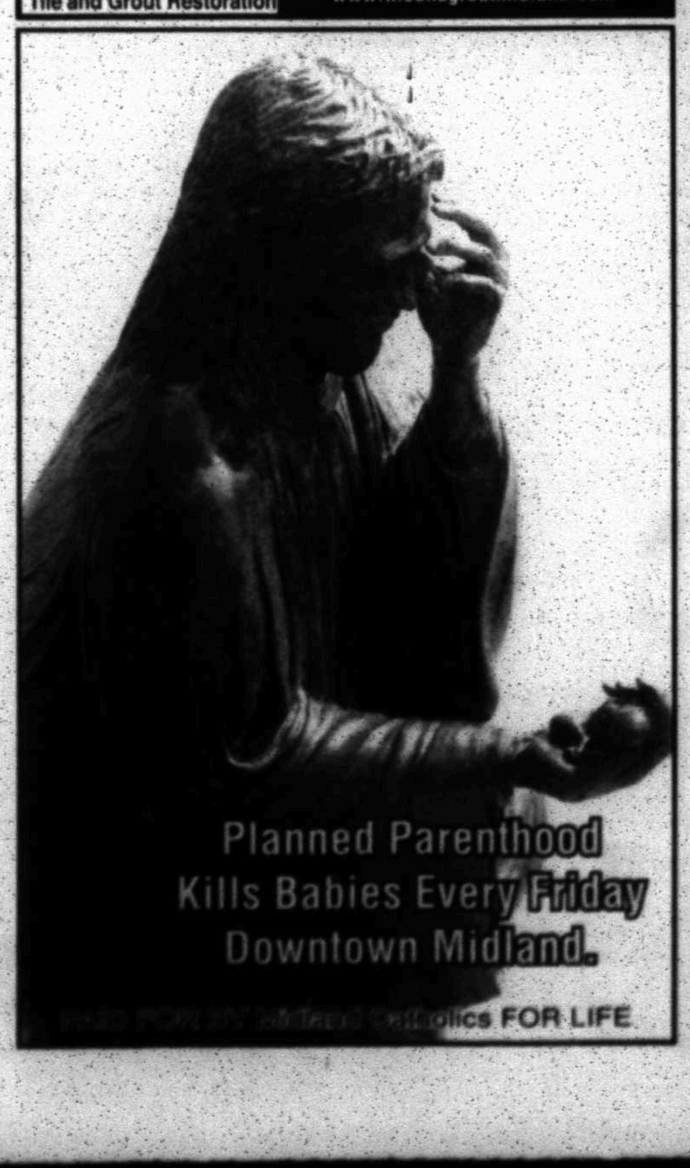
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Electric car subsidy key to concept of government as innovator

■ Obama's 1 million car goal dependent on an innovative spirit, maybe to the tune of $19 billion.

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Disregard Barack Obama's rhetorical cotton candy about aspiring to be transformative. He is just another practitioner of reactionary liberalism and champion of a government unchastened by its multiplying failures.

The word "entitlements" was absent from his nearly 7,000-word State of the Union address — a $183 million speech that meandered for 61 minutes as the nation's debt grew $3 million a minute. He exhorted listeners to "win the future" by remembering the past.

On May 10, 1869, at Promontory Summit, in the Utah Territory, a golden spike was driven to celebrate the joining of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads. In the 1960s, the United States sent men to the moon. Obama said: Today's government should take more control of the nation's resources so it can do innovative things akin to building the transcontinental railroad and exploring space.

The nation heard: You should trust the government whose recent innovations include the ethanol debacle which, four days before the State of the Union, the government expanded. And you should surrender more resources to the government whose recent innovations include the wild proliferation of subprime mortgages.

Obama spoke to a nation limping into a sixth year of declining housing prices (housing accounts for about one-quarter of households' assets), with another 10 percent to 20 percent decline likely. With 5 million households at least two months delinquent on their mortgage payments and 5.5 million households with mortgages at least 20 percent larger than the value of their houses, this year probably will see more housing foreclosures than the 1 million in 2010, when new home sales hit a 47-year low. It is indeed amazing what innovative government can accomplish.

The day after Obama told the nation that the key to prosperity is creativity defined by this government and propelled by more government spending ("investment"), the Congressional Budget Office said this year's budget gap is widening to $1.5 trillion, making the national debt 70 percent of GDP, up from 40 percent in 2008.

But Michigan's Levin brothers remain faithful to Obamanomics, which holds that prosperity is just around the corner -- if government spends more on innovations it imagines. Sen. Carl Levin and Rep. Sander Levin have a combined 60 years of Capitol Hill tenure, and an innovation. Like most liberals' new ideas, theirs is to make an old idea more expensive. The day of the CBO's dark forecast, the Levins said the government should double the scope of its program to bribe people to buy a kind of car the government likes much more than do buyers of cars.

The government already offers $7,500 tax incentives for people who buy electric cars such as the $32,780 Nissan Leaf and, more to the point, General Motors' $41,000 Chevrolet Volt. As The Washington Post's Peter Whoriskey reports, these prices are "well above" those of "comparably sized cars with gasoline engines that can cost about $20,000."

Obama's goal of getting 1 million such cars on America's roads by 2015 cannot be met unless innovative government rigs the market. Introduced in 2008, the $7,500 bribe was limited to the first 250,000 cars. Under Obama's stimulus, it was expanded to 200,000 per manufacturer. The Levins, uttering liberalism's timeless rallying cry ("More!") want it to cover 500,000 per manufacturer.

The Levins' applied liberalism is regressive because it conscripts all taxpayers into subsidizing a fortunate few: As Whoriskey reports, the subsidy would flow to "early adopters" of a new kind of car, and they "generally tend to be affluent." But this is "all about economic and national security," says Robbie Diamond, president of the Electrification Coalition.

It represents, among others, people who sell electricity and related products, and who want to sell electric cars. The coalition's leaders include Carlos Ghosn, Nissan's CEO, and Jeff Immelt, GE's CEO and (simultaneously) chairman of Obama's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness.

Diamond says electric cars will help prevent America from being "hostage to one fuel source produced in the world's unstable and often-hostile regions." America's two largest sources of imported oil are Canada and Mexico. Both Levins oppose tapping the large oil reserves in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Levins' innovation could cost $19 billion over 10 years, but if it does, says Sander, "it means that the program worked." So, a program "works" if it pays people enough to get them to do something they otherwise would consider irrational — to buy something so overpriced it would fail in an unrigged market. If it "works," the cry will be: "More!"

OUR VIEW

Reckless behavior by our youth is trending in wrong direction

First we learn our school system is seeing an increasing number of teen pregnancies, and then we are hit with the news that drug and alcohol users in Midland are getting younger and are on the increase as well.

A survey of approximately 3,133 sixth- through 12th-graders by Palmer Drug Abuse Program showed 47 percent of the students surveyed have used alcohol; 30 percent of those students used alcohol in the past 30 days.

The study also provided more disturbing news in that it shows kids as young as 13 are using alcohol, and our idea of those using alcohol probably won't fit into our well-formed stereotypes. Kids who admitted to alcohol use are churchgoers, good students and come from two-parent homes.

Studies have shown when there is an increase in alcohol use among teens, there also has been an increase in drug use as well. Usually, those willing to experiment with alcohol at a young age also are willing to explore the drug culture.

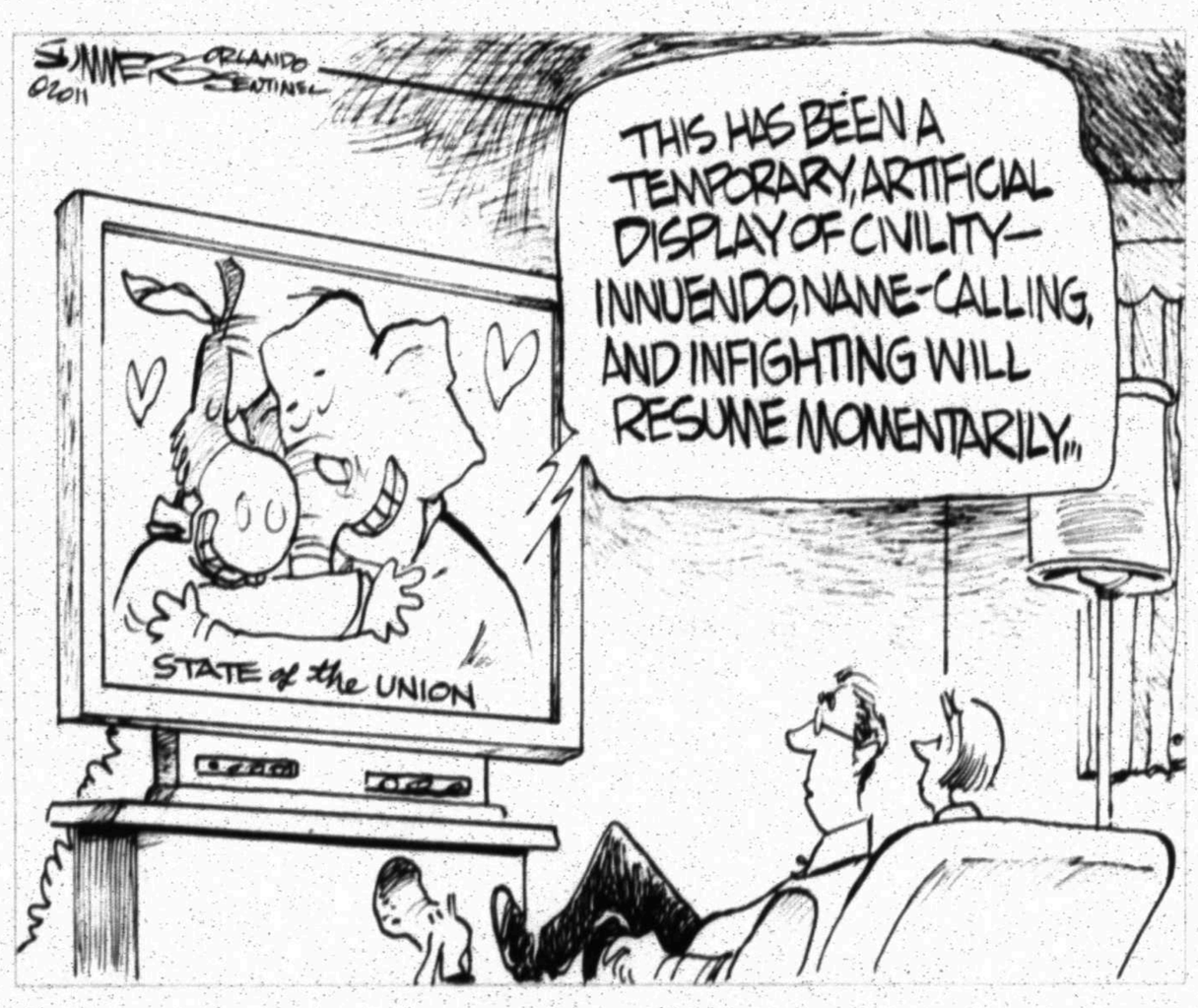
These are disturbing findings. Those of us in West Texas like to think those kind of problems exist elsewhere but not here in our own backyard. It's time we woke up to the reality we face with our children. Parents need to become more involved in the lives of their children and set boundaries that can be monitored.

Midlanders need to realize all is not well in our community when it comes to our youth. We are asking parents to become more accountable in the dealings they have with their children. We can't continue to go down the current path of increased pregnancies, high rates of sexually transmitted infections, increased alcohol use among our young teens and increased drug usage by teens.

Parents should be more aware of things going on in the lives of their teens. Simple changes in behavior such as sleeping more, a change in appetite, eye color and mood swings can be clues to drug or alcohol abuse.

If parents don't understand and recognize the signs of abuse in their children, what will save them from addiction, failure in school or losing good friends? This is a growing concern in our community and the failure to react could be a failure to reach our children forever.

The normal progression of growing up is being altered severely through teen pregnancy, alcohol and drugs. It is now up to the community, families, school system and drug prevention organizations to step to the plate with ways we can slam the door on these reckless behaviors.



Texas Senate aspirants aim for that Rubio magic

■ Field, which includes former Midlander Michael Williams, needs a Florida-type race to develop, where an underdog knocks off the favorite Dewhurst.

JASON EMBRY

Gannett Newspapers

Several Texas Republicans are starting to audition for the role of Marco Rubio.

The young Republican from Florida gave hope to underdogs everywhere last year when he became a national conservative darling and beat Gov. Charlie Crist in a race for the U.S. Senate, first by challenging Crist's conservative credentials until he was forced to leave the GOP and then by beating Crist, who ran as an independent, in the general election.

Now a crowded Republican field has emerged to replace U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who will retire when she finishes her term at the end of next year. Most of the candidates could use a little Rubio magic to help them break through.

The big name in the race is Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, although he hasn't actually confirmed he's running. Dewhurst says he's focusing on the legislative session for now.

But if his decision to make voter identification the first issue senators tackled this year was any indication, his desire to please Republican primary voters will guide his leadership of the Texas Senate in the coming months.

Other candidates could fit into the Rubio role. Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams has long been popular among grass-roots Republicans and has already drawn praise from South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint, a national leader to tea party activists. DeMint also likes former Solicitor General Ted Cruz, who, like Williams, knows how to capture a room in ways that Dewhurst can't.

Weatherford car dealer Roger Williams, a former Texas secretary of state, will sell himself as the outsider candidate who best understands business. Yet, as a big GOP donor himself, he also has connections within the party establishment.

Meanwhile, the new legislative session is a minefield for Dewhurst. The state revenue shortfall could cause massive teacher layoffs or tuition hikes. But if he tries too hard to save education and other services, conservatives may doubt Dewhurst's commitment to their cause.

Plus, the massive Republican majority in the House may hand Dewhurst's Senate a stack of immigration bills that the business community doesn't want and that Senate Democrats block anyway.

And then there's the dicey issue of drawing new legislative and congressional districts, which most voters ignore but key activists follow.

Still, should Dewhurst run, he will start in first place.

His personal wealth is especially important in a federal campaign, where a candidate can spend millions from his own fortune but raise money from others only in small amounts.

And though he and Gov. Rick Perry have had differences, they usually end up in the same place on high-profile issues, and Perry's record has proven good enough for GOP primary voters.

Some will try to paint Dewhurst as a moderate, but he's not Charlie Crist.

It will take more time, and a lot more campaigning, before we know whether any of his opponents is Marco Rubio.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Leasing state websites to businesses could raise public integrity concerns

Courtesy of the Waco Tribune-Herald

Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Legislature rate praise for their staunch pro-business policies, yet we have serious concerns about perceptions and public integrity that could both easily go awry if state officials start leasing space on taxpayer-funded state websites to private businesses. State Rep. Fred Brown's ill-advised bill would do just that.

Brown, a Bryan Republican, has filed a bill to allow a department, board, commission or agency in the executive branch of state government, including the office of governor, to lease advertising space on their official websites.

There's a huge ethical dilemma here: How would it look if, say, a power company began advertising on the website of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, an agency that exists in part to regulate such well-funded and controversial industries?

The TCEQ is already under attack by some critics for being less than zealous on environmental matters. Start letting ads for power companies appear on its site and the agency opens itself up to questions concerning conflict of interest. Some might justifiably call it institutionalized bribery.

How about an ad for a pipeline company on the website of the Texas Railroad Commission, which presumably works hard to ensure a reputation for honesty and objectiveness in the regulation of oil and gas? An ad and a particular decision by the commission could change perceptions, even arouse charges of favoritism or corruption, ill-founded or not.

At a tumultuous period when the public is quick to judge and misjudge our government officials, this bill would make it easy for state integrity to be compromised for a quick buck. Texas doesn't need this.

DOONESBURY

By Garry Trudeau

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What exactly is Perry doing to help with budget crunch?

Gov. Rick Perry and his wife are living in squalor — a $10,000-a-month, five-bedroom, seven-bath abode, with three dining rooms — in the hills above Austin. They have been there ever since the governor's mansion was torched in 2007.

So what is he doing to help with the budget crunch?

David Randall

There is a need for more education, access to condoms

In reference to Mr. Fuselier's letter, what is immoral is to deprive people of information and education that can save their life. Who cares where people get condoms — whether it's at Planned Parenthood or the grocery store — as long as they get them and use them? Midland County is 12th in the state in the chlamydia rate. Howard County is 14th and Ector County is 20th. There definitely is a need for more thorough education, along with access to condoms.

A curriculum that withholds information or lies about birth control is not going to improve health. Giving students information about birth control is preventive. If the student waits until marriage for a sexual relationship, it still is useful information for them in planning their family. If they don't choose to wait, then it certainly is necessary information if we want our teen pregnancy and STD rates to decrease.

According to the poll by the Student Health Advisory Committee, more than 90 percent of parents want an abstinence-plus curriculum. The churches and other community groups can do their own programs about their particular beliefs about birth control and sexuality, but the focus in the school program should be medically accurate information presented from a health standpoint. The parent still can opt their child out of the program if they want to. That seems like a fair solution.

We need to work toward a world where every child is loved and wanted and every pregnancy is a celebration. To do that we must allow access to education and birth control services. Imagine a world where our teens all graduate, go to college, get jobs, get married and then have children — all in that order. The positive impact on their lives, their children's lives, the community, the poverty rate, the child abuse rate and the crime rate would be phenomenal.

Karen Pieper Hildebrand
president/CEO
Planned Parenthood of West Texas

Chick-fil-A goes out of its way to serve

Chick-fil-A at the Midland Park Mall deserves a medal of honor. Not only is this my granddaughter's favorite place to eat, but it is now one of my favorite places.

You see, Jason, the store manager, replied to a request by the Midland Park Mall Walkers — who arrive at 7 a.m. — if the store could provide coffee. On Jan. 24, the walkers were surprised to find the set-up ready for them. They were elated. Not only did they empty the pot, but Jason had to refill it.

We all want to thank Chick-fil-A for going out of their way to accommodate some of the Midland senior citizens and some of our young mothers with strollers who are attempting to stay physically fit. In my opinion, this is a five-star place to patronize. Again, thank you Jason.

Alex Rose

Budget needs to be balanced without cutting teacher pay

Wednesday's letter to the editor from Robert Lyle on the subject of the spending and taxpayers' cost in keeping the public schools functioning was well-stated on the issues.

I commend the letter writer and the MRT for the printing and display of his contentions.

This writer, as a taxpayer, also does not object to the necessity of 40 students to a class, but does object strongly to the school's budget going for some 60 percent of outlay that does not go to teacher pay. I have so appealed to the board to cut the budget but not individual teacher's pay. I trust others will let the school board hear from them on this subject relating to the necessity of balancing the state's budget.

J. Evetts Haley Jr.

Thanks to person who returned billfold at Walmart

As the lady who wrote the letter, I also lost my billfold in Walmart on Jan. 14 and it was turned into the customer service. I was saved so much stress. I just hope who found and returned it knows what a blessing it was for me and I know it feels good to do what was right.

Evelyn Neff

LLEWELLYN KING
Hearst Newspapers

Israel's natural gas discoveries change Middle East politics

■ Neighbors Lebanon, Iran also interested in reserves estimated at 26 trillion cubic feet.

From Israel, there is good news and bad news.

The good news — and it is huge — is that Israel will soon be awash in natural gas. Gas discovered on the country's outer continental shelf will turn the country from being hydrocarbon-deprived to being a net exporter.

Indeed, Israel is set to become so rich that it is laying the groundwork for creating a sovereign wealth fund for overseas investments in order to protect the country from inflation and the shekel from getting too strong.

The bad news is that with Hezbollah poised to control Lebanon's government, Iran has de facto arrived on Israel's northern border. Even without an Iranian nuclear weapon, this is a grave deterioration in Israel's security.

Already, Lebanon has asked the United Nations to guarantee that Israel will not violate the integrity of Lebanon's outer continental shelf, where Iran plans to help Lebanon drill for gas.

Geology is about to change the political geography of the world's most combustible neighborhood.

The two huge gas discoveries are in the Tamar and Leviathan fields. Taken together, the gas reserves are estimated at 26 trillion cubic feet or 10 times larger than Britain's North Sea discoveries.

Since its creation in 1948, Israel has drilled on land for oil and gas with very little success. While the Arab Gulf countries have found and produced massive quantities of oil and gas, Israel has had to buy its hydrocarbons, including coal.

Israel's isolation made this difficult and expensive. In recent years, it has bought gas from Egypt, but Egypt may now lose its good customer.

Turkey, once Israel's only Muslim friend — until the botched seizure of a humanitarian ship bound for blockaded Gaza last May — also will be affected. There were plans for a pipeline that would carry gas from Azerbaijan across Turkey and undersea to Israel. That economic boost no longer will be going to Turkey, but instead will probably go to Greece and Greek Cyprus. There have been preliminary discussions between Israel and Greece about shipping gas through Greece, by an undersea pipeline or a liquefied natural gas train, as an entry point into Europe.

Cyprus is a possible export-staging destination, as the Leviathan field, 86 miles off the Israeli coast, is nearby. But Turkish Cyprus, on the north side of the island, is not on board.

The Tamar field is 50 miles off the Israeli coast, and there are two smaller fields, potentially subject to claim by a free Gaza or a Palestinian state.

The gas will change Israel itself. Its defense force will have to defend the gas installations and the miles of pipes, pumps and other infrastructure. Israel has no domestic heating market, so all the new gas bounty will go to electric generation. The new gas will speed the Israeli government's goal of making Israel the first 100-percent electric car country.

Credit for the Eastern Mediterranean gas discoveries goes to Houston-based Noble Energy. It is the technical leader in a consortium of Israeli companies. Now the world wants in before a whiff of the new gas has come onshore. Gazprom, Russia's gas behemoth, is keen to have a piece as an investment and to protect its European markets.

The Israeli government expects an influx of U.S. and European companies to supply piping, pumps, controllers and construction equipment and materials.

It is not just private companies that are salivating: The Israeli government has just passed a law to tax gas profits at 62 percent.

Israel's hostile neighbors want in, too. The Eastern Mediterranean is in play in an area where play is rough.

What do cuts say about Texas' future?

■ Representatives already feeling the pain of cuts made by Gov. Perry, Legislature.

DAVE MCNEELY
Texas Political Writer

An 80-year-old farmer looked out over his family's pecan groves. He explained to a great-nephew beside him that at the next planting season, he planned to add 200 new trees on some adjacent land.

The nephew, reflecting on it later, realized his uncle was planning to plant more trees to feed future generations — although he probably knew it was highly unlikely he'd be around to see them get old enough to produce a full crop.

Now, flash to Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Legislature. Texas, like several other states, has a big budget problem. The revenue estimators say the state would need about $27 billion more than they anticipate coming in to finance the next two years of Texas government at current rates of spending.

That's about a fourth of the general revenue budget over which legislators have control.

The governor and legislative leaders say to meet their responsibility to present a balanced budget, they plan to handle the revenue shortfall by cutting spending, not by raising taxes or spending the $9 billion-plus in the state's Rainy Day Fund.

They might find no money at all, and their opening shot assumes the worst. The short form: The Texas House opened with a $156.4 billion budget that's $31.1 billion smaller than its predecessor, a drop of 16.6 percent from the current two-year spending plan.

Depending upon one's attitude toward various government programs, the governor and lawmakers are being frugal, wise stewards of the public's money, or reckless radicals kicking down the barn they're going to need next year.

Using the pecan farmer analogy, instead of planting trees for the future, the governor and Legislature may "save" money by chopping down the existing trees and selling them for firewood.

Rep. Jim Pitts, chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Texas House of Representatives, presented a budget rough draft Jan. 19 that over the course of the two-year spending cycle would be $9.8 billion less for public schools than is called for in the current school funding formula.

Pitts, R-Waxahachie, was quite direct in saying that if the cuts were made to balance the budget without new revenue sources, the impact of many of the cuts would be brutal.

Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, summed up the attitude of many of the diminished number of Democratic legislators toward many of the proposed cuts.

"We're already as a state 50th in per-capita spending, so you've got to ask yourself when you see a base budget like this, at what point is this budget akin to asking an anorexic person to lose more weight?"

And what Texans — and several legislators — are beginning to learn is that some of the activities they take for granted are partially or wholly paid for with tax dollars.

For instance, Pitts' budget rough draft proposed to cut some expenditures on junior colleges by closing four of them.

Pitts' fellow Republican, Jim Keffer of Eastland, wasn't all that fond of the idea. One of them — Ranger College, in Ranger — is in his House district.

"We have seen what the budget is going to look like, and we've got to go (now from) campaigning to governing," Keffer told his legislative colleagues during the period of questioning Pitts. Closing the school is "the height of irresponsibility."

Pitts said he'd work with legislators. "You know," he added, "there's nothing in this bill that's not painful. ... I hope we can keep these community colleges open."

Rep. Dennis Bonnen of Angleton, one of the other three Republicans with colleges in their districts that the budget draft proposed to close, made an impromptu visit to Brazosport College in Lake Jackson on Thursday, and pledged that it would remain open.

In 15 years in the House, "Never, ever, have I made a promise or a guarantee," Bonnen said. "Ever. Politicians who make them are setting themselves up for failure. I've never done it. But I'm doing it today. We will fund this college."

Rep. Tryon Lewis of Odessa, whose community college there is also on the closing list, sent a statement to his district saying that "Defunding Odessa College would be a terrible mistake.

"Eliminating funding to this institution would be devastating to the quality of higher education available in an area of approximately one-eighth of our state," Lewis said.

"This is only a preliminary version of the budget, and it will certainly be amended before final passage," Lewis said. "I am confident that fair funding will be maintained."

Sure enough, the Senate's rough draft budget, which became available last weekend, cuts about as much as the House's. But it keeps the four colleges.

It remains to be seen whether those community colleges are considered new groves to produce pecans for future generations or firewood.

'Winning the future' not possible with more government spending

■ President Obama has the right motto but that's about it.

BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

Finally, an issue all Americans can rally behind: winning the future! Surely most of us would like to be victorious down the road. The alternative is losing the future, and that doesn't sound very good, does it? If the future is lost, then what will become of us?

Thus, President Obama's new mantra, "winning the future," got immediate traction. His State of the Union speech was full of optimistic ways we can win. Most of those ways involve "investing" in stuff like education, infrastructure jobs and alternative fuels. "Investing," of course, is the new word for government spending. The president doesn't want to spend anymore; he wants to "invest."

So Obama's speech was uplifting to say the least. We are going to beat those Chinese people in the marketplace, and our kids will be smarter than those Korean kids. Yes, we can! And the federal government's checkbook will lead the way.

In response, Republican Congressman Paul Ryan essentially said "no, we can't." We're broke. How uplifting is that?

Obama is a liberal man who is convinced a large federal government can, indeed, improve the lives of most Americans. With a $14 trillion debt, however, Obama can no longer trumpet expanding the federal apparatus, but that doesn't mean he's against it. Let's take the high-speed train deal as an example.

The president loves the idea of these trains, and they do work well in places like Japan. But over the past 10 years, the government-run Amtrak outfit has lost an astonishing $13 billion. So what makes Obama believe pumping even more tax money into high-speed rail will be good for the country? Talk about losing the past.

And then there's ethanol. Tons of federal money spent, little to show for it. T. Boone Pickens, a very savvy guy, tried wind power. He got blown away. The complexity of wind-driven energy makes it almost impossible to market.

As some of you know, I am a simple guy. My questions are not complicated. So here's another one regarding the winning thing: Didn't the Soviet Union want to win the future? I think they did. The pinheads in Moscow spent gazillions of dollars trying to dominate the world. And exactly how did that giant central government-run operation turn out? I believe it evaporated, did it not? Huge bureaucracies are not set up for winning the future. They exist to tell folks what to do and to take their money.

But the president and I do have some common ground on this "winning the future" theme. We are both for it. I, however, believe the folks are the key component to future success because they have repeatedly won in the past.

So let's stop the massive government spending, Mr. President, and unleash the American people by lowering taxes and encouraging private enterprise. Yes, we can.

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TUESDAY Mostly cloudy high 28 low 13

LOCAL FORECAST

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Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 73, a low around 25 and west winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, look for a 20 percent chance of snow and mostly cloudy skies with a high around 28 and a low around 13.

The high on Saturday reached 74 while the low dropped to 32. The record high for Jan. 29 is 78 set in 1967. The record low is 2 set in 1948.

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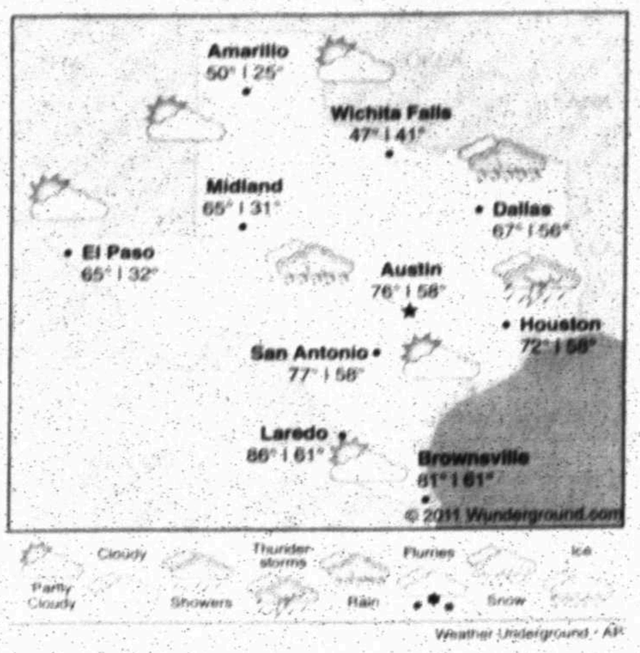
Snow showers will linger around the Great Lakes and the northern Appalachians today as a storm system pulls away over the Atlantic. Colder air will edge into the area.

The core of the frigid air will be centered over the northern Plains. Temperatures will remain in the single digits in many areas from Montana through the Dakotas and into Minnesota.

A storm advancing through the northern Rockies will spread snow over the northern Plains as well. The heaviest snow will fall in Montana and the western Dakotas, where several inches of snow can be expected before the day comes to a close.

Meanwhile, rain from a storm pressing into Central California will dampen much of the Golden State.



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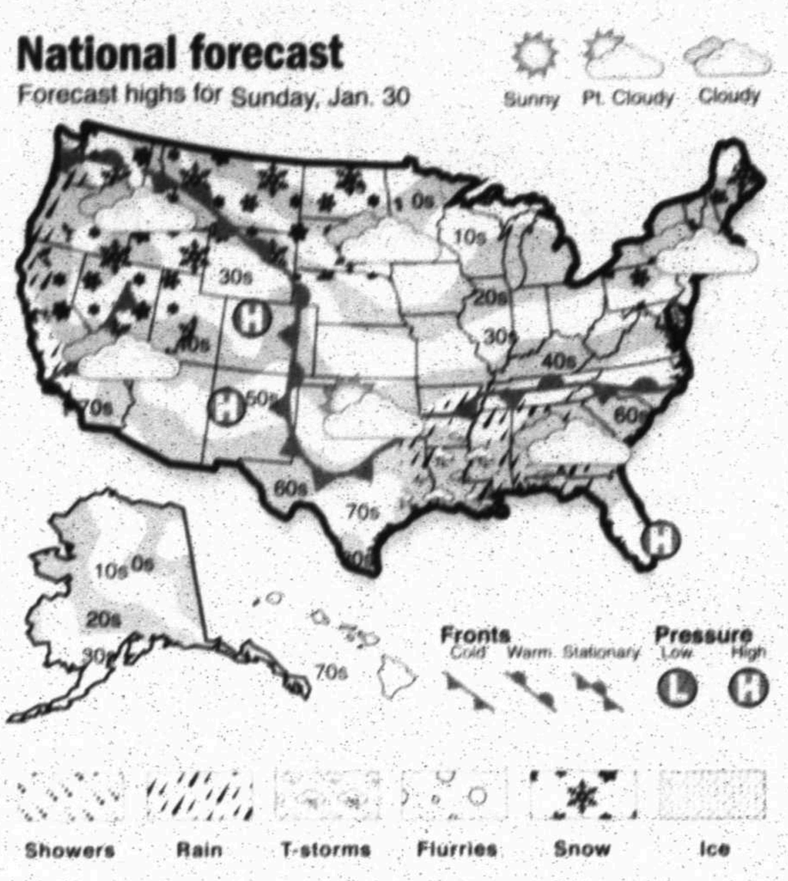

Frequent snow storms warm up the hearts of Easterners

By John Christoffersen
Associated Press

MILFORD, Conn. — Between storms, a builder in Connecticut uses his skid loader to plow his neighbors' driveways. In Maryland, a good Samaritan hands out water and M&Ms to stranded drivers. The mayor of Philadelphia urges residents to "be kind" and help one another out — and they respond by doing just that.

Across the Northeast, full of large cities where people wear their brusqueness like a badge of honor, neighbors and even strangers are banding together to beat back what's shaping up to be one of the most brutal winters in years — and it appears to be contagious.

"It seems to have started a whole grass-roots movement of people helping one another," said Cindy Twiss, a school administrator who lives in Milford.

She's among the lucky neighbors of Danny Blanchet, the builder who uses his 7,500-pound yellow "skid steer" to plow Twiss and others out in mere minutes for jobs that would take their shovels hours to complete.

"Last storm I did 35 people," Blanchet said, beaming and decked out in sunglasses and a sweater knitted by his sister. "I just happen to have a bigger shovel than they do. This is a joy for me."

After Blanchet starting showing up with his loader, Twiss said, other neighbors began pitching in. A 14-year-old boy showed up to shovel and refused to take any money. Twiss' next-door neighbor did the whole block with his snow blower.

It's true that this winter's frequent storms — some areas of the East are on track for record snowfalls — may be leading neighbors to interact more and help one another cope, said Lauren Ross, an assistant professor of sociology at Quinnipiac University.

"Because there is this need, people are really stepping up," Ross said. "They become people you can empathize with. It's sort of this collective pattern we're experiencing."

Ross said she experienced it herself when she left her condo to dig out her car and neighbors quickly showed up to help. That led her to help other neighbors, too.

Kevin Writt, of Knoxville, Md., had a similar experience.

He distributed at least 50 bottles of water and 40 packs of M&Ms to motorists who waited hours to cross the U.S. 340 bridge over the Potomac River into Virginia on Wednesday night. Writt — who got the goods from the retail shop at nearby River & Trails Outfitters, where he works as a guide — called it karma.

"Earlier that night, I was helped out of the snow myself by a plow driver for the Maryland State Highway Administration," he said. "It was really just an exercise in empathy."

Shervonne Cherry, creative director at a technology company, said she ran into a six-hour nightmare on Interstate 695 because of an accident ahead of her after leaving work around 5:45 p.m. Wednesday for home in Baltimore.

"People were pretty nice," Cherry said. "There was a group of gentlemen who were making sure that people weren't getting stuck, making sure that all the cars were progressing."

David Papagallo, the landlord of two four-story buildings on busy Eighth Avenue in Manhattan, said he started shoveling the front sidewalk at 7 a.m. Thursday after 19 inches of snow fell on the city. Building owners are required to keep the sidewalks clear, but he took extra pains and was still at it at 10 a.m.

"I do the corners, too, because I don't want people to walk around the moat," Papagallo said. "I do it for myself, but I do it for the smiles."

The City of Brotherly Love, where football fans famously booed Santa Claus and threw snowballs at him during a game in 1968, was not immune to post-storm kindnesses.

"The main message of the day is be careful, be kind, look out for other people," Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter said after 17 inches of snow fell on the city Thursday. And in at least a few neighborhoods they were taking his advice to heart.

"We all kind of work together when it comes to snow," said Amy Sweeney, 37, a mom who lives in the Northern Liberties neighborhood, attends community college and works part-time at the Electric Factory music venue.

She was shoveling in front of several homes, including that of an older neighbor. She planned to dig out three or four parking spots, then shovel the other side of the block.

Dan McVay, a 37-year-old social worker, cleared the sidewalks of about a half-dozen neighbors by his south Philadelphia rowhouse; someone with a bad back, a neighbor known for shoveling other people's sidewalks, and several homebound, elderly or disabled people.

"It's important that you have a good relationship with them; you share walls and you see them almost every day," McVay said. "It's a good thing to do. It's a good thing to make sure that your neighbors are OK. It's kind of karma — it comes back around in ways that you might not expect it."

In New Jersey, Newark Mayor Cory Booker helped residents dig out cars a month after he won rave reviews from constituents for similar efforts after the post-Christmas blizzard that crippled the region.

Lakeesha Paylor was on her way to dig her own car out when the mayor persuaded her to join forces with him and others in the same predicament, arguing that if the strangers worked together, they could do less work and get more done. Paylor pitched in and helped dig out three cars before the group helped her free her vehicle from a mound of snow.

"I really appreciate it because we were really stuck," Paylor said.

Jasmine Ingram was also among those who got their cars dug out by the mayor and his helpers.

"It was very nice," Ingram said. "I didn't expect it, so it was shocking."

Associated Press

SNOW ANGEL? Bill Hook clears snow from his driveway off Norton Trail in Plainville, Conn., after a winter storm on Thursday. Hook said he got a smile from a plow driver because of his yard decorations.

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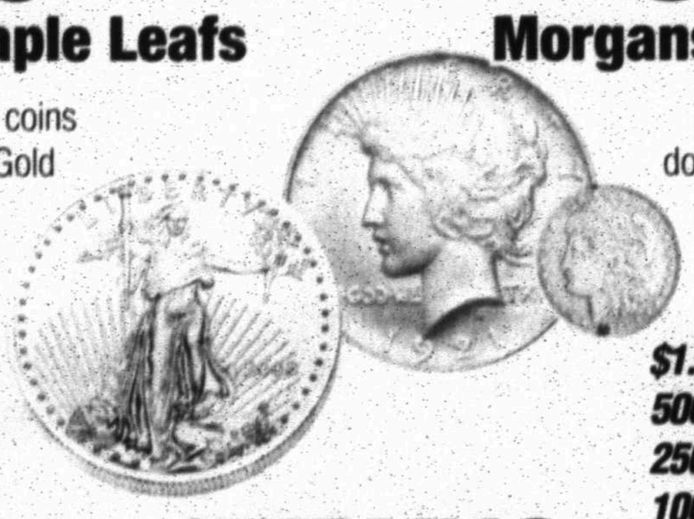

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Looters rip heads off 2 mummies at museum

CAIRO — Would-be looters broke into Cairo's famed Egyptian Museum, ripping the heads off two mummies and damaging about 10 small artifacts before being caught and detained by army soldiers, Egypt's antiquities chief said Saturday.

Zahi Hawass said the vandals did not manage to steal any of the museum's antiquities, and that the prized collection was now safe and under military guard.

With mass anti-government protests still roiling the country and unleashing chaos on the streets, fears that looters could target other ancient treasures at sites across the country prompted the military to dispatch armored personnel carriers and troops to the Pyramids of Giza, the temple city of Luxor and other key archaeological monuments.

Tourists besiege Cairo airport, but flights halt

CAIRO — Thousands of passengers were stranded at Cairo's airport on Saturday as flights were canceled or delayed, leaving them unable to leave because of a government-imposed curfew. Several Arab nations, meanwhile, moved to evacuate their citizens.

As Egypt's unrest neared its sixth day, the cancelations of flights and the arrival of several largely empty aircraft appeared to herald an ominous erosion of key tourism revenue for the country.

Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan organized an additional 10 flights to evacuate their citizens, officials at Cairo International Airport said. Among those who left were families of diplomats.

For roughly 3,000 travelers, Egyptians and foreigners alike, the news was another blow in a day where little had gone right.

About 2,000 had flocked to the airport earlier in the day, many without reservations, hoping to secure a seat out of the country.

Egyptian president Mubarak appoints vice president

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Associated Press

EGYPT IN DISARRAY An anti-government protester cries out after seeing the body of another who was shot by police moments before in Tahrir square in downtown Cairo on Sautrday. Thousands of anti-government protesters returned to Cairo's central Tahrir Square, chanting slogans against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and demanding his departure.

By Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press

CAIRO — With protests raging, Egypt's president named his intelligence chief as his first-ever vice president on Saturday, setting the stage for a successor as chaos engulfed the capital. Soldiers stood by — a few even joining the demonstrators — and the death toll from five days of anti-government fury rose sharply to 74.

Saturday's fast-moving developments across the north African nation marked a sharp turning point in President Hosni Mubarak's three-decade rule of Egypt.

Soldiers made no moves against protesters, even after a curfew came and went and the crowds swelled in the streets, demanding an end to Mubarak's rule and no handoff to the son he had been grooming to succeed him.

"This is the revolution of people of all walks of life," read black graffiti scrolled on one army tank in Tahrir Square. "Mubarak, take your son and leave," it said.

Thousands of protesters defied the curfew for the second night, standing their ground in the main Tahrir Square in a resounding rejection of Mubarak's attempt to hang onto power with promises of reform and a new government.

Police protecting the Interior Ministry near the site opened fire at a funeral procession for a dead protester, possibly because it came too close to the force. Clashes broke out and at least two people were killed.

A 43-year-old teacher, Rafaat Mubarak, said the appointment of the president's intelligence chief and longtime confidant, Omar Suleiman, as vice president did not satisfy the protesters.

"This is all nonsense. They will not fool us anymore. We want the head of the snake," he said in the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria. "If he is appointed by Mubarak, then he is just one more member of the gang. We are not speaking about a branch in a tree, we are talking about the roots."

The protesters united in one overarching demand — Mubarak and his family must go. The movement is a culmination of years of simmering frustration over a government they see as corrupt, heavy-handed and neglectful of poverty.

Protesters welcome army as it projects power

By Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press

CAIRO — Anti-government protesters on Saturday embraced troops sent out to the streets to restore order — an outpouring of affection and faith that the soldiers are on their side.

The soldiers went along — despite a government ban on all public gatherings issued after the protests began Tuesday.

Troops allowed protesters to climb atop tanks and armored personnel carriers — an apparent attempt to show impartiality in the showdown between President Hosni Mubarak and tens of thousands of protesters demanding his ouster.

Why the soft approach?

Was the army caught between the two sides and paralyzed by uncertainty? Or simply biding its time before what could become a violent showdown with the citizens on the streets, some calling for change while others simply loot.

The army, a secretive organization that traditionally shuns media attention, offered confusing clues: treating protesters with kid gloves while issuing a single public statement warning of harsh measures against those violating a nighttime curfew or an official ban on public gatherings.

Only one thing was certain: The army remains the most powerful institution in this suddenly chaotic nation, and whatever it does next will determine the future of the Arab world's most populous country.

On Saturday, protesters jubilantly climbed atop army tanks and armored personnel carriers enforcing security in Cairo. They hugged and kissed the soldiers and posed for photographs with them. Some spray-painted the military vehicles with slogans demanding the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak.

In Tahrir Square in the center of the city, protesters hoisted an army officer waving an Egyptian flag on their shoulders and chanted "The people and the army are one hand together!"

The protests drove Mubarak to appoint intelligence chief Omar Suleiman as vice president on Saturday, clearly setting up a succession that would hand power to his close confidant, a former army general, and keep control of Egypt in the hands of military men.

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N.M. governor looks to reinstate death penalty

By Sue Major Holmes
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico's new governor, a longtime prosecutor in Las Cruces, said some crimes deserve the ultimate punishment, and she wants the death penalty back on the state's books.

"When a monster rapes and murders a child or a criminal kills a police officer, the death penalty should be an option for the jury," Gov. Susana Martinez, a Republican, said in her State of the State address to open the 2011 Legislature earlier this month.

Some religious groups are opposing her effort, but organizations representing prosecutors and law enforcement officers say the death penalty is necessary.

Former Gov. Bill Richardson, a Democrat, signed a measure two years ago abolishing New Mexico's death penalty, citing flaws in how it was applied and saying the criminal justice system must be perfect if it's going to put someone to death.

With the repeal, New Mexico replaced lethal injection with life in prison without the possibility of parole, becoming one of 15 states without a death penalty.

Republican Rep. Dennis Kintigh of Roswell, a former FBI agent, introduced the first attempt to reinstate the death penalty this year — a joint resolution that would put the question before voters as a state constitutional amendment.

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Jane Phillips/The New Mexican

DEATH PENALTY In this March 18, 2009, file photo, former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson signs the repeal of the death penalty in his office in Santa Fe, N.M., while Rep. Gail Chasey, D-Albuquerque, looks on. Republican Gov. Susana Martinez, who took office earlier this month, wants to put the death penalty back on the books.

Lester

Daughter's death still pains family

■ Conoco Phillips to host chili cook-off fundraiser for Stop DWI

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Even though it's been seven years since she was killed, Angela Lester's family still says her death is painful each January.

But each year, a local company decides to honor its employee, who was a victim of a driving while intoxicated crash, by holding an annual chili cook-off competition in her memory.

This year's event is scheduled for Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Pecan Room of the Conoco Phillips Office Building, 3300 N. "A" St.

Still, those memories of the night Lester was killed are what Shirley Lester can remember vividly.

It was late on Jan. 30, 2004. Angie's sister, with whom she was close, was to celebrate her birthday the next day. The family was looking to hold a birthday party that Saturday to also celebrate Shirley's birthday on Feb. 6.

The sisters, both single mothers, had been in town together and gone out to the Pizza Hut on Wadley Avenue for dinner. Her sister left and took her children home to their house in Greenwood; Angie ran her son and his friend across the street to Baskin-Robbins for some ice cream before also heading home.

They were only 10 minutes behind.

In those 10 minutes, Lester had cranked up Aerosmith over the speakers for the two boys, who sat in the backseat of the van playing with their drumsticks along with the music beat.

On Farm-to-Market Road 307 and County Road 1110, a driver ran through the area and slammed into Lester's Chevy and through the front driver's side door. The impact spun the vehicle around and trapped Lester inside.

Her boys managed to kick their way out of the backseat through the door and window.

The pickup that hit her, driven by a man authorities later said had been on a three-day drinking binge with cocaine in his system, came to rest upside down in traffic. His male passenger was killed and another female in the truck suffered multiple injuries.

"We don't hate this young man. We know that accidents happen, but if you get in a car and you've been drinking and you hit somebody then that's murder," Shirley Lester said. "It could have been prevented if

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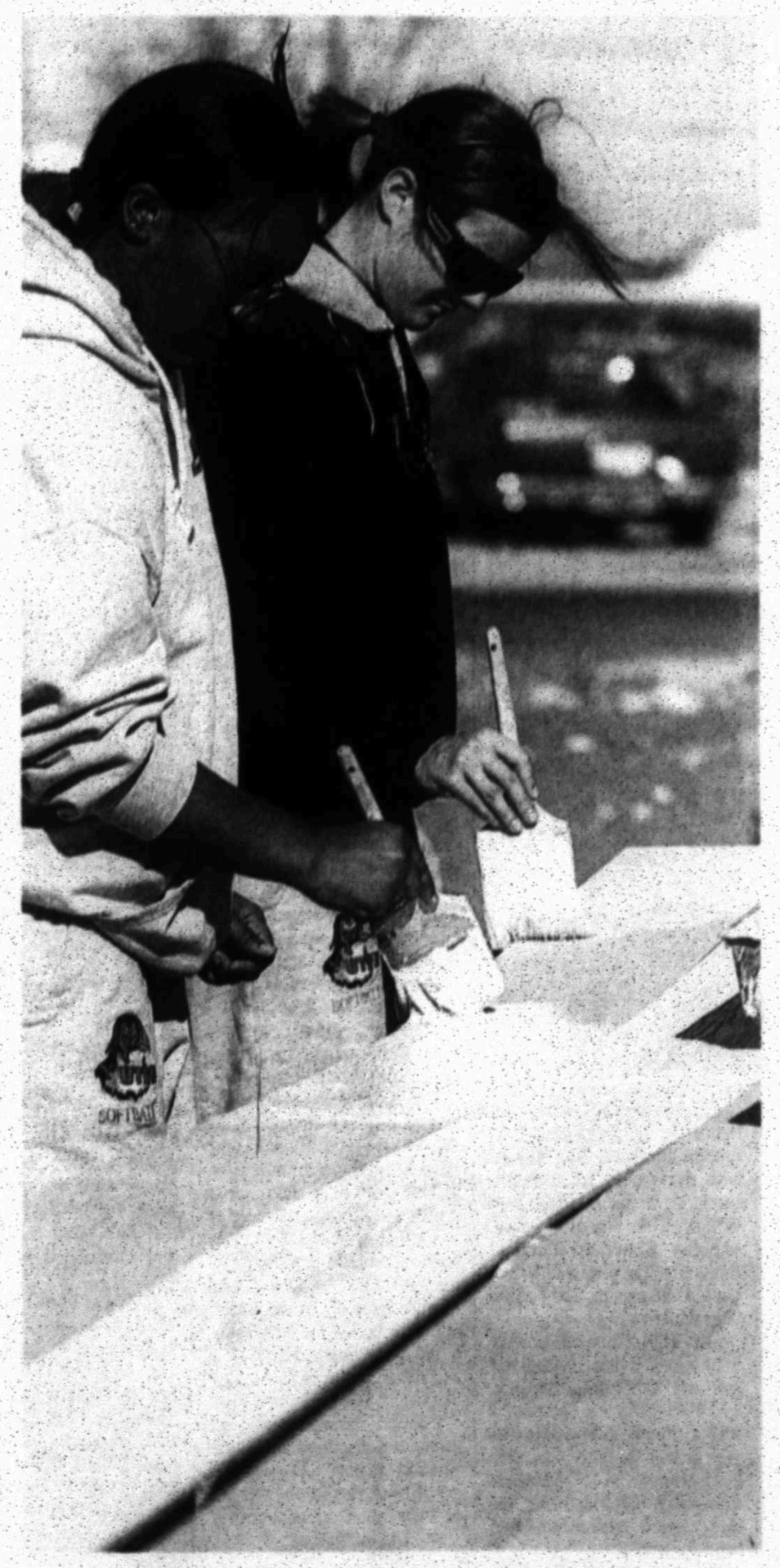
LENDING A HELPING HAND



Tie Dueberry and Whitney Kuhrt paint siding as they and other UTPB students volunteer Saturday working at a Habitat house in Midland. TOP LEFT: Josh Sierman uses a nailgun to hold up the siding at the house. TOP RIGHT: Chelsey Morgan fills nail holes with caulk at the house.

Photos by Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

Volunteers create home makeover for orphaned daughters in alleged DWI crash

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

When an accident occurred last fall killing two parents and injuring their two daughters, members of Alamo Heights Baptist Church began praying for the family and the grandparents of the girls.

"All of sudden we just knew that this was a horrible thing to have your son killed in a car wreck and have two babies," said Youth Director Christy Butler of the Oct. 5 crash that claimed the lives of Jenna Vela and Perry Jeffery.

Police allege that Joel Tavarez of Odessa was intoxicated when he was traveling west in the eastbound lane of traffic on Highway 191. He hit the victim's car head on and both Vela and Jeffery died at the scene.

Their children, ages 2 and 1, were in desperate need of care and rushed by an air ambulance service to a children's hospital in Lubbock.

"They were in such terrible shape. They didn't even know if they would survive," Butler said.

> "In order for the girls to come home with the grandparents, their house in Greenwood would need to be remodeled and expanded to provide adequate medical care the girls now require

Church members started a prayer vigil for the family, whom the church has known for years because Jeffery's parents belong to the congregation. Within two weeks the girls had moved from the critical unit of the ICU and begun to stabilize, Butler added.

But then another need arose — in order for the girls to come home with the grandparents, their house in Greenwood would need to be remodeled and expanded to provide adequate medical care the girls now require.

About five families from the church wrote into the Extreme Home Makeover television show requesting assistance. When the show came to West Texas to film, those people who had applied thought perhaps their family had been chosen.

When a different family was chosen, the church decided to do the makeover and renovations themselves.

"We were thinking, 'We've got to get the house taken care of,'" Butler said. "Why can't we just do it on our own?"

Church member Gabriel Dye said he had heard the state had told the family they would need to do some modifications to their home in order to get custody of the children, but was not aware of any deadline or how critical the situation was.

A friend with a remodeling business went out to look at the home and decided he was going to make it one of his charitable donations for the year.

"He felt moved to help us out and participate," Dye said. "What was needed was an extra room to be added on so they would have the appropriate number of rooms for the amount of people going to be living in the home."

Other volunteers and organizations from around town began to donate their time, skill and supplies to add a 14-foot by 16-foot room onto the home. The group Christmas in Action loaned the volunteers the use of their tools to complete the project.

The way the home already was set up, Dye said, it had a good quality front porch where friends were able to add onto that, lay new flooring and construct walls. Electrical outlets and lighting were added and drywall was put up. When it came to the roof and new shingles, volunteers decided to replace the entire roof of the home.

"As a church body, we just felt a sigh of relief like, 'Wow we did it. We did our part,'"

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Obituaries

Elijah Lee (Bigham) Nelms

Elijah Lee (Bigham) Nelms passed away Thursday January 27, at her home. Elijah was born May 14, 1919 in Marlin, Texas, to the late Elisha and Beatrice Bigham.

She attended public schools in Marlin. Elijah met Freddie Nelms at a Juniteenth Celebration in Marlin, Texas, and they were married on November 19, 1938. To their union was born nine children. Mrs. Nelms, her husband and children moved to Midland, Texas in 1956. She was employed with several families as a housekeeper.

The family united with Macedonia Baptist Church in 1957 under the leadership of the late Rev. H. F. Doyle. Mrs. Nelms served as a Youth Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Teacher. She later served under the leadership of O. J. Archie, as teacher for Sr. Womens Sunday School Class for over ten years, and also was a worker in the Training Union Department, working with youth and children, preparing them for Church Congress activities. Mrs. Nelms was also a member of the Sr. Women's Mission Group for many years, and was an active member of the Lovely Sunset District Baptist Association, where she served as a teacher in the Mission Department. She also assisted her husband when he was Dean of Lovely Sunset. Her community activities included working at the Polls for Midland County, Precent 305; Mrs. Nelms also worked with the group that organized the first Head Start Program in Midland, Texas.

Elijah Nelms was a kind, gentle and quiet woman. In the 1960's she loved attending the Carver Hornet's Football games, when her sons, Larry, and Charles were team members. she always said she enjoyed the football games, but she wanted to be there if one of them got hurt. She will truly be missed by her Family, Church Family, and Friends.

Her parents, husband Freddie, infant daughter, Delores, and daughter Joy Laverne, all preceded her in death.

To cherish her beautiful memories, she leaves three daughters, Ruth Nelms Hemphill, Linda Nelms, and Betty Nelms all of Midland. Four Sons, Clarence Nelms of Hement, California, Charles Nelms and Larry Nelems of Midland, and Joe(Joyce) Nelms of Ft. Worth, Texas. Two brothers, Lloyd Bigham and James A. Bigham, of Monahans, Texas. Two sister in- laws, Dorothy Nelms of Odessa, and Doretha Holmes of Waco, Texas. Eight grandchildren, Jerry Williams, Terri England, Charles Williams, Penny Griffin, Michael Nelms, Randall Nelms, Eric Hemphill and Christopher Nelms. Fourteen great-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. To further cherish her memories she leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be Monday, January 31, 2011 at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 201 S. Carver, Midland, Texas. Pastor Woodrow W. Bailey III will officiate, and Eulogist Pastor Emeritus Rev. O. J. Archie. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are grandsons and a great grandson of Mrs. Nelms. Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Gary Dwain Deeds

Gary Dwain Deeds, 60, of Midland, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2011. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 pm, Monday, January 31, 2011 at Resthaven Memorial Park with Greg Fleming and Jimmy Rhoades, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Sunday, January 30, 2011 at the funeral home.

Gary was born July 3, 1950, in Brady, TX to Joyce (Larremore) and Burl Deeds. He married Karan Smith April 17, 1982 in Midland.

Gary graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1968. He served in the United States Marine Corps. He worked for the city of Midland for 25 years. He enjoyed fishing and loved being with his grandchildren.

Survivors include wife, Karan of Midland; daughter, Sherry Weeks and husband Branden of Midland; mother, Joyce Deeds of Abilene; brother, Ronnie Deeds of Marble Falls; brother, Steve Deeds of Abilene; 2 grandchildren, Kaleb and Addison Weeks; and 10 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

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

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Geneva Berry

Geneva Berry, 86, of Gardendale, passed away Friday, January 28, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Monday, January 31, 2011 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Rev. Bob Porterfield, officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Geneva was born April 21, 1923 in Palestine, Texas to John and Rebecca (Johnson) Novak. She married Howard Berry on May 28, 1939 in Crockett, Texas. He preceded Geneva in death in 2006. She moved from Azul to Gardendale 25 years ago. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include son, Jay Berry and wife Patsy of Midland; son, David Berry of Fort Worth; daughter, Joy Sandifer and husband Gove of Alamogordo, New Mexico; 3 brothers, Richey Novak of Los Angeles, California, Willie Novak of San Francisco, California and Darrell Chapman of Houston; 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

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Geneva "GG" Johnson

Geneva "GG" Johnson, 91, of Midland, passed away Friday, January 28, 2011 in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am, Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at Resthaven Memorial Park with Chaplain Johnny Touchstone, officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Monday, January 31, 2011 at the funeral home.

GG was born January 21, 1920 in Sayer, Oklahoma to Lena (Dunn) and Emmitt England. She married Max Johnson in 1945 in Odessa. He preceded GG in death in August 1994.

She was raised in Oklahoma. During World War II GG headed to California to become an overhead welder in the shipyards. Returning to Oklahoma she worked in several cafes as an "excellent" cook. GG and Max followed the rigs to Louisiana, Arkansas and finally Midland, where they made their home in 1960. She worked in their gardens with Max during "his" retirement. (She said women never retired.) Max would bring the vegetables in the back door and GG would throw them out the front door. She loved oil painting and ceramics work and above all her family!

Survivors include daughter, Delana Alred and husband Carol of Hempstead, Texas; daughter, Billie Pierce and husband Barry of Midland; brother, Mickey Wright of Oklahoma; 5 grandchildren, Eric, Evan, Mike, Lisa and Sandi; 6 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters and 1 brother.

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Heather Jeanette Cotter

Heather Jeanette Cotter, 87, Of Belton passed away December 13, 2010 at Park Place Manor Nursing Home in Belton.

Mrs. Cotter was born September 5, 1923 in Great Yarmouth, England. She moved with her family to Norwich, England at the beginning of WWII. She married Rev. Maurice Cotter in London, England. They moved to the United States in 1957 with their daughter.

She worked as a secretary for various Banks in England and the U.S. until her son was born then she became a stay at home Mom. She was very active in activities with her church ST. Matthias Episcopal Church in Andrews where her husband had been the priest.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and her sister Monica Taylor.

She is survived by her daughter, Claire Mahan of Temple, Texas; her son, David Cotter of Andrews, Texas and her sister Frances Burgess of Australia.

The family will have a memorial service at a later date. Services are entrusted to McNett Funeral Home.

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Joan (Arnett) Nichols

September 9, 1917 -
January 27, 2011

Joan Nichols, beloved Mother, adored Grandmother, and cherished Great-Grandmother, passed away at home in Denton, Texas at the age of 93 surrounded by loved ones on January 27.

Joan was born in Big Spring, Texas, as the seventh of eleven children born to Jesse Arnett and Effie Arnett. She graduated from Midland High School and attended college at Mary Hardin Simmons University. She married the love of her life, Jesse Jackson "Jack" Nichols in June 1940. They enjoyed traveling and saw many beautiful places. They had one daughter, Mary Bea, who was their pride and joy.

Joan enjoyed playing dominoes, cards and other board games and had several groups of friends that she regularly played with for years. She also loved to travel and did so often with her church senior group along with her sister or dear friend and they went all over the globe! Joan's family, however, was her heart's greatest treasure. Her favorite memories always included any family gatherings and especially the Arnett Family Reunion held every summer. She loved and encouraged her daughter's passion for quilting and always helped her by sewing on the bindings for all of her quilts.

She worked in the children's department as a buyer and sales associate for Dunlaps department store for over 40 years. She had a great fondness of fashion and jewelry and those who knew her (or had seen her closets) remember that she was always well dressed and beautifully jeweled. She was a member of the American Business Women's Association for many years and was named Woman of the Year in her last year there.

She resided in Odessa for 70 years and was an active and involved member of First Baptist Church of Odessa. She lived her life serving the Lord. She spent much of her time offering help and comfort for friends in need and would run errands for others even until it became difficult to do for herself. She truly was a student and example of God's Word with never a day passing that she did not read her Bible.

Joan is preceded in death by her loving husband, Jack Nichols, her father and mother, and nine of her sisters and brothers.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Mary Nichols Spicer of Denton, Texas; Granddaughter, Jaime Spicer; Granddaughter, Sara Lockwood and husband Gary; Great-grandchildren, Jackson and Brooke Lockwood; Sister, Lillian Arnett Jones; as well as numerous loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks for all the family and friends who have lifted them up in prayer, visited and held them close during this difficult time.

Visitation with the family will be 5-6 PM Sunday, January 30, 2011 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Services will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, January 31, 2011 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

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Margaret King

Mrs. Margaret Forman King went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 12:45 P.M. after a long illness at Midland Memorial Hospital in the Hospice unit. She was born May 31, 1925 in Munday, Texas to Benjamin and Veida Forman. She was the oldest of 6 children. She was raised in Munday, Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico. Margaret met and married the love of her life Daniel B. King on October 6, 1951. On May 13, 1973, they all welcomed their only granddaughter, Michelle'e Rene'e Raulston. They also had the joy of seeing both of their great grandsons, Shelby and Dustin. Margaret loved her family and friends with everything she had and would give the shirt off her back for anyone who needed it.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Veida Forman; two brothers, Billy and Jim Forman; and one sister, Veda Forman Medlinger.

She leaves here on earth her husband, Daniel B. King of Midland; her beloved daughter, Bennie King Gooch of Midland; her granddaughter, Michelle Raulston Sutherland and her wife Tina Nicole Fulton of Midland; and the two boys that were her life as well, Shelby Bryant Forman Sutherland and Dustin James Sutherland, both of Midland. She also has two sisters, Bennie Jean Forman Buckner and her husband Cotton Buckner of Waco, Texas and Bernice Forman Hoye and her husband Charles Hoye of Hobbs, New Mexico; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Margaret was a very loving Mother, Wife, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister, and Friend who will be missed very much.

The family will receive friends and family at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, January 30, 2011 between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M., as well as, 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Monday, January 31, 2011 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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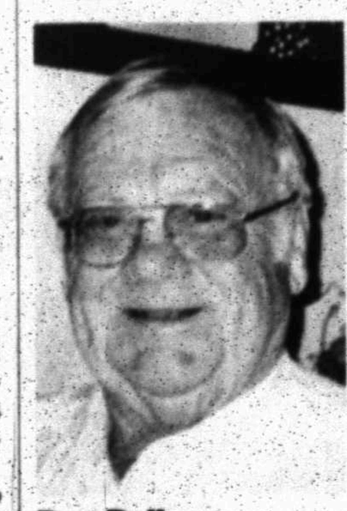

Ray Bailey

Ray Bailey of Midland, Texas went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 28th, after a long illness and surrounded by his family.

Ray was born February 13, 1938 in Uvalde, Texas. He was married to the love of his life Ann Williams, November 8, 1957 in Midland, Texas. He was Daddy to his two daughters and their husbands; Beth & Danny Shock and Robin & David Askew. He was GarGar to his grandchildren; Andi & Tell Cotten, Megan Stacy & Fiancé Bucky Vaughn, Garrett Shock, Hannah Stacy, Ali & Matt Martin, and Hillori Shock. And also to his four great grandchildren; Klancy & Ethan Cotten, Leathy & Maddox Martin. He was a loyal big brother to Bob Nixon and Joe& Linda Nixon.

Ray worked for Honolulu Oil and El Paso Products as a draftsman. In 1962, he went to work for his father-in- law at Williams Feed& Supply, subsequently became owner. During the years at the feed store he made many lasting friendships and was a mentor to those who worked for him. Later was a salesman for West Texas Gas where he traveled all over Texas cooking hot dogs and promoting GasCard.

Ray had many hobbies that he enjoyed, but among his favorites were his twice a year fishing trips with his sons-in-law and gardening in his vegetable garden, and every Christmas making his famous cheese balls.

Ray served his community as founder of Midland United Girls Softball Park. He was a proud father and grandfather of his girls who played. He was a # 1 fan of the Midland High School softball team, where all who knew and loved him as GarGar.

He was preceded in death by his Mother and Step-Father; Pearl and Nick Nixon, and Mother and Father-in-law; Buddy and Cooney Williams.

Visitation will be Sunday January 30, 2011 at Ellis Funeral home from 6 to 8pm. Services will be held Monday, January 31, 2011 at 9:00 am at Calvary Chapel West Texas, corner of 191 & 1788. Graveside to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Serving as pallbearers: David Askew, Tell Cotten, Matt Martin, Danny Shock, Garrett Shock, and Bucky Vaughn; Honorary Pallbearers: Tom Aylesworth, Johnny Campbell, Jim Diller, Kelly Luxton, Bob Nixon, and Joe Nixon.

Because he loved much he will be missed much and has left a deep hole, but...

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints" Psalm 116:15

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Robert Leslie Bradshaw

Robert Leslie Bradshaw, 83 of Midland passed away on January 28, 2011 at a local hospital. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso, TX.

He was born on November 6, 1927 to Cramer and Fern Bradshaw in Beaver, PA. He married Christina Weber in June of 1948 in Bamberg, Germany. Robert, also known as "Sergeant Bradshaw" to many, was retired from the United States Army and was devoted to his country and his family. After retirement from the military, Robert worked alongside his loving wife in her floral shop as the accounting manager. He spent his later years in Midland surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Everyone that knew Robert loved him. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Survivors include his son, Bob Bradshaw of Midland; four grandchildren, Tabatha Bradshaw and Miranda Green of Midland, James Ryan and wife Elizabeth of Midland, and Sabrina Wise of Odessa; brothers, Ronald Bradshaw of Ohio, Ralph Bradshaw of Arizona and Kenny Bradshaw of Pennsylvania; a sister, Faye Block of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Christina Marie Bradshaw, his parents, Cramer and Fern Bradshaw, daughter, Claudia Faye Brown.

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

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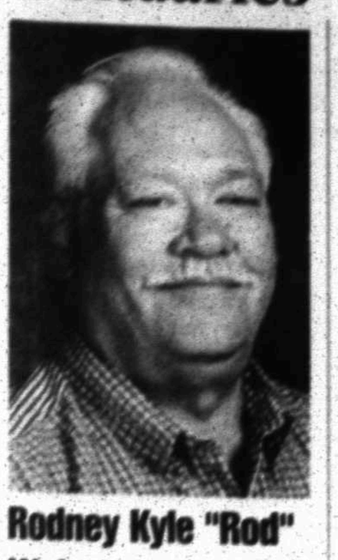

Rodney Kyle "Rod" Weis

Rodney Kyle "Rod" Weis, 70, of Midland passed away on January 26, 2011 at his residence. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the funeral home.

Rodney was born October 26, 1940 in Ardmore, Oklahoma to Leslie and Shirley Weis. He joined the United States Navy in 1958 and served in Vietnam and was a senior chief master diver, retiring in 1986. Rod received his Bachelor's degree from UTPB and taught school at Odessa Permian, in Midland, and retired from teaching in 2007. He was an avid golfer, a Mason and a member of the VFW and Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include his wife Sue Slaton Weis of Midland, three sons, Kevin Slaton, Byron Slaton, and Marty Slaton all of Odessa; two brothers, Coach Leslie Weis of Crane and Harland Weis of Amarillo; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2nd Timothy 4:7

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Death Notices

Amador A. Perez

Amador A. Perez, 65 died Wednesday, January 26 in Odessa, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Survived by his wife, Rita Perez; daughters Cynthia Perez and Veronica Perez both of Katy, TX; one grandson; one brother; two sisters, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Rosary Sunday, January 30 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel at 6:00 pm. Funeral Service Monday, January 31 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 2:00 pm. Father Mark Woodruff officiating and burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements directed by Sunset Funeral Home. Guestbook at www.sunsedodessa.com.

Dorothy Gwendolyn Dupee

Dorothy Gwendolyn Dupee, age 92, of Midland died Friday, January 28, 2011 at Hospice House in Odessa.

Survivors include her daughter: Mary Carter of Midland; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Acrey West Funeral Chapel.

George Andrew Moore

George Andrew Moore, of Midland, died Saturday, January 29, 2011.

He is preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers; and four sisters.

Survived by wife, Lola Moore; son, Greg Moore and wife Rhonda of Midland; daughter, Kathy Marcom and husband Steve of Midland; daughter, Beth Masters and husband Steve of Midland; one sister.

Visitation at Ellis Funeral Home Monday, January 31 at 6:00 PM and at 8:00 PM. Funeral services 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 1 at Midland Church of God. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements directed by Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences at www.ellisfuneralhs.com

Lucille Cox

Lucille Cox, of Midland, died Saturday, January 29, 2011. Services pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Norman Krebs Andersen

Norman Krebs Andersen, 89, of Midland died Thursday, January 20 in Midland, Texas.

Memorial service Saturday, February 5 at 2:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Reverend Walter Huber, officiating. Visitation from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Saturday, February 5 at the funeral home.

Survived by his wife, June Andersen of Midland; son, Kenneth and wife Lissa Andersen of Midland; daughter, Kathleen and husband Kevin Hartzler of California; 5 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

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Vee K. Ross

Vee K. Ross, of Midland, died Saturday, January 29, 2011. Services pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

HOME ADDITION Shown is the addition to the grandparents' home who have taken in the two girls orphaned when their parents were killed in an accident on Loop 191. Volunteers donated their time and supplies to complete the addition.

MAKEOVER

From 1B

he said. "We were proud to be able to do it. It was a blessing to be able to help our church members that way."

One of the hardest parts of the project, volunteers said, was the time frame it needed to be completed.

The group worked three weekends in the middle of December during the busy Christmas season and wanted to get it done before the holidays when the children were to return from the hospital.

"We wanted them to find a neat gift when they got home," Butler said.

After all the toil, sweat and labors of love, that's exactly what the girls found when they arrived home.

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com.

PAIN

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you had not been driving drunk."

Angie worked as an employee of Burlington Oil and Gas at the time of her death and had recently served as a judge in the 2004 annual chili cook-off competition.

The company decided to name the event after her when she died and will donate proceeds from the event to the organization Stop DWI in Midland.

Her mother said while Angie's death is painful at times, the family is grateful that organizations and individuals have chosen to remember her each year.

"We're grateful people do things to remember her. It's a reminder for everyone who's lost someone to drunk driving," Shirley Lester said.

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com.

The Annual Angela Lester Memorial Superbowl Chili Cook-off will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Conoco Phillips Office Building, 3300 N. "A" St., Building 6-252 in the Pecan Room. Cost is $5 per person and all proceeds will go to benefit Stop DWI.

3 small boats seized by Coast Guard

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — The Coast Guard said it has seized three small boats fishing illegally in U.S. waters in two separate incidents.

One of the seizures occurred early Friday, about 20 miles north of South Padre Island. The vessel was apprehended with the help of a Falcon jet launched from Air Station Corpus Christi. The crew was turned over to Customs and Border Protection agents and the catch was released at sea.

A Falcon jet crew responded to another report of illegal fishing late Friday, about 40 miles south of Corpus Christi. About 2 a.m. Saturday, those two boats, which were actively fishing, were apprehended with snapper and shark on board.

Ousted Liberty County officials indicted

By Cindy Horswell
Houston Chronicle

BEAUMONT — Liberty County's chief administrator and a county commissioner — both ousted from office by voters last year — now face multiple indictments in connection with a $3.2 million scheme to use federal hurricane cleanup funds to enrich themselves and their friends.

Phil Fitzgerald, the Liberty County judge for four years including during Hurricane Ike, and Lee Groce, the Precinct 2 commissioner for 24 years, were named in a 25-count federal grand jury indictment unsealed Friday in Beaumont.

Fitzgerald's brother-in-law, Mark Wayne Miksch, 52, of LaVernia near San Antonio, was a third defendant also charged with being part of the conspiracy.

For nearly two years, Liberty County officials have anxiously awaited the outcome of this investigation, feeling the pressure of living under a cloud of suspicion as investigators looked into whether political influence was used for personal profit when county residents were reeling from the devastation left by Hurricane Ike.

"It destroyed the morale at the courthouse, but it's getting better," said Commissioner Melvin Hunt.

He was not up for re-election in November like Fitzgerald, 51, and Groce, 62, who were among a large number of Democrats swept from local offices and replaced by Republicans there including a district judge, county clerk and district clerk.

Newly elected county Judge Craig McNair said he does not want to pre-judge the defendants. But he believes the "whole election process let everyone know that the people wanted better performance in office, elected officials who are forthright and honest."

Charlotte Warner, the Republican who replaced Groce, attended a news conference in Beaumont on Friday to learn the outcome of the probe.

"I'd been hearing a lot of rumors," she said. "If this is true, it's sad to see someone abuse powers for their own personal gain. I hate to see Liberty County portrayed this way. We're a rural, quiet community of people who work hard. We want to put this behind us."

Neither Fitzgerald, Groce nor Miksch could be reached for comment. But Fitzgerald's attorney, Joseph Hawthorn, was quick to charge that the accusations are based on incorrect information coming from "political opponents" and criticized prosecutors for "flatly refusing" Fitzgerald's offer to speak to them about the accusations that have been under investigation for nearly two years.

Before losing the election, Fitzgerald had predicted that the investigation would never budge him from office or his place in history in the limestone courthouse on the square that has been a seat of government since the 1800s. He insisted he had done nothing wrong.

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We received a call for help which brought us to the home of a very frail 70-year-old woman who lived with her middle-aged, mentally retarded daughter.

She was asking for help with a gas bill of $33 and a water bill of $568. She had been without water in her home since last April. Her electricity had been off since November. Believe it or not she was not asking for help with electricity. She had signed up with an electric company who had promised her service 2 months ago. Since she had already paid them $200 to have a new meter installed she was determined to get what she had paid for. Because she was so willing to accept this obvious injustice, we quickly questioned her ability to care for herself. Nonetheless, we had immediate needs to care for— after all, the elderly woman and her daughter had lived all winter without water or electricity.

We spent the better part of a day getting this woman linked with a reputable electric company. Thankfully we were able to get her connected with TXU, which was able to get her electricity restored within a day. We also pledged the amount due on the water bill and by the end of the day her water service was restored. We also paid the gas bill.

It was clear to us that neither mother nor daughter was capable of taking care of themselves, so we are requesting that Adult Protective Services assist the family. Hopefully mother and daughter will receive the care and guidance needed to help them keep their utilities on. We will work closely with APS to be sure that mom and daughter receive proper care. Please pray for them.

Submitted by Caseworker, Helen Smith

Martinez

DEATH

From 1B

Kintigh said he'd vote to reinstate the death penalty if it comes before lawmakers but that he believes voters should decide such a serious issue. Since New Mexico has no provision for referendums, an amendment is the only way to do that.

New Mexico executed nine men from 1933 until it abolished the death penalty. The state's most recent execution in 2001 was its first since 1960.

Capital punishment is more expensive than life without the possibility of parole, given the longer trials, additional lawyers and expert witnesses, added proceedings, drawn-out jury selections and prolonged appeals, opponents say.

Life sentences without parole "can keep society safe, save money and focus on the victims instead of always focusing on the murderer," said Vicki Elkey, executive director of the New Mexico Murder Victim Family Advocacy Project, which succeeded the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty. The coalition lobbied against the death penalty for 12 years.

It's also not easy to define who's for and against capital punishment, she said.

"It's not a Republican-Democrat, police-not police, victim-nonvictim issue," Elkey said.

New Mexico's death penalty was limited to specific murder cases, including those involving kidnapping; rape; killing police officers, prison guards or inmates; murder for hire; and murder of a witness. Martinez's office said she wants to reinstate that law.

The New Mexico Conference of Churches, which worked for nearly two decades to repeal capital punishment, will fight its reinstatement, said interim Director Jim Baird.

The conference, which represents a broad section of Christian communities, issues statements only "when we can speak with one voice," Baird said. "In the act of killing in the name of the state, we can speak with one voice because we strongly oppose this."

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Santa Fe Michael Sheehan called the death penalty cruel and unnecessary and pointed out innocent people have been executed around the country. Reinstating the punishment, he said, would be a step backward.

But the New Mexico Sheriffs' and Police Association argues that capital punishment deters violence against police officers, jailers and prison guards.

"We have had many interviews with the assailant who said they would have killed a cop had it not been for the potential of the death penalty," said Jim Burleson, head of the association.

The association and district attorneys had opposed the penalty's repeal.

Attorney General Gary King also believes the death penalty is necessary in some cases. He said someone who is already serving a life sentence won't be deterred from killing a guard if the only penalty is another life sentence.

King, who also opposed repeal, said the death penalty should be imposed only in narrow circumstances, including killing a police officer or prison guard.

Bernalillo County District Attorney Kari Brandenburg, currently involved in a death penalty case that predates the repeal, worries whether New Mexico has the money to reinstate capital punishment.

"We don't have the money to hire attorneys to defend against the death penalty (for defendants)," she said.

New Mexico residents are struggling with the issue because it's not black and white, said Brandenburg, who acknowledged her own ambivalence.

"New Mexico has had a very conservative approach to the death penalty, which is good," she said. "It's not about revenge. It's about public safety and keeping people off the streets. The practical issue is can we afford to have the death penalty?"

NEW MEXICO ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CARLSBAD

Panel hears from residents on nuke waste storage

A number of Carlsbad residents told a commission examining America's nuclear future that they would welcome expansion of a federal government waste storage site in southeastern New Mexico.

The comments came at a public meeting held Thursday by the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, which is developing recommendations on managing the nation's used nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

The discussion focused on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, which has accepted low-level radioactive material since 1999.

Contaminated tools, clothing and other items are stored in underground salt beds at the repository.

