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How MISD's proposal got to $163 million

Elementary proposal has room to grow; secondary campus proposal still to come

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Midland ISD trustees have tough decisions to make in coming weeks. By Aug. 20, they must decide whether to call a Nov. 6 bond election and, if so, for how much.

After a review of MISD's facilities, architecture firm Parkhill Smith & Cooper presented a $163 million elementary school bond recommendation to trustees Tuesday night.

The number was $4.5 million more than what MISD administrators previously estimated. In February, MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren presented trustees with the first phase of an improvement initiative. The phase one price tag was $158 million.

However, Warren felt it was important — and the board agreed — to hire outside professionals to evaluate the plan submitted and create a long-range facility masterplan. Tuesday's recommendation by PSC is the first step of that process.

Now trustees must decide whether to call a bond election in November, and if an election is called, they also must determine the price.

PSC's $163 million recommendation includes at least $1.6 million in improvements at every elementary campus, the construction of three new elementary schools and a $7 million district technology plan.

PSC classified every project into one of five categories — school and academic improvements, site improvements, life safety and security, technology and deferred maintenance.

School and academic improvements

Of the proposed $163 million, 62 percent will go to "school and academic improvements."

PSC's recommendation includes 167 new elementary classrooms. The majority of classrooms would be built at the three new campuses, with 40 a piece. Bonham, Burnet, Crockett, Emerson, Lamar, Long, Pease, Rusk, South and Washington elementaries also would have new classroom additions.

Every MISD campus would receive upgrades of some sort including cafeteria expansions and the addition of multi-purpose gyms, science, music art and life skills classrooms.

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See where the money would go and which schools would get new classrooms under the $163 million proposal.

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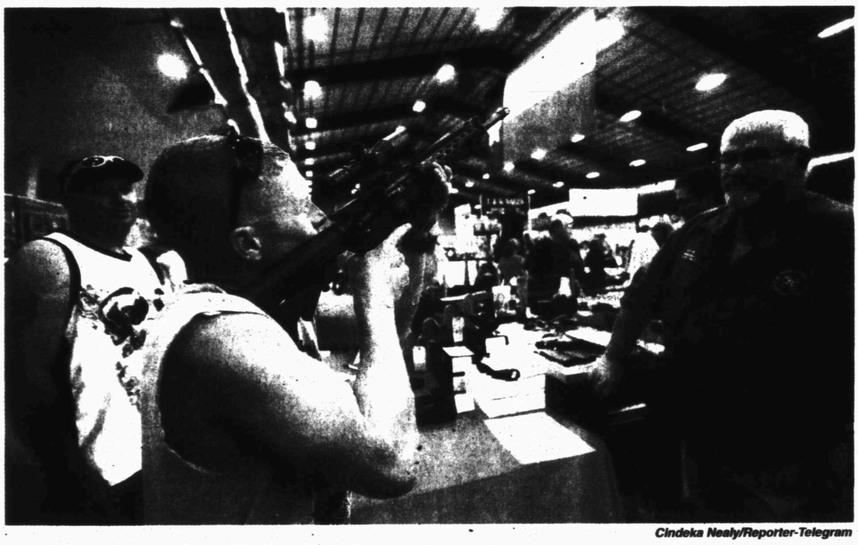

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Daniel Scott, from left, looks through the scope of a factory-built Sabre M-4 rifle belonging to Stay Safe owner and retired police Sgt. Michial Dunlap during Saturday's Silver Spur Gun & Knife Show.

Gun show fans wary of restrictions after massacre

By James Cannon
Online Editor

In light of recent high-profile shootings in Florida and Colorado, participants of the Silver Spur Gun & Knife Show at the Horseshoe are concerned the government will take advantage of these events to further politicize the gun debate.

"None of those guns killed anyone; the people behind these shootings killed people," said Michial Dunlap, a retired Amarillo police officer of more than 30 years and owner of Stay Safe, an AR15 training and sales company.

He described guns as a tool that depend on the user.

"I travel with every one of these guns here and in my trailer. I have 30 more. Now, I don't know if they are very well-trained rifles or if they like me or not, but they've never assaulted me. But I have had two people assault me."

When asked about alleged shooters George Zimmerman and James Holmes legally purchasing firearms and ammunition used in incidents in Florida and Colorado, respectively, Dunlap countered that if it wasn't a gun, it could easily have been another weapon.

"There is no stopping a crazy person once they make up their mind," Dunlap said. "It's not the guns doing it, and everyone wants to blame the guns because they don't have the fortitude or the guts or the personal integrity to look at a guy and say, 'that's a crazy son of a (gun) and he needs to be put down.'"

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More

The Silver Spur Gun & Knife Show continues today from 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Midland County Horseshoe Arena. It is $5 for adults and free for children.

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20-year-old dies after crash on Loop 250

■ Three wrecks last week killed four people on Midland roads.

By James Cannon
Online Editor

An early Saturday morning wreck that left one man dead was the third such wreck on Midland's roads last week.

Midlander Mark Varela, 20, died in the crash that occurred at about 4:30 a.m. Saturday at Highway 191 and Loop 250.

Victims in the other wrecks were Odessans Jesus Zapata, 50, and Felix Vargas, 20, who died Monday; and Midlander Joshua Urias, 22, who died Friday.

Varela died after his vehicle was struck by a pickup driven by Sammy Rocha, 37, said Persephone Dakopolos, Midland's public information officer.

Varela, who was heading northbound in the concrete landscaped area south of 191 under the overpass for Loop 250, went off the edge of the underpass and stopped upside down in the eastbound lanes. Rocha's 2008 F-150 hit Varela's vehicle, Dakopolos said.

As of press time it was not known why Varela's vehicle had left the roadway.

Rocha and his son, Sammy Rocha Jr., 18, were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Anyone with more information about the wreck is encouraged to call the Midland Police Department at 685-7108.

Zapata and Vargas were killed in a multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 20 between Farm-to-Market Road

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Dewhurst sends message during get-out-the-vote event

By Stewart Doreen
Editor

The U.S. Senate campaign between Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and former state Solicitor General Ted Cruz has turned into a competition to prove who's more conservative.

During a get-out-the-vote stop Saturday in advance of Tuesday's runoff, Dewhurst attempted to land a knock-out blow.

"My opponent is similar to another Harvard lawyer who was promising hope and change and didn't have the experience," said Dewhurst, comparing Cruz to President Barack Obama. "How did that work out for you?"

Dewhurst's stop in Midland at the Jum-Burrito on Wadley Avenue was part of a one-day, four-city tour of West Texas. He also visited Amarillo, Lubbock and Abilene. He heads to Central Texas today.

This weekend, Cruz has been the talk of the tea party coalition, campaigning with former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, of South Carolina, and Rick Santorum, former GOP presidential candidate. Dewhurst made note of the help Cruz is receiving.

"I don't think Texans want outsiders telling us who we should vote for. Wouldn't you agree?" Dewhurst said.

Cruz has hit Midland several times during this campaign; his last appearance was at a Midland Republican Women's event earlier this month. His work courting Midlanders has translated to votes as he nearly

Please see DEWHURST/4A



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Keith Stretcher, from left, S. Javaid Anwar and Jose Cuevas talk to Lt. Gov. and U.S. Senate hopeful David Dewhurst, Saturday during his campaign stop in Midland.

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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.

Camp Fire USA after-school care

Camp Fire USA will offer state-licensed after-school care for students at six Midland ISD campuses and St. Mark's United Methodist Church this fall.

Enrollment is open for students attending Bush, Emerson, Fannin, Henderson, Jones and Parker elementaries for Kids Care program, which is operated by the Camp Fire USA West Texas Council.

Components of the program include homework help, games, arts and crafts, outdoor recreation, and traditional Camp Fire activities and projects. The program will be offered from the time school is out until 6 p.m. The child-to-adult ratio of no more than 15 to 1 is enforced to provide attention and quality supervision.

Program enrollment includes a $20 anuual fee, plus $40 per week.

Registration forms are available at the Camp Fire office at 310 W. Wall, Suite 810 or online at www.campfirewtx.org. For more information, call 570-4144.

Volunteers wanted for this year's fair

A dinner for prospective volunteers for the 2012 Midland County Fair is 6:30 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Midland County Extension Office located at 2445 E. Business 20.

For more information, contact Tony Carrillo, volunteer chair, at 694-1715 (tpcarrillo@gmail.com) or Zan Matthies Jr., County Extension Agent, at 686-4700 (z-matthies@tamu.edu), for additional information.

City launches public information survey

The city of Midland launched a new, independent and anonymous survey in an effort to gain more insight from residents on how best to improve civic dialogue.

The questionnaire, while only 10 questions, will aid city staff in effectively communicating news and events to residents and, according to the city, ensure residents are engaged in community development.

Results will be tallied and made public. The information gained from the survey will be used to create a comprehensive plan for improving city communications.

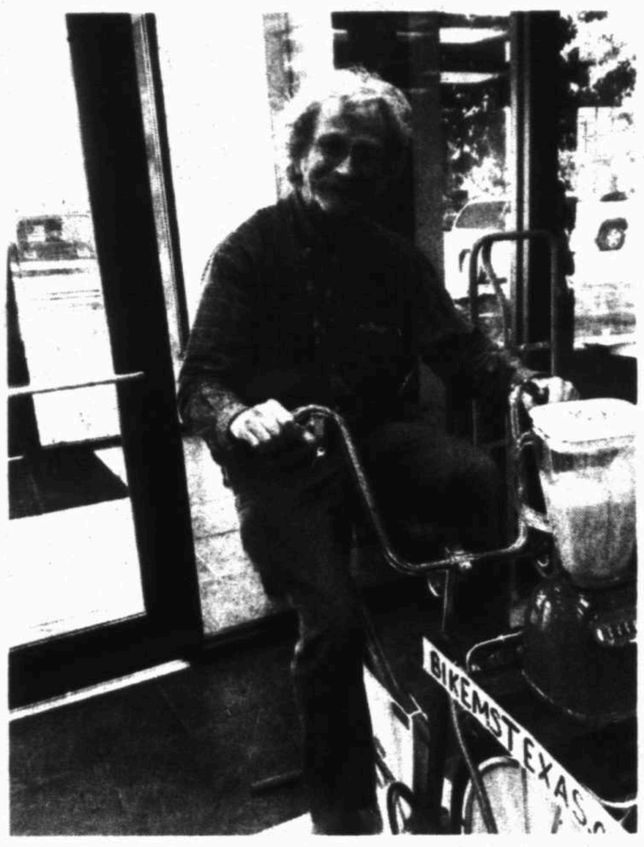
References: www.Midland-Texas.gov

John Ben Shepperd forum at UTPB

The ups and downs of economic development in the Permian Basin will be discussed in a town hall meeting planned for 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 16.

"Dialogue and Dessert" is sponsored by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute at the CEED Auditorium with guest officials from four neighboring communities as speakers. The program will be free and open to the public.

The speakers, who will discuss the future of economic development in their communities, include Guy Andrews, director of economic development for Odessa Chamber of Commerce, and Laura Roman, chair of the board of directors for Midland Development Corp.



RIDING TO FIND A CURE FOR MS

Reporter-Telegram columnist Ed Todd is seen here making a smoothie on the Bike MS Blender at the Apache Corp. headquarters the night before the two-day Cactus and Crude Bike event held last weekend.

Courtesy Photo

Ed Todd raises money to fight MS

Reporter-Telegram columnist is raising money to help the National MS Society fund research, advocate for change, and help people with multiple sclerosis and their families lead powerful lives. Go to his fundraising web page — main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/TXHBikeEvents?px=9972730&pg=personal&fr_id=18431 — to help him reach his $500 goal.

Multiple sclerosis is a progressive neurological disease that affects the lives of 400,000 Americans.

Mary Dearen needs 'bail' money for MDA

Managing Editor Mary Dearen is a "jailbird" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Midland Executive Lock-Up.

Her "bail" has been set at $1,600, which she has to raise by Aug. 30. If you want to help, you can donate online at www.mdalockup.org/midlandexecutivelockup or you can send a check, made out to MDA, to Mary Dearen, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.

Midland's hotel business report for May

May 2012
(Taxable receipts)
Midland: $6,078,115
Odessa: $6,735,587
Abilene: $3,558,324
Lubbock: $6,947,360
San Angelo: $2,709,286

Midland in May 2011: $4,251,112
Midland in May 2010: $2,460,365
Midland in May 2009 $2,796,685
Midland in May 2008: $3,290,761

Top Midland hotels
(total receipts)

Hilton Midland Plaza	$858,784
Residence Inn	$619,855
La Quinta (Wall)	$519,981
Holiday Inn Express	$496,500
Plaza Inn	$424,813
Courtyard/Marriott	$398,941
La Quinta (L-250)	$345,057
Fairfield Inn	$332,174
Hampton Inn/Suites	$317,500
Country Inn	$291,977
Airport Plaza Inn	$269,455
Sleep Inn	$260,125
Comfort Inn	$275,491
W.T. Inn/Suites	$247,662
Comfort Suites	$244,525
Best Value Inn	$236,052
Clarion Hotel	$223,421
Value Place	$204,015
Studio 6	$196,970
Travelodge Midland	$171,096
Am. Best Value Inn	$161,746
Victorian Inn	$137,584
Midtown Hotel	$127,689
Super 8 Motel	$127,507

Also listed: HB Rentals $1,064,105

Top in Midland-Odessa

MCM Fundome (O)	1,092,213
Hilton Midland Plaza	$858,784
MCM Elegante (O)	$653,479
Residence Inn	$619,855
La Quinta (Wall)	$519,981

Support groups and club meetings

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

■ A support group for those with diabetes or at risk for diabetes, 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday, Furr's Cafeteria; 570-9412.

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

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

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

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. p.m. first Thursday, Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.

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

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

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

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 and 10 a.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely; 694-8347.

Toastmasters Clubs

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

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

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m. first Thursday at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053

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

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m. first Thursday; Kim Butterfield, 288-2806 or Marge Frank, 218-9207.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

Dance clubs

■ High Sky Squares, second and fourth Tuesdays, M-Squarena Square Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130. Round dances begin at 7 p.m.; squares at 8 p.m.; 697-0281.

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

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

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Return bins available 24 hours a day
432-699-0629

U.S. Postal Service
-Downtown, 100 E. Wall St.
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
-Village, 2315 W Louisiana Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
-Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
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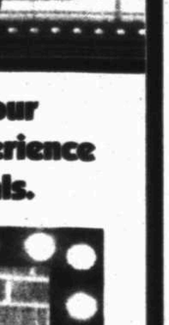

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#Restaurant reports

For the latest grades of the city's commercial kitchen areas, check out MyWestTexas.com.

The Reporter-Telegram is working with the city of Midland's Health Department to provide grades and reports of restaurants and other commercial kitchens.

The latest batch of reports are now online at mywesttexas.com/restaurants.

#What's new

We have reintroduced our daily reader polls to our home page at MyWestTexas.com. Log on and vote daily to ensure your opinion is heard.

#Most popular on MyWestTexas

- 2 die in 17-car pileup on I-20
- Men who died in multi-vehicle pileup were from Odessa
- Runoff will determine future 238th District Court judge
- 238th District Court race takes on new tone
- Architecture firm: Cost to improve MISD's elementary facilities is $163 million

#Recent Photos

Check out MyWestTexas.com to view photos from this weekend's Tall City Blues Fest.

We have been covering the second annual music festival all weekend, so check out our photos and videos and share your experience.

As always, we ask you send us any photos you took with your family and friends. Submit photos and share your stories with Online Editor James Cannon at jcannon@mrt.com or at facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram.

#Photo Gallery

The Midland Reporter–Telegram is offering a photo gallery online.

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Now readers can purchase local photos never before seen on the pages of the Reporter–Telegram. Look for extra photos from area sports, features, news subjects, parades and other community events. Readers will have options of different size photos to purchase, prints on t–shirts and sweatshirts, refrigerator magnets, buttons and many other items not offered before. Keep checking back to mywesttexas.com and look in the Photo Gallery for more pictures as we continue to add events and more pictures.

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Twitter: Follow us or send us a Tweet via @mwtnews and @mwtsports.

Polls: Go to MyWestTexas.com to vote in the daily news polls to get your opinion heard.



#A likeable guy on Facebook

Our most liked post on Facebook this week was our photo of Jerry Morales announcing his intention to run for re-election for councilman at large.

The post on Tuesday received 126 likes.

#Facebook – most commented

The Reporter-Telegram received many complaints and concerns this week over the quality of water in Midland.

Our most commented Facebook page post was alerting readers to the presence of bleach in the water supply to cleanse the delivery system.

Here's what you thought:

A "slight" odor? You can smell it in the next room. I want to see council members drink it at the next meeting.
— Bill Johnson

I'm not so sure if it's safe! I bet you couldn't get the people who work at the water plant to drink a glass !!! It's horrible! It specially after bathing in it!!
— Melissa Reyes

I didn't think Midland water could smell any worse than it already did!
— Sophia Ramos Suarez

I'd take the water smelling like chlorine over the usual "dirt" smell any day.
— Jennifer Munoz

I knew it!!! ... It has a strong odor and it stung my eyes for a few days.
— Rose Garcia

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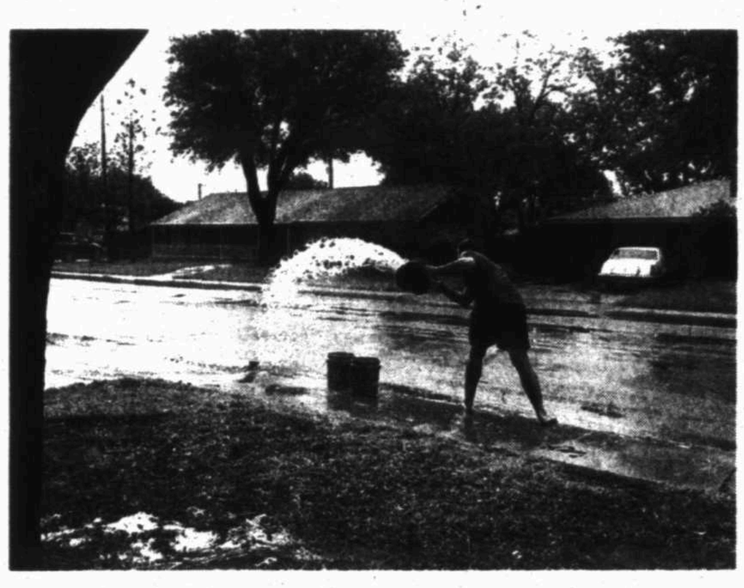
'Summer Loving' Winner to be announced



Check facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram or MyWestTexas.com on Tuesday for the winner of our second contest and the submission rules for the third sweepstakes. Participants are competing for a two-night stay at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio.

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Top, Betty Tisdale provided this picture of Andrew Semer because he loves taking advantage of the extra rain.

Right, Lu Salgado sent this cool picture of four people she loves "more than words can say."



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#Your digital guide to the Olympics

With the Olympics already under way, the next 15 days will be an exercise in endurance for Americans trying to keep up with all 3,500 hours of the summer games.

NBCUniversal's marathon coverage will be spread across six TV networks, two mobile apps and one website. NBC's coverage will provide an unprecedented all-access pass to the 2012 Olympics. You can watch on your flat-screen TV, iPad or smartphone or at a bar with friends.

We're here to help you navigate the many viewing options on the web:

NBCOlympics.com will live-stream every sport and every event — 3,500 programming hours, including the awarding of all 302 medals. You must already be a cable or satellite subscriber to those networks on traditional TV.

On your phone or iPad: NBCUniversal has two apps for tablets and smartphones. NBC Olympics Live Extra, which will also offer 3,500 hours of coverage, and NBC Olympics, which will have short-form highlights, schedules, results and a "Primetime Companion" that will offer such auxiliary items as trivia, polls, slide shows, videos and athlete biographies.

On social media: The NBC Olympics Facebook page (facebook.com/nbcolympics) features up-to-date news, polls, photo galleries, trivia and shareable images. NBCUniversal has also partnered with Twitter (twitter.com/Olympics), and it will aggregate tweets from athletes, coaches, fans, commentators and other sources. NBC Olympics has taken over the NBC Sports Google Plus page for the duration of the games. Photo-sharing site Instagram will provide behind-the-scenes pictures and allow fans to share their own photos. Tumblr will feature "visually stunning" content and a tribute to fans.

Source: AP, NBC

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today
Summer Sunday Lawn Concert presents Brown Sneakers, 7:45 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Admission: Free.

Rick Smith's "Whenever it Rains," 2:30 p.m., The Globe Theatre, Odessa. Call: 580-3177. Buy tickets online at www.globesw.org

Monday
Midland County Fair Presents "Kareoke on the Terrace" at the Horseshoe.

Tuesday
The Petroleum Museum: Movie Camp presents "Happy Feet 2," 9:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3:30 p.m. For Children age 5 and up. Cost: $3. For more information, call 683-4403

Thursday
Midland Fire Department Kids Boot Camp, 9-11:30 a.m., Grande Communications Stadium

Thursday through Saturday
Rock the Desert "Don't Stop Believin'" Music Festival at Rock the Desert Festival Grounds, 2000 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Tickets: $25 in advance or $30 at the gate for the entire weekend. Tickets can be purchased online at www.rock-thedesert.com or by calling the Rock the Desert offices at 563-3434.

Saturday
Author book signing, 2 p.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Mike Eggleston will sign copies of "Distorted Pillars and The Sharpest Ever.

Saturday and Aug. 5
Third annual Women's Fair and Expo at the Horseshoe. The expo will feature shopping and fashion shows. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 5. Tickets are $6 for adults, $4 for children ages 5 to 15 and $5 for those 62 and older. Admission is good for the entire weekend. On Sunday, tickets are two for $8. For more information, call 806-253-1322, email info@wfetx.com or visit www.wfetx.com.

Meetings schedule

Hospital District
Noon Tuesday
Boardroom of administration office

Community calendar

■ Midland Park Mall is planning a celebration Friday and Saturday to mark the completion of its renovations.

The event includes fashions shows, "door busters" for the first 100 customers, Simon Kidgits activities with costume characters, caricature artists and balloon artists, a putting contest and shopper makeovers.

■ West Texas Orthopedics will be offering physicals 8-11 a.m. Saturday. The free is $25 (cash only).

For more information, call Steven Dodd at 520-3020.

■ A fundraising golf tournament for the Lee High School band is planned for 8 a.m. Saturday at Nueva Vista Golf Course. The tournament is a four-man scramble; entry fee is $100 a player.

The deadline to register is Tuesday. Player information — names, handicap and phone number and email address — may be emailed to barb.peacock@yahoo.com. Entry forms are available at www.mightyre-belband.com. The completed form may be dropped off at Nueva Vista or mailed to Lee Band Golf Tournament, 1801 Bates St., Midland, Texas 79707.

Entry fee may be paid at the time from is submitted or on the day of the event. For more information, call Steve Morales at 413-7125.

■ The Petroleum Museum has added 2 p.m. sessions of its classes In the Time of Dinosaurs, Aug. 3, and Inside a Hurricane, Aug. 10. Registration deadline is Tuesday for the first class and Friday for the second class.

Fees are $15 for members and $20 for nonmembers. For more information, call Stacie Hanna at 683-4403.

Water worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

July 19: 15,961,000 gallons
July 20: 17,328,000 gallons
July 21: 15,210,000 gallons
July 22: 15,869,000 gallons
July 23: 17,197,000 gallons
July 24: 14,179,000 gallons
July 25: 12,673,000 gallons
July 26: 16,619,000 gallons

Total storage by CRMWD in their lakes, as of Friday, was 83,454 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 142,626 acre-feet. The average usage for June from CRMWD was 12,678,000. The average usage since July 1 from CRMWD is 11,579,115.

Military member comes home

Army Sgt. 1st Class Mark L. Fulcher is scheduled to arrive at Midland International Airport at 4 p.m. today for a two-week leave.

He is a 14H - Air Defense Enhanced Early Warning Operator. He has been in Qatar since May and is scheduled to remain there until May 2013. His other deployments were in Iraq, South Korea and Bahrain.

Fulcher, a 1999 graduate of Midland High School, is the son of Midlanders Pamela Glass and Russell Bessho and grandson of Midlanders Phyllis and Robert Glass.

Source: Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee

Today in history

Today is Sunday, July 29, the 211th day of 2012. There are 155 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1921, Adolf Hitler became the leader ("fuehrer") of the National Socialist German Workers Party.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, creating NASA.

Early voting turnout stronger than expected

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Despite the mid-summer date, 100-plus degree temperatures and spurts of rain last week, early voting totals for the July 31 runoff were higher than expected.

While officials said they hoped the U.S. Senate, Railroad Commission and 238th District Court races would draw voters to the polls, they also said they wouldn't have been surprised if turnout was closer to what's been typical in recent years when 1,300 or fewer people voted in a runoff election.

"We had just over 1,200 votes during the first day of early voting in Midland County," said James Beauchamp, chairman of the Midland County Republican Party. "When you compare that to 2,227 total votes in the 2010 run-off and 423 in the 2006 run-off, we see that as a very positive."

In total, 5,716 Midlanders, or about 8.16 percent of registered votes, cast a ballot during early voting, according to the Midland County Elections Office. Of those voters, 5,639 were Republican and 77 were Democrat.