Disposal site selection is not among the panel's tasks, but commissioners heard encouraging comments about a potential expansion of the Carlsbad facility.

"Nuclear power and nuclear energy is a vital part of our future," said Tom Martin, president of the Carlsbad Department of Development. "We have the geology. We have the facility. We have the work force."

Gov. Susana Martinez characterized the disposal of nuclear waste as a national security issue and said the plant allows for safe disposal.

"At the end of the day, science must be the decision-maker," Martinez said.

Support wasn't unanimous, however. Several speakers expressed concern about the safety of nuclear energy.

"I do not support nuclear energy nor the nuclear trash it produces," said Rose Gardner of Eunice. "I am truly concerned about the danger to me and my family of transporting nuclear waste in and around New Mexico."

Noel Marquez of Artesia, a member of Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping, said the water table is threatened by storage of nuclear waste.

"I speak for the majority who feel intimidated," Marquez said.

LAS CRUCES

City using goats for landscaping

Las Cruces has come up with what it thinks is a cheap and environmentally friendly way of clearing weeds and other vegetation — by using a herd of goats.

The city has hired 60 four-legged workers to eat all of the tall and growing vegetation in and around a 6 1/2 acre storm water drainage pond that is not easily accessible but needs tending.

Las Cruces Public Works Director Mike Johnson said that using goats instead of equipment is not only eco-friendly but cheap — only costing the city $250 a day.

Agriculture officials at New Mexico State University said the goats can eat between two to three percent of their weight a day and it shouldn't take the goats long to clear the area.

GRANTS

Mother dies, 3 kids survive car fire

Authorities are investigating a possible murder-suicide attempt in western New Mexico.

Cibola County Sheriff's officials said a woman is dead but her three children survived. The 10-year-old girl and two boys — ages 11 and 13 — were being treated Friday for minor burns and smoke inhalation at a hospital near Grants.

Investigators believe the mother drugged herself and her children with pills Thursday after picking them up from school.

When the mother passed out inside of her van, authorities believe her foot came to rest on the gas pedal. That caused the van's catalytic converter to smoke and catch fire, causing one of the kids to wake up.

GRANTS

Teacher arrested for allegedly beating kids

Grants police said a high school teacher has been arrested after he allegedly beat two of his children with a stick inside a locker room at Grants High School.

KRQE-TV reported police arrested 27-year old Armando Melendez on Thursday and booked him on two counts of child abuse and one count of tampering with evidence.

An arrest warrant said the 8-year-old boys were playing basketball in the high school gym after school hours last week.

The warrant said Melendez took the boys into the locker room and spanked them with a metal stick he found at the school.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Violation of probation:
Jazmine Yvette Gaitan, 21, was arrested Friday n the 3300 block of West Wall Street on two charges of violation of probation.

Indecency with a child by sexual contact:
Francisco Gonazalez, 56, was arrested Friday n the 500 block of East Stokes on a charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Violation of probation:
Brian Harold Parker, 38, was arrested Friday on two charges of violation of probation.

Failure to stop and/or render aid:
Hector Navarette Pina, 21, of Odessa, was arrested Friday in the 2400 block of South Loop 250 on a charge of failure to stop and/or render aid.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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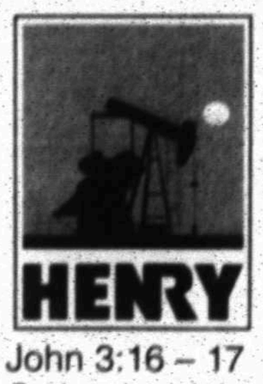

HENRY

John 3:16 – 17
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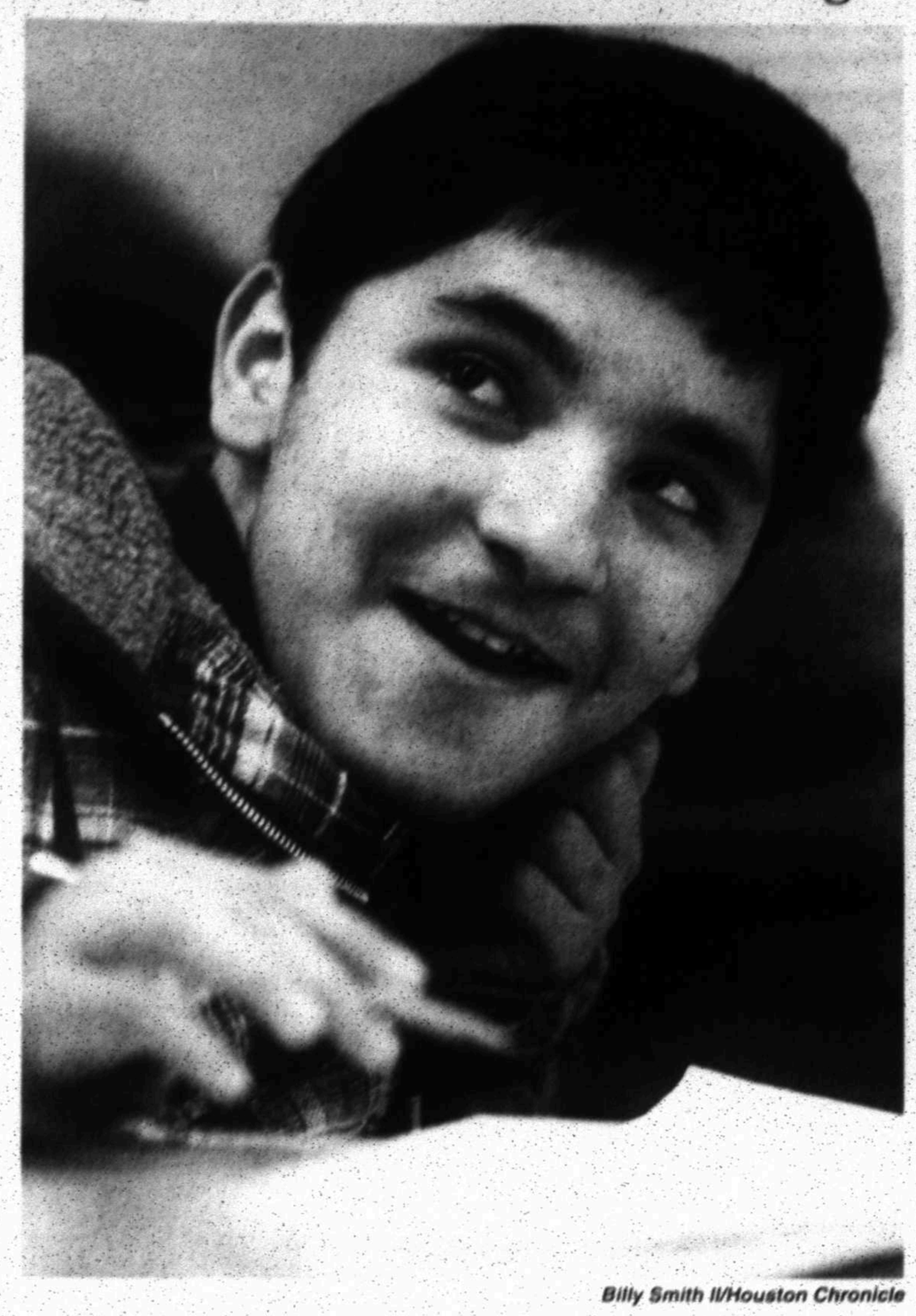
CHRISTIAN YOUTH NIGHT AT THE RODEO

Pakistan exchange student embraces challenges

By Zain Shauk
Houston Chronicle



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AMERICAN DREAM Westside High school student 16 year-old Aun Yousef smiles Jan. 13 during his English class at Westside High school in Houston. Yousef is an exchange student from Pakistan. Teenage foreign exchange students deal with an array of challenges, but they don't typically involve paralysis from multiple sclerosis. As a teenager in Pakistan, Aun dreamed of studying in America because he lived in a country where wheelchair-bound children are confined to homes and seen as passive members of society.

HOUSTON — Aun Yousef's foreign exchange experience started off with confusion in an airport parking lot. His new host father had come to a halt outside of his car, digesting the situation: a compact SUV and a 16-year-old in a wheelchair.

"Now what?" Tariq Effendi, Aun's host father, thought.

"In his wheelchair he looked fine, but I said, 'Now I have to put him in my car. How am I going to do that?'"

Aun is no stranger to confusion. It started when, at 7, he began losing control of his legs, falling while walking through his primary school in Pakistan.

As he reached 11 and lost most of his strength, his father would put him on the front of his motorcycle, placing his arms on either side of his son, then grabbing the handle bars and zipping through Karachi's rumbling, chaotic streets before placing Aun on a wheelchair at his public school.

Despite the multiple sclerosis that has left Aun dependent on others for nearly every physical task — he has limited strength in his arms and virtually no command of the rest of his body — the 16-year-old applied and underwent a yearlong selection process for a U.S. State Department-funded foreign exchange program.

Now, he is in Houston, living a dream as a student at Westside High School. It's a place where kids in the halls don't stare at him; let alone give him a second look, for being in a wheelchair.

Aun is among the few students with disabilities whose exchange is being funded by the State Department, which began an effort this year to diversify its selections to include such students.

Foreign exchange, however, has been a complicated choreography for Aun.

Teachers, administrators and students coordinated a schedule to help him move between classes, reach for pens and notebooks from his backpack, or get food from the cafeteria.

At home, he needs supervision, in case he falls into a slumping position or perhaps out of his chair.

Even bathing has to be appropriately timed to avoid cold days that could affect Aun's weak lungs and leave him susceptible to pneumonia.

For Aun, all of the planning and assistance is a non-issue. As a student pushed him recently through the diverse and crowded halls at Westside, Aun seemed to relish getting lost amid the din of teenage hallway chatter.

"People don't look at me like I am different," Aun said. "They just look at me like I'm a normal person."

His exchange has landed him in a distinctly American school, where teenagers kiss against lockers ("That's definitely weird, coming from a Muslim society," he said with a smile), and athletes with faux mohawks proudly sport their varsity jackets ("Nobody knows about cricket here," he observed).

It also has made him the focal point of his family and friends, with whom he speaks regularly and updates with photos and comments on Facebook.

When he first arrived at the school in September, Aun approached librarian Steve Harrison, asking if he could volunteer.

Harrison and other staff members feared that Aun would have trouble at the school, with the double challenge of being a foreign exchange student and having a disability.

But Aun has found a place for himself, regularly manning a library information desk, where students approach him with questions.

"I don't think the disability gets in his way of anything," Harrison said.

That wasn't the case in Pakistan, where Aun couldn't leave the house without feeling bystanders' critical stares and hearing their disapproving commentary. "How could they bring him here? Are they mad?" people would say when he visited the zoo or market.

Regard for people with disabilities in Pakistan, as in other developing countries, is not high. But through movies, Aun discovered a place where powered wheelchairs and access ramps tore down the barriers that disabilities might otherwise present.

Scenes from the movie X-Men involving a character in a wheelchair stood out in Aun's mind as representative of a culture of equality in America.

"He was not looking like a disabled person," Aun said of the character, Professor Charles Xavier. "He was looking like a genius, just sitting there and moving so easily."

Aun does face challenges daily, but often tries to work through them independently. When handed a cup of tea that he struggled to lift by shimmying his shoulders and using both hands, Aun decided to hold it in his lap instead.

When his keyboard in a computer class was too high, he continued his work without it, using a mouse to click through an on-screen keyboard application.

His experience would not have been possible without a host family that was capable of handling his needs and also was sensitive to his cultural differences, said David Godwin, a local coordinator for the exchange program.

In Effendi and his wife, Hashmat Effendi, Godwin found both. Hashmat Effendi is the founder of House of Charity, a Houston nonprofit that sends medical missions to developing countries and sometimes brings patients to Houston to treat cleft palates, acid burns and other conditions. The organization has a Houston home, where it houses a doctor and a nurse who help care for Aun.

The Effendis, who are Pakistani, don't sleep at the House of Charity Healing Home, but spend most of their time there, offering Aun Pakistani food and taking him to family events, which has included a Thanksgiving dinner.

With a passion for computers, Aun hopes to use his experience with American education to move toward a career as a software engineer. He has enrolled in a series of computer-related classes and often keeps to himself, happy to do his work and stay out of the spotlight.

Sitting in his red wheelchair, using subtle mouse movements to complete assignments, Aun said technology and facilities for people with disabilities in America transform major obstacles into minor speed bumps. His exposure to these things has fueled his imagination, bringing formerly impossible experiences within reach.

"If I am on a wheelchair, it doesn't mean my life is stopping," Aun said. "It's just another trial in my life from God. I have to just try hard."

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Student fined after using bad language

A suburban Dallas teenager had to take on a waitressing job to pay $637 after being ticketed for using bad language in a high school classroom.

Court records show that teacher Michelle Lene heard Victoria Mullins say "you trying to start (expletive)" loudly in class one day last October. She was sent to the principal's office and given lunch detention. The next day, the school resource officer presented the North Mesquite High School student a ticket.

The Dallas Morning News reported that the fine for disorderly conduct/abusive language was $340, but other charges included failure to show for a hearing.

The complaint said Lene was offended, and Mullins' language was a breach of the peace.

Mullins acknowledges she was wrong. She said a classmate was getting on her nerves.

HOUSTON

Small plane crashes in backyard

Houston area authorities say a small plane has crashed in a backyard in the northwest corner of Harris County.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said some minor injuries have been reported. It did not have information on how many people were onboard the plane.

The sheriff's office told the Houston Chronicle the plane crashed after missing a runway at Weiser Airpark near Huffmeister and Telge and nearly went into a bayou. The aircraft caught on fire, but firefighters extinguished it.

The crashed happened about 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

AUSTIN

12-year-old will speak to lawmakers about epilepsy

Kaylee Smith has raised $10,000 to fight epilepsy in the months since her 9-year-old brother drowned during an epileptic seizure in a bathtub in August.

Now, the Austin American-Statesman reported, the 12-year-old Round Rock girl will be going to Washington in March along with 35 other children to meet with lawmakers about epilepsy funding issues. Kaylee donated to the Epilepsy Foundation of Central and South Texas. She was then nominated to be a part of a program by the National Epilepsy Foundation called Kids Speak Up.

The seventh-grade cheerleader, who also has epilepsy, will be trained by the national foundation before meeting lawmakers.

More than 400,000 people have been diagnosed with epilepsy in Texas.

DALLAS

Newspaper: Parkland Hospital shake-up coming

A major shake-up may be coming to Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Citing county leaders and records, the Dallas Morning News reported county commissioners are replacing five of seven hospital board members. The move comes in the wake of concerns over a Morning News investigation into patient harm and related issues at Parkland.

A key remaining board member said that Dr. Ron Anderson's long tenure as chief executive is approaching an end, as well. Board member Dr. Lauren McDonald said Anderson no longer wants to do the full-time CEO job.

Board members recently decided to begin evaluating Anderson's performance.

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MISSIONARY KILLED A pray card handed out by Sam and Nancy Davis, missionaries working in Mexico, is shown. Nancy Davis, 59, died in a South Texas hospital Wednesday about 90 minutes after her husband drove the couple's truck against traffic across the Pharr International Bridge after the couple were allegedly attacked by gunmen, according to a statement issued by the Pharr Police Department.

Michael Conroy/AP

Missionary killed in Mexico drug no-man's land

By Katherine Corcoran
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — American missionaries Sam and Nancy Davis were crossing a drug cartel battleground in northern Mexico when gunmen opened fire on their truck and mortally wounded Nancy.

Now the search for her killers, an investigation led by authorities in Tamaulipas, could be mired by the same violence as investigators in previous high-profile cases have turned up dead in this state bordering Texas, where two powerful cartels are warring for drug routes.

No law enforcement officials on either side of the border would speak publicly Friday about the security issue, or the fact that few crimes in Mexico ever get prosecuted.

"We expect the Mexican authorities to investigate this case," said U.S. Embassy spokesman Alex Featherstone. "We can't speculate on what might happen to the investigators."

The couple drove up to an illegal roadblock on a stretch of highway just south of the border city of Reynosa. When Sam Davis decided not to stop, gunmen opened fire and hit Nancy Davis, 59, in the head. Sam frantically drove his bleeding wife for help crossing the wrong way on an international bridge into Texas, where she later died.

Tamaulipas will investigate the assault on the couple and the discharging of the firearm, said state Attorney General spokesman Ruben Darío Ríos Lopez. But he said the state is not investigating a murder because Davis died in the U.S.

Her death Wednesday came four months after American David Hartley was gunned down on Falcon Reservoir bordering Texas and Tamaulipas as he and his wife tried fleeing on Jet Skis. Last summer's massacre of 72 migrants also took place in Tamaulipas.

A prosecutor and transit police officer investigating the migrant case both turned up dead. A state police commander looking into Hartley's disappearance was decapitated; his head delivered to a Mexican army post in a suitcase.

Hartley's body was never found and no one has been arrested.

"Falcon Reservoir was a different issue," Ríos said. "Assistant Attorney General Hernán de la Garza is in charge of this investigation, and he's known as a very capable investigator."

State and local law enforcement in Texas, as well as the FBI, all pledged to do what they could to help the Mexican investigation.

The couple, who had been doing missionary work in Mexico for 30 years, was well aware of the dangers they faced and had cut back their trips recently as a result.

Intense violence has plagued all of northeastern Tamaulipas state, where the Gulf cartel and the Zetas have been battling for lucrative drug routes in the United States for more than a year.

The Mexican government in November sent more troops and federal police there in what it called a major operative to try to control drug violence.

Francille Davis said her son and daughter-in-law were in Mexico Wednesday to pay pastors in some of the village churches the family had established. She said the drug war had prevented Sam from reaching the churches earlier in the month.

Among their stops was the tiny hamlet of Villa Mainero, where the Davises had a church. Residents said the couple was well-known and well-loved for work they had done over decades.

They ran a children's shelter for some time and founded several churches in other small settlements. Nancy worked as a nurse and midwife, gave Bible classes and was known as a deeply religious person who used music to express her faith.

Adelaeda Martinez, now 42, grew up in the children's shelter, where her mother sent her so she could go to school. She said considered Nancy her spiritual mother.

"My mother died a month ago and they came from the U.S. to be with us in a difficult time," Martinez said. "They gave everything in their lives to be here with us. Not everyone wants to come here because we're in the mountains, the road is difficult and it's not safe."

Like most small towns in Mexico, the pueblo has a central plaza and town hall with a few sample convenience stores and stalls that sell tacos and ice cream. Few residents have telephones in their homes, said housewife Olga Cepeda, and many leave in search of work, often finding their way to cities like Monterrey or across the U.S. border.

In a sign of the effects of Mexico's drug war, Cepeda said gunmen in flashy SUVs are now a common sight on the roads around the once-peaceful town. The highway that runs past Villa Mainero to Monterrey and north to the border with Texas is a notorious drug-smuggling route.

"They loved Mexico," Cepeda said of the missionary couple. "I think, sadly, that caused her death."

Houston firm says unrest in Egypt hasn't affected work

By Brett Clanton
Houston Chronicle

Houston's Apache Corp. continued to keep a close eye Friday on rising political tensions in Egypt, where it has large oil and gas operations, but said its business there so far hadn't been affected by the crisis.

Investors, however, remained concerned about the situation, sending Apache shares and the broader stock market down and driving oil prices up on fears the unrest could destabilize the region.

Anti-regime rallies in Cairo and other Egyptian cities grew in size and intensity Friday. President Hosni Mubarak sent in troops and armored cars to quell protests, and went on Egyptian television to urge calm and announce he would form a new government.

Apache spokesman Bill Mintz said the company's Egyptian business on Friday continued to operate as usual.

He said that the majority of its operations are in the Western Desert and far from urban centers where protests are occurring.

But the company's stock price, after sinking 4 percent the day before on Egypt fears, fell another $1.49 Friday to close at $114.84 in New York Stock Exchange trading.

Analysts with FBR Capital Markets in Houston predicted Friday the Egypt crisis could cost Apache as much as $2.7 billion in lost market capitalization.

And Houston investment bank Tudor Pickering Holt & Co. said in a morning note to investors that the company's stock price "probably bleeds" for a while until order is restored in Egypt.

Oil prices, meanwhile, moved in the opposite direction as traders worried Egyptian unrest could spill over into other parts of the Middle East.

Crude rose $3.70 to settle at $89.34 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In 2009, Apache's oil and gas production in Egypt was 152,600 barrels of oil equivalent per day, about 26 percent of the company's total global output.

In the third quarter of 2010, the proportion dropped to around 20 percent after acquisitions elsewhere boosted the size of Apache.

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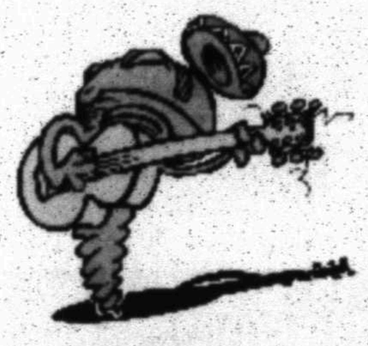
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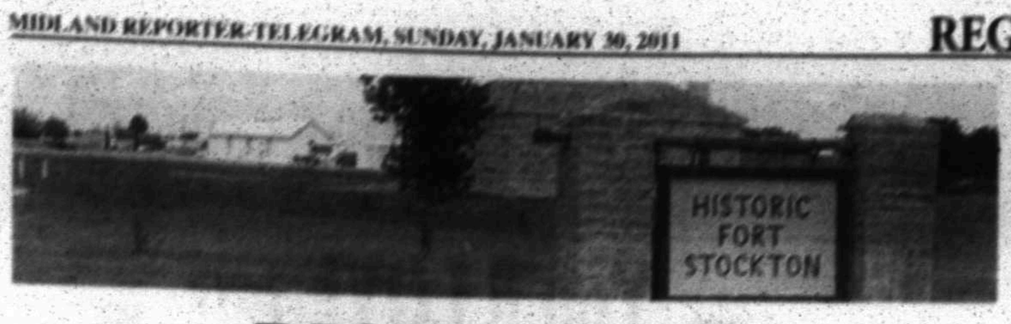


BASIN ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT STOCKTON

City sets public hearing on FSH

By the time Interim City Manager Doug May made the announcement Tuesday evening, it was not a secret.

Pecos County Judge Joe Shuster, during a Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District board of directors meeting earlier Tuesday, had announced the city of Fort Stockton was negotiating a settlement with Fort Stockton Holdings.

That settlement would end the city's opposition to Fort Stockton Holdings' application for a permit to export about 47,000 acre-feet of groundwater from about 18,000 acres the company controls in the Leon-Belding area west of Fort Stockton.

But it's not a done deal, just yet anyway, and May told the Fort Stockton City Council following a closed session of 37 minutes the public will have its chance to offer input during a public hearing Feb. 4 (which has been changed from Feb. 1).

Closed session yields no action

The Pecos County Commissioners' Court met in closed session for one hour and 27 minutes Tuesday morning stretching into the afternoon.

When the commissioners returned to open session, they took no action and issued no statements.

According to the Court's agenda, the purpose of the closed session was to consult with County Attorney Ori White "regarding pending, contemplated litigation regarding Fort Stockton Holdings, LLP pending application before the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District."

For details, go to www.fortstocktonprioneer.com.

ALPINE

Sul Ross proposes budget cuts

Budget reductions totaling $459,072 on the Sul Ross State University-Alpine and Rio Grande College campuses have been proposed.

A draft of the plan, which Sul Ross submitted to the Texas State University System on Jan. 15, proposes reductions of $315,513 on the Alpine campus and $143,559 at RGC.

"As you may be aware, on Dec. 6, 2010, we were directed by the state's leadership to reduce our FY2011 (current year) budget by 2.5 percent," Sul Ross President Ricardo Maestas noted in a memo to faculty and staff.

"This additional reduction of $315,513 in Alpine and $143,559 at RGC comes on the heels of already implemented 5 percent reductions in FY2010 and FY2011. This action was taken in an effort to address the anticipated state budget shortfall," Maestas added in his memo.

Sul Ross could see $6 million cut under board's proposal

The proposed 2012-13 budget released this week by the state cuts approximately $1.15 billion in money for colleges and universities, including money for classrooms and professors as well as money for grants and scholarships to college students.

And the Legislative Budget Board proposes that $6.1 million of that figure should come out of Sul Ross State University's funding.

The proposal by the highly powerful Legislative Budget Board (LBB) is not yet a final decision. The LBB assists the Texas Legislature by developing recommended appropriations for all agencies of state government, including state-supported colleges and universities. The two houses of the Legislature, the House and the Senate, have yet to vote on final appropriations.

State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, on Tuesday voiced frustration and indignation over the proposal.

Non-profit baseball backers invite public into process

JR Smith, who was general manager of the last professional baseball team to play at Kokernot Field, has been named GM of a new team hoping to call the historic Alpine ballpark home.

Smith was named general manager of the Alpine Cowboys during a meeting held earlier this month to disseminate information about the new team.

At the same time, Danny Randell was named field manager and Ryan Stevens was named assistant manager.

The organizational moves were the latest developments in an ongoing effort to keep professional baseball active in the Big Bend region.

For details, go to www.alpineavalanche.com.

BIG SPRING

Chief, sheriff tout advantages of consolidation

As city and county officials begin looking at a consolidation of services between the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Police Department, the entire matter could hinge on a meeting between the two governments in February.

Lonnie Smith, BSPD police chief, and Sheriff Stan Parker discussed the plans during a brief meeting Wednesday afternoon. According to Smith, the consolidation — which would have the two law enforcement agencies being housed under the same roof at the newly constructed county jail — could prove to be a financial boon to both governments, as well as an improvement in the services delivered to both Big Spring and Howard County residents.

Sheriff: Discovered skull a male

A preliminary report from anthropologists at Texas Tech University have identified the skull found in Howard County in mid-December as both human and male, but law enforcement officials remain guarded concerning the investigation.

Sheriff Stan Parker said Wednesday his office has received a partial preliminary report relating to the skull, which was discovered Dec. 20 north of Big Spring.

For details, go to www.bigspringherald.com.

ODESSA

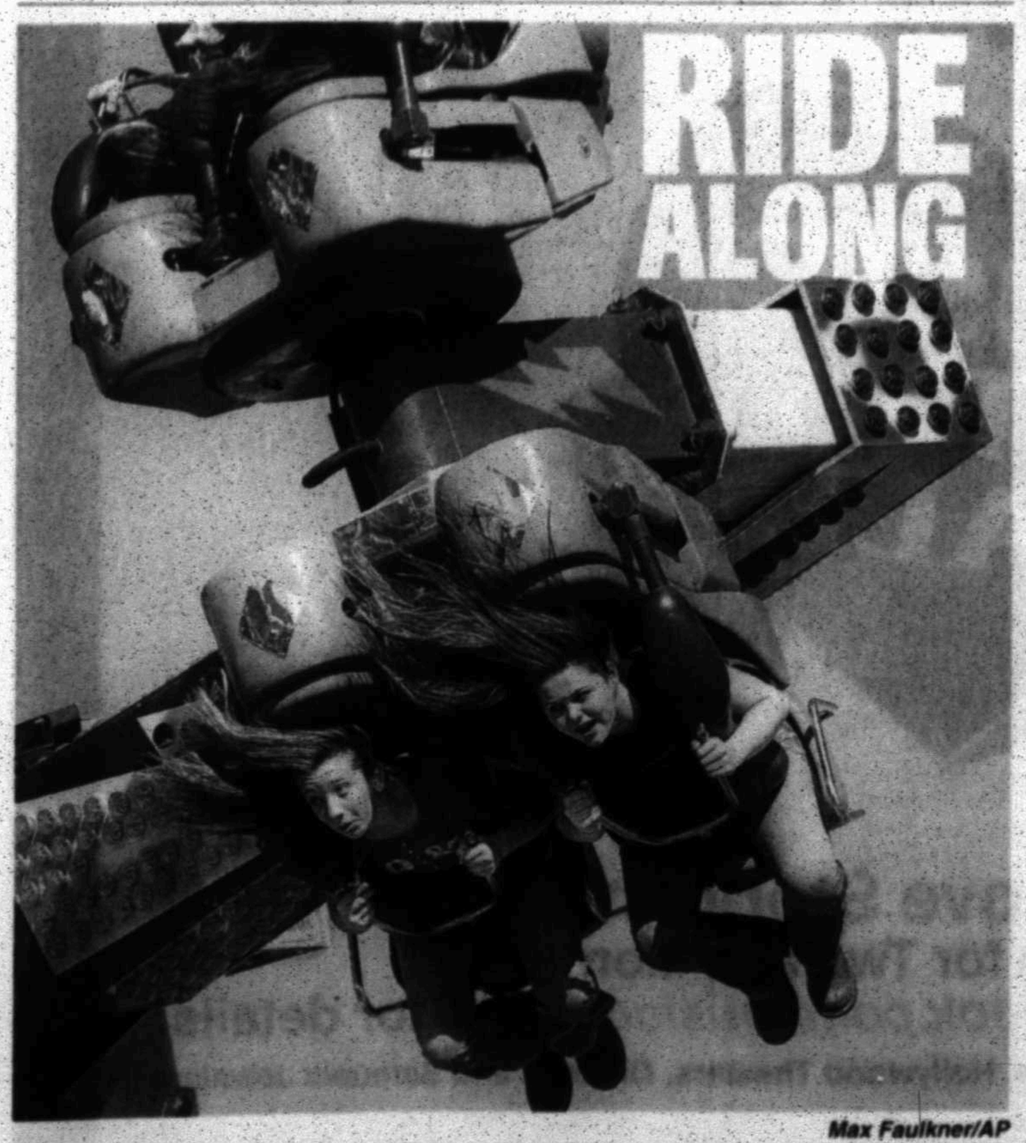
Ten Odessans plead guilty to cocaine distribution

After pleading guilty to cocaine-trafficking charges before a U.S magistrate judge, the tenth Odessan in a cocaine trafficking ring faces a federal prison term Friday, a U.S Attorney's Office news release said.

Ruben Rodriguez pleaded guilty Friday to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, the release said.

Rodriguez 's nine co-defendants, Aureliano Aranda, Priscilla Ann Rodriguez, Rene Vasquez, Santiago Fuentes Martinez, Raul Hernandez, Sylvia Espinoza Escovedo, Jorge Carrasco Valenzuela, Sonia Rodriguez Rocha and Christopher Albert Anaya pleaded guilty to the same charge in early January, the release said.

For details, go to www.oaoa.com.



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Mckenzie Starr, 12, lower left, and Mandy Hansen, 15, lower right, both of Aubrey, enjoy riding the midway ride Power Surge Saturday at Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Performance at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth.

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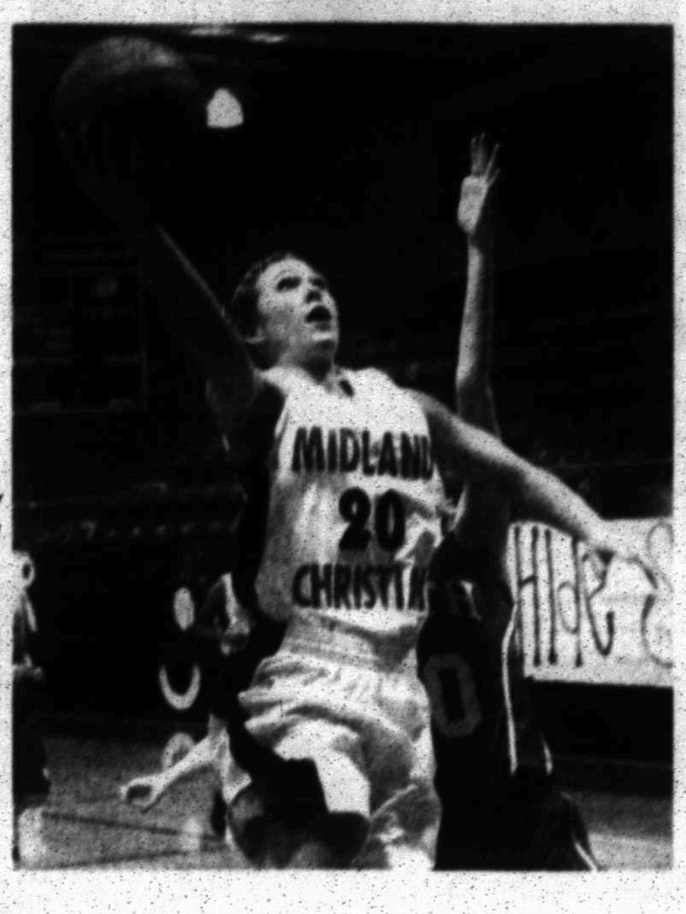

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DRIVING LAYUP Midland Christian's Jessica Smitherman takes the ball to the basket as Grapevine Faith's Alyx Hadley defends Saturday at Midand Christian.

MCS completes weekend sweep

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

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Midland Christian picked up a pair of fairly easy district wins this weekend, but the ease with which the Lady Mustangs won doesn't diminish the importance of those victories.

No. 18 Midland Christian (19-9, 5-3 in TAPPS 1-4A) made quick work of Grapevine Faith (10-15, 1-7) on Saturday at McGraw Gym, dispatching the Lady Lions, 54-29.

The victory completed a sweep of district games for the Lady Mustangs after they completely dismantled Fort Worth Southwest Christian 57-13 on Friday.

The pair of victories allowed MCS to work some of the kinks out of its game as it prepares for a challenging stretch of district games, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against No. 14 Lubbock Trinity at McGraw Gym. They Lady Mustangs then follow with a weekend series in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, playing No. 22 Arlington Grace Prep at 6:30 p.m. Friday and No. 10 Fort Worth Christian at 1 p.m. Saturday.

All three teams defeated the Lady Mustangs the first time they played earlier this season.

"This weekend I want the girls to focus on the small things, which beat us in the three district games we lost," MCS coach Robin Reed said. "We have to keep working on the small things that will help us in the playoffs."

On Saturday, Midland Christian scored the first nine points of the game and the rout was on. After DC Cooper hit a jumper 18 seconds into the match up, the Lady Mustangs used a full court press to force three consecutive steals in the backcourt that turned into seven quick points.

Freshman point guard Morgan Ashton had the first steal, then found an open Jessica Smitherman behind the arc, who drained the 3-pointer. Smitherman picked off a pass on the Lady Lions' next possession and took it in for a layup.

Cooper capped the 9-0 ral-

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DETERMINED ONE

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BIG TOURNAMENT Michael Dutchover, 13, will be competing in the 95-pound division at the Silver Gloves National Tournament on Feb. 3 in Independence, Mo.

Dutchover gets another crack at National Silver Gloves

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Michael Dutchover is proud to be considered among the best young boxers around, but now he and his coach think this week the 13-year-old will prove to be the very best among his peers.

Dutchover will be making his third consecutive trip to the National Silver Gloves Tournament this week, taking place Thursday through Saturday in Independence, Mo. Dutchover will be competing in the 95-pound weight class of the 13-14-year-old division.

Each time Dutchover has been at the tournament, he's had the unfortunate luck of fighting against the eventual champion in the first round. It's been a tough way to go out so early each time, but that has made Dutchover more determined than ever before.

"I've improved since last year," he said. "I've seen the kids that I might fight and I know that I can beat them. I just have to put it in my mind that I can do it. Physically and mentally, I just have to prepare the best I can."

Dutchover's coach Frankie Lujan said he believed his boxer won the fight in last year's first round, but for whatever reason, the judges didn't score it that way.

"I told him, 'A loss is a loss. You need to go back in the gym and don't leave the decisions to the judges.'" Lujan said. "That's pretty much when he made up his mind."

Dutchover got back into the gym and worked harder than he ever had before. He's also gained about 15 pounds from last year to his recent weight of 97. It's also made Lujan's job easier because Dutchover loves the sport and believes that is a key to becoming a successful boxer.

"It takes heart," he said. "You have to put your heart into it. I love boxing and I just love doing it. You have to take a tough mental approach, and physically you just have to train harder than the other kids. You have to want to train."

All the hard work and time he's put in appears to have paid off this year. In order to get to nationals Dutchover had to win the state and the regional tournament in Little Rock, Ark. At the championship of the regional tournament, Dutchover defeated Joseph Dondrakus, a national title champion at last year's Ringside World Amateur Championships. Lujan said his boxer left no doubt in the three-round bout.

"In all three rounds he didn't leave it up to the judges," Lujan said. "He pretty much controlled the fight from the beginning to the end."

Another factor that should help Dutchover this time around is that he's

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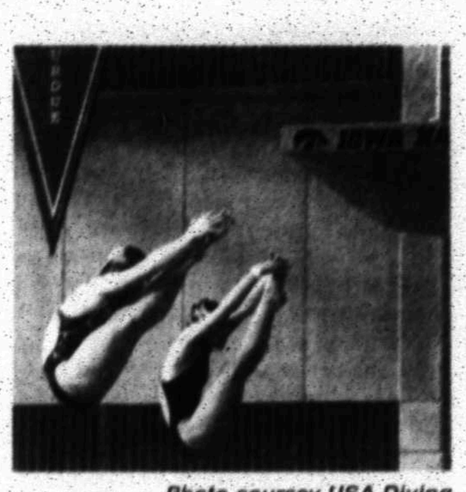

Photo coursey USA Diving

HARD WORK Anna James, left, works out in preparations for USA Diving Winter National Championships in Iowa City, Iowa.

James gains confidence for Winter Championships

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Anna James is still trying to come to grips with the fact that she has an opportunity over the next week to put herself in position for something few athletes can only dream about.

The 15-year old Midland native James is in Iowa City, Iowa, this week for the USA Diving Winter National Championships, and this meet could be the most important of James' fledgling diving career.

It's a meet where spots in the Fina Grand Prix meet are at stake, which is used to determine qualifiers for the world championships later this year, and if James can finish in the top 12 she will earn a spot in next year's Olympic Trials.

Even with those carrots hanging out there, James seems to be taking the pressure in stride. But she has a sense of what's at stake and knows she has an opportunity to showcase her talents to a wider audience and let them know who she is.

"At the beginning it was definitely intimidating competing in meets against people with all that experience," James said. "But I'm more used to it now, so it's easier now. It's just the experience that helps, but then you just kind of zone out and don't think about (the other competitors) and I think about what I'm doing."

Much of James' confidence stems from competing in the senior national

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Second-period power-play goal sends Rush over Jackalopes

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Rush	**2**
Jackalopes	1

ODESSA — There was one power-play goal scored Saturday night between the Odessa Jackalopes and the Rapid City Rush at the Ector County Coliseum, and it turned out to be big.

Rapid City's Vladimir Hartinger slapped a one-timer from the point past Jacks goaltender David McKee during a 5-on-3 power play late in the second period that provided the difference in a 2-1 victory for the Rush to end a tightly contested two-game, weekend series between the two teams.

The Rush will leave Odessa with four points and continue on their road trip through the Southern half of the Central Hockey League this week, and the Jacks, meanwhile, will get back on the ice on Tuesday against Berry Conference rival Texas.

"When you play all these games, you play one and learn from it and put it aside," Jacks coach Paul Gillis said. "It's about doing the things we have to do to be successful. We really did that tonight. If we play like that on a consistent basis we are going to be fine."

The lone power-play goal came a night after the two teams combined for seven goals with the man advantage, but on Saturday goals and space were hard to come by for both teams.

Odessa (19-17-5) was 0 for 5 on the power play, and Rapid City was 1 for 5, and both teams had chances to score but both goalies stonewalled their opponents and each team created chances. The Jacks outshot the Rush 33-26.

But late in the second period, the Rush received an opportunity that they took advantage of to take the lead in front of a crowd of 4,114.

With the game tied at 1, Odessa forward Mike Ramsay was called for a holding penalty that gave Rapid City a power-play, and then less than 30 seconds later Todd Robinson was called for hooking for the 5-on-3 Rush advantage.

The Jacks staved off Rapid City's attacks for some of the two-man advantage, but Hartinger's one-timer found the back of the net for a 2-1 lead with :23 seconds remaining in the second period.

"It was two even teams playing it out and really it came down to

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Heather Leiphart/Special to the MRT

RACING DOWN THE ICE Odessa's Jeff Pierce chases the puck ahead of Rapid City's Josh Beaulieu in the second period of the Jacks' game Saturday in Odessa.

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

Last week after word that former Midland High football coach and current San Angelo ISD Athletic Director Doug McCutchen passed away, I started to do what I have found to be one of the hardest parts of my job — doing a reaction story.

It's always tough when someone of significance in the athletic community where you live and work dies to talk to the friends and relatives about that person, and what that person meant to people.

But when you start doing those interviews you begin to find out things you hadn't heard before, or had been long forgotten. McCutchen is more known in Midland for helping bring Midland High's football program back to respectability, and being the odd man out in the famous "Coin Flip."

What I also found out, though, was that McCutchen was considered one of the state's top athletic administrators, and is still to this day considered a legend on the football field in his hometown of Bronte and at Texas Tech.

One interview, though, with former Lee coach Earl Miller told me as much about McCutchen's ability as a coach as any I had done. Miller and McCutchen would probably be classified as friends, but weren't close as Miller, who now lives in the San Antonio area, admitted he hadn't talked to McCutchen much in the last few years.

But from 1986-1988 these two were coaching at rival schools in the football-mad Tall City, and there was never any animosity between the two. And in the first two years of Miller's tenure, Lee had gotten the best of the Bulldogs, both in shutouts.

Even in those games, though, Miller said when you played against McCutchen you better be prepared to change something because if you didn't it would be a long night.

"You had to go in at halftime and change a lot of things," Miller said.

"He was tough to defense because he always kind of found your weaknesses. If you didn't change in the second half he was definitely going to beat you."

That's high praise coming from a coach who was the architect of some of the best defenses District 3-5A has ever seen, or will see. (That's for another column).

Finally in 1988, McCutchen and the Bulldogs beat the Rebels 35-21 to open the 4-5A season, which propelled Midland High to a 9-1 season.

"They just came at us and ran the ball down our throat," Miller said.

That season ended with Lee, Midland High and Odessa Permian all tied for the top spot in the district, leading to the famous coin flip.

When the coin flip ended, Miller said he could sense the extreme disappointment in McCutchen after not gaining one of those two spots. Miller said that McCutchen had a silver dollar that someone had given him that had won a bunch of flips, while he used a half dollar.

"I remember I had to jump over (the silver dollar) and let it land," Miller said.

Miller acknowledged had the current points tiebreaker system been in place then, the Rebels would've been sitting at home and the Bulldogs would have been in the postseason.

"I felt bad for Doug for not winning it," Miller said. "They had a good football team. Naturally, I think he thought they should've figured the points."

Miller remembers McCutchen as a man who was well liked and easy to get along with, and said at that time in Midland coaching football was a tough job considering how seriously people took the sport.

"It was a big rivalry, but we had a good relationship and he was a person that was well liked," Miller said.

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On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING
Rolex Sports Car Series, 24 at Daytona, finish of race, 8 a.m., SPEED

BOWLING
PBA, Earl Anthony Memorial Classic, 1 p.m., ESPN2

EXTREME SPORTS
X Games, 11:30 a.m., ESPN
X Games, (same-day tape), 10:30 p.m., ESPN2

FIGURE SKATING
U.S. Championships, at Greensboro, N.C., 3 p.m., NBC

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Volvo Champions, (same-day tape), 8:30 a.m., TGC
PGA Tour, Farmers Insurance Open, final round, Noon, TGC
PGA Tour, Farmers Insurance Open, final round, 2 p.m., CBS
Champions Tour, Skins Game, final round, 6 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Duke at St. John's, Noon, CBS
Miami at Virginia Tech, 4:30 p.m., FSS
Maryland at Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m., FSS
Washington at Washington St., 9 p.m., FSS

NBA
Miami at Oklahoma City, Noon, ABC
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Utah at Golden State, 9 p.m., ESPN

NFL
Pro Bowl, 6 p.m., Fox

NHL
All-Star Game, 3 p.m., VERSUS

RODEO
PBR, Jack Daniel's Invitational, (same-day tape), 1:30 p.m., NBC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Baylor at Texas A&M, Noon, FSS
Colorado at Texas, 2 p.m., FSS
Georgia at LSU, 4 p.m., ESPN2

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER ROUNDUP

Girls

LEE LOSES IN TITLE GAME

MANSFIELD — Tori Rackow struck again for the Lee girls soccer team in Saturday's championship game of the Mansfield Tournament, but it wasn't enough to top Wichita Falls.

Rackow scored on an assist from Haylie Conner in the 36th minute for her third goal in two days, which tied the score. However, Wichita Falls found the net again in the second half on a corner kick to take a 2-1 victory and hand Lee (5-1-5) its first loss of the season as it prepares for District 3-5A play.

"It was a pretty good tournament for us," Lee coach Brian Pollard said. "We played well, played hard. We just had a couple missed opportunities. I'm pleased and we're ready to start district play."

Wichita Falls got on the board first with a goal in the 20th minute after the ball got loose near the top of the 18-yard box. Sixteen minutes later, Conner crossed the ball to Rackow, who made a great run for the goal.

But in the 64th minute, a Wichita Falls corner kick was on target and although two Lee defenders got a piece of it, the ball still found the net.

Boys

MHS CLAIMS TOURNEY TITLE

WICHITA FALLS — The Midland High boys soccer team won both of its matches on Saturday to take the Wichita Falls Tournament championship.

Midland High defeated Amarillo Palo Duro, 3-2, in its first game of the day to advance and beat Amarillo Tascosa, 2-0.

"It was a great weekend," MHS coach Warren Cottle said. "The boys played very, very well. To be on the road and come away with the title, I couldn't be more proud. It's just what we needed going into district play."

Palo Duro got on the board first, scoring on a free kick in the 23rd minute and scored again on a penalty kick in the 54th minute, but Midland High rallied with an own goal in the 51st minute, a goal from Darius Knapp in the 55th minute, assisted by Robert Gonzalez and the winning goal from Nico Francio in the 62nd minute.

In the championship game, goalies Jesus Cereceres and Martin Rodeo combined to shut out Tascosa. Meanwhile Ethan Baltier put the Bulldogs on the board with a goal assisted by Knapp in the 55th minute. In the 63rd minute, Francio put the match out of reach with a goal assisted by Colby Trolender.

Compiled from staff reports

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Girls

EL PASO IMMANUEL 65, TRINITY 49

EL PASO — Trinity took a one-point lead into the second quarter, but El Paso Immanuel took over from there on its way to a 65-49 victory to clinch the TCAF Division II title.

Anni Martinez led all scorers with 21 points to pace Immanuel while teammates Victoria Lopez and Lucinda Lopez added 14 and 12 points, respectively. The Lady Chargers (10-8, 0-2) were led by Callie Davenport's 13 points. Ten Lady Chargers scored in all, compared to just six Lady Warriors, but Immanuel (23-1, 2-0) picked it up on both ends of the court. Immanuel outscored Trinity, 42-22 in the second and third quarters. Trinity will be off next week but resumes play at 6 p.m. on Feb. 8, at Jal, N.M.

EL PASO IMMANUEL 65, TRINITY 49
Trinity (10-8, 0-2) — Callie Davenport 13, Mykyla Ball 9, Victoria Olivo 7, Abby Jones 6, Elizabeth Moloff 5, McKenzie Edwards 2, London Edwards 2, Leslie Willingham 2, Kendall Meyers 2, Patricia Batte 1.
Immanuel (23-1, 2-0) — Anni Martinez 21, Victoria Lopez 14, Lucinda Lopez 12, Amanda Castillo 9, G. Ortiz 6, Suzi Winters 3.

Trinity	12	13	9	15	—49
Immanuel	11	22	20	12	—65

Free throws — Trinity 10-22, Immanuel 17-28. 3-point goals — Trinity 7 (Ball 3, Davenport 2, Moloff 1, Jones 1), Immanuel 4 (L. Lopez 1, V. Lopez 1, Winters 1, Martinez 1). Total fouls — Trinity 22, Immanuel 16. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Trinity at Jal (N.M.), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Boys

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 58, GRAPEVINE FAITH 52

The Midland Christian boys basketball team picked up its first TAPPS 1-4A victory on Saturday, defeating Grapevine Faith, 58-52.

Led by Zach Gilbert, the Mustangs (4-21, 1-6) withstood a 3-point onslaught from the Lions (14-14, 2-5).

The Lions connected on 10 3-pointers in the contest from five different players while the Mustangs sank just two. However, Midland Christian did plenty of damage from the free throw line, converting 16 of its 25 attempts while Grapevine Faith shot only nine free throws the entire game.

Gilbert led all scorers with 21 points while teammates David Parkhurst and Jacob Longbotham added 17 and 10 points, respectively.

The Mustangs led 13-5 after the first quarter and never trailed at the end of any period from that point on. Midland Christian remains home for its next game when it will face No. 2 Lubbock Trinity at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 58, GRAPEVINE FAITH 52
Grapevine Faith (14-14, 2-5) — K. Chapman 4, Moffett 7, R. Chapman 3, Lynch 13, Walton 6, Fiorentino 8, Childers 11.
Midland Christian (4-21, 1-6) — Joe Burns 1, Zach Gilbert 21, Mason Spencer 1, Jacob Longbotham 10, Matt Counts 2, David Parkhurst 17, Mason Alsup 6.

GFC	5	19	13	15	—52
MCS	13	16	15	14	—58

Free throws — GFC 7-9, MCS 16-25. 3-point goals — GFC 9 (Lynch 3, Walton 2, Fiorentino 2, Moffett 1, Childers 1), MCS 2 (Gilbert, Parkhurst). Total fouls — GFC 23, MCS 12. Fouled out — GFC: K. Chapman, Moffett.
Next game: Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MCS

From 1C

ly with a steal of her own that she converted into a layup with 6:42 to play in the game.

But the Lady Mustangs didn't let up and Smitherman benefitted the most on the offensive end. The senior consistently worked her way into good scoring position and her teammates constantly found her.

Smitherman scored 14 of her game-high 24 points in the first period. She also led the Lady Mustangs with seven rebounds.

"All around she's just great. She's a great leader, a great defender," Reed said of Smitherman. "On offense, she sees the floor and keeps her composure. She plays a huge presence in leading this team."

Smitherman wasn't ready to take all of that credit, though, calling Midland Christian's dominance and her high-scoring total a result of strong team play.

"Everyone was just clicking together," Smitherman said. "All my teammates were getting me good looks at the basket. It was really everyone working together."

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NO. 18 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 54, GRAPEVINE FAITH 29
Faith (19-15, 1-7 in TAPPS 4-1A) — Baylee Barnes 10, Tamesha McAllister 9, Hailey Swift 3, Kiersten Shivers 3, Morgan Corn 2, Alyx Hadley 2.
MCS (19-9, 5-3) — Jessica Smitherman 24, Whitney Rogers 9, DC Cooper 9, Kirh Vannaman 3, Morgan Ashton 3, Bethany Roach 2, Richelle Miller 2, Lindzey Roach 2.

Faith	7	10	5	7	—29
MCS	25	10	12	7	—54

Free throws — Faith 5-9, MCS 11-24. 3-point goals — Faith 2 (Swift, Shivers), MCS 2 (Smitherman, Vannaman). Rebounds — Faith 26 (Barnes 6, McAllister 6), MCS 32 (Smitherman 7). Assists — Faith 2 (Hadley, Corn), MCS 4 (Cooper 2). Turnovers — Faith 33, MCS 16. Total fouls — Faith 17, MCS 13. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Grapevine Faith at Fort Worth Christian, 6 p.m. Tuesday; Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

INTO THE PAINT Midland Christian's D.C. Cooper drives the lane as she tries to get around Grapevine Faith's Alyx Hadley Saturday at Midland Christian.

JACKALOPES

From 1C

an opportunity," Gillis said. "Each night (during the two games) it's really come down to one opportunity and they buried it, and we didn't."

But even down by a goal, the Jacks found ways to pressure the Rush, and with two minutes remaining in the game, Odessa pulled McKee to work for the equalizer.

Odessa had a number of chances including once with a scrum in front of the net, but the Jacks could not put the puck in the net.

"We had a few chances (with the extra attacker), and I think we deserved a call somewhere along the line," Gillis said. "I thought we got hooked a couple of times, but we went after them. We had an open net there that we missed. But you know what, I'm not disappointed in the way our team played because I think we competed hard."

Odessa's McKee stopped 24 of 26 shots, while Rapid City's Danny Battochio stopped 32 of 33.

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RAPID CITY 2, ODESSA 1

Rapid City	0	2	0	—2
Odessa	0	1	0	—1

First Period — Note: Penalties, Patrick Mbaraga, Odessa (interference), 1:34; Riley Wesebeck, Rapid City (holding), 4:08; Jay Birnie, Rapid City (slashing), 8:23.
Second Period — 1. Rapid City, Ryan Menei (Scott Wray, Dave Grimson) 2:08. 2. Odessa, Philippe Plante (Mike Ramsay, Kenny Bernaldi), 12:35. 3. Rapid City, Vladimir Hartinger (Ryan Menei, Konrad Reeder), 19:56. Penalties: Les Reaney, Rapid City (interference), 4:03; Patrick Mbaraga, Odessa (holding), 9:39; Geo Flammino, Rapid City (cross-checking), 15:27; Mike Ramsay, Odessa (holding), 18:33; Todd Robinson, Odessa (hooking), 19:57.
Third Period — None. Penalties, Colt King, Rapid City (interference), 1:46; Kenny Conupe, Odessa (slashing), 10:50.
Shots on Goal — Rapid City 6-12-8—26. Odessa 14-12-7-33.
Power-play opportunities — Rapid City 1 for 5; Odessa 0 for 5.
Goalies — Rapid City, Danny Battochio 16-15-4 (33 shots-32 saves). Odessa, David McKee 2-1-2 (25 shots-23 saves).
A — 4,114. T — 2:52.
Referees — Kevin Weibringer, Rich Walters. Dan Pecora.

UTPB ROUNDUP

Men's Basketball

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin men's basketball team trailed by as many as 14 with less than four minutes to play and eventually cut the deficit to three, but would come no closer as St. Edward's escaped with an 81-78 win over the Falcons.

The win snapped a five-game losing skid for the Hilltoppers, who claimed their first Heartland Conference win of the season. The Falcons on the other hand, fell to 9-10 overall and 3-4 in league play.

The Falcons had a tough time with the one-two punch of Remy Boswell and Shimeek Johnson, who combined for 53 points.

Women's Basketball

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin women's basketball team missed 11 of its first 12 field goals in the first seven minutes of action, but recovered to eventually take a 94-71 win over St. Edward's in Heartland Conference action.

The Hilltoppers took advantage of the Falcons' poor shooting, jumping out to a 15-6 lead, but UTPB would go on a 12-5 run over the next four-and-a-half minutes to tie the game at 20 with 8:37 to go before the half. Missy Jackson hit the back end of a pair of free throws to give UTPB a 21-20 advantage — its first lead of the game.

Sarah Milewski, who finished with 11 points, gave St. Edward's a brief 22-21 advantage with just over seven minutes to play before Teisha King gave the Falcons the lead for good after making a layup with 5:37 to go before the break. King was one of four players to finish in double-figures with 17, while Tammy Acosta and Miesha Blackshear poured in 22 and 20 points respectively. Cashena Mathis had 12 on 5-of-11 shooting. The Falcons would eventually take a 41-35 lead at halftime.

Swimming

SAN ANTONIO — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin men's swim team finished second while the women finished third at the UIW Cardinal Invitational.

On the men's side, Ryan Wilcox and Joe Sarradet both picked up two first place finishes with Wilcox winning the 50 and 100-yard freestyles while Sarradet won the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard backstroke. Kyler Wood was the only other first place individual after winning the 200-yard breaststroke. Wilcox won the 50 free in a time of 21.22 and set a personal best in the 100 free with a time of 46.97. Sarradet swam the fastest 100-yard breaststroke this season after touching the wall in a time of 59.74.

On the women's side, Jennifer Gunderson was the lone individual winner as she took the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 24.68 setting a season's best in the event. She also set a season's best in the 100-yard freestyle after finishing second with a time of 54.03.

Overall, the men finished with 783.5 points, while Incarnate Word won the event with 1297.5 points. Trinity and Southwestern were third and fourth respectively with 646 and 144. Incarnate Word won the women's side with 1243 points, while Trinity was second with 847. UTPB finished with 463 while Southwestern had 418 points.

Both the men and women will be headed to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Swim Meet on Feb. 10-12 in Mesa Colorado.

From staff reports

Bradley beats Alexander with unanimous decision

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — Timothy Bradley moved a step closer toward a megafight that could make him a boxing superstar — though he might have to beat Devon Alexander again to get there.

Bradley defended his WBO 140-pound title and took Alexander's WBC belt, winning a unanimous technical decision after the fight was stopped in the 10th round Saturday night at the Silverdome.

The ringside doctor ruled Alexander couldn't keep his right eye open and halted the fight at 1:59 of the 10th after an accidental head-butt.

"If that's the best in the world, that's weak," Alexander said. "I couldn't see, so they had to stop the fight."

Bradley (27-0) handed Alexander (21-1) his first loss in the biggest fight for each rising star.

"He'll be a world champion again some day," Bradley said.

Both fighters took a risk by taking a bout either could lose, but the payoff could be huge.

The 27-year-old Bradley took a step toward a possible fight with Manny Pacquiao or Floyd Mayweather Jr. down the road, but WBA super lightweight champion Amir Khan could be his next opponent.

Bradley's camp said earlier in the week that it would welcome a fight with Khan, if the time was not right for a bout with Mayweather or Pacquiao.

Coll. Football

SENIOR BOWL

NORTH	9	9	9 – 10
South	7	6	7 – 24

First Quarter
South–FG Jasper 23, 9:57.
South–Hankerson 18 pass from Pinder (Jasper kick), 2:04.

Second Quarter
South–Devine 1 run (Jasper kick), 14:55.

Third Quarter
North–FG Forbath 24, 5:09.
North–Scott 1 run (Heaney kick), 1:39.

Fourth Quarter
South–Kelly 23 pass from Pinder (Jasper kick), 3:04.
A–40,646.

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First downs	13	20
Rushes-yards	19-6	43-127
Passing	238	190
Comp-Att-Int	17-31-1	15-29-0
Return Yards	36	2
Punts-Avg.	6-42.8	7-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-70	6-71
Time of Possession	24:02	35:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—North: Scott 5-15, Kaepernick 4-9, Hicks 4-9, 2-3, Hunter 2-0, Young 1 (minus 2), Murray 2 (minus 4). Locker 2 (minus 5). South: Devine 11-51, Smith, Prickett 10-50, Locker 11-37, Ponder 4-17, Allen 4-15, Devine 7-8, Dalton 4-3, McElroy 3 (minus 3).

PASSING—North: Hicks, 7-12-0-87. Locker 6-10-0-96, Kaepernick 4-9-1-53. South: Ponder 7-13-0-132, McElroy 5-8-0-58, Dalton 3-7-0-22.

RECEIVING—North: Sonnenbauer 5-62, Brown 4-43, Kendricks 3-39, Young 2-27, Scott 1-14, Pettis 1-26, Reid 1-5, Hunter 1-2, Scott, Hankerson 5-192, Kersey 2-29, Johnson 1-12, Devine 1-12, Smith 1-10, Powell 1-4, Sanders 1-7, Dial 1-5, Allen 1-5, Sales 1-2.

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TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Bloomington	49	24	18	2	50	115	116
Colorado	41	24	15	2	50	126	128
Rapid City	44	23	17	4	50	145	149
Wichita	46	22	16	3	47	135	136
Quad City	47	23	18	3	49	120	142
Missouri	45	20	16	4	44	122	117
Dayton	45	20	16	4	44	121	116
Fort Wayne	38	16	18	5	37	102	119
Evansville	45	12	22	11	35	124	154

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Allen	38	8	27	3	19	81	148
Tulsa	43	23	19	1	47	118	114
Brooks Springs	43	22	19	2	46	149	138
Texas	39	20	14	4	44	129	121
Mississippi	43	21	17	5	47	135	138
Odessa	41	19	17	5	43	149	148
Arizona	42	17	20	5	39	129	159
Rio Grande Valley	41	12	25	4	28	121	162
Laredo	41	10	21	6	26	125	146

NOTE: Ten points are awarded for a win, five points for an overtime or shootout loss, one point for an overtime or shootout loss are only denoted in the OL column, not the loss column.

Saturday's Scores

Allen 4, Laredo 2
Fort Wayne 2, Brooks Springs 1
Tulsa 3, Missouri 4
Bloomington 4, Mississippi 5 OT
Rapid City 3, Odessa 1
Texas 5, Rio Grande Valley 4
Evansville 5, Dayton 4, SO
Colorado 6, Arizona 4

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss.

Saturday's Games

Rapid City at Allen, 5 p.m.
Wichita at Dayton, 4 p.m.
Fort Wayne at Texas, 4 p.m.
Missouri at Quad City, 4:05 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 5:05 p.m.

Golf

Volvo Champions Leading Scores
Eds: Fixes scores for first four finishers.
Saturday
At Royal Golf Club (Montgomerie Course)
Riffe, Bahrain
Purse: $.8 million
Yardage: 7,224. Par: 72
Third Round

Paul Casey, Eng 67-67-68 —202
Peter Hanson, Swe 66-67-69 —202
Simon Khan, Mexico 69-65-67 —201
Jose Rodgers, RSA 67-67-67 —201
Maj Angel Jimenez, Spain 68-65-68 —201
Mitto Mission, Italy 67-70-66 —203
Jim Edfors, Sweden 64-71-68 —203
Stephen Gleche, Scotland 70-64-69 —203
Alando Nunn, Swed 67-70-67 —204
Francisc Milton, Italy 66-69-69 —204
David Murphy, Eng 69-70-65 —204
Edmd Mission, Italy 68-66-71 —205
Todd Hamilton, U.S. 70-71-64 —205
Andre Hinojo, Spain 68-68-69 —205
Rich Kinsman, Swed 69-67-69 —205
J. Mrtd Lara, Spn 70-67-68 —205
Mark Foster, Eng 69-70-67 —206
R Grafiz Aragonina 71-65-70 —206
B Webster, Eng 68-68-70 —206
B Dredge, Wales 70-67-69 —206
Tiery Arkin, RSA 70-69-68 —207
R Cabrera-Bello, Spn 69-68-70 —207
A Canizares, Spn 68-71-68 —207
P Lawrie, Scot 66-71-70 —207
Seung Yul Noh, Korea 69-68-70 —207
Anno Quiros, Spain 67-69-71 —207
Richd Bland, Scotland 72-68-67 —207
Richd Sterne, RSA 69-73-67 —209

Also

Ian Poulter, Eng 72-69-68 —209
Sergio Garcia, Spn 67-69-73 —209
P Harrington, Ired 70-69-73 —212

MLB

Baseball Calendar

Feb. 21 — Salary arbitration hearings begin.

Phoenix

Feb. 14 — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers (catchers and injured players).

Feb. 19 — Voluntary reporting date for other players.

March 7 — Mandatory reporting date.

March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.

March 15 — Last day to place a player on uncondictional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.

March 29— Last day to request uncondictional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2011 salary.

March 31 — Opening day, active rosters reduced to 25 players.

July 12 — All-Star game, Phoenix

July 24 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.

July 31 — Last day to trade a player with out waiving waivers.

Aug. 15 — Last day to sign selections from 2011 amateur draft who have not exhausted college eligibility.

Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.

Sept. 30 or Oct. 1 — Playoffs begin.

Oct. 19 — World Series begins.

November — Free agent period to sign exclusively with former teams, first 15 days after World Series ends.

Dec. 1 — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.

Dec. 5-8 — Winter meetings, Dallas

Dec. 7 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept the offers.

Dec. 11 — Collective bargaining agreement expires.

Dec. 12 — Last day for teams to offer 2012 contracts to unsigned players.

REMAINING FREE AGENTS LIST
NEW YORK (AP) — The 62 remaining free agents:
AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (3) — Mark Hendrickson, lhp; Julio Lugo, 2b; Kevin Millwood, rhp.

BOSTON (2) — Felipe Lopez, 3b; Mike Lowell, 1b.

CHICAGO (4) — Freddy Garcia, rhp; Andrew Jones, of; Mark Kotsay, dh; Manny Ramirez, of.

DETROIT (3) — Jeremy Bonderman, rhp; Johnny Damon, of; Bobby Seay, lhp.

LOS ANGELES (1) — Scott Shields, rhp.

MINNESOTA (2) — Randy Flores, lhp; Ron Mahay, lhp.

NEW YORK (3) — Nick Johnson, dh; Chad Moeller, c; Andy Pettitte, lhp.

OAKLAND (3) — Eric Chavez, 3b; Justin Duchscherer, rhp; Ben Sheets, rhp.

SEATTLE (3) — Russell Branyan, 1b; Chris Woodward, ss; Jeremy Wright, rhp.

TAMPA BAY (2) — Rocco Baldelli, dh; Gabe Kapler, of.

TEXAS (3) — Vladimir Guerrero, dh; Cristian Guzman, inf; Bengie Molina, c.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (3) — Kris Benson, rhp; Mike Hampton, lhp; Rodrigo Lopez, rhp.

ATLANTA (1) — Troy Glaus, 1b.

CINCINNATI (1) — Orlando Cabrera, ss.

Jim Edmonds, of; Mike Lincoln, rhp; Russ Springer, rhp.

COLORADO (1) — Jay Payton, of.

FLORIDA (2) — Jorge Sosa, rhp; Chad Tracy, 3b.

HOUSTON (1) — Brian Moehler, rhp.

LOS ANGELES (3) — Brad Penny, rhp; Scott Podsednik, of; Jeff Weaver, rhp.

MILWAUKEE (3) — David Bush, rhp; Doug Davis, lhp; Trevor Hoffman, rhp.

NEW YORK (3) — Elmer Dessens, rhp; Kaveh Rosenblatt, rhp; Fernando Tatis, inf-of.

PHILADELPHIA (2) — Chad Durbin, rhp; Mike Sweeney, 1b.

ST. LOUIS (3) — Pedro Feliz, 3b; Jason LaRue, c; Mike MacDougal, rhp; Aaron Miles, 2b; Dennys Reyes, lhp; Kevin Wells, of.

SAN DIEGO (1) — David Eckstein, 2b.

SAN FRANCISCO (1) — Jose Guillen, of.

WASHINGTON (2) — Miguel Batista, rhp; Kevin Mench, of.

NBA

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	35	11	.761	—
New York	24	22	.522	11
Philadelphia	25	26	.490	12
New Jersey	14	34	.292	22
Toronto	13	35	.271	23
Southeast Division				
Miami	39	14	.696	—
Orlando	30	17	.638	2 1/2
Atlanta	30	18	.625	3
Charlotte	20	25	.444	11 1/2
Washington	13	33	.283	19
Central Division				
Chicago	33	14	.702	—
Milwaukee	19	26	.422	14
Indiana	17	31	.354	16 1/2
Detroit	17	30	.362	16
Cleveland	8	38	.174	24 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	40	7	.851	—
Dallas	31	15	.674	8 1/2
New Orleans	21	25	.457	18
Memphis	24	28	.462	18
Houston	22	27	.449	19
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	30	16	.652	—
Denver	28	18	.609	2
Utah	28	19	.596	2 1/2
Portland	25	22	.532	5 1/2
Minnesota	11	36	.234	19 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	33	14	.702	—
Phoenix	21	24	.467	11
Golden State	19	27	.413	13 1/2
L.A. Clippers	7	28	.378	15
Sacramento	11	33	.250	20 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Chicago 110, Indiana 89
Memphis 107, Washington 93
Minnesota 103, Toronto 87
Dallas 109, Atlanta 91
Milwaukee 91, New Jersey 87
San Antonio 108, Houston 95
New Orleans at Sacramento, late
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Miami at Oklahoma City, noon
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 5:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES

SPURS 108, ROCKETS 95

HOUSTON (95): Battie 2-4 0-0 5; Scola 8-17 7-8 23; Hayes 5-6 0-1 10; Lowry 6-12 2-2 15; Martin 4-11 0-0 8; Brooks 3-9 0-0 7; Patterson 4-9 0-0 8; Jeffries 0-1 2-4 2; Budinger 4-6 0-0 9; Williams 0-2 1-2 1; Smith 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 40-86 10-16 95.

SAN ANTONIO (108): Jefferson 7-8 2-2 16; Duncan 5-11 2-4 12; Blair 6-12 2-2 14; Parker 5-9 6-6 17; Ginobili 7-11 4-4 22; Splitter 1-4 1-3 3; G Hill 3-7 0-0 6; Neal 1-7 0-0 2; McDyess 1-3 0-0 2; Anderson 3-9 0-0 7; Quinn 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 15-21 108.

24-27 19-28

Houston 26 25 20 24 — 95
San Antonio 25 28 31 24 — 108

3-Point Goals—Houston 5-20 (Martin 2-7, Budinger 1-1, Brooks 1-4, Lowry 1-5, Jeffries 0-1, Williams 0-1, Battie 0-1), San Antonio 8-16 (Ginobili 4-6, Jefferson 2-3, Parker 1-3, Neal 1-2, Anderson 0-1, Hill 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 51 (Scola 15), San Antonio 40 (Blair 12). Assists—Houston 22 (Lowry 7), San Antonio 22 (Parker 6). Total Fouls—Houston 20, San Antonio 17. A—18,581 (18,797).

MAVERICKS 102, HAWKS 91

ATLANTA (91): Evans 2-4 0-0 4; Smith 5-10 6-6 17; Horford 4-9 2-3 10; Bibby 1-4 0-0 3; Johnson 13-24 1-1 27; Jo.Crawford 4-12 2-2 11; Pachulia 1-4 4-6 6; Williams 0-1 2-4 2; Collins 1-2 0-0 3; Teague 2-4 1-2 6; Powell 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 35-76 17-22 91.

DALLAS (102): Pavlovic 2-5 0-0 4; Nowitzki 9-14 4-4 23; Chandler 5-9 2-2 12; Kaman 3-2 2-2 12; Stevenson 3-10 2-2 11; Terry 5-11 6-7 18; Marion 5-12 0-0 10; Haywood 0-2 0-0 0; Barea 2-5 2-2 6; Butler 3-6 7-12 13. Totals 36-73 22-27 102.

Atlanta 24 26 23 18 — 91
Dallas 28 24 25 25 — 102

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 4-20 (Teague 1-1, Bibby 1-3, Smith 1-3, Jo.Crawford 1-7, Evans 0-1, Johnson 0-1), Dallas 8-24 (Stevenson 3-6, Kidd 2-4, Terry 2-4, Nowitzki 1-1, Marion 0-1, Barea 0-2). Fouled Out—Smith. Rebounds—Atlanta 42 (Horford 9), Dallas 48 (Nowitzki 14). Assists—Atlanta 22 (Johnson 8), Dallas 26 (Terry 11). Total Fouls—Atlanta 22, Dallas 17. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A—20,309 (19,200).

GRIZZLIES 107, WIZARDS 93

WASHINGTON (93): Lewis 4-10 1-2 10; Booker 5-8 2-2 12; Blatche 4-12 2-2 10; Wall 4-15 7-14 16; Young 2-9 3-4 7; Thomas 5-8 2-2 12; Hinrich 3-9 2-3 9; Yi 0-1 4-4 4; Martin 4-6 2-2 12. Arenas 0-1 0-0 0; Seraphin 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-75 23-39 93.

MEMPHIS (107): Gay 4-9 2-11 0-0 4; Randolph 10-21 4-4 24; Gasol 6-10 2-4 14; Conley 6-12 2-2 15; Young 4-10 2-2 10; Arthur 5-9 4-4 12; Allen 6-8 3-3 15; Vasquez 0-3 2-2 2; Henry 0-0 0-0; Thabeet 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 43-86 19-23 107.

Washington 28 22 17 26 — 93
Memphis 33 26 27 21 — 107

3-Point Goals—Washington 6-15 (Booker 2-3, N.Young 1-1, Hinrich 1-3, Wall 1-3, Lewis 1-4, Blatche 0-1), Memphis 6-7 (Conley 2-2, Young 0-1, Randolph 0-2, Gay 3-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 52 (Booker 12), Memphis 50 (Randolph 20). Assists—Washington 18 (Wall 6), Memphis 28 (Conley 12). Total Fouls—Washington 25, Memphis 23. Technicals—Washington defensive three second, Memphis defensive three second. A—14,732 (18,119).

TIMBERWOLVES 103, RAPTORS 87

TORONTO (87): Weems 3-8 1-1 7; A.Johnson 4-9 3-4 11; Bargnani 5-24 5-6 15; Calderon 3-6 3-3 10; DeRozan 2-11 2-6 6; Davis 7-10 1-4 15; Ayres 2-6 0-0 4; Bayless 4-12 0-0 10; T.Johnson 2-8 0-0 4; Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0; Wright 2-3 1-2 5. Alabi 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 35-92 16-30 87.

MINNESOTA (103): Beasley 2-12 3-6 7; Love 6-10 7-8 21; Milicic 3-8 3-4 9; Ridnour 2-

NFL

NFL Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 8
Seattle 41, New Orleans 36
N.Y. Jets 17, Indianapolis 16
Sunday, Jan. 9
Baltimore 30, Kansas City 7
Green Bay 21, Philadelphia 16
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 15
Pittsburgh 31, Baltimore 24
Green Bay 48, Atlanta 21
Sunday, Jan. 16
Chicago 35, Seattle 24
N.Y. Jets 28, New England 21
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Green Bay 21, Chicago 14
Pittsburgh 24, N.Y. Jets 19
Pro Bowl
Today
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (FOX)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington
Pittsburgh vs Green Bay, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl

Rosters
x-Starter
AFC
OFFENSE

Quarterback — x-Philip Rivers, San Diego; Peyton Manning, Indianapolis; Matt Cassel, Kansas City.

Running back — x-Arian Foster, Houston; Jamaal Charles, Kansas City; Chris Johnson, Tennessee.

Fullback — x-Vonta Leach, Houston.

Wide receiver — x-Reggie Wayne, Indianapolis; x-Brandon Lloyd, Denver; Dwayne Bowe, Kansas City; Wes Welker, New England.

Tight end — x-Antonio Gates, Jacksonville; Zach Miller, Oakland.

Tackle — x-Joe Thomas, Cleveland; x-D'Brickashaw Ferguson, N.Y. Jets; Matt Light, New England.

Guard — x-Kris Dielman, San Diego; x-Logan Mankins, New England; Brian Waters, Kansas City.

Center — x-Jeff Saturday, Indianapolis; Alex Mack, Cleveland.

DEFENSE

Defensive end — x-Robert Mathis, Indianapolis; x-Jason Babin, Philadelphia; Randy Starks, Miami.

Interior lineman — x-Haloti Ngata, Baltimore; x-Vince Wilfork, New England; Kyle Williams, Buffalo.

Outside linebacker — x-Cameron Wake, Miami; x-Terrell Suggs, Baltimore; Shaun Phillips, San Diego.

Inside linebacker — x-Ray Lewis, Baltimore; Jerod Mayo, New England.

Cornerback — x-Darrelle Revis, N.Y. Jets; x-Devin McCourty, New England; Charles Woodson, Oakland.

Free safety — x-Brandon Meriweather, New England; Michael Griffin, Tennessee.

Strong safety — x-Eric Berry, Kansas City.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter — Shane Lechler, Oakland.

Placekicker — Billy Cundiff, Baltimore.

Kick returner — Marc Mariani, Tennessee.

Special teamer — Montell Owens, Jacksonville.

Long snapper — John Denney, Miami.

NFC
OFFENSE

Quarterback — x-Michael Vick, Philadelphia; Matt Ryan, Atlanta; Drew Brees, New Orleans.

Running back — x-Michael Turner, Atlanta; Adrian Peterson, Minnesota; Steven Jackson, St. Louis.

Fullback — x-Ovie Mughelli, Atlanta.

Wide receiver — x-Roddy White, Atlanta; x-Calvin Johnson, Detroit; **Miles Austin, Dallas**; Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona.

Tight end — **x-Jason Witten, Dallas**; Tony Gonzalez, Atlanta.

Tackle — x-Jordan Gross, Carolina; x-Tyson Clabo, Atlanta; Donald Penn, Tampa Bay.

Guard — x-John Jerry, New Orleans; x-Chris Snee, N.Y. Giants; Carl Nicks, New Orleans.

Center — **x-Andre Gurode**, Dallas; Ryan Kalil, Carolina.

DEFENSE

Defensive end — x-Julius Peppers, Carolina; x-John Abraham, Atlanta; Justin Tuck, N.Y. Giants.

Interior lineman — **x-Jay Ratliff, Dallas**; x-Justin Smith, San Francisco; Darnell Dockett, Arizona.

Outside linebacker — **x-DeMarcus Ware, Dallas**; x-Brian Orakpo, Washington; Jon Beason, Carolina.

Insidemiddle linebacker — x-Jonathan Vilma, New Orleans; London Fletcher, Washington; E.J. Henderson, Minnesota.

Cornerback — x-DeAngelo Hall, Washington; x-Brent Grimes, Atlanta; Antoine Winfield, Minnesota.

Free safety — x-Antrel Rolle, N.Y. Giants; x-Dashon Goldson, San Francisco; Adrian Wilson, Arizona.

Roman Harper, New Orleans.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter — Pat McBriar, Dallas.

Placekicker — David Akers, Philadelphia.

Kick returner — Devin Hester, Chicago.

Special teamer — Eric Weems, Atlanta.

Long snapper — Zak DeOssie, N.Y. Giants.

Will not play because of injury: Howard Assumptions, Raiders; Tom Brady, Patriots; Lawrence Jackson, Chicago; Deuce McAllister, New Orleans; Antonio Gates, Chargers; Andre Johnson, Texans; Maurice Jones-Drew, Jaguars; Nick Mangold, Jets; Jason Pierre-Paul, Giants; Jason Peters, Eagles; Ed Reed, Ravens; Asante Samuel, Eagles; Richard Seymour, Raiders; Warrious Sims, Lions; Brian Urlacher, Bears; Patrick Willis, 49ers; DeSean Jackson, Philadelphia.