Beauchamp said he had hoped 7,500 would vote by the end of Election Day, though it would be ideal if that number was even higher. If 7,500 Midlanders voted by the close of the polls Tuesday, that would mean about 10.71 percent of registered voters participated.

In the May 29 primary, 16.59 percent of voters cast a ballot, according to the elections office. Even if that percentage isn't reached this week, officials said the participation has been good for a runoff, particularly one that was pushed to the middle of the summer because of a redistricting battle and late primary date.

"It's been a good turnout for a runoff and especially a runoff in the middle of summer," said Terry Perry, assistant elections administrator.

In 2010, the most recent runoff in Midland County and one in which a district clerk and state supreme court position were decided, just 3.13 percent of voters participated.

In 2008, less than 1 percent of voters cast a ballot for a Democratic Railroad Commission runoff and in 2006, just 4.68 percent ofvoters participated. The highest runoff turnouts in Midland during the last decade occurred in 2003 and 2004 when more than 17 percent of voters participated.

In 2003, Mike Conaway was in a runoff with Randy Neugebauer for the congressional seat now held by Neugebauer.

In 2004, a special election runoff was held between Kirk Edwards and Sen. Kel Seliger to fill a then open state Senate seat. Both of those races were held within a month of the original election and were hyper-local as at least one of the candidates in each race focused campaign efforts largely in the Permian Basin, officials said.

Typically, turnout depends largely upon what's on the ballot, Beauchamp said. With two Railroad Commission races, a U.S. Senate race and the local district court race, there was at least high interest in this election, he said.

"While every election is important, since this run-off will decide our nominee for the U.S. Senate, two positions on the Texas Railroad Commission, which is especially important to the Permian Basin, and our local judicial race, we want to encourage everyone to go vote in this run-off," he said.

Sue Brannon, former Midland County Republican Party chairwoman, said she was excited to see the early voting numbers as high as they were.

For those who haven't yet voted, she said polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"It's just so important that we all vote. This is a very important election and I would urge everyone to exercise their privilege of voting," she said.

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Early voting numbers

TOTAL VOTERS THROUGH FRIDAY: 5,716

Thursday total: 1,019
Christ Church: 67
Cogdell: 30
Elections Office: 780
Midland College: 59
Manor Park: 83

Wednesday total: 991
Christ Church: 72
Cogdell: 36
Elections Office: 789
Midland College: 27
Manor Park: 67

Tuesday total: 1,150
Christ Church: 88
Cogdell: 45
Elections Office: 873
Midland College: 59
Manor Park: 85

Monday total: 1,228
Christ Church: 101
Cogdell: 45
Elections Office: 961
Midland College: 44
Manor Park: 77

LOCATION TOTALS: Christ Church: 328; **Cogdell:** 156; **Elections Office:** 3,403; **Midland College:** 189; and **Manor Park:** 312

Polling places for July 31 election

VOTING HOURS: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Republicans:

Precincts 101-110: Manor Park, 5212 Sinclair Ave.

Precincts 201, 203-212: Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Precinct 202: Greenwood Baptist Church, 10908 Farm-to-Market Road 307

Precincts 302-310: Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W Florida Ave.

Precincts 401, 408-411: Santa Rita Elementary, 5306 Whitman Drive.

Precincts 402-405, 407: Lee High School, 3500 Neely Ave.

Precinct 406: Odessa Country Club, No. 1 Fairway Drive

Democrats:

Precincts 101-110: Alamo Jr. High, 3800 W Storey

Precincts 201-212: Midland County Annex, 2110 North "A" St.

Precincts 302-310: Martin Luther King Jr. Center, 2300 Butternut Lane

Precincts 401-411: Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N. Midland Dr.

What to bring

What you'll need to vote:
Residents will be asked to present either their voter registration certificate or a valid form of ID.

Not sure if you're registered?
Visit http://www.votetexas.gov/faq and click on the "Am I Registered?" link.

Have you moved?
If you've moved within Midland County and not re-registered to vote you'll have to vote in the precinct that coincides with your former address.

Who's on the ballot?

Republicans:

U.S. SENATE

David Dewhurst: Served as lieutenant governor since 2003 and was previously the land commissioner of Texas. Dewhurst served with the U.S. Air Force and with the CIA before going into private business in Houston. He cites his experience in business and in government as reasons he's running for the Senate saying he cut taxes and fees 51 times and helped to pass five balanced state budgets without raising taxes. He and his wife, Tricia, have one daughter.

Ted Cruz: Served as solicitor general of Texas from 2003 to 2008 where he argued before the state and U.S. Supreme Court. He argued for the second amendment, for the constitutionality of both the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas 10 Commandments monument. Cruz now is a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Houston, where he leads the firm's U.S. Supreme Court and national Appellate Litigation practice. He and his wife, Heidi, have two daughters.

Midland primary votes:
David Dewhurst: 43.68 percent
Ted Cruz: 41.23 percent

RAILROAD COMMISSION

Christi Craddick: A small business owner and attorney who specializes in oil and gas, water and tax issues, as well as environmental policy. Craddick worked in 1994 in the legal department of the Railroad Commission and at the Third Court of Appeals. Craddick is running because she wants to ensure the federal government doesn't over-regulate the oil and gas industry and because she supports increased production, among other things.A native Midlander, Craddick is the daughter of Rep. Tom and Nadine Craddick.

Warren Chisum: Served in the state House for more than 20 years where he was chairman of the House committees on appropriations and environmental regulation. Chisum, of Pampa, has worked as an energy producer and oil field services operator. Chisum said he has the experience to spur the energy industry toward the future using free market principles. He cites his experience in state government and business as qualifications.Warren and his wife, Omega, have two children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Midland primary votes:
Christi Craddick: 56.98 percent
Warren Chisum: 16.68 percent

RAILROAD COMMISSION

Barry Smitherman: Was appointed to the Railroad Commission in July 2011 and currently serves as chairman. Smitherman worked in the banking industry until 2002 at which time he became a prosecutor for the District Attorney's office in Harris County. He was appointed to the Public Utility Commission in 2004 and became chairman in 2007. While there, he cut the budget and staffing levels by 15 percent. Since joining the Railroad Commission, he's started an agency-wide review aimed at finding more efficiencies. He and his wife, Marijane, have four children.

Greg Parker: A Comal County commissioner, Parker was elected to the county position in 2004 and said he has worked to keep the tax rate there low for citizens. He's worked as a technology professional and is a U.S. Army veteran.

Parker holds a masters of public administration from Walden University, and is finishing his dissertation for a Ph.D. in public policy and administration. His dissertation is on the Correlation between urban natural gas exploration and economic growth in the Texas Barnett Shale.

Midland primary votes:
Barry Smitherman: 55.95 percent
Greg Parker: 19.68 percent

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, PLACE 4

David Medina: Was elected to a six-year term on the Texas Supreme Court in 2006. Medina earned his law degree in 1989 from South Texas College of Law while he was working at Cooper Industries Inc. He worked as the counsel, litigation attorney for Cooper Industries after graduating and was then appointed to the 157th State District Court in 1996. He returned to Cooper in 2000 and was appointed in 2004 as the general counsel to the governor.

John Devine: Attended law school in Houston while working for Shell Oil and later Brown & Root, an engineering firm. He served as the 190th District Court judge in Houston from 1995 to 2002 and the special judge for the Harris County J.P. Courts from 2002 to 2011. He decided to run for his first judicial seat after hearing the judge in that court prohibited "Christian activists" from praying on the sidewalk outside of an abortion clinic.

Midland primary votes:
David Medina: 40.85 percent
John Devine: 31.91 percent

238TH DISTRICT COURT

David Lindemood: An attorney with Brockett & McNeel LLP, Lindemood has practiced for more than 25 years with a concentration in civil law, specifically in the areas of will contests, fiduciary litigation, business litigation and family law. He also has been a certified mediator for 10 years and maintains an office practice in estate planning and business transactions. He and his wife, Becky, have four grown children between them.

Elizabeth Leonard: An attorney/landman with JTD Resources LLC., Leonard has six years of experience in oil and gas law. She has 10 and 1/2 years of experience as a prosecutor between her roles with Midland and Ector counties. She's practiced civil and criminal law, with an emphasis in felony crimes and, recently, oil and gas. She also taught courses at Midland and Odessa colleges.Leonard is married to Dan Leonard, who has three grown children.

Midland primary votes:
David Lindemood: 33.12 percent
Elizabeth Leonard: 33.98 percent

Democrats:

U.S. SENATE

Grady Yarbrough: Retired from the San Antonio Independent School District. He has a bachelor's degree from Texas College and a master's in education from Prairie View A&M as well as an administration certificate from East Texas State University. He supports "Dream Act" legislation, would work to lower the cost of college and supports health care funding through children's programs and Medicaid and other avenues.

Paul Sadler: Served in the Texas House from 1991 to 2003 where he held seats on the Legislative Budget Board and the Education, Judiciary, Pensions and Investments, Health and Human Services and Calendars committees.He served as the executive director of the Wind Coalition from 2008 to 2012 and is an attorney. He advocates for "new energy solutions," having federal government support rather.

Midland primary votes:
Grady Yarbrough: 37.03 percent
Paul Sadler: 29.11 percent

Sources: Midland County Elections Office, Texas Secretary of State Office, interviews with and campaign material from candidates

DEWHURST

From 1A

topped Dewhurst in May's primary. Dewhurst did win Midland County, 43.68 percent to 41.23 percent, but that spread was less than Dewhurst's advantage across the state (44.67 percent to 39.04 percent). Midland County was even more of an anomaly as Dewhurst beat his statewide spread in Lubbock, Ector, Tom Green (San Angelo), Taylor (Abilene) and Andrews counties.

During Cruz's recent appearance in Midland, he warned his supporters Dewhurst would be on the attack.

"For the next two weeks, you're going to hear constant barrages telling you how I am a one-legged, leprous ax murderer," Cruz said July 18.

Cruz said he then saw the polls starting to change. A Public Policy Poll of likely Republican voters from mid-July showed Cruz with a 49-44 lead. Since then, established Republicans in Texas have thrown their support behind the state's lieutenant governor.

Comptroller Susan Combs announced last week she is joining Gov. Rick Perry in supporting Dewhurst. Eighteen of the state's 19 Republican state senators also signed a letter of a support — a sign of solidarity of the work done by Dewhurst in the Legislature.

On Saturday, state Sen. Kel Seliger, who represents Midland-Odessa, put the following message on his Facebook page, "... Predict a Dewhurst win, particularly in West Tx."

Dewhurst tried to drive home the point. He cited his oil and gas experience, his work as a small businessman, his leadership that he said helped produce five balanced budgets without raising taxes, voter ID legislation and "more pro-life legislation" than anyone in our state's history.

"We need business people who see how the economy works, how to solve big issues and someone in oil and gas," said Jose Cuevas, owner of JumBurrito restaurants and Dewhurst supporter.

Political analysts around the state have speculated turnout will be a huge indicator of who wins on Tuesday. Their prediction is that the higher the turnout, the greater the odds of a Dewhurst win. Reports around the state indicate early voting turnout is high, including in Midland, where more than 5,700 residents turned out last week to cast ballots. Cuevas said having Christi Craddick on the ballot in the Railroad Commission race certainly is bound to help, as people in Midland are in oil and gas and understand the ramifications that race has on the industry.

"A large number (across the state) means Dewhurst wins," Cuevas said.

Whether to help generate that turnout or maybe as a response to a surging Cruz campaign, Dewhurst loaned his campaign another $8 million in the last two weeks, according to Houston Chronicle reports.

That puts the total at $24.5 million he has loaned his campaign, according to the Chronicle's Texas on the Potomac political website.

Dewhurst said Saturday the amount of special-interest support for Cruz, specifically from "Club For Growth," put pressure on him to make sure all his potential revenue sources were available.

FreedomWorks, chaired by former House majority leader Dick Armey, of Texas, also has thrown its support behind Cruz.

"I have become more and more determined not to let Washington insiders buy this election," Dewhurst said Saturday.

Dewhurst said this election also will matter to Texans should Republicans take control of the Senate. Dewhurst is supporting Sen. John Cornyn, soon to be Texas' senior senator, for whip. Cruz refused to endorse Cornyn because DeMint opposes Cornyn, he said.

"At the end of the day, Washington's problems are too serious just to have someone sitting in the back row throwing grenades," Dewhurst said. "We need serious people who know how to solve problems."

MISD

From 1A

Improvements to the stages and early childhood programs will be made at most campuses.

While PSC's number includes furniture for proposed construction of additions, expansions and new schools, it does not include new furniture for any existing classrooms or schools.

Providing all schools with new furniture would add about $10 million to the bond program, PSC Firm Principal Jay Edwards said, estimating its cost at about half million dollars per campus.

PSC had not completed information sheets detailing the specific projects and prices for each campus at Tuesday's board meeting. Warren asked Edwards to complete them soon so they can be posted publicly on MISD's website for review.

Site Improvements

Four percent of the proposed $163 million budget would be used for site-based improvements like replacing playground equipment and backstops, expanding and repaving parking lots, extending sidewalks and installing covered walkways at magnet schools where much of the busing occurs.

Additionally, some schools will receive new parent drop-off areas and bus lanes to facilitate a better traffic flow.

Life Safety & Security

To ensure a safe campus environment for students, Warren said administrators decided they would like to have cameras in every classroom, corridor and outside the school.

"We need to get as many cameras as possible on the kids and on the staff to make sure we have a very controlled environment," Warren said. "We're seeing a lot of districts moving that way, like Cy Fair, Katy and Plano, who are all technologically advanced."

Additionally, MISD would like to install a master building access control system with door controls, panic buttons and emergency lockdown capability.

Currently, many of the classroom locks only can be activated from outside the room with a key, requiring the teacher to walk out of the classroom to secure the room. Warren said he would like to have a system where student and staff safety can be secured from a remote location in the event of an emergency.

With the $8.58 million life safety and security budget, exterior building doors would be controlled electronically with a key pad or key card and allow MISD to track exactly who is in the building and at what time, Warren said.

Security lighting and upgraded fire alarm systems also are included in the recommendation.

Technology

MISD hopes providing teachers and students with additional technology will increase the level of instruction and performance. The $28.65 million technology budget accounts for 18 percent of the bond proposal.

PSC's recommendation provides each teacher and classroom with short-throw projectors, document cameras, laser printers, interactive whiteboards, smart tables and handheld clickers.

Each school will be equipped with a mobile laptop cart and each classroom with five desktop computers, compared with two or three currently in each classroom.

Staff computers will be updated, and each teacher provided with an in-class telephone capable of receiving voicemail and making long distance calls.

"If something happens in the office or classroom, teachers need the ability to have an outside line," Warren said. "If teachers have to go down to the office and wait in line every time they call a parent, that's good. ... This will be a lot more effective for the teachers to communicate with parents."

Additionally, a sound reinforcement system that amplifies the voice, computer and interactive white board in each classroom is proposed. Wireless Internet and additional network drops will be installed at each campus, as well as replacements and upgrades to cabling and network backbones.

Deferred Maintenance

Eleven percent of PSC's proposed project addresses deferred maintenance issues.

James Riggen, executive director of construction and school plant services, said it's been difficult to complete large maintenance projects like roof replacements and mechanical system upgrades during the past few years as MISD's budget has gotten tighter.

As a result, MISD has $18.05 million in deferred maintenance projects they'd like to complete.

PSC proposes installing energy efficient lighting, upgrading energy management, heating and air conditioning systems; replacing needed water, sewer and gas lines, stage lighting and curtains, restroom fixtures and finishes; completing roofing projects and upgrading the boilers, chillers, pumps and air handling units.

Moving Forward

In addition to these projects, PSC has identified $1.47 million in additional projects that were labeled as "to be determined."

They include restroom, roofing and parking lot projects not deemed immediate but that do need consideration from the board.

If trustees opt to include these "to be determined" projects, the bond could total $164.5 million.

The presentation of elementary needs and costs was the first of five tasks PSC was hired to complete; the others are secondary planning, a demographic study, master planning and programming and pre-bond development. The board will hear PSC's secondary campus recommendation during a workshop Aug. 9 before meeting Aug. 14.

"We will be presented different scenarios and the price tags associated with them so the board can decide what they deem necessary," Warren said. "The secondary question is so philosophical and it will take a lot more discussion before we go in and vote, but I think people need to know the future costs."

While the board legally has until Aug. 20 to call a November bond election, Warren has asked the board to consider Aug. 14 the deadline date.

"I think it's a necessity to be upfront with out community about the entire initiative and project needs," Warren said. "I don't think it would be honest of me to make a recommendation for the board on (Aug. 14) without having put the whole scope out to the public."

Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.

The MISD proposal:

Elementary school facility master plan

MISD's February estimate: $158,543,458

PSC's July recommendation: $163,110,639

The difference: $4,567,181

Where is the money going?

School and academic improvements: $101.73 million, 62 percent

Site improvements: $6.1 million, 4 percent

Life safety and security: $8.58 million, 5 percent

Technology: $28.65 million, 18 percent

Deferred maintenance: $18.05 million, 11 percent

Schools to receive new classrooms

Bonham	4
Burnet	4
Crockett	8
Emerson	4
Lamar	4
Long	6
Pease	6
Rusk	1
South	4
Washington	6

Project	MISD	PSC
Bonham	$2.98M	$3.09M
Bowie	$6.37M	$7.65M
Burnet	$2.59M	$2.69M
Bush	$1.84M	$1.82M
Carver	$8.69M	$10.13M
Crockett	$5.91M	$6.38M
DeZavala	$2.59M	$2.62M
Emerson	$3.8M	$4M
Fannin	$1.86M	$1.84M
Greathouse	$2.06M	$2.04M
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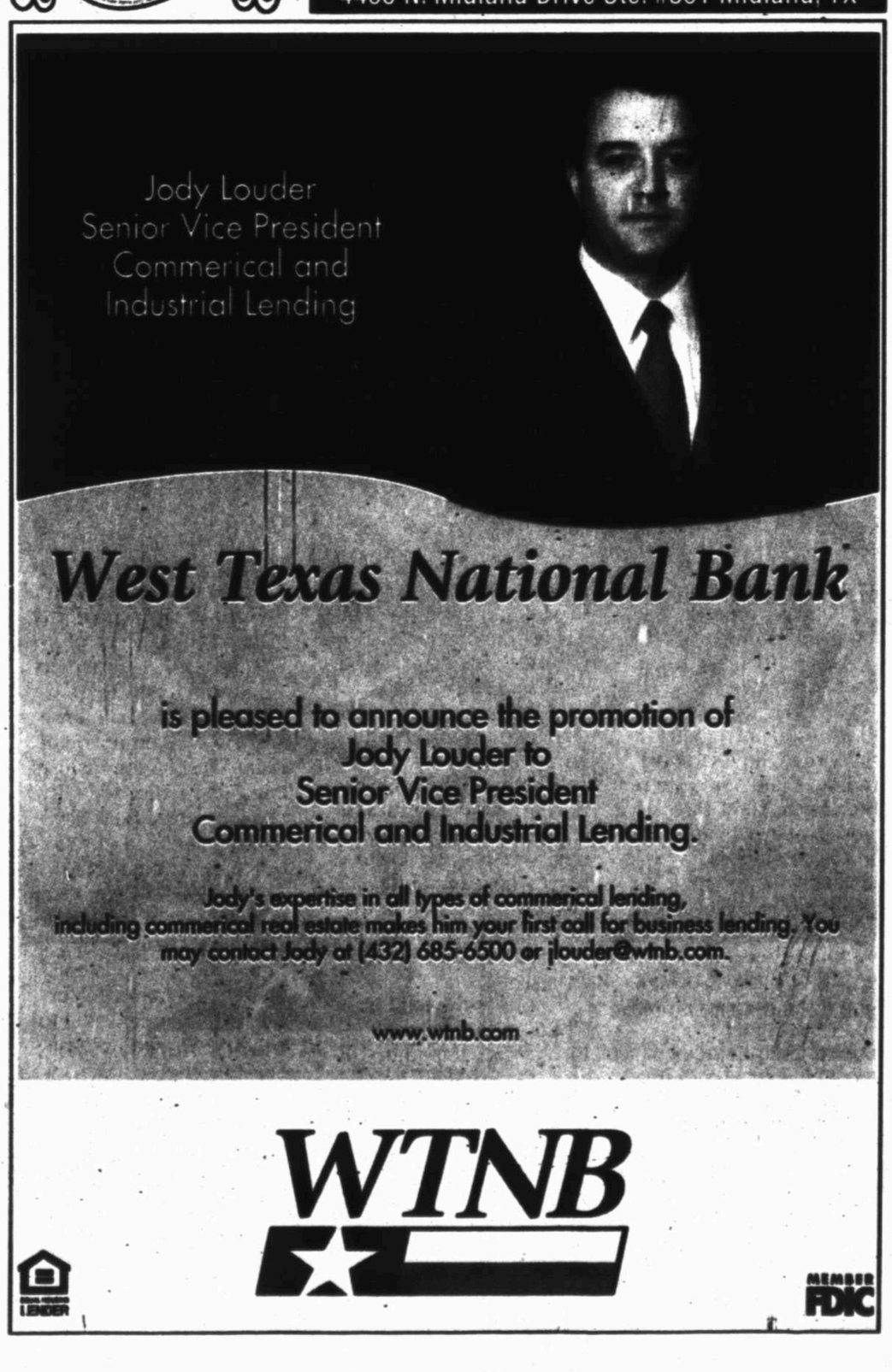


In gay marriage fight, some brands take a stand

By Patrick Condon and Rachel la Corte
Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos waded into a developing corporate culture war over gay marriage Friday with a $2.5 million donation to keep same-sex unions legal in Washington, becoming the latest in a list of high-profile executives to take public stands on a hot election issue.

Bezos joins Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and companies like Starbucks Inc. and Nike Inc. with support to the campaign to uphold Washington's law. And while fast-food chain Chick-fil-A set off a furor opposing same-sex unions this month, other companies — including big names like General Mills and Nabisco — are brushing off fears that support for gay marriage could hurt their bottom line.

Gay rights advocates said the activism sends a strong message.

"Companies are a bellwether of what is in the mainstream," said Marc Solomon, the national campaign manager for Freedom to Marry, a New York-based group that advocates for same-sex marriage. "When you have some of the mainstays of corporate leadership stand up, that's important. It sends a powerful message about where our society is right now."

Solomon and other national advocates said the donation by Bezos and his wife, MacKenzie, is the largest publicly reported gift to support a gay marriage ballot measure, noting that some gay marriage opponents have tried to shield their donor lists.

Washington is one of four states with gay marriage measures on the ballot this November. Washington and Maryland both legalized gay marriage this year, but also will have public referendums this fall. In Maine, voters will decide on an initiative to approve same-sex marriage three years after voters overturned a state law. And in Minnesota, voters will decide whether to pass a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

Same-sex marriage is legal in New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington, D.C.

Food giant General Mills Inc., based in the Minneapolis suburb of Golden Valley, Minn., publicly spoke out against the state's proposed amendment that would ban gay marriage, as well as Thomson Reuters, and St. Jude Medical, and executives including the co-owners of the Minnesota Twins. Even more national brands — Nabisco, J.C. Penney and Minnesota-based Target among them — have stuck with recent, gay-themed advertising.

John Taft, CEO of RBC Wealth Management U.S., has pressed Minnesota companies and executives to oppose the state's proposed amendment, and said it's simply good business.

"We're all competing for talent, we're trying to recruit and retain the best people out there," Taft said. "If you're going to be successful in business, you have to do diversity well. The world is becoming more diverse, not less diverse."

Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy angered gay rights advocates earlier this month with another position, when he said the company was "guilty as charged" for backing "the biblical definition of a family." He later added, "I think we are inviting God's judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at him and say, 'We know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage.'"

Gay rights groups urged a boycott and the mayors of New York, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco spoke out against the chain; Christian conservatives promised to buy chicken sandwiches and waffle fries next week on "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day."

Conservatives have also targeted companies in the Pacific Northwest that threw public support for the Washington law allowing gay marriage, up for a statewide referendum in November.

In March, following a shareholders' meeting of Seattle-based Starbucks, the Washington, D.C.-based National Organization for Marriage announced a "Dump Starbucks" protest and called for a boycott of the coffee giant. Starbucks spokesman Zack Hutson said its business hasn't been affected.

Last month, Gates and Microsoft co-founder Steve Ballmer donated $100,000 apiece to the campaign defending gay marriage. Keeping the law in place "would be good for our business and the state's economy," Microsoft spokeswoman Serina Hall said in an email.

In Minnesota, a number of executives have donated large sums to defeating Minnesota's amendment that would ban gay marriage. State law already outlaws gay marriage, but supporters said the amendment is needed to fend off future legal challenges.

Jim, Bill and Bob Pohlad, the brothers whose holdings include the Minnesota Twins, together donated more than $300,000 to defeat the amendment. General Mills CEO Ken Powell personally donated $10,000, as did Michael Davis, the company's senior vice president for human resources. Greg Page, the CEO of agribusiness giant Cargill, donated $1,000, while Doug Baker — the CEO of chemical products company Ecolab — donated $500.

All those executives declined interviews on the marriage amendment. Powell announced the company's position last month at an internal gay pride function; Ken Charles, the company's vice president for global diversity and inclusion, elaborated in a blog post.