Will not play because of personal reasons: Kevin Williams, Vikings.

Will not play because of Super Bowl: Chad Clifton, Packers; Nick Collins, Packers; James Harrison, Steelers; Greg Jennings, Packers; Brett Keisel, Steelers; Clay Matthews, Packers; Troy Polamalu, Steelers; Maurkice Pouncey, Steelers; Brandon Williams, Packers; Charles Woodson, Packers.

PRO BOWL MVPS
By The Associated Press
Most Outstanding Player Award-winners since the Pro Bowl began in 1971 (in 1971 and 72, an outstanding back and an outstanding lineman were chosen):

2010 — Matt Schaub, QB, Houston
2009 — Larry Fitzgerald, WR, Arizona
2008 — Adrian Peterson, RB, Minnesota
2007 — Carson Palmer, QB, Cincinnati
2006 — Derrick Brooks, LB, Tampa Bay
2005 — Peyton Manning, QB, Indianapolis
2004 — Marc Bulger, QB, St. Louis
2003 — Donovan McNabb, QB, Miami
2002 — Rich Gannon, QB, Oakland
2001 — Rich Gannon, QB, Oakland
2000 — Randy Moss, WR, Minnesota
1999 — Warrick Dunn, RB, Tampa Bay
New Jets and Ty Law, CB, New England
1998 — Warren Moon, QB, Seattle
1997 — Mark Brunell, QB, Jacksonville
1996 — Jerry Rice, WR, San Francisco
1995 — Marshall Faulk, RB, Indianapolis
1994 — Jerry Rice, WR, Atlanta
1993 — Steve Tasker, WR, Buffalo
1992 — Michael Irvin, WR, Dallas
1991 — Jim Kelly, QB, Buffalo
1990 — Jerry Gray, CB, Los Angeles Rams
1989 — Randall Cunningham, QB, Philadelphia
1988 — Bruce Smith, DE, Buffalo
1987 — Reggie White, DE, Philadelphia
1986 — Phil Simms, QB, New York Giants
1985 — Mark Gastineau, DE, New York Jets
1984 — Joe Theismann, QB, Washington
1983 — Dan Fouts, QB, San Diego; and John Jefferson, WR, Green Bay
1982 — Lee Roy Selmon, DE, Tampa Bay
1981 — Kent Hill, OT, Los Angeles Rams
1980 — Chuck Muncie, RB, New Orleans
1979 — Ahmad Rashad, WR, Minnesota
1978 — Walter Payton, RB, Chicago
1977 — Mel Blount, DB, Pittsburgh
1976 — Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, WR, Houston
1975 — James Harris, QB, Los Angeles
1974 — Garo Yepremian, PK, Miami
1973 — O.J. Simpson, RB, Buffalo
1972 — Back-Jim Kiick, RB, Miami; Guard-Larry Little, HB, Miami
1971 — **Back-Mel Renfro, WR, Dallas**; Guard-Jim Tyrer, HB, Kansas City

Ski Report

ROCKIES
New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sat 7.16 cm packed powder machine groomed 28 - 29 base 90 of 75 trails 74% open; 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Pajarito — Reopen TBA Fri.; 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Open Run:

Red River — Sat 7.18 cm hard packed machine groomed 25 - 30 base 36 of 57 trails 63% open; 6 of 7 lifts. on Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Sandia Peak — Sat 9.04 cm packed powder machine groomed 3 - 28 base 28 of 30 trails

98% open; 5 of 5 lifts. Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Open: Wed-Sun.

Sipapu — Sat 12.03 cm packed powder machine groomed 20 - 28 base 30 of 41 trails 81% open

5 of 5 lifts. on Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Apache — Sat 5.40 cm packed powder machine groomed 20 - 24 base 14 of 55 trails.

90% open; 7 of 10 lifts. on Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Santa Fe — Sat 11.17 cm packed powder machine groomed 36 - 36 base 59 of 72 trails

83% open; 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p.

Taos — Sat 8.42 cm packed powder machine groomed 36 - 80 base 88 of 110 trails.

90% open

13 of 13 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sat 5.26 cm packed powder machine groomed 58 - 58 base 97 of 105 trails

100% open. 900 acres. 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Aspen Highlands — Sat 7.46 cm packed powder 48 - 68 base 124 of 124 trails

100% open. Groomers 1 of 1 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.

Aspen Mountain — Sat 5.27 cm packed powder 41 - 42 base 76 of 76 trails

100% open. 673 acres. 6 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.

Beaver Creek — Sat 7.08 cm powder machine groomed 45 - 46 base 149 of 149 trails

100% open. 1815 acres. 25 of 26 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30p;

Sat/Sun: 9:30a-3:30p.

Breckenridge — Sat 7.11 cm powder machine groomed 50 - 79 base 155 of 155 trails

100% open. 2369 acres. 30 of 30 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Buttermilk — Sat 5.28 cm packed powder 35 - 38 base 35 of 43 trails

100% open. 405 acres. 6 of 6 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.

Copper Mountain — Sat 5.11 cm packed powder machine groomed 61 - 81 base 134 of 134 trails

100% open. 2465 acres. 21 of 22 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Crested Butte — Sat 7.10 cm powder machine groomed 52 - 60 base 105 of 111 trails

90% open. 1167 acres. 6 of 16 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Echo Mountain — Sat 7.62 cm packed powder machine groomed 36 - 36 base 12 of 15 trails

80% open. 3 of 3 lifts. on Mon: 9a-9p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Open Wed-Mon.

Eldora — Sat 7.87 cm packed powder machine groomed 50 - 52 base 53 of 53 trails 100% open

9 of 9 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Kendall Mountain — Operating

Fri-Sun — no details. Fri: 11a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 11a-4:30p.

Keystone — Sat 7.10 cm powder machine groomed 41 - 49 base 135 of 135 trails

100% open. 1748 acres. 19 of 20 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Loveland — Sat 5.20 cm packed powder 66 - 66 base 97 of 97 trails

100% open. 1570 acres. 9 of 9 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Monarch — Sat 12.04 cm powder machine groomed 63 - 63 base 64 of 64 trails

100% open. 800 acres. 5 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Powderhorn — Sat 5.31 cm packed powder 43 - 43 base 44 of 44 trails

100% open. 4 of 4 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Purgatory at Durango — Sat 6.53 cm powder machine groomed 44 - 48 base 88 of 88 trails. 100% open. 1360 acres. 9 of 10 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p;

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Cooper — Sat 5.19 cm powder machine groomed 49 - 51 base 26 of 26 trails.

100% open. 205 acres. 4 of 5 lifts. 405 acres. 4 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p;

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Snowmass — Sat 5.29 cm packed powder 36 - 58 base 91 of 91 trails.

100% open. 2132 acres. 17 of 24 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p;

Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.

Sol Vista Basin — Sat 7.55 cm packed powder machine groomed 36 - 38 base 34 of 34 trails

100% open. 5 of 6 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Steamboat — Sat 7.21 cm packed powder machine groomed 66 - 88 base 165 of 165 trails

100% open. 2965 acres. 16 of 20 lifts. on Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4p;

Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4p.

Sunlight — Sat 5.34 cm packed powder 43 - 49 base 61 of 61 trails

100% open. 3 of 3 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Telluride — Sat 4.51 cm packed powder machine groomed 48 - 48 base 115 of 125 trails

97% open. 18 of 18 lifts. on Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Vail — Sat 7.06 cm powder machine groomed 45 - 76 base 192 of 193 trails. 100% open.

5289 acres. 31 of 31 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Winter Park — Sat 7.58 cm packed powder machine groomed 63 - 67 base 134 of 143 trails

95% open. 2690 acres. 23 of 26 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Wolf Creek — Sat 6.42 cm packed powder 72 - 77 base 77 of 77 trails

100% open. 42 miles. 1600 acres. 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p;

Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Aspen 9 - 12 - Sat 5.16 cm powder machine groomed 47 - 59 base 8 of 20 trails

21 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Aspen/Snowmass — Sat 6.08 cm packed powder machine groomed 5 - 8 base 14 of 15 trails

76 miles Mon-Fri: 7a-5p; Sat/Sun: 7a-5p.

Snow Mountain XC — Sat 8.45 cm packed powder machine groomed 36 - 54 base 80 miles

Mon-Fri: 8:30a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-5p.

Montana

Big Sky — Sat 5.22 cm packed powder machine groomed 51 - 76 base 150 of 150 trails

100% open. 85 miles. 3812 acres. 21 of 21 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p;

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Blacktail Mountain — Sat 5.41 cm 1 new packed powder machine groomed 35 - 107 base 25 of 25 trails. 100% open. 13 miles. 1006 acres. 4 of 4 lifts. Wed-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p; Open Wed-Sun.

Bridger Bowl — Sat 5.50 cm packed powder machine groomed 63 - 63 base 71 of 71 trails

100% open. 2000 acres. 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Discovery — Sat 8.41 cm packed powder machine groomed 43 - 58 base 65 of 74 trails

95% open. 8 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4p.

Great Divide — Sat 9.02 cm packed powder machine groomed 40 - 45 base 140 of 140 trails

58% open. 6 of 6 lifts. on Wed-Fri: 12p-5p; Fri: 10a-5p; Sat: 9a-5p.

Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun.

Lost Trail — Sat 4.24 cm powder machine groomed 96 - 110 base 45 of 45 trails

100% open. 3 of 6 lifts. Thu-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p.

Open Thu-Sun.

Maverick — Sat 4.25 cm packed powder machine groomed 60 - 68 base 22 of 22 trails

100% open. 2 of 2 lifts. Thu-Fri: 9:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4p.

Open Thu-Sun.

Montana Snowbowl — Sat 9.22 cm powder machine groomed 52 - 87 base 40 of 40 trails

100% open. 4 of 4 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4p.

Moonlight Basin — Sat 11.59 cm packed powder machine groomed 52 - 52 base 85 of 85 trails

100% open. 1500 acres. 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Red Lodge — Sat 6.11 cm packed powder machine groomed 31 - 33 base 55 of 65 trails

90% open. 6 of 8 lifts. Mon

Spurs ground Rockets for 18th straight home win

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

Spurs	**108**
Rockets	95

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 22 points and the San Antonio Spurs became the NBA's first 40-game winner, beating the Houston Rockets 108-95 on Saturday night.

Richard Jefferson added 18 points to help the Spurs win their 18th in a row at home. But it was San Antonio's last game at the AT&T Center for three weeks with the Spurs embarking on their annual Rodeo Road Trip starting Tuesday.

The NBA-best Spurs (40-7) will play nine straight on the road heading into the All-Star game, in which Spurs coach Gregg Popovich will direct the West squad.

Luis Scola led the Rockets with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Houston has lost four of six.

Tim Duncan, in jeopardy of missing the All-Star game for the first time in his career, had 12 points and seven rebounds as every Spurs starter was in double figures. Fans didn't vote in Duncan as an All-Star starter for the first time in 11 seasons, and he must wait this week to see whether coaches vote him in as a reserve.

DeJuan Blair had 14 points and 12 rebounds, his eighth double-double this season. Tony Parker added 17 points and George Hill had 14.

Kyle Lowry had 15 points for the Rockets, who faded late a night after nearly rallying from a 25-point deficit in a loss at Dallas. Houston's road trip won't get any easier: the Rockets head to Los Angeles on Tuesday to play the Lakers, then finish another back-to-back Wednesday at Utah.

Kevin Martin and Chuck Hayes added 10 apiece for Houston.

Houston trailed just 76-71 after the third quarter before being buried by a barrage of 3s. The Spurs went 5-for-8 behind the 3-point line the fourth, including Ginobili sinking two with a close hand in his face both times.

Hill's 3-pointer with 7:32 left capped a 7-0 Spurs run and stretched the lead to double-digits for good.

Three months into the season, the Spurs are already just 10 wins shy of matching their 50-win total from a season ago. The arrival of the rodeo in San Antonio kicks the Spurs out of the AT&T Center for three weeks each season, though Popovich has traditionally relished the trip as a chance to iron out the kinks.

But sitting atop the NBA, the Spurs don't have many obvious faults.

The road trip won't be as grueling a gauntlet as year past, either. Only three of the nine games (Portland, the Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago) are against teams with winning records before the Spurs return home Feb. 23 against Oklahoma City.

SATURDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 102, HAWKS 91: At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 19 points and Jason Terry added 18 points and a season-high 11 assists to help Dallas improve to 5-1 following a six-game losing streak.

Jason Kidd had 12 points and eight rebounds, and Tyson Chandler also had 12 points for the Mavericks. Joe Johnson led Atlanta with 27 points.

GRIZZLIES 107, WIZARDS 93: At Memphis, Tenn., Zach Randolph had 24 points and 20 rebounds, Darrell Arthur added a career-high 22 points and Memphis kept Washington winless on the road this season.

Mike Conley and Tony Allen added 15 points each, Conley also had 12 assists, and Marc Gasol scored 14 points to help Memphis improve to 5-1 in its last six games.

John Wall led the Wizards with 14 points and eight assists. The loss was the fourth straight for the Wizards, and left them 0-23 on the road.

BUCKS 91, NETS 81: At Milwaukee, Andrew Bogut had 17 points and 18 rebounds and Brandon Jennings had two points in his return after missing 19 games because of a broken foot to help Milwaukee win its third consecutive game.

Carlos Delfino led Milwaukee in scoring with 21 points and Keyon Dooling had 14 points and nine assists. Brook Lopez scored 26 points for New Jersey.

BULLS 110, PACERS 89: At Chicago, Carlos Boozer had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Derrick Rose added 20 points despite two stomach ulcers and Luol Deng had 19 for Chicago.

The Bulls improved to 11-0 against Central teams while remaining the lone unbeaten team against its own division. Josh McRoberts led Indiana with a career-high 20 points.

TIMBERWOLVES 103, RAPTORS 87: At Minneapolis, Kevin Love had his NBA-leading 42nd double-double of the season with 21 points and 12 rebounds and Minnesota handed Toronto its 11th straight loss.

Minnesota ended a six-game losing streak, holding Toronto to 33.7 percent shooting — the lowest this season for both sides. Andrea Bargnani and Ed Davis each had 15 points for Toronto.

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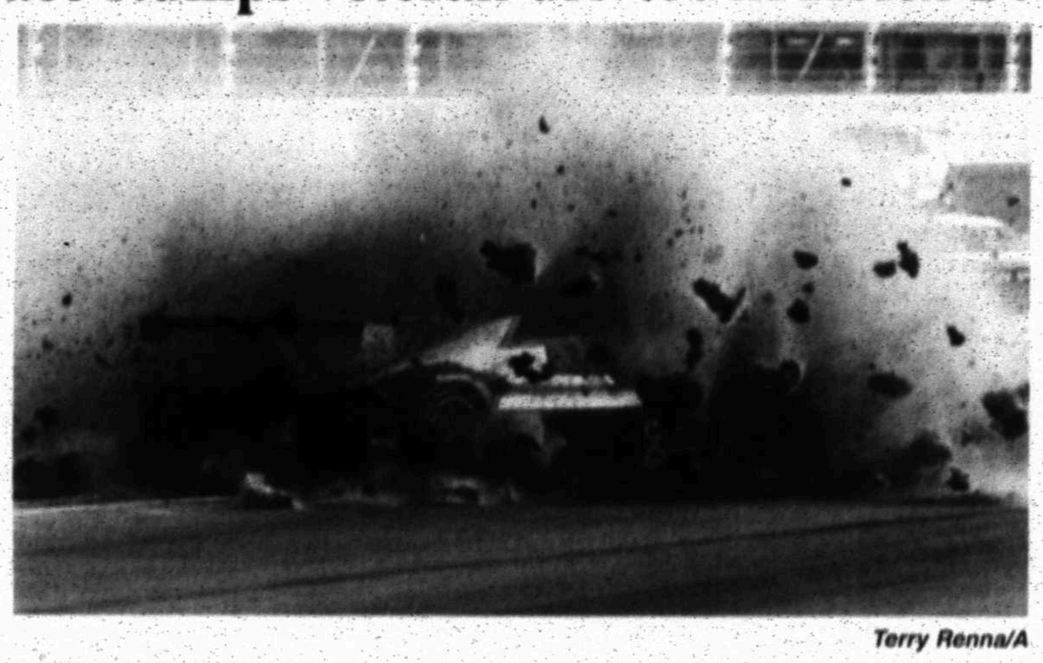
Aggressive pace stumps veteran drivers in Rolex 24

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press



Terry Renna/A

BIG WRECK Jim Lowe driving the Starworks Motorsport Ford Riley spins off the track in a shower of dirt and sod Saturday during the Grand Am Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — An aggressive early pace at the Rolex 24 at Daytona led to a track full of debris, a rough start for the favorites and led veteran drivers openly wondering why teams were pushing so hard in the starting stages of an endurance race.

"Absolute madness," a bewildered Dario Franchitti said. "There's some aggressive driving out there, huh?"

That was an understatement.

The twice-around-the-clock race began in unusually warm temperatures at Daytona International Speedway, where drivers set a furious pace from the drop of the green flag Saturday. It created numerous spins, several accidents and overshadowed the early struggles of the heavily favored Chip Ganassi Racing teams.

It also had many worried that the pace would only pick up once night fell.

"I'm 100 percent convinced people will go faster because of the heat," said Max Angelelli of Sun-Trust Racing. "It's going to be cooler, cars go faster, you have fresh drivers. It's going to be faster than this for sure."

Drivers had differing opinions as to why teams were risking so much when the idea is to still be running at the end of the race.

"Nobody's leaving any margin," Franchitti said. "Even the experienced guys who know what they're doing, some of them aren't leaving a margin for anything. And then there's some guys who don't know what they're doing and they're just hanging on out there and they're creating some of accidents, too.

"Everything's coming at you pretty quickly, so you have to leave yourself somewhere to go in case somebody does something crazy in front of you. There's bits of car lying everywhere. Already, two hours in, there's more car on the track than I've ever since. It's been very intense."

Scott Pruett, a three-time winner of the prestigious road race, said the pace felt like the end of the race.

"It seems like it's more reminiscent of the last two hours of the 24 instead of the first three hours of the 24. People are driving crazy," Pruett said. A lot of drivers are trying to prove themselves, a lot of guys think they can win it in the first couple of stints. So you're seeing guys run really aggressive for no good reason."

It could play right into the hands of the Ganassi teams, which had problems before the first hour was even complete.

DUTCHOVER

From 1C

had more time to prepare. Because there are only two weeks in between regionals and the national tournament, there is not much time to prepare to begin with. But last year, Dutchover's coaches and family had to have fundraisers for the trip to nationals, which can cost up to $1,400 and that's by driving to the tournament to save additional money.

This year, Dutchover has had help in sponsors Claydesta LP, Clayton Williams Jr. and Dr. Jubal Reed. Lujan said because of the financial help, that gave them more time to train and spar.

Dutchover is also grateful for sparring partner Marcos Soto, along with brothers Junior and Adam, for helping him train. Soto, especially has been a big plus because it's been tough for Lujan or Dutchover's dad, Jerry, to find sparring partners in West Texas for the promising young boxer.

Now that Dutchover has the training and support he needs, all that is left is to perform this week against some of the very best young fighters in what is considered the "Super Bowl of boxing."

"It's like I told him, 'If we're going to lose, we're going to lose swinging. We're not going to give up,'" Lujan said.

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JAMES

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meet in College Station in August. It was at that meet that James finished fifth in the 10-meter in a major national competition.

And it's been since that meet that City of Midland Aquatics diving coach John Proctor noticed that her confidence soared.

That meet in College Station, Proctor said, offered James a chance to "get her feet wet" against national-and international-level divers, and helped her realize she could compete with them even after a little over a year on the 10-meter platform.

A few weeks ago, James trained with Olympic divers in Indianapolis, and again Proctor saw James keep up and, along with it, her confidence continued to rise.

Proctor has known longer than James that she has a special talent, and Proctor said training with the Olympians was a big boost in letting James know what she can do.

"She's starting to realize who she is and what she is capable of doing," Proctor said. "We did a trip to Indianapolis to do synchronised diving training, and one of the girls was on the last Olympic team. I think that really boosted her confidence because she's up there diving with an Olympian and she's doing good."

As the added confidence has come, James' work ethic has not slowed down.

Proctor said that James still works as hard now as she did a year ago when she just started learning how to compete on the 10-meter.

"She knows that you are not going to be good without working your butt off, and she's doesn't have a problem with working her butt off," Proctor siad. "She's the real deal in every aspect. She's got a good head on her shoulders, got good parents and has a great work ethic."

James admits that training has been hard both mentally and physically as she has done a number of physical training exercises outside of the pool to get into shape, and she has made some sacrifices. Her family decided to home school her this year, but added when she does take breaks she has taken up playing the guitar to blow off steam when she can.

But James said that all the hard work will eventually pay off, and even in her quiet, low-key demeanor she is confident she will perform well this week.

"Hopefully, I get in the top 12 so I can qualify for the Olympic Trials," James said. "But I really just want to do my best and do all my dives the way I know I can."

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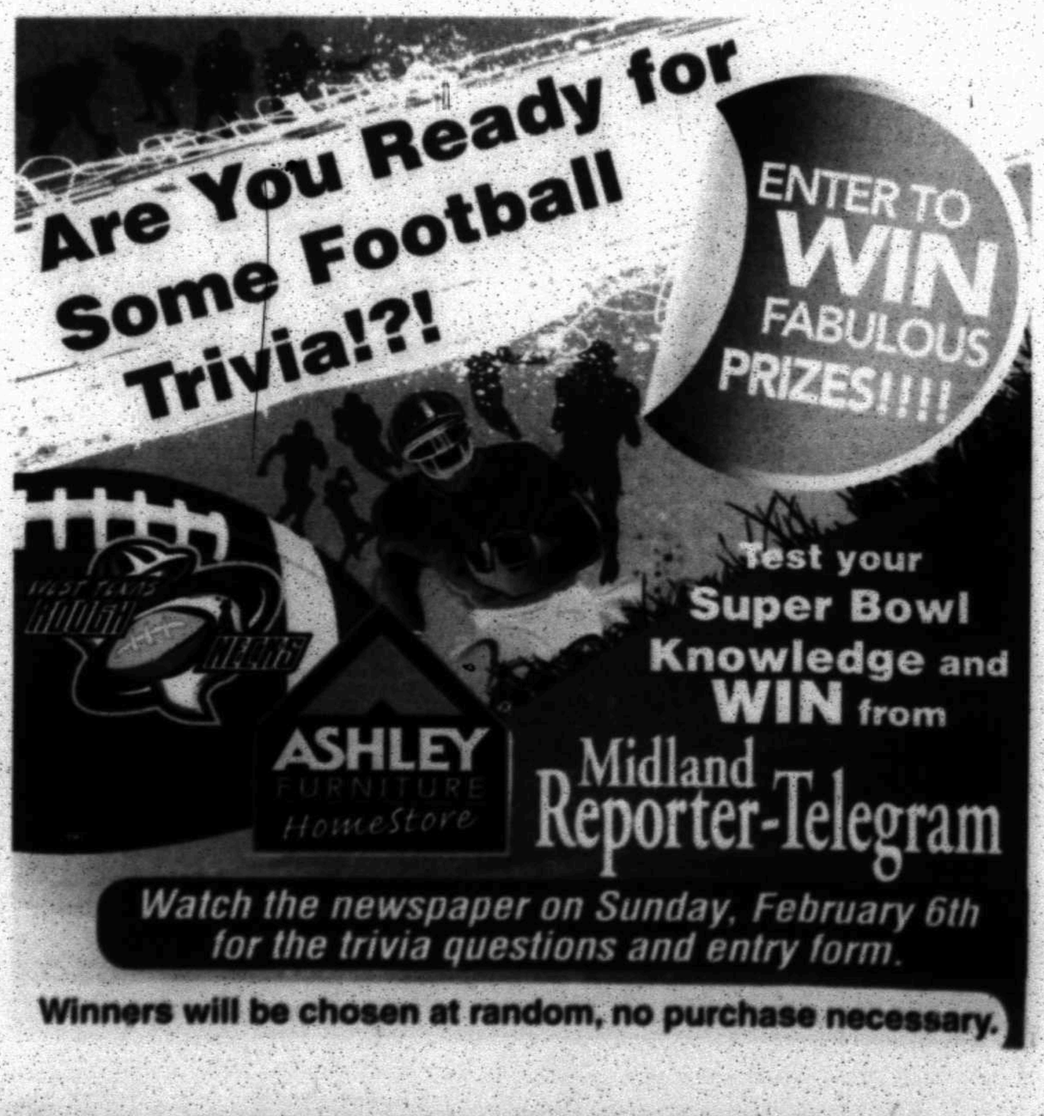

Vincent Thian/AP

RAISE YOUR ARMS Kim Clijsters raises her arms Saturday as she celebrates her win over Li Na in the women's singles final at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia.

Clijsters defeats Li for 1st Australian Open crown

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Kim Clijsters believes she's now earned the nickname she had for years in Australia.

"I finally feel like you guys can call me 'Aussie Kim' because I won the title," a teary Clijsters said after beating China's Li Na 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 Saturday night to capture her first Australian Open. "It's nice to finally get it this year."

Clijsters lost the 2004 Australian Open final to Justine Henin and lost four times in the semifinals. This was Clijsters' fourth Grand Slam tournament championship, but the first apart from the U.S. Open.

"To win it in this way means a lot," she told a TV interviewer after the match. "This one to me, is the one. When I think back on my childhood, I remember watching the Australian Open and seeing Monica Seles win many times. I think they used to go up into the stands. I remember her doing her speech there, and it was something that I was just amazed by. It seemed like such a fairy tale."

Li was trying to become the first Asian to win a major, and the final was far from a smooth ride. She complained to the chair umpire about the Chinese fans and was bothered by photographers' flashes in the courtside pits. The outbursts from all over the arena were jarring.

"They shouted 'finish her off!' sometimes even when we were hitting the ball," Li said through a translator. "I thought, 'How can they do this?'"

In doubles, Bob and Mike Bryan successfully defended their title, beating Indian stars Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi 6-3, 6-4 for their fifth Australian crown and 10th Grand Slam championship.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SCORES

Saturday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $24.7 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Women
Championship

Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Li Na (9), China, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3

Previous women's champions

2011 — Kim Clijsters
2010 — Serena Williams
2009 — Serena Williams
2008 — Maria Sharapova
2007 — Serena Williams
2006 — Amelie Mauresmo
2005 — Serena Williams
2004 — Justine Henin-Hardenne
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2002 — Jennifer Capriati
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1924 — Sylvia Lance
1923 — Mall Molesworth
1922 — Mall Molesworth

Players hoping Pro Bowl stays in Hawaii

By Jaymes Song
Associated Press

HONOLULU — When Ray Lewis stepped off the plane from his cross-country flight and was greeted with a lei and an aloha, it finally hit him that he was voted back on the island.

"That's when you say, 'OK. I've made it again.' You really appreciate it," the Baltimore Ravens' All-Pro linebacker said. "This is the reward. With the Pro Bowl being here, this is the reward."

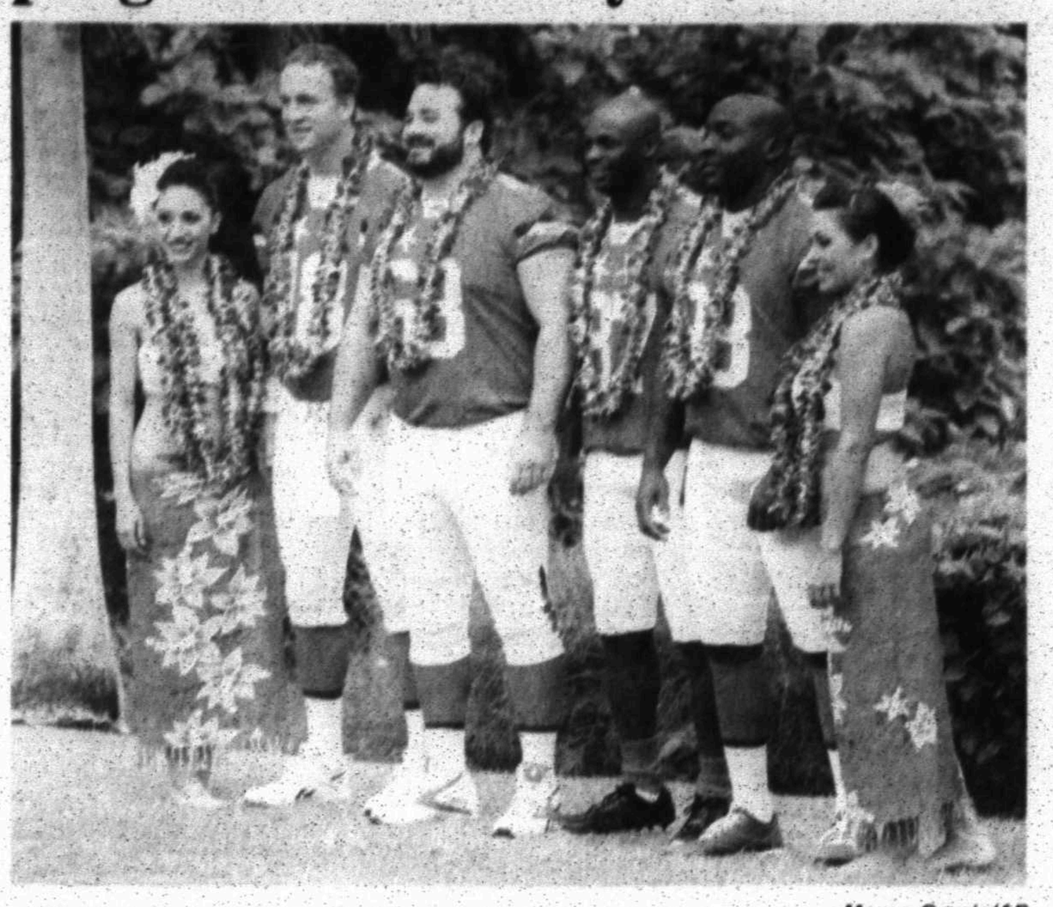
Sunday's Pro Bowl marks the return to Hawaii — where it had been since 1980 — after a spending a year in Miami in an experiment by the NFL to combine the All-Star game activities with the Super Bowl.

"This is where everybody wants to go," said Atlanta Falcons tight end Tony Gonzales, making his NFC-leading 11th appearance in the Pro Bowl.

Hawaii is paying $4 million per game to hold the Pro Bowl this year and in 2012 when Indianapolis hosts the Super Bowl. But the Pro Bowl site hasn't been determined beyond that, with the 2013 Super Bowl scheduled for New Orleans and 2014 slated for East Rutherford, N.J.

But Hawaii, which has become synonymous with the Pro Bowl, is reeling from $844 million projected deficit over the next 2 1/2 years.

Gov. Neil Abercrombie in his first State of the State address on Monday suggested diverting some of the $44 million the Hawaii Tourism Authority spends on marketing to infrastructure needs.



Marco Garcia/AP

WELCOME TO HAWAII Flanked by models, Indianapolis Colts teammates, from left to right, Peyton Manning, Jeff Saturday, Reggie Wayne and Robert Mathis pose Friday before today's Pro Bowl game at the Ko Olina Resort in Kapolei, Hawaii.

The Democrat and former longtime congressman also wants to decide the fate of aging 50,000-seat Aloha Stadium, which hosts the Pro Bowl. He said other than maintenance related to health and safety, "I will divert all other capital improvement dollars for Aloha Stadium to other projects."

It's unclear what this will mean for the future of the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, but they will play key points in future negotiations between the NFL and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

If the players have any say, they clearly want the game to stay in the islands.

"There's no better place to have it," Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning said.

Atlanta Falcons fullback Ovie Mughelli said there's no comparing Hawaii.

"Nothing against Florida, but Hawaii is Hawaii," he said. "For guys who worked hard through minicamp, training camp, the offseason and go through bumps and bruises, I feel Hawaii is so much a better way to reward them than just going down to Miami."

Lewis, who lives in Miami and starred at the University of Miami, said having the game back home wouldn't be a reward for the players since they play in Florida during the season.

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson said, "We can go to Miami any time. Going to Hawaii, over the water, is special."

Even the Miami Dolphins linebacker Cameron Wake prefers Hawaii.

"For them to have the Pro Bowl in Miami, I just got to drive down the street, that isn't as much fun as coming out here and getting away to this beautiful city," Wake said. "The views are amazing. The people have been so accommodating and so pleasant. I put in a vote for Hawaii. My vote is in."

Ponder, South tops North in Senior Bowl

By John Zenor
Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Christian Ponder heads to the pros on a high note, after all. And he got a little help from a college rival.

The Florida State quarterback threw two touchdown passes, including a clinching 23-yarder to TCU's Jeremy Kerley in the South's 24-10 Senior Bowl victory over the North on Saturday.

Ponder completed 7 of 13 passes for 132 yards, including several big ones to Leonard Hankerson of Miami, and the final TD with 3:04 left.

Ponder was looking for a happier transition to an NFL career after missing the ACC championship game with an elbow injury and most of the Seminoles' bowl game thanks to a concussion. Ponder led scoring drives on the South's first two possessions and put on the finishing touches after the North rallied from a 17-0 deficit.

"I thought I definitely ended on a good note and hopefully my draft status has gone up a little bit," said Ponder, the game's MVP.

Hankerson had 100 yards on five catches, including an 18-yard touchdown and a 48-yarder to set up another score — both from Ponder. He also caught a 14-yarder on the clinching drive, capped by Kerley's second catch.

"It was a little double-move," Ponder said. "(Kerley) was wide-open, ran a great route. He won by alignment. They had outside leverage on him, he cut inside and scored."

Washington quarterback Jake Locker, likely among the first passers drafted, led a touchdown drive but also had offensive linemen save him by falling on two fumbles for the North in an uneven performance.

Ponder was the first FSU quarterback to beat Miami twice since Gary Huff in 1971 and 1972, but relied heavily on a former Hurricanes standout from the outset.

On the game's opening play from scrimmage, he hooked up on a 48-yarder to Hankerson, who bobbled it before coming down with the ball. Ponder also ran for two first downs on the drive, which ended with a field goal by LSU's Josh Jasper.

Ponder then hit Hankerson — who made a nice comeback move to get open — for an 18-yard touchdown on drive No. 2. Hankerson followed up nicely on one of the best seasons by a Miami receiver, becoming the third to gain 1,000 yards in a season and breaking Michael Irvin's school mark with 13 touchdown catches.

"I feel like I helped myself a lot by coming here, being focused, getting in the playbook, making plays for the team and just having fun," Hankerson said.

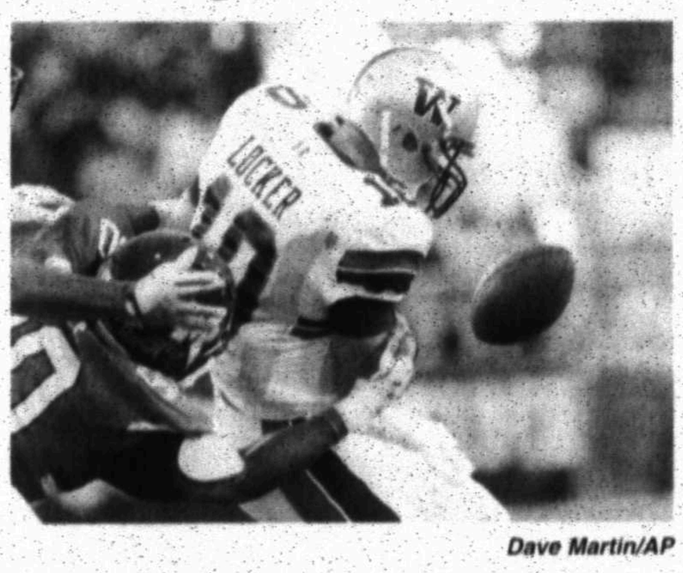
Hankerson was the South offensive MVP and Texas A&M linebacker Von Miller took defensive honors.

Texas defensive lineman Sam Acho (South) and North Carolina defensive back Kendrick Burney (North) were named the most outstanding players for the teams.

Locker completed 6 of 10 passes for 98 yards to lead the North. Ricky Stanzi from Iowa was 7-for-12 passing for 87 yards.

Louisville's Bilal Powell was the leading rusher with 50 yards on 10 carries.

While Ponder & Co. clicked early, the North didn't have a first down until Stanzi's 27-yard pass to Wisconsin tight end Lance Kendricks in the final two minutes of the first half.



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LOCKER SHUT DOWN North squad quarterback Jake Locker (10) of Washington, fumbles the ball Saturday as he is hit by South defender Pernell McPhee (90) of Mississippi State, in the second half of the Senior Bowl at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala. The South won, 24-10.

South	24
North	10

Ovechkin, Chara shine at NHL SuperSkills

By Joedy McCreary
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Alex Ovechkin won his third straight breakaway challenge and Zdeno Chara broke his own 2-year-old record for the hardest shot in the NHL's SuperSkills competition Saturday night.

They helped lead Team Staal to a 33-22 victory over Team Lidstrom on Saturday night in the prelude to the All-Star game.

The young Washington Capitals star came up with a few nifty moves to win hockey's equivalent of the slam dunk contest — most notably, flipping his stick and bringing the puck in with the knob before flipping it back and beating a sprawled-out Marc-Andre Fleury of Pittsburgh.

Ovechkin received 38.5 percent of the fan voting via text messaging. Montreal's P.K. Subban had 21.3 percent for Team Lidstrom.

The changes in the All-Star roster format meant a fresh look for the skills competition, too. Captains Eric Staal of Carolina and Nicklas Lidstrom of Detroit chose up the sides for teams that carry their names during a televised 18-round draft one night earlier. Players earned team points by winning preliminary heats and finals in some contests; by placing first, second or third in others or by scoring goals in the end-of-the-night elimination shootout.

Chara set the hardest-shot record with a 105.9 mph slap shot in the final of that competition. In addition to that blast and Ovechkin's breakaway win, Team Staal also produced winners in the competitions for fastest skater (the Islanders' Michael Grabner), accuracy (Vancouver's Daniel Sedin) and the shootout (Anaheim's Corey Perry). Team Lidstrom's only victory came in the skills challenge relay.

Many of the oohs and aahs were reserved for the breakaway challenge, the one event that's all about style and not scoring.

Subban opened with a blatant attempt to curry favor with the home folks, pulling on the jersey of Carolina rookie Jeff Skinner — and that move was met with earsplitting delight from the rowdy Caniacs.

Perry skated in on Fleury while carrying the puck on his raised stick — as if he were playing lacrosse. Team Lidstrom's Anzi Kopitar tried to kick the puck onto his stick as he neared Carey Price. And Ovechkin flipped the puck up with his stick and swung at it like a baseball player.

Chara also brought the RBC Center crowd to its feet in the final of the hardest-shot contest, breaking the record he set at the most recent skills competition in Montreal in 2009 and defeating Nashville's Shea Weber, who hit 104.8 mph on the radar gun in the preliminary round but topped out at 103.4mph in the final.

The six goalies repeatedly came up big in the night's final event, the score-or-you're-done shootout. Only two skaters — Perry and Tampa Bay's Martin St. Louis of Team Lidstrom — made it through two rounds.

Perry went first in Round 3 and his shot got by Tim Thomas and ricocheted in off the crossbar for his third goal of the event. That put the pressure on St. Louis, who faced Carolina's Cam Ward. St. Louis tried a spin-around backhand and Ward stuffed him to cheers from the hometown crowd.

One of Team Lidstrom's two eight-man entries claimed the relay competition, completing a gauntlet of shooting, skating and stickhandling in 2 minutes, 9 seconds.

That lineup had Lidstrom, Brad Richards and Loui Eriksson firing one-timers passed to them by rookie Oliver Ekman-Larsson, Henrik Sedin shooting into a miniature net, St. Louis navigating the cones, Matt Duchesne completing the stick-work drill and Jonathan Toews knocking out four targets.

Haas hangs onto lead over Mickelson; Tiger falters

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Phil Mickelson found the trick to playing the revamped South Course at Torrey Pines and left himself one round away from winning on a course that once felt like home.

Going against his nature, Mickelson played it safe again Saturday and wound up with a 4-under 68 to share the lead with Bill Haas going into the final round of the Farmers Insurance Open. Haas missed a 4-foot putt par putt on the last hole for a 71.

It has been 10 years since Mickelson won his third title at Torrey Pines, a public course he grew up playing in San Diego.

"I love playing well in this tournament, and I've missed it," Mickelson said.

Tiger Woods, who has not lost a tournament at Torrey Pines since 2004, shot himself out of the tournament with careless mistakes. Woods had a 2-over 74, ending his streak of 21 rounds at par or better on the South Course in PGA Tour events. He was eight shots behind, his largest 54-hole deficit at Torrey since 2004.

Even with his longtime nemesis out of the way, Mickelson doesn't see an easy path to winning.

Haas is coming off a two-win season in 2010, and lost in a playoff a week ago at the Bob Hope Classic. He kept making enough birdies to keep in front of Mickelson, including a 25-foot putt on the 15th, the toughest on the course.

They were at 12-under 204.

Hunter Mahan and Bubba Watson each made eagle on the par-5 18th to shoot 69 and were one shot behind. Another shot back was Anthony Kim, showing signs of turning his game. Kim escaped with only a bogey on the 15th after an adventure through the eucalyptus trees, and birdied the 18th for a 71.

John Daly, who pulled within one shot of the lead early in the third round, fell apart with a string of bogeys and shot 76.

Mickelson has taken every opportunity to criticize the South Course since Rees Jones redesigned it ahead of the 2008 U.S. Open. Lefty has yet to finish higher than fourth since then.

This time, Mickelson decided not to go for broke.

"I'm not taking on the risk. I'm just playing it much more conservative because the reward isn't there," he said. "This course doesn't reward you for taking on any challenge. And my more conservative approach into the greens, albeit boring, has led me to be on top of the leaderboard."

Only eight players managed to break 70 on "college day" at the tournament, when players were encouraged to wear their college colors or their team logos. Mickelson, who didn't have any Arizona State garb on, matched D.A. Points for the low round.

SATURDAY'S GOLF ROUNDUP

PGA European

VOLVO CHAMPIONS: At Riffa, Bahrain, England's Paul Casey shot a 6-under 66 for a share of the third-round lead with Sweden's Peter Hanson in the Volvo Champions.

Hanson shot a 67 to match Casey at 16-under 200 on The Royal Golf Club's Montgomerie Course. Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke and James Kingston were a stroke back after 67s.

Champions

CHAMPIONS SKINS GAME: At Kaanapali, Hawaii, Bernhard Langer made an 8-foot birdie putt on the sixth hole for four skins and $120,000, giving the German star and partner Mark O'Meara the lead Saturday in the Champions Skins Game.

Fuzzy Zoeller and Ben Crenshaw, the 2009 winners, were second with $80,000 after the first nine holes in the two-day, 18-hole event. Zoeller made a bending 20-foot birdie putt on the eighth for two skins.

Defending champions Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson won the first two skins when Nicklaus hit his iron shot to 2 feet on No. 2 and Watson tapped in for $60,000.

Fred Couples and Nick Price were shut out on the first nine at Royal Kaanapali.

With a $40,000 carryover from No. 9, $510,000 was available on the back nine Sunday.

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Davis-White, Yankowskas-Coughlin win US titles

By Nancy Armour
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GREENSBORO, N.C. — When Caitlin Yankowskas first suggested to John Coughlin that they skate to "Ave Maria," Coughlin said absolutely not.

His mother — his best friend, the woman who dragged him to the rink when he was a child and supported him every step of the way over the next two decades — died in the middle of the night last Feb. 24. His emotions were too raw, too fresh to be confronted day after day.

"I didn't think I would be able to get through the season," Coughlin said, his eyes welling up.

Now all that grief and sorrow has been replaced by feelings of joy and triumph.

Yankowskas and Coughlin won their first pairs title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Saturday, mesmerizing the crowd with their angelic yet powerful "Ave Maria" program. Later, Olympic and world silver medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White won their third straight ice dance title, leading a 1-2-3 sweep by their rink in Canton, Mich.

The women's final is Saturday night.

After Coughlin's mother died, he had no interest in skating to something that would lay his emotions so bare.

"What I wanted to do was go out and clown around on the ice and not acknowledge what happened. That would have caught up with me at some point," he said. "I dealt with it every day and it eventually got a little easier.

"I knew what I was feeling inside," he added. "I'm not the most artistic skater — I kind of look like a linebacker on ice sometimes, and I know that. They helped me take what I was feeling and put it on the ice."

When the final notes of the music trailed off, Coughlin buried his face in Yankowskas' hand and began to weep. He then stood up and searched the crowd for his father, waving and smiling when he finally located him.

"That's something we'll keep with us forever," Coughlin said. "I told myself no matter what we did today, to get out there on the ice and perform that program was going to be a happy moment for me."

Yankowskas, of Pelham, N.H., and Coughlin, of Kansas City, Mo., finished with 188.45 points, more than three points ahead of Olympians Amanda Evora and Mark Ladwig. Defending champs Caydee Denney and Jeremy Barrett rallied to finish third after a poor short program, but it wasn't enough to secure a third straight trip to the world championships.

Texas keeps rolling, beats Missouri

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

Longhorns	71
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AUSTIN — The Texas Longhorns are tearing up the Big 12 and showing no signs of slowing down.

Jordan Hamilton had 16 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, and No. 7 Texas beat No. 11 Missouri 71-58 Saturday night to remain undefeated in the Big 12.

The Longhorns (18-3, 6-0) have won six in a row overall and snapped a three-game losing streak to the Tigers (17-4, 3-3).

Texas had another stellar defensive effort, holding the highest-scoring team in the Big 12 to its lowest point total of the season. Texas is holding Big 12 opponents to 54 points per game.

"Good defense beats good offense on any given night," Texas senior forward Gary Johnson said. "That's what we do."

Like the five teams before them in Texas' run, the Tigers came away impressed by the Longhorns' bruising play near the baskets.

"There's no secret how they play," Missouri guard Kim English said. "They are a physical team. They pressure the ball. Big, strong guys."

Hamilton, Johnson and freshman Tristan Thompson dominated the paint on both ends of the court. Johnson had 15 points and nine rebounds and Thompson had 13 rebounds.

Missouri boasts that the Tigers play the "fastest 40 minutes of basketball," but ran smack into a defensive wall in this one. Texas raced to a 10-0 lead behind 3-pointers by Hamilton and Cory Joseph and Thompson's muscular rebounding.

Thompson also caught Missouri forward Laurence Bowers on the chin with an elbow that knocked Bowers out of the game with 12 minutes left in the first half. Bowers, who averages 11.5 points and had just scored two straight baskets, was wobbly when he got to his feet and had to be helped to the locker room.

"I thought there were a lot of loose elbows out there," Missouri coach Mike Anderson said. "It might have been a mild concussion. He took a big-time elbow."

Johnson and Hamilton both scored 10 points in the first half for Texas. Missouri stayed within striking distance when Phil Pressey made a 3-pointer with 3 seconds left to pull the Tigers to 38-27 at half-time. Pressey led Missouri with 12 points.

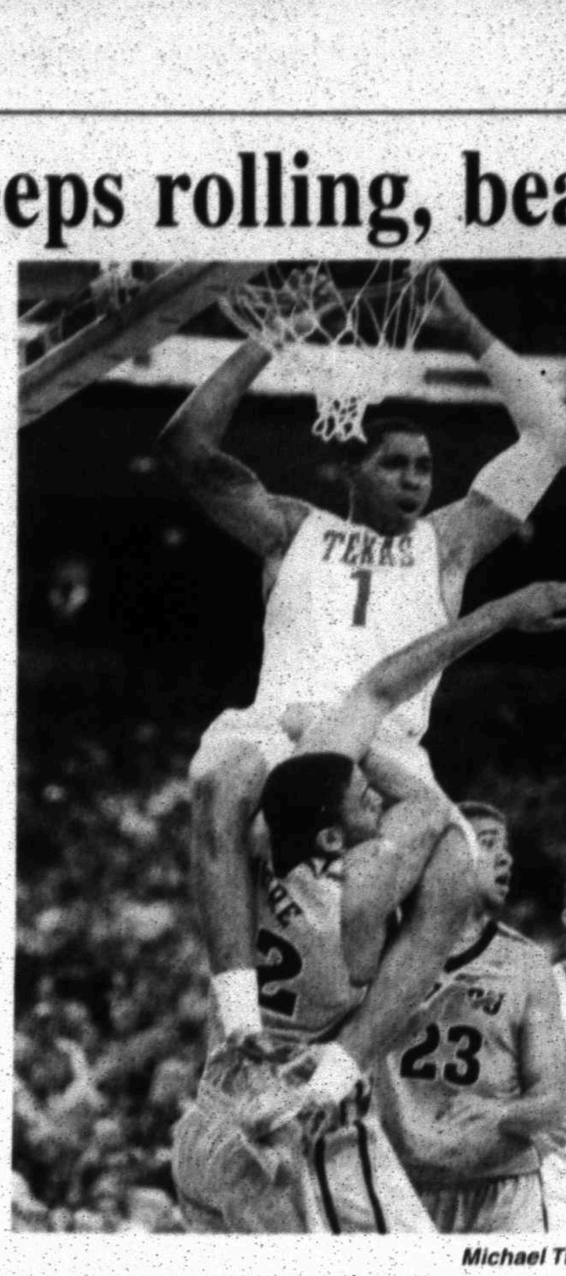
Missouri managed to slow down the Longhorns in the second but couldn't make a run of their own to threaten the Texas lead.

Marcus Denmon's pull-back pulled the Tigers within eight before Thompson revived the home crowd with a two-handed dunk off a back-door pass from Hamilton, then blocked a shot by Denmon on the other end. Time and again, the lanky freshman muscled over one and sometimes two Tigers to grab the ball.

"He has been really blowing up on a lot of people," Anderson said.

Michael Dixon made a 3-pointer for Missouri, but the Longhorns responded with quick baskets by J'Covan Brown and Joseph that pushed the lead back to 53-42.

Texas misfires from the free throw line kept Missouri hanging around. The Longhorns missed 11 of their first 14 free throws of the second half and went 16 of 34 for the game.



Michael Thomas/AP

WRAPPED UP Texas forward Gary Johnson, top, holds onto the rim while wrapped around Missouri center Steve Moore, bottom, after attempting a dunk Saturday during the first half in Austin.

TEXAS/BIG 12 ROUNDUP

Men

BIG 12

NEBRASKA 57, NO. 13 TEXAS A&M 48: At Lincoln, Neb., Jorge Brian Diaz scored 16 points and Nebraska held 13th-ranked Texas A&M to two field goals over the final 10 minutes in a 57-48 victory Saturday.

The Cornhuskers (15-5, 3-3 Big 12) used a 10-1 spurt to turn a 42-39 deficit into a 49-43 lead in the matchup of the league's top two defensive teams.

TEXAS TECH 75, OKLAHOMA STATE 74 (OT): At Lubbock, John Roberson hit a 3-pointer with 53 seconds remaining in overtime to lift Texas Tech over Oklahoma State 75-74 on Saturday.

The win is the third straight for the Red Raiders (11-11, 3-4).

BAYLOR 70, COLORADO 66: At Waco, LaceDarius Dunn scored 26 points, including eight straight free throws in the final 2 minutes, as Baylor rallied to beat Colorado 70-66 Saturday.

Perry Jones III added 14 points for the Bears (14-6, 4-3 Big 12), and Quincy Acy had 13 points and nine rebounds.

NO. 6 KANSAS 90, KANSAS ST. 66: At Lawrence, Kan., Thomas Robinson, two days after his mother's funeral, shook off a slow start and had 17 points and nine rebounds Saturday to help lead No. 6 Kansas past Kansas State 90-66.

Markieff Morris had 20 points and nine rebounds for the Jayhawks (20-1, 5-1 Big 12), who celebrated the 150th anniversary of Kansas' statehood with their 181st victory over the outmanned Wildcats (14-8, 2-5) in a series that began in 1907.

OKLAHOMA 82, IOWA STATE 76, OT: At Ames, Iowa, Steven Pledger scored 12 of his career-high 38 points in overtime and Oklahoma broke a 19-game losing streak away from home with an 82-76 victory over Iowa State on Saturday night.

Oklahoma (11-9, 3-3 Big 12) blew a 15-point first-half lead, then rallied from six points down in regulation to tie the game at 67 on Pledger's 3-pointer.

TEXAS

SMU 75, RICE 68: At Houston, Robert Nyakundi scored a career-high 29 points, including seven 3-pointers, to lead SMU past Rice 75-68 Saturday.

Papa Dia added 19 points and Mike Walker 13 for the Mustangs (13-8, 4-3 Conference USA), who won their third in a row.

TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI 46, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 45: At Nacogdoches, Justin Reynolds hit 1-of-2 free throws with 2 seconds left and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi edged Stephen F. Austin 46-45 Saturday.

Garland Judkins led the the Islanders (8-13, 3-4 Southland) with 13 points and Demond Watt added 12.

NICHOLLS STATE 78, LAMAR 71: At Thibodaux, La., Anatoly Bose and Fred Hunter each scored 22 points and Nicholls State defeated Lamar 78-71 Saturday.

Hunter scored on a layup with 15.57 to play, giving the Colonels (10-8, 4-3 Southland Conference) their biggest lead, 43-28, in a matchup between the conference's highest-scoring team (Lamar) and its second best-defending team (Nicholls State).

TEXAS SOUTHERN 65, ALABAMA A&M 61: At Houston, Harrison Smith scored 18 points and Texas Southern held off Alabama A&M 65-61 on Saturday to retain a share of first place in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Travele Jones scored 15 points and Lawre Johnson-Danner and Kevin Galloway had 11 points each for the Tigers (9-10, 7-1), who will remain atop the league along with the winner of Saturday's Jackson State-Mississippi Valley State game.

DENVER 80, NORTH TEXAS 67: At Denver, Brian Stafford scored 21 points as Denver bounced back from its only conference loss of the season to beat North Texas 80-67 on Saturday.

Chris Udofia added 15 points and Chase Hallam and Tyler Thalken 13 each for Denver (11-10, 7-1 Sun Belt). The Pioneers had come off a 59-49 loss last week at Middle Tennessee that had snapped an eight-game winning streak.

EAST CAROLINA 74, HOUSTON 70: At Greenville, N.C., Jontae Sherrod scored 20 points, Darrius Morrow added 18 and East Carolina used a strong finish at the free-throw line to rally past Houston 74-70 Saturday night.

The Pirates (12-9, 4-3 Conference USA) faced their biggest deficit — 13 points — with 10:07 left and were still down by eight with 5:08 left. They trailed 64-56, but pulled to within 66-65 on a 9-2 run that Morrow capped with a dunk.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 83, TEXAS STATE 66: At Arlington, Bo Ingram scored 16 points and Texas-Arlington made 13 3-pointers to cruise past Texas State 83-66 on Saturday night.

Ingram led the long-range attack for the Mavericks (10-9, 4-2 Southland), making 4 of 6 3-point attempts. Texas-Arlington, which connected on 13 of 27 from behind the arc, made nine of its first 16 to race out to a 44-30 lead at the half. Texas State (8-12, 3-3) struggled from outside, making just 2 of 18 3-point attempts.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 88, UTSA 67: At Huntsville, Lance Pevehouse scored 23 points and Sam Houston State overwhelmed UTSA 88-67 Saturday night.

Josten Crow added 17 points, Gilberto Clavell 15 and Drae Murray 13 to help the Bearkats (10-10, 3-4 Southland) end their first three-game losing streak in conference play since 2005.

TULSA 69, UTEP 68: At Tulsa, Okla., Justin Hurtt drained a 16-foot jumper with 6.8 seconds left to lift Tulsa to a 69-68 victory over UTEP on Saturday night.

AIR FORCE 66, TCU 65, OT: At Fort Worth, Taylor Stewart's layup with 15 seconds remaining in overtime gave Air Force a 66-65 win over TCU on Saturday.

SOUTH DAKOTA 76, TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 73: At Vermillion, S.D., Louie Krogman scored 21 points, including four straight free throws in the final minute, as South Dakota rallied for a 76-73 victory over Texas-Pan American on Saturday.

PRARIE VIEW A&M 69, ALABAMA STATE 61: At Prairie View, Prarie View A&M hit 7 of 17 3-pointers to defeat Alabama State 69-61 Saturday and snap a three-game losing streak.

Women

NO. 13 OKLAHOMA 82, OKLAHOMA STATE 77: At Stillwater, Okla., Aaryn Ellenberg scored 23 points in her Bedlam rivalry debut, Danielle Robinson added 20 points and seven assists and Oklahoma beat Oklahoma State for its seventh straight win in the series.

NO. 23 IOWA STATE 71, MISSOURI 56: At Ames, Iowa, freshman Hallie Christofferson scored 18 points and Chelsea Poppens added 12 points and a career-high 19 rebounds, leading Iowa State to a victory over Missouri.

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TOP 25 ROUNDUP

Men

NO. 1 OHIO STATE 58, NORTHWESTERN 57: At Evanston, Ill., Jared Sullinger hit the second of two free throws with 3.5 seconds left Saturday night and No. 1 Ohio State overcame a furious rally by Northwestern to beat the Wildcats 58-57 — the unbeaten Buckeyes' 22nd straight victory.

Sullinger finished with 21 points and Aaron Craft had 13 points for Ohio State.

NO. 2 PITTSBURGH 65, RUTGERS 62: At Piscataway, N.J., Ashton Gibbs scored 24 points to help No. 2 Pittsburgh avoid a second straight upset.

The Panthers (20-2, 8-1 Big East) scored 12 of their last 15 points from the free throw line and hit only one basket in the final 7:03 — a long 3-pointer by Gibbs with 55 seconds to play — in posting their 10th straight 20-win season.

NO. 4 SAN DIEGO ST. 96, WYOMING 57: At San Diego, sophomore guard Chase Tapley scored a career-high 24 points and No. 4 San Diego State made a school-record 17 3-points as it bounced back from a loss at No. 9 BYU to rout Wyoming 96-57 on Saturday night.

SDSU (21-1, 6-1 Mountain West) quickly shook off the disappointment of its first loss, a 71-58 defeat at Provo on Wednesday night, when BYU's Jimmer Fredette scored 43 points. The Aztecs jumped to leads of 14-0 and 33-11 against the Cowboys.

NO. 23 LOUISVILLE 79, NO. 5 CONNECTICUT 78: At Storrs, Conn., Peyton Siva scored 19 points, including two driving layups in the second overtime for Louisville.

Terrence Jennings added 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Preston Knowles and Kyle Kuric each added 15 points for the Cardinals (17-4, 6-2), who have won four of five and took sole possession of second place in the Big East.

NO. 21 GEORGETOWN 69, NO. 8 VILLANOVA 66: At Philadelphia, Austin Freeman scored 10 of Georgetown's final 12 points and finished with 30 to lead the Hoyas.

Freeman, the Big East preseason player of the year, took over the offense by himself as the Hoyas (16-5, 5-4) lost most of a nine-point lead with 5 minutes to play.

NEW MEXICO 86, NO. 9 BYU 77: At Albuquerque, N.M., freshman Tony Snell scored a career-high 16 points and had a strong defensive effort in the first half against BYU All-American Jimmer Fredette.

Kendall Williams, another New Mexico freshman, also had 16 points, while Drew Gordon scored 15, Dairese Gary had 14 and Phillip McDonald 11 for the Lobos (15-7, 3-4 Mountain West). New Mexico ended BYU's 10-game winning streak three days after the Cougars knocked off No. 4 San Diego State.

MARQUETTE 76, NO. 9 SYRACUSE 70: At Milwaukee, Jae Crowder scored 13 of his 25 points in the second half to help Marquette hand Syracuse its fourth straight loss.

C.J. Fair's layup tied the game at 64, but Crowder's layup put Marquette ahead by two. Kris Joseph's jumper tied it for the last time for Syracuse, which never led in the game.

Jimmy Butler hit a 3-pointer with 1:51 to go and then Darius Johnson-Odom made another 3 as Marquette withstood the charge.

NO. 12 PURDUE 73, NO. 16 MINNESOTA 61: At West Lafayette, Ind., JaJuan Johnson scored 24 points to lead Purdue.

The Big Ten's leading scorer made 8 of 13 field goals to notch his sixth straight game with at least 20 points.

NO. 14 KENTUCKY 66, GEORGIA 60: At Lexington, Ky., Doron Lamb scored 19 points, including a pair of crucial baskets to halt a late Georgia rally.

PENN ST. 56, NO. 17 WISCONSIN 52: At State College, Pa., Talor Battle scored 20 of his 22 points after halftime and Penn State turned up the defensive pressure in the second half in the upset.

ARKANSAS 89, NO. 19 VANDERBILT 78: At Nashville, Tenn., Rotnei Clarke scored a season-high 36 points and reserve Michael Sanchez had a career-high 20 points as Arkansas handed the Commodores' their first home loss.

CLEMSON 62, NO. 22 FLORIDA STATE 44: At Clemson, S.C., Jerai Grant had 14 points, Demontez Stitt added 12 and Clemson knocked off its first ranked opponent under coach Brad Brownell.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 71, NO. 24 FLORIDA 64: At Starkville, Miss., Dee Bost scored 24 points, and Kodi Augustus and Renardo Sidney each added 16 for Mississippi State.

Women

NO. 2 CONNECTICUT 80, CINCINNATI 46: At Cincinnati, Maya Moore scored 23 points to help No. 2 Connecticut to an easy 80-46 victory over outmanned Cincinnati on Saturday.

NO. 4 STANFORD 74, OREGON STATE 44: At Corvallis, Ore., Kayla Pedersen scored a season-high 21 points and Jeanette Pohlen added 15 points to lead Stanford to a win over Oregon State.

NO. 7 XAVIER 67, RHODE ISLAND 45: At Cincinnati, Ta'Shia Phillips had 12 points and 15 rebounds, dominating upfront before she got into foul trouble, and Amber Harris scored 10 of her 16 points in the second half, helping Xavier pull away to a victory over Rhode Island.

NO. 9 NOTRE DAME 58, VILLANOVA 43: At Villanova, Pa., Devereaux Peters scored 20 points to lead No. 9 Notre Dame to an 58-43 victory over Villanova on Saturday night.

NO. 11 UCLA 70, ARIZONA 60: At Los Angeles, Jasmine Dixon had a season-best 22 points with nine rebounds to help No. 11 UCLA beat Arizona 70-60 on Saturday.

NO. 19 GEORGETOWN 59, SETON HALL 41: At South Orange, N.J., Adria Crawford scored 14 points to pace a balanced offense and lead Georgetown to a win over Seton Hall.

NO. 22 WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY 69, VALPARAISO 50: At Valparaiso, Ind., Celeste Hoiewisch scored 17 points and Kayla Tetschlag added 14 to lead Wisconsin-Green Bay to a win over Valparaiso.

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SATURDAY'S SCORES AND BOXES

Men

TOP 25 FARED

1. Ohio State (22-0) beat Northwestern 58-57. Next: vs. Michigan, Thursday.
2. Pittsburgh (20-2) beat Rutgers 65-62. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.
3. Duke (19-1) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
4. San Diego State (21-1) beat Wyoming 96-57. Next: at Colorado State, Wednesday.
5. Connecticut (17-3) lost to No. 23 Louisville 79-78 2OT. Next: vs. No. 9 Syracuse, Wednesday.
6. Kansas (20-1) beat Kansas State 90-66. Next: at Texas Tech, Tuesday.
7. Texas (18-3) beat No. 11 Missouri 71-58. Next: at No. 13 Texas A&M, Monday.
8. Villanova (17-4) lost to No. 21 Georgetown 69-66. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday.
9. BYU (20-2) lost to New Mexico 86-77. Next: at Wyoming, Wednesday.
9. Syracuse (18-4) lost to Marquette 76-70. Next: at No. 5 Connecticut, Wednesday.
11. Missouri (17-4) lost to No. 7 Texas 71-58. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
12. Purdue (18-4) beat No. 16 Minnesota 73-61. Next: at No. 17 Wisconsin, Tuesday.
13. Texas A&M (17-3) lost to Nebraska 57-48. Next: vs. No. 7 Texas, Monday.
14. Kentucky (16-4) beat Georgia 66-60. Next: at Mississippi, Tuesday.
15. Notre Dame (17-4) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Thursday.
16. Minnesota (16-5) lost to No. 12 Purdue 73-61. Next: at Indiana, Wednesday.
17. Wisconsin (15-5) lost to Penn State 56-52. Next: vs. No. 12 Purdue, Tuesday.
18. Washington (15-4) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.
19. Vanderbilt (15-5) lost to Arkansas 89-78. Next: at No. 24 Florida, Tuesday.
20. Illinois (14-7) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Tuesday.
21. Georgetown (16-5) beat No. 8 Villanova 69-66. Next: vs. No. 23 Louisville, Sunday.
22. Florida State (15-4) lost to Clemson 62-44. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Tuesday.
23. Louisville (17-4) beat No. 5 Connecticut 79-78 2OT. Next: at No. 21 Georgetown, Monday.
24. Florida (16-5) lost to Mississippi State 71-64. Next: vs. No. 19 Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
25. Michigan State (12-8) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Sunday.

SOUTHWEST

Air Force 66, TCU 65, OT
Arkansas 57, 75, Ark.-Little Rock 64
Baylor 70, Colorado 66
McNeese St. 75, Cent. Arkansas 62
Prairie View 69, Alabama St. 61
SMU 75, Rice 68
Sam Houston St. 88, UTSA 67
Texas 71, Missouri 58
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 46, Stephen F. Austin 45
Texas Southern 65, Alabama A&M 61
Texas Tech 75, Oklahoma St. 74, OT
Texas-Arlington 83, Texas St. 66
Tulsa 69, UTEP 68

FAR WEST

Arizona 82, Southern Cal 73
California 85, Oregon 72
Colorado St. 74, Utah 68
Denver 80, North Texas 67
Gonzaga 86, San Diego 53
Montana 79, Montana St. 58
New Mexico 86, BYU 77
Portland 85, Saint Mary's, Calif. 70
Santa Clara 79, Loyola Marymount 72
UCLA 70, Arizona 60, T2

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 68, E. Michigan 63
Cleveland St. 61, Loyola of Chicago 79
Creighton 80, Indiana St. 59
Evansville 66, S. Illinois 49
FIU 80, Ohio Roberts 77
IUPUI 96, W. Illinois 45
Ill.-Chicago 80, Youngstown St. 61
Jacksonville St. 56, E. Illinois 46
Kansas 90, Kansas St. 66
Marquette 76, Syracuse 70
N. Dakota St. 89, UMKC 88, 2OT
Nebraska 57, Texas A&M 48
North Dakota 83, Illinois-Springfield 73
Oakland, Mich. 100, Centenary 70
Ohio 61, Ball St. 60
Ohio St. 58, Northwestern 57
Oklahoma 82, Iowa St. 76, OT
Purdue 73, Minnesota 61
S. Dakota St. 96, S. Utah 79
SIU-Edwardsville 78, Greenville 67
South Dakota 76, Texas-Pan American 73
Tennessee Tech 93, SE Missouri 86
Valparaiso 85, Butler 79, OT
W. Michigan 73, Miami (Ohio) 68, OT
West Virginia 66, Cincinnati 55
Wichita St. 61, Bradley 41

SOUTH

Alabama 70, LSU 46
Alcorn St. 70, Southern U. 63
Ark.-Pine Bluff 73, Grambling St. 63
Arkansas 89, Vanderbilt 78
Auburn 79, South Carolina 64
Bethune-Cookman 51, S. Carolina St. 60
Campbell 76, North Florida 66
Charleston-So. 85, Elon 76
Clemson 62, Florida St. 44
Coastal Carolina 86, Radford 63
Coppin St. 98, N. Carolina A&T 70
Davidson 75, Coll. of Charleston 64
E. Kentucky 86, Tennessee St. 72
ETSU 93, Kennesaw St. 62
East Carolina 74, Houston 70
Furman 81, Appalachian St. 61
George Mason 85, William & Mary 69
Hampton 70, Delaware St. 64
High Point 77, Charleston Southern 75
Howard 77, Md.-Eastern Shore 73
Jackson St. 93, MVSU 79
Kentucky 66, Georgia 60
La Salle 80, Charlotte 66, 2OT
Liberty 67, Gardner-Webb 51
Louisiana Tech 70, Boise St. 60
Marshall 85, Memphis 76
Mercer 65, S.C.-Upstate 53
Middle Tennessee 79, Fla. International 70
Mississippi St. 71, Florida 64
Morehead St. 69, Austin Peay 56
Murray St. 92, Tenn.-Martin 75
N.C. Central 61, Norfolk St. 59
Nicholls St. 78, Lamar 71
Norfolk St. 76, Morgan St. 74
North Carolina 84, N.C. State 64
Old Dominion 80, Towson 74
Presbyterian 76, Winthrop 74, OT
SE Louisiana 93, Northwestern St. 84
Savannah St. 76, Longwood 67
Southern Miss. 67, Tulane 54
Tennessee 74, Mississippi 57
Troy 74, Louisiana-Monroe 68
UAB 74, UCF 69
UNC-Asheville 100, VMI 87
UNC Greensboro 91, Samford 72
Va. Commonwealth 75, Delaware 64
W. Kentucky 57, Florida Atlantic 53
Wake Forest 76, Virginia 71
Wofford 76, W. Carolina 68
Xavier 85, Richmond 72

EAST

Annicrub U. 73, Lafayette 60
Army 90, Bucknell 70
Bryant 62, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 60
Buffalo 63, N. Illinois 52
Cent. Connecticut St. 75, Wagner 71
Columbia 68, Dartmouth 63
Drexel 65, Hofstra 60
George Washington 92, Saint Louis 46
Georgetown 69, Villanova 66
Harvard 79, Cornell 57
James Madison 77, Delaware 71
Lehigh 79, Holy Cross 78, OT
Long Island U. 74, Monmouth, N.J. 69
Louisville 79, Connecticut 78, 2OT
Maine 77, Binghamton 74
Navy 61, Colgate 76, 2OT
New Hampshire 60, Boston U. 48
Northeastern 70, Georgia St. 65
Penn 80, Brown 67
Penn St. 56, Wisconsin 52
Pittsburgh 65, Rutgers 62
Princeton 57, Yale 53
Quinnipiac 75, St. Francis, Pa. 53
Sacred Heart 84, Robert Morris 75
St. Bonaventure 69, Fordham 60
St. Francis, NY 86, Farleigh Dickinson 77
St. Peter's 80, Rider 60
Stony Brook 69, Hartford 35
Temple 72, Saint Joseph's 54
Vermont 63, Albany, N.Y. 54

MAJOR TEXAS BOXES

No. 7 TEXAS 71, No. 11 MISSOURI 58

MISSOURI (17-4): Rutts 4-9 0-1 8, Safford 1-10 2-2 4, Dixon 1-5 4-6 7, Denmon 3-9 1-2 7, English 3-8 2-2 10, P Pressey 3-7 5-6 12, Kreklow 0-0 2-2 2, M Pressey 1-4 0-0 2, Bowers 2-2 0-0 4, Moore 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 19-56 16-21 58.

TEXAS (18-3): Johnson 5-9 5-12 15, Thompson 5-7 3-9 9, Hamilton 7-15 0-0 16, Balboa 3-4 2-4 8, Joseph 3-10 2-3 13, Lopez 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 2-3 3-4 7, Wangmene 0-1 0-0 0, Hill 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 26-50 16-34 71. Halftime—Texas 38-27. 3-Point Goals—Missouri 4-18 (English 2-4, Dixon 1-3, P.Pressey 1-5, Denmon 0-3, Safford 0-3), Texas 3-10 (Hamilton 2-7, Joseph 1-2, Brown 0-1). Fouled Out—P.Pressey. Rebounds—Missouri 27 (Safford 10), Texas 41 (Thompson, Hamilton 13). Assists—Missouri 6 (P.Pressey 5), Texas 15 (Balboa, Hamilton 5). Total Fouls—Missouri 24, Texas 20. A—18,734.

NEBRASKA 57, No. 13 TEXAS A&M 48

TEXAS A&M (17-3): Loubeau 3-5 1-3 7, Middleton 4-9 3-4 12, Walker 5-10 1-2 13, Harris 2-7 0-2 4, Holmes 1-6 0-1 3, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Danko 2-4 0-0 6, Hibbert 0-2 0-0 0, Robinson 1-2 1-2 3, R. Turner 3-11 0-0 7. Totals 18-46 6-14 48.

NEBRASKA (15-5): Diaz 7-15 2-4 16, McCray 1-4 1-1 3, Richardson 3-6 4-4 10, Walker 3-6 2-2 8, Jeter 4-10 2-4 10, Jones 2-3 1-2 7, Uter 0-1 2-2 2, Mason 0-1 0-0 0, Simonds 3-8 0-0 2. Totals 21-48 12-17 57.

Halftime—Texas A&M 31-24. 3-Point Goals—Texas A&M 6-19 (Middleton 2-4, Danko 2-4, Middleton 1-4, Holmes 1-5, Hibbert 0-1, Harris 0-2), Nebraska 3-15 (Jones 2-2, Walker 1-3, Uter 0-1, Berard 0-1, Richardson 0-2, McCray 0-2, Jeter 0-4). Fouled Out—Middleton. Rebounds—Texas A&M 34 (Holmes 6), Nebraska 26 (Jeter 6). Assists—Texas A&M 8 (Holmes 4), Nebraska 8 (Jeter 4). Total Fouls—Texas A&M 19, Nebraska 14. A—11,101.

TEXAS TECH 75, OKLAHOMA ST. 74, OT

OKLAHOMA ST. (14-7): O. Williams 2-3 5-9 4, Moses 5-13 3-4 13, Gulkema 4-16 3-4 11, Pops 6-16 10-10 26, Smith 6-13 2-3 12, Shaw 2-2 0-0 4, Dowell 1-5 0-0 2, Penn 0-0 0-0 0, Sidiropulos 1-3 0-0 2, Pilgrim 0-0 0-0 0, Franklin 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 25-74 18-20 74.

TEXAS TECH (11-11): Roberts 2-4 2-4 6, Singletary 6-12 13-15 25, Lewandowski 2-4 2-4 6, Reese 6-13 5-6 19, Robinson 4-10 2-4 12, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Tairu 0-2 2-2 2, Crockett 1-3 4-5 7. Totals 21-48 29-39 75.

Halftime—Texas Tech 33-32. End Of Regulation—Tied 58. 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma St. 6-20 (Pops 4-8, Brown 2-6, Sidiropulos 0-1, Dowell 0-1, Moses 0-1, Gulkema 0-3), Texas Tech 4-9 (Reese 2-2, Robinson 2-5, Singletary 0-1, Tairu 0-1). Fouled Out—Lewandowski. Rebounds—Oklahoma St. 44 (Brown, Moses 8), Texas Tech 39 (Singletary 7). Assists—Oklahoma St. 8 (Brown, Pops 2, O.Williams 2), Texas Tech 10 (Crockett, Robinson, Roberts, Singletary 2). Total Fouls—Oklahoma St. 27, Texas Tech 20. A—9,022.

BAYLOR 70, COLORADO 66

COLORADO (14-6): Dufault 2-5 0-2 4, Tomlinson 1-3 1-2 3, Relphorde 2-7 0-2 4, Burks 6-19 8-8 25, Higgins 6-15 2-2 16, Sharpe 0-0 0-0 0, Conley 0-0 0-0 0, Robertson 3-7 3-4 9, Knudson 3-9 2-2 10. Totals 23-65 16-22 66.

BAYLOR (14-6): P. Jones 6-12 2-4 14, A. Jones 1-4 0-0 3, Morgan 0-0 0-0 0, Walton 3-4 0-2 8, Dunn 6-18 11-11 26, Ellis 1-2 0-0 2, Acy 4-5 5-7 13. Love 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 23-49 18-24 70.

Halftime—Colorado 35-21. 3-Point Goals—Colorado 4-16 (Knudson 2-4, Higgins 2-5, Robertson 0-1, Tomlinson 0-1, Relphorde 0-1, Burks 0-4), Baylor 6-13 (Dunn 3-7, Walton 2-2, A. Jones 1-2, Ellis 0-1, Love 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Colorado 38 (Robertson 11), Baylor 38 (Acy 9). Assists—Colorado 8 (Higgins, Tomlinson 2), Baylor 12 (Dunn 6). Total Fouls—Colorado 24, Baylor 16. A—6,695.

Women

Top 25 Fared

1. Baylor (18-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Texas A&M, Sunday.
2. Connecticut (20-1) beat Cincinnati 80-46. Next: vs. No. 3 Duke, Monday.
3. Duke (20-0) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Connecticut, Monday.
4. Stanford (21-2) beat Oregon State 74-44. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.
5. Tennessee (20-2) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Sunday.
6. Texas A&M (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Baylor, Sunday.
7. Xavier (17-2) beat Rhode Island 67-45. Next: vs. La Salle, Tuesday.
8. West Virginia (19-2) did not play. Next: at No. 12 DePaul, Sunday.
9. Notre Dame (18-4) beat Villanova 58-43. Next: vs. Syracuse, Tuesday.
10. Michigan State (18-3) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
11. UCLA (18-2) beat Arizona 70-60. Next: at Southern Cal, Sunday, Feb. 6.
12. DePaul (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 West Virginia, Sunday.
13. Oklahoma (16-4) beat Oklahoma State 82-77. Next: at No. 1 Baylor, Wednesday.
14. Maryland (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Longwood, Sunday.
15. North Carolina (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.
16. Miami (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Georgia Tech, Sunday.
17. Kentucky (16-4) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Sunday.
18. Iowa (16-5) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Sunday.
19. Georgetown (17-5) beat Seton Hall 59-41. Next: at Louisville, Tuesday.
20. Georgia (16-4) did not play. Next: at LSU, Sunday.
21. Florida State (17-4) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday.
22. Wisconsin-Green Bay (20-1) beat Valparaiso 69-50. Next: vs. Cleveland State, Thursday.
23. Iowa State (15-5) beat Missouri 71-56. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
24. Ohio State (13-7) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Sunday.
25. Georgia Tech (18-5) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Miami, Sunday.