"We believe a diverse, inclusive culture produces a stronger, more engaged workforce," Charles wrote. "Inclusive communities are more successful economically as well."

Other companies, including Target, have financially supported gay rights groups and courted gay customers — but stopped short of directly calling on Minnesotans to vote against the amendment.

"Marriage equality is still a lightning rod issue in this country, and the country is still divided on it," said Andy Bagnall, a New York City advertising executive who advises corporations on cultivating the gay community. "Any corporation that's going to step into that, they really need to be prepared for what the response is going to be."

Recent demonstrations against General Mills drew opponents who turned in their boxes of Old El Paso taco shells and cans of Green Giant corn and other General Mills products.

Janet Bezdicek, a suburban Minnesota mother of five, said she's taken Cheerios off of her shopping list because of General Mills' stance.

"We're talking about a definition of something that's been upheld for centuries. To be challenged by a corporation, that's not appropriate," she said.

But there's little evidence that a conservative-mounted boycott over gay rights issues has tanked a company's stock or made a noticeable dent in its profits, Bagnall said.

Companies including Disney, Home Depot and Kraft Foods have been past targets of pressure by socially conservative groups for outreach to gay customers.

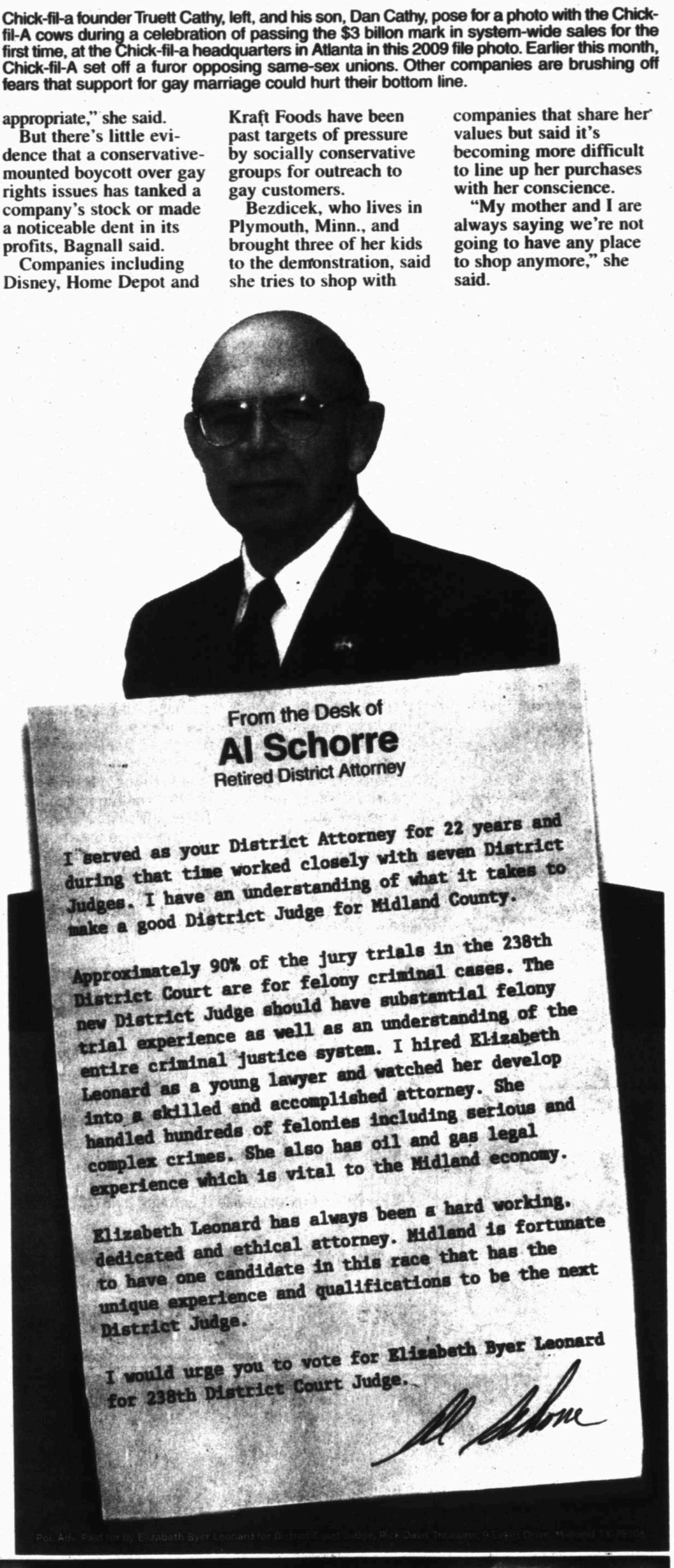
Bezdicek, who lives in Plymouth, Minn., and brought three of her kids to the demonstration, said she tries to shop with companies that share her values but said it's becoming more difficult to line up her purchases with her conscience.

"My mother and I are always saying we're not going to have any place to shop anymore," she said.



AP Photo

Chick-fil-a founder Truett Cathy, left, and his son, Dan Cathy, pose for a photo with the Chick-fil-A cows during a celebration of passing the $3 billon mark in system-wide sales for the first time, at the Chick-fil-a headquarters in Atlanta in this 2009 file photo. Earlier this month, Chick-fil-A set off a furor opposing same-sex unions. Other companies are brushing off fears that support for gay marriage could hurt their bottom line.



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1788 and Loop 338 at about 7:45 p.m. Monday. Two other people were transported to MMH with serious injuries.

Reports indicated that a thunderstorm triggered a dust storm, which moved across the highway and caused decreased visibility for drivers, Dakopolos said. Drivers then suddenly slowed their speed, which caused a chain reaction.

Though it initially was reported that 17 vehicles were involved, Department of Public Safety troopers later said it was 10 because the other seven vehicles were considered a separate wreck.

Urias was killed in a crash on the northbound service road to Loop 250 in front of the DPS office. Urias had exited Loop 250, and witnesses reported he was "gunning" his engine and traveling in excess of 60 mph.

Officials said when the driver gunned his engine, the truck's rear tires lost traction, causing his Dodge Ram 2500 series vehicle to fish-tail on the slick roadway and slide into a tree in front of the DPS building, located at 2405 Loop 250 West, according to Midland police officers investigating the deadly crash.

After hitting the tree, the Dodge Ram then hit three vehicles in a parking lot at the DPS building. One of the vehicles was occupied by 44-year-old Phyliss Wetmore, who was transported to MMH with non-life threatening injuries, Dakopolos said.

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Syrian rebels survive regime onslaught in Aleppo

Associated Press

BEIRUT — The Syrian government launched an offensive Saturday to retake rebel-held neighborhoods in the nation's commercial hub of Aleppo, unleashing artillery, tanks and helicopter gunships against poorly armed opposition fighters.

Yet after a day of fighting, the ragtag rebel forces remained in control of their neighborhoods in Syria's largest city, said activists, suggesting they had successfully fought off the government's initial assault.

The international community has raised an outcry about a possible massacre in this city of 3 million but acknowledged there was little they could do to stop the bloodshed. The foreign minister of Russia, a powerful ally of Syria, said it was "simply unrealistic" for the Syrian regime to cede control.

The state-controlled al-Watan newspaper celebrated the assault with a banner headline proclaiming the fight for Aleppo "the mother of all battles."

The rebels are estimated to control between a third and a half of the neighborhoods in this sprawling city, especially a cluster in the northeast around Sakhour neighborhood and in the southwest.

They began their attempt to wrest this key city from the government's control a week ago. About 162 people have been killed, mostly civilians, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which does not include soldiers in its toll.

Some 19,000 people have been killed since the uprising began in March 2011, estimated the group.



A Syrian rebel takes cover after he fires his weapon during clashes with Syrian troops in Idlib, Syria. July is set to become the bloodiest month of an uprising that activists say has claimed 19,000 lives since it began on March 2011.

Associated Press

GUNS

From 1A

He said Holmes easily could have sprayed the audience with gasoline or thrown Molotov cocktails. Holmes apparently was skilled in demolitions and booby traps and could have bombed the theater, as well, he said.

Another firearms vendor at the show, Tommy McClellean, of Abilene, agreed with Dunlap's premise that someone "off their rocker," once committed to an idea, is hard to stop.

"It is a shame for the families of everyone involved in the Colorado shootings, but it wasn't the guns' fault — it was (Holmes)," McClellan said.

He said a push for more restrictions in light of the shootings is understandable, but he said he will fight against any proposed changes to gun laws.

"I could get behind banning high-capacity magazines or adding more paperwork to the purchasing process, but it won't stop there. Give the government an inch and it will take a mile," he said while showing off handguns to shoppers in the busy arena.

McClellan echoed Dunlap's sentiments about the possibility Holmes could have used bombs or other incendiary devices.

Several other vendors declined to comment on the record, stating they didn't want their opinions on the shootings or possible law changes printed.

But both McClellan and Dunlap said they never have shot anyone and hope they never do, but they always will carry a concealed weapon for protection.

"If more people were armed at that theater, maybe more people would have survived," McClellan said.

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Obama, Romney neck-and-neck in vice-is-nice Nevada

Editor's Note: Eds: Another story in an occasional series, 'It's the Economy,' looking at the economies of battleground states in the coming election.

By David Crary
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — They're called "the cooler crowd," and Las Vegas is greeting them with ambivalence: A stream of post-recession tourists ready for fun but watching their wallets.

They gamble less extravagantly than the typical visitor of the past, skimp on tips, sometimes lug coolers and microwaves into their hotel rooms to save on drinks and meals. They're a mixed blessing in a state hit as hard as any by the economic downturn and still struggling to recover.

They're not the only visitors, of course. President Barack Obama and his Republican rival, Mitt Romney have been here, competing strenuously for Nevada's six electoral votes in what has become one of the most intense swing-state contests. And they too have gotten a mixed reception: Some kingpins of the gambling industry are writing big campaign checks, but many Nevadans have other matters on their mind — foreclosures, layoffs, wage cuts, medical bills.

At the MGM Grand, one of the 30-plus lavish gambling resorts along the Las Vegas Strip, bell captain Craig Houston gets a good look at both the high rollers and the "cooler crowd" streaming into the grandiose lobby. Though many visitors are stingier than in the past, the flow of visitors has rebounded to pre-recession levels, and industry analysts say 2012 could end with a record high.

By some measures, Houston is fortunate. In the state with the highest jobless rate — 11.6 percent — he's back at work after being laid off from another resort in 2008, going through bankruptcy and losing his home. He's now a renter, and he tells his grown sons to stay out of the casino business. "You get upset that you're not making the money you used to," he says.

Houston, 50, says he's weary of political bickering and wishes for more focused efforts to boost the middle class. He's not overwhelmed by Obama's performance, but expects to vote for him anyway.

"Most people in this community have been in survival mode," said D. Taylor, secretary-treasurer of a hotel workers union. "Of the things that are important to them, politics are about 18th on the checklist."

FOR MANY NEVADANS, their wish list for the election is short.

"Mostly people will be looking at national economy — looking for a broad recovery, which gives people elsewhere more discretionary income to come here," said David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Obama won the state in 2008, thanks in part to strong backing from union members and other working-class voters alarmed by the economic collapse. Four years later, Nevada is still beleaguered — it has lost 12 percent of its jobs during that span, the highest rate in the nation, and its foreclosure rate also remains one of the worst.

Given the pain inflicted by Nevada's housing crisis, it's unsurprising that Obama's campaign ran an ad attempting to use Romney's own words against him.

"Don't try and stop the foreclosure process," Romney said during a visit to Las Vegas last year. "Let it run its course and hit the bottom."

Nelson Araujo, of the Financial Guidance Center, which counsels hard-up Latino families in Las Vegas, said many of his clients were grateful to the Obama administration for federal initiatives — such as the U.S. Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund — that enabled some low-income homeowners to avoid foreclosures.

"Because we're such a hard-hit state, people want to know who's going to bring that aid," said Araujo, expressing skepticism that only private-sector efforts would suffice.

In greater Las Vegas — the state's economic engine and home to 72 percent of its people — the picture is mixed. At the high end, sales of luxury condominium units at the Trump International Hotel are surging, with many of the buyers from Asia.

The real estate and home-building sectors are improving, but slowly. Thousands of construction workers remain jobless.

Kolleen Kelley, president of the Las Vegas-area Realtors association, said her colleagues are bracing for slow progress, regardless of the election outcome.

"I don't know that they're blaming any one person or one party," she said. "This is not a simple fix — it's going to take a longer period of time to get us out from under."

Despite some recent diversification, Nevada's economy is more concentrated than virtually any other state. The tourism/gambling sector accounts for more than one-quarter of Nevada's 1.14 million non-farm jobs, and 13 of the 20 largest employers are casino/hotel companies.

Thanks to intensive organizing in that industry, Nevada stands out as a rare stronghold for private-sector unions. The hotel and casino operators, unlike counterparts in some other sectors, can't threaten to outsource or relocate, giving the unions some extra leverage.

Taylor's union, Culinary Workers Local 226, claims 60,000 members in Las Vegas — waitresses, housekeepers, doormen and others at nearly all the main hotels on the Strip and most of the less-glamorous establishments in downtown. At the union hall, in a low-rise industrial area north of the Strip, members said their contracts helped them endure the worst of the recession, although there was no immunity to hard times.

Tammy Wells, 47, a cocktail waitress at the Luxor, said her tip allocation was cut by half at one point, dropping her annual earnings from about $40,000 to below $20,000. Her pay is now on the upswing, but not yet back to its peak, she said.

Local 226 gave Obama one of his first key labor endorsements during the Democratic primary campaign in 2008, and Wells said she is sticking with the president this year.

"It's very important that it's someone in touch with the common person, who knows what it's like to worry about making your house payment, about having health insurance for your child," Wells said. "Romney is not the common man."

Taylor said relatively few of his members are likely to back Romney, but wondered if some might lack the enthusiasm to turn out for Obama.

"Working people, since the 2008 election, don't see the Democrats as really delivering for them," he said. "The Republicans work hard to deliver for their constituency. I wish the Democrats could do the same for theirs."

Ryan Erwin, a Nevada political consultant who's advising the Romney campaign, believes economic conditions favor his candidate.

"People moved to Nevada to chase a dream, so there is an entrepreneurial spirit here," he said. "They see an Obama administration that has promised one thing, delivered something different — not a single policy that's beneficial to Nevada's job creation environment."

Reno restaurant owner Tim Wulf is the kind of entrepreneur that Romney aides have in mind.

As of the 2008 election, Wulf says he operated three Jimmy John's sandwich shops with 94 employees and was planning to expand. He said administration policies — notably Obama's health care overhaul — undermined his confidence, prompting him to sell one of the stores and cut his work force to about 50 in hopes he wouldn't be forced to provide them with health care.

"We become a defensive business instead of growing and expanding," he said.

A small business owner in the Obama camp is Ron Nelsen, 52, who runs Las Vegas-based Pioneer Overhead Door. He says the recent downturn was the worst he'd experienced in a 34-year career, forcing him to cut his 10-person work force in half, but he now detects signs of an upswing and is ready to add at least one more worker.

He believes Obama is more committed than Romney to strengthening the middle class.

"Making the rich pay a little more doesn't scare me," Nelsen said. "I'd love to be rich so I could pay a little more."

Then there's Jon Basso, owner and impresario at the Heart Attack Grill on a pedestrian mall in downtown Las Vegas.

"Taste Worth Dying For" is the restaurant's motto. A vintage ambulance is parked by the entrance, the waitresses are clad as nurses, and customers don hospital gowns before consuming the high-calorie burgers, fries and butterfat shakes.

Basso, tending bar in a doctor's coat, said his business weathered the recession well "because of how outlandish we are." He mimed a coin flip when asked about his presidential preference; his favored candidate had been Ron Paul, the Texas congressman outpaced by Romney.

"Our whole gimmick is one massive libertarian protest," Basso said of his restaurant. "I want the Democrats to stay out of my wallet and the Republicans to stay out of my bedroom."

IN SOME WAYS, neither Obama nor Romney seems like an obvious champion for a reeling state economy that relies heavily on indulgent, vice-spiced tourism.

Romney is a devout Mormon; his Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints opposes gambling and says governments should not sponsor it. Obama, also a sober-minded family man, irked local civic leaders early in his term by using Las Vegas visits as a metaphor for profligacy.

Nonetheless, each candidate has staunch support at the top levels of the casino industry, which has thrived over the decades by winning friends on both sides of the aisle at the statehouse in Carson City and in Congress.

Some of the best-known figures — casino moguls Sheldon Adelson and Steve Wynn, for example — have berated Obama's policies. Adelson, CEO of the Las Vegas Sands Corp., is giving tens of millions of dollars to Republican causes this election season, including a group supporting Romney.

However, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the patriarch of Nevada Democrats, is well-regarded within the industry, and many of its leaders donate to politicians of both major parties.

"At our company, we lean down the middle. We need friends on both sides," said Jan Jones, a former Las Vegas mayor who's now an executive with Caesars Entertainment. She personally supports Obama — more for his positions on women's issues and health care than for business-related factors.

Early in his term, Obama created a stir by citing Las Vegas in unflattering contexts. He chastised bank employees for lavish Vegas vacations right after they got federal bailouts and later told a town hall meeting in New Hampshire, "You don't blow a bunch of cash on Vegas when you're trying to save for college."

The remarks prompted some business groups to cancel planned Las Vegas trips and infuriated then-Mayor Oscar Goodman, who said Obama "has a real psychological hang-up about the entertainment capital of the world."



Navy christens last of 3 ships honoring 9/11 sites

Associated Press

AVONDALE, La. — The USS Somerset — the last of three Navy ships named for 9/11 attack sites — was christened Saturday in honor of the passengers and crew of the plane that crashed before terrorists could reach their intended target.

Passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 stormed the cockpit and thwarted an attack on Washington, but the plane crashed in Somerset County, Pa., killing all 40 passengers and crew members.

"The men and women of Flight 93 ... thought they were going to San Francisco to work, to play, to learn; to live their lives in peace while others guarded them," said Navy Rear Adm. David Lewis. "Instead they found themselves in a war, on the front lines, in the opening battle. It was a new kind of war, one with new rules, maybe no rules at all. They had no preparation, no training, no guidance.

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>
> — PATRICK WHITE
> President of the Families of Flight 93

Flight 93 was hijacked after taking off from New Jersey. It crashed after passengers and crew, some alerted by cell phone calls from loved ones about the other 9/11 attacks in New York, decided to fight the hijackers.

Investigators later determined the hijackers intended to crash it into the White House or Capitol in Washington, where the House and Senate were in session that morning.

About two dozen relatives of the passengers attended the christening at the Huntington Ingalls Industries shipyard in Avondale, a New Orleans suburb.

The Somerset is one of three amphibious landing docks named after the sites where planes taken over by terrorists crashed, killing nearly 3,000 people.

Its bow stem — the first part of the ship to push through the water — was made from 7.5 tons of steel melted down from the bucket of a huge coal-mining crane that stood near the crash site.

It was there that miners hung a large American flag to serve as a landmark and to honor the dead.

The USS New York's bow stem was made with 7.5 tons of steel from the World Trade Center. Steel from the Pentagon will be displayed in a small tribute room in the USS Arlington.

Mary Jo Myers, wife of retired Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, smashed a ribbon-encased bottle of sparkling wine against a sharp-edged breaker bar mounted on the hull.

The Somerset will have both a military and a humanitarian purpose, bringing supplies, power and equipment to disaster areas, Myers said.

The Somerset is the last Navy ship that will be built at Avondale, which is scheduled to close once the ship is delivered. Officials are trying to find a civilian shipbuilding or other industrial partner to keep it open.

"We encourage those who can keep the story of this shipyard alive to heroically give their all to achieving that goal," said Patrick White, president of the Families of Flight 93.

About 5,000 people worked at Avondale when defense giant Northrop Grumman Corp. announced in 2010 that it was spinning off its military shipbuilding division. That spinoff resulted in Huntington Ingalls, based in Newport News, Va.

The Pascagoula shipyard, which is to stay open, is working on two more LPDs and got a Navy contract Friday for a third.

About 2,600 men and women are currently working on the Somerset. Those numbers are "probably stable for the next few months," with layoffs coming as systems are completed, Irwin F. Edenzon, president of Ingalls Shipbuilding, said after the ceremony.

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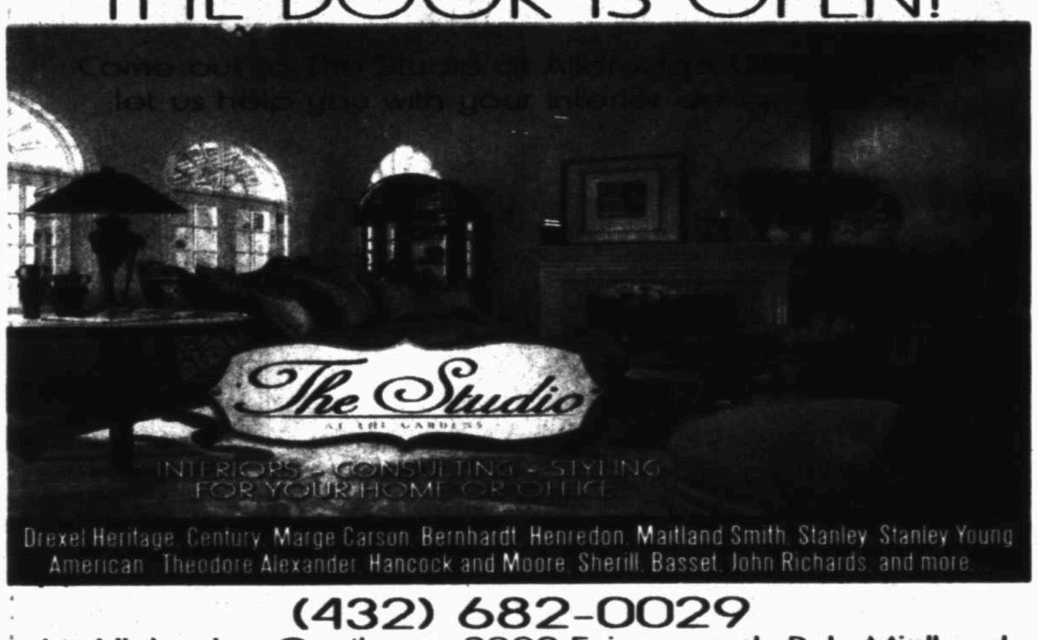

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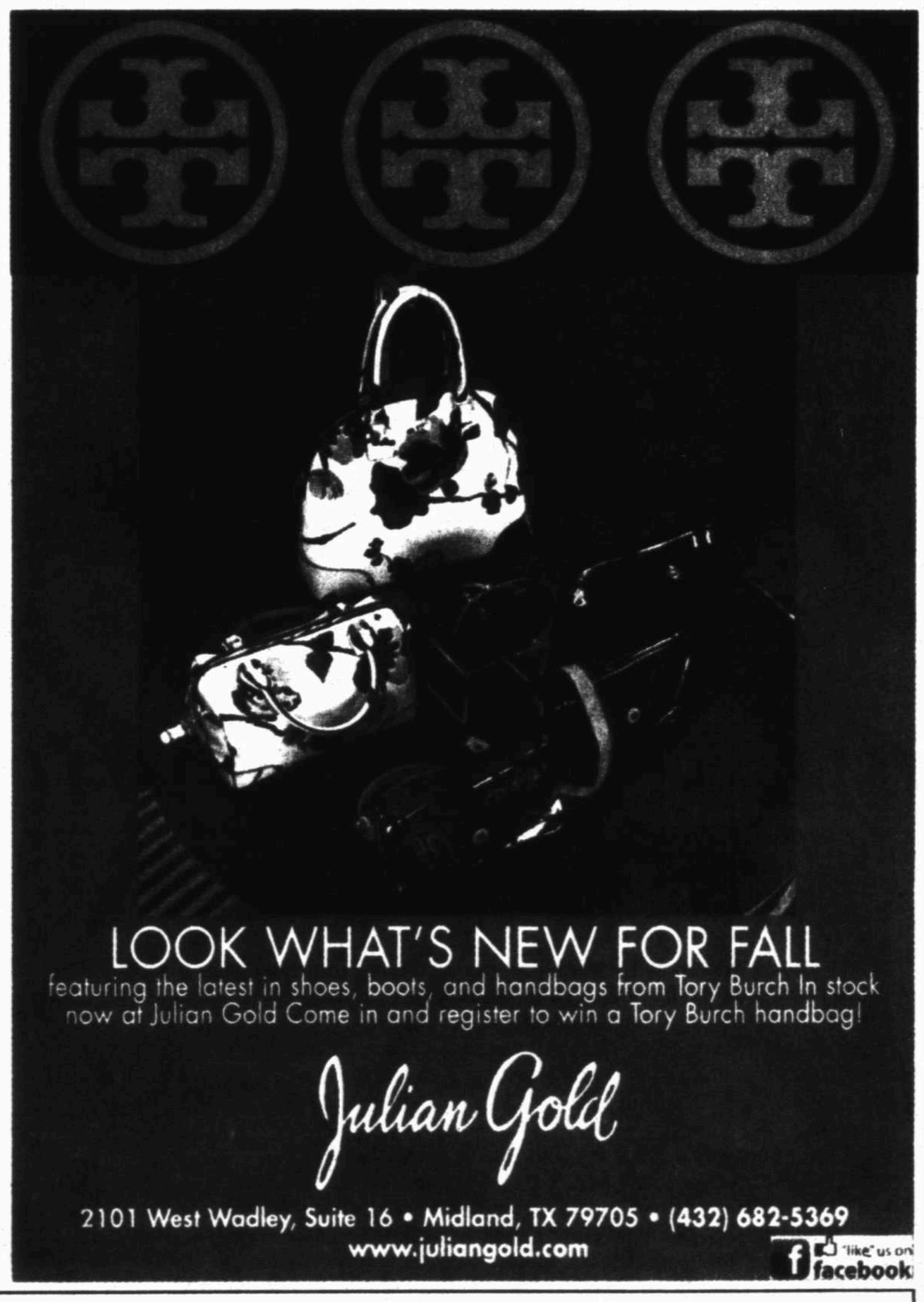

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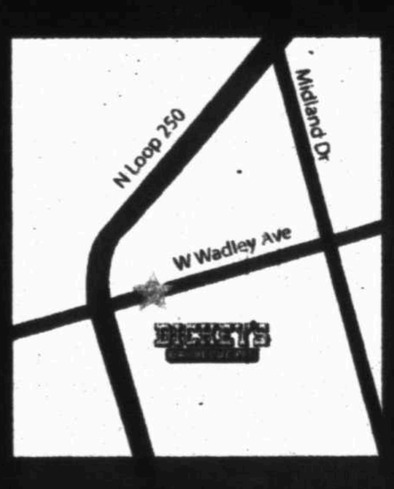

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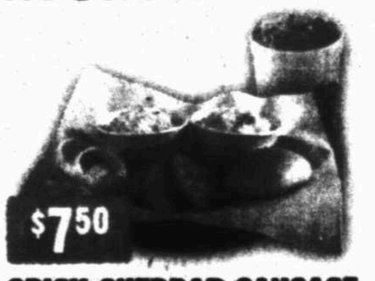
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Opinion

Colo. shooting brings out slippery slope

■ Do we have the ability to have a debate on reasonable gun laws?



MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Following the Aurora shooting, some gun control supporters immediately began hunting through the wreckage for scraps of political advantage. It showed all the sensitivity and consideration of starting a food fight at a funeral. It is one thing to draw lessons from tragedy. It is another to hang a political banner on an occupied cross.

At the proper time, however, the drawing of lessons is appropriate. What happened in a theater outside Denver was not an act of God — not the moral equivalent of an earthquake or meteor strike — but the act of a mentally unbalanced man with access to destructive weaponry. The quest to separate the mentally ill from modern armaments may well be hopeless. But it is at least worth a discussion.

There are two questions to consider. First, would tighter gun control laws — say, one banning the AR-15 James Holmes allegedly used — have prevented the Aurora shooting? It is a difficult case to make. A committed, intelligent mass murderer will find a way. Gun control laws do not reduce massacres in the same manner that OSHA regulations reduce industrial accidents. Massacres are purposely monstrous violations of the law, which marginal changes in the law are unlikely to prevent.

But there is another question: Given the existence of mental illness, criminal gangs and various ideologies of violence, what is a rational design for our gun laws? How do we preserve the right of self-defense and respect the rights of sportsmen while complicating the plans of the violent? The goal of gun control, in this case, is not to prevent specific crimes, but generally to limit the destructive options of criminals.

This is a perfectly constitutional enterprise. In the Heller decision — which recognized an individual right to gun ownership under the Second Amendment — Justice Samuel Alito took pains to point out that the court was not overturning a variety of restrictions on that right, including prohibitions against gun possession by felons and the mentally ill, and gun bans in schools and public buildings.

The guarantees of the Second Amendment are no more absolute than the guarantees of the First. The right to keep and bear arms does not mean the right to keep and bear tanks, shoulder-launched missiles, or fully automatic machine guns. All gun control policy — unavoidably, by necessity — is conducted on a slippery slope. The legal treatment of assault weapons, or of high-capacity magazines, is a prudential judgment, not a constitutional one.

Restricting general access to certain destructive technologies is difficult but not hopeless. Fully automatic weapons — the kind that keep firing until the trigger is released — are heavily regulated and very difficult to obtain. If a fully automatic machine gun had been readily available at his local Bass Pro Shops, can there be any doubt that the Aurora killer would have bought and used one?

The assault weapons ban in place from 1994 to 2004, however, was not particularly successful. In prohibiting 19 specific brands of weapons (along with copycats), the law's judgments seemed arbitrary. A gun that resembles a military rifle is not inherently more lethal than an aesthetically innocuous weapon. But the law's prohibition of high-capacity magazines — capped at 10 rounds — strikes me as prudent. A 100-round, drum-style magazine — the kind the alleged Aurora murderer had in his AR-15 — is highly useful to someone intent on mass murder. It is less useful for an average citizen intent on self-defense, unless they fear home invasion by a foreign army.

Such laws are always a balance. In this case, the gain in public safety would be relatively small — restricting access to a destructive technology used by killers at Aurora, Tucson, Fort Hood and Virginia Tech. But the burden on gun rights would be minimal. Defenders of high-capacity magazines argue they are more convenient at the gun range, since you can fill up a large magazine before leaving home. There is a constitutional difference between the argument "I need to defend myself from aggression" and "I'd prefer to reload less at the range."

I am open to the idea that other measures — particularly improving the capacity of the mental health system to identify people with emotional problems — should have a higher national priority. Reasonable gun laws are not a panacea. But neither are they a threat to the Constitution. They merit a debate — not driven by ideology, but by prudential judgments on public safety.

OUR VIEW

Mayor is right about 'better' being better

We are extremely hopeful that we caught a glimpse last week of what Midland's future will be in regard to what will be a period of challenging growth.

During a workshop Thursday, city leaders discussed their roles in facilitating that expected growth and agreed that having a common vision will be helpful as the city goes through its growing pains.

We think this was a great place to start to build this vision because a number of taxing entities were represented in the workshop, including City Council members, Planning and Zoning commissioners, Midland Development Corp. board members and representatives from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone board and the Downtown Midland Management District.

Mayor Wes Perry said, "One of the concerns I have: Bigger is not always better. Better is better."

We wholeheartedly agree with the mayor on that and on the point that housing is the No. 1 issue in Midland right now. Still, the only way to build a "better" Midland is for everyone involved to work from the same blueprint. We expect that will be the case.

We also are encouraged this group has agreed to meet frequently, giving us hope there will be a real effort to build a city vision based on input from all city leaders. We think this is the best path forward.

It is possible we failed to plan wisely for our city growth during the booms of the past. We need to control that growth in order to build a Midland that works for all and not just the developers. We need to make wise decisions that will form a meaningful progression for city growth.

We realize, however, that talk is cheap. We face tough hurdles with the robust economy we are experiencing. But we want to maintain as much control as possible to ensure orderly expansion of our city.

Our city leaders are in good position to take control of the growth problems. We think last week's workshop could be a great starting place. We urge our leaders to stay on this path to build a better Midland, not just a bigger Midland.

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Romney isn't horsing around

■ GOP's presumptive nominee may have another animal problem.



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The animal kingdom has been inhospitable to Mitt Romney in this election cycle. First there was the damaging story of Seamus, the Irish setter the Romneys strapped to the roof of their car on a family trip.

And now it seems that, when it comes to Romney's political aspirations, Seamus may not be the most dangerous animal in the family menagerie. This past week belonged to Rafalca, the dancing horse.

Rafalca, a 15-year-old Oldenburg mare owned in part by the Romneys, qualified as a member of the U.S. Olympic team and will be competing in London in the dressage competition — a form of ballet for horses and their riders in which the animals do pirouettes, serpentines and Piaffes, which, according to the International Equestrian Federation, is a "highly collected, cadenced, elevated diagonal movement" in which "the haunches with active hocks are well engaged." Rafalca, after qualifying, flew across the Atlantic on a FedEx jet (no, they didn't strap her to the roof) and reportedly dined on an in-flight meal of watermelon.

Understandably, Romney was wary about discussing dressage when NBC's Brian Williams asked him in London on Wednesday about his equine Olympian. "You actually have a horse in the race. What's that gonna be like?"

"Well," Romney replied. "It's — a big — exciting experience for my wife and — and for the person that she's worked with, the trainer of the horse who's riding the horse. And — obviously, it's fun to be part of the Olympics in any way you can be part of them."

Williams followed up: "When is the event, and for those of us who don't follow the sport, what happens? Are there rounds that — of competition? Is there just one chance? What happens?"

Romney pleaded ignorance. "I have to tell you. This is Ann's sport. I'm not even sure which day the sport goes on. She will get the chance to see it, I will not — be — watching — the event. I hope — her horse does well."

It was arguably Romney's worst interview since Chris Wallace asked him about Seamus. The flustered candidate went on to disparage the British preparation for the event, setting off an international incident.

It's understandable that Romney would be reluctant to discuss dressage. Seamus may have made him look odd, or insensitive. Rafalca makes him look like a superrich playboy.

John Kerry was made to look effete in 2004 by Republican mockery of his windsurfing, his Turnbull & Asser shirts and his French fluency. Now Democrats have a chance to do something similar to Romney, with his Swiss bank account, his Grand Cayman and Bermuda tax havens, his multiple homes, his $10,000 bet, his friends who own NASCAR teams, and now the six-figure horses his wife imports from Europe. Nothing says "man of the people" quite like horse ballet.

Ann Romney takes umbrage at the criticism, saying that dressage has helped with her multiple sclerosis. That was enough to get the Democratic National Committee to back away from a video campaign showing Rafalca spliced with Mitt Romney "dancing around" questions about his tax returns.

While it's heartening that Ann Romney has been helped by the horses, most MS sufferers don't have the luxury of importing $100,000 horses from Europe. And the candidate's disavowal of dressage as "Ann's sport" isn't quite right.

In an interview with the website "Chronicle of the Horse," Rafalca's trainer, Jan Ebeling, said Mitt Romney selected the music for the horse's routine at an international competition; Ebeling, in another interview, said the former Massachusetts governor, inspired by his wife, "really enjoys the horses." Romney joined his wife at an Olympic qualifying dressage event in April 2008, and the couple declared a $77,731 loss on their 2010 tax returns for their share of Rafalca's care.

That's a lot of hay (and another possible reason for the candidate's disinclination to release more tax returns), but consider what the Romneys get for their money: A horse that can do not only a Reinback, a Shoulder-in and a Travers, but a Flying Change of Leg, a Renvers and a Half-Pass.

"The object of Dressage is the development of the Horse into a happy Athlete through harmonious education," the equestrian federation explains. "As a result, it makes the Horse calm, supple, loose and flexible, but also confident, attentive and keen."

Sounds as if this is worth seeing. For the record, the dressage events begin Thursday at Greenwich Park. You can bet Mitt Romney won't be there.

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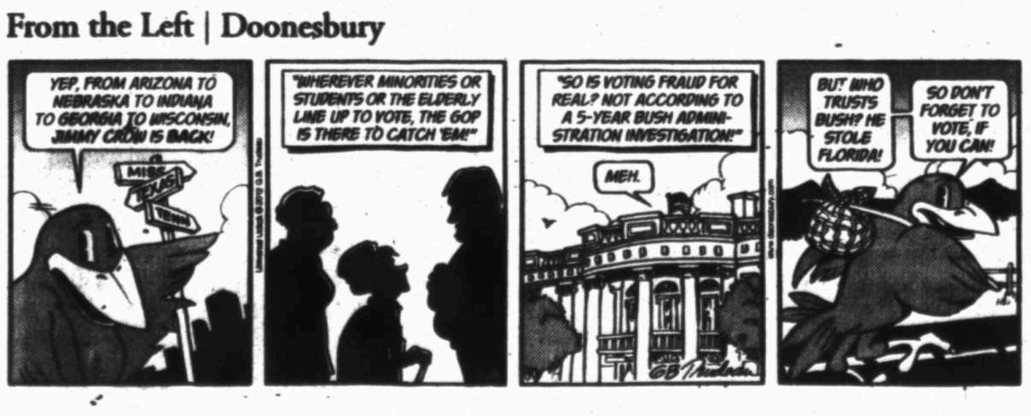

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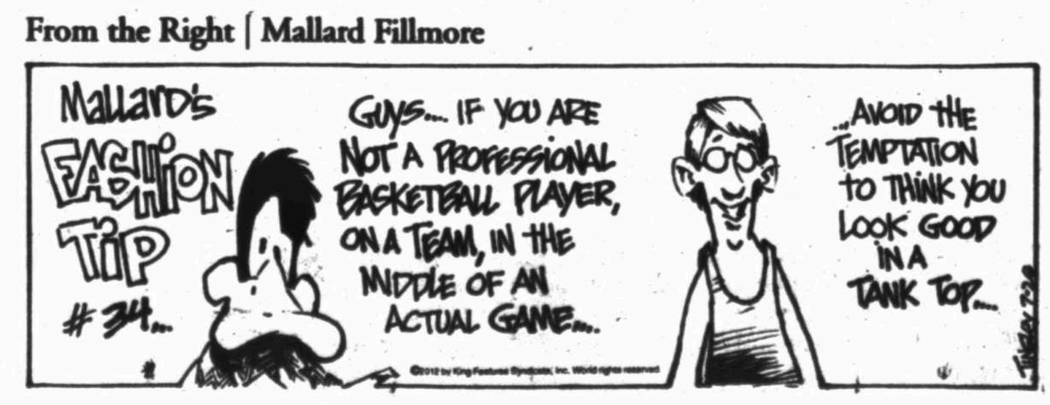


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: CANDIDATES

Editor's note: Candidate endorsement letters for local, state or federal contests are no longer than 200 words.

238TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Leonard has the temperament for job

Good temperament. Many of the endorsements on this page have aptly noted Elizabeth's outstanding experience and qualifications for becoming our next judge. But I also have had the opportunity to observe her in social settings and can attest that she has the excellent temperament it takes to be a good judge.

As crime increases in our community, we need to ensure that we have fair but firm judges. Elizabeth's polite manner, combined with her prosecutor's experience, give me confidence that she will be just that: fair, but firm. I have noticed that many of her opponent's most ardent supporters are criminal defense attorneys; a fact that gives me pause to wonder what they know of his leanings toward criminal defendants.

Furthermore, it concerns me that her opponent has taken to misleading the public with his runoff signs that say "Elect ... One More Time." He is not an incumbent, nor was he even the top vote-getter in the first election in May; Elizabeth Leonard was. Thus, he misleads by suggesting that we elect him again. By contrast, Elizabeth has simply informed the public: "Runoff — July 31st."

Elizabeth Leonard: Good temperament; fair, but firm.

Austella Berry

Leonard shows young people the right path

Join me and vote for Elizabeth Byer Leonard — the best qualified candidate to be 238th District Court judge.

By this time in the election cycle, most people have heard of Elizabeth Leonard's criminal, civil and oil and gas law experience, but she also has been active in the teaching and training of young adults. She taught night and Saturday classes in the paralegal programs at both Midland College and Odessa College. Elizabeth taught trial advocacy at a national level at the National District Attorney's Association. She mentored interns at the District Attorney's Office. Elizabeth helped young people get back on the right path the evenings she volunteered as a judge for Midland Teen Court. She assisted with training of teen attorneys for Midland Teen Court.

Please vote Tuesday for Elizabeth Leonard for district judge.

Mary Beck

Midlanders should have Leonard as a judge

Please join me in voting for Elizabeth Leonard for 238th District Court judge. Elizabeth has the most criminal law experience. Most of this court's cases are criminal cases, and she has the background and training to preside over these types of cases. In addition, she has civil law, oil and gas law and the most trial experience. All of this experience gives her the background to be a wonderful judge.

Elizabeth has served my PEO chapter as a past president. I was privileged to observe her compassionate, caring and hard-working nature. She truly cares about people. I admire her integrity and intellect. Elizabeth possesses the qualities one should seek in a judge.

Based on the vote in the first primary election, Elizabeth won narrowly by about 100 votes (not enough to prevent a runoff), so your vote is very important. Please get out and vote. Do the citizens of Midland a favor and vote for Elizabeth Leonard for district judge.

Freda Benton

Leonard's credentials will serve Midland well

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Elizabeth Leonard, candidate for the 238th District Court. Elizabeth is a lawyer with the criminal background, experience and credentials to serve us well in this court. In addition, she exhibits the qualities that Judge John Hyde embraced in his courtroom: civility, timeliness and fairness. I believe Elizabeth will step into the position and will continue the tradition of providing Midland with a judiciary of the highest quality and standing.

I have known Elizabeth for a number of years, and I have interacted with her both socially and through a service organization, PEO, whose sole purpose is to raise funds to provide scholarships for women. Elizabeth is the immediate past president of one of the Midland chapters and in that capacity she grew the chapter, expanding its vision and demonstrating her leadership skills.

Please join me by electing Elizabeth as our 238th District Court judge.

Michele Seymour

Experience makes Lindemood the right pick

In the 238th District Court race, Elizabeth Leonard's supporters suggest her experience as a prosecutor makes her the better candidate. History disproves this.

The majority of Midland's past judges haven't had extensive prior criminal law experience. Further, three of our present district judges — "Jody" Gilles, Dean Rucker and Rodney Satterwhite — came from civil law backgrounds, yet each has presided effectively over many criminal trials.

I've been a criminal defense lawyer in Midland for 30 years, and I've tried criminal cases before these judges and their predecessors. Expertise in a particular area of law is not what makes a good judge — good lawyers make good judges.

I haven't seen Leonard actively practicing in the Midland County Courthouse since she left the DA's office six years ago. In contrast, David Lindemood has had an active and successful practice for many years. Although best known as a talented civil litigator, he has an outstanding reputation as a mediator — a job not unlike that of a judge.

David Lindemood has more years of experience, in more areas of the law, than his opponent. In my book that makes him the most qualified candidate.

Woody Leverett

Lindemood takes right path to judge's seat

The 238th District Court is a general jurisdiction court, hearing both criminal and civil cases. Most all of the district judges serving during my time in Midland came to the bench through private practices with emphasis in civil law. That includes the late Judge John Hyde and current district judges. In my opinion, this is the type of experience Midland wants in a district judge. Our judges need a broad knowledge of many areas of the law.

I have known David Lindemood for many years and believe him to have the necessary background and broad experience to be a very fine district judge.

James M. Alsup

Unique qualifications make Lindemood best arbiter

As a local attorney who has practiced in Midland for 20 years, I have had the pleasure to work with both judicial candidates for the 238th District Court. Both, as skilled trial attorneys, have the requisite trial experience desirable for a person who seeks the bench.

Being a district judge, however, requires something more than trial experience. A trial attorney is an advocate; a judge must be an impartial arbiter whose position on the bench is symbolized by the statue of blind justice, weighing the scales in her hand.

David Lindemood is the candidate who has the unique qualifications which, in addition to years of trial experience, make him the superior candidate for district judge. David has the ability to see both sides of an issue and to analyze how the law would apply to each position, a desirable attribute for a trial judge. In addition, even in the most complex fact situation, David has an aptitude, unsurpassed by any other attorney I have encountered, to identify and focus on the relevant issues. These characteristics are exactly what the position of a district judge requires.

I urge you to vote for David Lindemood for judge of the 238th District Court.

Sharon L. Weathers

CORRECTION

Steve Stallings wanted to correct something in a previous letter to the editor on the lack of criminal law qualifications of judicial candidate David Lindemood.

He wrote he did not recall Lindemood ever appeared in a felony criminal matter in the last 10 years. However, he checked the record and Lindemood did appear as counsel of record in two felony cases in Midland County in the past 17 years. One case was ultimately resolved as a misdemeanor in 2004; the second, a felony, was resolved in 2009. Stallings also wrote that the corrected record doesn't change his opinion about Lindemood's past criminal law experience.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Craddick understands Permian Basin issues

Friends, July 31 may not be the most ideal day to hold an election, but I am very excited about this runoff. Midlanders will have the opportunity to vote for Christi Craddick, one of our very own, in a race for a statewide office that has more impact on our area than anywhere else in the state.

While dealing with increased energy production's impact on transportation in our county, I always am alarmed by the lack of understanding of the importance of domestic energy production in our state and the role of the Permian Basin in fueling our state's and nation's economies.

Christi Craddick grew up in the oil patch. She understands our issues and the significance of domestic energy production. She understands the legislative and regulatory processes and knows the players, and most importantly, she will be able to get things done.

I hope you will join me in electing Christi Craddick to the Railroad Commission.

Robin Donnelly

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop DWI provides kudos for law enforcement

It is with deep appreciation that Stop DWI Inc. acknowledges our media coverage of the real up-to-date situation with DWIs in our area. One such report indicated a sharp increase in the number of DWI arrests by local law enforcement. In that report, we noticed there were 350 DWI arrests in Midland through June. In 2011, there were 580 in Midland. In Odessa, there were 222 last year, but in 2012 through June, there already are 230.

Our law enforcement officers are doing an outstanding job in keeping our streets and highways safe for you and me. To each of them, we say, "Thank You!"

Stop DWI Inc. is operating under extreme financial difficulty these days but still offers services to families and individuals who are victims of DWI. Our service and assistance are free. We still visit DWI trials and offer educational programs to business and industry, churches and schools. Our school and industry program, "The Hard Truth," is presented at no cost. We believe our educational programs on the reality and truth of consequences faced when people drive impaired make a difference.

Faye Higgins-Hodges, program and victim assistance coordinator

Time for a senior center upgrade

As a senior citizen, I feel a need to speak out on behalf of other seniors in the Midland area.

I recently had the opportunity to spend some time in Abilene and was impressed with their Rose Park Senior Citizen Activity Center.

It's a beautiful facility that embraces those who can take advantage of their silver/golden years, rather than just endure. This center nurtures, cares for and entertains their seniors. There is a spacious lunch room with daily lunches available for a nominal fee or no charge. A separate, large ballroom is available for daily activities and exercise classes, including doing double duty as a large walking area in the mornings. The ballroom provides a DJ for dancing on Tuesday nights and live music for dancing on Thursday nights. It has a very impressive fitness room with every exercise machine available. There's even a pool table game room. They offer educational classes for various arts and hobbies or special interests. Adjacent to the center is a gorgeous park with a walk path around the circumference and provides a lovely place to sit and spend time. These are simply a few of the perks offered by the facility. It has to be seen to be appreciated. Driving up to it gives a feeling of being proud to be a senior, it is so magnificent. Overall, the facility is simply impressive rather than depressing.

I mean no disrespect to those who donate their time and contributions to the Midland Senior Center; however, I would like to challenge the city of Midland to make a trip and inspect the above center and offer a similar facility to the seniors of Midland. There is so much invested in efforts for sports, performing arts and facilities for teens, families and adults here in Midland. Why are the seniors being overlooked?

Jan Salazar

Why Obamacare must be repealed

Regarding Debra Ann Borgen's letter, in which she outlined reasons she supported Obamacare, I respond that each of those items were worthy of debate, but no debate ever was held. Obamacare was rammed through Congress without serious discussion, not even by Democratic legislators. The act essentially was written by liberal "progressive" organizations such as the Tides Foundation and the Apollo Alliance and handed over to Congress to pass. Even Nancy Pelosi (honestly) remarked that they had to pass it to find out what was in it. The legislation was 2,700 pages long and contains items that have nothing to do with health care, such as the eventual requirement that will prevent you from selling your home until you upgrade it to the government's future "green" standards.

Here are some reasons why Obamacare must be repealed:

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office in March 2012 estimated the first 10 years' costs to have risen from $940 billion to $1.76 trillion. The CBO also estimated 20 million Americans would lose their current coverage (even if they like it).

Pending regulations dampen job creation as businesses, which make decisions based on the real world, are unsure of the cost of future employees.

It adds 17 new taxes, including the well-known individual mandate, and lesser-known taxes on employer health plans, health insurance premiums, medical devices, pharmaceutical companies, etc.

It creates the Independent Payment Advisory Board, 15 presidential appointees who will determine healthcare accessibility, treatment and fees. Bureaucrats will determine your healthcare instead of your doctor, and they will decide on rationing when the money runs short.

Various Obama-friendly groups and companies, including many labor unions and 204 businesses in Nancy Pelosi's congressional district, have been awarded 1,231 arbitrary waivers.

Obamacare expands government power, limits our freedom, hurts our economy and puts our financial future in peril. Republicans haven't offered an alternative nationalized program because any such program is inherently dangerous. They have, however, offered solutions that actually would reduce the cost of health care, such as opening up health insurance across state lines, developing insurance coops and eliminating frivolous lawsuits through tort reform.

Mike Kaufman

Time for taxpayers to wake up

More new homes, more apartments, more condos and townhouse and more hotels and motels. All add new revenue to the city cash registers. But, raise water because we cut back on keeping our trees alive. Raise sewer rates again, electricity going up again because we're trying to keep cool. Taxes going up again because we are in a booming market.

So some of you can eat high on the hog, and the rest of us can have the slop out of the pig trough.

Donate tax dollars — $10 million — to entice a new company into town with nowhere to live and running out of water.

$90 million surplus in one area and a $12 million deficit in another. How about transferring pockets, like they do Social Security and Medicare.