SOUTHWEST

Alabama A&M 52, Texas Southern 50
Ark.-Little Rock 53, Arkansas St. 36
Cent. Arkansas 74, McNeese St. 73, OT
Lamar 79, Nicholls St. 62
New Orleans 73, Dallas Christian 42
Oklahoma 82, Oklahoma St. 77
Prairie View 59, Alabama St. 36
Stephen F. Austin 90, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 64
Texas St. 61, Texas-Arlington 57
UTSA 75, Sam Houston St. 66

FAR WEST

Air Force 60, TCU 55
Arizona St. 92, Southern Cal 61
BYU 76, New Mexico 64
Cal St.-Fullerton 64, Long Beach St. 48
California 81, Oregon 65
Chicago St. 74, Seattle 52
Colorado St. 53, Utah 48
Denver 86, North Texas 67
Fresno St. 72, Nevada 61
Gonzaga 70, San Diego 49
Idaho 64, New Mexico St. 51
Idaho St. 75, E. Washington 69
Montana 96, Montana St. 58
N. Colorado 67, Weber St. 49
N.J.-Tech 55, Utah Valley 52
Pacific 62, UC Riverside 59
Portland St. 97, Sacramento St. 79
Saint Mary's, Calif. 78, Portland 76
San Francisco 66, Pepperdine 46
Santa Clara 71, Loyola Marymount 73
Stanford 74, Oregon St. 44
UC Davis 91, UC Irvine 72
UC Santa Barbara 71, CS Northridge 48
UCLA 70, Arizona 60
Wyoming 59, San Diego St. 57

MIDWEST

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Cent. Michigan 74, Akron 62
Cleveland St. 66, Youngstown St. 65
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Creighton 90, Wichita St. 48, OT
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E. Illinois 77, Jacksonville St. 61
E. Michigan 72, Miami (Ohio) 62
Ill.-Chicago 66, Detroit 58
Illinois St. 61, Evansville 52
Indiana St. 48, S. Illinois 42
Iowa St. 71, Missouri 56
Kansas St. 65, Kansas 60
Missouri St. 90, Drake 61
N. Dakota St. 70, UMKC 66
N. Illinois 56, Ohio 48
N. Iowa 58, Bradley 34
Nebraska 66, Texas Tech 59
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Ohio St. 58, Penn St. 52
S. Dakota St. 81, S. Utah 61
South Dakota St. 72, Texas-Pan American 42
Tennessee Tech 69, SE Missouri 59
Toledo 66, Kent St. 53
W. Illinois 48, IUPUI 43
W. Michigan 66, Bowling Green 55
Wis.-Green Bay 69, Valparaiso 50
Wright St. 77, Loyola of Chicago 76
Xavier 67, Rhode Island 45

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 85, Furman 67
Bethune-Cookman 64, S. Carolina St. 55
E. Kentucky 91, Tennessee St. 86, 2OT
ETSU 85, Kennesaw St. 61
Elon 76, W. Carolina 49
Fla. International 62, Middle Tennessee 59
Florida A&M 63, N.C. Central 62
Florida Atlantic 79, W. Kentucky 67
Florida Gulf Coast 62, Lipscomb 51
Grambling St. 102, Ark.-Pine Bluff 70
Hampton 52, Delaware St. 29
High Point 58, Presbyterian 41
Howard 35, Md.-Eastern Shore 33
Liberty 70, Winthrop 33
Louisiana-Monroe 65, Troy 48
Louisville 58, Rutgers 45
MVSU 67, Jackson St. 54
Morehead St. 70, Austin Peay 58
Morgan St. 64, Norfolk St. 60
N. Carolina A&T 75, Coppin St. 74
North Florida 65, Campbell 62, 2OT
Northwestern St. 92, SE Louisiana 76
Radford 66, Coastal Carolina 65
S.C.-Upstate 74, Mercer 63
Samford 78, Coll. of Charleston 48
Southern U. 52, Alcorn St. 46
Stetson 70, Belmont 60
Tenn.-Martin 86, Murray St. 64
UNC Asheville 60, Gardner-Webb 59
UNC-Greensboro 60, Wofford 51

EAST

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Binghamton 70, Maine 43
Boston U. 64, New Hampshire 62
Bryant 79, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 76, OT
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Buffalo 77, Ball St. 61
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Fairleigh Dickinson 49, St. Francis, NY 49
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Lehigh 77, Holy Cross 67
Marquette 74, Pittsburgh 70, OT
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Niagara 72, Canisius 43
Penn 52, Brown 32
Princeton 52, Yale 37
Robert Morris 75, Quinnipiac 67
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Exquisite Country Living at 7911 Dunblane

Quiet country elegance is yours the minute you enter the circular driveway at 7911 Dunblane in Pecan Acres. This Texas-sized home offers 4,935 square feet of living space with five bedrooms, three dining areas, four full baths, two half baths, a four-car garage plus a bonus shop or fifth garage, stable and pool. Built in 2006, this custom home has an exterior of beautiful limestone and mocha brick. The five manicured acres are enclosed with four-rail white vinyl fencing. It is located in the Scharbauer, Goddard and Midland High School districts. Raised brick flowerbeds, filled with meticulously cut shrubbery, surround the front of the home. The yard features numerous circular brick beds, each a home for a tall oak tree. Glass and bronze lanterns welcome you to the front of the home, as well as, on each entrance of the driveway. The large covered front porch leads to an oversized rich, dark wooden front door with beautiful glass inlay.

The moment the door opens, your eyes are drawn to the tall ceilings and spaciousness of the rooms! A tile floor flows throughout the home in a decorative pattern. To your right is the formal dining room perfect for accommodating your next large dinner party! The floor is covered with hardwood and a rich dark wood double Plantation shutter appears as though it is a doorway leading out front. Crown moulding outlines the ceiling in every room. The lighting in this home is spectacular! Custom alabaster and crystal chandeliers are featured in almost every room!

As you pass through the entry, a large living room awaits! Sit and relax and enjoy the beautiful wall of windows. Covered in white Plantation shutters, they provide privacy when needed. A corner wood-burning fireplace, built of limestone, features a beautiful mantle for displaying favorite items. Built-ins along another wall offer storage for everything!

To your right, you will find a chef's dream kitchen. With built-ins for all of your kitchen appliances, the granite countertops can sparkle and shine! A large island, complete with a sink, provides a place for prep-work when cooking. Stainless steel Whirlpool appliances, a convection oven, a regular oven and a glass-top stovetop will keep you happily cooking! There is a large corner pantry with plenty of storage space. A skylight overhead keeps the area light and bright! Family and friends can sit at the bar that surrounds the kitchen or in the informal dining area that has a wonderful view of the pool and backyard!

The cozy family media room is complete with a wall of built-ins for gaming, a television and family mementos. It's the perfect spot to watch your favorite sporting event or movie!

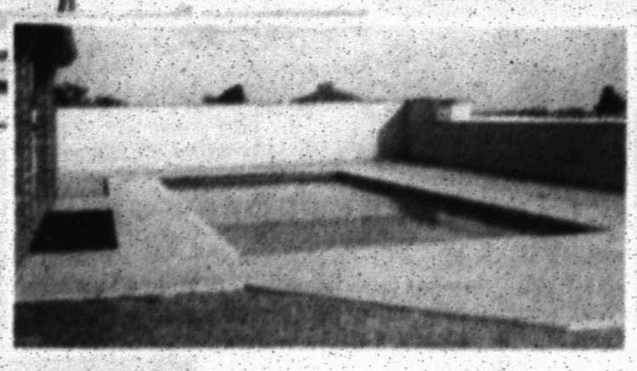
Unique fans and lighting offer comfort and light to the room. A half bath is located in this room and has an outside door for the convenience of those at the pool.

A large oversized laundry room features the same granite countertops and tile flooring as in the kitchen. Cabinets, a sink, and a closet allow for a multitude of additional uses for this room. A skylight overhead offers light in addition to traditional lighting. As you pass through here, you will enter a room that could be made into an office or small bedroom. A large walk in closet is perfect for storage. Neutral carpet and walls and the same fans as in the family room make this room extra special. Another bedroom is next to this room and includes a full bathroom. All the bathrooms in this home have shower enclosures, granite countertops and beautiful tile flooring! A half bath is located next to the formal dining room with walls covered in custom paint. Alabaster chandeliers surround the mirror over a sink that is built into a rich mahogany cabinet.

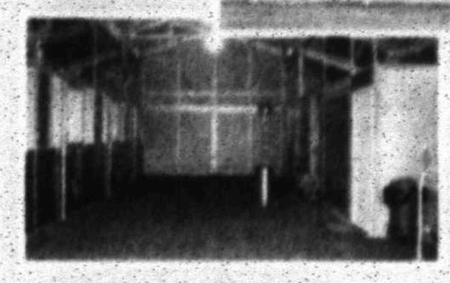
To the left of the front entry, follow the beautiful tile to a bedroom with a large walk-in closet and unique overhead lighting. A Jack and Jill bathroom connects it to another bedroom, complete with its own walk-in closet. Both bedrooms are covered in custom zebra carpet! Built-in shelves offer space for collections. Closing a sliding door can hide the two rooms from the main part of the house.

The four car garage, with a tongue and groove cedar closet and pool storage room, will keep accessories hidden and out of the elements. Built-in cabinets and a work table in the garage allow space for working on extra projects! An electric attic lift assists in moving boxes to the attic for storage! A separate shop or fifth garage is available too! Solar powered gates open to a five-stall Barn Master horse facility with a 60' round pen with a six-horse walker.

This home offers a new roof, two air conditioning and heating units, gutters, security system with camera and recorder-owned, parking pad, covered patio, automatic garage door opener, sprinkler system, reverse osmosis system-owned, and water softener-owned.



The master bedroom is behind double doors and has a beautiful view overlooking the pool! The floor is covered in rich tan carpet and the walls are neutral. Relax in this room after a long day or enjoy the jetted tub in the master bathroom. A walk through closet allows for his and her clothing to be kept out of sight. Closet shelves and built-in cabinets will keep everything organized! Separate granite countertops and sinks make this bathroom spacious and enjoyable. A large corner shower has natural light, as well as, lighting overhead and another skylight is in the center of the room.



If you want to enjoy some of the finest things in a home, this is the place for you! This luxury home is listed for $1,195,000.

For more information, contact Jan Gregory with Keller Williams Realty at (432) 631-5198 or www.jangregory.com or e-mail at jancansell@yahoo.com. MLS# 84925

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Midland Under $100,000

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3503 Cunningham Dr.: $85,000; 2 bedrooms, 1 baths, 782 sq. ft. Nice starter home at a great price. Big back yard, central air and heating unit, laundry room, storage room-close to all major highways. ... **Call Leo Salcido 557-4487**

701 S. Webster; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$84,900**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1668 sq. ft. with new kitchen cabinets and tile, formal dining, large backyard and open patio. ... **Call Renee Salas 638-8083**

600 #06 Liddon: $47,500; 1 bedrooms, 1 bath, 972 sq. ft. Sutton Place Townhome. Cute as a button! Updates with tile flooring & bathroom remodel. Located in swimming pool area. HOA fee of $385 includes electricity, gas, water, ground maintenance & exterior insurance. ... **Call Jan Gregory 631-5198**

2109 N. County Rd. 1134 1/2; ***REDUCED***...**$35,000**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Double wide manufactured home in Pecan Grove. Landscaped yard with shop and storage building and covered carport. Great Investment Property. ... **Call Patti Woolard 967-1846**

Midland $100,000-$200,000

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3203 Bluebird Lane; ***SOLD***...**$183,900**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1632 sq. ft. Great patio home centrally located to Loop 250. Like new with large master bathroom, walk-in closets. Low maintenance and move-in ready. ... **Call Alejandra Morales 296-8386**

2819 Cimmaron; ***REDUCED***...**$174,500**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2195 sq. ft. Charming home surrounded by huge trees. Immaculately maintained by the same owner since 1968! Feel the love when you walk through the front door. ... **Call Ann Flatt 638-4074**

3008 Fredna; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$171,900**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1818 sq. ft. 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, soaring beamed ceilings, tile floors, recent updates and workshop. ... **Call Sandy Tucker 894-1400**

2604 Emerson; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$169,900**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1742 sq. ft. Stunning flagstone pool & patio with rock waterfall. Open & move-in ready! Negotiable! ... **Call Kandi Bagwell 352-4134**

2405 Northtown Ct.; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$159,500**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1990 sq. ft. Wonderful stucco home with gated entry and patio. Large sequestered master with dual sink bath. ... **Call Patti Woolard 967-1846**

7205 E County Rd. 90; ***REDUCED***...**$154,900**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1500 sq. ft. Greenwood-- nice neighborhood, large 1/2 acre lot, big 2 car garage with lots of room. ...

Sunday Open Houses

Sunday 2-4...**121 Dewberry; $129,900**. ... ***shown by Lisa Neal 664-5987***
Sunday 2-4...**3536 Hyde Park; $164,90** ... ***shown by Sandy Tucker 894-1400***
Sunday 4-5...**7 Belfield; $249,900** ... ***shown by Alejandra Morales 296-8386***

Midland $100,000-$200,000

2218 N H Street; ***REDUCED***...**$154,900**; 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2065 sq. ft. Open floor plan with wood burning fireplace, 2 car garage. ... **Call Sandy Tucker 894-1400**

2106 Regal; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$149,900**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1787 sq. ft. Spacious home in nice cul-de-sac. Located in quiet area, this home features great living spaces with over sized master bedroom, high ceilings and skylights throughout. ... **Call Alejandra Morales 296-8386**

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121 S. Dewberry; **$129,900**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1483 sq. ft. Adorable starter home! ... **Call Lisa Neal 664-5987**

1212 Scharbauer; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$104,900**; 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1268 sq. ft. Scharbauer Place Townhome. Newer paint and carpeting, kitchen updated with tile countertops and flooring. Spiral staircase leading to bedrooms on 2nd level. 2 car garage. ... **Call Jan Gregory 631-5198**

Midland $200,000-$300,000

1110 Mogford; ***REDUCED***...**$279,900**; 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3260 sq. ft. Completely remodeled home in Old Midland with tons of space! Fabulous large kitchen with granite countertops, tons of counter space and cabinets. Oversized, sequestered master bath with walk in closets and updated bath. ... **Call Brandi Geron 238-2402**

3306 Stanolind Ave; **$249,900**; 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2708 sq. ft. Completely redone on cul-de-sac, with workshop. ... **Call Patti Woolard 967-1846**

5006 Crista Lane; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$257,900**; 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2344 sq. ft. Gently used Lance Friday resale! Light and bright open floorplan with huge kitchen, miles of tile, and granite throughout. Covered patio with spacious yard. ... **Call Kay Sutton 416-0289**

7 Belfield Court; ***REDUCED***...**$249,900**; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3274 sq. ft. Features 5 living areas and 2 dining areas. Open floor plan, nice kitchen with breakfast bar. Nice wood floors, sun rooms, sequestered master bedroom. ... **Call Alejandra Morales 296-8386**

1701 Lexington; ***REDUCED***...**$239,500**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2080 sq. ft. Striking low maintenance home. Wood floors, skylights and fireplace make this home cozy and inviting. Lushly landscaped private backyard. ... **Call Kay Sutton 416-0289**

5405 La Jolla Cove: $236,900; 4 bedroom, 2 baths 2417 sq. ft. Open floor plan, super-sized kitchen, sequestered master suite, with garden tub, low maintenance yard and oversized garage. ... **Call Patti Woolard 967-1846**

5410 Crowley Blvd.; ***REDUCED***...**$229,500**; 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2318 sq. ft. Fabulous patio home in Grassland Estates. Sunroom or computer room -- wall to wall built-ins. Super master suite has 2 closets and Jacuzzi tub. ... **Call Kay Sutton 416-0289**

4401/03 Fairgale Dr.; **$210,000**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1620 sq. ft. and 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1572 sq. ft. Great investment property with tenant in 3 bedroom side. Both sides in good condition! ... **Call Kay Sutton 416-0289**

4904 Quartz Lane; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$205,000**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1991 sq. ft. Beautiful open floor plan with formal living and dining, corner limestone fireplace, Tray ceilings, tile throughout. Nice size kitchen, large master suite. Must see! ... **Call Alejandra Morales 296-8386**

2900 Emerson Place; ***REDUCED***...**$205,000**; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2241 sq. ft. Almost everything in house is redone! Large windows in every room, wonderful private courtyard plus very private backyard! ... **Call Kay Sutton 416-0289**

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21 Hialeah; ***UNDER CONTRACT***...**$649,900**; 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 5240 sq. ft. To much to tell-- a must see! Pool, cabana or guest house, gated community, updated kitchen, sequestered master suite with office, sequestered in-law suite, all bedrooms downstairs. ... **Call Patti Woolard 967-1846**

7600 Trenton Dr.; **$410,000**; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2820 sq. ft. Country living with the convenience of town! Wonderful home with man's dream of a shop. Open kitchen, upgraded appliances, and large windows. ... **Call Kay Sutton 416-0289**

3301 Feldspar; **$379,000**; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3220 sq. ft. Extremely light, open, and fresh! Gourmet kitchen with wall of windows. Beautiful wood flooring in living and dining. Huge isolated master suite. Wrapped around a corner with a 3 car garage. ... **Call Kay Sutton 416-0289**

1009 E. County Rd. 129; **$349,900**; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3255 sq. ft. Built 2008 on 1.22 acres, formal living and dining rooms, granite countertops and open floor plan. ... **Call Leo Salcido 557-4487**

5307 Quicksand Dr.; **$320,000**; 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2640 sq. ft. Low maintenance quality home loaded with extras. study, huge open living area, granite. ... **Call Kay Sutton 416-0289**

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Land/Lots

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Auction #2011-003

An online auction of Midland College surplus property will be held by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. The auction will begin on Monday, January 24, 2011 and close starting at noon on Monday, February 7, 2011. Items will be available for viewing and bidding on the auctioneer's website: http://www.renebates.com. The College will be auctioning computers and monitors. For additional information contact Barbara Fennell, Purchasing Agent, (432) 686-4250. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids. For a complete list of instructions on to participate in the online auction go to: http://www.renebates.com.

Request for Proposals
Westbrook ISD

The Westbrook Independent School District is soliciting proposals for:

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK for: Window Replacement / Corridor Renovation

Request for Proposals will be received in the office of Todd Burleson, Superintendent, Westbrook ISD, P.O. Box 99 Westbrook, Texas 79565 (102 N. Bertner) until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Any proposals received after the deadline will be returned to the sender unopened. The Westbrook Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive all formalities.

Proposal documents and related documents may be examined and acquired without deposit from the architect beginning Thursday, January 20, 2011.

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2118 34th Street
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(806) 747-3881
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A pre-proposal conference will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Westbrook ISD in Westbrook, Texas.

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Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS

MIDLAND COLLEGE will receive competitive sealed bids for General Construction Work for the **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING REMODEL**. Sealed bids (prepared according to the Instructions to Bidders) may be sent to Mr. Dennis Seyer, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX 79705 until **2:00 P.M., local time, February 15, 2011**. Bids received prior to this time will be securely kept unopened. Bids received after this time will not be considered. The bid opening location will be held in the Midland College Scharbauer Student Center Faculty Lounge, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX 79705, 2:00 P.M., local time, February 15, 2011.

Bid Documents will be available for a refundable deposit of $400.00 per set for paper copies with a maximum of (2) sets for General Contractor and one (1) set for subcontractors. Electronic documents are available for download at no charge. The documents are also available on CD for a non-refundable cost of $18.48 plus tax for each CD. These documents may be secured by contacting Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 1700 W. Wall, Ste 100, Midland, TX 79701, 432-697-1447. No partial sets will be issued.

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This story was submitted by Norma Pine, ABR, CRS, ASR, Broker/Owner, & Chris Beckett, ABR, CRS, e-Pro, GRI, ASR, Broker/Owner of Pine & Beckett, REALTORS.

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Avoid Changes to Your Financial Profile During the Loan Process

Once your loan package has been sent to the lender, there are a number of things you should avoid doing that will change your financial picture. Remember, the lender is looking for stability and consistency. If you want the best interest rate, keep that in mind. Here are a few things to consider.

The lender is looking to see what your source of down payment is.

Your lender will most likely ask you to provide proof of your liquid assets. This includes bank statements for checking and savings accounts, verification of investments, and any other liquid assets. Some of the things they ask for may seem trivial, but keep in mind, if you are planning a move to a new home, it's important to have all documentation readily available. If the lender asks for cancelled checks or deposit receipts to meet certain conditions, you want to be able to find these things quickly to avoid delaying the closing of your loan. Make sure your paper trail is easy to document and don't move money from one account to another.

Major purchases tip the scales against your favor.

Avoid making any major purchases. You might be thinking about purchasing new appliances for the new home. This is not the time to do it. Avoid making any major purchases on jewelry, appliances, furniture, vacations, or anything with a significant price tag.

Buying or leasing a car can make a negative impact on the way the lender views your financial status. This is a big ticket item that dramatically affects your debt-to-income ratio. You may feel you have room in your budget to purchase a new car, and think this is a worthy investment if you are looking for a home that will mean a longer commute for you on a daily basis. But by tacking a car payment onto your existing debt, you reduce the amount that you will qualify for in a home loan. A $400 a month car payment can reduce your approved loan limit by as much as $50,000. Think about doing this after your loan is approved if you really need it.

If you have to change jobs, you may be asked to document why this change occurred.

If you are changing jobs to increase your income, that's a no-brainer for the lender. If you have an erratic work history to start with, another job change may make it look worse for you.

If you are an hourly wage employee, most likely a job change will have no effect on your ability to qualify for a loan. If you have a track record of a consistent amount of overtime or consistent bonuses over the last two years, the lender views this favorably. If you change jobs, there is no way of knowing if the new employer will pay overtime. Many do not! If you work on a salary + commission or straight commission basis, it has a dramatic effect on your stability. If you are considering starting your own business, again, this is something to consider after your loan is funded.

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SUBMITTED BY: Suzanne Smith, President, NMLS#192813 HNB Mortgage 2101 W. Wadley, Ste 36 Midland, Texas 79705 432.683.0081 800.669.8223 (toll-free) 432.687.2612 (fax) www.hnbmortgage.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

How to prepare your kids for moving

If you feel stressed about moving, imagine what it's like for your kids. You have a say in the decisions that dictate the how, when and where of your move. Your kids probably don't. Children are creatures of habit. Any disturbance in the routine will prompt a reaction, whether it's a teenager rebelling or a four-year old pitching a fit. It's normal for them to feel apprehensive and anxious - make sure they know that.

Be honest

Talk to children about what to expect, answer questions, share your feelings and encourage them to share theirs. Make sure they know they can come to you at any time. The prospect of being uprooted from school, sports teams, friends and a familiar house can be traumatic, and the longer your children have been building relationships, the more upset they will likely be. Let them know that you can and will help them through the transition. Every child is different, but overall, kids are pretty resilient; they just need time to warm up to new ideas and get adjusted to major changes in their lives. Let them know why the family is moving and put the date of your move on the family calendar for all to see.

All is not lost

Remind them that moving doesn't mean they're going to lose touch with their friends. They can still keep in contact via e-mail, text message and social networks. You may also want to arrange a visit where your children's friends come to the new house after you've settled in a bit.

Be a role model

Kids pick up on their parents' emotion and state of mind. If you're frantic and nervous about the move, they will be too. If you keep it together and express confidence, your kids will likely follow your lead. Concentrate on all the opportunities and emphasize all new experiences that lie ahead. This is an exciting time.

Let them help

If it's practical, let the kids participate during the home search. Encourage them to ask questions - sometimes kids ask the most insightful questions. Look at the house through their eyes and try to think of their concerns. Take extra time to show them where their room will be, and ask them to think about where they want their furniture.

Pick it up, pack it in

Packing is never fun, nor is it tremendously exciting. Younger kids in particular may need a little help understanding the concept. Let them know you're not throwing away toys; you're just making sure that they're packed safely away and that they'll be available when you get to the new place. Let them write their names on the boxes with colorful magic markers or crayons. One tip that can really help, no matter the age, is to have a box with just their "important" stuff. This box may contain music, pictures, a favorite book, a stuffed animal or any other valued item. If possible, it should stay with the family during the move. If it must go on the movers, unpack it first to create a level of comfort and familiarity on the first night in the new house.

What's it like?

If you're moving to a new city or state, show them where you're going to live on a map. Also, use the Internet to find kid-friendly attractions and other information about your new town. Allow them to get excited, as this may help counteract some of their nerves. It also helps to get your family back into a comfortable routine as quickly as possible.

We can do it

Moving can be a stressful experience for kids, but as a parent, you can alleviate some of the anxiety by being honest, answering questions and involving them in the process.

Ask your REALTOR® for advice or resources that can help ease the transition to your new community. As an expert in the real estate industry, your REALTOR® likely helped another family through a similar situation.

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This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on February 10, 2011. You have until August 9, 2011, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1251 Triple Cash** ($3) overall odds are 1 in 4.85. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on February 24, 2011. You have until August 23, 2011, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1289 Candy Cane Cash** ($3) overall odds are 1 in 4.20, **#1234 Cool Cash Tripler** ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.90. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on February 25, 2011. You have until August 24, 2011, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1246 Gold Fever** ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.96. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on February 28, 2011. You have until August 27, 2011, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1292 Season's Gold** ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.82. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on April 6, 2011. You have until October 3, 2011, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1226 Totally Topaz 7's** ($7) overall odds are 1 in 3.56, **#1247 Flying Aces** ($2) overall odds are 1 in 4.49, **#1252 Cash Vault** ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.88, **#1254 Houston Texans** ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.82, **#1273 Match & Win** ($3) overall odds are 1 in 3.88, **#1281 Super 7's** ($1) overall odds are 1 in 4.38. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including $599. Prizes of $600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over $1,000,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at **1-800-37LOTTO** or visit the Lottery Web site at **www.txlottery.org** for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to: and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures; and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education.

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THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
US 190 / I-10 FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct public meetings in eight locations throughout the study area of the US 190 / I-10 corridor in February-March, 2011. The purpose of the US 190/I-10 Feasibility Study is to assess the benefits and impacts of implementing various transportation improvements along this major corridor in Texas from the Louisiana border to El Paso. Consideration will be given to this corridor's connectivity to military installations and deployment ports, as well as its potential for congestion relief and economic development.

The purpose of the Public Meetings is to receive public input and comments on this project. An open house format meeting will begin at 6:00 pm at all locations. A short presentation will be made at 6:30 pm, which will be followed by a continuation of the open house until 8:00 pm. Personnel from TxDOT and the engineering and planning consultant team will be available to explain the study, answer general questions, and receive public input. Similar information will be available at all meetings.

The eight meetings will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the following locations:
Fort Stockton: Monday, February 28, 2011, at the Pecos County Civic Center, 1674 Airport Drive
Eldorado: Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at the Schleicher County Civic Center, 427 S US Highway 277
San Saba: Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at the San Saba Civic Center, Mill Pond Park
Killeen: Thursday, March 3, 2011, at the Killeen Civic & Conference Center, 3601 South W. S. Young Drive
Jasper: Monday, March 7, 2011, at the First National Bank Community Room, 301 E. Houston Street
Livingston: Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Livingston Junior High School, 1801 US 59 Loop North
Huntsville: Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at the Sam Houston Museum, 1432 19th Street
Bryan: Thursday, March 10, 2011, at The Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive

More information about the project may be found on the project website at http://www.txdot.gov/project_information/projects/us_190/default.htm.

All interested citizens are invited to attend one of these meetings. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and will be accepted at the meetings. Comments will also be accepted through April 10, 2011, submitted through the project website (above), by mail to: US 190/I-10 Feasibility Study, 412 North Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75961, or by phone, 1-866-721-7868.

Persons who plan to attend this meeting and have special language, communication or accommodation needs, may call the project phone line at 1-866-721-7868 (toll-free) to request assistance. Requests should be made at least five business days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

Data Control Codes	10 General Funds	National School Brkfst/Lunch	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	$ 105,927,889	$ 2,597,489	$ 11,257,407	$24,520	$ 76,431	$119,883,736
5800 State Program Revenues	39,706,253	60,040			2,351,586	42,117,879
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,409,060	6,720,772			20,641,406	28,771,238
5020 Total Revenues	147,043,202	9,378,301	11,257,407	24,520	23,069,423	190,772,853
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	90,786,479				10,325,356	101,111,835
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,291,567				137,396	2,428,963
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,509,636				4,156,527	7,666,163
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,429,572				872,598	2,302,170
0023 School Leadership	9,062,292				284,621	9,346,913
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	5,645,676				593,036	6,238,712
0032 Social Work Services	256,112					256,112
0033 Health Services	1,656,569				181,794	1,838,363
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	7,509,341				2,500	7,511,841
0035 Food Services		9,487,750			97,741	9,585,491
0036 Extracurricular Activities	3,727,713				62,168	3,789,881
0041 General Administration	5,310,523				1,295	5,311,818
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	13,575,847				5,422,988	18,998,835
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	917,199					917,199
0053 Data Processing Services	2,866,774				4,956	2,871,730
0061 Community Services	224,600				850,407	1,075,007
Debt Service:						
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt			5,085,000			5,085,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt			5,874,798			5,874,798
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees			4,100			4,100
Capital Outlay:						
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	209,371			2,885,251		3,094,622
Intergovernmental:						
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	66,274					66,274
6030 Total Expenditures	149,045,545	9,487,750	10,963,898	2,885,251	22,993,383	195,375,827
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,002,343)	(109,449)	293,509	(2,860,731)	76,040	(4,602,974)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	12,993,566	366				13,359
7915 Transfers In	256,239				61,907	318,146
8949 Other (Uses)	(61,907)				(256,239)	(318,146)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	207,325,366	366			(194,332)	13,359
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,795,018)	(109,083)	293,509	(2,860,731)	(118,292)	(4,589,615)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	35,940,425	3,908,699	4,180,972	3,140,509	1,080,770	48,151,375
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	$ 34,145,407	$ 3,799,616	$ 4,474,481	$ 279,778	$ 962,478	$ 43,561,760

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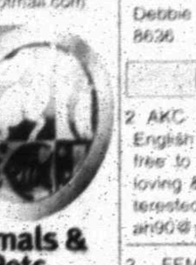

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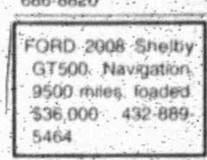

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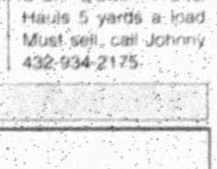

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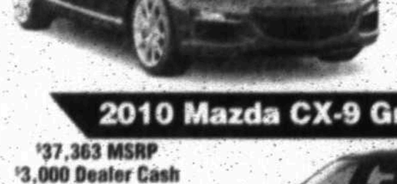

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Bobby Cox Companies, Inc. has an immediate opening for a full-time restaurant support staff member at the Midland terminal office. Job responsibilities will include multiple phone lines, heavy correspondence, uniform inventory, filling job orders with some lifting, and computer skills necessary including Power Point, Excel and Word. Excellent benefits including health, dental and life insurance, 401K, paid vacation, credit union and employee discounts. Send resume to

Karen Hopkins, Bobby Cox Companies, Inc
P.O. Box 60423 • Midland, Texas 76711
Fax 432/563-8094

BOBBY COX Companies, Inc.

Drug Screening Required EOE

Clerical and Administrative Position
JMA Resources PT
Want to work while your children are in school? Part-time clerical and administrative position available for accounting office. Twenty hours per week M-F. Data entry and phones. Non-smoking office. Fax resume to 432-683-3010 or email mad@woodhavenmgmt.com.

Data Entry Clerk
Martin County Hospital FT
Home Health Agency. Hiring 1-Data Entry Clerk. Monday through Friday 8a.m.-5p.m. Contact Allison Roy @ 432-756-3203.

Martin County Hospital

ENERGEN RESOURCES

– REGULATORY ASSISTANT –

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a **Regulatory Assistant** at its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Assist Regulatory Analyst in Routine Duties
- Copying, Typing, Data Entry and Filing
- Preparation of Regulatory Reports for Approval prior to Submittal
- Research Files for Regulatory Forms and Well bore data information

The qualified applicant will have 1-3 years of general office experience, preferably in the oil and gas industry. Candidate should also have knowledge/experience in computer applications including Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel and Access with a minimum typing speed of 45 wpm. We offer a highly competitive salary and Bonus plan with a complete benefits package.

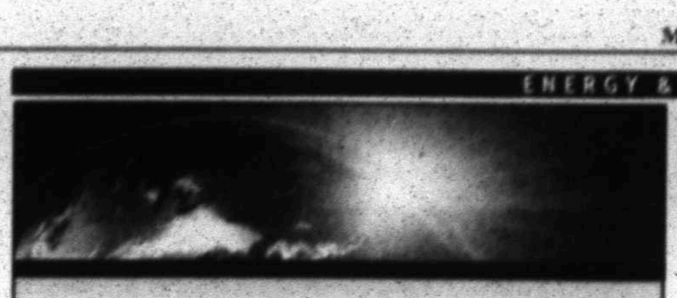
To become part of our outstanding Midland team and a growing Industry Leader in the Permian Basin, please go to www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under Employment to complete an online application.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Representatives
Confidential
Customer Service Representatives needed. High school diploma or GED required. Must pass 7 year background check. Bilingual a plus. 11am-8pm. No weekends. $12 an hour. Interviewing this week! Call now 432-520-1571.

ENERGY & UTILITIES



Smith Services. A Schlumberger Company, provides a wide range of products and services to meet customer requirements for oil and gas drilling operations. Backed by the extensive experience and knowledge of our people, we aim to create unprecedented value for our customers by providing state-of-the-art drilling solutions for the most challenging formations.

We are seeking to hire qualified candidates to fill the following positions in our Odessa, TX location.

- **In-House Tubular Inspectors**
- **Field Tubular Inspectors**

Our Company offers a competitive salary, benefit packages including 401K, Health, Dental, Vision, Vacation, Paid Holidays, Education Reimbursement and advancement opportunities for innovative people.

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply in person at our Odessa location:
Smith Services
601 N. Marienfeld, Suite 400
Midland, TX 79701
432-688-7000

If you are unable to apply in person you may also email your resume to **NDT@smith.com**. Please include the position title in the subject line.

SMITH Services
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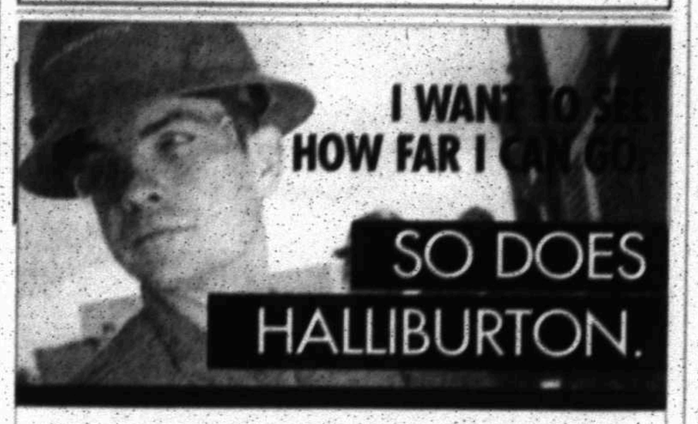

Today's oil and gas companies face bigger challenges in the field than ever before. Through focused innovation, we work to address specifically identified customer needs, solve unique project challenges and develop next-generation technologies. With your help, we will advance with solutions that will change the industry and the world. Currently we have the following opportunities available in our **Midland/Odessa** Coiled Tubing and Nitrogen operations. Class A/CDL is required.

- **Service Coordinator**
- **Operator**
- **Service Supervisor**
- **Operator Assistant**

Halliburton offers a competitive salary and benefits package, a challenging work environment and countless pathways for professional growth. Please apply online to req number of interest at: www.gohalliburton.com

BOOTS & COOTS GO

BASIC ENERGY SERVICES — Now Hiring

CNC PROGRAMMER
CNC OPERATOR

Basic Energy Services Rental and Fishing Tool Division is now hiring for a CNC Programmer **and** a CNC Operator for our Midland, Texas Machine Shop location. Ideal candidates will have 3 – 5 years experience. Good communication skills are required. Salary depends on experience. Excellent benefits.

Please apply at:
3509 South Midkiff Drive (County Rd 1210)
Midland, TX 79706
Or fax resumes to 432-699-1009

Drug Screening Required

Directional Drillers & MWD Engineers
Leam Drilling Systems
Now hiring experienced Directional Drillers & MWD Engineers. Drillers 2 plus years experience preferred. Email resumes to: agotcher@leam.net

Drilling/Completion Engineer-Austin, TX.
Brigham Exploration Company (BEXP) is a premier domestic oil & gas exploration and production company headquartered in Austin, TX. Brigham has an opening for a full-time Drilling and/or Completions Engineer who has a desire to live in the Austin area. Candidates must have horizontal drilling experience to be considered and a minimum of five to ten years experience as a Drilling and/or Completions Engineer. Resource Play experience is a definite plus. Some travel will be required. Applicants whom don't meet the minimum requirements will not be considered. Competitive salaries are commensurate with experience. EOE. Send resumes with salary requirements to: HR, 6300 Bridge Point Parkway, Bldg. 2, Ste. 500, Austin, TX 78730. Email pref. hr@bexp3d.com

Drilling Superintendant
Trinidad Drilling FT
Trinidad Drilling is looking for a Drilling Superintendant willing to travel to cover rigs from Fort Worth to Southeastern New Mexico. Experience required. Send resumes to bdavis@trinidaddrilling.com

EH&S Coordinator
Sheridan Production Company, LLC FT
Immediate opening for EH&S Coordinator to be based in Midland office. Duties include providing internal audit support for operations, drilling and completion activities, presence at area facilities, ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, provide project and on-site support as needed. Minimum 5 years EH&S experience required. Excellent benefits and work environment. Please email your resume to lmelton@sheridanproduction.com. Only qualified applicants for this position will be considered for employment. No phone calls please.

Operations Manager
Estancia Oil & Gas, LLC FT
Position requires that candidates have a minimum of 5 years demonstrable experience to become responsible for the Company's drilling, completion and production operations. A BS in Engineering and Permian Basin expertise qualifies as a definite plus. For the right professionals, Estancia offers competitive compensation commensurate with experience and benefits. Qualified candidates, please send resumes to: Estancia Oil and Gas, LLC, Attn: Human Resources, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 190W, Midland, Texas 79705. EO/AA employer M/F/D/V

Oil & Gas Land Manager

Applications are being accepted for position of Land Manager with an active oil and gas company located in Roswell, NM. Responsibilities include overseeing acquisition of properties, managing all land functions including regulatory issues and supervision of field landmen. Applicants should have extensive experience in land, contracts, regulatory and operations. Qualifications include B.A. degree, or related degree with 10 to 15 years experience as an in-house landman. Submit resume with at least three references to M- 18 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

BASIC ENERGY SERVICES — Now Hiring

FISHING TOOL SUPERVISORS

Basic Energy Services Rental & Fishing Tool Division is accepting resumes for Fishing Tool Supervisors to work in the Pleasanton, Texas area. Ideal candidate will have a minimum of 5 years experience in open hole & cased hole fishing. Good communication & math skills. Computer literate. Salary depends on experience. Excellent benefits.

Send resume with most recent work history and references to:
Basic Energy Services
Attn: Annette McDermett
PO Box 10460 • Midland, TX 79702
or Fax to: 432-682-2503

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Occidental Petroleum Corporation
GROW with Oxy — Make your Mark.

Occidental Petroleum Corporation (NYSE: OXY) is an international oil and gas exploration and production company, and its OxyChem subsidiary is a major North American chemical manufacturer. We are the fourth-largest U.S. oil and gas company, based on market capitalization of $66 billion at year-end 2009, with nearly 30,000 employees and contractors on four continents.

HES Specialist
Levelland, Texas

This position is the focal point for integrating HES practices and policies into daily operations of a cross-functional team which includes operations and support functions. Responsible for communicating and applying federal, state, local, and company HES policies and requirements within oil and gas operations. Responsibilities include: developing and implementing new and existing programs designed to promote improved HES performance, annual maintenance of risk management plans, emergency response planning, audits and assessments, recordkeeping, internal and external reporting, development of written reports, conducting investigations and root cause analysis, site remediation, focal point for regulatory and other government agencies, training, development of presentations, and conducting team safety meetings.

- 3+ years experience in health, environmental, and safety (HES) in the oil and gas industry.
- Demonstrated, proactive and responsible attitude for personal safety and the safety of co-workers, contractors and the public.

Please apply on-line at www.oxy.com "Careers"
Please Apply to Job # PER-2010-041

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BASIC ENERGY SERVICES — NOW HIRING

A leader in the oilfield services industry has an immediate opening for

Delivery Driver
Class A/CDL required. High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Good driving record a must, applicant must be willing to travel out of town and be away from home for several days at a time. Must be self motivated and detail oriented.

Yard Hand
High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Must have a good driving record, able to lift up to 40 lbs, able to drive and operate a forklift in addition to light trucks. Must be self motivated.

Welder
High-school diploma or equivalent preferred. Must have 5 yrs welding experience, preferably welding aluminum. Passing a welding test will be required.

Truck Mechanic
Class B CDL required. High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Must have own tools and 5 years experience working with Mack and Kenworth trucks.

We offer competitive pay, 401(k) with company match, affordable medical, dental, and life insurance, paid time off based on length of service, and paid holidays.

Send Resumes to: Basic Energy Services
Attn: HR Representative
PO Box 10460
Midland, TX 79702
E-mail resumes to: staffing@basicenergyservices.com

EOE M/F/D/V • Drug Free Environment

Plant Supervisor
TRLP FT
Tubular sales remediation plant supervisor. Supervise inspection remediation sales and transportation of oilfield tubing plant in Andrews, TX. Pay commensurate with experience. Bilingual written and spoken a plus. Must have prior experience in the business or demonstrate capability to apply background to accomplish goals. Will be responsible for the new plant construction. Benefits bonus plan. EOE. Apply in CONFIDENCE with resume to: TRLP, PO BOX 1277, Andrews, TX 79714

Power Line Foreman
Big Lake Electric
Experienced Power Line Foreman to build power line & supervise line crew. Must have valid Drivers License & pass drug screen. Excellent pay & benefits. Send resumes to: Big Lake Electric, PO Box 444, Big Lake, Tx 76932.

Production Clerk
Confidential
An acting independent oil company is accepting resumes for a full time Production Clerk with a minimum 1 year oil industry experience required. Include salary history and indicate what hourly wage you require. Need to have experience in the oil field, RRC records and computer skills. Wages are based on qualifications. This is a stable oil company that has been in business since 1926. Benefit package includes - health and life insurance, 401K retirement plan, bonuses and paid holidays. Please mail resume to Blind PO Box 14470, Odessa, Tx 79768.

UNIVERSAL PRESSURE PUMPING, INC.

Universal Pressure Pumping, Inc. currently has the following Opportunity in our Midland, TX Location:

Electronic Technician
This position is the entry level for performing repairs to electronic and electrical systems on equipment and trucks also includes preventive maintenance inspection and the rebuilding and repair of components and systems. The role of the electronic technician is to be able to perform their job duties unsupervised once they have been properly trained and mentored by the electronic technician supervisor and senior techs. Requirements include a minimum of 1 year experience, completion or certificate from a technical or trade school in electronics repair certification is preferred.

We offer a competitive wage based on experience and a full benefit package including medical, dental, vision, and matching 401k.

Please send resumes to:
tommy.dulin@univpp.com
ernest.lee@univpp.com

Questions please call us at:
432-570-4899
Universal Pressure Pumping Inc. is a drug-free workplace/EOE

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

OIL & GAS PROFESSIONALS

Chesapeake + YOU

Chesapeake Energy Corporation is seeking talented professionals for the positions listed below. Chesapeake, an Oklahoma City-based company, is the second-largest independent producer of natural gas in the U.S. and the most active driller of new wells in the U.S. Ideal candidates should be self-motivated team players and possess excellent interpersonal skills. A high degree of analytical ability and excellent oral and written communication skills are necessary for success in our fast-paced and rewarding environment.

Pumper - Kermit/Monahans/Midland: Monitor, maintain, and report the operations of wells and sites on an assigned route. Inspects and maintains property and equipment, and work to optimize production in a safe, cost-effective manner. Must have ability to understand gauges, dials, and other indicators to ensure machinery is working properly. Pumper must demonstrate basic computer knowledge and ability to learn company specific applications. High School diploma or equivalent and one to two years experience in the oil and gas field required.

For three consecutive years, Chesapeake has been named to the **FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For®** list. Chesapeake offers excellent compensation and benefit packages including a very generous equity compensation plan. For immediate and confidential consideration, please visit our company website, **www.chk.com/careers**, to either submit a résumé or complete an online personal profile.

No telephone inquiries please. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Roust About Operator
K & G Rental Service
Midland, TX 79701
Experienced Roust About Operators and Hands. Also hiring experienced Dirt Equipment operators. Apply in person: 4310 South Hwy 349, Midland, Tx

Senior Exploration Geologist
Estancia Oil & Gas, LLC FT
Position requires that candidate must be a self-starter seeking to leverage their ideas and prospects into substantive financial gain. We prefer a MS in Geology and experience in the Permian Basin and offer opportunities for project participation. For the right professionals, Estancia offers competitive compensation commensurate with experience and benefits. Qualified candidates, please send resumes to: Estancia Oil and Gas, LLC, Attn: Human Resources, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 190W, Midland, Texas 79705. EEO/AA employer M/F/D/V

ENERGEN RESOURCES

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation, has an immediate opening for a Drilling Engineer in our Midland, Texas office. The qualified candidate will have a minimum of a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering with at least 3 – 5 years of Drilling experience. Strong written and verbal communication skills are a must with a working knowledge of Permian Basin drilling techniques including Horizontal well design and implementation a plus. This is a key position in the success of a growing company. Responsibilities include:

- Well Design and drilling process review
- Casing and cement program designs
- Preparing operations plans for proposed wells
- Preparing drilling schedules and well plans
- Regulatory filing support
- AFE Preparation

We offer a highly competitive compensation program, which includes an incentive bonus plan, and a complete benefits package.

For immediate consideration, please go to: www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under Employment to complete an online application.

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Engineering Tech
Escondodio Resources FT
Engineering Tech – Highly functional with all Standard Microsoft Office Programs – Excel, Word, PowerPoint. Microsoft Scheduler. Visio are nice but not essential. Good communication skills, with a high level of self motivation to see things through. A self starter. Highly computer literate, someone that software comes easy to understand and learn. A good understanding of the life cycle of a well and familiarity with various oil field reports and forms. Software to be used Excel, Word, Visio, Scheduler, Aries, Wellview, Production Access, ArcGIS. Submit Resumes to resume@escondido-resources.com

SM ENERGY

Production Engineer/Sr. Production Engineer
Midland, TX

SM Energy Company (formerly St. Mary Land & Exploration Company) is seeking a Production Engineer/Sr. Production Engineer in our Midland office. Candidates should have experience: handling oil and gas production and facility engineering projects that are complex in nature and broad in scope; overseeing producing properties to ensure maximum efficient production within governmental and contractual requirements; working successfully on multi-disciplinary teams; may serve as project leader on assignments requiring a broad knowledge of production engineering; may train junior-level engineers. Candidates must have strong technical skills, solid EH&S knowledge, and strong communication skills. BS in Petroleum, Chemical or Mechanical Engineering required and a minimum of 4 years experience. Excellent benefits and competitive salary. Qualified candidates please apply online at www.sm-energy.com. SM Energy is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Sales Engineers
Frac Tech Services, LLC. FT
Leading oilfield services and well stimulation services company seeks Sales Engineers for our Houston, San Antonio and Midland offices. Qualified candidates will have a minimum of 3 years HIGH PRESSURE PUMPING experience in Sales or Engineering. Submit resumes with cover letter expressing interest in a Sales Engineer position to: humanresources@fractech.net

Sr. Engineers
ENGlobal FT/PT
ENGlobal is giving immediate consideration to 19 positions for Sr. Engineers with oil & gas experience: Process, Mechanical, Piping, Pipeline, Civil/Structural, Electrical, Project, HSE, QA/QC, estimating, and Project Controls. Send resume to joan.terry@englobal.com

UNIVERSAL WIRELINE, INC.

Universal Wireline, Inc. currently has the following opportunities in our Midland/Odessa, TX Location:

Wireline Engineers, Wireline Operators and Diesel Mechanics

We offer a competitive wage based on experience, a full benefit package including medical, dental, vision, and matching 401k.

3 to 5 years experience, bachelor's degree in engineering or related field preferred for Wireline Engineers. 2 years experience, class B CDL with hazmat certification preferred for Wireline Operators. 1 year or more experience, certification from trade or technical school in maintenance preferred for Diesel Mechanics.

Please apply in person at:
2904 South CR 1255
Midland, TX 79706

Universal Wireline, Inc. is a drug-free workplace/EOE

HEALTHCARE

LVN/Office Nurse/Scrub Tech
Midland Surgical Association, P.A. FT
Midland Surgical Associates, P.A. is seeking an experienced **LVN /OFFICE NURSE/SCRUB TECH** to join our team. Candidate must be able to work independently and possess both communication and patient skills. Sterile technique, surgical assistant skills, colonoscopy experience and computer knowledge desired. Full Time. M-F 8:30-5:30 Benefit package includes Medical, Life & AFLAC Insurance Coverages, PTO and 401-K Retirement Plan. Send resume to: P- 128 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

LVN/RN Pediatric Nurse
S&R Home Health FT
Fast growing company seeking the following positions. LVN/RN Pediatric Nurse for PDN hours. RN Medicare Case Manager. RN OB/OR/QA. Salary DOE. Apply in person at 1030 Andrews Hwy Ste. 109, Midland or call 432-570-6880 for an application.

HEALTHCARE

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

New Administration

- **Licensed Vocational Nurse - $1,500 Sign on Bonus**
  If hired by 02/07/11 with sign on agreement
- **Certified Nurse Aide - $500 Sign on Bonus**
  If hired by 02/07/11 with sign on agreement
- **Housekeeping**
- **Cook**

We offer competitive wages and benefits are available. If you are a person committed to providing quality care please apply in person or fax resume to:

Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation, L.P.
1100 West Broadway • Stanton, TX 79782
Phone: 432-756-2841 Fax: 432-756-2190

For other job opportunities please visit:
www.daybreakventure.com
EOE

Community Relations Specialist
Kool Smiles FT
Kool Smiles is looking for a dynamic individual to perform neighborhood marketing. Candidate will be responsible for scheduling referrals in the Midland Tx area. For more info go to: www.koolsmilesjobs.com

Front Desk/Receptionist **Of**
Busy medical practice seeks Front Office Assistant. Must have medical office experience and be able to work in a busy office environment. Bilingual a plus. Please fax resume & salary requirements to: 432-685-0105

Licensed Social Worker or Registered Nurse
Texas Department of State Health Services FT
Midland/San Angelo **$2,970.91/month**
Two full-time positions. Benefits of State employment include health insurance, retirement plan, & 401k. Apply on line https://access.hhsc.state.tx.us

LVN
Martin County Hospital FT
Home Health Agency, 1-LVN. Monday through Friday 8a.m.-5p.m. Contact Alison Roy @ 432-756-3203

Martin County Hospital

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Needing an experienced Medical Assistant for busy physician's office. 6 months medical experience will be required for this position (ORTH-5001). Please mail or fax your resume to: PO Box 5293 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284 Attn Alesha McCoy

Medical Office Assistant/Manager/Receptionist
Confidential FT
MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT/MANAGER/RECEPTIONIST - 25-30 hours a week; must be a detail oriented professional, have excellent public relation skills, be proficient in computer skills and able to learn new programs easily, with good typing skills. Must be able to lift 40 lbs and assist with patients on occasion. Knowledge of medical coding and insurance billing helpful, but will train the right person. Must be responsible and punctual, non-smoker. Bring resume in person to 1304 W. Texas Ave. between the hours of 9 am. and Noon Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Medical Receptionist
Medical Receptionist and Collections/Insurance Verification needed for a busy Dr.'s office. Experience required. Fax resume to 432-520-0033.

Medicare Reimbursement Nurse
Senior Care Nursing and Rehabilitation. We are accepting applications for Medicare Reimbursement Nurse. Experience in MDS and Care Plans Preferred. We offer excellent wage, uniform allowance, holiday pay, PTO, 401K and insurance. Apply in person at 3000 Mockingbird, Midland or email resume to scasas@seniorcarecentersltc.com. We are An equal opportunity employer.

PT or PTA
IRAAN General Hospital FT/PT
IRAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, a Critical Access Hospital, with a growing Physical Therapy Dept. is seeking a part/full time PT or PTA Monday-Friday with flexible hrs. Competitive salary, excellent benefit pkg. to include employee health, dental, vision and life insurance with optional dependent cvg. TCDRS retirement plan; paid personal and sick time. For more information contact Jason Rybolt PT or Cathy Tucker/HR @432-639-2871; (ligh-hospital.com)

RN Case Manager, DME Tech, PRN Social Worker
HomeCare Plus FT
Now hiring Full-Time RN case managers. Full-Time DME Tech. PRN Social worker and PRN HCA. Apply in person at 501 Andrews Hwy. Or fax resume to 620-6675

RN
Needing an experienced RN for Ortopaedic Clinic. Must have 2 years experience (ORTH-5003). Competitive salary and wonderful work environment. Please mail or fax your resume to: PO Box 5293 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284 Attn Alesha McCoy

RN's & LVN's
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT
Expanding Pediatric Department needing RNs and LVNs! RN/LVN positions for in-home Private Duty Nursing. (FT/PT, day, night shifts, and weekend PRN work available.) *Benefits *Mileage paid *Competitive Wages *Sign-On Bonus!! Position requires RN or LVN license. Call Kristi Young, RN @ 432-550-1721 or fax resume to 432-550-1717 today!

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Free health/dental insurance is provided for all full-time employees.
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Seminole, TX 79360
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Snelling@snellingodessa.com
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Clinical Cordinator
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Clinical coordinator for expanding local multi-specialty orthopedic surgery practice. Duties to include clinical and administrative oversight. Full-time salary and benefits including health insurance and retirement plan. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills required. Experience preferred. Send CV to PO Box 5556, Midland, TX 79704.

Multiple Healthcare Positions
Confidential
Medical practice hiring multiple full time positions in business office and clinic. Excellent benefits package. No weekends. Send resume to: P- 129, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

X-Ray Technician
Doctor's office seeking X-Ray Technician. Please reply to: PO Box 4935 Midland, Tx 79704

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Midland's Premier Country Club has openings for:
Golf Cart Mechanic / Maintenance
Needs to have experience in small engines and light building maintenance. Position is full time, and in addition to competitive wages, we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

INTERNET

Computer Programmer
National franchising company with headquarters in Odessa, TX. has immediate opening for computer programmer with .net experience. Salary & benefits based upon verifiable experience. Send resume to: Business Investment & Development Corp., 312 E. 2nd St., Odessa, TX. or email to: jimgolden@americanlenders.com.

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Assistant Manager
Walgreens **Full-time**
Assistant Manager Position now available in the Midland/Odessa area. Experience required. Benefits and 401K available. Apply at Walgreens.com/careers.

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Business Manager & Secretary
Compass Academy FT
Visit www.cacdessa.org to download job description and requirements for both jobs. Submit resume by email: dstewart@cacdessa.org or for information call Debra Stewart at 432-368-2000

Manager
Oreck Vacuums **10AM-4PM Weekdays**
4706 Midkiff **Send resume to:**
Midland, TX 79705 **neal10@clearwire.net**
Looking for up-beat, energetic self-motivated individual to manage and operate successful retail operation in Midland, TX. Will train. Excellent pay + bonuses + paid vacation. Sales, Quickbooks, Excel, Mechanical, experience helpful. Apply in person or send resume to address above.

MCU MARKETING

MARKET MANAGER

Area: SW Texas, SE New Mexico
Manage Accounts,
Personnel, Sales

Average Income 60k

Resume to: mkelley@mcumarketing.com

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Manufacturing Planner
Peak Completions FT
Peak Completions has an immediate opening for a Manufacturing Planner in our Midland office. This position will assist the department Director by scheduling, assigning, initiating and tracking work orders placed with outside suppliers. Ability to read blueprints and materials planning experience in a manufacturing environment is required. Apply in person at 7710 W Hwy 80, Midland or inquire via email at HR@peakcompletions.com. Competitive pay and benefits available for the successful candidates. EOE

VALERUS

Valerus Compression Services is a worldwide leader in natural gas handling services providing a total solutions approach to filling the needs of the world's oil and gas production industry. Our services include compression, gas services, production, packaging and manufacturing. Headquartered in Houston, TX we have facilities in key locations throughout North America, South America, North Africa, The Middle East and Southeast Asia.

We are currently expanding our product offerings in the Odessa, TX region and have a need for qualified candidates for the following positions:

Manufacturing Supervisor

Must have code welding experience, prefer experience producing heater-treaters and separators for the oil & gas industry. Must have demonstrated knowledge of ASME Code requirements.

Welders

Must be able to pass a 6G test using wire and stick (code welder)

Assemblers

Prefer general welding experience and applications.

Facility Maintenance

Must be able to work with electricity, repair machines / forklifts, and perform handyman activities

We are looking for self-motivated, committed individuals who enjoy working in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment, like to be challenged, and value the opportunity to make a difference. If you feel you meet our requirements and Valerus sounds like a place you would like to work, we would love to hear from you. Please apply in person or send your resume to:

Human Resources
2150 Oregon St
Odessa, TX 79764

cgarihan@valerus-co.com

Valerus is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MARKETING

Marketing Person Wanted
National Franchising Co. has openings for 2 National Marketing people. Lots of airline travel throughout U.S. Finance or sales background helpful. Salary plus benefits. Send resume to Jim Golden or apply in person at BIDCO Corp, 312 E. 2nd, Odessa, TX. 79761

Marketing Representative
Confidential FT
Marketing Representative for a Home Health Agency. Previous Marketing and Home Health experience helpful. Salary DOE. Please send resume to: M- 20 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Marketing Representative
Immediate opening for sales representative to call on West Texas clients for their Radio, Magazine advertising & Commercial Printing needs. Salary plus commission, plus benefits. Apply in person at BIDCO Corp, 312 E. 2nd St., Odessa, TX. or email resume to Clint Golden, (clintgolden@yahoo.com) dba Golden Advertising consultants/Arrow printing, Inc.

OTHER JOBS

Auto Detailer/Lot Attendent
Unlimited Auto Sales FT
2200 W Front St **Midland, TX 79701**
Auto Detailer & Lot Attendent. Valid driver's license required. Apply in person

Automotive Impound Yard
Apply in Person 8am-5pm FT
11215 WCR 127 **$8.50 per hour**
Odessa, TX **325-721-4137**
Seeking person to work at Odessa, TX. Facility (located between Midland and Odessa). Mon-Fri. 8-5 Honest, dependable. Must be over 23. Tuesday January 25 or Wednesday January 26, 2011

BASIC ENERGY SERVICES

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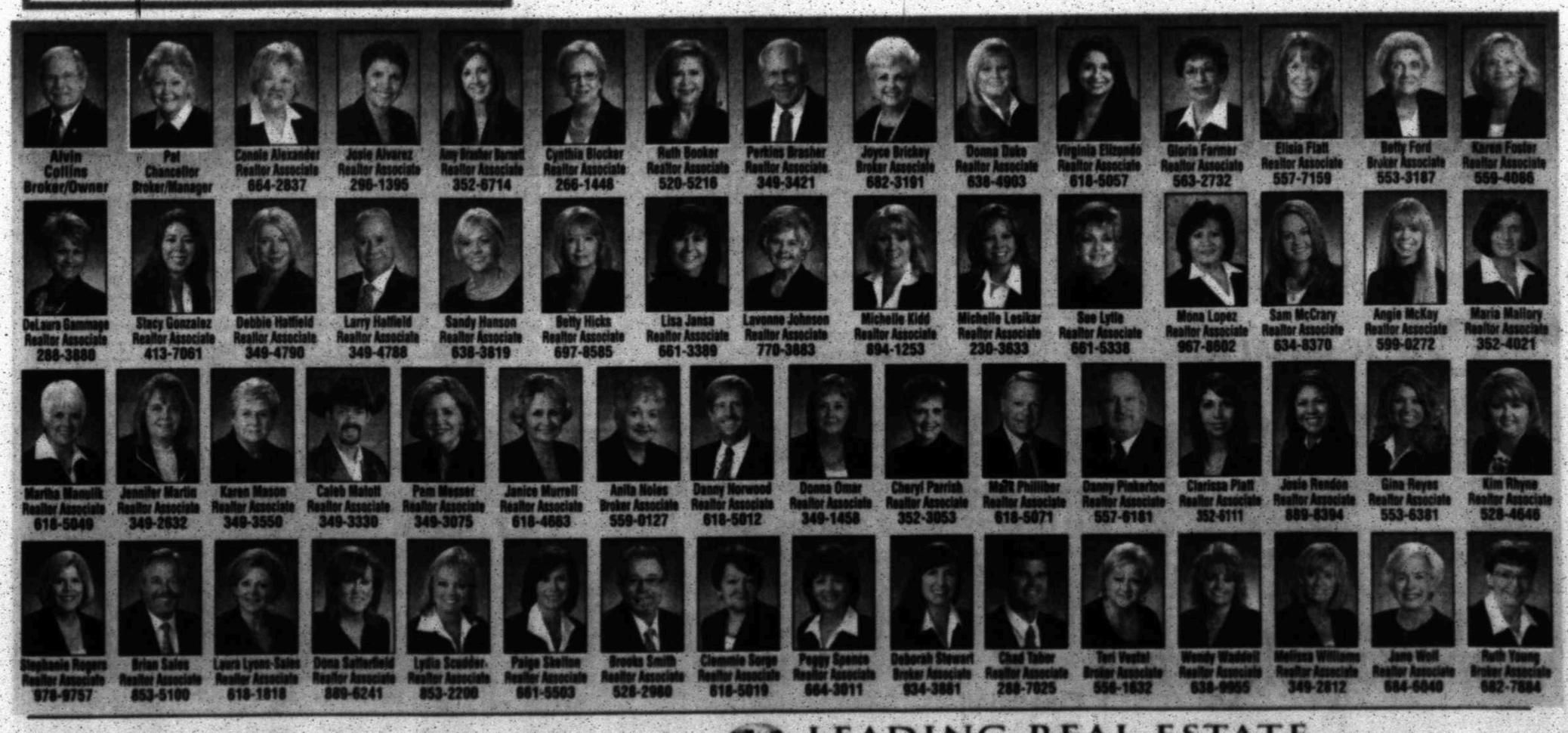

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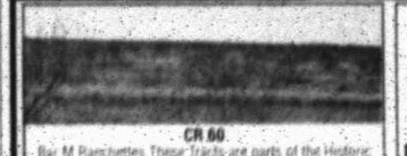

CR 60
Bar M Ranchettes These Tracts are parts of the Historic Mabee Ranch. Can be subdivided into 50 acre tracts. Land North of the Loop. No Mobile Homes. Ideal Place to build your Dream House ; Country Living with the conveniences of town. Perfect Dove Hunting Spot as well.

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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS			COMMERCIAL LISTING		
7811 Trenton Drive	$495,000	Justin 352-0927	6112 Big Spring St	$2,150,000	Thomas 934-3333
4911 Crista Lane	$324,900	Thomas 934-3333	**LAKE IVIE AND RANCHES**		
241 Bass Road, Crane, Tx	$275,500	Justin 352-0927	3402 W. Co. Rd. 184	$502,000	Justin 352-0927
5541 Winchester Ave., Odessa, Tx	$143,900	Tim 349-6774	14383 Lakeside Dr Paint Rock, Tx	$149,900	Thomas 934-3333
2306 Haynes Dr.	$145,000	Justin 352-0927	10521 Ivie St.	$139,900	Thomas 934-3333
511 Brownwood	$139,900	Donnie 218-724-9082	1606 Co. Rd. 145	$99,900	Thomas 934-3333
1910 Todd Rd	$135,000	Sandra 889-3227	Lot 16 Haberview Estates	$75,900	Thomas 934-3333
3601 Storey Ave.	$116,900	Thomas 934-3333	11069 Wink St. Lake Ivie, Tx	$25,000	Thomas 934-3333
910 Storey	$116,900	Thomas 934-3333	2420 acres Robert Lee	$1000/acre	Thomas 934-3333
1121 E 51st Odessa, Tx	$75,000	Brittany 212-2644	1787 acres in Imperial	$399/acre	Thomas 934-3333
			25 Lots on Cloverdale Rd		Tim 349-6774

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3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, in ground pool and spa, 1,577 sq. ft., 2 car garage
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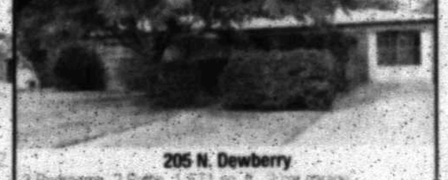

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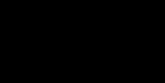

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COMMERCIAL

Industrial Warehouse 7 offices, kitchen, conference room, wired for 440 and 3 phase electrical	$485,000 TINA
Business/Living 307 and Downside Rd., small restaurant/blood, 2/2 home in back, over 1/2 acre	$120,000 DAVE
Odessa-Business Opportunity! Pancake Alley Restaurant includes ALL inventory / furniture	$150,000 BETTY
Odessa 7.7 acres, 49,500 sq. ft., 3 buildings, 3 phase electrical, loading dock, previously machine shop	$700,000 BETTY
Loop 250 W. 4 Lots, Prime end across from Grande Stadium	$350,000 DENE

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3611 Crestgate
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4740 Private Rd 401
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Unique Western Elegance with an at home feel. This home is surrounded by Pecan and Oak trees. Property sits on 330' of river frontage. Some of the amenities include: Steam Shower in Master Bath, Double Fireplace in liv. & den, entr., double tiered patio, sub-zero refrigerator, granite counter tops, Aspen Ceilings, Pine Woodwork, Oak Cabinets, Mesquite floors and so much more. Call office for more.

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Shown by
Skeet Doss, 352-4826

OPEN 2:00-3:00
1704 College
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OPEN 2:45-3:45
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Shown by
Skeet Doss, 352-4826

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2600 Rainbow Ct.
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4817 Yearwood
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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

4212 Timberglen-Mint 2LA, 3.5 baths, 3 garage, Mockingbird Heights $475,000
4703 Green Tree Blvd.-Breathtaking view $451,900
2900 Frost-Downtown 2-Bdrms, Sports Complex $415,000
5613 Heartland-Lovely 4-BR in Grasslands $349,500
7600 E. Co. Rd. 110-Governorest $325,000
3213 Shell Ave.-5 bed/3LA/3.5 bath, McMar $322,900
3217 Patrick-Mike Jackson new construction with 4BR, 3BA, 3GA $289,900
4010 Crestgate-Huge 4BR, 2 1/2 bth, updated $259,000
5011 Whitman-Gorgeous 2085 - 4BR, 2BA, 2 living area, plus a pool ..... UC, $249,000
3206 Chelsea-3/2/2, patio home under construction in new subdivision $227,500
1404 Harvard-3/2 5/2 wonderful Old Midland ..... REDUCED, $219,900
2612 Garfield St.-Patio home, enlarge rooms & extra parking! ..... REDUCED, $179,900
1001 Bonham-2 story 3bd, 2.5ba, granite workshop, custom paint ..... REDUCED, $171,900
3215 Boyd-Lovely home in McMar ..... UC, $169,900
2600 Rainbow Court-3 bedroom w/RV parking ..... REDUCED, $167,900
4500 Falcon-3bd, 2ba, Wood and Tile Floors ..... REDUCED, $159,900
4613 Brookdale-Remodeled & updated! $159,900
3203 W. Dengar-Terrific fridt! Great location, workshop, great buy! ..... REDUCED, $149,900
3504 Hyde Park-3BR, 2BA, 2CR GR, great home $149,900
4002 Cassdale-Cute 3/2, spacious living area $139,950
4824 Shadylane-3/1.5, 2 living, 2 dining $134,000
5115 Bellaire Dr.-3/2/2GA, new carpet & tons of updates $132,000
1309 Cowden-Gorgeous kitchen, 2 liv., 3BR, 2BA and patio $99,900
4322 Brookdale-Cute 3BR with workshop $79,900

TWO BEDROOMS

4401 Stillmeadow-Updated throughout! $172,000
2604 N. Garfield-Spacious patio home w/great storage, many updates $169,900
4712 Harvard Ave.-Fantastic 2BD/2BA townhouse! $109,000
501 W. Scharbauer Dr. #8-Great pool view! 2bdr, 1 bath $52,900
2912 Roosevelt-3BR, 1BA, hardwood floors, fenced yard $29,900

THREE BEDROOMS

5313 Bella Pl.-New construction in Green Tree North $215,000
4304 Roadrunner-3/2/2, built 1998, 2 liv, granite kitchen, home barn, 1 SAC $209,900
4703 Green Tree Blvd.-Enormous rooms, 3LA, balcony $251,900
2902 Douglas-3 bd, 2 1/2 ba, 2 liv, RV parking $249,900
3210 Haynes-Low maintenance 3/2, completely remodeled and updated! $247,000
5611 Lions Ct.-3/2, move-in ready $244,900
3206 Chelsea-3/2/2 patio home under construction in new subdivision $227,500
1417 Pine-Low maint., 3 bd, 2 ba, patio home $225,000
3308 Haynes-Spacious 3-bd, 2 1/2 ba, low maintenance $224,900
4801 Richmond Drive-3 bd, 2 1/2 ba, Wonderful Polo Parkett/gorgeous dbl fireplace $220,000
1404 Harvard-3/2/2, wonderful Old Midland $219,900
4309 Cherbourg-Patio home nearing completion! ..... UC, $219,900
4309 Crestwood-King Ranch sophistication, so updated! $215,900
2501 Stub-3/2/3, 2 living, workshop $215,000
49 Cambridge-Light & bright! Spacious 3BR - 2 1/2 BA, 2LA, sunroom, 2CR GR $210,000
1706 Huntington-3BD/2BA on Nelson $209,000
2618 Noel-Low maint, corner lot, 3 bd, 2.5 ba, 2 liv or 4 bd, 1 liv, new paint & carpet $199,000
4200 Greenbriar-Elegant patio home, near schools/shopping $198,000
2803 Danger-2 story, 3bd, 2.5ba, 2 living, hot tub $199,900

THREE BEDROOMS

3203 Boyd Ave.-Beautiful curb appeal, new yards, 3BR, 2BA, 2LV, 2 CR GR $189,500
2612 Garfield St.-1 dst, 2.5 ba, 2 liv, low maint., patio home $179,900
1609 Cimarron-Charming 3/2, spacious,corner, oversized yard $179,500
3302 Terrace-Great updates plus 2 living & dining, 2 fireplaces and bonus room $179,900
3312 Terrace-2 living, 2 dining, bonus room, bed lofts of updating $179,900
2303 Wydewood-Great 3 bed, 2 ba, granite countters, study, hot tub $179,000
2101 Bluebird-Low new with low maintenance yard $179,900
2306 Cimmaron-Fannin area, 3 bd, 2 ba, spacious yard & porch! $179,000
3532 Imperial-Wow - 3 living areas, beautifully maintained 3BR/2BA/2GR $175,900
1801 Bonham-3 bd, 2 1/2 bath w/workshop, granite, new paint, carpet $171,900
2604 N. Garfield-Spacious patio home with great storage and many updates $169,900
2201 Hughes-Totally updated in quiet neighborhood, 3/2 ..... $169,900
2608 Rainbow-3bd, 2ba Near Bush Elem $167,900
1809 S. Co. Rd. 1120-4.5 acres, 3BD/3BA in Greenwood! Workshop! $165,900
2605 Hartford Dr.-Low maint., circle drive, sunroom, lg. den, formal dining $164,900
4500 Falcon-3bd, 2ba, Wood and Tile Floors $159,900
1402 Pecan-3/2, Walker Patio home $159,900
4613 Brookdale-3/2, pool, owner finance $159,900
3210 Frontier Dr.-3/2/2 beautiful, quiet area $155,000
3203 W. Dengar-Terrific fridt! Great location, workshop! great buy! $149,900
3504 Hyde Park-3BR, 2BA, 2CR GR, great home $149,900
1403 Garfield St.-3/2 ..... UC, $145,000
306 Spriberry-Built 2007, 3 bed, 2 bath $140,000
4002 Cassdale-Cute 3/2, spacious living area $139,900
4504 Fannin-Great 3/2 (proper upgrades) Charming! ..... SOLD, $139,900
3804 Monty-2008, bright & open, lots of life ..... UC, $137,950
4824 Shadylane-3/1.5/2 living, 2 dining $134,900
3309 Bassham-3BR, 2BA with many recent updates $134,900
4314 Douglas-Great curb appeal, 2LV plus sunroom, 1CR GR plus RV parking $127,500
2100 W. Wadley #25-Spacious Chanelle Condo 3bd, 2ba $127,000
418 Stonybrook-3 bd, 2.5 ba, 2 liv, recent carpet & tile, light fixtures $124,900
5311 Shawnee-Wow - loads of updating 3BR, 2BA, 1CR GR, great yard, covered patio $120,000
4726 Princeton Ave.-Fantastic 3BR/2BA, 1CG, updated & move-in ready ..... SOLD, $119,900
5115 Bellaire Dr.-3/2/2GA, new carpet & tons of updates $112,000
711 Redding Dr.-3/2 w/high ceiling, new CA-CH-new roof ..... REDUCED $94,900
3322 Shandon-3 bd, 2 ba to be sold as is $90,000
104 S. Glenwood-Charming 3/2 ..... $89,900
2208 W. Kentucky-Completely renovated 3/2, sp. livdin $84,900
4322 Brookdale-Cute 3BR with workshop $79,900
1525 Zenetta-VA Foreclosure 3/2/2G+workshop ..... UC, $73,000
4310 Pasadena-3BR bungalow, double garage $69,900

FOUR BEDROOMS

1501 Douglas-Fabulous 4-3-1/2-4 garage + pool in Old Midland $575,000
907 Woodland Park-Perfect home 4/3-1/2/2LA, home theatre $515,000
4212 Timberglen-4 bed, 3.5 baths, 2LA, office, wood floors, granite countertops $475,000
5341 Prairie Ridge-4 bd, 4 1/2 bath, 2LV, 4CG, Grassland Construction ..... UC, $457,125
1209E E. Co. Rd. 100-Greenwood w/pool, 4/3/2 built in 2008, 2072 sq. ft. 4 acres $364,900
1114 Breckenridge-Exquisite Kahler resale in Woodland Park, 4/3/1 3car ..... SOLD, $349,900

FOUR BEDROOMS

5613 Heartland-Wonderfully maintained gorgeous updated kitchen, great plan $349,500
900 Pine-4 bd, 3.5 ba, low maint., pool, pool house, granite, new appliances ..... UC, $339,900
5234 Cypress-Stunning! Perfect entertaining home! Granite & shutters! $329,900
5015 Ashwood-Gorgeous home! Beautiful pool. 4-3-3 ..... $324,900
2917 Cykman-Beautiful 4 bd, 3 ba, open kitchen, elegant formals, spacious rec, bed & bath $299,900
2217 Patrick-Mike Jackson new construction with 4BR, 3BA, 3GA $289,900
6008 FM 307-Greenwood, 4/1 acres, 4 bd, 2.5 ba, 2 living, 1200 sq. ft. metal bldg $259,900
4010 Crestgate-Enormous kitchen, 4 large bdrms, 4 1/2 bths, updated ..... REDUCED, $259,000
2501 Fannin-4 bd, 3 1/2 ba, great corner lot, granite counters, wood flooring $249,900
5011 Whitman-Gorgeous 2085 - 4BR, 2BA, 2 living area, plus a pool ..... UC, $249,000
1307 Castleton ..... UC, $248,000
4406 Kerr Ct.-4BR/2LV/3BA/2CR GR, pool, spacious formal areas $239,900
6011 Queens Ct.-New listing w/4BR, 2.5 BA & little pool $239,500
2601 N. L St.-Spacious 4BD in Old Midland! $239,000
3603 Bermuda Ct-4BR, 2 1/2BA, formal dining, 2CR GR, RV parking $232,200
4900 Fields Pl.-Gorgeous Parade home, 4BR, 2 1/2BA, 2LA's or 3BR w/a study ..... UC, $229,900
2607 Hughes-4/2, 2 living areas, terrific workshop $217,000
2802 S. Co. Rd. 1067-Greenwood - NEW - 4/2, 2+ acre/pool tub, open floor plan / new ..... SOLD, $209,900
4623 Thomason-Like new, in great area $200,000
1105 Mogford-4bd, 3ba, 2 liv, 2 din, beautiful landscaping, recent roof $199,900
2513 Healy-L-BR, workshop, updates $179,900
2507 W. Standon-4BR/2 1/2BA, 2 living, trulev yard, Fannin $179,000
1704 College-Charming 4/2, huge backyard $150,000
4620 Dawn-4-3-3LA, big house! Great possibilities! $120,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

Co. Rd. 101-Greenwood, 5/4/3, basement, guesthouse, pool, shop, built 2007 ..... $589,900
4212 Timberglen-5bd, 2LA, 3.5 baths, 3 garage, Mockingbird Heights $475,000
7600 E. Co. Rd. 110-Wow-Greenwood, 5BR, 4 1/2BA, 2LV, 2CR GR, 2.39 acres w/barn $325,000
3213 Shell Ave.-5 bed/3LA/3.5 bath, McMar $322,900

TOWN HOUSES AND PATIO HOMES

900 Pine-4 bd, 3.5 ba, pool, guest house, granite, new appliances ..... UC, $319,900
1417 Pine-Low maint., 3 bd, 2 ba, 2 liv, huge kitchen $225,000
3206 Chelsea-3/2/2 in new fast selling subdivision ..... UC, $219,900
2301 Stub-3/2/3, 2 living, workshop $215,000
2811 Golf Course-Spacious 3BR, 2 1/2BA patio home $209,500
2016 Howe-Low maint, corner lot, 3 bd, 2.5 ba, 2 liv or 4 bd, 1 liv, new paint & carpet $199,900
2612 Garfield-3 bd, 2.5 bath, 2 dining patio home $179,900
2604 N. Garfield-Spacious patio home with many updates $169,900
1402 Pecan-3/2, Walker Patio home $159,900
4712 Harvard Ave.-2BD/2BA spacious townhome! $109,000
501 W. Scharbauer Dr. #8-Fabulous pool view! $52,900

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott $650,000
2505 Mockingbird-5,974 Acres, complete baseball field, irrigated, metal building $550,000
2510 Passage Way-Great location on 24 acres $500,000
5205 Whitman-5.5 acres, water well $365,000
18 Desta Dr.-2.878 acres in Claytonia Place $325,000
Marfa St.-Development possibilities off Rankin Hwy $292,500
6008 E. Co. Rd. 1240-approx. 19 acres $250,000

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

2407 Tealand-Over 2 acre lot in cul-de-sac/pie shaped $175,000
300 Charismatic-2.047 acres in Solomon Estates $169,000
10104 Wildwood-Great get-a-way, shop/RV on 3.0 acres w/130 pecan trees $165,000
2300 Tealand-2014 Acres $140,000
4910 N. Co. Rd. 1147-Approx. 20 acres $150,000
4007 Tanforan-Little over 1/2 acre in Mockingbird Heights $150,000
900 W. Cuthbert-Build new in Old Midland $125,000
11.44 Acres-Cynthia Super location close to town $80,000
5310 Ellen Jayne Way-Green Tree North $69,000
5312 Ellen Jayne Way-Green Tree North $69,000
5308 Ellen Jayne Way-Green Tree North $69,000
5327 Bella Place-Green Tree North $69,000
5325 Bella Place-Green Tree North $69,000
5000 Heather-Saddle Club South lot $55,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

6341 Prairie Ridge-New Graham Construction! Still time to customize! ..... UC, $467,120
6343 Prairie Ridge-New Graham Const!- 4-3-1/2-3 car ..... UC, $450,400
2316 S. Co. Rd. 1121-Greenwood's newest subdivision, 3bd, 3ba, Scott Dickenson $339,900
5313 Bella Place-Beautiful in Green Tree North $330,000
4817 Yearwood-Gorgeous 3BR $288,650
3206 Chelsea-3/2/3 in new fast selling subdivision ..... UC, $219,900
2802 S. Co. Rd. 1067-Greenwood 4/2/3, 1AC, whirlpool tub, open plan $209,900

LEASE PROPERTY

1908 Coleman-4/3 ..... $2,500/mo.
4406 Kerr Ct.-4BR, 2LV, 3BA w/pool ..... $2,400/mo.
2902 Moss-3/3/3, low maintenance ..... $2,000/mo.

COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY

W. Wadley Avenue-1202 acre retail or office, just site next to new West Texas Nat'l Bank ..... Call Bill Scott
5500 Block of Wadley-Wonderful location in North Midland, zoned for retail. Across from Lowes. Vacant lot with approx. 53,663 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott $645,000
701-707 W. Indiana-Office building w/6 separate suites, 15,870 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott $475,000
911 W. Missouri-Perfect for retail/shops, approx 14,294 sq. ft. & zoned I-1, across EST Mission. Call Bill Scott $445,000
2900 W. Front St.-(The Sports Center) Industrial, 2 buildings $415,000
3100 Rosebowl Hwy.-Prime location! Approx 2.5 acres, 12,000 sq. ft., bldg. 24 Wide $325,000
18 Desta Dr.-Prime land for office in Claytonia Place, 2.878 acres $325,000
711 W. Tennessee-Comm., 26 Covered, 41 Uncovered parking space $222,000
912 E. Industrial Loop-Industrial bldg. on Mid-ac, 6,600 sq. ft. w/ov & 1,200 sq. ft. office. Call Bill Scott $199,000
3600 Kermit Hwy., Odessa, Tx.-Approx. 4,650 sq. ft. office building. Call Bill Scott $180,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.3 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail. Call Bill Scott $125,000
1310 N. Big Spring-Commercial Building $80,000
3221 W. Storey-Duplex 2 bd each side-great investment property $60,000
425 Village Circle-For Lease Up to 31,000+/- sq. ft. perfect for medical office, office space or retail, competitive rates ..... Call Bill Scott

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4+ BEDROOMS

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6339 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath + Study! Brand New McPherson Home in Grasslands West! ... **Sale Pending! $510,900**
4010 E. Co. Rd. 61-4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining + Study, 3 Car Garage. Absolutely Stunning Triple M New Construction! Custom features, Italian arches, stainless, granite & so much more! 3,714 sqft on 2.3 Acres in Bohita Estates! ... **New Listing! $479,900**
6306 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Brand New McPherson Beauty! 18' wrought iron doors, shutters, media room. Still time to select all colors! ... **New Listing! $474,900**
6316 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, New McPherson Home in Grasslands West ... **Sold! $385,900**
5609 Heartland Ct-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Total granite upgrades. $30,000 in upgrades! Grassland Estates! **Sold Less Than 10 Days! $379,900**
4618 Woodhollow-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Mark Payne,Repair! This Home Will Take Your Breathe Away! ... **Sold in 1 Day! $376,500**
2007 Country Club-4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, Captivating Contemporary home! Fabulous Pool & Wood Deck! ... **Sale Pending! $339,000**
3300 Limestone Ln.-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2,700+ sq. ft. LIKE NEW! ... **Sold! $299,900**
3113 Patrick-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Stainless, Granite, Plantation Shutters! New Refrigerator included! ... **Sale Pending! $271,500**
2609 Caldera-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Extra large ceramic tile, granite, 2" blinds. Brand New Bernal Home! ... **New Construction! $237,900**
2501 Fannin-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2 Story, Downstairs Master, Kitchen completely updated w/granite/stainless steel island & granite! LOADS of space! Awesome Space! ... **Open Today!...New Listing! $229,900**
6 Bristol Ct-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living, over 3,400 sqft in Fairoaks! ... **Sale Pending! $229,900**
3305 Canemont-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Designer Upgrades! This one won't last! Fairmont Park! ... **Open Today!...New Listing! $205,500**
4609 Palman-4 Bedrooms, 2 Bath, + HUGE Game Room, Hardwood Floors, 2,600+ sqft in Northgate! ... **New Listing! $195,900**
4425 Gleneagles-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2,000+ sqft, Fabulous in Fairmont Park! ... **Sold less than 30 Days! $189,900**
3211 Cimmaron-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Stainless Appliances! Updated in Fannin District! ... **New Price! $164,900**
3519 Imperial-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Many Recent Updates! New Stainless Appliances! HUGE Game Room! ... **New Price! $159,900**
3413 Louisiana Ave-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Big House w/versatile plan! ... **Short Sale! $93,000**

3 BEDROOMS

12200 W. Co. Rd. 56-3 Bedroom, 2.5 + Study! Gorgeous Italian Arches. Quiet Country Setting on 4+ Acres! ... **New Listing! $299,900**
2809 Sentinel-3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Updated Kitchen & Baths! In-Law Plan! ... **Sold! $279,900**
3502 Wedgewood St-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Fabulous One Owner Townhome! 14x16 Sunroom/sitting room/Craft Room! ... **Sale Pending! $264,900**
5003 Coquina-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Fabulous New AGA Home in Rock Point! ... **Sold! $245,900**
4517 Monty-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,770 sq. ft. Granite, Stainless Appliances, Tile! Dreamy! ... **New Construction! $181,500**
1807 N. "H" St.-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Approx 1,682 sqft. Mid Century Design! ... **New Price! $169,900**
2418 Santa Cruz, Odessa-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Overpsyed 2 Car Garage, Open Floor Plan! ... **Sale Pending! $155,000**
5111 Leisure-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, So Much New! ... **Sold! $149,900**
1211 Godfrey-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, UPDATED! Fabulous Low Maintenance Town Home! ... **Sold less than 45 Days! $149,900**
3301 Fannin-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Spacious! 10x16 Shop w/Electricity ... **Sold! $129,900**
1015 W. Normany, Pecos-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, HUGE Corner Lot! Workshop! ... **New Price! $115,000**
3215 W. Illinois Ave-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Investors Specials! ... **New Price! $79,900**
3715 Monty Dr-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Investors Specials! ... **New Price! $69,900**
1611 W. Washington Ave-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 1 Living, 1 Dining, Corner Lot! ... **Reduced! $54,900**
3406 Tanner Dr-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Investors Special! ... **Sale Pending! $49,900**

2 BEDROOMS

105 E. Illinois-New Renovation Construction in Downtown Midland! Tri Level Loft! ... **Special Builder's Price! $369,900**
103 E. Illinois-Downtown Midland's Urban Lifestyle Loft! Commercial Grade Custom Kitchen! ... **Special Builder's Price! $349,900**
101 E. Illinois-State of the Art Living, 2,000+ sqft, 20' Ceilings, Jacuzzi! Call for private showing! ... **Special Builder's Price! $349,900**
1209 E. Walnut-2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Hardwoods Dream! As is Sale! ... **Sale Pending! $19,900**

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

11911 W. Co. Rd. 125-Expand your business to Success!! 2 Office buildings/Warehouses! Call Ashley for details ... **Commercial! $850,000**
109 E. Cemetary Rd., Ford Davis-ATM Autoparts & Repair! 4,300 sq. ft. Call Chris for details! Opportunity Knocks! ... **New Price! $485,000**
3207 W. Front-Ray's Auto, 2,760 sq. ft. Call Chris for details ... **Commercial! $399,900**
4903 Crista Ln-Premium choice lot for your Custom Home in Rock Point! Large Lot .217 acres! ... **Sale Pending! $44,900**
E. Hwy 80-Zonet LR-3 High Traffic Location! Will accommodate car lot, storage units, etc. WILL OWNER CARRY ON LEASE! ... **Lots! $42,500**
Ellen Joyce Way-Great Residential Lots in Green Tree North! 5200, 5210 & 5212 ... **Lots! $65,000/each**
1106 Cowden-Residential Lot in Glendale Subdivision, 0.180 Acres ... **Lot! $9,000**
4723 Douglas Ave-Residential Lot, West of Midland Dr off Andrews Hwy ... **Lot! $7,500**

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

OPEN 2:00-3:00
3608 SHANDON AVE. - $202,500
Lots of space and storage in this large 4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms! Open remodeled kitchen with recent appliances and large island! Complete with dog run and 25 x 14 storage that could be a great shop! Recent tile, laminate flooring, master heater and more! This house is clean and updated!
Shown by Cameron Willman, 432 978-4298

FEATURED HOMES

2501 KANSAS AVE.
3BD/2BTH - $122,500

717 MELTON ALLEY
2BD/2BTH - $112,500

2905 CALDERA BLVD.
4BD/2 1/2BTH - $228,500

5003 E. CO. RD. 71
4BD/2BTH - $112,500

4900 KING RICHARDS ROW
4BD/3BTH - $267,900

15460 S. BONANZA
3BD/2 1/2BTH - $179,000

HOMES AVAILABLE

4 BEDROOM

4900 KING RICHARDS ROW	#2424	$267,900
5511 SAN SABA	#1904	UNDER CONTRACT
2905 CALDERA BLVD	#1904	$228,500
2611 CULVER DR		REDUCED $224,900
3502 CRESTMONT	#1684	$208,500
3608 SHANDON AVE	#1224	REDUCED $202,500

3 BEDROOM

5603 WOODHOLLOW		UNDER CONTRACT
2525 CASTLEFORD	#924	UNDER CONTRACT
2708 WHITTLE WAY	#2904	UNDER CONTRACT
5000 SUNSHINE PARKWAY		$162,000
3317 W. LOUISIANA	#2094	$135,000
2100 WADLEY		$126,000
2501 KANSAS AVE	#0314	$122,500
4713 SHADYLANE DR.		$117,500
5003 E. CO. RD. 71	#1724	$112,500
904 N. ST. PETER, STANTON, TX		$79,900

1 & 2 BEDROOM

2100 FREEPORT LANE		$150,000
717 MELTON ALLEY	#2374	UNDER CONTRACT
610 W. ESTES	#1214	$90,000
4700 BOULDER AVE.-UNIT 206		$55,000
3000 ILLINOIS AVE		$49,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT 1006		$34,500
4700 BOULDER UNIT 308		$29,900

1 & 2 BEDROOM

4700 BOULDER UNIT 1403		$29,900
3107 B & A STOREY AVE	#4094	UNDER CONTRACT
3203 B & A STOREY AVE	#1554	UNDER CONTRACT

LAND & LOTS

64TH ST W	$135,000
1203 E. CUTHBERT AVE	$10,000
1205 E. CUTHBERT AVE	$10,000

ODESSA

11065 PALOMINO DR		$65,900
2540 PALO VERDE DR		UNDER CONTRACT
4021 SOUTHBROOK COURT		$325,000
7010 TOBOSA AVE	#4774	$245,000
6921 PINECREST	#4074	$230,500
4220 CANDY LANE	#4124	$179,900
15460 S. BONANZA	#0064	$179,000
2 DE VACA COURT	#2064	$177,000
8801 RAINBOW DR	#1114	REDUCED $175,000
1421 ZENETA AVE		$119,900
2204 MADERA AVE		REDUCED $99,900
3724 SPRINGDALE DR	#4064	UNDER CONTRACT
1403 ROSEWOOD AVE		$84,900

RESIDENTIAL LOT

2505 TEXLAND CIRCLE	$175,000

COMMERCIAL

603 FITCH AVE., ODESSA, TX	$26,500

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

GALLERY HOMES

6302 Hilltop Drive
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $348,500

ASHINGDON HOMES

4712 Yearwood Drive
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $267,500

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5305 Oak Valley Dr.
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, Energy Star, priced @ $341,900

5303 Oak Valley Dr.
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, Energy Star, priced @ $337,900

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FEATURED HOMES

5701 San Saba
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $244,800

4800 Yearwood Drive
3 bedrooms, study, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $275,000

10808 E. Co. Rd. 107
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage/shop, priced @ $189,900

10801 E. Co. Rd. 108
Greenwood, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $199,900

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-Mark Twain

NEW CONSTRUCTION

VEATCH CONSTRUCTION

3117 Chelsea Pl.
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $218,300

Saenz Signature Homes

3208 Patrick Place
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $268,800
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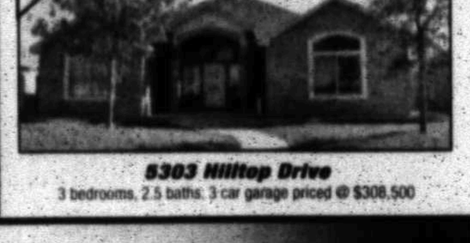
Carrasco Homes



5303 Hilltop Drive
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage priced @ $308,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1501 Thistle Rd	1 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage/Odessa	$88,000
4617 Storey Ave	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba/1 Car Garage	SOLD
4613 Storey Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$89,900
604 N. Estes Ave	3 Bdrm/1 Ba	$114,900
3515 Baumann Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$132,500
3803 Kansas Ave	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$173,000
812 Stanolind Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$175,000
5104 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3113 Haynes Dr	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$225,000
5701 San Saba	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$244,800
4807 Crista Lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
NEW CONSTRUCTION		
3116 Patrick...Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage		Under Contract
1210 E. Nobles	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$124,800
1206 E. Nobles	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$124,800
3117 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$218,300
5307 Hilltop	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5006 Coquina Ct	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5307 Mathis St	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5007 Opal Ct	Morse Properties/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5009 Opal Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5001 Gateway Ct	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5002 Gateway Ct	Woodruff Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5009 Gateway	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5712 Carmel Ct	Texas Classic Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$249,500
5312 Oak Valley	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5807 Llano St	Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5310 Wimberley Spring	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3106 Patrick Pl	Hanson Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$266,500
4712 Yearwood Dr	Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3208 Patrick Pl	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$268,800
4808 Yearwood Dr	Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/Study/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$275,000
4903 Granite Ln	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5303 Castle Pine	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5306 Castle Pine	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5312 Castle Pine	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5303 Hilltop Drive	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5302 Hilltop Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
6607 Los Conchos Ln	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/4 Car Garage	SOLD
SUBURBAN/ACREAGE		
3801 Tumbleweed Trail	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
Lone Rose Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14019 N. Chinaberry	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.914 Acres	$119,000
10808 E. Co. Rd. 107	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Shop	$189,900
10901 E. Co. Rd. 108	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$199,900
7413 N. Co. Rd. 1297	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$235,000
5803 Co. Rd. 1200 S	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/12.07 Acres	Under Contract
12044 Goldenrod St	Gardendale/20 Acres/Horse Farm	$849,000

RESIDENTIAL HOME SITES

1609 Pueblo St	0.334 Acres ... $22,000
1608 Pueblo St	0.344 Acres ... $22,000
1610 Pueblo St	0.344 Acres ... $22,000
6403 Bowman Circle	0.761 Acres ... $27,500
5805 Cypress Ave	4.904 Acres ... $80,000
SUBURBAN HOME SITES	
Lone Rose Estates	W. Co. Rd. 301/5.2 Acre Lots ... Call Gary
7406 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.219 Acres ... $28,000
6400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres ... $61,500
3 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Hay Barn ... $98,500
County Rd. 310	10.53 Acres ... $110,000
2 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Horse Barn ... $125,000
Parmer County	160 Acre Farm ... $595,000
COMMERCIAL	
900 E. Florida Ave	Approx. 2.19 Acres/LB2 Zoning ... $365,000
2000 Rankin Hwy	6.7 Acres/LB2 Zoning ... $975,000

FEATURED HOMES

3113 Haynes Drive
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $225,000

812 Stanolind Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $175,000

3803 W. Kansas Avenue
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $173,000

4613 Storey Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, priced @ $89,900

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$37,500

NEW LISTING — **5655 MARIGOLD DR., GARDENDALE, TX**
This is very large property with about 12000 square feet in 2 metal buildings, a 2 bedroom apartment at the back of the property and 5 acres in mature pecan trees, a well on a windmill and a well and a pump for the house. Solid AG rights. Call Carol at 699-0008. **$363,000**

OPEN 2:00-3:30 — **421 E. OAK AVE.**
New construction, attractive 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Will have nice lighting, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave. Nice sized lot, choose a view and get to make choices. **$119,900**. Call Carol at 699-0008.

4319 LEDDY
Great fireplace, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living area with 2 car garage with nice size backyard. Call Sharon at 218-9566.
$80,000

UNDER CONTRACT — **4319 GRENSHAW**
3 bedroom, 2 bath with large living area with fireplace, tiled floors, breakfast area, looks out to pool. Call Sharon. **$89,900**

UNDER CONTRACT — **4509 BROOKDALE DR.**
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 car garage. Call Deborah 230-4402.
$159,900

UNDER CONTRACT — **3600 SPRINGMONT**
3 bedroom, 2 bath in Fairmont Park (includes an 18x30 workshop). Call Debbie at 230-4402 for more details. **$174,900**

201 HOLLY
Charming 1½ cottage style home with unpainted master bedroom and bath. Nice open wood deck for hosting summer cookouts or just relaxing and enjoying your yard. Fresh hardwoods under the carpet and tile floors. Has a 2 house size workshop room. Great starter home for first time home buyers or great rental property for investor. Lot is 5 lots for a large back. This is a must see!!!
Call Tamara Garrett 661-2510 for showing. **$81,900**

UNDER CONTRACT — **2506 COLLEGE**
This charming home is great for first time buyers. The kitchen and bathroom have been updated. The master bedroom is roomy with huge closets. Big backyard with a rock pond and storage shed. **$78,900**
Call Cindy at 413-6494.

REDUCED — **1502 DELMAR**
Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, new paint and tile flooring.
Call Sharon. **$79,900**

NEW LISTING — **OPEN 1:00-2:00** — **3707 CASADY COURT**
Darling 2 bedroom patio home that is move in ready. There is a bonus room for an office in addition to 2 living areas. All for only **$194,900**. Call Kerri.

107 N. BENTWOOD
Nice floorplan for this 3 bedroom home. Vaulted ceiling in the living area. Close to school, easy access to the Loop. Large lot with lots of possibilities.
Call Don at 699-4127. **$116,900**

1216 W. COUNTY RD. 125
Quiet, country living. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2 large living areas with fireplaces on 5.56 acres. Sequestered master, large inside utility room/workshop. Priced at **$89,900**.

UNDER CONTRACT — **1002 SHIRLEY LANE**
Fabulous home! Huge living in this open floor plan. Lots of storage. Lots of new. Kitchen has granite and SS appliances. Master bath is wonderful with large closet, double shower and jacuzzi. Fenced in backyard gives extra space to enjoy with built in outdoor kitchen. Great for entertaining! This home has lots of storage. Affordable perfect! Call Kim Fox Cell phone at 699-0022. **$96,900**

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3401 Boyd Ave., Midland
Beautiful home in great location. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms with spacious rooms on a corner lot.
Call Sam Field 432-553-8791 or your agent

4306 Nicklaus Street, Midland
Three bedroom two bathrooms with open floor plan and highceilings, fireplace, in-ground pool and covered patio.
Call Bobby McCourt 432-967-0652 or your agent

OPEN SUN. 1-3 — **2509 Stutz Place, Midland**
Beautifully updated 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home with screened porch and rear entry. Large living area. Extra parking.
Call Lou Matson 432-559-1950

601 Shepherds Way, Andrews
This home has a lot to offer with laminate flooring and carpet. Large living area with a fireplace and a dining area next to the open kitchen. Master bedroom is sequestered.
Call Bobby McCourt 432-967-0652

1311 E. 35th St., Odessa
Great location and priced to sell! Large living area spacious enough for family gatherings. Master bedroom has enough room for a large bed and other furnishings. Backyard has an open patio, storage building, dog run and still plenty of room.
Call Bobby McCourt 432-967-0652

REDUCED — **11697 W Buckeye St., Odessa**
Subject property is a ranch style home sitting on a large lot and interior features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining area, den, covered patio and 2 car carport.
Call Sam Field 432-563-8791

UNDER CONTRACT — **2409 Alamesa Dr., Big Spring**
Location, Location, Location. Enjoy suburban living in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 baths, nice open floor plan and 1 carport. This great property is located from schools and shopping.
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FEATURED LISTINGS

2445 Co. Rd. 152-Brady, TX — $2,000,000
640 Acres, 2 Houses
A) 5 Bd, 3 Bth + B) 2 Bd, 2 Bth

12206 ECR 101 — $589,900
5 Bd, 4.5 Bth, 4 Living, 3 Dining, Guest Quarters, Workshop

4212 Timberglen — $475,000
5 Bd, 3.5 Bth, 2 Living and 2 Dining Areas

2900 Front — $425,000
30,900 Sq. ft.
2 Buildings

12200 E. Co. Rd. 102 — $394,900
Greenwood, 4.38 Acres, 4 Bd, 3 Bth & Pool

3213 Shell Ave. — $322,900

900 Pine — $319,900
4 Bd, 3.5 Bth, 2 LR, 2 Dining Areas, Pool & Guest Quarters

1600 Humble — $261,900
3 Bd, 2 Bth, 2 Living Areas

8606 FM 307 — $259,900
Greenwood, 4.11 Acres, 4 Bd, 2.5 Bth

2802 Douglas — $249,900
3 Bd, 3 Bth, 2 Half Bths, 2 Living Areas

1417 Pine — $225,000
3 Bd, 2 Bth, 2 Liv, Large Utility, Low Maintenance

2802 S. Co. Rd. 1067 — $209,900
4 Bd, 2 Bth, Greenwood, New Construction

1105 Mogford — $199,900
4 Bd, 3 Bth, 2 Living and 2 Dining Areas

2618 Noel — $199,000
3 Bd, 2.5 Bth, 2 Living or 4 Bd, 2.5 Bth, 1 Living

2803 Dengar — $189,900
3 Bd, 2.5 Bth, 2 Living Areas

2612 Garfield — $184,900
3 Bd, 2.5 Ba, 2 Din, Low Maint.

2302 Wydewood — $179,900
3 Bd, 2 Bth, Granite, Hot Tub

1001 Bonham — $171,900
3 Bd, 2.5 Bth, Workshop

2600 Rainbow — $167,900
3 Bd, 2 Bth

4500 Falcon — $159,900
3 Bd, 2 Bth

1403 Garfield — $147,900
3 Bd, 2 Bth

Lots and Land

2500 Mockingbird - 5.574 Acres — $550,000
5500 Whitman - 5.5 Acres — $385,000
300 Charlemagne - 2.247 Acres — $140,000
5100 Anywhere - 2.202 Acres Sommer Estates — $92,500
10.44 Acres on Cynthia — $80,000

Commercial

1310 Big Spring - Commercial Building 1,856 sq. ft. — $85,000

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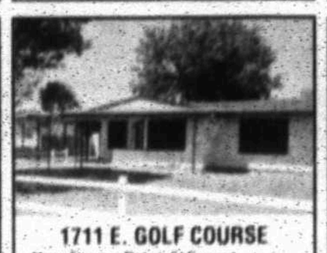
3501 S. CO. RD. 1230
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 1 Living, 1 Dining
- 1 Acre of Land
- MLS #84344, $120,000

2411 W. SHANDON
- Great Location
- 2 Living, 2 Dining
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- MLS #84487, $176,900

NEW PRICE
2304 CIMMARON DR.
- Very Well Maintained
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- New Roof Installed June '09
- MLS #84032, $150,900

NEW PRICE
1606 W. GOLF COURSE
- Spacious Home
- 2 Living, 2 Dining
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
- MLS #84490, $174,500



1711 E. GOLF COURSE
- New Fence, Paint & Carpet
- 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath
- 2 Living, 1 Dining
- MLS #82709, $75,500

NEW PRICE
4200 CRESTWOOD
- Fabulous Low Maintenance
- Enclosed Patio
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- MLS #84574, $194,900

FM 307 TO S. CO. RD. 1120
OAKRIDGE DEVELOPMENT
- Newest Subdivision
- Lot size: 1.59 acres to 3.25 acres
- Price Range: $38,250 to $81,250
- Greenwood School District

FREELAND ADDITION
- Lot size: 2.00 acres to 2.97 acres
- Price Range: $50,000 to $74,250
- This price is to include septic and guaranteed water.

SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATE
- Lot size: 3.01 acres to 3.95 acres
- Each Lot is $70,000
- Great Country Property building sites. Restricted building area

2108 MICHIGAN:
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OPEN 1:30-2:30
4607 Debbie Cove
$172,000
Cul-de-sac & Corner Lot!
Shown by Cheryl Parrish, 352-3053

Updated! Spacious! Light & bright! Living room w/high ceilings, fireplace & glass doors to patio! Spacious kitchen w/skylight & breakfast bar! Bay window in breakfast nook! Formal dining could be office/homework! Entry hall, small computer nook! Roomy bedrooms w/nice closets! Large master w/access to patio, private bath & nice closet! Covered patio! Mature trees! 2 Car garage! (From Midland Dr. go west on Neely. North on Fredna. East on Debbie Ca. On the southeast corner of Debbie & Fredna).

OPEN 1:30-2:30
1404 Michigan
$85,000
Adorable Cottage!

Spacious living/dining with tons of windows! Updated kitchen w/most cabinets & countertops plus eating area! Big laundry room! Spacious bedrooms! Updated bathroom! Hardwood flooring under rugs! Covered patio! 1 Car detached garage! Huge backyard! Mature landscaping! Recent paint, lighting, carpet!

FEATURED HOME
5800 Greenridge - $269,900
Tons of Updating!

Fabulous 4 bed/3 bath in grassland! The kitchen has been remodeled and opened to the den! Granite countertops, huge island & great cabinets! Breakfast nook, too! Double fireplace in the living room! Formal dining & living areas! In-law suite! Sequestered master suite has a great bath, with a jetted tub, separate shower & 2 spacious closets! Jack & jill bath has just been updated! Roomy bedrooms, high ceilings, wood flooring & gorgeous yards!

FEATURED HOME
3605 Woodhaven - $525,000
Location! Location! Location!

M-R (by-request) "Tons of space" Formal living area with a cozy fireplace! Formal dining with huge bewindows! Kitchen is updated... with granite "tons of storage" & "tons of" Large breakfast/dining area, with a wall of built-ins! Extra large family room with high ceilings & room for a pool table! Office/den/3rd suite has 5 murphy beds! Heated/cooled workshop/off garage! Master is spacious & has two "bathrooms"! The enclosed patio is perfect for a home gym! 3 Car attached garage! 2 Car detached garage! Extra parking pad! Wow!!!

DeLaura and her assistants are wonderful to work with – I would recommend them to anyone! DeLaura goes above and beyond the call of duty. – Brenda Hopper

The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage rose for the second week in a row, buoyed by higher bond yields.
Freddie Mac said Thursday that the average rate rose to 4.80% this week from 4.74% last week. The average rate on the 15-year loan, a popular refinance option, inched up to 4.09% from 4.05%. Whether you are purchasing a new home or refinancing your existing home take advantage of interest rates before they rise over 5.00%. For current interest rates and mortgage related advice feel free to call me anytime!

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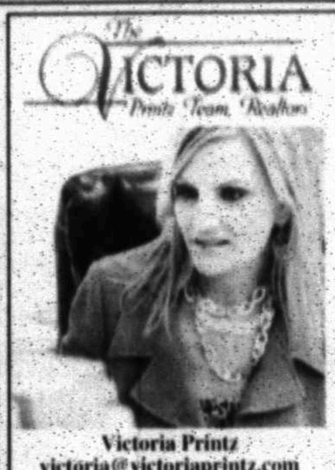

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NEW & REDUCED

7016 Courtney Ct - Absolutely spectacular! 3 bed/3 bath home located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Green Tree North! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy brick fireplace, custom paint & many of her fabulous gourmet kitchen upgrades! Sequestered master suite w/ 2 walk-in closets, jetted tub & walk-thru shower! Spacious den w/fireplace & built-ins! Large yard & 2 car garage! $375,000

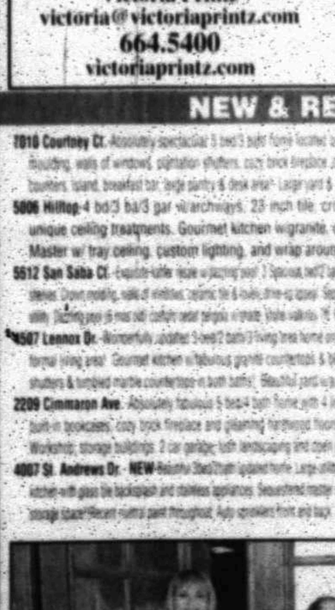
5606 Hilltop - 4 bed/3 bath/2 car w/workshop!, 2.8 inch tile, crown molding & recent paint! Spacious den w/fp & unique ceiling treatments. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, custom cabinets, 2 ovens & walk thru pantry!, Seq. Master w/ tray ceiling, custom lighting, and wrap around closet $299,900

5612 San Saba Ct - Custom cute house w/charming feel! 3 spacious bed/2 bath, gourmet kitchen, den w/ gas fireplace, crown molding, walls of windows, custom tile & wood throughout! Sequestered master suite w/jetted tub, dual sinks & closet. Delightful backyard with outbuildings & mature lush landscape w/mature trees. Must see! $229,900

5607 Lennox Dr - Absolutely adorable! 3 bed/2 bath/3 living areas home on a quiet cul-de-sac! Gleaming hardwood floors shine in the spacious formal living area! Gourmet kitchen w/fabulous granite countertops & beautiful cabinetry! Recent updated kitchen, carpet, fixtures, plantation shutters & tongue & groove countertops in both baths! Beautiful yard w/sprinkler system and mature trees! $229,900

2209 Cimmaron Ave - Absolutely fabulous 5 bed/4 bath home with 4 living areas! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, built-in bookcases, cozy brick fireplace and gleaming hardwood floors! Dining kitchen w/pantry, abundant cabinets and views of the Wonderful, storage buildings, 2 car garage, both landscaping and open patio! $239,900

4007 St. Andrews Dr - NEW! Absolutely stunning! Gorgeous home, large utility w/sink and cabinets, gourmet cooking w/ wine gas cooktop/hood, Stainless kitchen with glass tile backsplash and stainless appliances. Sequestered master suite w/ 2 walk-in closets and master bath boasts 2 sinks and jetted tub! Great storage space! Recent custom paint throughout. Auto sprinklers front and back, raised patio, and landscaped yard! $179,900



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OPEN TODAY

OPEN 1:00-2:00 - **5612 San Saba Ct** - Adorable cute house w/charming yard! 3 spacious bed/2 bath, plantation shutters, crown moulding, custom cabinets, pantry & display shelves. Other moulding, walls of windows, indoor tile & floors, fireplace, gourmet kitchen w/granite, gas range, & much more! Sequestered master suite w/jetted tub, dual sinks & closet. Large yard & patio! Must see! $229,900

OPEN 2:30-3:30 - **10306 W County Rd 58** - Wonderful remodeled home on 2 acres & 50+ ft. Front footage! 3 Bed/2 Bath/2 Car Garage, Large greenhouse w/ opened concrete floors, brick fp, custom speakers & media closet. Living & bedrooms have hardwood floors, Seq. Master w/jetted tub, shower and 2 walk-in closets. 30x70 shop w/4 overhead doors + w/ hook-up! $785,000

NEW & REDUCED

1509 Alcove Ct - Absolutely 5 bed/3 bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac! Recent updated carpet, walls of windows, built-in bookcases, ceiling fans & tub, fireplace! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, cabinets and "Alpine" tile. Fabulous master suite w/granite counters and stainless vanity! Relax in covered patio overlooking large yard w/mature landscaping! Large garage & circle drive! $149,900

4+ BEDROOMS

7401 Briarwood Ave - 9 bed/5.5 Bath! Tuckaway overlooks parkland tub. Mile home is 6389 ft. 2-Guest apartments,2-Garage, 4 car carport, boat & golf cart gar, Workshop, rv gar. 4 Drive-in horse stalls,opens to pens? Fabulous landscaped grounds w/ multiple trees, tennis court, big circle drive $1,495,000.00

1917 Pegewood - Beautiful 3 bed/3.5 Bath gal on quiet cul-de-sac, almost 1 acre lot! Formal liv w/hardwood, den,3 living areas! gourmet kit w/walk in fridge,gas cook top, grill, fridge, 3 starting custom doors & 3 fireplaces! Resort like backyard w/outdoor kitchen, pool & spas,heat! 4+ parking, underground sprinkler system,lighted sidewalks! $699,900

2537 Country Club Dr - Absolutely stunning 4 bed/4.5 bath home on an estate sized lot! Soaring vaulted ceilings, stacked crown mouldings, arched doorways, recessed lighting, incredible built-in bookcases, cozy fireplace, walls of windows & plantation shutters! Gourmet kitchen w/abundant cabinets, island & breakfast bar! $575,000

7016 Courtney Ct - Absolutely spectacular! 3 bed/3 bath home located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Green Tree North! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy brick fireplace, custom paint & many of her ..... U/C $375,000

5229 Prairie Ridge - Fabulous new construction! by Armand Construction in Grassland Estates Phase! Will have 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, 3 car garage! ..... U/C $362,500

1403 Princeton - Lovely 4 bed/2.5 bath home in desirable area. Full tub & guest house/sauna & fireplace. Hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, stone & skylight! Cozy Den w/brick flooring & fabulous fireplace w/hanging copper chimney! Stamping print, lush landscaping, flat tub & guest house w/hot tub, sauna & fireplace! Security system! $354,900

3103 Lockheed - Exceptionally 3 updated 3 bed/4 bath/4 living/2 dining home in Old Midland with a sparkling pool and lovely waterfall! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, built-in bookcases, hidden closets for extra storage & gleaming hardwood floors! Fabulous gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, granite countertops & furnished mortar backsplash! $325,000

403 Springwood - Fabulous ACre home! 4 Bedrooms,2 Baths,2 living areas! Gourmet kitchen with center island & custom cabinets! Gorgeous archways, hardwood in formal dining! Spacious master suite w/ jetted tub, sep. Shower & lg. Closet! Subdivision has private playground and pool! $314,900

5006 Hilltop - 4 bed/3 bath/3 car w/workshop!, 2.5 inch tile, crown molding & recent paint! Spacious den w/fp & unique ceiling treatments. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, custom cabinets, 2 ovens & walk thru pantry!, Seq. Master w/ tray ceiling, custom lighting, and wrap around closet $299,900

2112 Bradford Ct - Fantastic and updated 3 bed/2 bath w/a fabulous greenhouse on quiet house! 420 sq ft! Gourmet kitchen w/ recent granite countertops, granite backsplashes, & a large corner pantry! ..... U/C $299,900

10306 W County Rd 58 - Peaceful retreat on almost 2 acres & 50+ ft. Front footer! 4 Bed/2 Bath/2 car gar. Large greenhouse w/ stained concrete floors, brick fp, custom speakers & media closet. Living & bedrooms have hardwoods floors. Seq. Master w/jetted tub, shower and 2 walk-in closets. 30x70 shop w/4 overhead doors + w/ hook-up! $266,000

1700 Mulberry - Spectacular 4 bed/2 bath/2 car garage home! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, built-in bookcases, stone fireplace, miles of tile & gleaming hardwood floors! ..... U/C $252,500

2209 Cimmaron Ave - Absolutely fabulous 5 bed/4 bath home with 4 living areas! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, built-in bookcases, cozy brick fireplace and gleaming hardwood floors! Dining kitchen w/pantry, abundant cabinets and views of the Wonderful, storage buildings, 2 car garage, both landscaping and open patio! $239,900

3412 Pinemont - Fabulous 4 bed/2 bath home in Fairmont Park! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, brick fireplace, fresh carpet and ceramic tile! Open kitchen w/island & lots of cabinets! ..... U/C $207,000

4317 Greenbriar - Updated 3 bed/2 bath gal. Remodeled kitchen w/granite, stainless appliances, custom cabinets, lighting & crown base molding. Tile throughout except bedrooms, expert paint, clean molding, fixtures & marble mirrors. Spacious master w/large closet. ..... UNC in 1 Day $165,000

201 Walker Court - Simply lovely 3-bed/2 bath townhome on an extra large lot! Granite countertops in kitchen and baths! Tile flooring in kitchen, dining area, utility area, baths! Unbelievable price for quality! 2 car garage! $127,500

1011 Anoine St. - Spacious, 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 living/2 dining home on lovely corner lot in old Midland! Darling kitchen w/recent countertops, R/O & miles of tile! Lovely yard with lush landscaping & dog run! $119,900

4022 Rusty Dr - Spacious 4 bed/1 bath home! Ceiling fans, built-in bookcases, walls of windows and miles of tile! Kitchen with custom sun cabinets, tile, gas stove and breakfast bar! Sequestered master bedroom with fireplace and study! Recent roof and exterior paint! Large backyard with covered back porch with storage shed! $90,000

4720 Leisure Dr - Lovely 4 bed/1.5 bath! Living area or 2 bed/1.5 bath! Living area home in a quiet family neighborhood! Recently updated kitchen w/pantry & breakfast dining area! Wonderful master suite w/walk-in closet & windows! Recent paint, roof and water heater! Large backyard, lush landscaping & water well attached to sprinkler system! $80,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1529 Cypress - Beautiful 2 bed/1.5 Bath and an in-law cottage! Spacious living w/gaming, living, 2 BED/1 Ba downstairs! Hardwoods, crown molding, fireplace & lace curtains. Formal dining w/hardwoods, custom wainscoting, wines of the vineyard ..... UNC in 1 Day $175,000

4008 Bartlett Dr - Adorable 2 bed/1 bath home with hardwoods, crown molding, fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors & miles of tile! Spacious kitchen with recent cabinets & glass accents! Wonderful master suite w/max closet & windows! Recent paint, roof and water heater! Large backyard, lush landscaping & water well attached! $250,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1410 Lynbrook - Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/3 bath home with a wonderful floor! Fantastic courtyard entrance w/ huge living area! Enjoy spacious master suite w/huge walk-in closet, jetted tub, shower, private entrance door! ..... U/C $229,900

5612 San Saba Ct - Adorable cute house w/charming yard! 3 spacious bed/2 bath, plantation shutters, crown moulding, walls of windows, custom tile & wood throughout! Sequestered master suite w/jetted tub, dual sinks & closet. Large yard & patio! Must see! $229,900

4507 Lennox Dr - Absolutely updated 3 bed/3 bath home in a quiet cul-de-sac! Gleaming hardwood floors shine in the spacious formal living area! Gourmet kitchen w/fabulous granite countertops & beautiful cabinetry! Recent updated kitchen, carpet, fixtures, plantation shutters & tongue & groove countertops in both baths! Beautiful yard w/sprinkler system and mature trees! $229,900

3608 Rio Grande Ave - Adorable cute house w/charming yard! 3 spacious bed/2 bath, plantation shutters, crown moulding, walls of windows, custom tile & wood throughout! Sequestered master suite w/jetted tub, dual sinks & closet. Large yard & patio! Must see! $229,900

4007 St. Andrews Dr. - Beautiful 3 bed/2 bath updated home. Large utility w/sink and cabinets, gourmet cooking w/ wine gas cooktop/hood, Stainless kitchen with glass tile backsplash and stainless appliances. Sequestered master suite w/2 walk-in closets and master bath boasts 2 sinks and jetted tub! Great storage space! Recent custom paint throughout. Auto sprinklers front and back, raised patio, and landscaped yard! $179,900

2407 Fairview Lane - Absolutely darling 3 bed/2 bath home with a fabulous double corner lot! Enjoy spacious crown moulding, walls of windows and miles of tile! ..... SOLD in 1 Week $179,000

2200 Culver - Spacious 3 bed/2 bath home! Two living areas, one with beamed ceiling, built-ins & rock fireplace! Fresh carpeting, hardwood floor, ceramic tile & recent paint! Spacious kitchen is updated with recent countertops, backsplash, fixtures & hardware! Bedroom has lots of storage! Covered patio & carport! $169,900

4711 Elma Dr - Fantastic 3 bed/2 bath home near Bush Elementary! Large living area w/gas fireplace & coated ceilings. HVAC replaced 8/2010, roof replaced 10/2009! ..... SOLD UC in 10 Days $135,000

1305 W. Ohio Ave - Fabulous 2 bed/2 bath home! Inviting hardwood flooring, crown moulding, walls of windows, built-in bookcases, fireplace, spacious master bedroom and stone fireplace! ..... UC in 10 Days $135,000

1508 Alcove Ct - Absolutely 3 bed/2 bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac! Recent updated carpet, walls of windows, built-in bookcases, ceiling fans & cozy fireplace! Darling kitchen w/abundant cabinets and miles of tile! Fabulous master suite w/jacuzzi tub, shower & walk-in closet! Great covered patio overlooking large yard & mature landscaping! Large garage & circle drive! $149,900

900 Douglas - Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage home! Spacious living area w/wood flooring, built-ins, fireplace, ceiling fans & lots of storage! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, gas cooktop & fixtures! ..... UC $149,900

4200 FM 307 - Charming 3 bed/2 bath country home in Greenwood! Spacious open floorplan with many recent updates! Formal dining area, living, w/decorative paint colors! Updated heat & air, tankless water heater, covered patio & rip, backyard! $87,500

LAND & LOTS

5512 Golden Gate - 2 Acres with barn and back room $604,000
5512 Golden Gate - 4 Acres, perfect for those who want a big city lot $280,000
5512 Golden Gate - 3.28 Acres, inside city limits with city water $226,000
5512 Golden Gate - 2.98 Acres, perfect location to build custom home $215,000

TOP AGENTS - Approx. 400 Midland Area Agents

Individual Agent Sales per $$ Closed per MLS

2006		2009	
Victoria -	$38,395,613	Victoria -	#1 Agent
#2 Agent -	$16,371,850	Jeaneen -	#3 Agent
#3 Agent -	$15,124,374	Julie -	Top 5%

2007	
Victoria -	$34,854,314
#2 Agent -	$25,499,312
#1 Jeaneen -	$18,591,030

2008	
Victoria -	$32,435,480
#2 Jeaneen -	$20,177,588
Julie -	Top 9%

DEC. 31, 2010
Victoria - #1 Agent
Jeaneen - #3 Agent
Julie - Top 5%

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3823 MAYER DR ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94842 ..$129,000

CODY FARROW
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5306 GREATHOUSE ..Donna Dale 638-4903 ..MLS #94520 ..$321,500

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1802 MAIN ST ..Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..MLS #93123 ..$145,000

J.C. BUILDERS JACK CUNNINGHAM
5607 CARMEL ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #93966 ..SALE PENDING
5704 CARMEL ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #94479 ..SOLD

4910 BROOKDALE ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #92730 ..SALE PENDING
4906 BROOKDALE ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #92100 ..$194,900

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12107 E. CO. RD. 111 ..Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..MLS #92369 ..SALE PENDING
12106 E. CO. RD. 111 ..Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..MLS #92367 ..$171,900

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MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

3403 MILBROOK PL ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #91310 ..SALE PENDING
5300 TEAKWOOD TRACE ..Teri Vestal 556-1632 ..MLS #94726 ..$969,900
9382 GOLDENROD ..GARDENDALE ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #92741 ..40 Acres/$900,000
3808 TRINITY DR ..Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #94969 ..SALE PENDING
3610 CYNTHIA ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #94228 ..$795,000
2900 GLADEWOOD ..Lisa Janna 661-3389 ..MLS #93747 ..$675,000
1209 CASTLE ROCK CT ..Stephanie Rogers 978-9767 ..MLS #91489 ..$560,000
3609 WOODHAVEN CT ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #95085 ..$525,000
4013 BAYBROOK ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #95027 ..$515,000
5212 MIDLAND DR ..Teri Vestal 556-1632 ..MLS #95031 ..$499,900
3506 S. HWY. 349 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92165 ..SALE PENDING
201 S. H ST ..Peggy Spence 664-3011 ..MLS #94413 ..$475,000
4824 SPRING MEADOW LANE ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #95103 ..$445,000
800 PALOMINO DR ..Karen Mason 349-3550 ..MLS #93831 ..SALE PENDING
3304 FELDSPAR ..Donna Omar 349-1458 ..MLS #94207 ..$378,000
4406 IRVIN ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #95003 ..SALE PENDING
3913 EDGEBROOK CT ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #93749 ..$369,900
4113 EDGEBROOK DR ..Genevieve Sorge 618-5019 ..MLS #92804 ..SALE PENDING
5306 GREATHOUSE AVE ..Donna Dale 638-4903 ..MLS #94520 ..$321,500
5401 LOS PATIOS ..Perkins Brasher 344-3421 ..MLS #94920 ..$319,900

4809 HILLTOP DR ..Peggy Spence 664-3011 ..MLS #94903 ..SALE PENDING
5 AUBURN CT ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #94933 ..$279,000
4706 TEAKWOOD TRACE ..Brian Sales 618-1818 ..MLS #93695 ..$274,500
5600 GREENRIDGE ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #95086 ..$269,900
5150 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #93801 ..$265,000
4612 ROSEWOOD ..Deborah Stewart 934-3881 ..MLS #94946 ..$264,500
3611 NORTHFIELD ..Jane Wolf 684-6040 ..MLS #93717 ..SALE PENDING
5216 QUICKSAND DR ..Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ..MLS #93692 ..$259,900
1300 S. CO. RD. 1126 ..Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..MLS #93196 ..$250,000
4315 LEHIGH ..Peggy Spence 664-3011 ..MLS #93648 ..$245,000
6303 SEQUOIA DR ..Jose Alvarez 618-5013 ..MLS #93983 ..SALE PENDING
5010 WHITMAN ..Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..MLS #94492 ..$239,900
7 BRISTOL CT ..Donna Omar 349-1458 ..MLS #91398 ..$235,000
3904 HADDEN DR ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #92056 ..$224,900
2 STUTZ ..Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ..MLS #95002 ..SALE PENDING
3008 MEADOWBROOK DR ..Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..MLS #94176 ..$219,000
3505 LOCKHEED DR ..Perkins Brasher 344-3421 ..MLS #94926 ..$214,900
4603 GRAHAM DR ..Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..MLS #94066 ..SOLD
407 W. SHANDON ..Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..MLS #94619 ..$205,000

4603 S. CO. RD. 1290 ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94573 ..$195,000
4906 BROOKDALE ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #92100 ..$194,900
1500 CASTLEFORD ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94566 ..$190,000
2904 ARROWHEAD ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #91923 ..$189,900
4601 TAMMY COVE ..Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..MLS #93805 ..SALE PENDING
503 HOWARD DR ..Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..MLS #94620 ..$183,000
4313 BOULDER AVE ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94896 ..$181,000
3212 ROOSEVELT AVE ..Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..MLS #94412 ..$179,900
3606 OAKRIDGE ..Donna Omar 349-1458 ..MLS #94734 ..SOLD
3409 CRESTMONT ..Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..MLS #94404 ..$169,900
2905 MARANATHA PL ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94446 ..SALE PENDING
4204 ARROYO ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #94981 ..SALE PENDING
3207 DURANT ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #93949 ..SALE PENDING
2304 CIMMARON DR ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94032 ..$159,900
4500 IRWIN CT ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94336 ..$145,500
319 E. 50TH, ODESSA, TX ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #92555 ..$108,900
1322 E. ESTES ..Donna Omar 349-1458 ..MLS #94857 ..$90,000
808 SINCLAIR AVE ..Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..MLS #94433 ..SALE PENDING
6107 MIDWAY, BIG SPRING, TX ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #92819 ..SALE PENDING

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

4902 OAKWOOD COURT ..Janice Murrell 344-7242 ..MLS #94440 ..$509,500
10861 E. GOLDENROD ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #76921 ..$450,000
3105 SEABOARD ..Jane Wolf 684-6040 ..MLS #94679 ..$399,900
4295 FM 307 ..Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ..MLS #93064 ..$350,000
5208 ELLEN JAYNE WAY ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #93476 ..$309,900
5311 BELLA PLACE ..Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ..MLS #93546 ..$305,000
4600 WOODHOLLOW ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #94867 ..SALE PENDING
6601 S. CO. RD. 1278 ..Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..MLS #94040 ..$294,900
19 WINCHESTER CT ..Karen Mason 349-3550 ..MLS #95061 ..$293,000
412 FAIRFAX CT ..Peggy Spence 664-3011 ..MLS #95091 ..$290,000
3117 PATRICK ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #95109 ..$285,000
5820 E. CO. RD. 105 ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94486 ..SALE PENDING
5492 CYPRESS COURT ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #94774 ..$277,000
1410 W. TEXAS AVE ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94897 ..$275,000
5058 LOS ALAMITOS ..Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ..MLS #93856 ..$270,000
4906 CRISTA LANE ..Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..MLS #94878 ..$269,900
2338 FM 1208 ..Ruth Young 682-7884 ..MLS #94298 ..$269,900
4605 MEADOWOOD CT ..Stephanie Sae 563-2732 ..MLS #94505 ..$268,900
3906 CO. RD. 1184 ..Sue Lytle 661-5338 ..MLS #93729 ..SALE PENDING
100 CO. RD. 120 ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94755 ..$254,900
5523 LOS PATIOS ..Maria Mallory 352-4021 ..MLS #94713 ..SALE PENDING
5607 CARMELCT ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #93966 ..SALE PENDING
5704 CARMEL CT ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #94479 ..SALE PENDING
1404 HARVARD AVE ..Michael Blacker 352-3303 ..MLS #94467 ..$229,900
1600 KENSINGTON LN ..Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ..MLS #94484 ..$219,900
5805 FAIR CIRCLE ..Donna Omar 349-1458 ..MLS #95036 ..$219,500
12215 W. CO. RD. 54 ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94612 ..$218,000
2906 SANDHILL CIRCLE ..Lisa Janna 661-3389 ..MLS #94875 ..$217,900
3206 HAYNES DR ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #95057 ..$217,000
6602 CISCO CT ..Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..MLS #94876 ..$215,000
1309 E. CO. RD. 128 ..Jane Wolf 684-6040 ..MLS #94347 ..$210,000
2603 GRAHAM DR ..Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..MLS #94066 ..SALE PENDING
5603 RIO GRANDE AVE ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94573 ..$195,000
5402 RIO GRANDE AVE ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94847 ..$185,000

4404 MICHIGAN AVE ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94847 ..$85,000
421 W. DORMARD ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #94866 ..$74,900
3207 DELANO ..Mark Philliber 618-5071 ..MLS #95065 ..$69,500
501 SCHARBAUER DR #11 ..Donna Omar 349-1458 ..MLS #93935 ..$67,200

1103 N. LAMESA ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94332 ..$62,000
3125 STOREY ..Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..MLS #94233 ..$45,000
3213 STOREY ..Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..MLS #93694 ..$44,000
3118 DELANO ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #94858 ..SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4900 ANDREWS HWY ..Ruth Young 682-7884 ..MLS #[illegible] ..$175,000
4902 ANDREWS HWY ..Ruth Young 682-7884 ..MLS #[illegible] ..$175,000
1100 HUMBLE ..Deborah Stewart 934-3881 ..MLS #[illegible] ..$166,000
1311 E. COWDEN ..Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..MLS #[illegible] ..$80,000

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

9382 GOLDENROD, GARDENDALE ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #92741 ..40 Acres/$900,000
3610 CYNTHIA ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #94228 ..$795,000
3506 S. HWY. 349 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92165 ..SALE PENDING
10861 E. GOLDENROD DR ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #76921 ..$450,000
2308 S. CO. RD. 1126 ..Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..MLS #93533 ..$389,000
4205 FM 307 ..Perkins Brasher Amy Barnett 349-3421 ..MLS #93064 ..$350,000
6180 HWY 80 ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94832 ..$299,900
4100 I-20 SERVICE RD ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94838 ..$299,900
515 RIMER RD ..CRANE, TX ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #94751 ..$299,000
2338 FM 1208 ..Ruth Young 682-7884 ..MLS #94298 ..$269,900
7003 STONEGATE, ODESSA, TX ..Kim Royce 528-4646 ..MLS #94628 ..$269,900
5150 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #93801 ..$250,000
3821 MAYER, ODESSA, TX ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94843 ..$250,000
3904 HADDEN, ODESSA ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #92056 ..$224,900
2449 FM 1212, STANTON, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #94648 ..SOLD
2264 St. CO. RD. 3601, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #93969 ..$199,900
4400 St. CR 1306, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #93968 ..$189,900
2100 GOLF COURSE RD, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #94186 ..$186,500
1530 GOLF COURSE RD, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #93680 ..$184,500
3339 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #94223 ..SOLD

6825 E. CO. RD. 105 ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94486 ..SALE PENDING
3900 CO. RD. 1184 ..Sue Lytle 661-5338 ..MLS #93729 ..SALE PENDING
5610 S. CO. RD. 1213 ..Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ..MLS #95008 ..SALE PENDING
100 E. CO. RD. 120 ..Virginia Elizondo 618-5057 ..MLS #94755 ..$254,900
5150 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #93801 ..$250,000
1300 S. CO. RD. 1120 ..Josie Rendon 889-8394 ..MLS #93196 ..$250,000
10906 E. CO. RD. 104 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #94414 ..$231,500
12215 W. CO. RD. 54 ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94612 ..$218,000
1309 E. CO. RD. 128 ..Jane Wolf 684-6040 ..MLS #94347 ..$210,000
5004 S. CO. RD. 1136 ..Teri Vestal 556-1632 ..MLS #93058 ..$198,000
4603 S. CO. RD. 1200 ..Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94573 ..$195,000

12107 E. CO. RD. 111 ..Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..MLS #92369 ..SALE PENDING
12105 E. CO. RD. 111 ..Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..MLS #92367 ..$171,900
10904 E. CO. RD. 104 ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94760 ..SALE PENDING
8701 US HWY. 87, STERLING CITY ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #94708 ..$134,000
6812 E. CO. RD. 98 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #94859 ..$125,000
3501 S. CO. RD. 1230 ..Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94344 ..$120,000
13813 CR 122, ODESSA, TX ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94948 ..$105,000
6811 E. CO. RD. 92, GREENWOOD ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92999 ..SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..6 Lots Left ..3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..3+ Acre Lots/Lots $70,000/EA

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

6953 SLEEPY HOLLOW, ODESSA, TX ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #95154 ..$1,495,000
6382 GOLDENROD, GARDENDALE ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #[illegible] ..40 Acres/$900,000
6676 SANDHILLS, GARDENDALE, TX ..Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ..MLS #[illegible] ..$389,900
515 RIMER RD, CRANE, TX ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #94751 ..$299,000
2338 FM 1208 ..Ruth Young 682-7884 ..MLS #94298 ..$269,900
7003 STONEGATE, ODESSA, TX ..Kim Royce 528-4646 ..MLS #94628 ..$269,900
5150 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #93801 ..$250,000
3821 MAYER, ODESSA, TX ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94843 ..$250,000
3904 HADDEN, ODESSA ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #92056 ..$224,900
2449 FM 1212, STANTON, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #94648 ..SOLD
2264 St. CO. RD. 3601, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #93969 ..$199,900
4400 St. CR 1306, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #93968 ..$189,900
2100 GOLF COURSE RD, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #94186 ..$186,500
1530 GOLF COURSE RD, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #93680 ..$184,500
3339 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #94223 ..SOLD

709 GRAY ST, STANTON, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #93594 ..$149,900
504 W. BROADWAY ST, STANTON, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #92759 ..$135,000
1304 12TH ST, ODESSA, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #92823 ..$135,000
8701 US HWY. 87, STERLING CITY ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #94708 ..$134,000
4154 CLAYTON PL, ODESSA, TX ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94956 ..$132,500
3821 MAYER, ODESSA, TX ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94843 ..$129,900
3823 MAYER, ODESSA, TX ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94842 ..$129,900
139 QUAIL RUN, ODESSA, TX ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #92200 ..$129,000
4211 WAVERLY, ODESSA, TX ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94244 ..$119,900
404 SANTA ROSA AVE, ODESSA, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #93881 ..$115,000
305 E. 42ND ST, ODESSA, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #93939 ..$109,000
319 E. 50TH, ODESSA, TX ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #92555 ..$108,900
13813 CR 122, ODESSA, TX ..Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..MLS #94948 ..$105,000
LOT 509-POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92554 ..$100,000
710 NW 11TH, ANDREWS, TX ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #93629 ..$98,000

516 CO. RD., SWEETWATER TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #94576 ..$97,000
601 NE AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #93832 ..$89,900
5605 FORT WORTH, ODESSA, TX ..Chad Tabor 288-7025 ..MLS #93630 ..$79,900
806 13TH ST., ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #79701 ..$79,500
2181 LIVE OAK LAKE, BROWNWOOD, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #94003 ..$70,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES ..Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..$70,000
6107 MIDWAY, BIG SPRING, TX ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #92819 ..SOLD
401 S. ST. JOSEPH, STANTON, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #79043 ..$45,000
LOT 573-POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92555 ..$42,000
711 BRUCE, MONAHANS, TX ..Sue Lytle 661-5338 ..MLS #94403 ..SALE PENDING
503 S. ST. THERESA, STANTON, TX ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #94144 ..$30,000
CO. RD., STANTON ..Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..MLS #75480 ..$10,000
1212 ELM ST., ANDREWS, ST ..Ruth Young 682-7884 ..MLS #80951 ..$3,500
Trailer House #18, CR 112 PECOS, TX ..Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ..FOR LEASE (3) 32,000 SF buildings ..$3,066.67/MONTH

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

7720 HWY. 80 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #78017 ..$2,850,000
1116 S. FM 1788 ..Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..MLS #92225 ..SALE PENDING
3900 S. CO. RD. 1285 ..Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #74663 ..$1,325,000
(101 I-20 St. ODESSA ..Perkins Brasher Amy Barnett 349-3421 ..MLS #[illegible] ..$399,900
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD ..Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..MLS #74975 ..$620,000
2029 E. 8th St. ODESSA ..Perkins Brasher Amy Barnett 349-3421 ..MLS #[illegible] ..$500,000
1707 W. WALL ST ..Amy Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #93376 ..$435,000
4321 ILLINOIS AVE ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #93490 ..$395,000
4205 FM 307 ..Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ..MLS #93064 ..$350,000
610 ANDREWS HWY ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #93489 ..$350,000
13220 E. HWY. 80, ODESSA, TX ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #93493 ..$350,000
1506 GARDEN CITY HWY ..Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ..MLS #93733 ..$329,000

4301 W. ILLINOIS ..Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #90440 ..$325,000
1011 WALL ST ..Ruth Young 682-7884 ..MLS #94123 ..$294,500
125 N. FORT WORTH ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #81931 ..$269,000
0 AIR PARK RD ..Amy Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #79796 ..$260,000
2108 MICHIGAN AVE ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94373 ..$250,000
3821-3823 MAYER DR ..DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..MLS #94841 ..$250,000
4900 N. MIDKIFF ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #95039 ..$239,000
1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #93958 ..$235,000
3103 DENTCREST DR. A&B ..Lisa Janna 553-8194 ..MLS #94871 ..SALE PENDING
4315-4319 W. ILLINOIS ..Clemmie 618-5019 ..MLS #70904 ..$199,000
5601 E. HWY. 158 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #94310 ..$180,000

4533 GLENEAGLES DRIVE ..Jose Alvarez 618-5013 ..MLS #94014 ..$179,900
2501 W. WALL ST ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #93092 ..SALE PENDING
412 N. TERRELL ..Karen Foster 559-4086 ..MLS #92897 ..$169,500
408 WAKEFIELD ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #94320 ..$155,000
2138 COMMERCE ..Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #94302 ..$149,900
608 E. BROADWAY ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS# 79703 ..$140,000
8701 HWY., STERLING CITY, TX ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #94708 ..$134,000
4315 DENGAR AVE ..Jose Alvarez 618-5013 ..MLS #94016 ..$119,900
3201 HWY. 80 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92439 ..$75,000
3400 E. HWY. 80 ..Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..MLS #94433 ..$65,000
Trailer House #18, CR 112 PECOS, TX ..Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ..FOR LEASE (3) 32,000 SF buildings ..$3,066.67/MONTH

LANDS AND LOTS

CO. RD. 1120 S. ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #78101 ..$12,500/ACRE
I-20 WEST ..Sam McDaniel 934-8372 ..10.29 Acres/$2,500,000
3900 S. CO. RD. 1285 ..Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #74663 ..$1,325,000
S. FM 1788 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92050 ..96.8 Acres/$968,000
2500 COTTON FLAT RD ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #77487A ..$572,100
0 FM 1213 ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #84978 ..$450,000
4205 FM 307 ..Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ..MLS #93084 ..$350,000
0 AIR PARK RD ..Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #79796 ..$260,000
4301 MOCKINGBIRD LN ..Amy Barnett 352-6714 ..MLS #81964 ..$199,900
ELKINS RD ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..MLS #92558 ..20 Acres/$132,526
0000 BOATLER ..Donna Dale 638-4903 ..MLS #93350 ..$131,030
7110 W. CO. RD. 46 ..Caleb C. Malott 349-3330 ..3.5 Acres/$125,000
LOT 509-POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92554 ..$100,000
I-20 W ..Jennifer Martin 520-0080 ..MLS #75869 ..$100,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES ..Caleb Malott 349-3330 ..6 Lots Left ..3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000

3811 GOLF COURSE RD ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94363 ..$74,250
0 CO. RD. 1070 ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #94882 ..$73,800
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES ..Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..$70,000
2011 EVANS LN ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94364 ..$70,000
3400 E. HWY. 80 ..Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..$65,000
2010 EVANS LN ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94360 ..$62,750
2011 N. CO. RD. 1150 ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94358 ..$61,250
2121 EVANS LN ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94362 ..$60,250
2121 EVANS LN ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94361 ..$58,750
2101 EVANS LN ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94366 ..$58,000
2111 EVANS LN ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94361 ..$55,250
2100 EVANS LN ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94355 ..$51,000
3921 E. GOLF COURSE ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94355 ..$50,000
4455-E. CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS, TX ..Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ..MLS #94151 ..$50,000
2000 EVANS LN ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94357 ..$50,000

3911 E. GOLF COURSE ..Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..MLS #94356 ..$50,000
S. CO. RD. 1050 ..Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..MLS #80827 ..$42,500
LOT 579-POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92555 ..$42,000
3209 S. CO. RD. 1066 ..Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ..MLS #93964 ..$40,000
S. CO. RD. 1083 ..Lisa Janna 661-3389 ..MLS #92191 ..2.97 Acres/$40,000
W. CO. RD. 150 ..Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..MLS #80798 ..$35,000
I-20 & WAREHOUSE RD ..Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..MLS #92417 ..$30,000/PER ACRE
CO. RD. 1070 ..Mark Philliber 618-5071 ..MLS #93065 ..SALE PENDING
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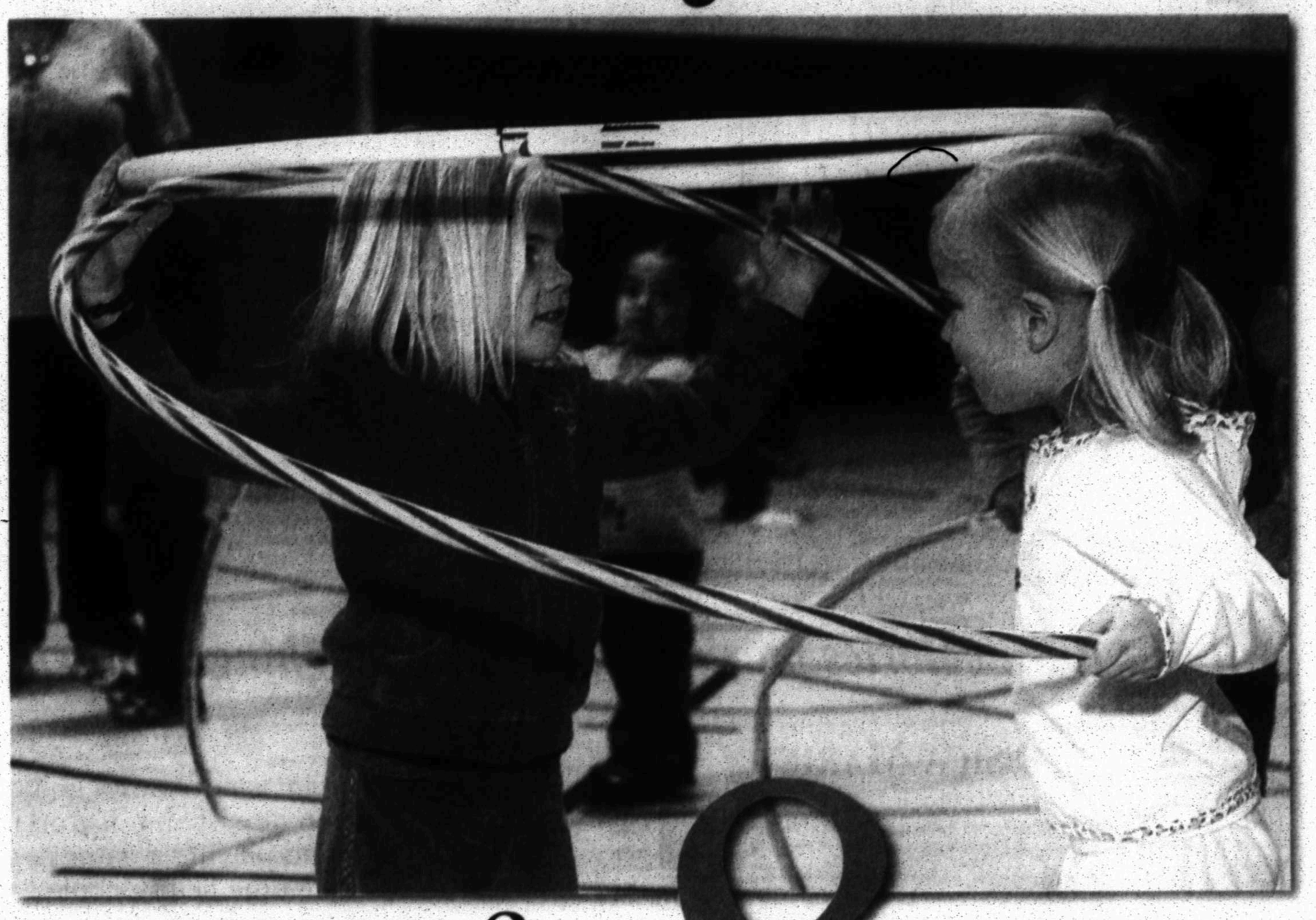

fun & fitness

Preschoolers get fit, have fun with Knee-Hi program

Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Laura R. North spends her Tuesday mornings doing lunges, cranking out sit-ups, and playing air guitar to "We Will Rock You" at Kelview Baptist Preschool and Day Care.

The Midland native founded Knee-Hi, an alternative to physical education geared toward 3- to 5-year-olds, in 2005. North, a former middle school physical education teacher, said she came up with the idea when she realized her students didn't seem to enjoy the workouts.

"At the same time, we're seeing childhood obesity rate go through the roof," she said.

About 17 percent of children and adolescents between the ages of 2 and 19 are obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and an April 2010 report by the International Journal of Obesity showed baby boomers may begin to outlive their children because of rising obesity rates.

"I got to thinking that if we can teach these kids that exercise can be fun, maybe we can do some good for them," she said. "Maybe we can give these kids a chance to save themselves."

By working with younger children in day cares and preschools, North said she hopes to form healthy habits that will carry throughout the years. Other youth-focused fitness programs in Midland include Stretch-n-Grow, Fit Kids Klub at Fit Family Fitness and Kid Fit at the YMCA.

"I've tried really hard to turn it into play, and they never know they're exercising," North said.

Students who participate in the 45-minute weekly program practice coordination by running through colorful hula hoops and following directions from a song asking wearers of a certain color to stand and dance. Other activities include kicking bouncy balls and jumping on a trampoline with North's help, all set to music.

"Music absolutely stimulates them," North said. "They move to the beat, it cuts down on chatter and helps with discipline, and it gives them energy."

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KNEE-HI Twins Averi, left, and Addi Hunt, in top photo, play with hula hoops Tuesday during Knee-Hi class at Kelview Heights Baptist Church day care. ABOVE LEFT: Kamryn Milam, front, and Kailey Bond walk through the hoops as part of the obstacle course during Knee-Hi class. ABOVE: Ethan Arrieta looks over at friends while doing pushups Tuesday. LEFT: Laura North, director of the Knee-Hi program, helps Hailey Baker do a flip on the mini trampoline Tuesday during class.

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Xochil Odukwu leaps off the mini trampoline as she and other children run through the obstacle course during Knee-Hi class Tuesday at Kelview Heights Baptist Church day care.

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Knee-Hi

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North said she has changed a few of the activities over the years and pays close attention to what the kids enjoy.

"From the kids, I've learned that if you watch them, they'll let you know what they want to do," she said.

Because North began Knee-Hi as an entrepreneur, she said she is grateful for the help she's received from community businesses — such as Promising Projects — to promote her program and provide materials and knowledge. North is the only person currently on the staff of Knee-Hi but said she generally looks for help in summer months as her classes increase. Three other preschools and day cares in the area use Knee-Hi: Midland Christian School, St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Greenwood Baptist Church.

Kelview Baptist day care teacher Ruth Oñate participates in the class with her kids every other week and said seven of her 15 students attend Knee-Hi classes. Those who don't, North said, may have parents who cannot or don't wish to pay the $25 monthly fee for the program. For the kids who do attend, the benefits are more than just physical, Oñate said.

"The kids who come to this are more calm. When we get back to the classroom they sit down and do their work," said Oñate, who works with 4- and 5-year-olds. "They're more relaxed. It helps with their energy levels."

North said her ultimate goal is to give kids a chance to have fun while exercising.

"We're trying to make sure it's never a competition between the kids," said North. The former P.E. teacher said the kids aren't the only ones having fun during her classes. "No matter how bad your day is, when you come see these kids for those 45 minutes, it's a pick-up."

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Wii Fit: Burn calories playing, burn more laughing at others

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Getting fit is hard, but playing video games is easy. At least that's what video game producers want you to believe.

My parents recently got Wii Fit to help them get fit. Though I always had been skeptical of the video game designed to help players improve their fitness, I figured I'd give it a chance.

Wii Fit requires total body involvement to participate. The player must balance, move his feet and activate different muscle groups to master the different games. The games are not easy, and most of them are hilarious to watch.

If I could, I would show you the video I took of my mom trying to do Kung Fu aerobics and my father trying to do a snowboard balancing game. Unfortunately, I can't include video in this column. I also don't want my parents to kill me, or to show anyone the ridiculous videos of me playing Just Dance on the Wii.

The funniest thing about the Wii Fit game is the Mii, the little animated person you design to look just like you. Players get to watch their Miis simulate their movements on the screen as they move in real life.

Wii Fit takes your Mii character one step closer to your likeness. The game calculates each player's body mass index, or BMI, by measuring a player's weight and height. The game applies these measurements to each player's Mii, making the animated body proportionate to the player's real body. My family found this quite comical.

Our Miis all start out slender and tall, but in my family, slender is almost as uncommon as tall. Once the Wii recorded our measurements, the Mii bodies changed to look like our own bodies. Suddenly, a Mii belonging to a family member, whom I won't identify, shrunk down and expanded outward. Witnessing the Mii transform into a short, plump cartoon version of this family member was the funniest thing I'd seen all week. We laughed for at least 10 minutes as the other Miis transformed, too.

The laughing continued as we played the games. There was a lot of wobbling, falling off the balance board and really weird, uncoordinated movements. If someone were to look in on us playing the game, they probably would have thought we were drunk. We weren't; we were just having a good time.

> Exercise is not always going to be fun or easy, but if working out and playing a game at the same time helps people get moving, then I'm all for it.

I thought some of the games were too easy to qualify as good exercise, but some of them did a decent job of challenging the player. Most of all, the games were fun, and the calories we didn't burn from playing, we burned from laughing.

Exercise is not always going to be fun or easy, but if working out and playing a game at the same time helps people get moving, then I'm all for it. And if it's not your type of workout, then at least you're in for a good laugh.

Alcohol industry grapples with nutrition labeling

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Pick up just about any beverage on store shelves, and on the back of the packaging you'll find a numerical rundown of calories, carbs, etc.

Unless, that is, the beverage is alcohol.

Some folks want to change that.

"In the year 2011, it's sort of bizarre that alcohol's the only consumable product sold in the United States that you can't tell what's inside the bottle," says Guy L. Smith, executive vice president in North America for Diageo, the world's leading distilled spirits, beer and wine company.

Diageo is supporting a proposal presently before the federal Tax and Trade Bureau — the agency with authority over alcohol labels — to list nutrition information such as calories, carbohydrates, serving size and alcohol per serving.

But not everyone in the industry is as enthusiastic.

At the Beer Institute, a trade association based in Washington, D.C., officials support listing calories, carbs, protein and fat content, as well as alcohol by volume. But they oppose the idea of defining serving size by fluid ounces of pure alcohol, or as 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor, on the grounds you may get more than 1.5 ounces of liquor in a cocktail depending on what else is in the drink and the accuracy of the bartender.

But Smith says consumers know when they're getting a large martini. The point is, he says, to give them a point of reference so they can generally know what to expect.

At the San Francisco-based Wine Institute, officials are asking that the labeling requirements be on a voluntary basis only. (Diageo also supports voluntary compliance.)

If labeling is made mandatory, then the Wine Institute is asking for accommodations, such as being allowed to generalize the calorie and carb counts on wine rather than needing to have each vintage of each variety analyzed. Additionally, they want the option of choosing the style of label, perhaps putting the information on a thin strip-style label rather than the more traditional (and much larger) box format that appears on other foods and drinks.

"There shouldn't be a significant cost impact on wineries," says Wendell Lee, general counsel for the institute.

It's unclear when federal officials might rule. Agency spokesman Tom Hogue said the Tax and Trade Bureau is working on the issue but it's a complicated one that doesn't lend itself to a quick solution.

The current push for nutrition information was started in late 2003 by a coalition of consumer and public health advocates. Diageo announced its support for the move at the time and last December issued a statement calling on officials to rule.

The Distilled Spirits Council, based in Washington, also supports putting serving information on bottles. Current labeling law is complicated.

Wine, beer and liquor manufacturers don't have to list ingredients — and the nutritional labeling proposals being considered don't require them to start doing that. However, they must list substances people might be sensitive to, such as sulfites, FD&C Yellow No. 5 and aspartame.

Wines containing 14 percent or more alcohol by volume must list alcohol content. Wines that are 7 percent to 14 percent alcohol by volume may list alcohol content or put "light" or "table" wine on the label. (Most wines in that category, however, do list alcohol by volume.)

"Light" beers must list calorie and carbohydrate content only. Liquor must list alcohol content by volume and may also list proof.

LIQUOR LABELS This photo made Jan. 16, shows bottles of vodka, wine and beer from Diageo alongside proposed nutrition labels in Concord, N.H. A proposal being considered by the federal Tax and Trade Bureau asks for the nutrition labels found on nearly all food and beverages also be included on alcoholic beverages. Several alcohol industry businesses and organizations — including Diageo North America, the world's leading distilled spirits, beer and wine company — support some type of labeling.

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Food activist Marion Nestle, who researched the laws while writing about calories, was stunned by their piecemeal nature. She doesn't see the point of listing protein, fat and carb content of alcohol, since it contains none or little of those, but would like to see labels that list the amount of alcohol, number of calories, number of servings in the bottle and ingredients.

"Alcohol has calories and calories are an enormous issue," she says.

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PARTY PLATES

Sliders go DIY-style for Super Bowl parties

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

Super Bowl party food is all about big, comfy flavor and ease. Because on the day of the big game, you want to spend your time in front of the tube, not the stove.

Sliders are great because they can be served as appetizers or entrees. And assembling a buffet of make-it-yourself sliders allows your guests to tailor the sandwiches to their liking.

Start with a basic roll that goes well with everything, dinner rolls are a good size and French rolls are perfect for just about everything. If you don't find what you want in the bread aisle, try the bakery section or the freezer aisle; there will be several options available. You also could cut down a baguette into slider-sized pieces.

We've listed several fillings for slider sandwiches. These are all hot fillings, so consider rounding out the selection with some deli meats such as salami, turkey breast and ham, as well as a selection of cheeses and condiments. Simply set all the fillings out on the table and let your guests assemble and eat at will. For each filling, you will need 10 rolls.

Barbecue Chicken Sliders with Slaw
Start to finish: 15 minutes
Makes 10 sliders

Meat from a 2- to 2 1/2-pound rotisserie chicken (about 1 1/2 pounds cooked chicken meat)
1 1/2 cups prepared barbecue sauce
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
10-ounce package shredded cabbage or slaw mix

Place the chicken meat in a large skillet. Use 2 forks or your fingers to shred the meat. Add the barbecue sauce, mix well, then set over medium heat. Cook until warmed through, then transfer to a bow, cover, set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, vinegar, salt, pepper, sugar, celery seed and mustard. Toss in the shredded cabbage, then serve with the barbecue chicken.

Shrimp Po'Boy Sliders
Start to finish: 20 minutes
Makes 10 sliders

For the mayonnaise:
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup whole-grain mustard
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or more, to taste)
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
For the shrimp:
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning, divided
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk
1/3 cup cornmeal
1/3 cup breadcrumbs
1 pound medium raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
Canola oil, for frying
Pickle slices

To prepare the mayonnaise, in a small bowl whisk together the mayonnaise, mustard, cayenne and black pepper. Set aside.

In medium bowl, combine flour and 1 teaspoon of the Old Bay seasoning.

In another medium bowl, beat together the egg and milk.

In a third bowl, combine the cornmeal, bread crumbs and remaining teaspoon of Old Bay seasoning.

Working in batches, toss the shrimp first in the flour mixture, then through the egg mixture and lastly through the crumb mixture.

In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat 2 inches of oil to 370 F.

Working in batches, fry the shrimp 2 to 3 minutes, or until golden and cooked through. Use a slotted spoon to transfer to paper towels.

Serve the shrimp with the mayonnaise and pickles.

Crab Cake Sliders with Easy Lemon Aioli
Start to finish: 20 minutes
Makes 10 sliders

3/4 cup mayonnaise, divided
Zest and juice of 1 lemon
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon crushed dried thyme
1 pound lump crabmeat
1 1/2 cups crushed kettle-cooked potato chips
1/2 cup minced celery
2 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning
2 eggs

Arrange an oven rack about 12 inches from the broiler. Heat the broiler. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a small bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup of the mayonnaise, the lemon zest and juice, garlic, mustard and thyme. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the crabmeat, potato chips, celery, Old Bay, the remaining 1/4 cup of the mayonnaise, and the eggs. Mix well, then form into 10 patties, each about 2 1/2 inches across and 1/2 inch thick. Arrange the patties on the prepared baking sheet.

Broil the patties for 3 to 4 minutes, rotating the pan as needed for even browning. Remove the baking sheet from the oven, flip each patty and broil for another 3 to 4 minutes. Keep a close eye on them to avoid burning.

Serve the crab cakes with the aioli.

Maple Mustard Glazed Kielbasa
Start to finish: 20 minutes
Makes 10 sliders

1-pound package kielbasa
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/4 cup whole-grain mustard

Slice the kielbasa into 1/4-inch-thick diagonal slabs. You should get about 20 slices.

In a large, deep skillet over medium heat, combine the maple syrup and mustard. Add the kielbasa and cook until the sauce is thickened and the kielbasa is glazed, about 20 minutes.

Corned Beef and Sauerkraut
Start to finish: 10 minutes
Makes 10 sliders

2 pounds thinly sliced corned beef or pastrami
1 pound sauerkraut
1 teaspoon caraway seeds
1/2 teaspoon poppy seeds
1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons finely chopped dill or sour pickles
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

In a medium saucepan over medium, heat 1/2 inch of water. Add the corned beef or pastrami, then cover the pan and heat until just warmed.

Meanwhile, drain the sauerkraut and squeeze any excess liquid out of it.

In a spice grinder or using a mortar and pestle, grind together the caraway seeds, poppy seeds and fennel seeds.

In a medium microwave-safe bowl, combine the sauerkraut, ground seeds, mustard and chopped pickles. Microwave on high for about 1 minute, or until hot.

Serve the hot corned beef alongside the sauerkraut and a bowl of shredded Swiss cheese.

Flank steaks: Marinate it, stuff it, roll it

By Jim Romanoff
Associated Press

These corn- and red pepper-stuffed flank steak pinwheels are so colorful they look more suited to July than February. And the flavor screams backyard barbecue even though you'll never have to step outside to make them.

Flank steak is a wonderfully flavorful cut with little waste on it — a 1 1/2-pound steak will easily feed four to six people.

Corn and Red Pepper-stuffed Flank Steak Pinwheels
Start to finish: 45 minutes
Servings: 4

For the marinade:
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons tequila
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 clove garlic, chopped
1 1/2-pounds flank steak
For the steak:
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil,
1 small red bell pepper, diced
1 small red onion, diced
1 bunch scallions, trimmed, finely sliced
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs
1/2 cup frozen corn kernels
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
Ground black pepper, to taste

In a large bowl, mix together the lime juice, tequila, salt, black pepper and garlic. Set aside.

Cover the flank steak with plastic wrap. Pound it into an even thickness, about 1/2 inch. Add the steak to the marinade, turn to coat, then cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the red pepper, onion, scallions and jalapeno. Saute until the peppers begin to soften, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, until lightly colored, about another 30 seconds.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the breadcrumbs, corn, cilantro, cumin and salt. Let cool completely. Heat the oven to 375 F.

Remove the steak from the marinade. Arrange flat on the work surface. Spread pepper mixture evenly over the steak. Starting with a wide edge, roll the steak and stuffing up together. Use 7 lengths of kitchen twine to tie the roll firmly around the center at even intervals.

In a large oven-safe skillet, heat the remaining tablespoon of oil over medium-high. Add the steak roll and sear until browned on all sides, about 1 to 2 minutes per side. Transfer the pan to the oven and roast until it reaches 130 F at the center. Let stand for 10 minutes before slicing into 8 rounds and serving.

It's possible to eat around the globe without global expansion

HELEN ANDERS

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AUSTIN — My doctor assigned me this story. For several years, I'd been showing up for my annual physical several pounds heavier than the year before.

It's my traveling, I whined. I take a trip at least once a month, and I consider diving headfirst into the local cuisine a key component of a travel experience. How could I help but pork up?

"Try eating upside down," Dr. Robina Poonawala suggested. Eat the big meal for breakfast or lunch, she said. Eat a smaller meal for supper. Don't eat at all after 8 p.m. Load up on veggies, and stay away from bread and pasta.

Avoid bread in San Francisco, where the sourdough reaches out from the bakeries and stuffs itself into my face before I even noticed it's happened? Don't eat late in New York, where my friends like to dine after the theater? Shun pasta in Italy? Really?

I am not into deprivation. But I figured I'd try my doctor's advice as often as possible, and during the past year, I've made a pretty good start at living a leaner life on the road.

Am I skinny? I am not. I probably won't ever be. It would take a significant year-round commitment to vigorous exercise to reap serious weight loss. (That's my next aim.)

In editing my eating this past year, I had a modest goal. I was playing for a tie, hoping not to show up at my annual appointment fluffier than last year. That, I've managed.

Here are 10 strategies that worked — not for a fitness-and-health fanatic, but for me, the average human being who likes to indulge:

1. Do eat breakfast. You'll start the day with more energy for moving around and less hunger at lunch time. The trick that often trips me up: Don't just grab a muffin. Take the time and trouble to find some eggs and/or fruit.

2. Embrace salad as a meal. I love a salad of fresh greens topped by a small yet satisfying bit of protein. The five-spiced duck confit (just a little of the duck) with frisee, pomegranate and sherry-shallot vinaigrette at Slanted Door in San Francisco (1 Ferry Building, 415-861-8032) comes to mind.

For that matter, a meat-free salad, such as the beet and goat cheese salad with watercress and balsamic vinaigrette at Pelican Inn at Muir Beach, Calif. (10 Pacific Way, 412-383-6000), can also be yummy.

3. Avoid bread except where it's unavoidable because it's the best bread in the world. (This is me talking, not my doctor). That means San Francisco's sourdough and France's baguettes. But try to eat just a bit of bread in those cities; don't eat it at every meal.

4. Nosh; don't dine. Make the most of the small-plate trend. This has to be done carefully. At some restaurants, even the small plates tend to be dripping with calories.

In New Orleans, John Besh's fried Crispy Buster Crabs atop baked jalapeno cheese grits at The American Sector (within the National World War II Museum at 945 Magazine St., 504-528-1944) are sublime — and filled with fat.

Much kinder to the midsection is the California raw yellowtail with a small sprinkling of crispy shallots and thai basil at aforementioned Slanted Door or a small mound of beef carpaccio with a little salad at Django in Crested Butte, Colo. (620 Gothic Road, 970-349-7574). Include a veggie small plate (beets seem to show up a lot), and eschew the free bread.

5. When small plates aren't available, try making a meal out of an appetizer. A dozen char-grilled chubby gulf oysters work fine for me at Pearl's Oyster House in Memphis (299 S. Main St., 901-522-9070).

At Hotel Zaza's Monarch restaurant in Houston (5701 Main St., 713-527-1800), an appetizer of grilled Texas quail with stone ground grits, watercress and honey vinaigrette fills me without overfilling. Such a small bird does not fill my husband, and that's something to keep in mind: Let those who want the big meal have that as you nibble your appetizer ... slowly. And ignore eye-rolling waiters. Who cares what they think?

6. The obvious: Go light on pizza and burgers, even though they're highly convenient, cheap and — let's face it — terrific. I now make it a policy to eat only a handful of these a year, and they must be the world-class ones, such as Louie's pizza in Dallas (1839 N. Henderson Ave., 214-826-0505) and the bison burger at The Cove in San Antonio (606 W. Cypress St., 210-227-2683).

Yeah, yeah, yeah: I'd be better off never eating these things. But let's be realistic.

7. No snackage in the hotel room. No, no, no.

8. Drink a lot more water than anything else. I start each day with two big glasses of water and load up on the stuff at every meal time. The water not only keeps me hydrated; it also fills me so that I pig out less.

9. Avoid sugar. OK, I tell myself: One dessert during my two-week trip to Paris. One.

10. Walk off your meals. You don't have to find a hiking trail to do it, either. Just wear good walking shoes and amble to your destination whenever possible.

Notice I said walk, not run. Running in hilly San Francisco would lose me a lot more pounds, but it would also make me so sweaty and exhausted I'd want to jump off the Golden Gate Bridge. I travel for enjoyment, not pain.

But if I can walk to a museum or restaurant rather than ride, I arrive feeling good, and I enjoy what I see along the way. Of course, I also might arrive at that restaurant hungry enough to eat a horse (which I've been invited to do in Italy, but declined). That's when I run my doctor's words back through my head and remind myself of the reason I don't like being in pictures.

So, here it is, time for the annual doctor's appointment again. I'm pleased to say I've reversed trend and am actually a few pounds lighter than last year. It's a start.

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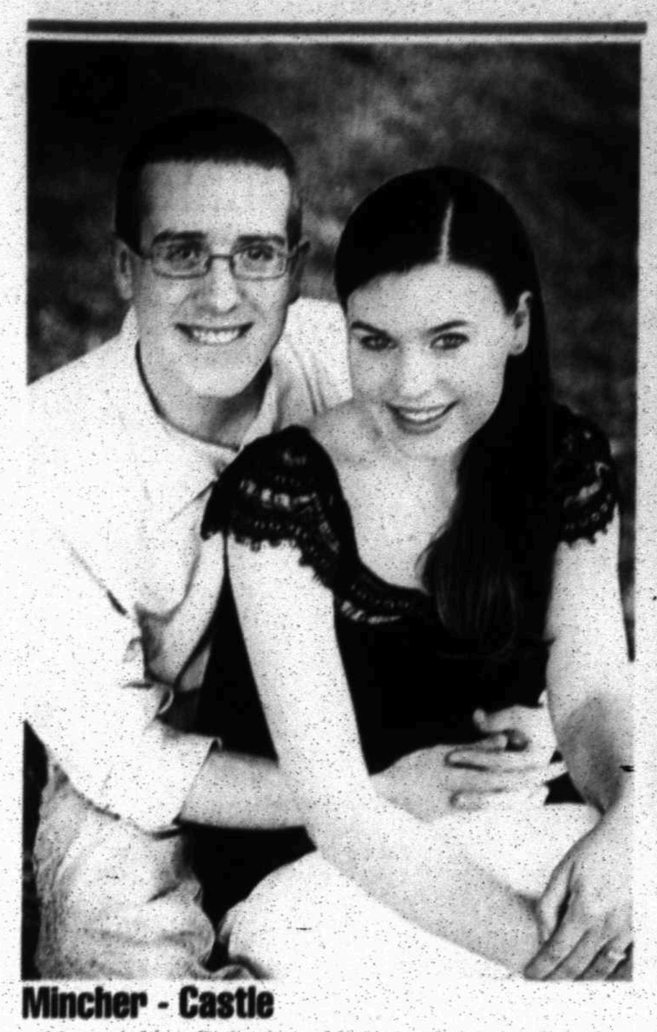

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Mincher of Austin, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittani Bowden Mincher, to Andrew Stephen Castle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen N. Castle of Midland, Texas.

Brittani graduated in 2004 from A.N. McCallum High School in Austin. She attended Texas Christian University where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and is employed by Keller Independent School District.

Andy is a 2005 graduate of Midland High School in Midland. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2009 from Texas Christian University where he was a member of the TCU club tennis team. Andy is employed as an Asset and Liability Management Analyst with TIB-The Independent BankersBank in Irving, Texas.

A March 12, 2011 wedding will be held at University Christian Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

Trends in timepieces go from thin to thinner

By Jessica Michault
N.Y. Times Syndicate

GENEVA — Like the movie awards season, the Swiss watch fairs compete for attention.

The Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie in Geneva this month played Golden Globes to Baselworld's Oscars, drawing interest and attention from the long-established fair scheduled for March by being first to offer what is fresh and inventive.

And just like the stars on the red carpet, the new timepieces never can be too glamorous — or too thin.

The big story at the salon was slim is definitely in. An industry that for years had been dominated by oversize watches now has dieted down its offerings. Using adjectives like ultra, extra and flat in watch names, brands are battling it out to see how low they can go in making both movements and cases as wafer thin as possible.

"The more complication you cram into a case, the bigger it is going to become," says Elizabeth Doerr, English content manager of worldtempus.com, an online watch magazine. "Then the crisis hit, and tails went between legs. What I think we're now seeing is a hybrid reaction, with the main message proclaiming elegance and a return to 'classic' values."

It comes as little surprise then that Piaget, whose Altiplano line holds the record as the thinnest automatic movement (2.35 mm, or .09 inch), would come out swinging with its visually striking Emperador Coussin Tourbillon Automatic Ultra Thin. The "shattered glass" hour markers and clever double display windows for the miniature rotor and the tourbillon on the dial combine to give this watch a distinctive face. The company bills it as the world's thinnest self-winding tourbillon watch at 10.4 mm.

Hot on Piaget's heels is the independent watchmaker Richard Mille, who also introduced a slim tourbillon, the RM 017 Ultra Thin Tourbillon, which has an 8.70-mm-thick case that distinguishes itself from Piaget because it uses a hand wound movement and not an automatic caliber like the record holding Emperador tourbillon.

But it is one of Mille's other six salon novelties, the RM033 Extra Flat Automatic, that shows the watchmaker's talent at tapping the mood of the moment. Round, flat and with the Roman-numeral indicators usually seen on more conservative watches, the 45.7-mm-thick RM033 combines sporty, big-watch style with a gentlemanly elegance that the brand had been missing until now.

But for many of the brands at the salon, most of which belong to the Richemont luxury group, it was not enough just to be thin. A streamlined elegance with traditional style was equally as important.

The Jules Audemars Ultra Thin watch from Audemars Piguet, has a clean watch face that sticks to the essential hour and minute indicators — as does A. Lange & Sohne's new Saxonia Thin timepiece and the Ralph Lauren Slim Classique line, which got a new square silhouette.

And after using 50 different movement variations over the last eight decades, Jaeger-LeCoultre is celebrating its Reverso line's 80th anniversary with its thinnest adaptation yet, the Grande Reverso Ultra Thin.

Women's watches at the salon saw precious stones take a back seat to enamel and marquetry.

For Cartier, the watch dial was not large enough for the details in some of its champleve enamel timepieces.

fashion ICON

GAULTIER French fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier, left, appears on stage Jan. 20, at the end of his men's fall-winter 2011/2012 fashion collection presented in Paris. "The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk," will be on exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts opening June 17 in Montreal. ABOVE: A model wears a creation by Gaultier for his spring/summer 2011 haute couture fashion collection Wednesday in Paris.

Jacques Brinon/AP

Exhibit captures 35 years of Gaultier

■ Multimedia exhibit, featuring about 120 garments from 1976 to 2010, will be at the Dallas Museum of Art next year.

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

Jean Paul Gaultier isn't done. There are more movies to be inspired by, muses to court and corsets to sew.

He's still in the prime of his career, so even with 35 years of design under his belt, there have been no retrospectives. But that's about to change come June, when you'll be able to see a best-of Gaultier exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

"I am very shocked to see it all — in a good way," said Gaultier, who is collaborating with curator Thierry-Maxime Loriot. "I feel a little strange seeing so many things in one place because I feel I am not yet done, yet it's flattering and exciting. ... You can see when it's all together my obsessions: the corset, skin, the cinema, music. You can see the things I am always fascinated by."

The most important thing he does each day is keep his eyes — and his mind — open. "My eyes aren't in a routine to see something. I try to see everything. I like a good visual shock," Gaultier said.

Yet, for every cone bra top and parrot-feather bolero (the parrot from whom he borrowed feathers years ago is still alive and well, he notes) is a trenchcoat and a sailor-style top.

"What struck me throughout is the evolution. He is actually very classic. He has the spirit of a punk, of a rebel, but when you see the quality of the tailoring, it's very, very classic," observed Loriot. "Every season, for example, is a trench or a trench dress, but it's never boring because there's always a new way to see it or a new way to present it."

For example, at Wednesday's haute couture presentation in Paris, a show dubbed "I Am an Anarchist," the trench was done in a sleeveless dress silhouette — in hot pink.

Gaultier's runway truly is a stage. He paired fishnets with James Bond-inspired tuxedos for last week's men's show, and last year, burlesque star Dita Von Teese did a mid-show strip tease down to a bustier that outlined her bones.

He might be purposely provocative, Gaultier allows, but he's not looking to be an all-out rebel, either.

"As a designer, I have to be functional and creative. I have to reflect society," Gaultier said in a recent phone interview. "I always have to have my eyes open. There's a constant evolution of fashion. I'm not like an artist, although I have to be in touch with art. But there's also the reality of everyday life, and I have to see how it's moving."

Right now, as he is turning his attention to the next women's ready-to-wear collection, Gaultier said his focus is on asking the big questions about consumers and pop culture.

"It's a special moment right now when everything is in question. We're wondering what we don't need anymore. We need something solid, something basic, but some people want also what is cheap and quick," he said. "We're being pulled in two totally completely opposite directions, and yet Lady Gaga — when everyone is being very politically correct — is the real star."

Gaultier has dressed Gaga, and he did the costumes for a Kylie Minogue world tour — and lest we forget: Gaultier designed Madonna's famous cone-shaped bra tops.

"He always says he finds inspiration in people with bad taste or who have clothing accidents. He likes to see the way they are not supposed to be presented — and fix them the way he sees fit," Loriot said.

The multimedia Montreal exhibit, which moves on to the Dallas Museum of Art and the de Young Museum in San Francisco next year, will feature about 120 garments from 1976 to 2010. The looks will be broken into the semi-neat categories of "Paris," "Fusions," Multi-Gender," "Eurotrash/X-Rated" and "Metropolis."

"Sometimes I might be inspired by a woman on the street, or an old movie — or a new movie. I have been very influenced by 'Tron,' the first one, not the new one," he says. "I've seen the second one, but it's not as good."

Gaultier said he'll be there when this exhibition opens on June 17.

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Performing all across the UK, America, Asia, and virtually every country in Europe, the Swingle Singers are an international a cappella phenomenon. The popular eight-member group has released over 50 recordings and received five Grammy Awards. The pilot episode of the mega-hit TV series "Glee" featured numerous Swingle song selections and clips.

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Ninth-grader creates Apps for iphones, ipads, Apple computers

By Maggie Gordon
Stamford Advocate

DARIEN, Conn. — Alex Britton is trying to put his most professional foot forward, so the 14-year-old took his Whoopee Cushion iPhone application off the market.

"I just want to be more professional, and be taken seriously," said the Darien youth, a ninth-grader in Stamford, Conn. who spends his spare time creating programs for Apple products.

Alex created his first app — the Whoopee Cushion — a year-and-a-half ago.

"I started doing this last summer," Alex said as he sat in front of a desk holding two Apple computers, an iPad and an iPhone in his bedroom — which also serves as his office.

"I started out making YouTube videos, reviewing apps. Then I started seeing videos of 14-year-olds — tutorials they made about how to make apps," Alex said.

"Thank God for YouTube," said Alex's father, Tony. "They just post these tutorials on there. It's great. Some people learn with books and some people learn this way."

Alex reached out to the teens via Skype, the computer program allowing users to talk over the Internet, and formed a friendship as well as a working relationship. His new friends — who, according to Alex, hail from California, Iowa, Canada and everywhere in between — guided him through the product development process. Shortly thereafter, he launched the now-defunct Whoopee.

"I just needed to make something simple," said Alex. "If I were to do a Whoopee Cushion now, it would take me like an hour."

Alex has gotten a lot of practice in programming — in the 18 months since creating the Whoopee Cushion, he has launched more than a dozen apps, including programs designed for iPhones, iPads and Apple computers.

"I've had about 75,000 sales total," he said.

He typically charges 99 cents per download, of which Apple takes 30 percent. In total, Alex's business, iPowerStudios, has earned more than $50,000 since its inception.

"He's going to have to file taxes this year," Alex's mother, Lisa Britton, said with a laugh.

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> App creator and ninth-grader in Darien, Conn.

Alex isn't quite sure what he is going to do with his earnings yet; he purchased an iPad and some lighting equipment to help build his business, and recently spent about $1,000 to hire a graphic artist from England to draw the characters in his newest app, Doodle Zombies.

Doodle Zombies is a game for iPhone users in which a player hunts zombies.

"People like it, I guess," he said. "It's cool because you can voice chat with other players and you can play in multiplayer."

Negotiating work contracts can be tricky, Alex said with a smile, revealing braces.

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But he has serious business initiative.

When Apple's iPad came out last spring, Alex anticipated users would want shiny new apps for their shiny new tablets, and created Chalk — an app that simply allows users to draw on a virtual chalkboard with a virtual stick of chalk — which was listed as one of the top 100 selling apps for the device, and made it to the Apple Store's front page in April 2010.

"With Chalk, it was mainly a hit because it was one of the first ones out there," he said. "I try to do, like, three apps a season, and two or three games throughout the year."

"I started off doing mostly games, but I think it's easier to get noticed if you have a utility or a photo application," he said. He recently launched Photo Booth Plus, an application that allows users to paste new or archived pictures from their iPhone's photo library into a filmstrip background and upload them to Facebook and Twitter.

"Facebook and Twitter apps are huge," he said.

While he has had successful sale figures, Alex said he views his program development as more of a hobby than a job.

"On the weekends, I try to do my homework pretty early in the morning, and then I spend like two or three hours a weekend on this," he said.

The rest of his time is dedicated to being a ninth-grader.

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FAMILY MATTERS

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Behavior modification could help people-pleaser

DEAR FAMILY: I think I have been co-dependent my whole life. I have been always been a people pleaser; I can't stand anyone to be mad at me. I keep reading books on codependency, but I just can't seem to make myself change and stand up to people. My mother and father are especially a problem and sometimes certain friends get in on it, too. No matter how many books I read, I just don't seem to be able to change myself.

Before I married my husband, I only attracted abusive men who treated me horribly. They all made me feel worse about myself and told me all the things I was doing wrong and all of the things that were wrong with me. I believed them and kept trying to be what they wanted. I guess some of my reading paid off because I did finally find and marry someone who loves me and lifts me up.

I'm still not where I would like to be, and the holidays clearly showed me that. I won't go into all of what happened but do you have any suggestions on what I could do to get out of this codependency? — CODEPENDENT STILL

DEAR CODEPENDENT: Congratulations for recognizing that you have the "people pleasing gene" (my term). What I have observed in my counseling is people pleasers actually never please anyone, least of all themselves. It is hard to change a lifetime behavior, but I could suggest the following secular psychological approach for your consideration:

■ Expect any behavioral modification program to go through stages if it is to form a lasting change. It typically will take from months to years to complete. Dr. Carlo DiClemente, author of "Changing for Good," identified the following five stages to permanent life change: Precontemplation (not yet thinking about change); contemplation (becoming aware of a problem and considering change); preparation (getting ready and committing to change); action (making the change); and maintenance (integrating the new behavior into daily life).

■ Stay cold. Try to keep yourself "nice and chilly" if you feel powerless in the "hot" state. For example, if you "can't say no" to someone then do not answer the telephone and delay returning their call.

■ Distract yourself. It is often quite beneficial to keep yourself occupied with positive activities in order to distract your mind from focusing on pleasing. You could be too busy doing things for yourself to do things to please others.

■ Avoid people, places and things. This means stay away from people who are problematic for you. As a "pleaser" avoid people who need "pleasing" for awhile.

■ Replace the bad. When you give up your undesirable behavior — codependency — then put another more positive behavior in its place, such as a regular exercise program, yoga or (balanced) volunteering.

■ Make it a team effort. Social support is well supported in the research as being beneficial to change and the maintenance of change. You may want to consider involving your husband directly in specific actions you are taking and request his support.

■ Accept relapse. Like most things in life, we usually do not succeed the first

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Sister-in-law refuses to reveal recipe's secret

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: One of my sisters-in-law has a recipe for pancakes and puts in a secret ingredient. She got the recipe from a relative who asked the mystery never be revealed.

Well, the relative died recently, and I'd like to know what the ingredient is because those pancakes are out of this world! Would my sister-in-law be betraying his request by sharing the secret? She says she made a promise and is going to keep it. What do you think? — CRAVING THE CAKES IN FLORIDA

DEAR CRAVING: Obviously, you have raised this subject with your sister-in-law and she refused to share the complete recipe. From that, I can conclude she plans to take her knowledge of the secret ingredient to her grave with her.

What do I think? I think she's acting selfishly because good food is meant to be enjoyed by as many people as possible.

P.S. If you really want to know what that secret ingredient is, you'll have to smuggle one of her pancakes out and have it analyzed by a laboratory.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Dina," whom I have known since we were in kindergarten. (We are in our early teens now.) Her mom was in jail when she was a very young girl because of drugs, and she abandoned Dina. Because of this, my mother won't allow me to go to her house or let her come to our house.

Whenever Dina asks if we can hang out, I have to make up some excuse. She says, "You're always busy." I know it hurts her feelings when she hears I go to other friends' houses.

I know I need to respect my mother's wishes, but maybe we can make an agreement. Can you help me? — DILEMMA WITH DINA IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DILEMMA: I'll try, but there are no guarantees what I say will change your mother's mind.

Blaming Dina for her mother's mistakes is unfair to the girl. If your mother doesn't want you going to her house because she is afraid there might be "bad influences" — her concerns may be valid.

However, for her to come to your home and see what a functional family is like and learn the values you are being taught would benefit her greatly. And it would be no threat to you. And that's why I hope your mother will find it in her heart to relent.

DEAR ABBY: I have an awesome relationship with "Jack." He's very attractive, polite, has a good job and is, basically, what I am looking for in a future husband.

My problem? Jack left his longtime girlfriend for me. So how do I know he isn't going to do the same thing to me? He swears he would never do it, but what if he was telling her the same thing? — DAZED AND CONFUSED, MISSOULA, MONT.

DEAR DAZED AND CONFUSED: How old are you two? If you're teenagers, then Jack may still have acres of wild oats to sow, and what happened to his former girlfriend could happen to you. However, if you are older and mature, then surely you realize men who are happy and satisfied in their relationships do not usually leave their girlfriends "for" someone. They leave because something they feel is important is missing.

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CATKINS Catkins hang from a filbert tree in New Paltz, N.Y. A catkin is a long cluster of very small flowers, none of which have petals. While many flowers have both male and female parts, catkins are unisexual, either male or female.

Catkins brighten winter trees

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Plant lovers and feline lovers unite: Some catkins have come out. And are they a welcome sight, being pretty much the only sign of plant activity outdoors this time of year.

Ok, I admit the feline part is a stretch. The "cat" in "catkin" comes merely from the way the catkins droop or poke up from stems like the furry tails of cats.

For those unfamiliar with catkins, allow me to make the introductions. A catkin is a long cluster of very small flowers, none of which have petals. While many flowers — tomato, apple and marigold, for example — have both male and female parts, catkins are unisexual, either male or female.

Catkins are common among trees and shrubs native to temperate climates. The ones catching my eye this month were dangling from the stems of my filbert trees. These are male catkins so, in time, will be shedding pollen — and plenty of it. A single walnut catkin, for example, releases about 2 million pollen grains.

The reason for those copious amounts is that trees and shrubs with catkins are pollinated by the wind, and wind is a relatively inefficient way to transport pollen. Wind can carry pollen only a few hundred feet, and then it's mostly hit or miss whether that pollen lands on a receptive female flower.

Contrast this with insect pollination, where pollen might be carried many miles and then to a specific kind of flower. Insect pollination is much more common in the tropics, and representatives of wind-pollinated, temperate-climate plants typically become insect-pollinated when they evolve in the tropics.

All this pollen does cast a slight cloud over these plants. Some people are allergic to the pollen — the first outdoor allergen of the season. Don't worry yet, though; the catkins only now are expanding and have yet to spread their magic powder about.

Let's let some brightness shine through that cloud and look upon the decorative aspect of catkins. Like any flower, they mark the progress of the seasons, winter fading into spring then on into summer.

The progress of catkins' opening does not have the colorful drama of the progression from crocuses to tulips, bleeding hearts, pinks, daylilies and coneflowers. Then again, all those flowers bloom along with the distraction of myriad other wild and cultivated blooms, as well as grasses and the greens, reds and yellows of other leaves.

When catkins bloom, there's little else going on in the landscape.

After the filberts — whose catkins, where winters are mild, might start opening in autumn and hang out all winter — I expect to see catkins on willows. Later, spring warmth will coax catkins from alders and poplars, then birches and, later, hornbeams and oaks.

Not all catkins are cold-weather ornaments; those of walnuts, hickories and chestnuts don't show until warm weather has settled in reliably. Even though chestnut trees are then in full leaf, their catkins still are prominent both for their fetid odor and for being profuse enough to airbrush whole trees with creamy white dollops.

If you need some pizazz for winter and early spring, here's a combination for you: catkins and contorted stems. Write yourself a note to plant Harry Lauder's Walking Stick, a variety of filbert whose stems twist around like corkscrews — quite a sight when also decorated with catkins.

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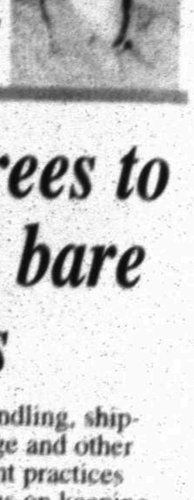

Deborah Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Midland and Ector counties.

Add fruit, nut trees to landscape with bare root plants

It seems a little cold outside for bare root plants, but this is exactly the time of year to look for them and plant them. Bare root plants must be handled properly to remain healthy.

Bare root can be a great way to get new plants started in the home landscape or orchard. Bare root plants generally are very affordable and easier to handle and plant. Because they are small, they establish quickly as long as they are kept in good condition.

Bare root plants are dug during the dormant season and handled without soil around their roots. Because the roots are not planted, handling, shipping, storage and other management practices should focus on keeping the root system moist, cool and protected. Roots need to be protected from excess water, dryness, sunlight and temperature extremes.

Fruit, nut, a few ornamental trees, roses, grape vines and berry bushes often are available as bare root. Some perennials — such as asparagus, daylilies, Clematis, Iris and Phlox — also can be purchased in bare root packages.

Roots of bare root plants

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NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS

"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Mowing lawn shouldn't disturb peat moss applied to stop Take All Root Rot

Dear Neil: You recently recommended a 1-inch layer of Canadian peat moss to stop Take All Root Rot in my St. Augustine lawn. I'll be applying it beneath 14 oak trees. Will I be able to mow the lawn, or would that remove the moss and limit its effectiveness?

A: I had the same concern the first time I treated for TARR by using the peat moss. But, worry not. Surprisingly, if you break the bales of peat into small pieces, and if you water the peat after you rake it across the turf, it will filter down onto the soil surface (where it belongs to stop the root rot organism). Human nature would have you mow at a slower engine speed, and that's fine. However, you won't pick up very much of the peat moss at all. You should see very noticeable results. Time to apply the peat: April or May.

Dear Neil: My husband is a geologist, and he really wanted two ginkgo trees. We had a hard time finding them locally, but we were able to buy them via mail order. They were 8 feet tall when we planted them, but they did leaf out and they held their leaves the balance of the season. Now, others tell us they're ugly and not suited here. What would you advise?

A: I have two ginkgoes in my landscape, and I'm thrilled with how they look. They're slow-growing (just 6-12 inches per

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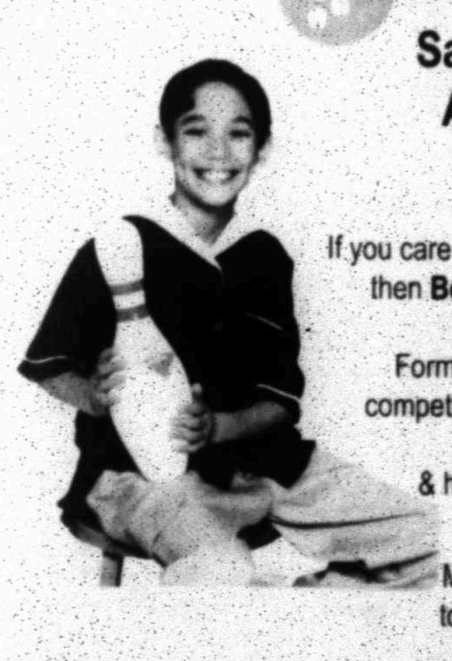

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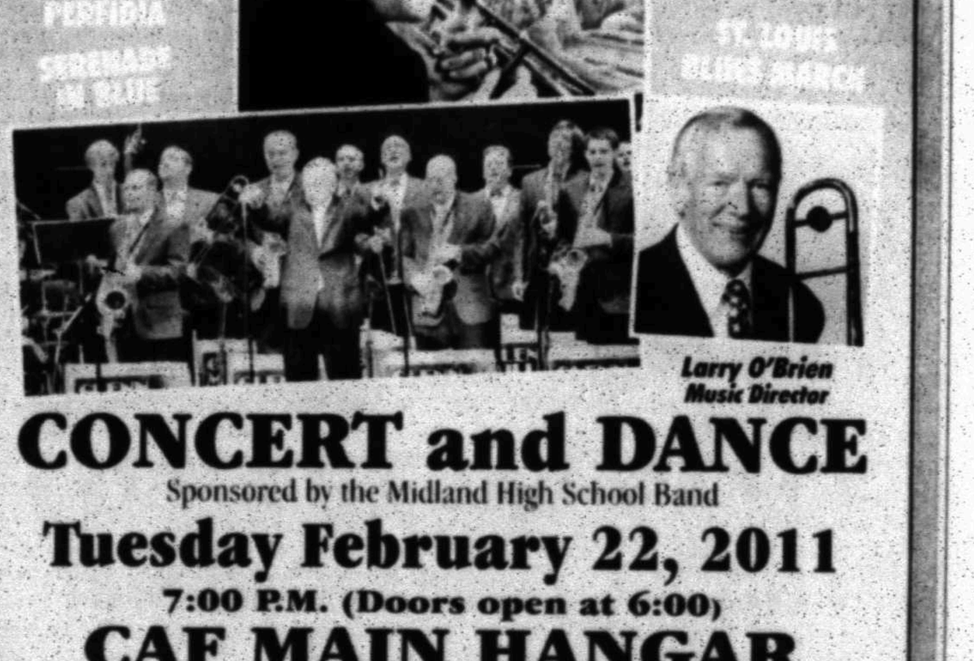

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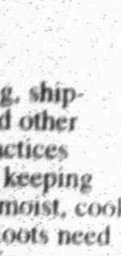

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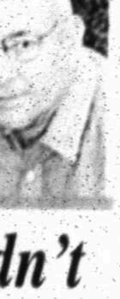

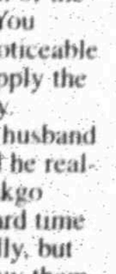

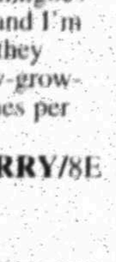

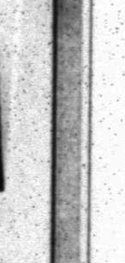

BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

Staff, visitors at Sibley Nature Center love to learn new things

'You put about 50 mashed trompillo berries in a washtub full of hot water, and stir it around, and then add your whites, the berries serve as a great bleach,' said a woman visiting the Sibley Nature Center. The elderly woman had come with her grandson's cub scout group. We always invite parents to join us for any of our children's programming.

The cub scouts had come to earn their naturalist badge. For the poisonous plants and reptiles section, I had discussed our native rattlesnake species, and then mentioned "trompillo." If you eat its green berry it will severely irritate your stomach lining. In one of those wondrous human adaptations which makes people wonder how it was discovered, the berry also has been used for centuries to make asadero cheese. We love to learn new things from members of our audience. The new information will be added to our "Ethnobotany of the Llano Estacado" presentations.

Marina Zurkow, a New York University professor and artist, spent more than a week in West Texas and visited the Sibley Nature Center. She has worked on projects all over the world — Abu Dhabi, Scotland, Korea, and Japan — and now is working on a project about the Llano Estacado. In her preliminary research she discovered the Sibley Nature Center website and during her first exploratory visit to the region she stopped by to ask questions. She later wrote about the center in her blog, "Renatured."

"The Sibley Nature Center, dedicated to all things Llano Estacado, is training an army of local citizen naturalists, and is exemplary in the deep study of a very site-specific ecosystem, and by extension, a model at understanding networks, and the networks of networks that make up the world we are enmeshed in. The center is a dream, full of books, exhibits and loads of taxidermy. It's at once polished and handmade, exceptions are the rule. Its idiosyncrasies make it magical. I think Burr's collection of Day of the Dead sculptures is as telling as the beehive installed behind glass embedded in the wall, or the fecund library. Sibley's teaching program about the Llano is years-long, and includes cultures, history and interferences as well as things we think of as natural or native," she said.

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Sometime during the night of Jan. 15, someone built a small fire among the seats at the interpretative shelter near the pond. I had left the building at 9 p.m. and smelled smoke, but despite a quick patrol I found nothing. As the person left, he or she must have flicked a cigarette into the darkness, where it landed on a large packrat nest under a mesquite surrounded by dry tumbleweeds. The cigarette caused the packrat nest to smolder, and by noon Sunday the 3-foot-tall rat nest had burned, but never erupted into flame.

Golfers on the Hogan Golf Course and folks walking along the trail noticed the tiny wisp of smoke and called the fire department. A golfer called one the Sibley Nature Center, who then called me. I arrived just before the fire truck. One of the walkers and I unhooked a section of fence so the big rig could get close to the fire. The firemen drenched the 6-foot-wide circle of ash and coals, sending up a spewing plume of steam. "You were lucky," one of them told me, "there has not been any wind at all."

I asked the firemen if they wanted a controlled burn training opportunity, because fire is a natural part of the ecological cycle in our landscape. "You'd have to ask the chief, but I do not think he would approve it," he said. Our staff and the our board of director's facilities committee had discussed the idea earlier in the week.

During the long drought from 1992 to 2004, every blade of grass between the mesquites died. On about 10 acres of the Sibley grounds tumbleweeds have grown each year after the rains returned. The mesquites are too close together to allow the tumbleweeds to roll away, so the landscape is stuck. Only new tumbleweeds can grow up through old tumbleweed plants. Our other option is to brushhog the area and then plant grass seeds and spray herbicide on any germinating tumbleweeds.

Tumbleweeds are not native plants. The earliest record of the plant in Texas is from 1892, 18 years after the first tumbleweeds accidently were introduced in flaxseed in the northern Great Plains by immigrant farmers from the Ukraine. Many species of native Llano Estacado plants are fire-adapted, as are tumbleweeds. Tumbleweeds are so full of resins they almost explode when they burn, shooting flames ten feet high.

It is great fun working at Sibley. Every day is a surprise!

Motorcycle devotee starts living his dream

By Susan Milton
Cape Cod Times

ORLEANS, Mass. — Mothers, don't tell your babies they can't have a motorcycle.

Denied a motorcycle in his teens, Robert Williams of Brewster joined the U.S. Army at 17 and bought his first motorcycle, a brand-new Suzuki, in 1972. He had to ask the dealer, "By the way, how do you ride this thing?"

Now Williams is living his dream as the owner of a motorcycle shop, Robert's Flatheads to Fatheads, which services and repairs that prince of motorcycles, the Harley-Davidson, plus other American and customized motorcycles.

"It's something that I had wanted to do for 35 years," he said recently in the shop, reminiscing with the shop's previous owners, Jeanne Gaarder and Eugenia "Ge-ge" Porges of North Truro.

But, first, life got in the way. The Army mechanic from Florida met a Cape Codder. They moved to Brewster in 1979 and raised a family. "I had to stop riding for a long time," Williams said. "When you've got a family, you're struggling to get by."

Williams fell into a career as a carpenter. He became known for his shingle designs — a snow goose, striped bass, a lighthouse and sailing ship on the side of houses. His trio of whales is visible on the Struna Art Gallery on Main Street in Chatham.

In the early 2000s, he was single again. His kids were grown and gone.

Williams sold his house in 2003 to bankroll 18 months of life in Phoenix, Ariz., and $22,000 in tuition at the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute.

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The strike is so fast, in fact, I thought I'd foul-hooked the fish, snagged the fly up against a pectoral fin or something. But that was wrong. The redfish speeding across the flat has the fly in his mouth and the 7-weight rod bends double as I lean against the run to try to turn him.

Sweep of the tail gives redfish away

MIKE LEGGETT

Mike Leggett writes for the Austin American-Statesman.

COPANO BAY — Ratty, rotting duck blinds fade in and out of focus as our boat slides past in the foggy haze that has settled on our secret fishing hole north of Rockport.

The blinds seem to be moving past us, but it's just an illusion. I can feel a mild breeze over my shoulder and hear the gentle crunch of oyster shell as Chuck Naiser gingerly poles the bottom to keep the boat parallel to shore.

It is quiet. No buzzing outboards. No teeth-grinding airboats. Nothing but the swish of the hull and from somewhere in the mist ahead, a tremendous splash as a redfish smacks a mullet.

That was impressive, I think to myself, wishing the sun would break through and give us a chance to see the fish. Naiser seems to read my mind. "These fish back here have been really big," he says. "They're all 24 to 27 inches long, and they've been here all winter. There have been days when I've spent the entire day on one 300-yard piece of shoreline."

Trouble is, without the sun, anglers can't see the fish. And if you're fly fishing for reds, you can't catch them if you can't see them.

We started the morning in bright sunshine, but just about the time we got to our target area, we got the double whammy of low clouds and a touch of fog. Occasionally we see huge "Vs" in the shallow water as redfish flee our boat. Sometimes we even see the fish, almost invisible until we're on top of them.

"We just have to wait until the sun pops again," Naiser says. "They will tail even in cold weather but without the sun to warm this shallow water I don't think we're going to see them doing that."

Anglers watch shallow water in coastal bays for feeding redfish. When they put their heads down to pick food off the bottom sand, their tails often break the surface and give away their locations.

After 20 minutes of floating and waiting, the sun pops through, and the view is startling.

Redfish are moving and feeding as far down the shore as we can see. "Here we go," Naiser says. "This is what they've been doing all through the fall up to now. There are lots of redfish, and this is going to be a great spring and summer."

About 75 yards in front of the boat, a huge tail sweeps lazily through the air. "There are at least two of them," Naiser says, "coming right at us."

Now here's the thing about casting to moving redfish. The boat is going south. The fish are going north and slightly to one side. And I'm trying to lay a fly six inches in front their noses, quietly, so they see the chartreuse and white movement and think it's a fleeing bait fish.

I cast, but the fly lands slightly to one side and the pair just keep moving.

"Re-cast," Naiser says. "Go left."

No chance. One of the fish sees the movement of my rod and in a spurt of mud is gone to deeper water, taking his partner with him.

Stupid.

Naiser tries to coach me through it, but I still feel stupid.

At least until I spot the tail of another fish a bit farther down the shore. This time I send a semi-decent loop swishing through the air to land beyond the red, but on a direct line with the direction he's traveling.

"Wait, wait. Now, strip," Naiser says. He can see the fish much better from the elevated casting platform and gives directions to get the fly right in the fish's strike zone.

The strike is so fast, in fact, I thought I'd foul-hooked the fish, snagged the fly up against a pectoral fin or something. But that was wrong. The redfish speeding across the flat has the fly in his mouth and the 7-weight rod bends double as I lean against the run to try to turn him. Through the fly line and 10 yards into the backing he goes before turning and rolling on the surface.

Now it's just a matter of patience until he's on his side at the boat and posing for a picture before he's back in the water.

"Look at the colors on this fish," Naiser says. "The purple on his tail is beautiful."

The sun is out. The tails are wagging. And all is right with the world.

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typically are packed in moist sawdust, peat moss, vermiculite, straw or other materials that provide moisture, aeration and protection. Regardless of the material, it is essential there be a balance of moisture and air. Conditions that are too wet or too dry can stress, damage or kill the roots of these vulnerable plants.

Get the most from bare root plants by selecting plants as soon as they are available. Buying in January is far superior to February or later dates. Make sure plants are healthy and well-packaged. Plant bare root as soon as possible, unless it is a cold tender plant. If there is a delay in planting, check the roots and packing material to see if they need to be remoistened and re-packed. Store plants in a cool, dark location until planting. If there will be much of a delay, plants can be heeled into the soil. Plants that spend too much time in a retail outlet are more likely to be dried out and stressed due to warm, room temperatures.

When selecting plants, look for signs of stress. There shouldn't be any sour or rotted odors or signs of mold or mildew in the packaging or on the plant. The roots, rhizomes and other parts should feel heavy and the trunk, stems and twigs should have a tinge of green background color.

Once you've purchased a good quality plant, the ball is in your court for protecting and caring for it. If you've purchased a cold tender plant that can't yet be planted, put it in a container with good potting soil and keep it in a cool, protected location. Continue to water and care for plants until it is planting time.

Cold hardy plants should be planted right away. Trim broken or damaged roots, place the roots in water and allow them to soak before planting. Soak woody plant for a few hours and smaller perennial plants for 10-20 minutes.

Dig the hole deep enough to accommodate the roots and much wider than the root system. Place the plant in the hole at the same depth it grew in the field or nursery. Locate and mark this line before soaking the roots in water.

Spread the roots out evenly and gently work the soil in around the roots. Don't pack, but firm the soil around the roots. Water the plant thoroughly, two to three times the first day it is planted. Don't fertilize until plants are established and growing.

Mulch plants with 3-4 inches of mulch, but don't pile it on the stem. Water new plants frequently until established but not so much the roots begin to rot.

Bare root is an excellent way to get fruit, nut and berry plants in your landscape or home orchard. For a list of recommended fruit, call the Agrilife Extention Office at 432-498-4071 or e-mail ector@ag.tamu.edu.

SPERRY

From 6E

years, so I haven't used them as prime shade trees. However, they're handsome accent trees. You want to buy a grafted male ginkgo, however. The female trees bear fleshy cones, and the mess and smell are awful. Keep them moist, and fertilize them in spring, early summer and early fall with a high-nitrogen or all-nitrogen plant food. And, be patient.

Dear Neil: I have several large potted sago palms around my pool. The tag said they were OK in the cold, but my plants' leaves are yellow-brown. Should I prune the leaves?

A: Sago palms are hurt when temperatures drop very far into the 20s. You certainly could prune them if the leaves are ugly anyway. There's nothing to be gained by leaving browned foliage in place. Hopefully, you'll get new leaves coming up after the winter.

Dear Neil: When should I fertilize my oak trees? What should I use? Are the spikes good?

A: Oak trees are growing in the same soil as your lawngrass, they probably won't need any special feedings. However, to give you an answer, fertilize in early spring, early summer and early fall. Use an all-nitrogen plant food. Use granules, perhaps even the same ones you'll apply to your lawn. Spikes, in my opinion, aren't very good. They put way too much fertilizer in one spot, and none at all just a few inches away. Broadcast applications of granules are better.

Dear Neil: Last spring, I lost seedlings I was growing to damping off fungus. I used peat pellets for some and a seed-starting medium for the rest. The seeds were of common plants (sunflowers, zinnias, tomatoes and peppers). What can I do to prevent that loss this year?

A: Damping off is caused by a combination of several different types of pathogens. Pythium, rhizoctonia and phytophera funguses are all intertwined in the disease. The problem can come from contaminated potting/germinating soil. That should not have been the case with your plants. It also can show up when plants are grown in less light than they normally prefer, and when there is poor air circulation. You want to grow those four types of plants at 65 to 70 degrees. If it gets a lot warmer, or if the plants don't get enough light, they're likely to stretch and become succulent, and that in turn makes them more vulnerable to the damping off.

Dear Neil: When we lived in Denver, there was a product sold to help with clay soils. I forget the brand name, but it was called a "soil conditioner." What about using such a product in this part of Texas?

A: That's a term that has no precise meaning. It's just something that is sold to be put into the soil. You could sell chunks of concrete and call them soil conditioners. But, some soil conditioners are highly desirable (compost, sphagnum peat, finely ground pine bark mulch and rotted manure). Others make extravagant claims of miraculous improvements, and those tend to be mostly useless. You're basically looking to include several types of quality organic matter to help a sandy soil hold moisture and nutrients and to help break up a clay soil. Texas A&M research also has found expanded shale is a big help in loosening clays. Just be careful when buying products that seem too good to be true.

FAMILY

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time we try something. Relapse is a normal part of the process and gives you the opportunity to make additional changes necessary to support your goal. When relapse occurs, look at what triggered the relapse and take an appropriate action to avoid that trigger in the future.

I hope you will find these suggestions to be helpful. Unfortunately, there is no easy or guaranteed way to initiate and maintain change. I would want to add the idea of spirituality to your list of things to consider. This is a simple plan involving prayer, meditation, study and discipline. For example, you could talk to your minister or priest about being your spiritual director for this process. If you do not have a church home, then e-mail me and I will suggest some books out of a variety of religious traditions that offer guidance in the spiritual journey.

Change is possible and it can be lasting. The main thing is to not give up.

Persistence pays off.

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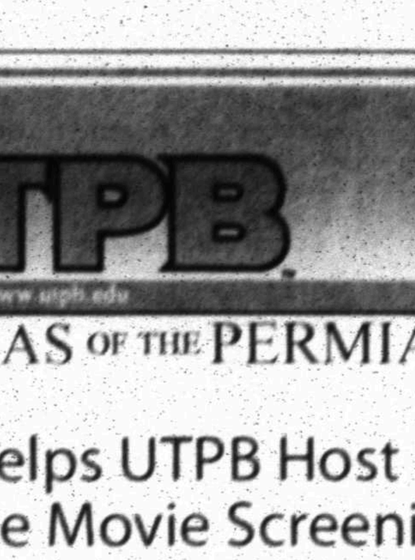

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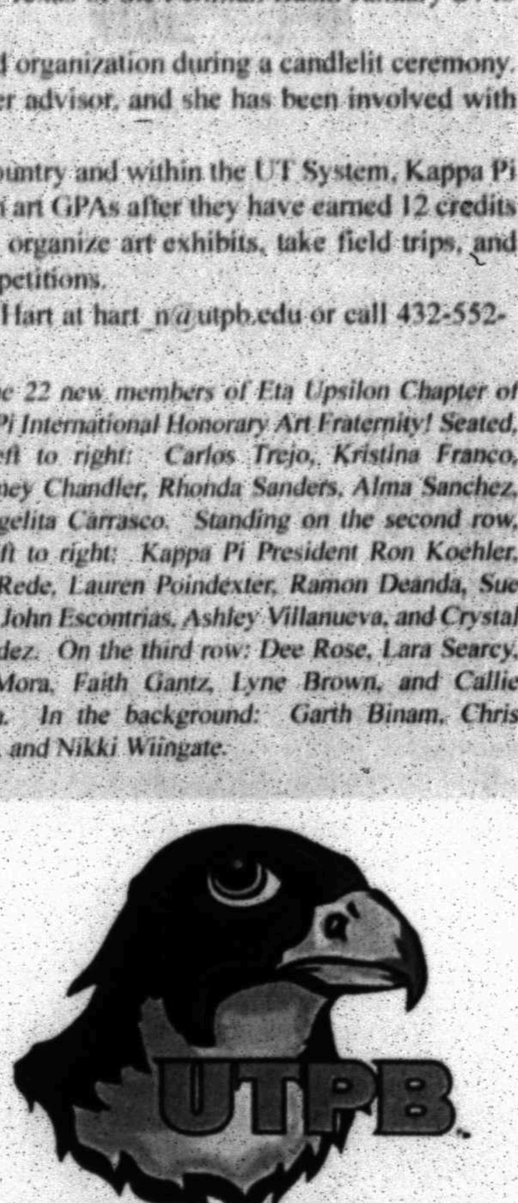
Basin PBS Helps UTPB Host Hollywood-Style Movie Screening

Past the limousine, red carpet, and stanchions, UTPB will be hosting a sneak preview, Hollywood-style, of the PBS documentary, "Freedom Riders." The dress-up event will be held Thursday, February 10, at 7 p.m. in Library Lecture Center 001 on campus. UTPB Associate Professor of History Derek Catsam is featured in six interviews during the Stanley Nelson film, which also includes historic film clips from the actual bus rides. After the screening provided by Basin PBS, Dr. Catsam will answer questions. This event is part of the University's observance of Black History Month and the Black Leadership Council will be serving refreshments afterwards.



In 2009, Dr. Catsam published a book covering protests against segregated transportation entitled *Freedom's Main Line: The Journey of Reconciliation and the Freedom Rides*. The civil rights expert also teaches courses on race and politics in 20th century Africa at UTPB.

It's been a half century since the Jim Crow laws were tested by the Freedom Riders. In May of 1961, a group of 400 white and African American young people rode together from Washington, D.C. on buses and trains headed for the Deep South, enduring mob violence and racism along the way. Although the Riders were committed to a non-violent protest, more than 300 were locked up in Mississippi's infamous penitentiary.

To help current college students understand the personal danger these individuals experienced, a 2011 Student Freedom Ride will retrace the historic route from May 6-16, 2011. That month, this poignant documentary will be shown on the PBS "American Experience" program. It has been nominated for a Writer's Guild of America film award.

Special thanks to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, and Midland Chamber of Commerce for their assistance. For more information about the event at UTPB, contact Iris Foster at 432-552-2806 or foster_i@utpb.edu. For more information about the Freedom Riders, contact Dr. Catsam at 432-552-2311 or Catsam_d@utpb.edu.

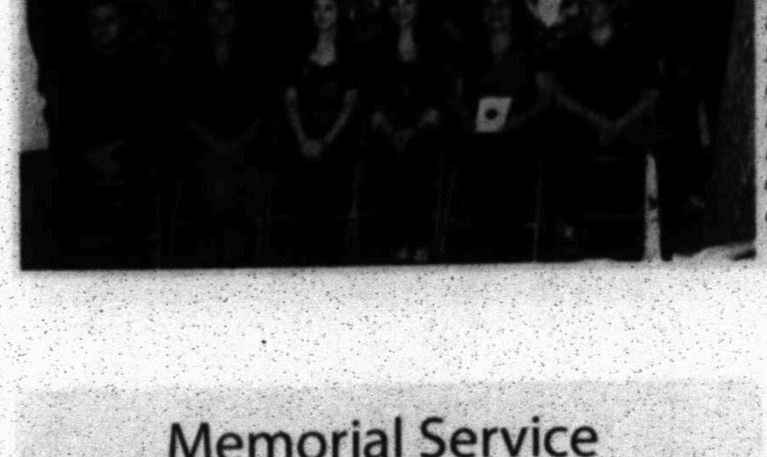
New Chapter of Kappa Pi Inducts Student Artists

The longtime President of Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity, Ron Koehler, professor of sculpture and printmaking at Delta State University, visited The University of Texas of the Permian Basin January 24 to install "the first chapter of Kappa Pi's new century," Eta Upsilon.

Twenty-two charter members were inducted into this 100-year-old organization during a candlelit ceremony. Visual artist Nancy Hart, associate professor at UTPB, is the chapter advisor, and she has been involved with Kappa Pi chapters at other universities.

A distinguished organization with about 375 chapters across the country and within the UT System, Kappa Pi extends invitations to students with high overall GPAs as well as high art GPAs after they have earned 12 credits in art. Members of Kappa Pi contribute community service hours, organize art exhibits, take field trips, and enjoy social activities. The organization also offers scholarship competitions.

For more information about UTPB's new chapter, contact Nancy Hart at hart_n@utpb.edu or call 432-552-3289.



Meet the 22 new members of Eta Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity! Seated, from left to right: Carlos Trejo, Kristina Franco, Cegourney Chandler, Rhonda Sanders, Alma Sanchez, and Angelita Carrasco. Standing on the second row, from left to right: Kappa Pi President Ron Koehler, Sylvia Rede, Lauren Poindexter, Ramon Deanda, Sue Daniel, John Escontrias, Ashley Villanueva, and Crystal Hernandez. On the third row: Dee Rose, Lara Searcy, Hope Mora, Faith Gantz, Lyne Brown, and Callie Cothran. In the background: Garth Binam, Chris Golden, and Nikki Wiingate.

Memorial Service Friday for Dr. Fawaz

A public memorial service will be held for Dr. Amine Fawaz on Friday, February 4, at 3:45 p.m. on campus in Library Lecture Hall 001. The associate professor and chair of the department of mathematics and computer science died December 29.

To honor his memory, a scholarship fund has been established for his young children, Alec and Alma Fawaz, at American State Bank, 4281 JBS Parkway, Odessa, TX 79762, Attn: Bret Dillon.

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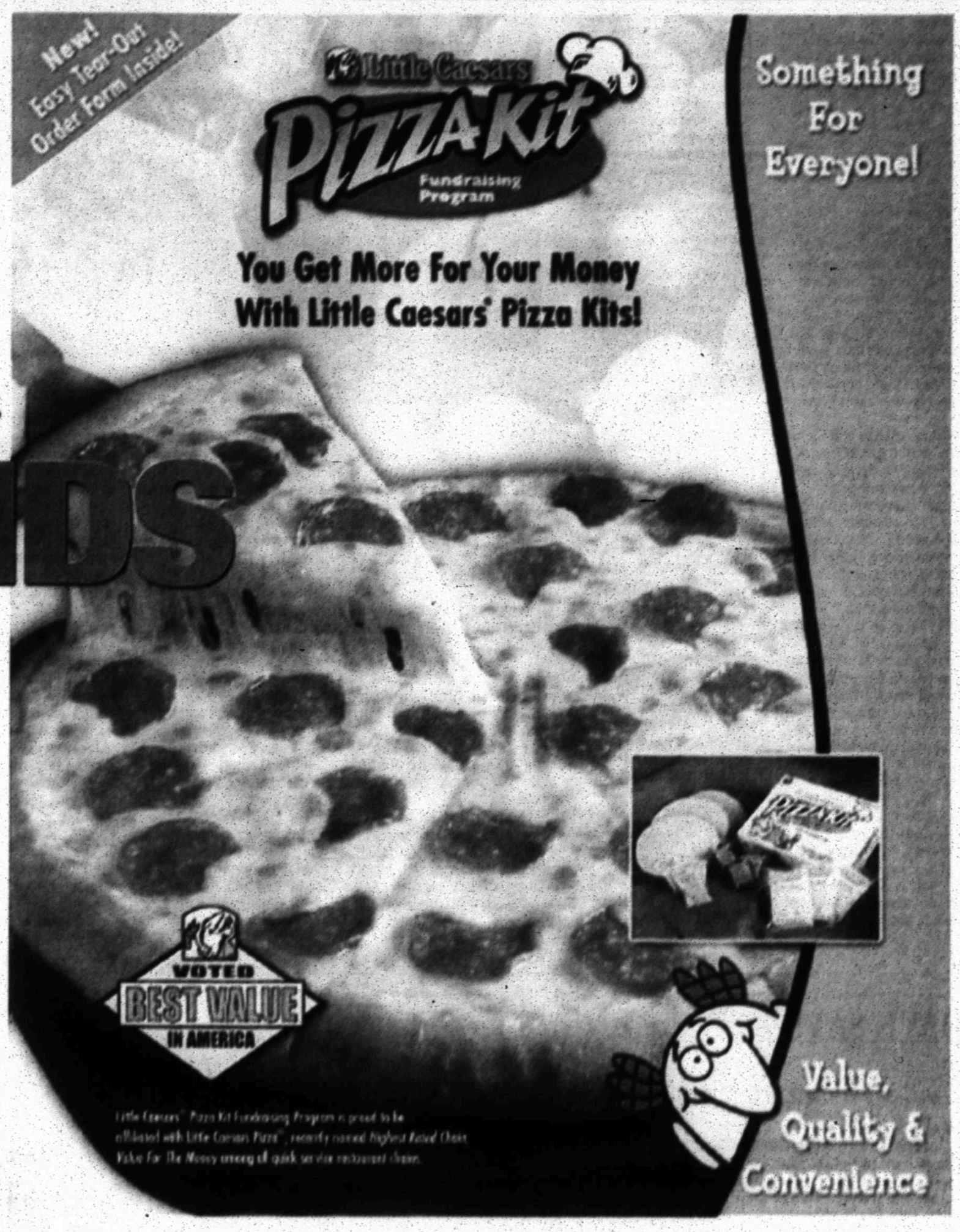

NAMES *in the news*

McMinn

ROSWELL — Read & Stevens Inc. announces that RORY McMINN has joined the company as president and managing director. He will be responsible for executive management of the company's business activities.

Before joining the company as president and managing director, McMinn had been a member of Read & Stevens' board of directors and served as a consultant to the company on regulatory and produced-water issues. He also was senior vice president, Commercial Wind Division-New Mexico Region, for Tri Global Energy LLC, a privately held renewable-energy development company headquartered in Dallas.

Read & Stevens is a privately held Roswell-based, independent oil and gas exploration and production company founded by Charles B. Read in 1964.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Devon Energy Corporation has been named again to Fortune's "100 Best Companies to Work For" list, the fourth straight year for Devon to be included on the magazine's prestigious list.

Devon is ranked No. 41 on Fortune's 2011 list. The magazine praised, among other things, the company's low turnover rate, recruiting strategies and compensation practices.

"We are honored to have been recognized by Fortune for the fourth consecutive year as one of the best places to work," said Don Webb, production superintendent. "We are excited to share the news of this prestigious honor with our 85 employees in the West Texas area. This award says great things about our company and is a representation of Devon's culture and what we stand for."

Devon's rank was based in part on a random, anonymous employee survey conducted by the Great Place to Work Institute.

Pizza, cookies help raise funds for good causes, business owner says

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Charlie Sandross never looked at pizza as big business.

Sure, he considered the dish a great treat, but an easy way to make cash, not so much.

Then, several years ago he was tasked with putting together a raffle. He and another gentleman working on the project tried to sell tickets and entice individuals into buying a chance to win.

Midway through his not-so-successful sales pitches, though, he stopped and thought there had to be a simpler way to raise funds for a cause.

"I figured, 'Wow, it'd be easier to do dollar candy. Then (it) went into pizza," he said.

Now the owner of Texas-based Action Fundraising, Sandross said he's learning there's all kinds of products people want that youth groups, sports teams and schools can benefit from by selling to the public.

"That's the fun part of being a fundraiser," he said.

Sandross and his colleagues now team up with individuals throughout the state and region to raise money. He said they work with everyone from booster clubs and Little League softball and baseball, teams to church youth groups, elementary schools and sports associations.

They advise groups interested in selling products to first set a goal, whether it be raising enough money for a mission trip or bringing in enough funds for uniforms.

For some groups, he said, selling a product isn't the best method and they may be more successful by auctioning off their time to do chores for neighbors or organizing a car wash. For others, finding the time to sell a specific product over a few weeks can work.

Before picking a product to market, Sandross tells groups to meet together and decide how much time they can spend on the project and how they'll get the word out to the community. It's also good to determine who will participate in which activities as some can sell while others can organize and distribute shipments of products when they arrive.

Action Fundraising supplies groups with posters, flyers, instructions and other materials to help make the effort a success, Sandross said. Depending on the season and group being targeted with a sale, Sandross said teams can pick products that range from pizza and cookie dough to magazines, jewelry and candles.

One of their most popular items have become the Little Caesar's pizza kits, which can net a profit of between $5 and $7 for each kit sold, he said.

Teams selling pizza kits — which contain all the ingredients to make pizza, calzones, bread, pretzels or another food product — have to sell a minimum of 100 kits to participate in the program and then earn more per kit if they can sell more than 1,000, he said.

"It's my goal to keep everybody so happy with my fundraising that they'll go into Little Caesar's and buy a pizza," he said.

Sandross said some teams with large fundraising goals will try to sell multiple items or participate in several fundraisers in hopes of reaching their goal at a quicker pace.

However, he said, they recommend sticking to just one fundraiser at a time as managing several endeavors can become complicated and actually slow the fundraising process down.

For youth, it's also important to make known the reason items are being sold. Customers can purchase the same type of pizza from the store but may be more willing to purchase it from their neighbor or acquaintance if they know they're helping a team reach its goal.

"It's a good way," he said.

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BUSINESS SCENE

Midlander, El Paso firm team to offer pool supplies

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Recently opened and soon to sport a new name is KPW Wholesale Pool & Supply, which will soon be known as **SUN CITY POOL MIDLAND**. Business signs should be installed in the near future.

The business, located at 433 Andrews Highway, is a wholesale pool and spa distributor offering chemicals, cleaning and maintenance supplies, parts and even construction materials like concrete forms, sand and salt to those who build or service and maintain Midland's pools and spas.

Manager Kirk Hall said the business had been setting up in its Andrews Highway location over the last couple of months and recently partnered with a business in El Paso, bringing about the need to rename the business.

"We're trying to bring distribution to Midland," he explained.

Special orders for supplies or materials or even pool and spa toys can be made.

More information is available by calling 686-7464.

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POSH PONY, located in San Miguel Square at 3303 N. Midkiff, has become Midland's newest Brighton store.

The boutique Posh Pony added the Brighton line of handbags, jewelry, shoes and gift items to the other lines of clothing, shoes, jewelry, handbags and gift items.

Owner Michelle Haggerty opened her boutique five years ago.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. More information is available on the boutique's Facebook page or by calling 689-7669.

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5 tips to maximize financial aid packages

By Candice Choi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's crunch time for families counting on loans and grants to pay for college.

Deadlines to fill out the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, are around the corner and likely generating anxiety in households across the country.

For those scrambling to get up to speed, the FAFSA is used to determine how much an applicant or their family should contribute toward education costs. Schools then use that figure — known as the expected family contribution — to determine how much financial aid should be awarded to bridge the cost of attendance.

Aid packages can include need-based grants, loans and work study programs.

Students who apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov can get an estimate of their expected family contribution immediately. With a mail-in application, it may take two weeks or more.

Remember that it's worth applying even if you don't expect to qualify for need-based grants. The FAFSA is also required to apply for federal loans, which come with lower interest rates and more forgiving terms for default than the private student loans issued by banks.

Before filing, here are five things you should know about the process:

1. Timing Matters

Deadlines for filing the FAFSA vary depending on the state and school. Some are as early as February or March, but filing promptly could pay off.

That's because many have first-come-first-serve policies for their limited pools of aid, said Jennifer Douglas of the U.S. Department of Education. And the number of students seeking aid is up sharply since the start of the recession.

Deadlines for state aid can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines.htm .

The FAFSA for the upcoming fall semester is based on 2010 tax returns, but there's no reason to wait.

Douglas recommends that families who want to fill out the FAFSA quickly use the previous year's tax filings to best estimate their assets and income for 2010. Corrections to the application can be made later.

2. Student Assets Count More

To avoid any unpleasant surprises, it's important to understand how the FAFSA calculates your expected family contribution. The formula is complicated, but one of the more important rules to remember is that student assets and income are weighted far more heavily than those of a parent.

For example, about half a student's income is counted, compared with a sliding scale that tops out at 47 percent of a parent's income. And about 20 percent of a student's assets are factored into the overall contribution. That compares with a sliding scale that maxes out at about 6 percent for a parent's assets.

It's too late now to strategize for a fatter aid package for the upcoming school year. But in the year ahead, consider using a student's income and assets on education expenses before dipping into a parent's funds. That will maximize the aid package offered for the following year.

3. Gifts Can Be Optimized

Financial gifts from friends and relatives are counted as student income in determining aid packages.

If you're looking to maximize aid, ask friends and relatives to save their financial contributions for the student's senior year. Aid for each year is based on the student's financial information from the previous year.

So the gifts and contributions in the senior year don't have an impact because students don't need aid once they graduate.

Another way to maximize outside help is to transfer the money to a parent's checking account. This minimizes the impact of the gift on the aid package, because a parent's assets aren't weighted as heavily.

The same goes for 529 college savings plans; grandparents can transfer them to either a parent or student's name. Under a new regulation, the distributions are considered a parent's assets even if the plan is in the student's name. Otherwise, the distributions are counted as student income.

4. There Are Financial Blind Spots

The FAFSA doesn't factor in consumer debt so don't expect any extra aid even if you're swimming in credit card bills or auto loans. Paying down debt as soon as possible will only benefit you.

Not only will you save on interest charges, but you'll also maximize the aid packages you're offered going forward. That's because you'd presumably be whittling down your assets to pay off debt, and smaller assets mean bigger aid packages.

Another FAFSA blind spot? Retirement funds and pensions. They're not counted as assets, so it makes sense to sock away money into them. In a sense, you could say the FAFSA rewards two tenets of smart personal finance — paying off debt and saving for retirement.

5. Whining Doesn't Help

The expected family contribution can't be negotiated with the Education Department.

That said, families can appeal to a school's financial aid office for what's called a professional judgment, or an adjustment of their aid eligibility. This is only an option if there are extenuating financial circumstances that weren't reflected in the application.

For example, a parent may have been laid off or a family member may have incurred steep hospital bills. Whatever the case, there has to be evidence of economic hardship that wasn't already disclosed.

"The process is driven by documentation, not pity," said Mark Kantrowitz, who publishes Finaid.org.

In some cases, some schools will also adjust their aid packages to match an offer from a rival school in the area. But Kantrowitz notes that this is a relatively rare circumstance.

Alex Brandon/AP

FINANCIAL AID Then-Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., comforts student Marilyn Pace from Taylor, Mich., while they discuss her financial aid situation at Wayne County Community College in Wayne, Mich. June 17, 2008.

DAVE SAYS

How do I date on a budget? Should I mow my lawn?

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
I'm a recent college graduate, and I'm determined to follow your plan and get out of debt. My biggest problem is when it comes to dating. Things aren't cheap today, so aside from not dating, how do you handle this area of your life when you're trying to get your finances in order?

Roland

Dear Roland,

First of all, you definitely need to date people. I couldn't have gone without dating, especially at your age. So, I'm not going to tell you to do something I couldn't do.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with dating inexpensively if you're thoughtful. Just don't be so cheap that you're freakish about things. There are plenty of nice, stylish places that don't cost an arm and a leg. A picnic and a Frisbee will go a long way on a pretty day! Your efforts to be a gentleman and make things happen in creative ways will be a lot more charming to any lady worth dating than throwing down an extra $100 at a snooty restaurant you can't afford.

The other thing is to make dating part of your monthly budget. In your situation, it's a legitimate expense, and you need to make it part of your financial game plan. Then, if you're seeing someone on a regular basis, and the money in the "dating" envelope is getting low, you can explain to her that you're working hard to manage your money properly so you'll be wealthy one day.

This will make you even more attractive to the right kind of person, because it shows that you're mature enough and responsible enough to be thinking toward and planning for the future!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
We currently pay to have our lawn mowed each week. This expense is figured into our monthly budget, but we're not quite out of debt yet. My wife says this is a luxury at this point, and I should cut the grass myself until we're out of debt. What do you think?

Ty

Dear Ty,

I think it depends a lot on your income. If you're a surgeon making $350,000 a year, then making lawn care part of your monthly budget is probably pretty reasonable. Now, if you're only making $26,000 a year, you probably need to get behind the mower and start pushing it yourself!

Is this a snobbish attitude? I don't think so. It's a simple matter of mathematics. What is your personal time worth in the marketplace, and should you be plying your trade out in the world rather than mowing the lawn?

Let's say you're an attorney who charges $400 an hour. In that case, you're probably going to be better off out there lawyering — especially if you're trying to get out of debt — than you would pushing a mower. But if you make $12 an hour, it's a good idea for you to be cutting your own grass, isn't it?

Whether something is a "luxury" depends on your own personal income and financial situation. That's how I look at it.

— Dave

For more financial advice, please visit daveramsey.com.

THE ECONOMIST

Signs indicate economic improvement is real deal

RAY PERRYMAN
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After months of mixed signals, there is finally good news on the jobs front. Recent surveys of business leaders and data releases are indicating more profits, more spending, more optimism, and (finally) more hiring. Notably, this good news is driven by perceptions that the economy is truly improving in fundamental ways as opposed to some points in the recent past when temporary stimulus funds or tax advantages led to some transitory improvement. While we are not completely out of the woods yet, the path is growing brighter.

The NABE (National Association for Business Economics) is an organization of private-sector and trade-association economists — people working in the real world in a spectrum of industries and geographic locations. On a regular basis, the NABE polls a panel of its membership to take a pulse of practitioners regarding sales and profits and to gauge how plans are shaping up for future investing, hiring, and other key factors.

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Beware these seven scams that target small businesses

TRISH POWELL
Better Business Bureau

Being vigilant against fraud is not only important for a company's bottom line, it also strengthens customer trust in the business. Becoming a victim of fraud can have a negative financial and reputational impact on a business and the Better Business Bureau recommends owners train their staff to look out for seven common scams that prey on small companies.

Every year the BBB receives thousands of complaints from small business owners who fell for an invoicing scam or were misled into paying for products and services they didn't want. Scammers aren't always trying to steal money from a business; sometimes they are after a company's financial or customer data and will use many kinds of high and low-tech methods for getting it.

"Small business fraud can come from internal threats, such as employee fraud, or from external full-time scammers," said Alison Southwick, BBB spokeswoman. "Because small business owners often lack the time and resources to fight fraud, they are a popular mark for any number of different scams."

The BBB is warning business owners to look out for the following seven scams that commonly target small companies:

1. Directory Scams - A perennial problem that has plagued businesses for decades involves deceptive sales for directories. Commonly the scammer will call the business claiming they just want to update the company's entry in an online directory or the scammer might lie about being with the Yellow Pages. The business is later billed hundreds of dollars for listing services they didn't agree to or for ads they thought would be in the Yellow Pages.

2. Office Supply Scams - Some scammers prey on small business owners hoping that they won't notice a bill for office supplies like toner or paper which the company never ordered. Every year BBB receives thousands of complaints from small business owners who were deceived by office supply companies and billed for products they didn't want.

3. Overpayment Scams - Be extremely cautious if a customer overpays using a check or credit card and then asks you to wire the extra money back to them or to a third party. Overpayment scams target any number of different companies including catering businesses, manufacturers, wholesalers and even sellers on sites like eBay, Craigslist and Etsy.

4. Data Breaches - No matter how vigilant your company is a data breach can still happen. Whether it's the result of hackers, negligence or a disgruntled employee, a data breach can have a severe impact on the level of trust customers have in your business. You can learn how to defend your company from a data breach for free with BBB's Data Security - Made Simpler at www.bbb.org/data-security.

5. Vanity Awards - While it's flattering to be recognized for your hard work, some awards are just money-making schemes and have no actual merit. If you are approached about receiving a business or leadership award, research the opportunity carefully and be wary if you're asked to pay money.

6. Stolen Identity - Scammers will often pretend to be a legitimate company for the purposes of ripping off consumers. When it comes to stolen identity, the company doesn't necessarily lose money, but their reputation is potentially tarnished as angry customers who were ripped off by the scammers think the real company is responsible.

7. Phishing E-mails - Some phishing e-mails specifically target small business owners with the goal of hacking into their computer or network. Common examples include e-mails pretending to be from the IRS claiming the company is being audited or phony e-mails from the BBB saying the company has received a complaint. If you receive a suspicious e-mail from a government agency or the BBB, don't click on any links or open any attachments. Contact the agency or the BBB directly to confirm the legitimacy of the e-mail.

For more advice on how to manage your business effectively, visit www.bbb.org/us/Business-Resources.

Start with Trust…Contact the Better Business Bureau for a Business Review on any business or charity by calling 563-1880, toll-free 800-592-4433 or by visiting us at www.bbb.org.

PERRYMAN

(From 2F)

This month, the NABE's survey indicates better days ahead. Many panelists reported rising demand for their products and growing profit margins. A trend is also starting to emerge, with positive movement now in place for six consecutive quarters. Employment is beginning to increase, with 34 percent of firms reporting larger workforces compared to a year ago and only 6 percent indicating shrinkage. Good news was broad based, and all four of the NABE's major industrial sectors indicated growth.