I think it's about time to do some flushing at city hall and the taxing entities in Midland. And $200,000 trees to "wow" people in a county library. Quiet, please, so we can read — between the lines, that is. Transparency by all means.

How much more hocus-pocus and bologna are we to be fed before we wake up and see total mismanagement in action? Subsidize the ballpark and city busing, another mesquite pond at a new park, and MDC to develop what?

Powder puff cosmetics on our streets. Revitalize downtown — for whose benefit? Why not condo the courthouse? Why do we go out of town to hire new $100,000 city employees that the taxpayers foot the bill for? No experts of high enough caliber to fill the position locally? Doesn't speak very highly of hometown folks, now does it? But I keep forgetting — money speaks louder than words.

Ken Wyrick

Time to lower I-20 speed limits in metro area

Recently there have been several incidents along the I-20 corridor mainly in the area of I-20 from the West Loop 338 in Ector County, to the North Loop 250 area in Midland County. These incidents apparently seem to be increasing of late.

One contributing factor that may be part of the cause is the recent increase of the speed limit to 75 miles an hour. I travel this stretch of road every week day. And without a doubt, this has turned into the I-20 raceway. If for some crazy reason you drive 70-75 miles an hour, you are asking for a multitude of hand gestures, and quizzical stares as to why you are holding up traffic, or why it is that you are not keeping up with the packs running between 75-80 miles an hour. This area is very congested, due to the many on and off ramps that are also very busy at various times of the day.

Something to consider, and something I have noticed in other metropolitan areas with a dense population, with many entrance and exit ramps, is to lower the speed limit in these areas (mainly between West Loop 338, and North Loop 250) as they do in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Phoenix area, Tucson area etc.

These densely populated areas have the normal highway, or interstate speeds of 70-75 miles an hour lowered to 55-65 miles an hour for a section of the roadways that are busy due to everyday commuter traffic, especially as in the case of the most recent accident and fatalities in the Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and I-20 area, which is also near the exit ramp(s) to the airport.

So as I mentioned, this might be a point of consideration to actually lower the speed limits in the area between West Loop 338 and North Loop 250 to possibly alleviate some of the issues with traffic and traffic incidents in this particular area.

Rick Sprague

CORRECTION

In a letter to the editor from Merrilyn Richardson in the July 22 edition, there was a misspelling in the following sentence:

"Mr. Obama, you are not in a hut in Kenya or Indonesia or public housing in Chicago. With all due respect, get your feet off our desk."

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

COLORADO SHOOTINGS



DAVID BROOKS
N.Y. Times News Service

Relationships are best way to stop mass killings

■ It's time we look inside for the best way to stop these mass murderers.

Early in the morning of Sept. 4, 1913, Ernst Wagner murdered his wife and four children in the town of Degerloch, Germany. Then he went to Muehlhausen, where he feared the townsmen were mocking him for having sex with an animal. He opened fire and hit 20 people, killing at least nine.

This is believed to be one of the first spectacular rampage murders of the 20th century. Over the next 60 years, there was about one or two of these spree killings per decade. Then the frequency of such killings began to shoot upward. There were at least nine of these rampages during the 1980s, according to history websites that track such things, including the 1982 case of a police officer in South Korea who massacred 57 people.

In the 1990s, there were at least 11 spectacular spree killings. Over the past decade, by my count, there have been at least 26 rampages. These include Robert Steinhauser's murder of 16 people in Germany, Seung-Hui Cho's murder of 32 at Virginia Tech, Anders Breivik's shooting spree at a summer camp in Norway in which 69 died, and the killing of 12 moviegoers in Aurora, Colo., last week.

When you investigate the minds of these killers, you find yourself deep in a world of delusion, untreated schizophrenia and ferociously injured pride. George Hennard, of the Central Texas town of Belton, was angry that women kept rejecting him. He drove his car through the window of a restaurant and began firing, killing 14 women and eight men.

Tim Kretschmer, 17, hoped to become a professional table tennis player but felt that the world didn't appreciate his abilities, in that or anything else. He returned to the German school where he had graduated the year before, went straight for the top-floor chemistry labs, killed nine teenagers and then another six people during his escape.

It's probably a mistake to think that we can ever know what "caused" these rampages. But when you read through the assessments that have been done by the FBI, the Secret Service and various psychologists, you see certain common motifs.

Many of the killers had an exaggerated sense of their own significance, which, they felt, was not properly recognized by the rest of the world. Many suffered a grievous blow to their self-esteem — a lost job, a divorce or a school failure — and decided to strike back in some showy way.

Many had suffered from severe depression or had attempted suicide. Many lived solitary lives, but most shared their violent fantasies with at least one person before they committed crimes.

The killers generally felt tense before they acted but at peace and in control during the rampage. Some committed suicide when they were done. But a surprising number just gave up. They'd made the statement they wanted to make and hadn't thought about what came after.

The crucial point is that the dynamics are internal, not external. These killers are primarily the product of psychological derangements, not sociological ones.

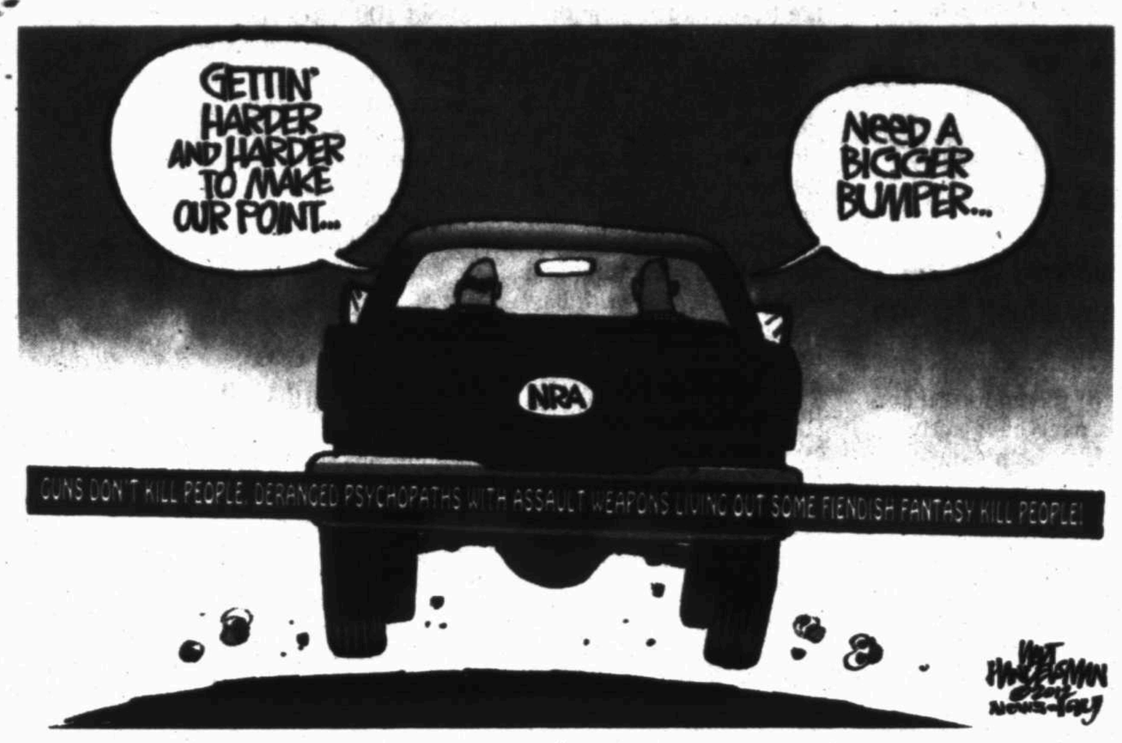
Yet, after every rampage, there are always people who want to use these events to indict whatever they don't like about society. A few years ago, some writers tried to blame violent video games for a rash of killings. The problem is that rampage murderers tend to be older than regular murderers, and they tend not to be heavy video game users. Besides, there's very little evidence that violent video games lead to real life violence.

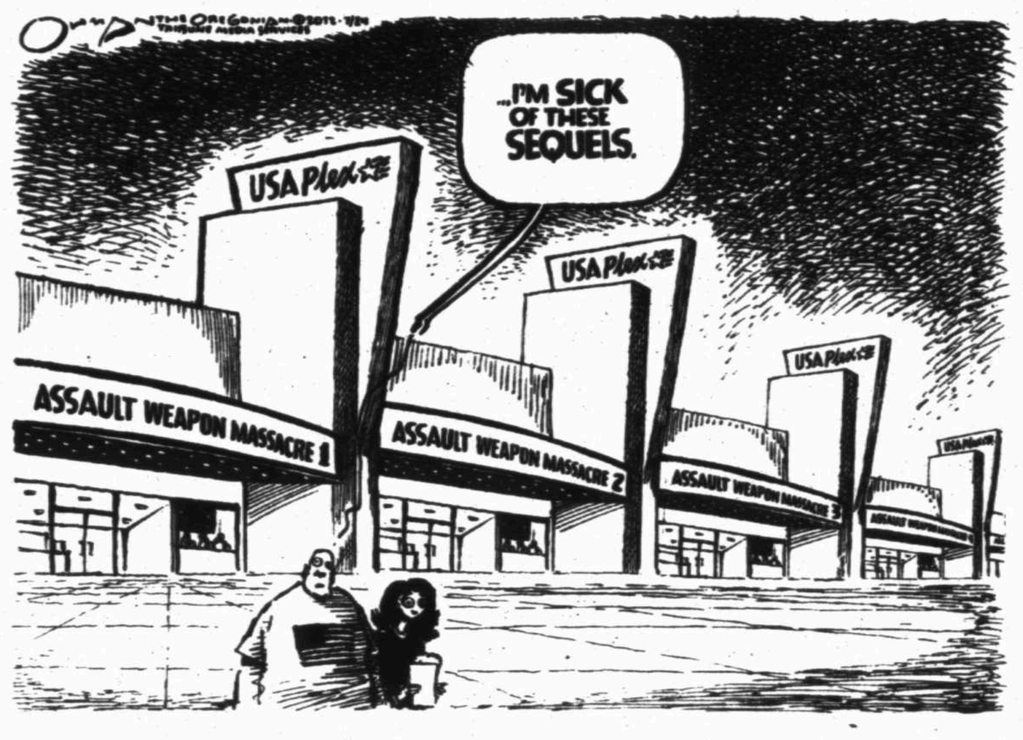
These days, people are trying to use the Aurora killings as a pretext to criticize America's gun culture or to call for stricter gun control laws. (This doesn't happen after European or Asian spree killings.) Personally, I've supported tighter gun control laws. But it's not clear that those laws improve public safety. Researchers reviewing the gun control literature for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for example, were unable to show the laws are effective.

And gun control laws are probably even less germane in these cases. Rampage killers tend to be meticulous planners. If they can't find an easy way to get a new gun, they'll surely find a way to get one of the 200 million guns that already exist in this country. Or they'll use a bomb or find another way.

Looking at guns, looking at video games — that's starting from the wrong perspective. People who commit spree killings are usually suffering from severe mental disorders. The response, and the way to prevent future episodes, has to start with psychiatry, too.

The best way to prevent killing sprees is with relationships — when one person notices that a relative or neighbor is going off the rails and gets that person treatment before the barbarism takes control. But there also has to be a more aggressive system of treatment options, especially for men in their 20s. The truly disturbed always have been with us, but their outbursts are now taking more malevolent forms.





Who provides the answers to tragedy?

■ It didn't take long for the left to go after the guns after the Colorado shooting. Common sense tells us there has to be a better way.

CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services



By now the script should be familiar: A bombing or a mass shooting occurs and the media immediately look for a simple cause. Invariably, they turn to talk radio or some other conservative pit of "intolerance."

Within recent memory are tragedies like the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, the 1999 massacre at Columbine, the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings and the 2011 shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and others in Tucson. Some politicians and liberal interest groups have sought to link these and other violent incidents to the far right. There also have been incidents when some conservatives have tried to blame other tragedies on "liberals" "secularists" and abortion.

New York Times columnist Paul Krugman wrote on his blog that the "hate mongers" Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck contributed to the Giffords shooting, despite later reports that the shooter, Jared Lee Loughner, never listened to their programs. The discovery that Loughner liked "The Communist Manifesto" and "Mein Kampf" forced media types to quickly abandon that smear, but not retract their comments. They're running the same play again.

Within hours of the massacre of 12 people and the wounding of dozens more in a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., Brian Ross, an "investigative reporter" for ABC News rushed on the air to say that he had found a name similar to that of the alleged shooter and that the Jim Holmes he had discovered with a quick Internet search was (gasp!) listed as a member of the tea party movement. In Ross' mind, as well as that of other "journalists," apparently, tea party equals guns, equals extremist, end of discussion. ABC and Ross later issued a limp apology, but the bias was exposed.

Ross was not alone in his rush to misjudgment. The New York Times sought the opinion of film critic Roger Ebert, who predictably argued for more gun control laws even while diagnosing the alleged shooter as "insane." How would more laws force an "insane" individual to act sanely and obey them, especially when that person is intent on committing murder? Ebert didn't say. Even if more gun laws could deter "insane" killers, there are other weapons to choose from — airplanes, homemade bombs containing fertilizer. Should fertilizer be outlawed?

The National Rifle Association, predictably, was denounced on MSNBC and in the Daily Kos, but the left's real endgame was expressed in a recent letter to the editor in The New York Times by Ellyn S. Roth, New York City: "What is it going to take to get rid of the handguns in this country?"

Our government is unlikely to confiscate every gun in America in violation not only of the Second Amendment but also common sense.

What is always left out of this familiar scenario is an in-depth discussion of evil. Politicians and commentators almost never speak of evil as something that resides deep inside the human heart. All humans possess the capacity for evil. While it rarely rises to the level of mass murder, the capacity for doing great harm to other human beings lurks within each of us. This is what theologians mean when they speak of a "fallen" humanity.

Violent movies like "The Dark Knight Rises" do not make all people emulate the Colorado shooter, anymore than a movie about love causes people to love one another.

Would an armed guard at the theater have helped stem the carnage? No one can say. The guard might have been the first one shot. Some have suggested that at least one armed movie patron could have stopped the shooter. That also is difficult to say. In a darkened theater, a gunfight might have killed just as many, or more.

Sometimes there are no "solutions" that can forestall an evil act. Both President Obama and Mitt Romney set the right tone, asking for prayers for the victims and their families. Calling on that Higher Authority is the proper and perhaps only counterforce to this and other expressions of true evil.

Does society set the stage for more mass shootings?

■ We need to stop going after the easy targets when it comes to mass shootings, and talk about the reasons noone wants to discuss.

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As part of the grieving process following a tragedy, Americans always want to talk — and talk and talk. Too bad we tend to get distracted and talk about the wrong things.

It happened again after the shooting spree in Aurora, Colo., that left 12 dead and 58 wounded.

There is an important issue to sort through. But you won't catch a glimpse of it on cable television, or hear it mentioned on talk radio. There is no appetite for this dialogue, because it hits too close to home. The first thing we do after a shock such as this is try to put these terrible events at arm's length by blaming someone or something that we consider foreign to our world.

It's hard to focus on what is important when we're distracted by causes and agendas. Within a day of the shooting, gun control advocates had seized upon the horror in Aurora to try to spark a national conversation on limiting the sale of firearms. They did so despite the fact that Colorado has — in the post-Columbine era — pretty strict gun laws, and these measures didn't stop 24-year-old James Holmes from allegedly stockpiling weapons and ammunition and firing upon dozens of innocent people in a movie theater. Many gun enthusiasts went over the top, responding with the absurdity that the mass shooting could have been avoided if the theater patrons had been armed and able to defend themselves. Why not take the body count and triple it?

We also get sidetracked by politics, especially in an election year. After the shooting, liberals were itching to blame their ideological nemesis — the tea party. ABC News' Brian Ross added fuel when he went on air without the facts and suggested — incorrectly, it turned out — that the assailant was a member of the Colorado tea party. That was only 180 degrees off the mark. When the narrative came unraveled, liberals suddenly lost interest in doing something they shouldn't have done in the first place: politicizing the tragedy.

Here's what we should be talking about. Despite the insistence of psychologists and other experts that these kinds of mass killers don't fit a "profile," this isn't entirely true. More often than not, they're young men.

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were 18 and 17, respectively, when they killed 13 people and wounded 24 others at Columbine High School in 1999. Seung Hui Cho was 23 when he killed 32 people and wounded 25 others at Virginia Tech in 2007. And Jared Lee Loughner was 23 when he killed six people and wounded 14 others, including then-Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., in Tucson.

Reared on violent movies and even more violent video games, and having grown up in a culture where guns are glorified and readily available, the Millennial Generation is armed and dangerous. Most often the children of baby boomers and now between the ages of 20 and 31, some Millennial men are angry and alienated. Not a good combination. They're outliers who see themselves at war with society and feel the need to escape into a fantasy world where they instantly become famous for doing evil deeds.

As the father of a 5-year-old boy who loves superheroes and video games as much as the next 5-year-old boy, I'm shocked at how violent and dark that genre has become. Am I supposed to believe that years of exposure to this sort of thing won't desensitize him to violence?

It's probably not a coincidence that Holmes, a Ph.D. student at the University of Colorado at Denver, directed his rampage at those attending a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises" — the latest installment in the Batman series. Holmes, who had a Batman mask and poster in his apartment, colored his hair and referred to himself as "the Joker." Of course, the movie didn't cause the violence in the theater. But years of exposure to movies like it might well have set the stage.

It's no wonder that we'd rather blame guns or the tea party. Not everyone owns a gun, and relatively few people belong to the tea party.

What if the problem goes deeper? The scariest thing about this horror film is that there could be more sequels yet to come.

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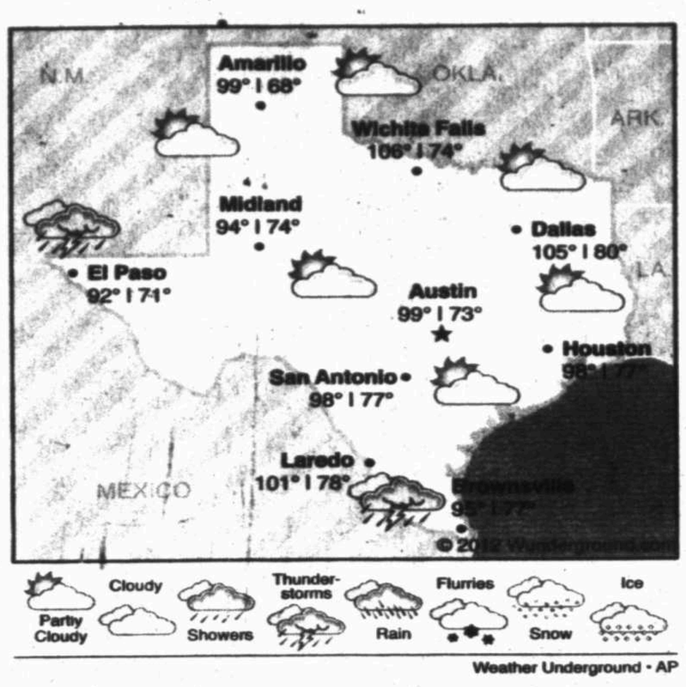

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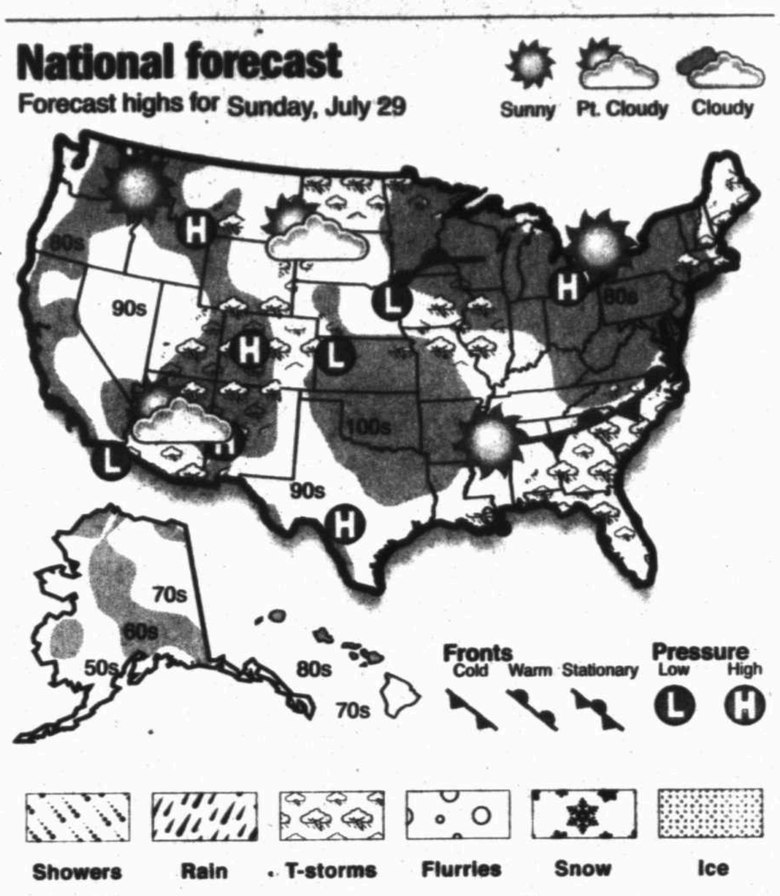

Coast states get up to $50K for tsunami debris aid

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — West Coast states plan to seek small federal grants to clean up rubbish that washes ashore, including any debris from last year's devastating tsunami in Japan, though the window for using the money this year is starting to close in Alaska, with its remote, rugged beaches and early winter.

Alaska is expected to miss the early-August "best window" for cleanup of outer coastal areas, said Elaine Busse Floyd, who is the lead on marine debris planning for Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation.

Cleanup could occur perhaps into September or later in more sheltered areas, but those places might not have much of any tsunami-related debris yet, she said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced last week it would provide grants of up to $50,000 to Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii. States have up to a year to use the money, once they apply for and receive it, and it can be used for the ongoing problem of general marine debris removal and not solely for tsunami-related debris that can be difficult to verify without specific identifying information.

NOAA made the money available through its marine debris program. For fiscal year 2012, the agency had $4.6 million for marine debris removal, $618,000 of that dedicated to tsunami debris cleanup.

The challenge for state officials — who are grateful for the aid and quick to praise NOAA for its work on the issue — is how to make the most of what they said is a relatively small amount of money. While much of what has been reported so far includes things like foam, buoys and fuel drums, just reaching some of the beach sites and getting the debris out, particularly in more remote parts of Alaska or Hawaii, can be expensive.

And that doesn't factor in the cost of dealing with massive pieces of debris, like the 66-foot long dock that washed ashore in Oregon after being swept out to sea in the March 2011 tsunami. The price tag to dismantle and remove that alone tops $84,000.

"It's clearly not a solution," Floyd said of the funding. "It's a part. It's working toward an ultimate solution."

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said there's "no question" dealing with tsunami debris will require more federal funds. He said senators from the five states are working with the Obama administration to identify where the money will come from, how it should be used and who will coordinate cleanup efforts.

"Time is of the essence. The debris we have seen already in the ocean and on the beaches is just the leading edge of a slow-moving disaster that is going to go on for a while," he said in an emailed statement.

"The sooner the federal government acts the better," he said.

It remains unclear just how much debris from the tsunami is expected to reach North American shores, and where or when it will hit.

The Japanese government estimated 1.5 million tons of debris was floating in the ocean from the tsunami, but NOAA said it can't say how much of that remains afloat. NOAA said that items are scattered across a portion of the North Pacific that is roughly three times the size of the contiguous U.S. — that some debris has reached shore, and more is expected over the next several years.

In Alaska, volunteers typically don't want to be cleaning up remote areas of the outer coast beyond Sept. 30, in part because of storms, said Dave Gaudet, marine debris program coordinator for the Marine Conservation Alliance. In more sheltered areas, people can go out later into the fall but have to pick their days, he said.

Wendy Freitag, a spokeswoman for the Washington Military Department's Emergency Management Division, said the state's beaches are relatively clean now, thanks to the recent efforts of cleanup crews.

In California, officials are hearing from more people than usual interested in volunteer cleanup efforts, said Eben Schwartz, marine debris program manager for the California Coastal Commission. He hopes to see additional funding and outreach to help tap into the interest and make the most effective use of volunteer help.