Since the last survey three months ago, NABE panelists have become decidedly more optimistic. About four of five of respondents are expecting the economy to grow (as measured by expansion of real gross domestic product) by at least 2 percent, and a significant number are even more bullish.

Not surprising given this mindset, firms are beginning to part with cash stockpiles. A full 62 percent expect to spend more, and only a few reported planned cutbacks. Hiring is also picking up, with 42 percent of panelists indicating their firms would be increasing employment in the next quarter. In fact, the spread between those expecting to hire and those expecting to fire is the highest it has been in 12 years (when the measurement of the gap began).

This news comes on the heels of the recent Manpower Employment Outlook Survey released last month, which is also more favorable than those released over the past two years. Firms in the Manpower Survey report employment growth for the fifth consecutive quarter. Of the more than 18,000 responding to the survey, 14 percent plan to increase staffing in the first quarter of this year, while only 10 percent expect to decrease.

Eleven of the 13 industry segments Manpower tracks indicate a positive outlook (with construction negative and government flat). Results in all four geographic regions call for increased hiring.

Among the best aspects of this news are the facts that it (1) spans most industries, (2) includes all regions, and (3) demonstrates some staying power. This widespread optimism will help pull the trillions in corporate resources now sitting on the sidelines back into play in the form of investing and hiring. Also, unlike at some points in the past two years, these results and expectations are driven by what's going on in the economy rather than on Capitol Hill.

It's important not to expect miracles overnight. Many firms made such deep cuts over the past couple of years that the anticipated hiring will only begin to turn the tide. Investment has been so low recently that it won't take much to be an "increase." Also, the expected pace of gains is lower than for much of the decade of the 2000s. Not every industry and community will see an immediate return to prosperity.

Even so, we are finally beginning to reach the point in the recovery where decisionmakers feel confident enough to halt their retrenching and start moving forward. We may still see several months of slow gains, but, rest assured, they're the real deal.

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	TCM	41 61 24 43 66	"Mr. Wilderness" (N)		** "Dangerous When Wet" (1953) (N)				*** "A Foreign Affair" (1948) Jean Arthur				"The Lost Weekend"	
	TELE	26 8 15 26	Pagado	Pagado	Sheldon	Willa's	Pearlie (N)	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Enrique	Los Impuestos y Usted	
	TLC	51 33 32 38 52	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price		MacClarity	Paid Prog.	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
	TNT	24 23 40 26 50	Law & Order (N)		Law & Order (N)		Law & Order (N)		Law & Order (N)		Law & Order (N)		"Bounce Suprm"	
	TVL	49 48 35 54 35	Retired at	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	Jeannie	Jeannie
	USA	26 35 42 27 49	Paid Prog.	Crefio Sol	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	White Collar (N)		Royal Pains (N) (N)		NCIS "Private Wars"		NCIS (N) (N)	
	VS.	38 34	Outdoor	J. Houston	Gun Talk	Americana	Gun It	Hunting	Quest One	Alaska	Outdoor	Fisherman	Bass Pros	Bill Dance
	WGN-A	19 18	Winston	Facts	KeyDavid	Beyond	Feed	Word	Funniest Home Videos		** "King Arthur" (2004) Clive Owen (N) (N)			

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	Channels	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Oklahoma City Thunder (N)					NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Los Angeles Lakers (N)					ABC News	Paid Prog.
	KOSA CBS	College Basketball Duke at St. John's (N)				PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open: Final Round. (Live) (N)							News
	KWWT CW	** "Confidence" (2003) Edward Burns (N)				*** "Philadelphia" (1993) Drama Tom Hanks (N)					Smash Cut	Smash Cut	King
	KPEJ FOX	** "Serendipity" (2001) John Cusack				"Air Buddies" (2006) Comedy Patrick Cranshaw				** "Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties" (2006)			
	KMLM IND	Upd News Emerson	Dr. Booker	Scrivner		Light of the Southwest Authors, musicians				Bible	Sid Roth	Bill Cloud	Dr. Young
	KWES NBC	TBA	Snowboarding		Bull Riding			Figure Skating				Inside Edit	NBC News
	KBPT PBS	Sewing	Quilting	Scrapbook	Sewing	Crafting	Knitting	Ideas	Contrary	Daytripper	Parks	This Old House Hr	
	KUPB UNI	El Que No Corre Vuela" (1992) (SS)				Camaleones (SS)				Primer Impacto		Cero	Noticiero
	MyTV	Movie				Paid Prog.	Athlete	Access Hollywood (N)		The Insider	Scrubs (N)	Seinfeld (N)	Frasier (N)
PREMIUM	FLIX	(11:45) ** "Across the Tracks"				** "Don't Tempt Me" (2001) Victoria Abril (N)			** "But I'm a Cheerleader" (1999)			* "Hello Again" (1987)	
	HBO	(11:30) "Scooby-Doo"	Real Time/Bill Maher			** "Clash of the Titans" (2010) PG-13 (N)			** "The Time Traveler's Wife" (2009) PG-13				
	HBO2	** "Bride Wars" (2009) (N) (N)			Betty Midler	(:45) * "The Unborn" (2009) (N)			Boxing				
	HBO3	(11:30) * "Whiteout"		(:15) *** "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962) (N)				Big Love (N) (N)				** "The Mistress of Spices" (N)	
	MAX	(11:30) "The Tuxedo"		(:15) ** "Yes Man" (2008) Jim Carrey, PG-13				* "Collateral Damage" (2002) (N) (N)				(4:50) * "Cop Out" (N)	
	MAX2	Braveheart (:45) ** "Taking Woodstock" (2009) Demetri Martin (N)						* "Friday the 13th" (2009) (N) (N)			(:40) *** "Greenberg" (2010) (N)		
	PLEX			Raising Ar (:45) ** "Born to Be Wild" (1995) Wil Horneff			** "Robin Hood" (1991) (N)				(:15) ** "Heart and Souls" (1993) (N) (N)		
	SHOW	(11:15) ** "Valkyrie" (2008) (N)				** "Vanilla Sky" (2001) Suspense Tom Cruise (N) (N)					** "Nine" (2009) Daniel Day-Lewis, PG-13		
	TMC	Messenger "The Devil's Ground" (2008) (N) (N)				"Antibody" (2002) Lance Henriksen				(:35) *** "Looking for Eric" (2009) NR (N)			Harold
CABLE	A&E	Heavy (N)			The Soprano (N) (N)	The Soprano (N) (N)		The Soprano (N) (N)		Criminal Minds (N) (N)		Criminal Minds (N) (N)	
	AMC	(9:00) ** "Wyatt Earp" (1994)			*** "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972) Robert Redford, (N)					*** "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall (N)			
	BET	Girlfriends ** "Little Richard" (2000) Leon (N)					** "The Five Heartbeats" (1991) Robert Townsend (N)					"Not Easily Broken"	
	BRAV	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.	
	CNBC	Paid Prog.	Get Rich	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Salad Chef	TRIALaser	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	MacClarity	Shirt Off!
	CNN	Farfed Zakaria GPS		Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
	DISC	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings (N)		Dirty Jobs (N) (N)		MythBusters (N) (N)		MythBusters (N) (N)		Auction	Auction
	DISN	Good Luck	Shake It	Hannah	Hannah	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah Forever	
	ESPN	(11:30) Winter X Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live) (N)										SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	Tennis		PBA Bowling			Women's College Gymnastics			Women's College Basketball Georgia at LSU			
	FAM	(11:00) 700 Club Special Programming										700 Club-Programming	
	FNC	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		The O'Reilly Factor		America's News HQ				Fox News Sunday	
	FOOD	Giada	Giada	Tailgate-Fieri		Tailgate-Fieri		Tailgate-Fieri		Tailgate-Fieri		Restaurant: Impossible	
	FSSW	Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball Colorado at Texas				Game 365	College Basketball		
	FX	Hellboy II ** "Ghost Rider" (2007) Action Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes						*** "Iron Man" (2008) Action Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard					
	HALL	Little House		Little House		Little House		Little House		Little House		Little House	
	HGTV	My First	First Place	Estate	Selling NY	Bang, Buck	Get It Sold	House	Hunters	For Rent	Unsellable	Cash, Car	To Sell
	HIST	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
	LIFE	** "She's the One" (1996) Jennifer Aniston				** "Sydney White" (2007) Amanda Bynes				* "The Ex" (2006, Comedy) Zach Braff (N)			
	MSNBC	The Rundowns		Meet the Press (N)		A Murderous Career		Eight Times a Killer		To Catch a Killer		Caught on Camera	
	NICK	Parents	Parents	Parents	Parents	Fanboy	Fanboy	Penguins	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jackson	Big Time
	SPIKE	Paid Prog.	Crefio Sol	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	White Collar (N)		Royal Pains (N) (N)		NCIS "Private Wars"		NCIS (N) (N)	
	SYFY	Outdoor	J. Houston	Gun Talk	Americana	Gun It	Hunting	Quest One	Alaska	Outdoor	Fisherman	Bass Pros	Bill Dance
	TBS	Winston	Facts	KeyDavid	Beyond	Feed	Word	Funniest Home Videos		** "King Arthur" (2004) Clive Owen (N) (N)			
	TCM	Lottery Changed My Life (N) (N)		Lottery Changed My Life (N) (N)		Kennedys: Home Movies Kennedy home movies and rare footage. (N) (N)				Kennedys: Home Movies Kennedy home movies and rare footage. (N) (N)			
	TELE	(3:45) **** "The Dark Knight" (2008)		17th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards Actors honor their peers. (Live) (N)				17th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards Actors honor their peers. (N)				*** "Patriot Games" (1992) (N)	
	TNT	Retired at Retired at	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland
	TVL	NCIS An unknown sign herself out of a grave.		NCIS A serial killer specializes in wax a murder. (N)		NCIS Tracking down an elusive sniper. (N) (N)		NCIS Navy officers targeted. (N) (N)		Royal Pains (N) (N)		White Collar Forging bonds. (N)	
	USA	NHL Hockey NHL All-Star Super Skills					NHL Overtime		Sports	Bull Riding			
	VS.	Old Christine How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	WGN News at Nine (N)	Instant Replay (N)	Monk Being witnessed a murder. (N)		Monk Murdering during an earthquake. (N)	
	WGN-A												

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	Channels	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (N)		700 Club Super Sunday Telethon (N) (N)						Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Brown Family Family who lost a limb in an accident. (N) (N)			
	KOSA CBS	60 Minutes (N) (N) (N)		Undercover Boss Great West Resorts.		"The Last Valentine" (2011) Drama Jennifer Love Hewitt, Scott Wolf, Prentice.				CBS 7 News	CBS 7 Sports	The Closer "Lower's Loop" (N) (N)	
	KWWT CW	Heartland Lou has a secret fling with Scott. (N)		*** "Evelyn" (2002) Drama Pierce Brosnan, Aidan Quinn. Julianna Margulies (N)				High School Football					
	KPEJ FOX	NFL Football AFC/NFC Pro Bowl From Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. (N) (Live) (N)							Texas Roadhouse	NUMBERS Teach searches for a lion man.		Paid Program	Paid Program
	KMLM IND	Doorways to Wisdom		Update News Brad Scott		Light of the Southwest Authors, musicians (N)				Valerie Moody	Dr. Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
	KWES NBC	Dateline NBC (N) (N)		** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight, Ben Gates sets out to establish an ancestor's innocence. (N) (N)						To Be Announced	News (N)	City Reporter	Red Raider Weekly
	KBPT PBS	NOVA Nanotechnology and micro robots (N)		Nature Born Free: The First Days of Life (N)		Masterpiece Classic Rumors abound about Mary's virtue. (N) (N)			Washing Away	Austin City Limits Lyle Lovett, Bob Schneider.		Nature "Born Free: The First Days of Life" (N)	
	KUPB UNI	La Hora Pico (SS)		El Gran Show (SS)				Sal y Pimienta (SS)		Impacto Extra	Noticiero	SOS: Sexo y Otros Secretos Alejandro Galindo	
	MyTV	Without a Trace (N)		Cold Case "Gleam" (N)		The Closer (N)		Comedy TV (N) (N)		The Office	Family Guy	Aggie	Longhorn
PREMIUM	FLIX	Hello Again 10 Min		*** "Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai"				*** "Night on Earth" (1992) Winona Ryder				(:15) *** "Texas Rangers"	
	HBO	"Night at the Museum: Smithsonian"				Big Love (N) (N)		Big Love (N) (N)		** "Green Zone" (2010) Matt Damon. (N) (N)			
	HBO2	Real Time/Bill Maher		Big Love (N) (N)		** "Valentine's Day" (2010) Jessica Alba (N)				(:15) *** "I Love You, Man" (2009) (N) (N)			
	HBO3	(:15) ** "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" (2009) (N)				** "Edge of Darkness" (2010) Mel Gibson (N)				* "Whiteout" (2009) (N) (N)			Cruel
	MAX	Cop Out (:45) ** "The Lovely Bones" (2009) Mark Wahlberg, PG-13						** "National Security" (2003) (N)		Co-Ed-4		Co-Ed-4	Couples
	MAX2	Greenberg *** "Taken" (2008) (N) (N)					** "Observe and Report" (2009)		Zane's Sex	(:05) ** "Ronin" (1998) Robert De Niro (N)			
	PLEX	*** "Raising Arizona" (1987) (N)				(:35) *** "Blankman" (1994) (N)		(:15) ** "Robin Hood" (1991) Patrick Bergin				** "Born to Be Wild"	
	SHOW	320 66 19 140 25	Shameless (TV) (N)		Episodes	Californ.	Californ.	Episodes	Shameless (TV) (N)		Shameless (TV) (N)	Californ.	Episodes
	TMC	236 67 22 155 26	"Unbeatable Harold"		*** "The Messenger" (2009) Ben Foster (N)				*** "Transsiberia" (2008) Woody Harrelson			"The Shortcut" (2009)	
CABLE	A&E	Criminal Minds (N) (N)		Criminal Minds (N) (N)		Criminal Minds (N) (N)		Criminal Minds (N) (N)		Criminal Minds (N) (N)		(:01) Criminal Minds (N) (N)	
	AMC	(4:00) "Open Range"		*** "Seraphim Falls" (2006) Liam Neeson. Premiere.						*** "Seraphim Falls" (2006, Western) Liam Neeson.			
	BET	"Not Easily Broken"		Celebration of Gospel 2011 (N) (N)				UNCF Evening of Stars Tribute to Chaka Khan				Popoff	Inspiration
	BRAV	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		The Real Housewives of Atlanta			Happens	Housewives/Atl.	
	CNBC	Diabetes Wall Street		Big Mac: Inside		How I Made My Millions		Supermarkets		The Sky's the Limit		American Greed	
	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		"State of the Union		Piers Morgan Tonight	
	DISC	Auction Auction		How Beer Saved Wrld		Hogs Gone Wild (N)		Hogs Gone Wild (N) (N)		How Beer Saved Wrld		Hogs Gone Wild (N)	
	DISN	Hannah Hannah		Good Luck Shake It		Good Luck Good Luck		Hannah Hannah		Suite/Deck Suite/Deck		Hannah Hannah	
	ESPN	Winter X Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live) (N)						NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Golden State Warriors. (Live)				SportsCtr	
	ESPN2	Tennis Australian Open: Men's Final. From Melbourne, Australia. (N)						X Center (Live)		SportsCenter (N)		Winter X Games (N)	
	FAM	(5:00) 700 Club Special Programming										J. Osteen	Ed Young
	FNC	FOX Report (N)		Huckabee		Justice With Jeanine		Geraldo at Large (N)		Huckabee		Justice With Jeanine	
	FOOD	Worst Cooks		Challenge		Worst Cooks		Iron Chef America (N)		Cupcake Wars		Worst Cooks	
	FSSW	College Basketball	College Basketball Maryland at Georgia Tech. (Live)					College Basketball Washington at Washington State. (Live)				H.S. Spotlight	The Final Score
	FX	"Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith				*** "The Incredible Hulk" (2008, Action) Edward Norton					Lights Out	"The Shot"	Elektra
	HALL	Little House		Little House		Little House		Little House		Little House		Little House	
	HGTV	Income Kitchen		Hunters	House	Homes on Homes (N)		Homes Inspection (N)		House	Hunters	Income	Homes Inspection (N)
	HIST	As Men (N)		As Men "Under Fire"		As Men "Overboard"		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Modern Marvels (N)		(:01) As Men (N)	
	LIFE	** "Picture Perfect" (1997) Jennifer Aniston. A young man poses as an ad executive's fiancee.						** "The Nanny Diaries" (2007, Comedy) Scarlett Johansson, Laura Linney, Paul Giamatti. (N)				** "The Nanny Diaries" (2007, Comedy) Scarlett Johansson, Laura Linney, Paul Giamatti. (N)	
	MSNBC	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Will You Kill for Me: Charles Manson				Predator Raw: Unseen		Predator Raw: Unseen	
	NICK	Penguins SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
	SPIKE	(5:00) *** "A Bronx Tale" (1993) Cinema (N)				*** "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones (N)						*** "A Bronx Tale"	
	SYFY	(5:30) *** "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) (N)				** "Jurassic Park III" (2001) Sam Neill				"Triassic Attack" (2010) Steven Brand. (N)			
	TBS	(5:00) ** "Get Smart" (2008) Steve Carell.		17th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards Actors honor their peers. (Live) (N)				** "Get Smart" (2008) Steve Carell. Agent Maxwell Smart battles the KAOS crime syndicate.				* "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler.	
	TCM	(4:30) "Lost for Life"		*** "With Six You Get Eggroll" (1968) (N)				** "Who's Minding the Mint" (1967) Comedy				"Pandora's Box" (1929)	
	TELE	* "El Regreso de la Laguna Azul" (1991) (N)				** "Los 4 Fantasticos" (2005) Ioan Gruffudd				Thalaves	Canaia	* "Fire Dragon" (1994)	
	TLC	Lottery Changed My Life (N) (N)		Lottery Changed My Life (N) (N)		Kennedys: Home Movies Kennedy home movies and rare footage. (N) (N)				Kennedys: Home Movies Kennedy home movies and rare footage. (N) (N)			
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	USA	NCIS An unknown sign herself out of a grave.		NCIS A serial killer specializes in wax a murder. (N)		NCIS Tracking down an elusive sniper. (N) (N)		NCIS Navy officers targeted. (N) (N)		Royal Pains (N) (N)		White Collar Forging bonds. (N)	
	VS.	NHL Hockey NHL All-Star Super Skills					NHL Overtime		Sports	Bull Riding			
	WGN-A	Old Christine How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	WGN News at Nine (N)	Instant Replay (N)	Monk Being witnessed a murder. (N)		Monk Murdering during an earthquake. (N)	

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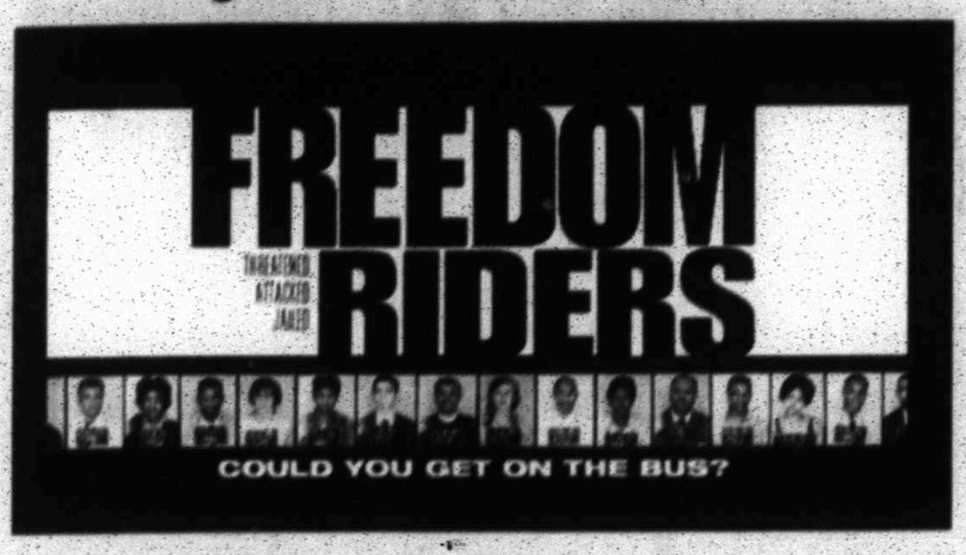
A Stanley Nelson Film

Saturday, February 5
7:30 p.m.
Midland College
Allison Fine Arts Building
Wagner & Brown Auditorium



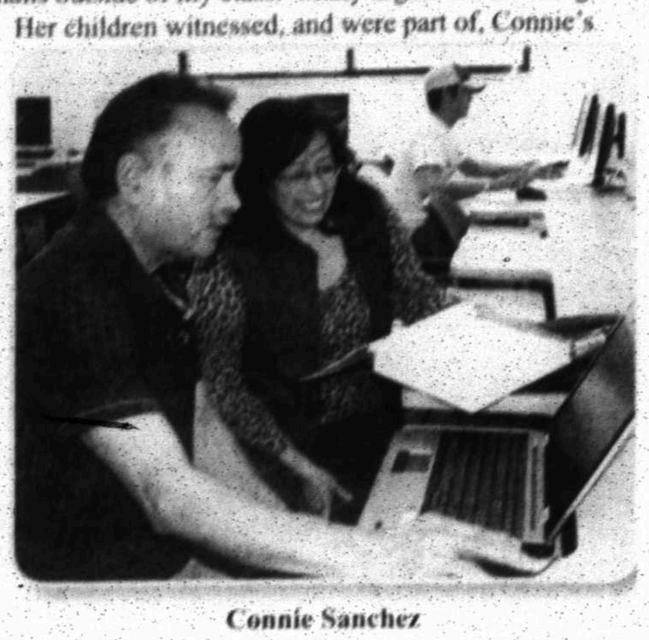
FREEDOM RIDERS tells the story of a courageous band of some 400 civil rights activits - black and white, young and old, male and female, Northern and Southern - who in 1961, risked their lives by deliberately violating Jim Crow laws and traveling together on buses as they journeyed through the Deep South. Greeted by mob violence and bitter racism along the way, many endured savage beatings and even imprisonment. They called themselves the Freedom Riders, and they managed to bring the President and the entire American public face-to-face with the challenge of correcting civil rights inequities that plagued the nation.

FREEDOM RIDERS, will air on Basin PBS on May 16. This special full-length FREE preview event is being sponsored by Midland College and the Midland African American Roots Historical/Cultural Arts Council, Inc.

MC math instructor sets the bar high for her students, even higher for herself

By Nancy Brown

The education of Connie Sanchez was a family effort. When her kids got out of school during the day, they accompanied her to night classes at UTPB so she could finish her bachelor's degree. "We took a rolling bag with their snacks and they did their homework in the halls outside of my class. Many nights we did not get home until 10:30," Connie said. Her children witnessed, and were part of, Connie's commitment to getting an education. "They also saw how getting a degree has changed our lives. Our quality of life has continued to improve. I was able to get this wonderful job and we're no longer living on just Ramen Noodles!" she added.



Connie Sanchez

Connie's wonderful job is being a math instructor at Midland College, where she has been employed full-time since 2007. She has come a great distance from where she was in 2001: as a new resident in Midland, she was so depressed that she sat on the couch holding the remote control, unable to even turn on the television. She started taking classes at MC and found an amazing support system that led her to discover her gifts with math. "The faculty here are so amazing; they were so supportive, so encouraging . . . they have been with me every step of the way, guiding me through, even while I was at UTPB," she said.

By 2002 Connie was fulfilling the core requirements for her associate degree and tutoring in the MC Math Lab with fellow-tutor, Judy Madison. Connie was in the midst of financial strants, and Judy gave her a gift of money with the words, "When you graduate, when you get that good job, *pay it forward*." That small gesture made a huge impact in Connie's life. "It's something I'll never forget. Now when I meet someone who is struggling, I give them a gift from the Judy Madison 'Pay it Forward' Scholarship!" she said.

By 2005, Connie had earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Math from UTPB. And, this past December, she completed her Master's degree in Educational Leadership and experienced the unique joy of walking across the stage with her daughter, Emily, who graduated with her bachelor's degree. "The bachelor's was for my family. The master's degree was for me. I wanted to know for myself that I could achieve more," Connie said.

Achievement was imprinted upon Connie from a young age by her parents. Her mother dropped out of the eleventh grade, and her father did not complete junior high school. Her father, Felix Trujillo, would show Connie his report card with failing grades. "Then he would say, 'Don't be like me,'" Connie said. Because they could not achieve their educational goals, Connie's parents had very high expectations for her. "If I came home with an A-minus, that wasn't good enough. 'You are smart. You can do better,' they would say to me," Connie said. "They set the bar *very high* for me."

During her workdays, Connie enjoys "paying it forward" with MC developmental math students. "I am a better cheerleader for them now. Where they are, I have been, and I try to use my life as much as possible as an example to them, and I tell them, *'You've got to find it in you to continue!'*" Connie has the reward of seeing the smiles on their faces as they graduate, and she knows they will go on for their bachelors' degrees.

At night, Connie is taking graduate level math classes. She will take another 18 hours beyond her master's degree to certify her to teach transfer students college algebra and trigonometry. After that? She's seriously considering a Ph.D. Her son, Fernando—who will graduate from Lee High School next May and attend MC for his first two years—says, "Well Mom, you just moved the bar up again, didn't you?"

Pianist, Wanda Paik, performs at MC

On Saturday, February 5, the Midland College Department of Music cordially invites you to attend an afternoon of piano music by guest artist Wanda Paik. Ms. Paik's Midland College performance debut will feature piano works by Bach, Brahms, Chopin, Debussy, and Liszt.

Wanda Paik

Paik has performed extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad. She has appeared as soloist with many orchestras in the Boston area including the Boston Pops with Arthur Fiedler and Erich Kunzel, the Boston Classical Orchestra with Harry Ellis Dickson, the Boston Civic Symphony with Max Hobart, the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra, the Brookline Symphony, and the Wellesley Symphony, among others. Outside of the U.S., Paik has performed under the auspices of the American Embassy in Brazil and Trinidad, as well as at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea.

She recently presented two recitals at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, featuring music by the Pulitzer prize-winning American composer Ned Rorem. In a review of Ms. Paik's solo recital at the National Gallery in Washington, DC, *The Washington Post* writes, "Paik's striking interpretation, masterly phrasing and intuitive understanding of the composer's ideas delighted the appreciative listeners—Chopin's soul and Paik's sensibilities were one."

Ms. Paik received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music from Northwestern University, where she was a student of Gui Mombaerts. She continued her studies with Theodore Lettvin, Anthony diBonaventura, and Adele Marcus of the Juilliard Music School faculty.

Ms. Paik's performance begins at 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 5, in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium located in the Allison Fine Arts Building on the MC campus. The event is FREE and open to the public!

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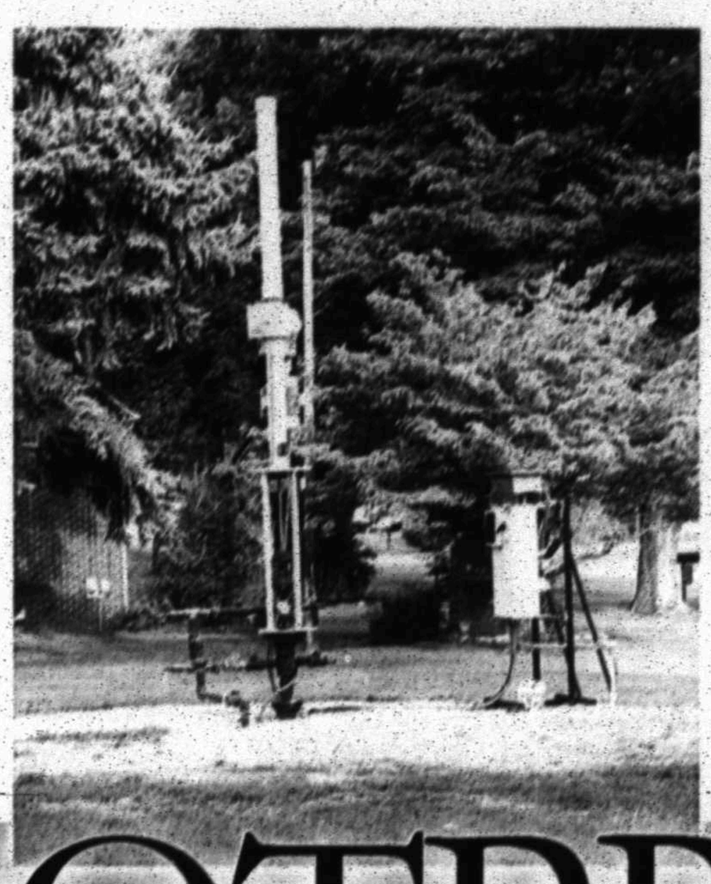

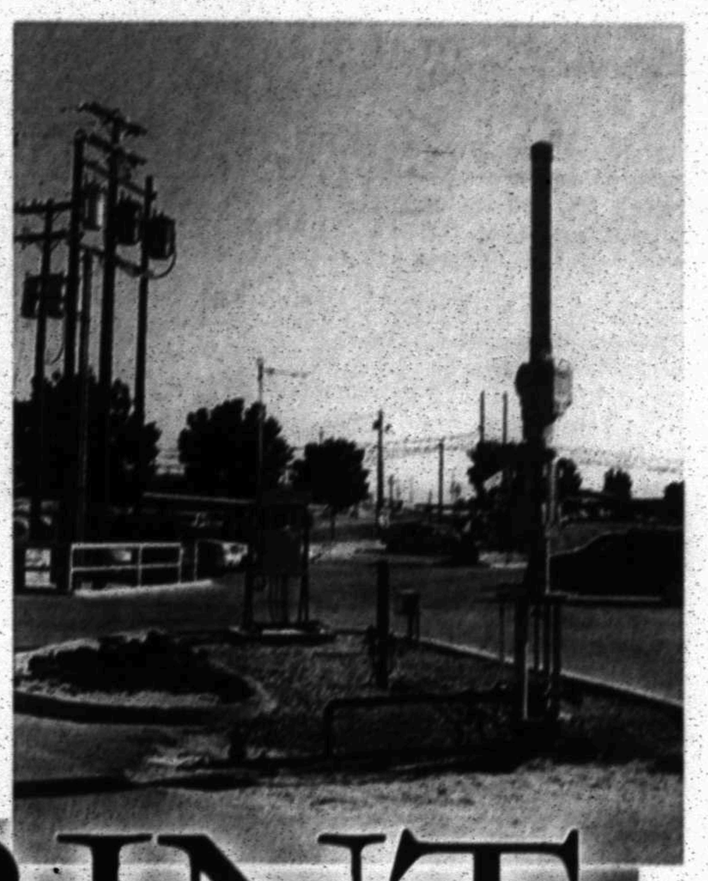

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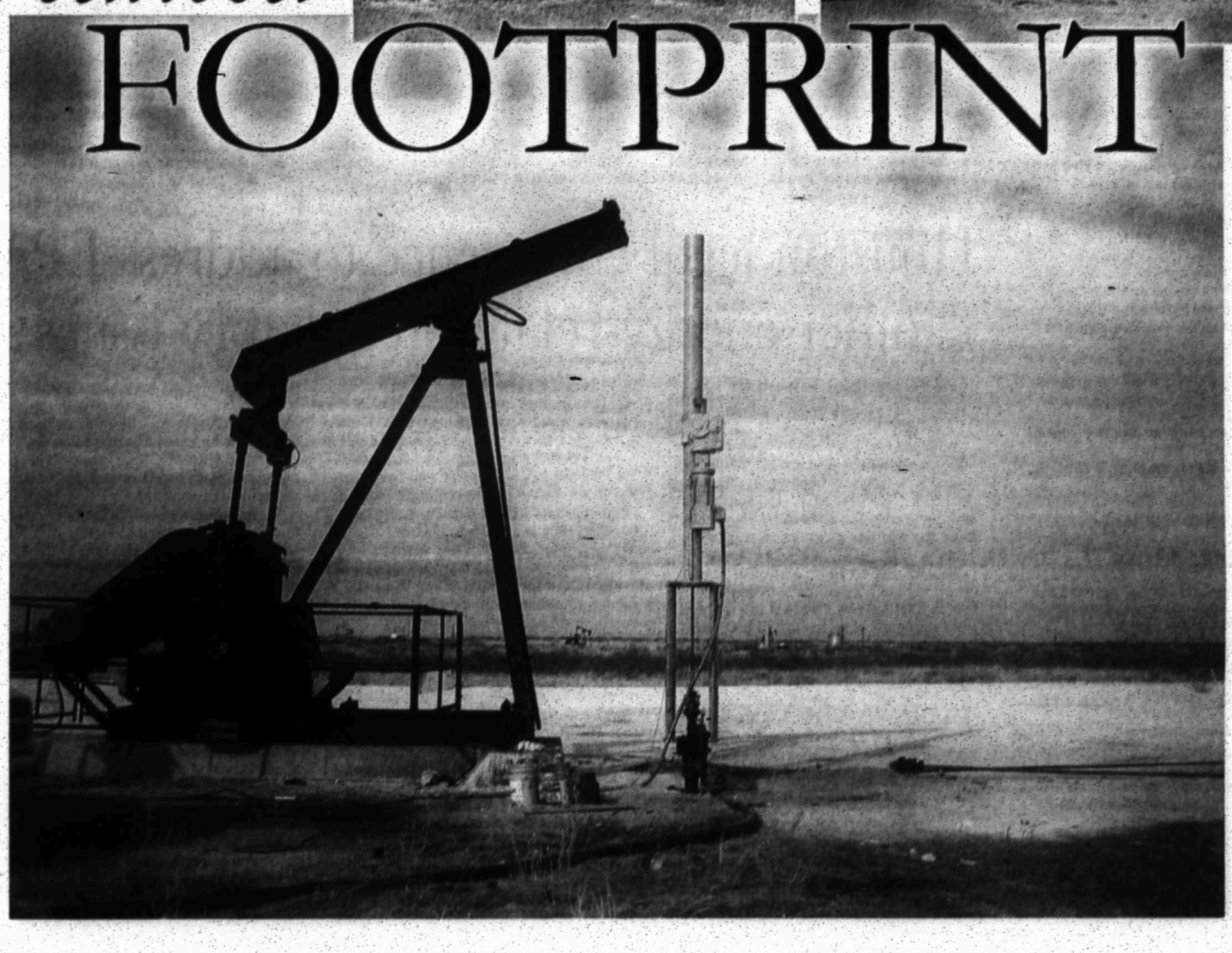

New artificial lift system blends into urban scenery

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

With companies eyeing drilling sites inside Midland city limits, one firm is introducing a new artificial lift system that could fit into the city landscape.

Unico is bringing to the Permian Basin its Linear Rod Pump sucker-rod system, a compact, light-weight low-profile system already in use in other states.

"It's safe," said Gary Ison, Unico accounts specialist who said he spent so much time in the Permian Basin that he moved to Midland from corporate headquarters in Wisconsin. "There are no mechanical parts, just rack and pinion."

The pumps, he noted, are found in Ohio and Pennsylvania and even in a parking lot in California.

"There's actually a unit on school grounds in Forsan," added Brennen Phipps, who handles field service and sales out of Big Spring for Unico. Another, Ison and Phipps said, has been camouflaged with limbs to make it almost indistinguishable in a wooded area. The first unit arrived in the Permian Basin about four years ago, installed on a 4,600 foot Chevron well.

As wells are increasingly drilled closer and closer to residential areas, the new units require a much smaller footprint, the men said.

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SIPES speaker addresses controversial issue of global warming

■ Tech professor discusses issue with local earth scientists.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

A room full of geoscientists listened as Katharine Hayhoe, a research associate professor in the Department of Geoscientists at Texas Tech University addressed the issue of global warming.

Addressing the Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, Hayhoe said the reality is that it is difficult to separate science from politics, Hayhoe said she wanted "to present the facts as I know them."

Over the past year, she said, surveys have shown increasing skepticism about the seriousness of global warming. But, she said, 25,000 thermostats around the globe indicate that global temperatures over the last 30 years have risen steadily with the last decade the warmest on record, surpassing the 1990s, which surpassed the 1980s. Last year, she said, was the warmest and wettest on record.

Questioned by an audience member who suggested studies did not include a sufficient amount of time, Hayhoe acknowledged there have been periods when the planet was warmer and periods when it was colder. Too, sediment records indicate periods when carbon dioxide levels were significantly higher, she said.

Those periods could be explained by solar minimization and by orbital cycles. "I'm fine with the idea that the climate

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Powerlines stand near a petrochemical refinery smoke stack emitting water vapor in Houston on Jan. 3. As another wave of environmental regulations prepares to sweep over Texas and the oil industry, the nonprofit Practising Law Institute plans to host a seminar on oil and environmental issues. The seminar will be held February 3-4 in Houston.

Houston legal conference to address EPA, other energy-related regulatory issues

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

Whether one's opinion of global warming, the regulatory climate for the energy industry is certainly heating up. How does the legal profession in Texas prepare for and respond to the challenges their clients must meet in the oncoming weeks and years?

To help answer these and other legal questions the nonprofit Practising Law Institute will present its first Energy and Environmental Law Institute Feb. 3-4 in conjunction with the University of Houston Law Center. PLI hopes this will become an annual event.

Co-Chairs for the event are Tracy D. Hester, assistant professor of law and director of the Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Center at U of H, along with Sheila Slocum Hollis of Duane Morris LLP. The conference, set for lawyers whose clients are involved in energy and related industries, will be held at the law firm of Bracewell and Giuliani in Houston. The first day will focus on energy issues and the second day will focus on environmental topics.

One of the biggest question marks for the Texas energy industry is the EPA's recent ruling that it (the EPA) has jurisdiction over the state's CO_2 emissions permitting.

The Clean Air Act, which is actually a series of laws first passed in 1963 and most recently amended in 1990, gives the EPA authority to regulate a number of greenhouse gases or to delegate those regulations to states. In December of 2010 the EPA revoked Texas' ability to regulate those gases, specifically CO_2. "The EPA has taken steps to withdraw its delegation of authority to Texas to implement parts of its air permitting program," Hester said. "It (the EPA) now has an interim final rule…that sets up immediately the authority for the EPA to start issuing those permits."

At the same time, Hester reported, the EPA has set in motion another rulemaking that gives the agency a year to take comments and other input before it puts in place the final version of its ruling. Hester noted the interim rule will create the need for two permits for companies that need a greenhouse gas permit — "one from Texas for all the conventional pollutants such as ozone precursors and particulate matter, but then they will have to go from Austin to Dallas and get a separate permit just for the greenhouse gases. They are still trying to figure out how this is going to work." It would no doubt be time consuming and costly to do both.

The main problem with the "how to" is emissions regulations in one area often conflict with those in another. "If you take measures to control greenhouse gas emissions, it can affect how much you're emitting of other gases that are subject to the Texas permit," Hester pointed out. "There is a lot of concern that as you try to comply with one permit you may put yourself out of complying with the other permit."

Because of this type of conflict the EPA has preferred each state handle its own greenhouse gas permitting, as long as that state's standards were not lower than the Federal guidelines. In Texas' case, the state has maintained that neither the state nor the EPA has the authority to regulate greenhouse gases. Because the EPA feels one or the other entity does, and Texas has refused, the EPA must step in.

The current Texas legislative session will consider various bills that would either prevent the EPA from spending government money in the state or would take another tack toward overriding the EPA's authority. Whatever happens, said Hester, a lengthy battle in a variety of courts, which has already begun, will continue for the foreseeable future.

"It's a great time to be an environmental lawyer in Texas," he quipped.

One argument against the EPA's ruling would be the question of whether the Federal government has the constitutional authority to override states' rulings, but Hester said that usually has little traction in the courts. In fact, added Sheila Hollis, "The GH (green house gas) genie is out of the bottle...and it's very hard to squeeze it back in the bottle now even with the change in Congress." In other words, recent court cases have ruled that the EPA does have authority to override state objections and that precedent is likely to hold sway in future rulings.

Texas, Hester stated, is the only state that has flatly refused to submit any plan for greenhouse gas regulation to the EPA. Other states have objected and are fighting it in courts, but they have put forth at least a minimal plan for regulation.

Another key issue to be addressed at the conference will be environmental issues surrounding shale and other unconventional plays.

One thing of note about the shale gas plays, Hollis pointed out, is their wide range of locations. While there are many in Texas, Pennsylvania and other traditional energy-producing states, which are familiar with the process, shale gas plays are now found in the northeast and, even in oil states they are found in nontraditional areas such as under Ft. Worth. The new locations in particular are receiving both the benefits and challenges of oil and gas production in ways areas have not seen before.

The new reserves have put the U.S. in a position of possibly becoming a net exporter of natural gas instead of an importer; a situation which, Hollis indicated, "is like turning the world upside down."

"With respect to the shale gas development…I'd say the major concern there is implications for water supply, but there are other issues that are not negligible, including land use issues, storage and all that," she stated. Positives are huge, however, for landowners, royalty owners and producers to be part of the development of a reliable domestic energy source -- and for them to benefit greatly.

In this economy, she continued, the states involved also see this chance for enhanced revenue from oil and gas taxes as "a godsend."

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LLEWELLYN KING

Rising oil prices could influence U.S. presidential politics

WASHINGTON — Like death and taxes, the price of oil is always with us. And like taxes, it may be President Obama's worst nightmare at election time next year.

Among forecasters, there is a sharp division between those who see an inexorable rise in the price of oil and those who believe it will stabilize about where it is now.

The hawks see gasoline streaking ahead to $4-a-gallon this year and $5-a-gallon in 2012.

Others say demand will collapse and it won't go that high. The federal Energy Information Administration is very conservative in its forecasts and it gives very high prices only a 10-percent chance of coming about.

Adding to the confusion is a nasty little spat between the International Energy Agency in Paris and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries over price, inventory and what OPEC calls "technical factors," such as pipelines down for repair or the loss of the Deepwater Horizon rig in the Gulf of Mexico last April 20. The IEA is saying that OPEC is keeping its production quotas low to jack up the price — currently just under $90 a barrel and the highest grade Brent crude from the North Sea as high as $99 a barrel — and it is endangering the global recovery with its actions.

But OPEC Secretary General Abdalla Salem el-Badri has taken issue with the IEA for roiling the markets with weak data and speculation. "Supplying the world's media with unrealistic assumptions and forecasts will serve only to confuse matters and create unnecessary fear in the markets," he said.

OPEC, which drastically cut back its targets for production in 2008 with the collapse of the global economy, has, in fact, increased its production by 2.3 million barrels a day while formally not changing its declared targets. OPEC controls about 42 percent of the world's oil production.

What is certain is that world is slurping up more oil than ever. The latest IEA prediction is that daily consumption is increasing and will reach 89.1 million barrels a day as the recovery proceeds. Emerging markets and China in particular are held responsible for the surge, though that could change if Beijing takes steps to slow its booming economy.

With the exception of two of the savants of the oil industry, the legendary T. Boone Pickens and former Shell Oil Company chief John Hofmeister, comment in the United States has been muted. When asked why the price of oil was so high despite the recession, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs brushed aside the question, recommending the reporter ask the secretary of the Department of Energy, a physicist who has not spoken on oil pricing: Jack Ger-

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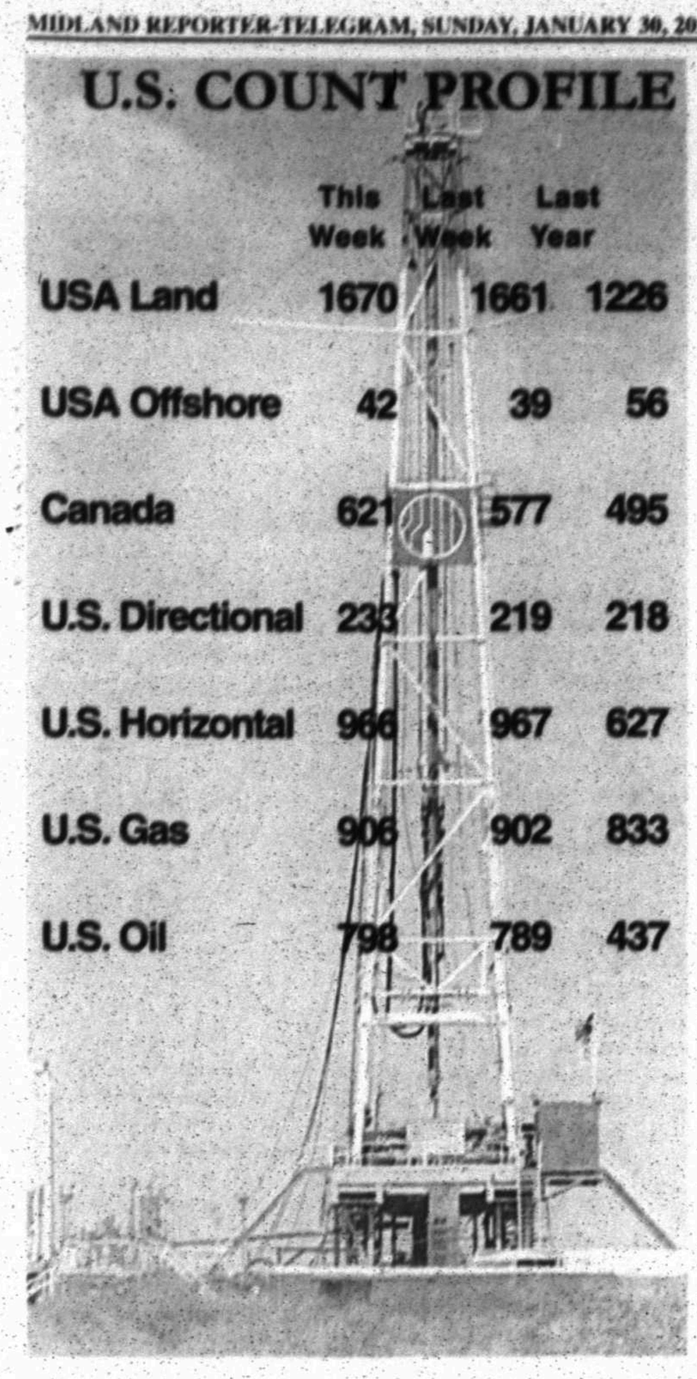

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	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
USA Land	1670	1661	1226
USA Offshore	42	39	56
Canada	621	577	495
U.S. Directional	233	219	218
U.S. Horizontal	966	967	627
U.S. Gas	906	902	833
U.S. Oil	798	789	437

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By Norman Johnson

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ard, president of the American Petroleum Institute, did not offer an explanation when he was asked the same question at a meeting in Washington.

The fact is that the price of oil is not determined only by simple supply and demand but by complex premiums and market sensitivities. It is a market that is roiled by wars and rumors of wars and, because oil was the first truly globalized commodity, the premiums can have their genesis far from the futures markets of New York and London.

Uncertainty in Russia, turmoil in Central Asia, the ongoing suspense of Iran's nuclear plans and even corrosion in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System are cranked into the price. No wonder so many hedge funds are involved in oil. Instability is mothers' milk to hedge funds.

One way or another, two things stand out: The chances are that the summer- driving season will put pressure on gasoline prices this year, after an extremely cold winter all over the Northern Hemisphere. The conservative (10 percent chance of happening) scenario by the federal Energy Information Administration says $4-a-gallon gas would come at the end of the summer.

The second reality is that the world thirst for oil has not been slaked; as the world prospers, the greater that thirst.

In 1974, the heads of 23 democracies lost their jobs because of surging energy prices. Obama, beware.

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LIFT SYSTEM

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"On north Big Spring Street you have these big pumping units and across the street are all these new houses," observed Ison. Or, added Phipps, the units would be welcome on ranches in area counties where ranchers are raising cattle.

The units bolt directly to the wellhead, eliminating the need for concrete and gravel pads and can be installed in a couple of hours using a one-ton rig or small picker.

"They come on wooden pallet that fits on the back of a standard pick-up," Phipps said.

The units are not yet able to accommodate deeper wells like the Wolfberry wells being drilled around the Midland area, which typically are drilled to between 10,000 and 11,000 feet. Ison said the limit on the linear rod pump is about 8,000 square feet. A number of the units are being installed in Andrews County, Ison said, by SandRidge Exploration & Production, on wells about 4,000 feet deep.

But, he quickly pointed out, "when I started (with Unico), they were units with a 46-inch stroke for coalbed methane wells that went to 1,500 feet." He expects units that can go deeper will soon be developed.

The linear rod pump system is not Unico's only product. The Hydraulic Rod Pump, like the Linear Rod Pump, mounts directly to the wellhead and does not require site grading or pads and is designed for deeper wells. There is also Unico's sucker-rod pump drive and electric submersible pump drive and a Crank Rod Pump that is positioned as an alternative to conventional beam pumps and progressive cavity pumps.

All come with Unico's global monitoring and control system that allows operators to monitor multiple units simultaneously online via a computer or other Internet-enabled mobile device. The system also generates comprehensive well reports and can issue alerts as needed.

Phipps said Unico is developing an application for iPhones and iPads that will let operators call up an individual well and get real-time information.

The company develops drive products for oil and gas exploration and production, including drill rig centrifuges, mud pumps, drawworks and top drives, sucker-rod pumps, progressing cavity pumps, electric submersible pumps and compressors.

"Unico started in the automobile industry," said Ison and the concepts it has applied to oil and gas exploration and production began in Unico's automotive offerings.

The goal for Ison and Phipps is to continue to expand Unico's presence in the Permian Basin, offering more sales and service which they say they hope results in more hiring and more inventory.

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For the opportunity to continue, "The producing industry has got to operate very, very responsibly or they're going to kill the goose that lays the golden egg here," Hollis said. She feels there is a heavy burden on producers to be greatly concerned about the water table and other issues.

Producers must also deal carefully with states like New York that have not previously had a significant oil and gas business presence and which are now fashioning legislation to regulate the industry. She recommended that the industry police itself as much as possible, to lessen the perceived need for outside regulation.

"It's really in the lap of the producing industry — and the pipelines, of course, but primarily the producing industry — to be sure that... due consideration is given to landowners' concerns, " land use concerns and all that set of issues are taken into account," she pointed out.

In Texas and elsewhere this portends to be a drawn-out fight. "I think the EPA is going to issue as many regulations as they can and see how many stick. That's just the way EPA does things," Hollis said. "This is a process of parry and thrust all the time."

Many shale plays are on government-owned land and on Native American lands, which add even more layers to the question of regulatory authority.

PLI, founded during the Depression days of the 1930s, was formed to provide lawyers with ongoing training. The idea for this first seminar solely dedicated to energy and environmental issues was discussed for awhile before it came to fruition, according to Anita Shapiro, who is the organization's vice president.

The University of Houston law school had approached PLI about this topic, Shapiro recalled. The school's dean, Raymond Nimmer, had been a presenter for PLI for many years, so there was a long-standing connection. But PLI only has its own conference facilities in New York and San Francisco, so working with U of H and placing the conference at a law firm in Houston put it more in the center of its interest group-lawyers practicing within the oil and gas industry.

Getting the program co-chairs in place was the most important factor, said Meghan Forgione, PLI's program attorney. Hester put together the environmental program and Hollis handled the energy side.

Program information and registration can be found at www.pli.edu.

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GLOBAL WARMING

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changes naturally," she said. "Climate scientists don't immediately jump to the conclusion people are causing these warming trends. We look first at the sun."

Solar energy has been decreasing since the 1970s and there is a solar minimization period "unprecedented since the Little Ice Age," Hayhoe said. "If climate is affected by the sun, we would be getting cooler right now. Instead temperature change is increasing faster and faster."

The current temperature change, she said, can not be explained by such natural cycles. Utilizing computer modeling programs, she said, to simulate the earth with and without people, the model with a populated plant. That showed that increased CO2 emissions from factories, power plants and transportation fuels contributed to rising temperatures.

"Basic physics says we have a natural greenhouse effect," Hayhoe said. But, she said, "the problem is we're taking the good and then adding a little more." She likened it to taking too much of a vitamin instead of the healthy recommended dose.

The increased amount of heat-causing gases trapped in the atmosphere has already increased global temperatures, she said, beginning to cause problems.

West Texas climate

Already, she said, West Texas is seeing warmer winter temperatures with less severe and less frequent cold spells. Lubbock has seen two 100-year rain events and the longest recorded dry spell in the five years she and her husband have lived there. Summer is arriving earlier with more dry days and heavy precipitation events becoming more variable.

"If you think West Texas weather is getting weirder," she said, "it is."

If the issue is not addressed, she said the region will continue seeing warmer temperatures, which will reduce water supplies as more and more water is required both for the population and to grow crops yet evaporates. Summer temperature averages will climb to the 90s and days over 100 degrees will equal about a month, while drought conditions will increase.

Those changes also mean ecosystems are shifting, she said, with Midland feeling today as El Paso did 25 years ago and Lubbock feeling like Austin.

Warming unabated

If temperatures continue to rise, she said, record high temperatures and heat saves will become more frequent with droughts and crop losses seen around the globe.

The planet's ability to absorb CO2 is being outrun by the amount being produced, she said. Yes, the United States produced 30 percent of the world's CO2 emissions, she said, but China surpassed the U.S. last year.

"The facts are we produced more in the past and others have taken over, but we all live on the same planet," she said.

There is no "magic switch," Hayhoe said, to reverse the trend, but it can be slowed by reducing emissions through efficiency, capture technology and increased use of renewables.

The future, she said, depends on choices made now.

"It's like being a patient on the operating table awaiting a bypass and saying 'Wait! I've changed my mind. I'm going to start eating healthier and hire a personal trainer.' It's too late," she said.

Making changes now, she said, will require less adaptation and suffering in the future.

"Educate yourselves," she urged. "Make smart choices. Adaptation doesn't mean going off the grid or never taking a shower again. It means reducing use of resources, reusing what you can and recycling resources."

Even if, she concluded, "you think global warming is a myth or not caused by humans, what do you have against conserving what resources we have?"

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ND oil industry value tripled from 2005 to 2009

By James MacPherson
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — The economic impact of North Dakota's oil industry more than tripled between 2005 and 2009, from $4.2 billion to $12.7, according to a study released by North Dakota State University.

The $30,000 study paid for by the North Dakota Petroleum Council looked at the gross business volume of oil and gas production, exploration, refining, payroll and other activity. Gross business volume accounts for "dollars circulated and re-circulated in the economy," said research scientist Dean Bangsund, one of the study's authors.

The direct impact of oil and gas development in the state increased from $1.29 billion in 2005 to $4.9 billion in 2009, the study said.

Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, said the study validates what most people in North Dakota already know: "The industry is growing substantially."

The oil industry accounted for 18,328 full-time jobs in North Dakota in 2009, more than triple the jobs in 2005, the report said. The number of active oil wells increased from 3,391 in 2005 to 4,190 in 2009. Each new well adds an estimated $3 million impact on the state's economy, the study said.

Bangsund, who wrote the report with Larry Leistriz, a professor in NDSU's agribusiness and applied economics department, said the results "shouldn't come as a surprise to anybody."

Gov. Jack Dalrymple said the study confirms that the oil industry's contribution to North Dakota's economy has grown rapidly. But with it has come greater costs for road repairs and other infrastructure improvements in oil-producing counties in western North Dakota, he said.

"We want this great development to continue doing great things for our state," Dalrymple said. "All of this is positive as long as we don't let infrastructure become a problem."

He has recommended that the Legislature spend $229 million repairing and improving state roads in the oil-producing region during the next two years. Dalrymple's plan includes $142 million in road aid for counties and townships.

North Dakota's oil boom started in the mid-2000s with advances in horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing techniques. Hydraulic fracturing, a process that uses pressurized fluid and chemicals to break open oil-bearing rock some two miles underground. Cracks, propped open by injected sand or ceramic materials, provide a pathway for oil to flow to the well.

Bangsund and Ness predicted the 2009 economic impact numbers will soon be overshadowed by those from 2010, a year of record production.

"Last year will be a magnitude bigger than 2009 but we don't have all the data to look at that yet," Bangsund said.

State officials estimated North Dakota produced about 110 million barrels in 2010, up from 79.7 million in 2009. Ness estimated the number of jobs in the industry has increased to 25,000, and there are now about 5,300 producing oil wells.

North Dakota mineral rights owners received $559 million in lease and royalty payments in 2009, up from $302 million in 2007, the study said.

MID-WEEK WTI POSTED PRICES

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 1/26/11	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$4.216	$4.491	$5.485
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$3.910	$4.227	$5.565
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$3.793	$4.069	$5.399
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$3.895	$4.127	$5.555
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$3.860	$4.062	$5.605
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$3.935	$4.218	$5.556
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$4.183	$4.341	$5.691

PERMIAN BASIN

TEXAS

DIST. #7C

Coke	2
Concho	0
Crockett	6
Irion	7
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	13
Runnels	2
Schleicher	2
Sutton	2
Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	24

DIST. #8

Andrews	36
Brewster	0
Crane	4
Culberson	4
Ector	17
Glasscock	29
Howard	9
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	2
Martin	38
Midland	34
Mitchell	2
Pecos	1
Presidio	0
Reeves	16
Sterling	1
Ward	10
Winkler	4

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	4
Cochran	1
Cottle	0
Crosby	0
Dawson	2
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	5
Garza	2
Hale	0
Hockley	3
Kent	0
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	3
Terry	0
Yoakum	2
TEXAS TOTAL	284

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	3
Eddy	33
Lea	22
Roosevelt	0
N.M. TOTAL	58

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ENERGY WATCH

Don't be surprised when inevitable market correction comes

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Barron's magazine ran a quote this past weekend commenting on the remarkable events since 2007: "Who would have imagined it two years ago? Treasury officials invited the CEOs of banks rescued with public funds to compete to lead the offering of the government's stake in American International Group (AIG), whose need for a federal bailout helped necessitate the bank's rescue in the first place. Coming weeks after some banks underwrote the profitable GM offering, it seems the government's investment spree of 2008 and 2009 is the gift that keeps giving - to the government and the banks." And that's just part of the irony.

The government's stake in AIG is so large and likely profitable to the winning underwriters that it made for further irony. In typical public offerings, there are "pitch persons" or investment banking personnel, not the CEOs, who present the merits of their firm undertaking the services being requested by the companies offering the stock. But this was exactly the scene last week as CNBC's cameras caught CEOs of several banks arriving at AIG headquarters. These were the same banks whose CEOs testified before congressional panels not all that long ago about alleged subpar business practices that, in part, led up to the worst of the 2007-2008 financial crisis.

Perhaps the greatest irony is how far the economy, banks and financial markets have come since the period when many investors thought the world was ending. The major stock market averages made it seven in a row to the upside last week. Economic news was a little more mixed, but on balance, the news showed an economy chugging along in a slow recovery with benign inflation. The monthly poll of 50 economists in Blue Chip Economic Indicators released last week painted a picture of increased growth expectations, even to the point that fourth quarter 2010 growth, expected to average +3.2 percent, could exceed the 2007 prerecession peak. Another important factor is the forecaster's bias that risk to inflation is to the upside of the consensus 2011 forecast of +2.0. That brings us to interest rates.

The 10-year Treasury note rose nearly 1.25 percent between mid-October and mid-December, which spooked investors at that point. Since then, however, rates have churned in a very narrow range and are below the December level. This, in turn, has yields off the front page as serious current threat for investor's dollars. Corporate profits continue to rise after early returns from fourth quarter figures. The banks and other financial are taking a leadership role, which bodes well for the life of the rally. One newspaper account last week said the major banks may begin paying dividend again after a three year gap.

The stock market's performance has been remarkable, to say the least, since the March 2009 low, which we have described as an absolute panic low based upon a high probability at the time that the major financial institutions would never exist again as we know them. The S&P 500 has nearly doubled since then, and more recent performance is equally impressive. Since the July 2010 lows, the S&P 500 has risen 26 percent, and with the 10 percent rally just since December1, 2010, the major averages have increased what, based on 84 years of history, it normally takes a year to accomplish.

We do not believe it is prudent to call a top on the stock market at this time, but we are sounding more caution about the same theme mentioned in the last several weeks in this piece. Corrections are inevitable, and the stock market is still a two-way street. It is not a question of whether a correction will occur, but it's a question of when. So let's not be surprised when it comes.

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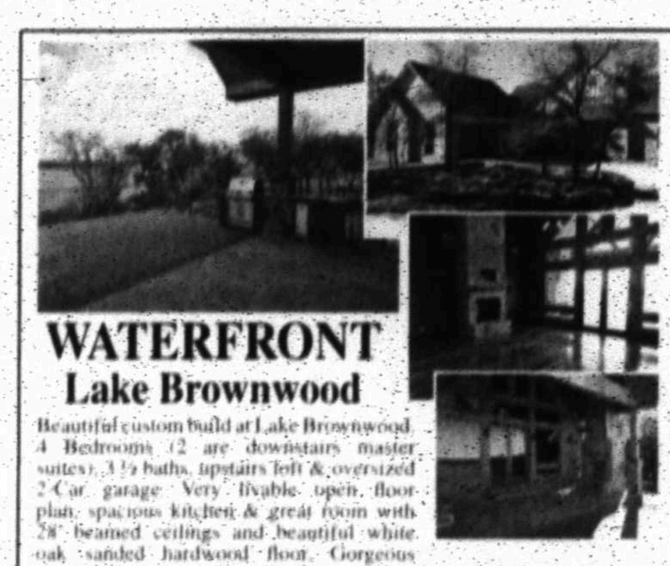

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8:30 - 9:20: Protecting Your Assets
9:30 - 11:30: H_2S Certification
11:30 - 1:00: Lunch
1:00 - 2:00: H_2S Certification
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Alaska governor says tax debate comes down to jobs

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Gov. Sean Parnell said Thursday that the issue of whether to cut oil taxes comes down to a simple question: How important are new jobs to legislators?

Parnell has proposed changing the way Alaska calculates its oil production tax as a way to boost industry investment, create jobs and get more oil flowing through the 800-mile trans-Alaska pipeline.

The governor, along with some House Republicans who have also proposed changes, believe urgent action is needed, given that oil is Alaska's economic lifeblood and production is declining.

But some members of the Senate's bipartisan ruling bloc and the House's Democratic minority say they haven't seen proof yet that the tax needs fixing. A report released this week by the state revenue department said multiple changes to the production tax in recent years have made it difficult to tell whether the tax is hurting or helping industry.

Senate President Gary Stevens said Thursday that no one he's talked to is "adamantly opposed" to looking at the issue. But he said lawmakers need to get the facts first and avoid rash decisions, even if that means taking up the issue next year.

"I'm not sure that in three months' time we can get all of this done," he said.

Parnell said any talk of putting off the issue until next year, or until a special session, even, is "kind of code for, 'We don't want to deal with this right now.'"

"There is plenty of time to do the due diligence, get the analysis in front of the committees, get the public fully informed and make a decision," he told reporters during his first news conference of the legislative session, which began Tuesday. "I used to be a senator, and I'll tell you what. The Senate can move pretty darn fast when it wants to."

He said his administration would provide the information necessary to help lawmakers make a decision — and do so within the confines of the 90-day session.

Parnell has said his own research lent credence to industry complaints that the tax is onerous and a disincentive to investing here. But he wants industry to publicly testify to the need for change and how a tax cut will translate to more activity in Alaska.

An analysis shows the tax-rate change alone in Parnell's bill — which includes a suite of other incentives, including tax credits — would cost the state treasury more than $5 billion over five fiscal years.

According to the Department of Revenue, the barely three-year-old tax — which features a base rate of 25 percent, and a progressive surcharge triggered when a company's net profits top $30 a barrel — brought in nearly $3 billion in tax revenues in fiscal year 2010, slightly less than in 2009.

Bills proposed by Parnell and House Republicans, including Rep. Mike Hawker and Speaker Mike Chenault, would change how the surcharge is assessed.

"We can, quote, 'lose' $5 billion in state revenue with tax changes and create more jobs for Alaskans, and Alaska's savings account could still grow, depending upon the assumptions used," Parnell said. He has noted that the state has more than $11 billion in savings.

"So, you know, this notion that we are here to grow the state government savings account ... I think that's backward. I want to grow the economy," he said. "And that's the discussion, that's a healthy discussion that I think can take place here in these halls."

House Finance Committee co-chairman Bill Stoltze said he doesn't see much reason to hear many bills that aren't related to the budget or keeping oil flowing through the pipeline, priorities of the House GOP.

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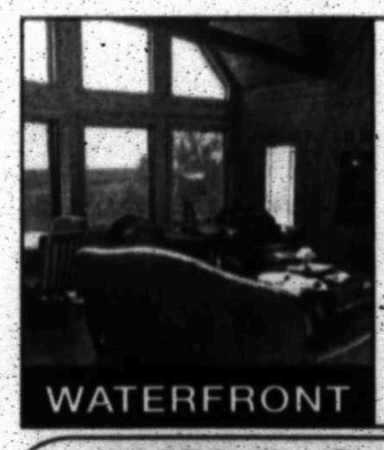
Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell listens to a question from a member of the media during a news conference in Juneau, Alaska Thursday.



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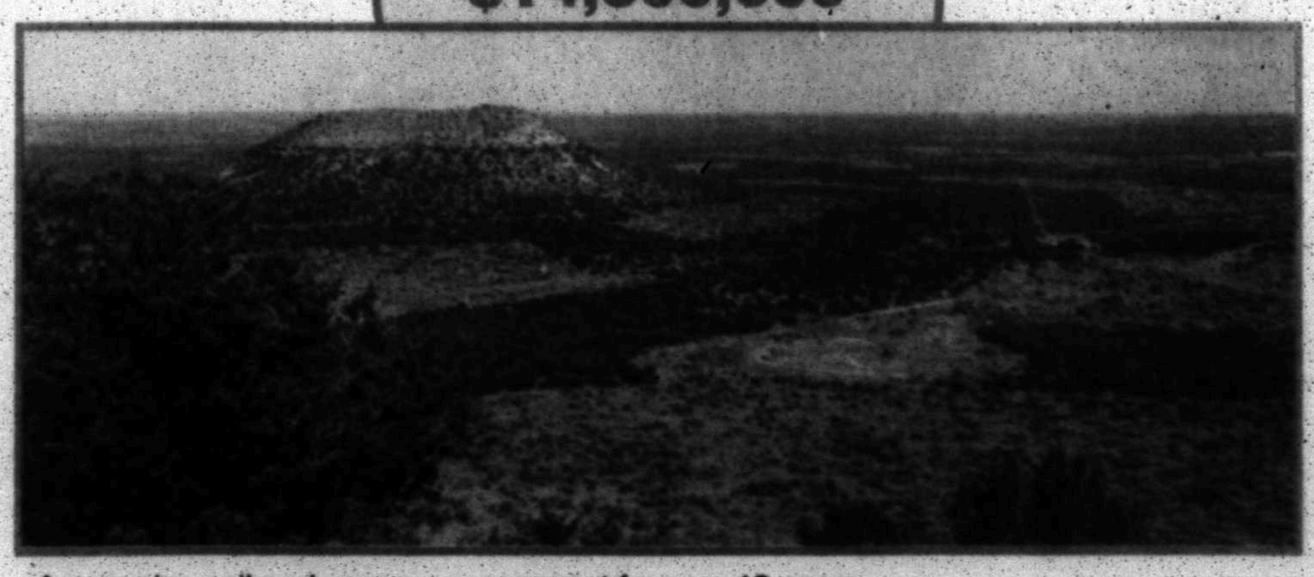

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Goldsmith (Clearfork); 990 fswl, 2,310 fsel, Sec 4, Blk 44, T-2-S, Abst 825, T&P RR, 6 se Penwell; TD 6,048; Comp 10-16-10; producing from 5,560-5,938, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 4,976 bbls. fluid, 147,500# sand; pump 56 BO, 6 MCF, 391 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40466

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
CVX "1" #11
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1,525 fsl, 990 fsl, Sec 1, Blk 45, T-2-S, Abst 381, T&P RR, 8 nw Goldsmith; TD 6,095; Comp 9-16-10; producing from 5,698-5,876, treated with 6,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 5,587 bbls. fluid, 213,500# sand; pump 12 BO, 20 MCF,425 BW, 38 Oil Gravity, API #42-135-40361

Glasscock County

Sheridan Production Company
Howard W. Glasscock G-6 Unit #134R
Howard-Glasscock; 393 fsl, 1,635 fel, Sec 14, Blk 33, T-2-S, T&P RR, 12 s Big Spring; TD 2,715; Comp 2-16-10; producing from 2,408-2,608, treated with 6,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe-HCL; pump 7 BO, 163 BW, 35 Oil Gravity, API #42-173-33577

Howard County

Apache Corp.
Frances Gunn "A" #70
Spraberry (Trend Area); 600 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 27, Abst 1351, H&TC RR, 14.1 ne Coahoma; TD 6,928; Comp 10-24-10; producing from 6,670-6,690, treated with 3,000 gals. acid, 93,685# sand; pump 30 BO, 50 MCF, 29 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36445

Martin County

Opal Resources Operating Co. LLC
Barbera #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 470 fnl, 470 fel, Labor 19, League 264, Kent CSL; 21.3 nw Lenorah; TD 11,250; Comp 2-8-10; producing from 7,984-11,172, treated3d with 26,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 21,896 bbls. crosslink gel, 1,560,120# sanbd; pump 41 BO, 45 MCF, 102 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-35581

Pecos County

Olsen Energy INc.
L.H. Millar et al #13
Girvintex (Middle Queen)-Plugback from Chenot (Wolfcamp); 467 fnl, 2,308 fel, Sec 63, Blk 11, H&GN RR, 6.2 s Girvin; TD 4,700; Comp 11-1-10; producing from 1,382-1,394, treated with 2,000 gals.7.5 percent HCL, flow 30 MCF, 25 BW on full choke, FTp 50 psi; API #42-371-31717

Sterling County

Chevron USA Inc.
Sterling "Y" Fee #9
Conger, Southwest (Wolfcamp)-Plugback from Conger Southwest (Pennsylvanian); 660 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 43, Blk 2, Abst 540, T&P RR, 20 ne Sterling City; TD 8,680; Comp 6-27-10; producing from 6,920-7,654; fracture stimulated; pump 41 BO, 60 MCF, 56 BW, 41 Oil Gravity, API #42-431-32750

Ward County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Sealy Smith Foundation #1009
Monahans (Wolfcamp-Ellenburger Consolidated); 1 fsl, 1,695 fwl, Sec 37, Blk A, Abst 78, G&MB&A, 3.9 n Monahans; TD 8,545; Comp 9-6-10; producing from 8,016-8,026, treated with 85,443# sand; pump 120 BO, 193 MCF, 114 BW, 38.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-35599

Texas RRCD 8A

Gaines County

Energen Resources Corp.
Suzy Q "291" #3
Robertson North (Clearfork 7100); 2,310 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 291, Blk G, WT RR, 6 sw Seminole; TD 7,480; Comp 9-16-10; producing from 6,156-7,223, treated with 76,830 gals. crosslinked borate gel, 106,231# sand, 16,004 gals. 15 percent HCL DI; pump 35 BO, 404 BW, 30.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37139

Texland Petroleum LP
Monument Draw #2
Boydell South (Lower Clearfork); 1,798 fsl, 2,020 fwl, Sec 23, Blk A-27, Abst 372, PSL, 27 se Seminole; TD 7,706; Comp 8-12-10; producing from 6,997-7,042, treated with 53 bbls.15 percent HCL, sand; pump 22 BO, 15 MCF, 10 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37174

Lubbock County

R.L. Adkins Corp.
Lindsey #1
Broadview West (Clearfork); 467 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 41, Blk P, Abst 300, BS&F, 5.5 sw Shallowater; TD 5,958; Comp 7-14-10; producing from 5,739-5,811; treated with 9,500 gals. acid; pump 10 BO, 15 BW, 28 Oil Gravity; API #42-303-31521

Yoakum County

Apache Corp.
Roberts Unit #2749
Wasson; 205 fsl, 680 fel, Sec 767, Blk D, Abst 102, J.H. Gibson, 4.6 nw Denver City; TD 5,410; Comp 8-5-10; producing from 4,983-5,233, treated with 3,000 gals. acid, 3,450 gals. linear gel, 82,960# sand; pump 85 BO, 55 MCF, 808 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-501-35700

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
County Line 1 Fed #2
County Line Tank; T16S, R29E, Sec 1, 330 FSL 330 FWL; EL 3743 GR; TD 2800; PBTD 2752; Spud 9-25-08; Comp 2-24-10; production is through treated perfs: 2569-2571; Treat: 55587 gals 30# liner gel, 44,119# 16/30 white sd; IP: 3-19-10 Pump 24 hrs 3.33 BO, 20 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 36.24; API #30-015-37055

Nadel & Gussman Heyco, LLC
Aid State #4
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 13, 1650 FSL 330 FEL; EL 3692 GL; TD 5400; PBTD 5284; Spud 6-8-10; Comp 7-15-10; production is through treated perfs: 3854-4046; Treat: 620419 gals 20# xlink w/699398# 16/30 prop; IP: 7-29-10 Pump 24 hrs 53 BO, 540 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 38; API #30-015-37790

Nadel & Gussman Heyco, LLC
Aid State #6
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 13, 2310 FNL 330 FEL; EL 3701 GL; TD 5400; PBTD 5324; Spud 7-5-10; Comp 8-12-10; production is through treated perfs: 3876-4094; Treat: 635812 gals 20# x-link w/666522# 16/30 prop; IP: 8-30-10 Pump 24 hrs 40 BO, 469 BW, 0 MCF; API #30-015-37845

COG Oper. LLC
Firecracker State #3
East Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 14; 330 FSL 940 FEL; EL 3652 GR; TD 5320; PBTD 5130; Spud 3-9-10; Comp 4-13-10; production is through treated perfs: 4180-4380; Treat: Acdz w/10,000 gals acid, Frac w/354,878 gals gel, 75875# SiberProp, 399,979# 16/30 White sd; IP: 6-1-10 Pump 24 hrs 74 BO, 678 BW, 160 MCF, Gty 38.5; API #30-015-37347

COG Oper. LLC
Firecracker State #11
East Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 14; 1650 FSL 990 FEL; EL 3620 GR; TD 5428; PBTD 5353; Spud 6-29-10; Comp 7-30-10; production is through perfs: 4270-5010; IP: 8-30-10 Pump 24 hrs 27 BO, 200 BW, 57 MCF, API #30-015-37503

COG Oper. LLC
White Oak State #21
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 23; 990 FNL 990 FEL; EL 3674 GL; TD 5350; PBTD 5310; Spud 8-14-10; Comp 9-16-10; production is through perfs: 4270-5010; IP: 9-26-10 Pump 24 hrs 52 BO, 400 BW, 22 MCF, API #30-015-37865

Lea County

Apache Corp.
East Blinebry Drinkard Unit #101
North Eunice; T21S, R37E, Sec 11; 2230 FNL 1155 FWL; EL 3441 GL; TD 7211; PBTD 7007; Spud 6-29-10; Comp 8-4-10; production is through treated perfs: 5647-6086; Treat: 16720 gals 15% NEFE, 18732 gals + 47.4 bbls 2% KCL, 183688 gals SS-25, 296816 gals linear gel, 23142# sd; IP: 8-20-10 Pump 24 hrs 60 BO, 49 BW, 281 MCF, GOR 4683, Gty 37.2; API #30-025-39678

Apache Corp.
East Blinebry Drinkard Unit #98
North Eunice; T21S, R37E, Sec 12; 990 FNL 330 FWL; EL 3459 GL; TD 7211; PBTD 7147; Spud 7-7-10; Comp 8-16-10; production is through treated perfs: 5735-6035; Treat: 15911 gals 15% NEFE, 13356 gals + 47 bbls 2% KCL, 158634 gals SS-25, 65772 gals linear gel, 290265# sd; IP: 9-1-10 Pump 24 hrs 74 BO, 157 BW, 409 MCF, GOR 5527, Gty 36.6; API #30-025-39645

Apache Corp.
Turner #25
Penrose Skelly; T21S, R37E, Sec 22; 2310 FSL 835 FWL; EL 3420 GL; TD 4405; PBTD 4351; Spud 8-26-10; Comp 9-29-10; production is through treated perfs: 3770-3937; Treat: 3000 gals Hcl, 101 bbls 1% KCl, 34,986# SS-30, 104,460# sd, 3570 gals gel; IP: 10-18-10 Pump 24 hrs 37 BO, 162 BW, 129 MCF, GOR 3486, Gty 32.6; API #30-025-39825

Resaca Oper. Co.
Cooper Jal Unit #511
Jalmat/Langlie Mattix; T24S, R36E, Sec 24; 980 FNL 2280 FWL; EL 3322 GL; TD 3772; PBTD 3723; Spud 9-10-08; Comp 11-6-08; production is through treated perfs: 3022-3241; Treat: 7200 gals + 214 bbls 15% NEFE + 207 tons Co2; IP: 11-10-08 Pump 24 hrs 12 BO, 250 BW, 39 MCF, Gty 37.7; API #30-025-39104

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Approach Oper. LLC
University 42-23 #14
Wildcat-D; UL, A-U373, Blk 42, Sec 23; 1320 FNL 2640 FWL of lse; 1320 FNL 2640 FWL of survey, 14 miles NE of Ozona; obj: 9000; permit #707988; API #105-41244

Irion County

Exco Res., Inc.
Renfro "11" #5
Wildcat-D; Sheen, W D, A-1005, Blk N/A, Sec 11, 736 FNL 500 FEL of lse; 736 FNL 500 FEL of survey, 15 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 8000; permit #707953; API #235-34638

Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
Russell #22
Wildcat-D; Gibson, J H, A-321, Blk N/A, Sec 37, 820 FEL 4505 FSL of lse; 820 FEL 810 FNL of survey, 9 miles NE of Ft. McKavett; obj: 4200; permit #707601; API #327-31101

Nichols, Edwin Expl. Inc
ESN Lund Gren #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Storm, C, A-1506, Blk N/A, Sec 24, 467 FEL 467 FSL of lse; 467 FEL 467 FSL of survey; 8 miles W of Menard; obj: 2000; permit #707834; API #327-31102

Reagan County

Broad Oak Energy, Inc.
Sugg -B- #109L
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co., A-627, Blk 2, Sec 109, 3313 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 660 FWL of survey, 22 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 10000; permit #707960; API #383-37127

Broad Oak Energy, Inc.
SRH -B- #26E
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Rudd, E J, A-406, Blk 1, Sec 26; 3523 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 1780 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 16 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 10000; permit #707964; API #383-37128

Runnels County

Spence Energy Co.
Schaefer #1
Wildcat-D; BS & F, A-62, Blk N/A, Sec 199, 476 FNL 750 FEL of lse; 476 FNL 2350 FEL of survey, 1.8 miles SW of Rowena; obj: 2700; permit #707729; API #399-35246

Schleicher County

Samson Lone Star, LLC
Murphy, A.M. #10
Wildcat-D; TC RR Co., A-592, Blk LL, Sec 21, 1950 FWL 725 FSL of lse; 1950 FWL 725 FSL of survey; 8 miles NW of Eldorado; obj: 9000; permit #707917; API #413-32721

Samson Lone Star, LLC
Meador, T.C. 20 #4
Wildcat-D; TC RR Co./Craft, S L, A-940, Blk LL, Sec 20, 2020 FWL 2020 FNL of lse; 2020 FWL 2020 FNL of survey, 8 miles NW of Eldorado; obj: 9000; permit #707926; API #413-32722

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Culberson County

Capitan Energy, Inc.
W A #1
Wildcat-D; PSL/Bethard, W J, A-4496, Blk 113, Sec 5, 2677 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 2677 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 49 miles N of Kent; obj: 12000; permit #707762; API #109-32357

Ector County

Windsor Permian LLC
Hurt #1308
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co., A-90, Blk 42, T1S, Sec 13, 1675 FNL 975 FEL of lse; 1675 FNL 975 FEL of survey, 7.9 miles N of Odessa; obj: 10900; permit #704221; API #135-40611

Glasscock County

Ruwco Oil & Gas Corp.
Clay 166 #1
Wildcat-D; W & NW RR Co./Wilson, T B, A-736, Blk 29, Sec 166, 1800 FEL 467 FSL of lse; 1800 FEL 467 FSL of survey, 4.3 miles SE of Forsan; obj: 9800; permit #700782; API #173-33760

Nadel & Gussman Permian, LLC
Red Devil24 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Barton, W F, A-775, Blk 32, T4S, Sec 24, 660 FNL 990 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 990 FEL of survey; 7 miles E of Garden City; obj: 9650; permit: #707765; API #173-33923

Howard County

Energen Res. Corp.
Coates 41 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co., A-423, Blk 34, T1S, Sec 41, 660 FSL 2140 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 2140 FWL of survey; 13 miles SW of Big Spring; obj: 11500; permit #707746; API #227-36563

Element Pet. Oper., LLC
McCrary 19 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co., A-311, Blk 33, T1N, Sec 19, 660 FNL 663 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 4 miles NW of Big Spring; obj: 11000; permit #701368; API #227-36477

Reeves County

Thompson, J. Cleo
Apollo 2 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Poer, W E, A-1347, Blk 51, T7S, Sec 2, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL of survey, 10.4 miles NW of Pecos; obj: 13500; permit #707779; API #389-32726

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Dawson County

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD
Thomas "24" #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./McWhorter, W B, A-617, Blk 35, T5N, Sec 24, 832 FSL 1280 FEL of lse; 1808 FNL 1280 FEL of survey; 6 miles SE of Lamesa; obj: 8800; permit #707945; API #115-33363

Cambrian Mgmt., LTD.
Newbrough #1
Wildcat-Re-Enter; Moore CSL/League 270/Labor 12, A-410, Blk N/A, Sec N/A, 1319 FEL 2105 FSL of lse; 1319 FEL 693 FNL of survey; 5.4 miles NW of Patricia; obj: 12500; permit #701324; API #115-10257

Gaines County

Clark, John M., Inc.
Brady #1
Wildcat-D; W T RR Co., A-270, Blk G, Sec 165, 616 FNL 515 FWL of lse; 616 FNL 2128 FEL of survey; 3.5 miles NE of Seminole; obj: 5800; permit #707950; API #165-37290

Garza County

Sharp Image Energy, Inc
Close City 1405 #1
Wildcat-D; EL & RR RR Co., A-297, Blk 1, Sec 1405, 470 FNL 998 FEL of lse; 470 FNL 1936 FWL of survey; 10 miles W of Post; obj: 9800; permit #707774; API #169-34033

New Mexico

Lea County

Yates Pet. Corp.
Zapata BQZ State Com #1
Wildcat; T26S, R32E, Sec 2, 330 FSL 2180 FWL; 14 miles SW of Ochoa; Rot 14269 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40001

ND bill would pay landowners share of oil income

By Dale Wetzel
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota landowners who must allow oil companies to drill on their land should share in the profits, because energy exploration has brought them headaches while cutting them out of the bounty, a group of lawmakers said.