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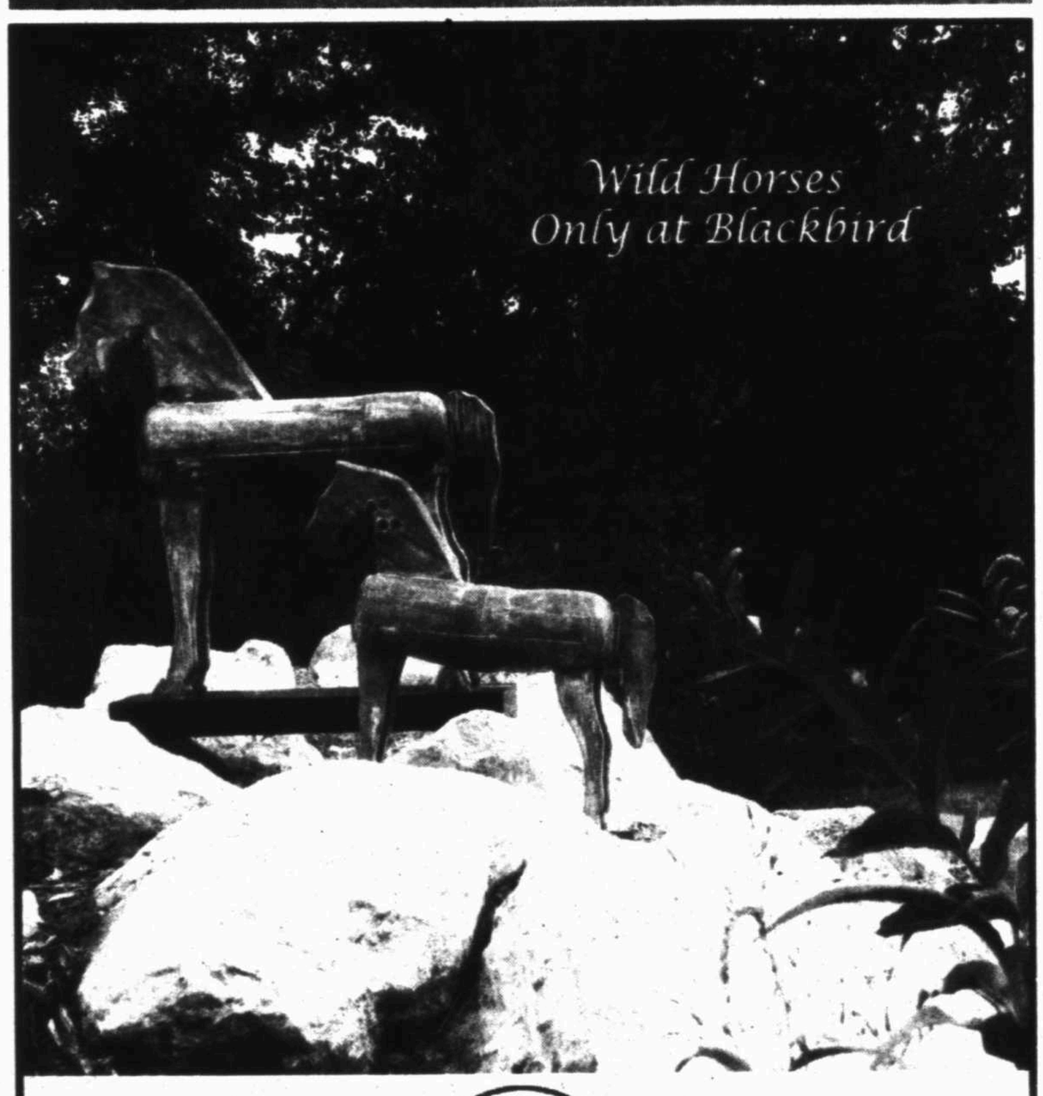

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Assessing the contenders to complete the GOP ticket

By Thomas Fitzgerald
The Philadelphia Inquirer

BOW, N.H. — Republican Mitt Romney was not going to announce his running mate recently at a lumberyard here, not after the mass shooting in Colorado turned what had been planned as a rally to celebrate small business into a presidential candidate's prayerful appeal for comfort for the victims and healing for a mournful nation.

Yet politics goes on, and soon Romney will make his choice known; he is nearing the end of a rigorous vetting process that includes an 80-question form probing potential vice presidential nominees' personal lives and finances, including whether they have been unfaithful in marriage.

All this for an office that even casual students of American history have heard portrayed as a useless pitcher of warm urine by one who held the post, John Nance "Cactus Jack" Garner, FDR's vice president. (He was more direct, and pungent.)

Still, Romney's decision is sure to be one of the defining moments of his candidacy, and one that will be analyzed for clues to his character, though history teaches us that most times, a vice presidential pick matters little to the outcome of the presidential race.

Lyndon B. Johnson helped John F. Kennedy carry Texas in 1960 and probably made a difference in other Southern states. Yet the most relevant historical lesson hovering over the selection is the 2008 pick of Sarah Palin, an inexperienced and out-of-her-depth first-term governor of Alaska named by a trailing John McCain hoping to shake up the race.

Indeed, political analyst Larry Sabato at the University of Virginia recently praised former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty as "an un-Palin, perfectly presentable." T-Paw, as he is affectionately known, is believed to be on Romney's short list.

"Sarah Palin did cost John McCain some votes in 2008, and if that race was closer, her presence may have been pivotal. Thus, there probably is an increased interest in the Romney camp going with a much more vetted and safer pick this time around," said Christopher Borick, political science professor and pollster at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. "Given the likelihood of this race being very close through the fall, it would be a very unlikely and unwise decision for Romney to look at a high-risk, high-reward VP selection."

Not that it will change many voters' minds when they go to the polls Nov. 6. In the latest New York Times/CBS News poll, only about a quarter of respondents said a candidate's running mate mattered a lot to their choice in November; another quarter said it did not matter at all; and 48 percent said the choice would influence them to some degree.

"The role of the vice president in presidential elections," Borick said, "is one of the most overstated aspects of American politics."

At the same time, the office's importance as a stepping stone cannot be overstated. Consider this list: Harry Truman, LBJ, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush. Of the White House's last dozen occupants, fully half were former vice presidents.

Romney has been quiet about the process, and his disciplined campaign team, while putting together a variety of scenarios for rolling out a vice presidential candidate, has not leaked details. There have been hints, however.

For one thing, almost everyone agrees that the Republican presidential nominee-to-be prizes calmness and rationality, and is thorough and cautious in his decision-making. Ann Romney, an influential counsel to her husband, recently said that compatibility would matter.

"I think it's going to take someone else that's going to be there with Mitt," she said in a recent interview with CBS News, "with the same personality type that, that will enjoy spending time with them, and also competent, capable, and willing to serve this country."

Below are some of Romney's most buzzed-about potential running mates, roughly in the order in which they've been mentioned lately:

TIM PAWLENTY
Former Minnesota governor
Age: 51
Upside: A hockey-playing conservative with a "regular guy" image, Pawlenty is from a blue-collar background. He's an evangelical Christian, perhaps the most crucial group in the GOP base, and could reassure those concerned about Romney's Mormonism. Pawlenty, a dry personality, would not upstage the sometimes-awkward Romney, and their personal chemistry is strong.
Downside: He raised cigarette taxes, frowned upon by the no-new-taxes hard-liners in the party, and once backed a program to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, another departure from conservative orthodoxy. Pawlenty would probably not put blue-ish Minnesota in play; he barely won a second term as governor.

ROB PORTMAN
U.S. senator from Ohio
Age: 56
Upside: The former Office of Management and Budget director, who served in both Bush administrations, has deep fiscal credentials, matching up with Romney's economic focus. He could help win Ohio, the most crucial of the swing states. He has plenty of experience as a congressman and senator and in the executive branch. Portman has a calm temperament, and he is described as so bland that he would make Romney look like a rock star.
Downside: Portman is tied to the Bush family and the policies of George W. Bush, which Obama and others blame for cratering the economy in the first place.



Jim Cole/AP

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty helps Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney campaign for the New Hampshire primary during a rally with supporters and volunteers, Dec. 3, 2011 in Manchester, N.H.

BOBBY JINDAL
Louisiana governor
Age: 41
Upside: Jindal is a whip-smart Rhodes scholar and an expert on health care policy, in his second term as governor. An Indian-American, he would add ethnic diversity to the ticket. Conservatives love him.
Downside: Some believe Jindal stumbled in decisions made during the BP oil spill two years ago; his debut on the national stage, giving the GOP response to Obama's State of the Union message, earned bad reviews. An evangelical Catholic, he has written about having witnessed an exorcism that cured a friend of cancer.

CHRIS CHRISTIE
New Jersey governor
Age: 49
Upside: Christie's blunt, tell-it-like-it-is persona and his confrontations with public employee unions have made him popular with Republicans and independents, especially in big industrial states such as Pennsylvania. He's seen as a problem-solver and a warrior who could go toe-to-toe with President Barack Obama (or Vice President Joe Biden in a debate) in the classic No. 2 attack-dog role.
Downside: Christie is unpredictable and volatile (witness the recent YouTube moment of his berating a constituent on the Seaside Heights boardwalk). Recent polls have shown that more voters view him as a bully. Though he is in good health, Christie's weight could raise issues for some. He opposes abortion rights, but his moderate views on issues such as gun control and immigration might hurt with the right-wing base that is the energetic heart of the Republican party in 2012.

KELLY AYOTTE
U.S. senator from New Hampshire
Age: 44
Upside: She's young, energetic and conservative, great on television. As a woman, Ayotte might help dent the gender gap Romney has with Obama. And New Hampshire, albeit small, is a swing state.
Downside: Ayotte has served in the Senate less than two years, which could draw unfortunate comparisons to Palin. She also offers no geographic diversity. Romney, domiciled in a neighboring state, owns a home in New Hampshire.

MARCO RUBIO
U.S. senator from Florida
Age: 41
Upside: A charismatic Cuban-American, Rubio is a tea party favorite and could, in theory, appeal to Latino voters, who are trending Democratic in large numbers and represent a growing slice of the nation's electorate.
Downside: Rubio has less than two years in the Senate, so he does not have the experience Romney has said he wanted to have in his No. 2. There are also concerns that he has not been thoroughly vetted.

PAUL D. RYAN
Wisconsin congressman
Age: 42
Upside: Ryan is considered by both parties as a serious, substantive ideas man. He is a deficit hawk who wants to streamline the federal government, and he has a detailed, serious proposal to do it.
Downside: While Ryan has garnered respect for his budget-cutting proposals, some of the specifics — including cuts to Medicare and conversion of it to a partial voucher program — are unpopular.

Also receiving a bit of chatter are South Dakota U.S. Sen. John Thune, New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez and Bob McDonnell, the governor of Virginia.



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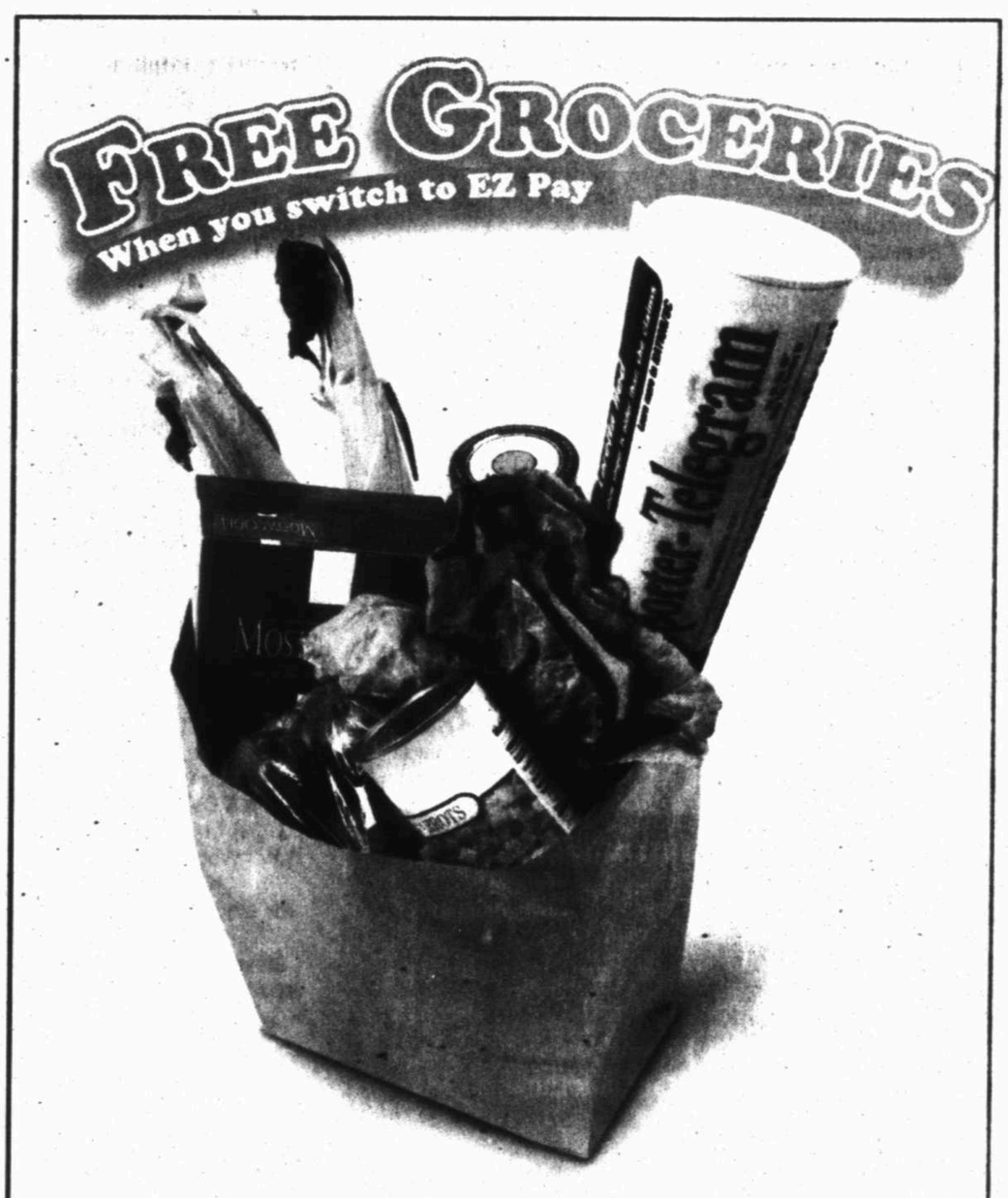

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MFD says recent fires were arson

Midland has few intentional blazes but drought can make any fire dangerous

James Cannon
Online Editor

While Midland doesn't have the number of arson cases as other cities its size, city officials say at least two recent fires were set intentionally.

Thanks to recent rainfall, this year's cases pale in comparison to what Midland faced last year, but any fire could prove disastrous.

"Regardless of whether a fire was intentionally set or not, the drought conditions highlight the dangers," said Midland Fire Marshal Jeff Meiner. "Creating a dangerous condition puts the community, firefighters and property at unneeded risk."

Meiner was talking about the fire that was started about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday on the 2100 block of West Kentucky Avenue. Neighbors placed themselves at risk while trying to extinguish a vehicle fire allegedly set by Daniel Velasquez, 26, during a domestic dispute, according to the arrest report, court documents and Meiner.

More on arson

Series of arson fires in 2011 allegedly set by one man. Page 3B
The motives for arson. Page 3B

He said at least three neighbors attempted to extinguish the fire that was engulfing a Ford Mustang. The fire Velasquez allegedly started over a custody battle regarding his son eventually spread to the rear siding of a residence, which could have put the whole neighborhood at risk.

Although no one witnessed Velasquez set the fire, Meiner said the Midland Police Department's handling of the situation and previous knowledge of the ongoing domestic dispute led to Velasquez's arrest.

During the course of the investigation, officers learned that a vehicle matching Velasquez's was seen circling the block and then was seen emerging from a nearby alley as thick smoke began to float through the area. He allegedly fled when officers made contact with him at his residence, but he confessed to the arson during interrogation at the Midland Police Department, according to the arrest report.

Meiner and MFD Assistant Fire Marshal David Hickman said Velasquez had one of the motives typical in arson cases: revenge.

Velasquez remains in custody on a $160,000 bond for a

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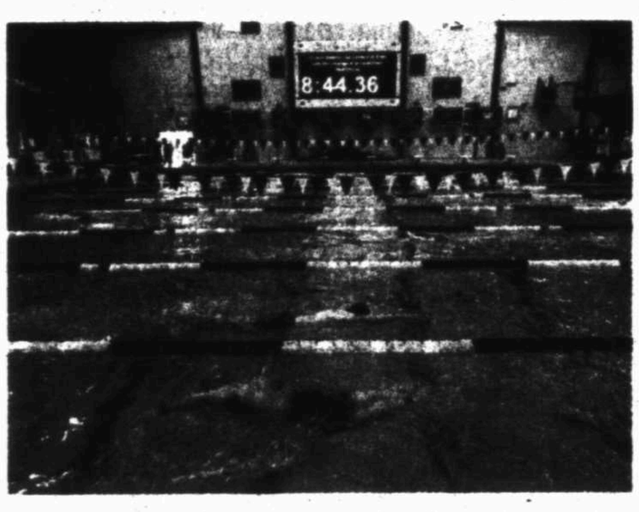





TOP LEFT: Tall City Triathlon participants hit the pool for a 500-yard swim Saturday at COM Aquatics. The triathlon is comprised of the swim, a 13-miles bike ride, and a 5K run. **TOP RIGHT:** Billy Priebe prepares for his 13-mile bike ride at the event. **ABOVE:** Alan Brooks, from left, Ashley Brooks and Chris Considine begin their 5K run.

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MMH: 10 percent increase in births so far this year

Editor's note: Starting Wednesday, the Reporter-Telegram will run a weekly feature in the West Texas Living section spotlighting one of the five childbirth education classes that Midland Memorial Hospital offers. This week, we'll take a look at the siblings class.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A surge in the population in Midland and the Permian Basin has led to a 10 percent increase in births this year at Midland Memorial Hospital.

And staff expect the rate to continue rising.

"It's hard to project growth, but we've had a very, very busy year in the hospital. We're up almost 10 percent and will be up 5 percent next year with this trend that we see," said President and CEO Russell Meyers.

Current birth rates through June this fiscal year are at 1,527, up from 1,386 during the same period in 2011.

Between 2009 and 2010, there was an increase of six births from 1,880 to 1,886. Last year, that number spiked to 1,931.

During the last year, the pediatrics department has been the most active in terms of recruiting and is at the top of the list for trying to find employees and staff, Meyers said.

"Pediatrics has been challenging. We're hustling to get more pediatricians here," he said.

Dolly Hinshaw, MMH childbirth educator and lactation manager, said the rise in the number of births at the hospital has led to an increase in the number of people who want to take childbirth education classes, such as breastfeeding, infant CPR and baby care. Hinshaw said the hospital had to add additional classes this year.

On the first Monday of each month, Hinshaw and Katherine Holguin take future patients and their families on a "Tour of the Birthplace" at West Campus to familiarize couples with the nursery and labor and delivery room.

Hinshaw said she helps answer any questions families may have, such as how long their stay will be and how to get through the emergency room after hours.

"We just try to make it less scary for them by giving them the information," Hinshaw said.

Recently, Hinshaw had 17 couples and their families take a tour. Now she asks for those interested in a tour to pre-register. She's also taken groups on tours on Saturdays when the need arises.

"With this population explosion, we've had more and more inquiries and we're having to modify it," she said.

The tour of the hospital and birth center, as well as breastfeeding, baby care and infant CPR training classes are free. The basic class, which consists of a four-week program for

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Hospital board to propose lower tax rate

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Midland Memorial Hospital tax rate possibly could be lower this year after the board meets Tuesday to discuss its proposal.

"I'm very confident that the rate will be lower than it is in the current year," said Russell Meyers, MMH president and chief executive officer.

The board meeting, usually the last Wednesday of each month, was rescheduled for noon Tuesday after Meyers said the Midland Central Appraisal District was not going to release the final valuation information until July 25. The hospital is under obligation to publish that information before the board can propose a tax rate.

Two public hearings will be held in August before the tax rate is finalized at the Aug. 29 meeting.

If the district adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective rate of $0.13207 per $100 of value, officials said taxes will increase by $237,424, compared to 2011.

The tax rate is lower than the 2011 rate of $0.162200 per $100 of value.

"We're still the lowest rate of any taxing entity in the county," Meyers said. "We're trying to keep the typical homeowner at what they pay now."

Myers said that last year the board looked at what an average homeowner paid previously and members likely will do so again this year to ensure a homeowner's bill is at or below the current total tax payment.

The district will see some increase in revenues because of new properties in the area and valuation increases for minerals and commercial

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It's hard to get a large glass of iced tea on a Baltic cruise

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



The wife is so embarrassed. I don't know if she will ever be able to travel with me again. But if she does, I will have to at least read an Emily Post etiquette book before I'm again allowed to set foot with her outside of the house.

My troubles with the wife started on a recent cruise we took around the Baltic Sea. The problem on a cruise is you have to eat with the same tablemates every night. Oh, don't get me wrong; our tablemates were all wonderful people, but it's hard to cover the lack of table manners when you eat with the same people every night.

We were paired with three other couples. We could understand one couple quite well because they were from Allen, a suburb of Dallas. We also sat with two delightful English couples, who were dear enough to share their mealtime traditions. It was a remarkable cultural exchange on our part. For them, it was probably more of an endurance contest putting up with two Texas rubes — well, at least one Texas rube. And they were a bit disappointed that we didn't live on a ranch.

For me, getting through a simple meal was a tortuous endeavor every night. I knew I was off to a bad start when I nearly slugged our waiter at the beginning of our first meal when he tried to place a napkin in my lap. The wife has been embarrassed ever since.

But it would get worse. I quickly learned that the bread and butter plate is on your left and the coffee cup is on the right. Unfortunately for me, there was a learning curve. You see, I thought because the bread plate was on the left, I owned everything on the left. That means I doctored my Texas neighbor's coffee with cream and sweetener and drank it.

The wife, a home economics major, was horrified at what I had done, but our enterprising waiter — the same one I almost slugged — saw my faux pas and quickly switched my cup to my neighbor's position and poured her another cup of decaf coffee. He then whispered in the wife's ear, "It's OK, I don't think anyone noticed. The only problem is he's drinking decaf coffee and doesn't even know it."

I also had problems getting my tea for the night. If I ordered tea, I got hot tea. That's the hard part of being on a cruise

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Obituaries



Alvin Dwayne Franks

July 30, 1943-July 25, 2012

Our brave soldier has fallen… Alvin Dwayne Franks was called home on July 25, 2012, surrounded by his loved ones in the comfort of Hospice House, Odessa, Texas after a short but valiant battle with cancer.

Alvin was born to Hal and Claudine Franks in Comanche, Texas on July 30, 1943. He lived in Del Rio, Texas until the age of 17 when he joined the Unites States Army. He spent more than 20 years of his life defending our country, including two tours in Vietnam. During his military career he received a Bronze Star, four Purple Hearts, an Army Commendation Medal and numerous other campaign ribbons and commendations for his heroic actions. He retired in 1982 with the rank of Sergeant First Class, E7 and was with the 4th Armored Tank Calvary stationed at Ft. Hood, Killeen, Texas. After his retirement, Alvin moved his family to Midland, Texas where he entered his second career in the Petroleum Industry. He worked in the Drilling Fluids or "Mud" business for 20 years where he made many friends. After his second retirement he moved to Gardendale, Texas.

Alvin is survived by his two daughters; Melinda Franks Yarbrough and husband, Alex and Rhonda Franks Dietderich and husband, Kevin both of Gardendale, Texas; his stepdaughter; Kristel Banister of Odessa, Texas; his sister Diane Franks Wineland and Husband, Bill of Bend, Oregon; his granddaughter Jacqulin Nicole Yarbrough-Civello; his grandsons Shane Billingsly and Anthony Banister; his niece Ragan S. Carr and husband, Kenneth; two great-nephews Sloan Sparger and Mason Carr. As well as many cousins. Alvin is also survived by his ex-wife Bessie Paula Franks of Midland, Texas.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Rae Lynn Franks and 2 grandsons Roy Dwayne Yarbrough and Bobby Alexander Yarbrough.

Visitation for Alvin will be at Odessa Funeral Home, 1700 N. Jackson Ave, Odessa, TX. On Sunday July 29, 2012, 7-9 pm followed by a chapel service on Monday, July 30, 2012, at 2 pm. Burial with Full Military Honors will be on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, in Abilene, Texas at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 7457 West Lake Road, Abilene, Texas.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice House, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa TX or Veterans of Foreign Wars, chapter of your choice.

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Bruce David Buthman

Bruce David Buthman passed away quietly on July 24, 2012, in Houston after a brief battle with Bladder and Lung Cancer. He was born October 16, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois, to Reverend and Mrs. Henry L. Buthman. After his father's death in 1929, the family moved Omaha, Nebraska, where he graduated from High School.

After one semester at University of Nebraska, he entered the United States Army and served two years in the Southwest Pacific Theater during WW II as an Artillery Forward Observer. He was present at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and Luzon with one combat landing, five Battle Stars, and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism. He left the army as a Staff Sergeant and returned to University of Nebraska to complete his B.S. and Master's Degree in Geology.

He married Dorothy Jean Ogden on August 15, 1948, and they moved to Midland, Texas, in 1950, where he worked as a geologist with several companies. In 1964 he became an Independent Geologist and continued as such for the next 30 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Copper and husband, Bob Paradiso of Houston and their daughters, Kaitlyn and Erin; Kristin Richardson, daughter of Cyri Buthman Richardson (deceased 1998); and son, Curt Buthman of Los Angeles and his children, Jenna and Alec.

B. David enjoyed reading History, playing golf, geological mapping, crispy hash browns, and Dirty Martinis. He could be seen walking the streets of downtown Midland with his pipe and his famous cowboy hat that continued to be part of his image until his demise. He had the good fortune to have lived on three lakes and was an avid fisherman, although he would never eat anything he caught. He was a dedicated Nebraska "Cornhusker" fan and his only comment when he learned of his cancer was that he'd sure like to see one more season of football. His great sense of humor will be missed by his family and care givers.

A private family fishing trip is planned in the future to celebrate Dave's life and give him a send off he would have enjoyed.



Charlie Franklin "C. F." Awbrey

Charlie Franklin "C. F." Awbrey, 89, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully, July 26, 2012, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient unit.

Charlie was born October 12, 1922, in Paducah, Texas, to Maud Galimore and Isah Awbrey. He married the love of his life, Treva Roberts on July 17, 1942. He served in the US Army during WW II. After his service he returned to Texas and took up residency in Midland, where he raised his family. Charlie was employed by The Superior Oil Company, from which he retired after 25 plus years. He enjoyed time spent with his children and grandchildren, fishing trips on the Rio Grande, and racing.

He is survived by his four children: Ronald Awbrey and his wife, Pat, Gale White and her husband, Buzzy, Ricky Awbrey and his wife, Susan, all of Midland, and Charlene Smith of Marlow, Oklahoma; twelve grandchildren: Dana Labombard, Kerri Gryder, Shannon White, Haley Cotton, Chris White, Lorrie Rodriguez, Kelly Britton, Kasey Brown, Memory Awbrey, Quincy Smith, Scott Awbrey and Nathan Awbrey; 28 great grandchildren; and a few great great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Treva Awbrey; his parents, Isah and Maud Awbrey; all of his siblings; one great grandson; and son-in-law, Steve Smith.

A celebration service will be held on Monday, July 30, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Calvary Assembly of God Church, located at 908 S. Johnston, in Midland, Texas. Interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Danny Bisbee officiating. Pallbearers will be Shannon White, Chris White, Scott Awbrey, Nathan Awbrey, Kyle Cotton, and Matthew Awbrey.

There will be a viewing on Sunday, July 29, 2012, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., with family visitation from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., at Thomas Funeral Home, located at 1502 N. Lamesa Rd., Midland, Texas. Arrangements by Thomas Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made in Charlies name to Hospice of Midland or the charity of your choice.

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Ethel C. Baze

Ethel C. Baze, 93, of Midland, passed away Friday, July 27, 2012, at her son's home. Ethel was born in Clint, TX, on April 30, 1919, to Mr. Albert Henry Celum and Mrs. Cinthia Medlock Celum. She graduated from Clint High School. Ethel met and married the love of her life, George Mallie Baze on September 26, 1936, in Clint, TX. On June 25, 1951, she went to work for ATMOS Energy, where she retired on July 1, 1986, after a career of 35 years. Ethel was a member of the Living Church of God.

She is preceded in death by both of her parents; her loving husband, Mallie Baze of Midland, TX; son, Preston Baze of Midland; TX; and sister, Thelma Rogers of San Antonio, TX. Ethel is survived by her son, Albert S. Baze of Midland, TX; daughter-in-law, Waynette Baze of Midland, TX; and sister, Hazel Witmer of Texarkana, TX. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Mitchell Baze and wife, Sue of Missouri City, TX; Stuart Baze and wife, La Muir of Blue Ridge, GA; Tamera Reyes and husband, Jamie of Midland, TX; Cal Baze of Lewisville, TX; and her great-grandchildren, Melanie Madden of The Woodlands, TX; Shelby, Bradley, Stephanie, and Preston Baze of Blue Ridge, GA; Peyton Pettie and Austin Reyes, both of Midland, TX; Hailey Baze of Lewisville, TX; as well as several nieces and nephews. She will be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Monday, July 30, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A graveside service is planned for Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at Resthaven Memorial Park, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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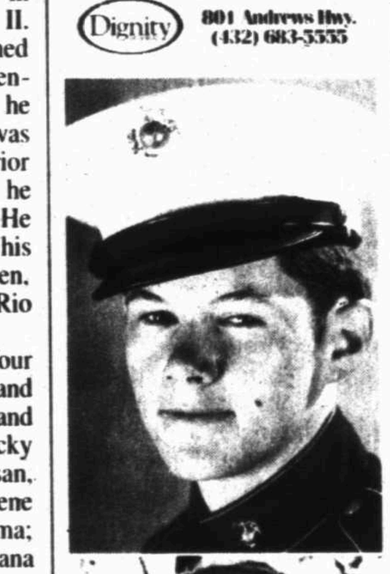



Eugene H. Hanks Sr.

Eugene (Gene) H. Hanks Sr. passed away on Friday 27 July 2012.

Gene was a member of the "Greatest Generation." He was born on October 29, 1923 in Calico Rock, Arkansas and grew up in Izard County, Arkansas during the Great Depression. During 1940/41Gene served one year with the CCCs at Camp Sage, Arkansas. Gene joined the U.S. Marine Corps on December 27, 1941 and, after book camp, served two years in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Gene was honorably discharged from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on December 29, 1945.

Gene received a BSME degree from Oklahoma State University in 1953 and joined Humble Oil & Refining Company (now Exxon/Mobil) as a petroleum engineer. Gene met the love of his life on a blind date and was married to Miriam Anne Reiniger on August 6, 1955 in Texas City, Texas.

Gene worked in both domestic and international assignments during his career. This included fifteen years in Australia, Iran, the United Kingdom and Norway. Gene was in Iran during the 1978/79 revolution against the Pahlavi Family (the Shah). He assisted in the evacuation of expatriate personnel and families to ensure their safety. Gene was a registered petroleum engineer and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

The family first moved to Midland in 1972 from Australia and left in 1975 for another international assignment. Gene and Miriam then returned to Midland in 1985.

After retirement in August of 1986 Gene was busy with various activities including business ventures and writing short stories and his memoirs.

Gene is survived by his wife of 57 years, Miriam of Midland, TX; Catherine L. Hanks of Fairbanks, Alaska; Shelby M. Hanks and wife Alicia of Midland; Gregory H. Hanks of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming; and Eugene H. Hanks Jr. of San Antonio; four granddaughters (Whitney, Lauren, Theresa and Joanna) and one great granddaughter (Lydia). Gene is also survived by one brother, Roy B. Hanks and wife Luretta of Grandview, Missouri.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents Clarence Shelby and Zella Roe (Benbrook) Hanks, and one brother, Ernest L. Hanks.

The family would like to thank Alice Perales, Brenda Nickell, Juanita Jurado and the many caregivers of Manor Park that gave Gene such loving care during these last two years.

A funeral mass will be held at Manor Park Chapel, Midland, TX at 11 am on Tuesday, July 31. Internment will be held at the Mount Olive Cemetery, Mount Olive, Arkansas. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Hospice of Midland.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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Larry N. Arnold

Funeral services for Larry N. Arnold, 78, of Hobbs, (called Lar-dy by his great-grandchildren) will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2012, at Chapel of Hope officiated by Mr. Danny Skarda. Interment will be 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Artesia's Woodbine Cemetery. Larry died July 25, 2012, at his home in Hobbs. He was born July 13, 1934, in Sonora, TX, to Luther and Lillie Arnold. He married Janet Callis on July 27, 1954. Wanda Karen Thomason was his long-time companion for the last 39 years.

Larry graduated from Christoval High School, as valedictorian, at the age of 16. At that time he started working in the oilfield. He worked for WEK Drilling for 30 plus years. Larry was a business man, owning oil & gas properties, Rogers Bit Co., various rental properties, The Bottle Shop and was the owner and breeder of horses. He enjoyed coin collecting, horse racing and cooking - he was a master chef. Larry loved watching Emeril Lagasse and ordered every cooking gadget he saw on TV and he was a Cowboy fan. He bought his first car with 50 cent pieces. He was a member of the Moose Lodge. Larry was very generous and had the biggest heart you have ever seen, was kind and loving and never asked for anything. He was always more than willing to help anyone. He was friendly and personable; if he didn't like you, you would never know.

He is survived by his companion, Wanda Karen Thomason; spouse, Janet Arnold; children, Lonnie Arnold, and wife Cindy, Debbie Riley, and husband Jim, Linda Barrett, and husband Danny, Ronnie Arnold, and wife Sandy, Kathy Plattor, and husband J. J., Gary Lindsay, and wife Linda, Vicki Strasner, Carol Skardo, and husband Danny and David Lindsay, and wife Joyce; 19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; niece Dixie, and husband Larry Young, of Durango, CO; nephews, David Stone, and wife Bonnie, of Miles, TX, and Delmer Stone, and wife Jeri, of Christoval, TX; along with many friends, family, coworkers and business partners who have touched his life over the years.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a sister, Faylene Slone.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, PO Box 1856, Clovis, NM 88102 or American Heart Association, PO Box 30730, Albuquerque, NM 87190.

Rene Joseph Ulmschneider

Devoted husband and father, Rene Joseph Ulmschneider, 60, of Midland, died on Friday, July 20, 2012. His life was cut short, when he was killed by a drunk driver while cycling from Alpine to Marathon.

Rene loved West Texas. He moved to Midland in 1978 and never left. Rene was born in Cincinnati, OH on April 29th, 1952, to parents Rene and Rita Ulmschneider. He was the third eldest of nine children, attended Elder High School in Cincinnati, and went on to receive both his B.S. and M.S. in Geology from the University of Cincinnati. Rene came to Midland in 1978 to work for City Services, where he met his wife of 28 years, Emily Hoffman Ulmschneider. Rene devoted his career, a span of over thirty years, to work in the oil industry as a geologist in both Texas and Russia. Most recently, Rene was one of the initial employees of a 2004 startup company that became SandRidge Tertiary. As Senior Geologist, Rene was instrumental in developing residual oil production using CO2.

Rene and Emily have two daughters, Kiri, born in 1985, and Bryne, born in 1987. He provided the family a foundation on which to pursue numerous community and volunteer activities. He loved spending time swimming, hiking, camping, and traveling with his family. Another one of his passions was cycling the open roads through West Texas with the Permian Basin Bicycling Association.

He is survived by his loving wife and beloved daughters; his mother, Rita; and his siblings, Ann, Loretta, Tom, Mary, Clare, and Jude; along with a host of nieces and nephews, all who will miss him terribly and never forget his gentle smile.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Memorial donations can be made either to Oberlin College online at:

www.oberlin.edu/giving

or to the Student Field Experience Endowment, University of Cincinnati Department of Geology, Attn: Dr. Lewis Owen, Cincinnati, OH 45221 or online: https://webapps.uc.edu/foundation/gift/gift.aspx through the McMicken College of Arts and Science.

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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Willa Dean Wallace

Willa Dean Wallace, she goes by Dean, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, July 27, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland.

Dean was born June 27, 1931, in Corpus Christi, TX, and moved to Odessa in 1955. She was a LVN working for Nurses Unlimited, from where she retired.

She is preceded in death by her mother.

She is survived by her son, Johnny Wallace of Greenwood; daughters, Sharon Larremore of Greenwood, Patti Collier of Odessa, and Donna Coleman of Corpus Christi, TX; twelve grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2012, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2012, at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Rev. Jan Reed officiating.

Services entrusted to:
Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home

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Condolences may be offered at www.hubbardkellyfuneralhome.com

Death Notices

Carl Lee Shipley

Carl Lee Shipley, 73 of Stanton, passed away on Thursday, July 26, 2012.

Survivors include sons Dale Shipley of Columbia, TN and Joe Shipley of Big Spring; daughter Carla Basler of Midland, TX.

A funeral service will be Monday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Monte Kreis officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, TX.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Jerry Lynn Hill

Jerry Lynn Hill, 61, of Loop, Texas, formerly of Seagraves, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2012.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at the 12th Street Church of Christ in Seagraves, with Mr. Skip Clark and Mr. James Kinnard officiating. Burial will follow in Gaines County Cemetery in Loop, Texas.

Personal Services have been entrusted to Mark A Jones Funeral Directors of Seagraves.

John Bond

John Bond, 73, of Midland, passed away Saturday, July 28, 2012. At this time there are no services scheduled. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Paul DeLeon

Paul DeLeon, 60, of Big Spring, passed away, Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 30, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Survivors include four sons, Paul, Jr., Jonathan, Anthony, and Aaron DeLeon; two daughters, Gloria Horner and Amanda DeLeon; four sisters, Dolores Hilario, Virginia DeLeon, Mary Dugdale, and Lydia Valdez; two brothers, Fidencio and Daniel DeLeon, Jr.; several grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Peyton Rey Ramirez

Mr. Reynaldo Ramirez, Jr., and his wife, Yvette Stone, lost their precious angel, Peyton Rey Ramirez on

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Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email to obits@mrt.com

Officials say several 2011 fires set by one man

By James Cannon
Online Editor

Although the Midland Fire Department has conducted several arson investigations this year, the number and severity pale in comparison to the fires that occurred in the area last year.

Jimmie Doyle Farris, 64, of Odessa, pleaded guilty April 16 to one count of maliciously damaging real property by means of fire.

During the summer of 2011, Midland, Ector, Andrews, Winkler and Crane counties all experienced roadside fires that were unexplained by any possible accidental cause, such as a dragging chain or cigarette. More than a dozen fires between April and June had one thing in common: Farris. The fire marshals in the area became suspicious of Farris when he kept turning up at the scene of various fires, U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman argued in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

In some cases, Farris was the first to call 911 and report the fire. In other situations, ranchers and firefighters observed Farris at the scene of the fire when they arrived, though he had no reason to be at the remote locations in the county. In one instance, Farris received a burn injury, was transported to the hospital, and later was interviewed by a local television news crew. In that interview, Farris claimed to be a good Samaritan by traveling around the area and looking for wildfires so that he could notify the fire department, according to court testimony and Pitman's statements.

Assistant Fire Marshal David Hickman, who was involved with the investigation, said Farris exhibited a motive for arson: hero complex.

With suspicions aimed directly at Farris, authorities placed him under surveillance. Their suspicions were confirmed on June 15, 2011. Farris traveled directly from his residence to a rural oil field in south Midland County, the scene of multiple unexplained fires in the previous two weeks and where Farris had reported fires and also had been observed. Law enforcement officials observed Farris' vehicle turn onto an oilfield lease road on the Windham Ranch, and a few minutes later, the nearest officer noticed smoke in the field where Farris had just stopped. Law enforcement descended upon Farris, placed him under arrest, and extinguished the fire before it got any closer to the pumpjack about a hundred feet away, Pitman said.

When Farris appeared in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge David Counts on April 16, he pleaded guilty to one count of arson. By pleading guilty, Farris admitted responsibility for the June 15, 2011, fire, as well as seven other fires in south Midland and Ector counties between May 28 and June 15 of last year. Each fire was in close proximity to a pumpjack, tank battery or oilfield poly line and could have placed the community at great risk.

Farris remains in federal custody pending sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

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Obituaries

Death Notices

Thursday, July 26, 2012.

A graveside service will be held at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery at 11:00 a.m., on Monday, July 30, 2012.

Rachel Maud Sheridan

Rachel Maud Sheridan, 51, of Odessa, passed away July 28, 2012 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Survivors: Husband: Will Sheridan of Odessa; father: Willie Kates of Odessa; sons: Michael Sheridan and Rocky Sheridan, both of Odessa; daughter: Barbara (Angel) Venegas of Odessa; brother: James (Darlene) Kates, Jr. of Phoenix, AZ; sister: Barbara (Matt) Montgomery of Midland; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Her mother: Charlene, and granddaughter: Alexis, preceded her in death.

Funeral services 10:00 a.m. August 1, 2012 at Acres West Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Los Angeles Garden of Ector County Cemetery. Arrangements by Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Ramon Ledezma

Ramon Ledezma, 62 of Midland, passed away peacefully on Thursday July 26, 2012 in San Angelo.

He is survived by: Brothers, Edward (Lalo) Hernandez of Midland and Johnny Ledezma of Blythe, CA; sisters, Corina Corona of Fort Worth, Sylvia Porter of Blythe, CA and Janie Gonzalez of Palm Springs, CA; numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

A prayer service will be tonight at 7:00p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. Evening service Monday, July 30, 2012 at 7:00p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel; cremation to follow.

Funeral services are under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home.

Wilton Ramsey Bartlett

Graveside services for Wilton Ramsey Bartlett, 85, of Lamesa will be held on Monday, July 30, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park with Gerald Parsons officiating. Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2012, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Wilton passed away on Friday July 27, 2012 in Lamesa.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daryl K. Darnell, 48, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

Terrance S. Haskin, 27, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Mitzy A. Herrera, 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Elias M. Ochoa, 31, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of hindering the apprehension of a known felon.

Christopher E. Reyes, 28, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Billy G. Taylor Jr., 49, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft and evading arrest.

Arturo Villanueva, 38, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of deadly conducts and retaliation.

Miguel A. Villegas, 17, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of probation.

Thomas E. Whitfield, 45, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Dystany S. Williams, 29, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of evading arrest.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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ARSON

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first-degree felony charge of arson and a third-degree felony of criminal mischief. If convicted, he could serve between five and 99 years in prison for the arson and up to 10 years for criminal mischief.

The other alleged arson case, on Ohio Avenue, also occurred Tuesday. The alleged arsonist was a minor, so arrest records are not available. Hickman said the suspect exhibited another of the motives for arson: concealment of another crime. Investigators theorize that the juvenile broke into the residence to commit a burglary and set the fire on his exit to cover his tracks.

The seven motives for arson

Motive may be the first indication of potential arson. Establishment of a motive also aids in identifying a potential or possible suspect. The following seven motives for incendiary fires are routine for fire investigators:

1. Fraud
2. Effort to hide another crime
3. Jealousy/revenge
4. Hero complex
5. Thrill
6. Riots/vandalism
7. Terrorism

Investigating arson

Arson presents a tougher challenge to investigate because the fire usually destroys evidence.

The first step in investigating a possible arson is to interview witnesses, Hickman said.

"When physical evidence is destroyed by a fire, we have to rely on Midland police to help solve arson cases," he said.

But some evidence, like traces of accelerants, still could be present. Hickman and Meiner said fire investigators can use specialized equipment to detect vapors of whatever was used. After a preliminary test is conducted, a field sample must be submitted to an accredited lab for formal testing before the evidence can be used in court, they said.

Of all of the fires in Midland County, Meiner said there usually are fewer than 20 cases of arson a year. But that statistic can be misleading because both Hickman and Meiner said it isn't uncommon for an arson case to go unsolved or for a fire to not be classified as arson at all.

Despite suspicious circumstances, there is a rigorous process fire marshals must go through to rule out all possible other causes before ruling it as arson.

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GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed July 23-27 by District Judges Robert H. Moore III, George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Calvin Lee Ashlock, 36, possession of cocaine and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 180 days state jail and driver's license suspended for 180 days and eight months state jail.

William Preston Corgill, 23, theft of property over $1,500 but less than $20,000, two years state jail suspended for three years on probation, $1,000 fine and pay $183.60 in restitution.

Daryl Kent Darnell, 48, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for six years on probation, $1,000 fine, 10 days Midland County jail and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Gabriel Martin Flores, 38, theft by repetition, three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Jalen Tarango Gonzalez, 18, burglary of a building, three years on probation and $500 fine.

Jimmy Flores Gonzalez, 46, indecency with a child, six years on probation, $1,000 fine and participate in the sex offender program.

Lashonte Marshaun Keets, 20, theft of property over $1,500 but less than $20,000, five years on probation and pay $9,380 in restitution.

David James McComas, 20, failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements, two years state jail suspended for five years on probation, $1,000 fine and 20 days Midland County jail.

Jim Bob Payne, 49, felony driving while intoxicated, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Christopher Edward Reyes, 28, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, eight months state jail.

Robert Dale Richardson, 22, criminal mischief, three years, three years on probation, $500 fine and pay $2,493.63 in restitution.

James William Robertson, 28, arson, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

John Paul Rodriguez, 24, possession of cocaine and tampering with physical evidence, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for three years on probation, $1,000 fine, driver's license suspended for 180 days, pay $140 in restitution and attend a treatment program.

Patrick Ross Smith, 27, taking a dangerous drug into a correctional facility, four years on probation, $1,000 fine and attend a treatment program.

Billy Gene Taylor Jr., 49, theft by repetition and evading arrest and detention, 180 days state jail.

Harold Carden Thompson Jr., 57, indecency with a child, eight years on probation, $1,800 fine and participation in the sex offender program.

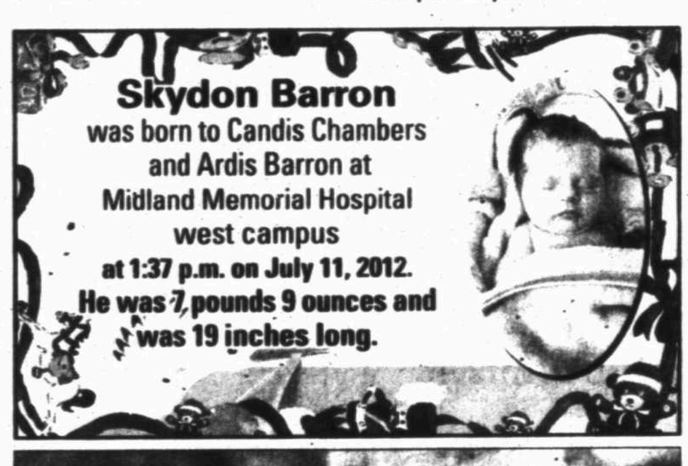
Coby Wayne Trolinder, 19, taking a prohibited substance into a correctional facility, two years on probation, $1,000 fine and attend a treatment program.

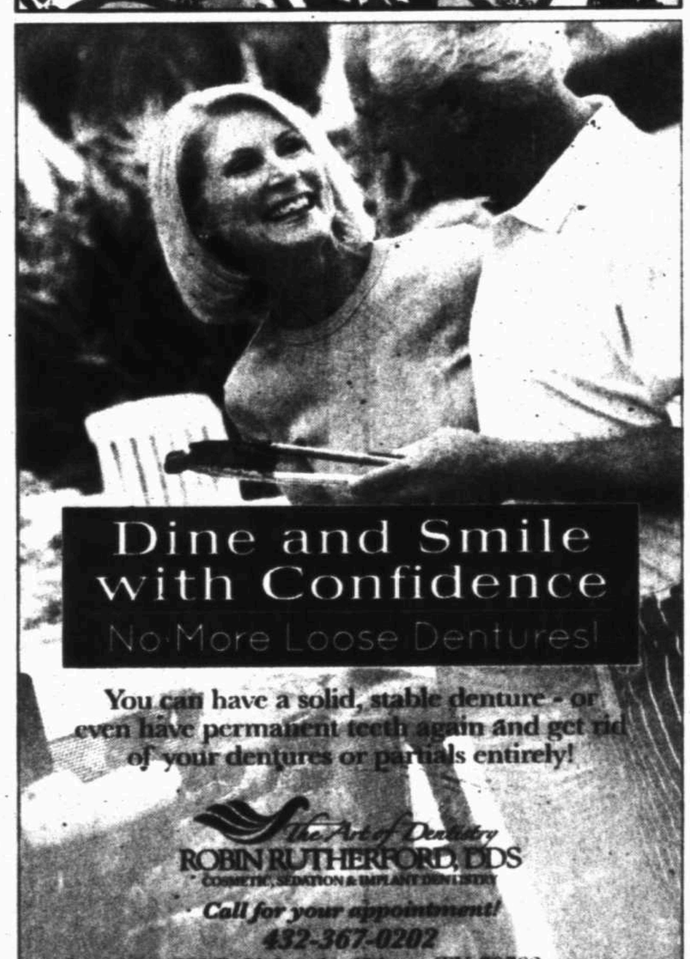
Jaime Varela, 34, possession of cocaine, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for six years on probation, $5,000 fine, driver's license suspended for 180 days, attend a treatment program and pay $140 in restitution.

Estevan Pablo Vasquez, 24, possession of cocaine, four years on probation, $1,000 fine, attend a treatment program and pay $140 in restitution.

Thomas Christopher Waddell, 29, burglary of a building and organized retail theft, one year state jail.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office





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Electricity	12 families	$ 3,899.92
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Transportation	3 families	$ 2,100.00
Plumbing	1 family	$ 459.99
Misc.	1 family	$ 630.00
TOTAL		$25,590.04

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We ask anyone who questions our means of operation to please spend an hour or two with one of our caseworkers, working actual cases. Our clients are not the stereotyped "feeders off the system." The vast majority of our cases have never had to ask for help before -- they have recently moved to Midland to get one of the abundance of jobs available here, however once they get here they realize there is no place for them to stay. Apartments are scarce and hugely expensive. While jobs are found instantly, there is still that two- to three-week wait for the first paycheck and motel rooms (in not the better parts of town) are still going for $60+ per night. What money they have when they roll into town does not last long. Some of our cases are the chronically ill suffering with cancer or other terminal illnesses, who live alone and have no one else to care for them. Others are the elderly trying to survive on Social Security benefits of $600-$700 per month who can not keep up with rising rents (one bedroom apartments in Midland rarely go for less than $800 per month). Those who can scrape up the money for their rent oftentimes cannot afford to pay their utility bills and they end up with their electricity or water shut off. There is no money to have the service reconnected. They are hardly "feeders off the system."