Sen. John Andrist, R-Crosby, is advocating legislation that would set aside 8 percent of an oil well's regular royalty payments for property owners whose land is within the well's drilling area, but who do not own the mineral rights they need to claim a share of oil production revenues. A common drilling unit is 1,280 acres, or two square miles.

In western North Dakota, where oil production has boomed in recent years, farmers and ranchers often do not own the rights to produce oil, coal and other minerals beneath the surface of their land.

However, owners of mineral rights may insist on access to the surface of the land to allow developers to extract the oil or coal — even if the surface rights are owned by someone else.

North Dakota law already provides compensation for damage to land upon which an oil rig sits, but lawmakers told the North Dakota Senate's Natural Resources Committee many landowners in the drilling area suffer property damage without compensation.

Andrist said dust from roads used by heavy trucks that haul oil, water and equipment settles onto nearby farm fields, cutting into crop yields. Dust-covered pasture land is less useful for fattening cattle, he said.

"I have no quarrel with mineral owners. I'm a free-market guy," Andrist said. "I just happen to believe that their right to harvest minerals should include some compensation for the guy that provides the door to get to those minerals."

The committee will review the bill before deciding whether to recommend what the full Senate should do with it, said the panel's chairman, Sen. Stanley Lyson, R-Williston.

Kristian Sorum, of Flaxton, a Burke County community in North Dakota's northwestern corner, said he has had to contend with oil development problems both on land that he owns and property that he rents for farming.

Trucks leave huge ruts in his fields, he has had part of a durum wheat crop mowed down, and oil workers who spray weed killers at the well site have not taken precautions that the spray will drift onto nearby crops, Sorum said.

"I'm not getting paid anything for damages to my crops," he said. "It's up to us to try to get those. I don't think it's fair that I have to be constantly working to try to get whole again. It is just very frustrating."

Todd Kranda, a lobbyist for the North Dakota Petroleum Council, said the council found in a recent survey that most property owners have been able to negotiate satisfactory resolutions of damage claims.

Andrist's proposed law would reduce the income of royalty recipients and upset existing negotiated agreements between mineral rights owners and oil companies, Kranda said. He said the industry has taken pains to keep local residents abreast of industry doings by holding more than 20 "town hall" meetings.

"There is not a major problem that is trying to be addressed or solved by this legislation, in our opinion," Kranda said.

Ron Ness, president of the Petroleum Council, said a new North Dakota State University study of the oil industry's economic impact on the state estimated that producers paid $800 million in royalties to landowners in 2009.

North Dakota's Land Department, which manages more than 2.5 million acres of mineral rights, collected about $85 million in royalty payments last year, and $56.5 million in 2009, said Lance Gaebe, the state land commissioner. An 8 percent bite of last year's royalties would equal about $6.8 million.

Steve Pine, president of Great Northern Energy Inc., a Bismarck land services company, said the bill had no link between a landowner's alleged damage and the royalty payment he might receive.

"We call this the Robin Hood bill — taking from one party and giving it to another without just compensation," Pine said. "I don't know how you can

Dale Wetzel/AP

Kristian Sorum, who farms near Flaxton, N.D., in northwestern North Dakota, speaks Jan. 14 at a North Dakota Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing on legislation that would require a percentage of an oil well's royalty payments to be paid to landowners who own property within the oil well's drilling space. Sorum says landowners often do not have the right to payments from oil production on their land, but they must put up with the problems caused by oil drilling.

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
Russell #20
Dannymae (Lower Cisco "A")-D; Zollner, J H; A-828, Blk N/A, Sec 1601; 2088 FWL 3412 FSL of lse; 667 FEL 1918 FNL of survey; 9 miles NE of Ft McKavett; obj 2500; permit #707597; API #327-31099

Reagan County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
SRH "8A" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Red House (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Isgrig, B F; A-228, Blk 1, Sec 8; 1317 FWL 467 FSL of lse; 467 FSL 1332 FEL of survey; 17.2 miles SE of Big Lake; obj 9900; permit #702557; API #383-36994

Upton County

COG Oper. LLC
Powell "36" #12
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Rankin, J P; A-872, Blk 41, T5S, Sec 36; 1980 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 23.6 miles NW of Rankin; obj 12000; permit #707518; API #461-37155

COG Oper. LLC
Railway Ranch "18" #11
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; T & P RR Co./Odessa Ranch Co.; A-1473, Blk 41, T5S, Sec 18; 1730 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 1730 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 27.4 miles NW of Rankin; obj 12000; permit #706679; API #461-37117

JM Cox Res., L.P.
Powell "30" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Rankin, J P; A-870, Blk 40, T5S, Sec 30; 474 FWL 510 FSL of lse; 474 FWL 2147 FNL of survey; 24 miles NW of Rankin; obj 12000; permit #707714; API #461-37161

WTG Expl.
Virgil Powell "A" #3
Pegasus, S. (Bend) & Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-909, Blk 41, T5S, Sec 28; 660 FSL 1980 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 25 miles NW of Rankin; obj 11000; permit #707754; API #461-37162

Callon Pet. Oper. Co.
Neal #606
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Blue Danube (Strawn)-D; EL & RR RR Co./Rankin, W T; A-877, Blk A, Sec 6, 709 FEL 2049 FSL of lse; 591 FNL 709 FEL of survey; 5.4 miles NE of Rankin; obj 10600; permit #707809; API #461-37167

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Andrews County

Henry Res. LLC
Casselman #3207
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Massey, H A; A-778, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 32; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 25.3 miles SW of Stanton; obj 11000; permit #706271; API #003-42323

Henry Res. LLC
Casselman #3200
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Massey, H A; A-778, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 32; 467 FNL 1891 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 1891 FEL of survey; 25.3 miles SW of Stanton; obj 11000; permit #706277; API #003-42328

Henry Res. LLC
Casselman #3214
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Massey, H A; A-778, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 32; 2075 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 2075 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 25.3 miles SW of Stanton; obj 11000; permit #706274; API #003-42326

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
Andrews University 26-4 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Magutex (Strawn)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 4, Sec 26; 684 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 684 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 10.6 miles NE of Andrews; obj 11500; permit #707761; API #003-42450

Energen Res. Corp.
Northeast Fuhrman-Mascho Unit #601
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Sherrill, W L; A-1371, Blk A43, Sec 6; 1513 FNL 2451 FWL of lse; 1513 FNL 196 FEL of survey; 5.7 miles SW of Andrews; obj 4900; permit #707436; API #003-42437

Ector County

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Steakley 44 #3
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./Williams, N G; A-832, Blk 44, T1S, Sec 44; 357 FNEL 990 FSEL of lse; 990 FSWL 990 FSEL of survey; 8 miles N of Penwell; obj 12000; permit #707640; API #135-40712

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
CVX 6 #39
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./Vest, F; A-823, Blk 44, T2S, Sec 6; 332 FSL 1650 FEL of lse; 2310 FNL 1650 FEL of survey; 8 miles NW of Penwell; obj 6100; permit #707759; API #135-40719

Occidental Permian LTD.
Goldsmith-Landreth/Deep/Unit #422
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./Wight, G S; A-827, Blk 44, T1N, Sec 28; 4136 FSL 4235 FEL of lse; 1491 FSL 2472 FWL of survey; 2.1 miles NW of Goldsmith; obj 6500; permit #707501; API #135-40715

Glasscock County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Overton, B. -A- #32
Howard Glasscock-D; T & P RR Co./Phillips, J J; A-1257, Blk 32, T2S, Sec 8; 2290 FSL 1669 FWL of lse; 2290 FSL 1985 FEL of survey; 12 miles SE of Big Spring; obj 3400; permit #707408; API #173-33907

Howard County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Guitar "27" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & J.L.M. (Mississippian)-D; Bauer & Cockrell; A-576, Blk A, Sec 27; 660 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 6.4 miles SW of Knott; obj 12000; permit #692474; API #227-36347

Martin County

Linn Oper., Inc.
Madison #22A
Spraberry (Trend Area)&(Wolfcamp, Lower)-D; T & P RR Co./Knudson, J A/Wilson, A A; A-966, Blk 35, T2N, Sec 22; 467 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 15 miles N of Stanton; obj 12000; permit #707565; API #317-36539

Linn Oper., Inc.
Guitar #50
Spraberry (Trend Area)&(Wolfcamp, Lower)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-43, Blk 35, T1N, Sec 5; 467 FSL 520 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 2170 FEL of survey; 10 miles N of Stanton; obj 12000; permit #707564; API #317-36541

Opal Res. Oper. Co., LLC
University 6-15 #4
Breedlove, South (Strawn)-Recompletion; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 6, Sec 15; 2147 FNL 1397 FEL of lse; 2147 FNL 1397 FEL of survey; 23.6 miles NW of Lenorah; obj 11202; permit #707496; API #317-35785

Hibernia Res., LLC
Graham #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co.; A-256, Blk 37, T1S, Sec 1; 724 FWL 1298 FNL of lse; 724 FWL 1298 FNL of survey; 6 miles NW of Stanton; obj 10580; permit #707853; API #317-34598

Midland County

Henry Res. LLC
Bohannon38 #11
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Nutt, P S; A-1229, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 38; 2030 FSL 525 FEL of lse; 2030 FSL 2183 FWL of survey; 11.5 miles NW of Midland; obj 11000; permit #706264; API #329-36968

Henry Res. LLC
Casselman8 #10
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Aycock, B N; A-1457, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 8; 660 FNL 1980 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 10.3 miles NW of Midland; obj 11000; permit #705876; API #329-36933

Henry Res. LLC
Casselman10 #9
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Aycock, B M; A-1386, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 10; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 8.7 miles NW of Midland; obj 11000; permit #706288; API #329-36973

Henry Res. LLC
Casselman40 #15
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Quinn, M L; A-1139, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 40; 660 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 10.1 miles NW of Midland; obj 11000; permit #705930; API #329-36952

Henry Res. LLC
Casselman8 #16
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Aycock, B N; A-1457, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 8; 660 FSL 1890 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 1890 FEL of survey; 10.3 miles NW of Midland; obj 11000; permit #705883; API #329-36936

Henry Res. LLC
Bohannon36 #14
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Toliver, B A; A-1147, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 36; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 13.3 miles NW of Midland; obj 11000; permit #705546; API #329-36920

Pecos County

Whiting Oil & Gas Corp.
Bonebrake 1 #102
Athey (Wolfcamp 10900)-D; Reizenhoover, Mrs. N U; A-4495, Blk N/A, Sec 1; 819 FNL 1926 FEL of lse; 819 FNL 1926 FEL of survey; 19.6 miles NW of Fort Stockton; obj 10500; permit #705769; API #371-38773

Reeves County

Energen Res. Corp.
State 54-6 #1
Two George (Bone Spring)-D; T & P RR Co./Case, H W; A-1998, Blk 54, T4S, Sec 6; 550 FSL 571 FWL of lse; 550 FSL 2050 FEL of survey; 16.7 miles NW of Pecos; obj 10500; permit #707783; API #389-32727

Ward County

OXY USA Inc.
Mobil #15
Collie (Delaware)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-166, Blk 33, Sec 43; 4001 FNEL 165 FSEL of lse; 9529 FNEL 165 FSEL of survey; 2.5 miles E of Pecos; obj 6800; permit #707471; API #475-35670

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Borden County

SM Energy Co.
Lauren #2701
Peg's Draw (Mississippian) & Mesquite Creek (Miss.)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-270, Blk 31, T5N, Sec 27; 660 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 2.1 miles W of Gail; obj 10200; permit #707747; API #033-32135

Gaines County

XTO Energy Inc.
H & J Unit 1D #76
Russell, North (Devonian)-Recompletion; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-30, Blk G, Sec 491; 1300 FSL 309 FEL of lse; 1300 FSL 309 FEL of survey; 9.5 miles SW of Denver City; obj 10960; permit #707598; API #165-36430

Garza County

SM Energy Co.
Leah #1801H
Peg's Draw (Mississippian) & Rock Canyon (Ellenburger)-D; Massey, J M/Maxey, J F; A-1155, Blk 30, T7N, Sec 18; 750 FWL 517 FSL of lse; 750 FWL 517 FSL of survey; 13.7 miles SW of Post; obj 10200; permit #707470; API #169-34034

Hockley County

Rogers, S.K. Oil, Inc.
Post-Montgomery #1
Levelland-Re-Enter; Hood CSL/LAB 21/LGE 28; A-149, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 464 FWL 456 FSL of lse; 464 FWL 456 FSL of survey; 0 miles Within Levelland; obj 7614; permit #707609; API #219-33801

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Maracas 22 St #1
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 2095 FNL 540 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-38320

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Mayaro 22 St #7
Empire; T17S, T28E, Sec 22; 2310 FSL 2040 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-38324

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Maracas 22 St #2
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 1950 FNL 1650 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-38329

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Mayaro 22 St #9
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 357 FSL 2001 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 500 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-38325

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Maracas 22 St #7
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 2075 FNL 990 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-38330

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Mayaro 22 St #12
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 1650 FSL 2140 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-38327

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Agate PWU 21 #1
Scanlon Draw; T19S, R29E, Sec 21; 575 FNL 330 FWL; 17 miles NE of Carlsbad; Rot 12220 Bone Spring; API #30-015-38335

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Diamond PWU 22 #1
Scanlon Draw; T19S, R29E, Sec 22; 575 FNL 330 FWL; 18 miles NE of Carlsbad; Rot 12299 Bone Spring; API# 30-015-38334

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Turquoise PWU 27 #1
Parkway; T19S, R29E, Sec 27; 900 FNL 330 FWL; 16 miles NE of Carlsbad; Rot 12392 Bone Spring; API #30-015-38333

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Eddy IK State Com #6
Parkway; T20S, R29E, Sec 2; 330 FNL 660 FEL; 15 miles NE of Carlsbad; Rot 10707 Bone Spring; API #30-015-38332

Lea County

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Zebra 16 St Com #1
North Vacuum; T17S, R35E, Sec 16; 330 FSL 385 FWL; 3 miles NE of Buckeye; Rot 13260 Abo; API #30-025-40000

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
North Maduro Fed Unit #4
South Tonto; T19S, R33E, Sec 20; 660 FNL 410 FWL; 7 miles NE of Halfway; Rot 14408 Bone Spring; API #30-025-39998

Occidental Permian LP
OPL Zack 8 Fed #1
Undesignated; T26S, R33E, Sec 8; 660 FSL 860 FEL; 12.5 miles SW of Ochoa; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-39994

Celero Energy II, LP
T D Pope 36 #10
Denton; T14S, R37E, Sec 36; 350 FNL 990 FWL; 4 miles SE of Prairieview; Rot 12,800 Devonian; API #30-025-39999

Occidental Permian LP
OPL Zack 17 Fed #1
Undesignated; T26S, R33E, Sec 17; 330 FSL 1980 FWL; 13 miles SW of Ochoa; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-39995

Celero Energy II, LP
T D Pope 36 #10
Denton; T14S, R37E, Sec 36; 350 FNL 990 FWL; 4 miles SE of Prairieview; Rot 12,800 Devonian; API #30-025-39999

Russian state-owned oil firm takes stake in BP

By Gregory Katz and Harry R. Weber
Associated Press

LONDON — In a major deal that cements energy ties between Russia and Britain, oil company BP announced that Russia's state-owned oil firm Rosneft will take 5 percent of BP's ordinary voting shares in a major stock swap.

In exchange, Rosneft will give BP about 9.5 percent of its shares, BP said. Rosneft chairman and Russian deputy prime minister Igor Sechin said the deal was worth about $8 billion.

The companies plan to explore for oil and gas off the Russian Arctic continental shelf. The announcement sparked a backlash in Washington with some politicians expressing regrets about the tight alliance forming between Russia and Britain.

The agreement follows the disastrous spill off the coast of the U.S. last year. The company has been selling off many of its assets to pay for billions of dollars of liability stemming from the spill, the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history.

While it is not clear if this Russian venture is connected, it does give BP access to cash and new areas of the world to explore for oil at a time when there are concerns about the future ability to drill offshore in U.S. waters. It also expands BP's long-standing ties to the Russian energy industry.

U.S. Rep. Edward J. Markey said there should be a thorough review of the agreement to determine if there were any national security implications.

"If this agreement affects the national and economic security of the United States then it should be immediately reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. Additionally, the U.S. State Department should closely monitor this transaction," the Massachusetts Democrat said.

U.S.-based analyst Fadel Gheit said the Rosneft deal means BP is "hedging its bets" after the disastrous Gulf oil spill.

"They don't want to keep all their eggs in one basket," Gheit said.

He said BP would want to find a replacement for the U.S. if its operations there get more complicated in the future.

"The only area where they are welcomed and is open for business is Russia," Gheit said. "Canada, Russia, that's about it."

Gheit said the comments by the U.S. congressman was politics. He didn't expect it to amount to much.

"Sometimes politicians say things that make no sense," Gheit said. "Has Russia declared war on us? Not to my knowledge."

The deal was announced at a new conference in London by leading Russian politicians and oil executives from both companies, including BP chief executive officer Bob Dudley.

Dudley said safety and the environment will be key issues for BP as it enters this venture.

"We have learned many lessons this past year," Dudley told reporters, in an apparent reference to the Gulf of Mexico disaster.

Dudley did not address U.S. interests during his brief prepared comments. He said later that the deal was not a reaction to events in the United States.

"It is difficult to convey just how promising I find this historic agreement," Dudley said. He said it marks "a new type of relationship" which could open up "one of the world's last remaining unexplored basins."

Dudley described the Russian venture as being "based on the promise of the future and not the legacies of the past." Dudley declined to offer specific figures explaining the $8 billion price tag attached to the deal but said it constitutes a huge deal by any measure.

During a question-and-answer session with reporters, Dudley was asked if the deal was a reaction to the political fallout in the U.S. following the oil spill.

Dudley said BP has been working in Russia for many years and has a large business there. He said the discussions happened over a period of months and were "not in reaction to anything in the United States."

He met earlier in the day in Moscow with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, an enthusiastic supporter of the stock swap.

Dudley said he intends for BP to be recognized as an industry leader in safety following the "harsh lesson" BP learned following the Gulf disaster.

The deal was welcomed by the British government, Energy Secretary Chris Huhne said.

He said it is a "groundbreaking deal between two of the largest companies in the world" that deepens ties between Britain and Russia.

"This is good news" that gives BP and Britain a central role in vital shallow water Arctic exploration, he said.

Russian deputy prime minister and Rosneft chairman Igor Sechin said Russian officials have "the highest opinion of BP" and praised Dudley and his predecessor, Tony Hayward, who was vilified in the United States for his response to the Gulf oil spill.

Sechin said the arrangement shows that Russia has taken a major role among the world's energy powers.

BP said in a statement that when the deal is completed, it will "create strategic alignment to pursue joint projects and demonstrates mutual confidence in the growth potential of both companies."

The companies plan to explore off Russia's Arctic continental shelf, thought to contain substantial reserves. Executives said the new exploration would meet high environmental protection standards.

Simon Dawson/Bloomberg

STOCK SWAP Robert Dudley, chief executive officer of BP Plc, left, and Eduard Khudainatov, chief executive officer of Rosneft Oil Co., sign an agreement at BP headquarters in London, U.K., on Jan. 14. BP Plc agreed to swap a $7.8 billion stake in the company for a 9.5 percent share of Russian state oil producer OAO Rosneft as part of a drive to extract billions of barrels of oil from above the Arctic Circle.

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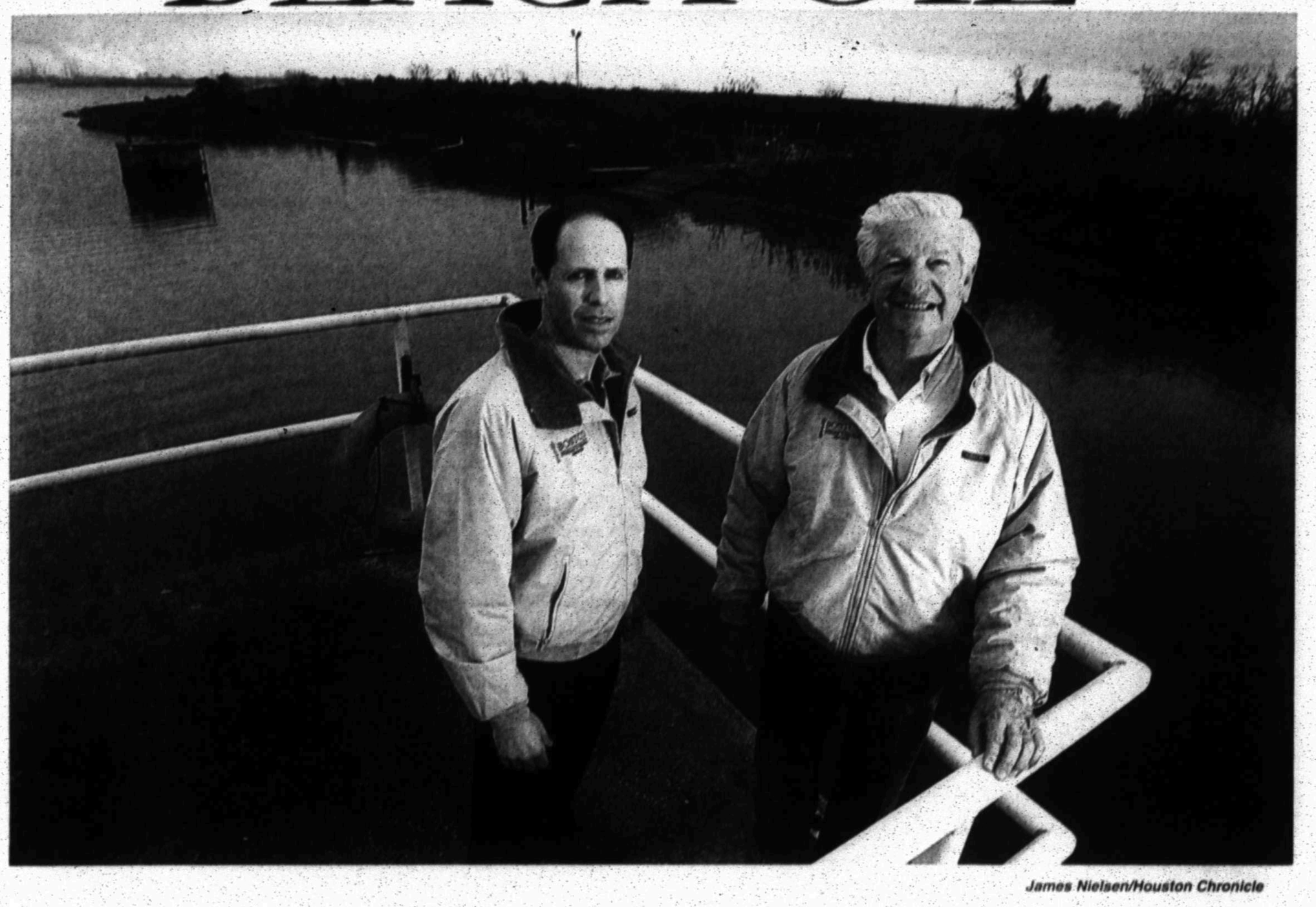

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At the site of the Battleground Oil Specialty Terminal Co. are project partner Yaron Gisser, left, and founder John McDonald. The terminal will handle black oil, which is mainly used for engines on ships and some kinds of power plants.

New black-oil terminal wants refinery leftovers

By Tom Fowler
Houston Chronicle

A founder of one of the Houston Ship Channel's largest oil storage terminals is planning a new facility to compete with his former company in the niche market of black oil.

Thirty years ago, John McDonald started the Houston Fuel Oil Terminal, which is today the largest handler of heavy refining byproducts called black oil. He sold his stake in the company over time but was an adviser until about four years ago.

His new venture, Battleground Oil Specialty Terminal Co., or Bostco, will be a 7.8-million-barrel black oil terminal just a few miles away from his former company on the Houston Ship Channel.

McDonald won't yet reveal where financial backing is coming from for the 187-acre project, but he said some of his customers will have an equity stake in the facility. About 50 percent of the planned terminal's capacity is under contract, with interest in the other half close behind.

"We feel good enough about this market to begin construction without 100 percent of the facility under contract," McDonald said.

Black oil is what's left over after a refinery has gotten all the gasoline, diesel and other fuels it can out of a barrel of crude.

It's mainly used as bunker fuel oil, which runs the engines on large ships and some kinds of power plants, particularly overseas. Another form of black oil, known as carbon black, is used as a feedstock for plants that make rubber and printer toner.

It's a relatively small market. Shippers handle about 14 million barrels of black oils per day, compared with about 86 million barrels per day for the total global crude market, according to Platts.

The Houston Fuel Oil Terminal, the nation's largest, is a 310-acre collection of storage tanks and terminals southeast of the intersection of Interstate 10 and Beltway 8 on the Houston Ship Channel. That facility has connections to several local refineries and pipelines as well as 13.3 million barrels of storage capacity.

Congestion an issue

Despite its leading position, customers of the Houston Fuel Oil Terminal complain the facility is congested at times, leading to long loading delays for tankers and barges, said Jennifer Brumback, editor of U.S. Gulf Coast Residual Fuel Market coverage for Platts.

Shipping delays — known in the industry as demurrage — can be costly as vessels may lease for tens of thousands of dollars per day, said Mark Reichman, an energy analyst with Madison Williams.

"At the end of the day, customers are looking for the lowest storage costs per barrel, and part of that depends on how quickly you can load and unload vessels and turn those barrels over," Riechman said.

McDonald said he was encouraged to start the project by the major oil producers and refiners in the region, which found there was a shortage of capacity for storing and blending black oil.

The location is several miles closer to the Gulf of Mexico along the Ship Channel than the Houston Fuel Oil Terminal, on land previously owned by power plant operator NRG Energy and directly adjacent to the company's 765-megawatt natural gas-fired NR Bertron power plant.

Two docks

The Bostco facility will have two docks capable of handling tankers with 45-foot-deep draughts, 12 spots for barges, 12 rail car spots and pipeline connections for crude.

In the future the site could expand to include another 2.5 million barrels of storage and pipeline connections for other products, two more deep-water ship docks and eight additional barge spots.

"As a modern facility, we think we'll be more efficient and have the advantage of cost savings," McDonald said in an interview.

Officials with the Houston Fuel Oil Terminal's owner, ArcLight Capital, couldn't be reached for comment.

The Bostco project has received mixed reactions from the market, Brumback said.

Some question whether the costs for a new facility could be competitive with Houston Fuel Oil, while others wonder if there will be enough demand for such services as U.S. refiners become more sophisticated and produce less black oil.

Others have said there's a shortage of storage and fuel blending capacity in the region, so a new facility should stay busy.

Construction could start in the second half of 2011 with the terminal operational the first half of 2013.

Earnings accelerate at Halliburton with onshore work in North America

By Brett Clanton
Houston Chronicle

Halliburton Co. said it more than doubled its profit in the fourth quarter of 2010 as higher oil prices lifted demand for oil field services and equipment, particularly onshore in North America, and helped offset a spill- related slowdown in the Gulf of Mexico.

Net income rose to $605 million, or 66 cents a share, from $243 million, or 27 cents a share, in the October-December period a year ago, the oil field services giant reported. Revenue jumped 40 percent to $5.2 billion.

Subtracting costs to settle bribery allegations in Nigeria, the company's earnings beat analyst expectations.

Shale boom

Halliburton has benefited from a recent boom in drilling in U.S. shale rock formations, especially those rich in crude oil and natural gas liquids, like South Texas' Eagle Ford shale. The company, with dual headquarters in Houston and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is a leading provider of specialized equipment used to crack open the dense formations and extract the resources.

Its North American revenue spiked 83 percent to $2.63 billion during the quarter, with revenue from the U.S. region setting a company record.

The jump came despite a drop in revenue and income from the Gulf of Mexico, where oil and gas activity remains at a virtual standstill even though the government has lifted a ban on new deep-water drilling.

That moratorium took effect in May, after BP's deadly Macondo well blowout and oil spill off Louisiana.

Waiting on the Gulf

Halliburton CEO Dave Lesar said prospects for a recovery in the Gulf will remain uncertain in the first half of 2011 and possibly all year, but the company is keeping infrastructure and most employees in place awaiting a rebound.

Elsewhere, the company hopes to capitalize on "excellent prospects" in the Eastern Hemisphere, including Iraq, by launching a major effort to invest more in manufacturing and technology capacity in the region, Lesar said in a statement.

For the full year in 2010, Halliburton said, earnings rose to $1.8 billion, from $1.2 billion the year before, chiefly the result of stronger activity in shales and other unconventional oil and gas basins in North America.

Earlier, Schlumberger posted a 31 percent increase in fourth-quarter profit, beating analyst expectations, and said it expected oil company customers to increase spending this year.

Halliburton also predicted an improved outlook for oil field services and technology for 2011, citing rising oil consumption and tightening of supply of industry equipment.

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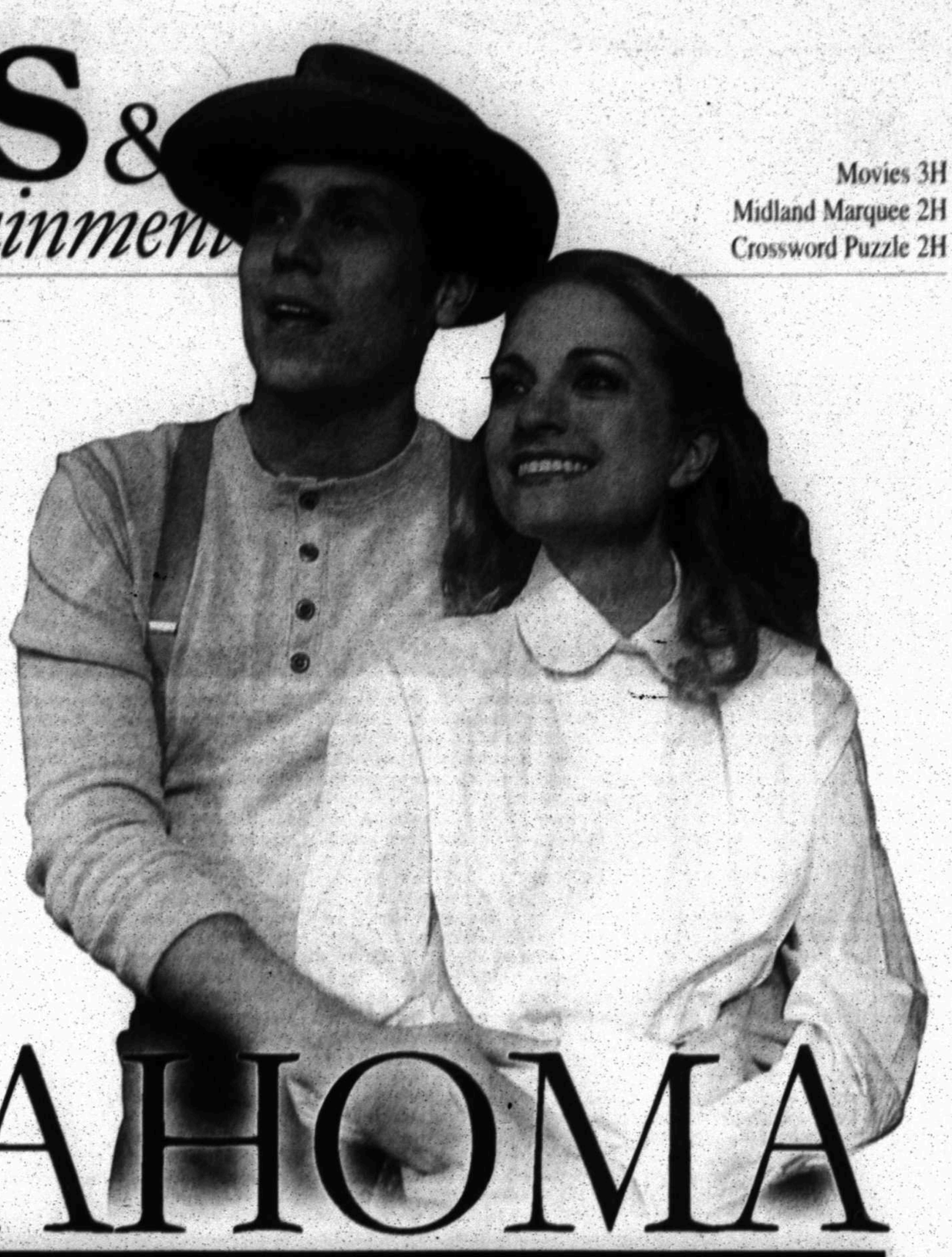

ALL THE DETAILS

MUSICAL "OKLAHOMA"
When: Opens Friday. Runs through March 5
Where: Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Tickets: Visit the Box Office at 2000 W Wadley, or call the box office at 432-570-4111 or visit us online at www.mctmidland.org. Non-member ticket prices: $18 adults, $15 seniors, $12 children. Memberships on sale.
Info: Midland Community Theatre's opening musical of the 2011 season. Reach Out and Pay What You Can Performance: 2 p.m. Feb. 13.
Principals in the cast: Aunt Eller-Jo Hayes as Aunt Eller; Drew Ervin as Curly;
Jenness Rouse as Laurey; Ben Spencer as Will Parker; Jessi Willmann as Ado Annie; Brian Gravelle as Ali Hakim; Cara Craggett as Gertie; Micheal Waid as Jud; Scott Aycock as Carnes; Kevin Leoffler as Ike; Erik Kator as Slim; Daniel Collins as Cord Elam; Craig Leoffler as Fred; Jim Johnson as Skidmore; Chris Gillette as Mike; Jason Kelliher as Tom; Meaghan Hall as Vivian; Kristen Loyd as Ellen; Leanne Ervin as Kate; Rebecca Aycock as a young woman; and Carly Baker as a young woman.
The male ensemble features: Landy Edwards, John Jackson, Logan Pitts and Brady Suggs.
The female ensemble features: Cyndi Aycock, Tatiana Kundrat, Charlotte Larson, Jennifer Mangum, Daniela Morales, Abby Morrow, Sarah Ross, Melinda Spencer and Caitlin Walker.
2011 MCT Season: "Oklahoma," "The Nerd," "Dinner for One," "And Then There Were None," "The Magical World of Brothers Grimm," "Charlie Cox Runs With Scissors," "There's No Justice Just Court Costs," "The Sound of Music" and "Fame." The spring musical at the Yucca Theatre, which is not part of the season, is "Hairspray."

OKLAHOMA

Beloved musical comes to MCT stage

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Curly McLain feels assured of his success when he walks into Laurey Williams's yard. And it is, in fact, a beautiful morning, but he soon learns plans sometimes run awry.

"I hate to think Curly is cocky, but he's a little bit arrogant," said Drew Ervin, who has been cast in the role in Midland Community Theatre's production of "Oklahoma!" opening Friday at Cole Theatre. "He's a cowboy used to getting what he wants. He's never had a problem with girls, but the one he wants is the one he doesn't seem able to get."

He won't be successful without a fight.

When "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway in March of 1943, Brooks Atkinson wrote in The New York Times that the show's opening number, "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" changed the direction of musical theater: "After a verse like that, sung to a buoyant melody, the banalities of the old musical stage became intolerable."

The musical, based on Lynn Riggs' 1931 play "Green Grow the Lilacs," was the first one written by composer Richard Rodgers and librettist Oscar Hammerstein II. The partnership allowed both to work the way they liked: Hammerstein preferred writing a complete lyric before it was set to music and Rodgers preferred setting completed lyrics to music. Both agreed their musical and dramatic choices would be determined by "Green Grow the Lilacs" and not by musical comedy conventions. Thus, the lyrics advanced the story instead of interrupting its flow.

The success of this endeavor — "Oklahoma!" ran for 2,212 performances, enjoyed award-winning revivals, national tours, foreign productions and an Academy Award winning film adaptation in 1955 — had an impact on the musicals to come.

"It was really one of the very first musicals that the songs helped advance the story line," said Jessi Willmann, who has been cast as Ado Annie in MCT's production. "It's a big history lesson really. There are social differences that are introduced in the show. There's a huge song about the farmer and the cowman. It was very much a rivalry at the beginning of Oklahoma statehood. They were offended if you called one or

Please see **OKLAHOMA**/3H

Drew Ervin as Curly, at top, embraces Jenness Rouse as Laurey in MCT's production of "Oklahoma." ABOVE Jo Hayes as Aunt Eller tries to bring together Laurey and Curly in a scene from "Oklahoma." BELOW LEFT Ben Spencer as Will Parker holds Jessi Willmann as Ado Annie and Laurey holds Curly in MCT's production. BELOW RIGHT Michael Waid as Jud grabs hold of Laurey in a scene from the musical.

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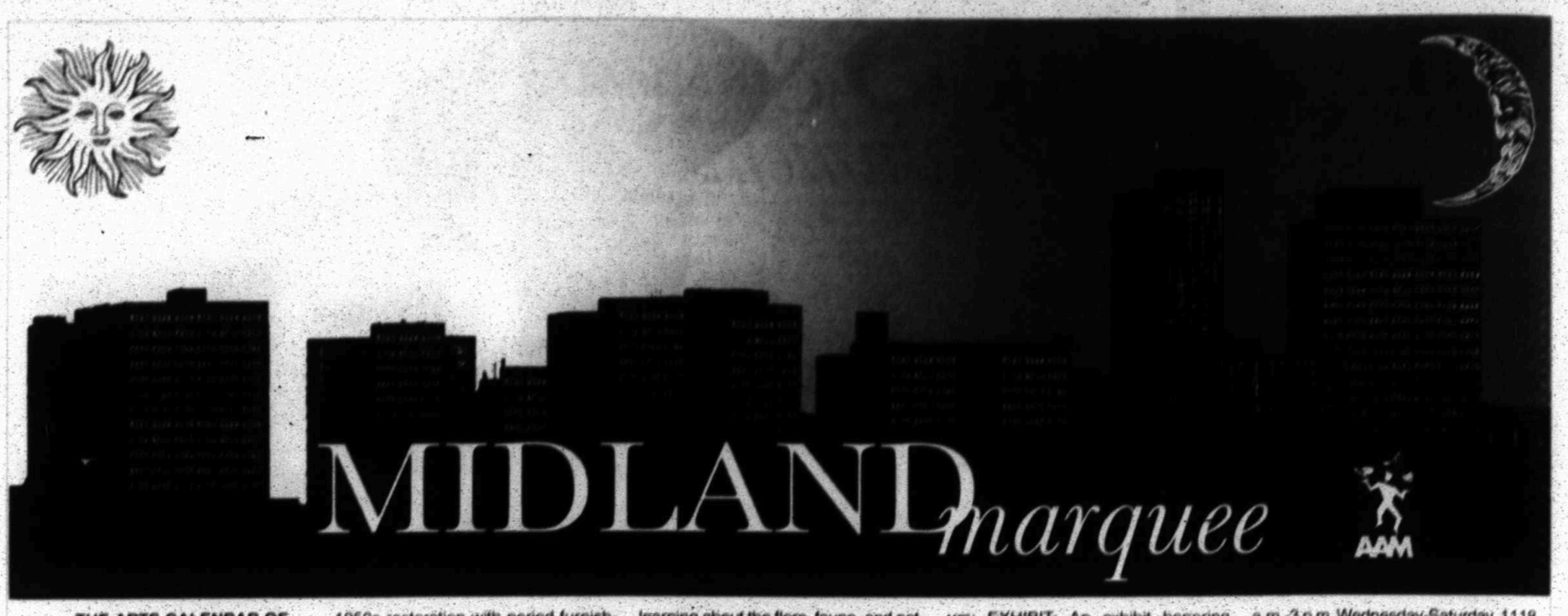

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SUNDAY

Arts Assembly of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 687-1149. EXHIBIT: Art in the Park, four new sculptures will be coming soon. Arts Assembly of Midland is now accepting applications from visual artists for it's 28th Annual Celebration of the Arts, to be held May 20-22, 2011. Celebration of the Arts is a three-day arts festival featuring the best in visual and performing artists from throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and beyond. Interested artists may submit an application with three images on CD for this juried show. Postmark deadline for entries is Feb. 15, 2011. For a prospectus, please contact: Arts Assembly of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, 79702, call 687-1149, or email lorri@artsassemblyofmidland.org for more information.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: William Schickel: Spirit Made Manifest through March 27. EXHIBIT: The Art of Devotion: Latin American Religious Art from the Collections of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts through April 3. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696. No admission charged.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two Presidents, two Governors, and a First Lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs; Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio Ave., 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery: EXHIBIT: Studio 3600 Series presents: "Past and Present" current and collected works by Warren Taylor. Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mccormick. No admission charged.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-2931. Open by appointment.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series presents "Paul Folwell: Painting". EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. No cost.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: EXHIBIT: Westward for Wealth: Maps of exploration, territorial expansion and the quest for prosperity in the Americas. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, 4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "After School Fine Arts Program" Dance class and Art activities every Monday afternoon 4:30-6 p.m. for youth first through sixth grades, at Casa de Amigos, 1101 East Garden Lane. For more information about other programs including music and drama classes, call Paul or Tracie at 682-9701.

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana. 682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Local artist represented, Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas Ave. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: MEETING: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Chuck at 694-7153.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's 3-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 432-682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Scottie Mansfield, artist of the month of January, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 683-2882.

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Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: A to Z: Exploring the Canopy. Packed with biodiversity this exhibit is filled with the sights and sounds of the world's rainforests. Permanent exhibits include "My Town", "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound". Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged to non-members.

WEDNESDAY

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

Midland County Library: CLASS: Comic Illustration Class: For anyone who has picked up a pencil and wanted to learn to draw comics. For ages 14 and up. 6:30 p.m. Midland County Public Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

FRIDAY

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "Oklahoma". 8 p.m. Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 570-4111. Admission charged.

SATURDAY

Ellen Noël Art Museum: WORKSHOP: Random Acts of Art presents a Shrine Building Workshop. Using boxes, vintage images and found objects, students will learn to construct a small shrine made of components parts and vintage materials. Students may bring any additional images, small objects or charms to incorporate into their shrines. 1-4 p.m. 4909 East University, Odessa. 432-550-9696. Class fee at time of registration.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "Oklahoma". 8 p.m. Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 570-4111. Admission charged.

West Texas Writers: MEETING: Monthly meeting to inform, educate, and help local writers. 2-4 p.m. at Midland Public Library, 301 West Missouri. For more information call 688-4334.

Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702, email lorri@artsassemblyofmidland.org, http://www.artsassemblyofmidland.org

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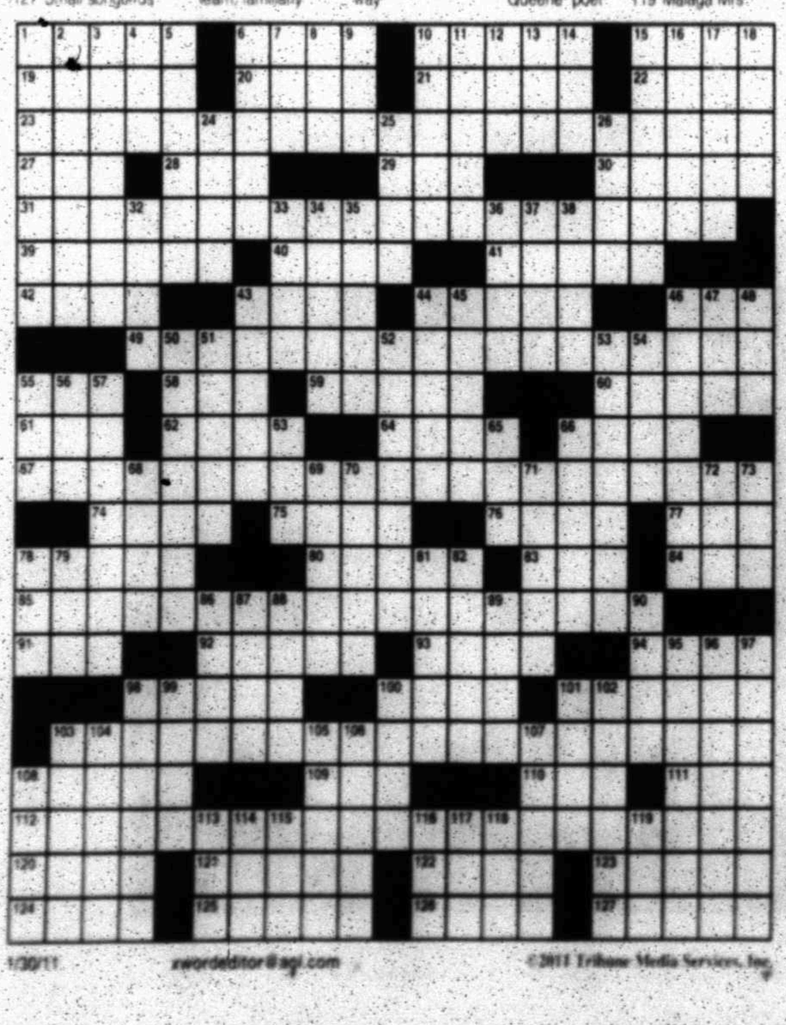
HOW TO READ THE PERSONAL ADS: By MEL ROSEN

ACROSS
1 ___-xe electric razors
6 Chonsler's cover
10 One of the Wayans brothers
15 Story morals, e.g.
19 Rouen room
20 Airline since 1948
21 Chevy model
22 Another, in Avila
23 "Free spirit" means
27 Without delay
28 Outback runner
29 Have something
30 Sarge's boss
31 "Enjoys long conversations" means
39 Sporin's Opus 31 and others
40 Flying Clouds, e.g.
41 Came to the rescue
42 Fractions of a pole
43 They don't skip 48-Downs
44 "Otello" composer
46 They may be dirt, Abbr.
49 "Likes home cooking" means
55 Solfeggio syllables
58 Syr. and Eg. once
59 "Wassup," formally
60 Big name in vacuums
61 Word of exhortation
62 E-mail button
64 Cali's partner
66 Writable storage media, briefly
67 "Adventurous" means
74 Daughter of Proteus
75 Seaside cottage asset
76 Celebrities in detail
77 Canon camera named for a goddess
78 Alley "oops"
80 Common people
83 Permed
84 Must-take golf course
85 "Enjoys the beach" means
91 Slapstick prop
92 Cuts, say
93 Big cut
94 Terrier of film fables
96 Ring for breakfast
100 Brewery oven
101 Sage contractual buyers
103 "Likes to cuddle" means
108 Pesto or aioli
109 Ending for ranch 1948
110 British ref.
111 Compass dir.
112 "Likes long walks" means
120 Eny. stuffer
121 "History of the World ___ Brooks film
122 "La ___ Brava" de Falla opera
123 Tropical palm
124 Handy abbr.
125 Liqueur herb
126 Struck out
127 Small songbirds

DOWN
1 Just plain silly
2 Stink
3 Digging up some dirt
4 2002 British Open champ
5 Windup toy device
6 Excite
7 Dpry adjective
8 Piano or cut follower
9 Bridge guru Culbertson
10 Impassive
11 "Ajo se ___ español"
12 Some sushi tuna
13 Distressed state
14 Ariz. neighbor
15 Doughnut-shaped
16 Playwright Fugard
17 Chance's cousin
18 "Smooth Operator" singer
24 Paramedics, briefly
25 Rogers Centre team, familiarly
26 North Sea feeder
32 Lucie's dad
33 Buck suffix
34 "Guh-nosa!"
35 Six-Day War figure Dayan
36 Mikhouse's pal
37 Venice Film Festival site
38 Warbol "superstar"
43 "SNL" producer Michaels
44 Restaurant worker who's rarely in the restaurant
45 Historic period
46 "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" author
47 One may be an item
48 Stop: Abbr.
50 "La Boheme" waltzer
51 Exercise portmanteau
52 Jostled
53 Enlarge, in a way
54 Rookie
55 Calendar col.
56 "That feels go-to-g-od"
57 Let's ___ evoke
63 Research assoc.?
65 Kenan's TV pal
66 Tailed orbiter
68 One source
69 Bug like a pup
70 Doesn't hold back
71 Zip
72 Cedar Rapids college
73 Litigator's letters
78 Just a taste
79 Luau dish
81 Had, in the Bible
82 Hidden supply
86 Big opening?
87 River of central Germany
88 Arcade foul
89 "¿Como ___?"
90 Hardly thoughtful
95 "The Faerie Queene" poet
96 New Jersey town near the George Washington Bridge
97 Substituted for
98 "Key Largo" co-star
99 "Me-too!"
100 ___ about
103 Is forbidden to quantify
104 New Mexico state flower
105 Bumps into
106 Banks called "Mr. Club"
107 "Such a pity"
108 Right-hook man in "Peter Pan"?
113 Mud bath venue
114 Brock
115 "___ ta" ___ Across afia
116 Apple pioneer?
117 Thumbnails, nowadays
118 Poetic praise
119 Malaga Mrs.



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Cheap Trick!

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ 2
♥ J 6 3 2
♦ K J 10 7 3
♣ A 8 5

WEST
♠ K J 4
♥ A 7
♦ A Q 8
♣ J 10 7 4 3

EAST
♠ 3
♥ K Q 9 5 4
♦ 6 5 2
♣ K Q 9 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 9 8 7 6 5
♥ 10 8
♦ 9 4
♣ 6

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	1	2	4♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

Like a good wine, some bridge players age well. We first met Bob Hamman in 1964, when he represented the United States for the first time in international competition. Watch him in action on this deal from the Senior Knockout teams at the ACBL Fall Nationals in Orlando.

The auction was soon over. West's jump to two hearts promised a club fit and Hamman brushed aside the opposition with his jump to four spades. West thought Christmas was coming early and doubled.

West led the ace of hearts and East was afraid that signaling with the nine would promote a heart trick for declarer, so he started an echo with the five.

That was not clear to West, who cashed the diamond ace and continued with the eight. Hamman won with the king and, when East did not echo, continued with the 10 of diamonds and ruffed with the 10 of trumps.

Trusting that West did not seem worried by what was transpiring, Hamman next led the five of spades from hand! The trick consisted of the 5,4,2,3, and one of West's trump tricks had vanished!

Hamman cashed the ace of trumps, crossed to the ace of clubs and discarded his heart loser on the 10 of diamonds. He lost only one trick in each suit except clubs — four spades bid and made! At the other table, three spades doubled failed by a trick.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011:

This year, you will find that your strength lies behind the scenes. Often, you will decide not to share as you have in the past. You will want more privacy in your life as you process and think about your career. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You are feeling quite different than you have in the past few months. You will rethink a procedure if it doesn't work. Tonight: Count on your sense of humor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Breeze through the country and let your mind wander. Some of you might want to take off for the movies or to a flea market. Tonight: Put on some music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You benefit from one-on-one contact with a loved one. Certainly you don't always agree, but understanding where each other is coming from is instrumental. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Defer to others. Allow yourself the freedom to pursue a creative idea, project or special relationship. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ If you start thinking about how much you need to do in the next few weeks, you could get weighed down. Tonight: Make it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might find yourself spinning quite a tale. Remember, this "story" is a direct reflection of your imagination. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Live it up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Understand the role of your domestic life in nearly everything you do. For most people, home represents security. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your expressions tell others that you are not kidding. You need to communicate your boundaries in a discussion with a sibling. Tonight: Close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You could be so spontaneous when dealing with a child or a loved one that you scarcely see a risk or problem heading in your direction. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your smile draws a strong reaction from a family member, loved one or roommate. Tonight: Make yourself happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Take some much-needed personal time. You might need to do some thinking. Tonight: In your head.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You know what you want, and where you are going. Sometimes you don't realize the impact of your words and actions. Tonight: Not alone.

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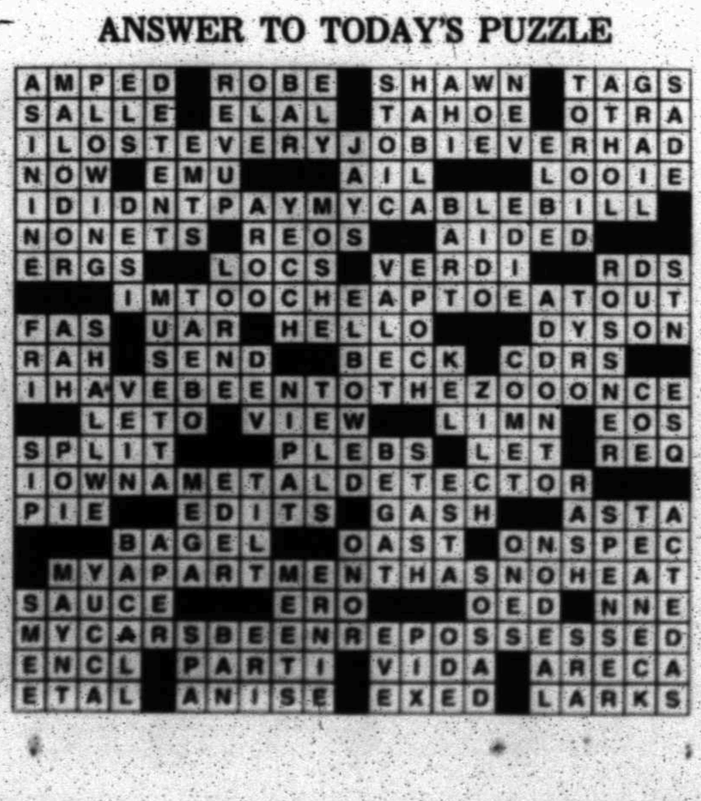
BORN TODAY

Former vice president Dick Cheney (1941), chess champion Boris Spassky (1937), singer Phil Collins (1951)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Jan. 30-Feb. 5

TODAY

Musical

Teachers and students from across Midland Independent School District have come together for the musical production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Annie Get Your Gun," closing today at Lee High School Auditorium, 3500 Neely Ave. Curtain is at 2 p.m.

Students from18 campuses have worked under the direction of seven MISD faculty members to master the music, dancing and technical details of the show. The MISD Education Foundation helped supplement the production with an $11,000 grant. "There's No Business Like Show Business."

The show runs Thursday through Jan. 30. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for adults. For more information, call 689-1034 or e-mail misd.district.musical@gmail.com.

Jazz

ODESSA — The West Texas Jazz Society presents Sunday Afternoon Jazz featuring Jazz Cafe beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zucchi's Ristorante, 1541 JBS Parkway.

Members of Jazz Cafe are Pano Mata, saxophone; Eric Baker, trumpet; Robert Claiborne, trombone; Dan Ferguson, piano; Mark Lowe, bass; Neal Goates, drums; and Emily Baker, vocals.

WTJS members are admitted free. Non-members are $20. Students with an ID are free.

Doors open a t 1 p.m. A limited lunch menu is available. Call 683-2026 for information.

The event is sponsored by the Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities, the Rea Charitable Trust and Texas Commission on the Arts.

Exhibition

Works by Paul Folwell are on display through March 27 as part of the Museum of the Southwest's Contemporary Series 2011 in the Here and Now Gallery, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Folwell grew up in Colorado where he still resides, living and painting in Durango.

"He learned to ski the mountains before he learned to paint them," stated Albuquerque Journal Columnist, Larry Calloway. "Until his kids were grown Folwell made his living as a skier, more prominently as part of the original team that created Purgatory Ski Resort. Paul's Park, an expert glade on the backside of the Purgatory, is named for him."

Folwell is basically a landscape painter. In the Here-and-Now Gallery he exhibits what he sees as what is left of the American West. He paints the reality that strokes today's skier, backpacker, climber, runner, biker. And to quote a Frederic Remington book title, his work is "done in the out of doors."

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 683-2882.

Map exhibition

"Westward for Wealth" is a new temporary exhibit at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. The exhibit features maps of exploration, territorial expansion and the quest for prosperity in the Americas.

These maps, part of the Yana and Marty Davis Collection at the Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, help document and tell the story of this new pattern of exploration and expansion.

This exhibit will be on display at the Petroleum Museum until March. Exhibit sponsors include Arts Assembly of Midland; Texas Commission on the Arts, Humanities Texas, National Endowment for the Humanities, Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Brown, Ms. Norma J. McGrew and Roy and Karen Williamson.

Exhibition

ODESSA — An exhibition featuring Spanish Baroque art from Latin America is on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.

Extraordinary retablos, santos, crucifixes, altar pieces and other devotional objects are on display. The crucifixes are made from painted wood and exist as wall pieces or pedestal sculpture. They range from one to three feet in height. An extensive collection of retablos included in the exhibition features painted tin and wooden panels, framed pieces, oil paintings and textiles. They portray images of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Holy Family and many popular saints. The santos included in this exhibition come from Mexico as well as Portugal, Germany and other European countries.

Educational programming includes art classes for students ages 6-12, an adult art class and a family gallery guide. Tours are available for adult groups and to students enrolled in parochial and public schools in the region.

"The Art of Devotion: Latin American Religious Art from the Collection of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts" will remain through April 3. This exhibition is sponsored in part by the South Odessa Community Foundation and Freedom Buick GMC Truck.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. More information about the Museum and this exhibition is available on the Museum's Web site at www.noelartmuseum.org or by calling the museum at 432-550-9696.

MONDAY

Celebration of the Arts

Arts Assembly of Midland is now accepting applications from visual artists for its 28th annual Celebration of the Arts, to be held May 20-22.

Celebration of the Arts is a three-day arts festival featuring the best in visual and performing artists from throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and beyond. Interested artists may submit an application with three images on CD for this juried show.

Postmark deadline for entries is Feb. 15. For a prospectus, contact Arts Assembly of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, 79702, call 687-1149, or e-mail lorri@artsassemblyofmidland.org for more information.

Exhibition

ODESSA — Works by Marfa resident Rachel Manera are on display in the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery on the University of Texas of the Permian Basin campus this month.

Manera is a multi-disciplined artist and a 21st century architectural anthropologist. She works in film, photography and video that develop from flat surfaces into three dimensional installations and creates assemblage environments. After earning her BFA from the San Francisco Art Institute, Manera moved back home to Texas. For the last three years, she has been on assignment in the Big Bend region straddling the Rio Grande, chasing trains, roping tumbleweeds and excavating frontier repositories.

Cardozier gallery hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, and 2-5 p.m. on weekends. The exhibit will run through Feb. 27. For more information, contact Gallery Director Dan Askew at askew_d@utpb.edu or 432-552-3288.

THURSDAY

Art show

The Studio 3600 Series at Midland College presents "Past & Present," current and collected works of Warren Taylor through March 25.

Taylor's work is hanging in the McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, MC campus. Studio 3600 is co-sponsored by the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Free lecture

ODESSA — A chance encounter between the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Associate Professor of Art History Marianne Woods and a cousin of well-known realism artist Philip Pearlstein, and a Target Community Grant will culminate in a free, public lecture by the painter at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in UTPB's CEED Building auditorium, Hwy. 191 and FM 1288.

Pearlstein lives and works in New York City and is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus from Brooklyn College where he taught for 25 years. From 2003-2006, the octogenarian artist served as president of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Critics have stated Pearlstein has a distinct approach to realism. For the past 50 years, he has painted nudes from a technical aspect with elements of abstract painting included in his work. Numerous prestigious collections containing works by Pearlstein include The Art Institute of Chicago; The Cleveland Museum of Art; the Corcoran Gallery of Art and Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C.; de Young Museum in San Francisco; Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, and The Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City; the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston; the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston; and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

A graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology (BFA) and New York University's Institute of Fine Arts (MA), Pearlstein has also served as teacher or critic at Pratt Institute and Yale University. For more information about his free lecture, contact the UTPB Department of Humanities and Fine Arts at 432-552-3286 or e-mail Woods at woods_m@utpb.edu.

FRIDAY

Dinner theater

ODESSA — Mark 10 Theatricals will present "Ye Gods!," a sex-farce set on Mount Olympus written by Bill Kirkley and Sean Frith, Friday and Saturday through Feb. 12 at The Barn Door Steakhouse, 2140 N. Andrews Highway.

Dinner reservations, which are optional, are required by Wednesday before the performance. Dinner in the restaurant will be at 6 p.m.; a cash bar in South 40 will be offered beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 p.m.

Reserve tickets on line at www.mark10theatricals.com. Tickets are $20 for show-only and $15 for show with dinner reservations paid separately a-la carte. The production is rated PG for comic adult situations.

EVENT

'Texas Stories'

COLORADO CITY -- Tumbleweed Smith performs his "Texas Stories" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Historic Colorado City Opera House.

The newly renovated Opera House is located at 337 Walnut St. Evening events begin at 7:15 with jazz enthusiast Linda Clay's group of musicians. At 7:45 p.m. the audience will be treated to a "Collection of Texas Sounds" compiled by Tumbleweed, followed by his "Texas Stories" at 8 p.m.

Bringing the Tumbleweed Smith Show to the opera house stage is a joint effort of the Opera House Board of Directors and Mitchell County Hospital with proceeds to benefit the Opera House Renovation Fund and The Mitchell County Hospital Charitable Foundation.

General admission tickets are $10 and available in Colorado City at The City National Bank, The Chamber of Commerce, The First National Bank, and The Hospital Volunteer's Gift Shop at Mitchell County Hospital. Contact Toni Everett at Mitchell County Hospital for questions regarding ticket availability at 325-728-3431.

SATURDAY

Concert

Pianist Wanda Paik from Boston will perform a recital of piano music at Midland College at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Paik has appeared as soloist with many orchestras in the Boston area including the Boston Pops with Arthur Fiedler and Erich Kunzel, the Boston Classical Orchestra with Harry Ellis Dickson, the Boston Civic Symphony with Max Hobart, the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra, the Brookline Symphony, and the Wellesley Symphony, among others.

As solo recitalist, she has performed at the National Gallery in Washington, DC, the Fogg Museum at Harvard University, and at many colleges and universities throughout the country including Bates, Bowdoin, Brandeis, Colby, Dartmouth, Merrimack, MIT, Northwestern, Regis, Tufts, and the Universities of Hawaii, North Carolina, and Texas. She has also performed at the Parish Center for the Arts in Westford, MA, and at The Center for the Arts in Natick, MA.

Of her performance at the National Gallery, the Washington Post wrote, "Paik's striking interpretation, masterly phrasing and intuitive understanding of the composer's ideas delighted the appreciative listeners — Chopin's soul and Paik's sensibilities were one."

The Midland performance is free and open to the public.

Meeting

The West Texas Writers will hold its monthly meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

The public is invited to attend. For more information call 432-688-4334.

Cancellation

Bobby Flores cancelled his Saturday engagement at the Stardust.

The cancellation was reported by the club. For more information, call 349-9879.

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the other the other name."

Along with history, two romances dominate the musical. One between Ado Annie and Will Parker and the other between Curly McLain and Laurey Williams.

"'Oklahoma!' was the first musical I had ever seen and I had fallen in love with the character Laurey (Williams), mainly because she had blonde hair," said Jenness Rouse, who plays Laurey in MCT's production.

Being cast as Laurey Williams was, Rouse said, "A shock. I was not expecting it, but at the same time I was very excited and a little nervous because it is the lead role. It's the role I auditioned for, so I was thrilled. And it is a little bit of a dream come true. My favorite character was Laurey, and, all of a sudden, I get her as my first role at MCT."

Curly isn't the only one interested in Laurey Williams. Jud Fry also has his sights set on her.

"Jud is often viewed as this purely evil psychotic killer," said Micheal Waid, MCT's costume designer who was cast in the role. "But I think there's a lot more than that. Curly is the one who is always antagonizing Jud."

Laurey's Aunt Eller is aware of the developing triangle.

"I love the musical," said Jo Hayes, who plays Aunt Eller. "I played Aunt Eller at the Globe Theatre 22 years ago in Odessa. There's not any music in this musical I don't like, and I think this is one of the few that you find almost every song is a recognizable song.

"It's just a real all-around good play, and I think people will be very positive about it," Hayes said. "I think they will go out feeling good. And that's what it's all about. The musical's got romance, laughter, poignancy and adventure. It kind of shows how Oklahoma grew up. It's got the Western spirit."

While Laurey is caught between two suitors, her friend Ado Annie has developed her own problems with the opposite sex. During the time Will Parker, who wants to marry her, has been away, she has been flirting with Ali Hakim, a Persian peddler.

"I personally think Will Parker is the best character in the play," said Ben Spencer, who plays Will. "The comic role is always fun to play.

"My favorite thing about 'Oklahoma!' would have to be the fact that 'Oklahoma!' is a memory for almost everyone,' said Spencer. "My parents love it because they saw the movie. I love it because I'm a theater person. So doing it evokes all those memories for people on stage and off."

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Decemberists shift gears in Celtic-flavored album

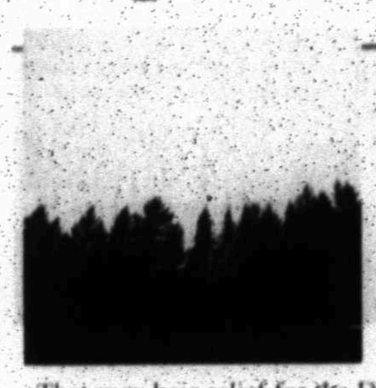
By Jon Parelis
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — "We do short songs now," Colin Meloy of the Decemberists said during his band's concert Monday night at the Beacon Theater in New York City, starting a three-night stand there to open its U.S. tour. That statement sums up the latest turn in his songwriting for the band.

Meloy is a tale spinner, singing character studies and parables. His lyrics have never held back a literary vocabulary that includes words like "arabesques," "harrowing" and "attrition." And the Decemberists have spent much of their decade-long career trying ever-expanding structures: songs, suites, concept albums.

But the band's new album, "The King Is Dead" (Capitol), makes a U-turn. It scales back to self-contained verse-and-chorus songs. It also reins in the band's recent style, hopping to concentrate on folk-rock, often with a Celtic flavor; accordion and fiddle are upfront in the arrangements.

The album may still have an underlying concept — its lyrics revolve around changing seasons and the natural world — but the songs don't trace one dramatic arc.



New CD
What: The King is Dead
Who: The Decemberists
Release Date: Jan. 18
Label: Atlantic
List Price: $16.98

That may be a relief for the Decemberists, who mustered elaborately dressed guests and wore suits to perform their 2009 album, "The Hazards of Love," as a full-length fable. Monday's concert was more casual. After an amiable recorded introduction by Sam Adams, the mayor of their hometown — Portland, Ore. — the members of the band stood in front of a backdrop of Northwestern pines. Its biggest piece of stage business was the ceremonial proffering of a chromatic harmonica, on a table with a glittering tablecloth, partway through "Los Angeles, I'm Yours." (Meloy muffed that harmonica solo, he cheerfully admitted between songs.)

Concision makes the band's new work more enigmatic and less narrative. "Down by the Water," a heartily strummed folk-rocker that unmistakably suggests R.E.M., hints at an illicit encounter with "the lash-flashing Lada of Pier 19"; "Rise to Me," which harks back to the Baird, equates steadfast love with the permanence of mountains.

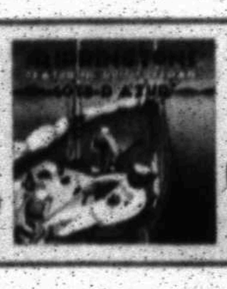
The songs needed nothing more than the crisp, straightforward performances they got, whether it was the folky picking and strumming of "January Hymn" or the Byrds guitar aura of "Calamity," which envisions a California earthquake to that California sound.

But the Decemberists, wisely, haven't abandoned their past ambitions. They returned to the pounding tom-toms of "The Rake's Song" (from "The Hazards of Love"); the dynamic storytelling — from lone acoustic guitar to crashing full band — of "The Bagman's Gambit" (from the 2005 album "Picaresque"); and to the changeable, episodic, multitheme scene setting of a string of songs from the band's 2006 album, "The Crane Wife."

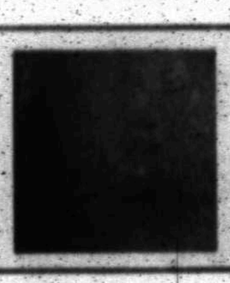
By comparison, the Decemberists' newer songs were forthright but also constrained, as if the band were tightening up — rewinding its mainspring — in anticipation of its next expansion, whatever that might be.

Coming Attractions

Tuesday Ricky Martin 'Musica+Alma +Sexo'

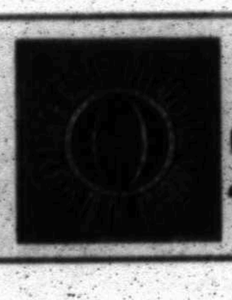


Tuesday The Rippingtons 'Cote D' Azur'



Tuesday Red 'Until We Have Faces'

Tuesday The JaneDear Girls self-titled



Tuesday North Mississippi Allstars 'Keys to the Kingdom'

LIVE WIRE

Want your gig listed here? E-mail nadamson@mrt.com with the details. All listings are tentative and subject to change.

MIDLAND/ODESSA

January

30 **Kevin Seale Band** @ Hog Pit

February

1 **Robert Sharp & Dusty Roads Band** @ The Star Lite Saloon
2 **Cory Yeager** @ Escape Lounge
3 **James Love** @ Cigar Frog's
3 **No Justice** @ Rockin' Rodeo
4 **Jerry Nelson Band** @ The Star Lite Saloon
4 **No Dry County** @ Detour
4 **Fox Ellipsus** @ Ground Floor
4 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
4 **Richard Jacques and Robert Claiborne** @ Cigar Frog's
4-5 **GloveBox** @ Hot Shots
4-5 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Escape Lounge
4-5 **Thunderosa** @ Riley's
5 **Bobby Flores** @ Stardust
5 **DJ Robert Sharp** @ The Star Lite Saloon
5 **Cory Yeager** @ Cigar Frog's
5 **DJ Scrambled Eggs and the Hash** @ The Detour
6 **Johnny Blaine & the Spur Band** @ Hog Pit
6 **Road Kings** @ Riley's
8 **Robert Sharp & Dusty Roads Band** @ The Star Lite Saloon
10 **James Love** @ Cigar Frog's
11 **No Dry County** @ Outer Limits
11 **Brian Milson** @ Outer Limits
11 **Jerry Nelson Band** @ The Star Lite Saloon1
11 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
11 **Cory Yeager** @ Buffalo Wild Wings (Midland)
11 **Sarah Satain and Scott Jones** @ Cigar Frog's
11-12 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
11-12 **Thumping Puppies** @ Riley's
11-12 3 **Lit Pigz** @ Hot Shots
12 **DJ Scrambled Eggs and the Hash** @ The Detour
12 **The Gibson Brothers** @ MHS auditorium
12 **DJ Robert Sharp** @ The Star Lite Saloon
12 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
12 **Alberto Madrid** @ Cigar Frog's
15 **Robert Sharp & Dusty Roads Band** @ The Star Lite Saloon
16 **Brian Milson** @ Escape Lounge
17 **James Love** @ Cigar Frog's
18 **Richard Jacques and Robert Claiborne** @ Cigar Frog's
18 **Southbound 35** @ The Detour
18 **Jerry Nelson Band** @ The Star Lite Saloon
18-19 **Road Kings** @ Riley's
19 **Pano** @ Cigar Frog's
19 **DJ Scrambled Eggs and the Hash** @ The Detour
19 **DJ Robert Sharp** @ The Star Lite Saloon
20 West Texas Music Fest with **Los Lonely Boys** @ Horseshoe
22 **Robert Sharp & Dusty Roads Band** @ The Star Lite Saloon
22 **Glenn Miller Orchestra** @ CAF
23 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
24 **James Love** @ Cigar Frog's
25 **Victor Ochoa** @ Cigar Frog's
25 **Road Kings** @ The Detour
25 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Outer Limits
25 **Jerry Nelson Band** @ The Star Lite Saloon
25 **Monty Branham** @ Riley's
25-26 **Loudfinger** @ Hot Shots
26 **Restless Natives with Carl Johnson** @ Cigar Frog's
26 **DJ Scrambled Eggs and the Hash** @ The Detour
26 **Bugota** @ Riley's
26 **DJ Robert Sharp** @ The Star Lite Saloon

LUBBOCK

January

30 **Jason Aldean, Eric Church, the JaneDear Girls** @ United Spirit Arena

February

12 **Korn, Disturbed, Sevendust, In This Moment** @ Fair Park Coliseum

March

14 **Dance Gavin Dance, Iwrestledabearonce, In Fear and Faith, Tides of Man, Closer to Home, DJ Big Chocolate, Abandon All Ships, The Color Morale, For All Those Sleeping, Upon a Burning Body, the Word Alive** @ Cactus Courtyard
25 **George Strait, Reba McEntire, Lee Ann Womack** @ United Spirit Arena

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

February

1 **Tokyo Police Club, Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin** @ Granada Theater

Feb. 4-5 GloveBox @ Hot Shots

Feb. 11 Brian Milson @ Outer Limits

Feb. 20 Los Lonely Boys @ Music Zoo

May 8 Accept @ Club Zen Zen

March 26 George Strait @ USA