To offer a meager few dollars to help with a huge financial problem is no better than throwing crumbs to a starving person. We refuse to do that -- we refuse to add to the trauma these people are already experiencing. We will not throw crumbs to the single parent with 3 children who has been locked out of his or her apartment, or to the medical patient in tremendous agony who has no money for pain medication. They never asked to be where they are.

Are we frivolous with our money? Absolutely not! Do we love those people who we are privileged to help? Yes, unconditionally...without casting judgments or aspersions on them! As always, we thank all of our many, many supporters who love the poor as much as we do and have the same care and compassion that our Lord Jesus has in caring for them. May the Lord bless and protect you, just as you do for His most cherished ones. Thank you!

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Corpus Christie boxing coach tries to keep kids off the street

By Mike Baird
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — They call him Coach Rat.

It's a name tagged onto the Port of Corpus Christi maintenance man during his drag racing days.

His name is Israel Garcia.

His game: fighting — to keep kids off the streets by teaching them to box with gloves in a ring.

He's winning with the successful education of hundreds of kids the past 15 years.

"Coach Rat taught me to set goals and pushed me to take the next step in whatever I want," said Pete Guerrero, 22, a respiratory therapy student at Del Mar College. He has been under Garcia's boxing wing since age 14. One of the Gollihar Neighborhood Center Boxing Club's top ranked amateur fighters in Texas, Guerrero is the club's present great hopeful to go professional.

Four nights a week Garcia, 53, and coach Richard Rodriguez pack two dozen boys, young men and sometimes young women into an aging 30-foot-by-75-foot Quonset hut behind the neighborhood center to sweat, spar and set goals for their futures.

Their efforts have yielded several dozen Golden Gloves and Junior Olympic champions. Some have made military careers, Rodriguez, 65, the club's founder, said.

Rodriguez first trained Garcia's twin sons. Both were 2003 Golden Gloves regional champions, in the 106- and 112-pound weight classes.

"We loved the sport," said Alex Garcia, 26, who works in Austin as a personal trainer and physical therapist. Boxing prepared him and his brother to control their lives as individuals, he said. He now teaches clients to lose weight through cardio-boxing.

They are proud of their father's volunteer youth coaching.

"Through boxing, young people have an outlet to burn off aggression, gain focus, learn respect, discipline and self-esteem while having fun," the elder Garcia said.

For his community service, Port of Corpus Christi commissioners in May presented Garcia the Port's Pocca Award.

"We are honored to recognize Israel for his dedication and guidance of young kids in the Coastal Bend," said Mike Carrell, port commission chairman.

Boxing the past five years with Garcia taught Hamlin Middle School eighth-grader Christian Perez, 13, to listen.

"Listening to coach has kept me out of trouble," Christian said, after dancing inside a jump rope for three minutes. "Now I listen better to my teachers, too."

Boxing nights, Monday through Thursday, begin with handshakes.

Everyone kid who walks through the door, makes the rounds sharing the gesture of respect with coaches, parents, visitors and other boxers.

Then within minutes sweat pours from the youths, splattering the wood-slat floors of the open-air gym.

The young fighters run five laps around the property, then a screeching buzzer signals every three minutes inside the gym to shift their workout regimen:

Each boxer gets a bio booklet, for their $65 annual club dues. Along with their mug shot, it lists doctor checkup approvals, logs their wins and losses and tracks their growth through weight classes. Some kids win, some lose, Garcia said.

"When they lose, they cry," he said. "We tell them by stepping in the ring they're a winner, because they don't have anybody else there to back them up, like a football player does."

He calls one 8-year-old his "Firecracker," for his five wins and no loses.

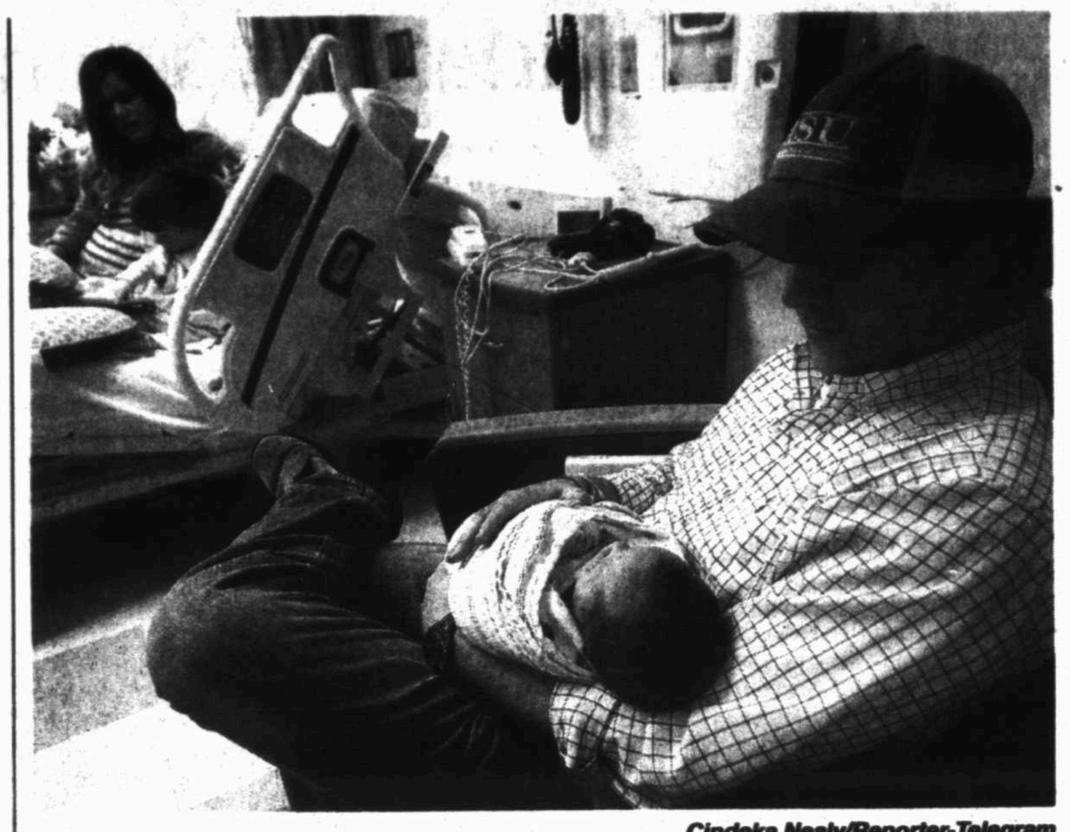
Before he was "Firecracker," before he was even 8, Justin Ortiz was chomping at the bit to get in the ring, while watching his older brother Johnathan, 12, spar, their dad said.

"Justin starts jacking away when he climbs in the ring," said his dad, Domingo Ortiz, 39.

Both his boys' grades were dropping before boxing and are now improved, he said.

Garcia holds to a policy that if grades go down, kids are dropped from boxing until their schoolwork improves.

Gollihar Neighborhood Center's program is one of about half a dozen boxing clubs in Corpus Christi.



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Chase Jordan holds his yet-to-be-named newborn while his wife Mellie visits with their 1-year-old son, Easton, and 3-year-old daughter, Harper, on Feb. 29 at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. MMH has seen an increase in the number of births so far this year because of the population spike.

BIRTHS

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expectant and first-time parents, costs of $30 per couple. The sibling and teen classes are $10 and $5, respectively.

Classes have been scheduled through the end of the year, but Hinshaw said she has added classes because of so many requests.

Hinshaw is looking into hosting a "boot camp" type class that would last all day on a Saturday and cover the basics of childbirth, labor, delivery and recovery. Hinshaw said she also might add extra classes to the current calendar if there is a need.

"We've just had an influx of calls for those needing the women's and children services," Hinshaw said.

For more information about the classes or to register for an upcoming program, call the childbirth education department at 522-3283.

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Births by the numbers

Total births through June of fiscal year 2012: 1,527
Total births through June of fiscal year 2011: 1,386

Total births in fiscal year 2011: 1,931
Total births in fiscal year 2010: 1,886
Total births in fiscal year 2009: 1,880

WILLIAMSON

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where Americans are outnumbered by the British by a 2-1 margin. And when I finally did get the point across that I wanted iced tea, they brought me a tiny glass with a couple of ice cubes in it. Guys ordering ale and beer were getting big mugs, but I couldn't get a big glass of iced tea. But I beat the system by ordering two iced teas at a time.

Still, trouble followed me. I noticed that our waiter would place a spoon on the left side of the cup when someone ordered decaf coffee and a spoon on the right side if they ordered regular coffee.

Well, I just had to be a wise guy and place my spoon in the cup. I wanted to see the waiter panic. Instead, I got tea again — hot tea. It seemed I couldn't win for losing. I then noticed our English mates all had their spoons in the cup as a signal for hot tea. By the way, there apparently is no waiter signal for iced tea. The only way to get cold tea is to beg for it about three days in a row.

For the wife and me, traveling is all about learning about different cultures and meeting people representing those cultures. You never would know that Americans and the British come from common backgrounds. We tried fish and chips and liked that very much, but we balked at steak and kidney pie and didn't know what to think about bangers and mash (sausage and mashed potatoes). Mushed peas were also a little too green for me. Goose, lamb, duck and various liver parts were all off my radar.

Still, the wife made a traitorous move. She tried the English tea and had the nerve to like it. She drank hot tea every night with her new English friends. The whole meaning of the Boston Tea Party had been lost.

But worst of all, she got to place her spoon in her cup while I was still wondering how to just get a simple glass of iced tea. Now, Emily, can you tell me how to do that? That's the real help I need around here.

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SAN ANTONIO

Woman gets 9 years in boyfriend's death

A San Antonio woman has been sentenced to nine years in prison in the 2009 stabbing death of her boyfriend with a kitchen knife.

Tiffany James, who was 17 at the time of the killing and claimed self-defense, was given the sentence on Friday, one day after her conviction on a lesser charge of manslaughter.

James had been charged with murder over the death of 18-year-old Antwan Wolford. Attorneys for James said she had a history of being battered by the father of her young son.

The San Antonio Express News reported that defense attorney Robert Gebbia said he plans to appeal the manslaughter verdict.

Wolford's mother, Eashonne Wolford, said James should have received the maximum 20-year sentence.

DALLAS

Daycare closes after boy dies in hot van

A daycare center has shut down during an investigation into the death of a 3-year-old boy found unconscious in a sweltering van outside the center.

Child Protective Services spokeswoman Marissa Gonzales said Little T's Tiny Tots daycare chose to close temporarily while state officials investigate Benjamin Price's heat-stroke death.

Erica Hooks, the daycare's van driver, was arrested Thursday and charged with injury to a child. She's being held on $50,000 bond in the Dallas County jail. No attorney for her is listed in jail records.

Police said Hooks drove a group of children from the daycare center to a movie July 20, but the 3-year-old didn't leave the van upon their return.

The Dallas Morning News reported the boy was found in the van 2 1/2 hours later.

DALLAS

2 die in motorcycle accident on bridge

A 43-year-old man and his female passenger were killed in a motorcycle accident on a Dallas bridge.

Police said Sean Ashford was driving across the bridge right before midnight Friday when he failed to maneuver a curve in the road.

Police said the motorcycle slammed into the guard rail which sent the driver and his unidentified passenger vaulting over the railing and onto the grassy slope on the north side of R.L. Thornton Freeway.

SAN ANGELO

2 killed, 3 injured in SUV crash

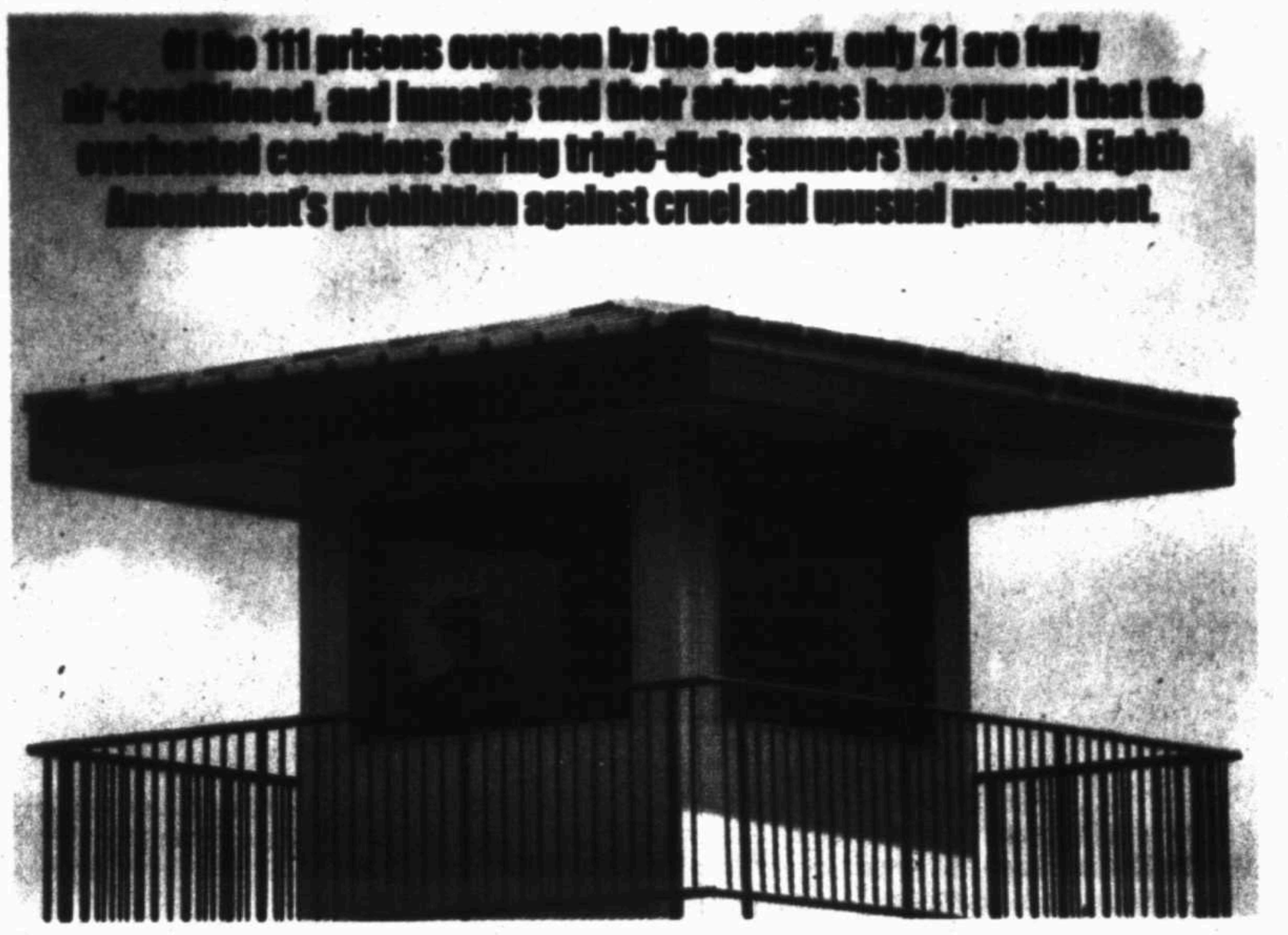
Two members of a Houston-area family are dead after the family sport utility vehicle skidded into a concrete column along a remote stretch of Interstate 10 in West Texas.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said the crash happened about 2:30 p.m. Thursday about 14 miles west of Ozona and about 200 miles northwest of San Antonio.

DPS Trooper Shawn Baxter identified the dead as 14-year-old Tristan Johnson and 12-year-old Madeline Johnson, both of Sugar Land.

Heat-related causes kill 10 Texas inmates

By Manny Fernandez
N.Y. Times News Service



HOUSTON — Last summer's record-breaking heat wave had a grim impact on Texas, playing a role in the deaths of roughly 150 people. Many of them were found in their homes or apartments, but a few were discovered somewhere else — in their prison cells.

Ten inmates of the state prison system died of heat-related causes last summer in a 26-day period in July and August, a death toll that has alarmed prisoners' rights advocates who believe that the lack of air-conditioning in most state prisons puts inmates' lives at risk.

The 10 inmates were housed in areas that lacked air-conditioning, and several had collapsed or lost consciousness while they were in their cells. All of them were found to have died of hyperthermia, a condition that occurs when body temperature rises above 105 degrees, according to autopsy reports and the state's prison agency.

Other factors contributed to their deaths. All but three of them had hypertension, and some were obese, had heart disease or were taking antipsychotic medications, which can affect the body's ability to regulate heat.

One inmate, Alexander Togonidze, 44, was found unresponsive in his cell at an East Texas prison called the Michael Unit at 8 a.m. on Aug. 8, 2011, with a body temperature of 106 degrees, according to prison documents. The temperature in his cell, taken by prison officials 15 minutes after he was pronounced dead, was 86.2 degrees and the heat index was 93 degrees.

Five days later, at the nearby Gurney Unit prison, Kenneth Wayne James, 52, was found in his cell with a body temperature of 108 degrees. His autopsy report stated James most likely died of "environmental hyperthermia-related classic heat stroke," noting several risk factors, including James' chronic illness and use of a diuretic, and the lack of air-conditioning.

"We were looking for him to come home in a few months," said Mary Lou James, the mother of James, who had been charged with injuring a child and was serving a five-year sentence for violating probation. "I think that's just awful, to have a place like that where you don't have any air. I don't think human beings should be treated in that manner."

Officials with the prison agency, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said 12 inmates had died of heat-related causes since 2007. The debate over the lack of air-conditioning in the prison system has intensified in recent weeks, after lawyers from the nonprofit Texas Civil Rights Project sued the agency in federal court over one of the inmate deaths from last summer. They also plan to file additional wrongful-death lawsuits.

Of the 111 prisons overseen by the agency, only 21 are fully air-conditioned, and inmates and their advocates have argued that the overheated conditions during triple-digit summers violate the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

Prison officials dispute those claims, saying that the health and well-being of the inmates are their top priorities and that the autopsies of the 12 inmates who died list a variety of contributing factors to their deaths. They said they take steps to help inmates on hot days, including restricting outside work activities and providing extra water and ice.

"It is unknown whether the lack of air-conditioning was a contributing factor in the offender deaths," Jason Clark, a prison system spokesman, said in a statement. "Texas experienced one of the hottest summers on record in 2011. It was an unprecedented event affecting the entire state and much of the southern and eastern United States. TDCJ took precautions to help mitigate the impact of temperature extremes on offenders and staff. The agency continues to do so."

But a corrections supervisor who works at a prison where one of the 12 inmates died said the number of heat-related fatalities was a cause of concern, as was the larger number of inmates and corrections officers who require medical attention because of the heat.

At least 17 prison employees or inmates were treated for heat-related illnesses from June 25 through July 6, according to agency documents. Many of them had been indoors at the time they reported feeling ill.

At the Darrington Unit near Rosharon on June 25, a 56-year-old corrections officer fainted in a supervisor's office and was taken to a hospital. Heat exhaustion was diagnosed. At the four-story Coffield Unit near Palestine, where one inmate died of hyperthermia last August, dozens of windows have been broken out — prisoners slip soda cans or bars of soap into socks and throw them at the windows, hoping to increase ventilation.

"I'm supposed to be watching them, I'm not supposed to be boiling them in their cells," said the corrections supervisor, who declined to be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the news media. "If you've got a life sentence, odds are you're going to die in the penitentiary. But what about the guy who dies from a heat stroke who only had a four-year sentence? His four-year sentence was actually a life sentence."

"After this many deaths, prison officials obviously know this is a problem," said David C. Fathi, director of the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, in Washington. "Prisons aren't supposed to be comfortable, nor are they supposed to kill you."

HOSPITAL

From 1B

property, Russell said.

The board also will:

■ discuss the hospital's 2013 budget, which will be adopted in August;

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Houston teens try to shake despair of being homeless

By Monica Rhor
Houston Chronicle



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Tiara Reado talks about her plans for the future outside her Houston home June 29. Her family lived at Star of Hope shelter for a time. Reado is one of the many teenagers who lived through homelessness and is going to college. She is taking classes at Houston Community College and eventually hopes to open her own dance studio.

HOUSTON — That first night, surrounded by strangers, still shell-shocked after her family was cast onto the street, Tiara Reado shrank back into childhood. The teenager stayed glued to her mother's side, following her around the Star of Hope shelter like a toddler.

When the older woman stirred, Tiara stirred with her, whispering, "Mommy, where are you going? Mommy, I'm coming with you."

Then Tiara cried. She cried when they had to camp on the floor, next to dozens of other homeless families. She cried when they moved into a cramped room with narrow cots and cinderblock walls. She cried when she realized they had no place else to go.

For seven days straight, she cried.

What else can you do when you're 16 and your dad is out of work and your family has just been evicted? What else can you do when you're just a kid — scared and sleepy and hungry?

A few months later, Courtney Williams was huddled on the floor of the same shelter, sharing space with the unknown and clutching his Bible.

The 17-year-old's family had just been kicked out of their apartment. His mother had been very sick for a very long time and he was on the verge of dropping out of school. The whole world, it seemed, was conspiring against him.

So, Courtney bowed his head over the Book of Proverbs, sobbed quietly and prayed. All night long, he cried.

What else could he do?

On those dark nights of tears, when everyday teenage dreams were displaced by uncertainty, Tiara and Courtney cried for the homes they lost, the proms they wouldn't attend, the colleges they couldn't afford. What they didn't yet know was that, sometimes, falling into shadow will lead you to the light.

With its boxy industrial-green exterior and pungent ammonia-cleaner smell, the Star of Hope Women & Family Emergency Shelter is a place of last resort, a safety net for those in a downward spiral — and a hard gulp for families losing the fight for subsistence.

"When people come here, they are acknowledging that they can't make it on their own," said Marilyn Fountain, Star of Hope's director of community relations. "There's a certain kind of humiliation that comes with that. It's a tough place to be."

Tough enough for the adults who trudge through the doors, clasping plastic bags stuffed with belongings and carrying the slight shrug of defeat on their shoulders.

Much tougher still for the children. Some too young to understand. Others, like Tiara and Courtney, old enough to feel the keen edge of fear and embarrassment.

On any given day, more than half of the 300 people crowded into the emergency shelter are under age 18. Of the 600 people staying in various Star of Hope facilities, about 200 are children.

"They have no control over their circumstances. They didn't create it and they can't change it," said Fountain. "Children live more in the moment, and the moment in which they are living is fraught with images of deprivation."

That moment doesn't last forever. But when you're a teenager, and life has been full of bumps and bruises and blows, it can feel like an eternity.

By the time Tiara and her family landed at Star of Hope in the summer of 2010, the good years of her early childhood had dissolved into a long patch of bad.

In middle school, taunts about boys from mean girls escalated into a cycle of fights and suspensions, turning school into a gauntlet of bullying. When she was about 13, Tiara was sexually assaulted by a boy she liked, a trauma she kept hidden for months.

Then, her father, a sandblaster who works out of state, was hurt on the job and had no way to support the family. Bills piled up. Rent was overdue.

One day, Tiara's mother sat her down and told her they had been evicted.

"Ma, where are we going? Is there a house I don't know about?" Tiara asked, feeling lost, confused, and achingly useless.

At first they stayed with Tiara's grandmother, but after a disagreement, they were on the streets again.

Tiara searched on Google for family shelters and stumbled onto Star of Hope.

At her first glimpse of the Women & Family Emergency Shelter, Tiara burst into tears. Strangers were everywhere: weary mothers pushing strollers, unkempt women muttering to themselves, wary and skittish teens like herself.

Tiara didn't want to be there. And she didn't want her classmates at Phillis Wheatley High School finding out her address was now an emergency shelter.

Kids will talk about you until it hurts, Tiara had learned long before. Even if you're not homeless, even if you have a place to stay. They will talk and it will hurt.

So, she didn't tell anyone except the school principal and her closest friends. She was the first one picked up on the bus route in the morning, and the last one dropped off in the afternoon. She raced to keep the laundry room time slot assigned to her family, just to have clean clothes to wear.

Through it all, Tiara kept her sorrows masked.

She laughed loudly and acted crazy and smiled her big, incandescent smile. But behind that vivacious facade, the worries circled like sharks: When are we going to get out of this? When is it going to get better?

That's what Courtney was asking himself, as well.

In the fall of 2010, while Tiara was trying to hide her homelessness, Courtney was scraping and scrambling to keep his family afloat.

The previous year, around winter break, the then-high school freshman had come home to find his mother, younger brother and sister gone.

All Courtney found was a note on the door, telling him to get the key from a neighbor.

For several days, he sat alone. He watched Christmas come and go by himself. Then he found out that his mother, who was raising the family on her own, had been rushed to the hospital and was gravely ill.

Suddenly, Courtney was thrust into the roles of cook, housekeeper and breadwinner. He mowed lawns, fixed bikes, did whatever it took to raise a few dollars. He looked after his siblings, and when his mother was released from the hospital unable to walk, Courtney took care of her, too.

And the boy who had kept up his grades during a childhood spent bouncing from one apartment to another, who loved math and science and poetry, who longed to be an aerospace engineer, desperately tried to keep from falling behind in school.

But it was like a steep climb up a crumbling mountain.

Courtney missed days of school to nurse his mother. He turned in projects late because there was no money for simple supplies like poster board or markers. He failed classes but couldn't afford the bus fare to get to credit recovery courses.

His teachers at Yates High School didn't believe his excuses and accused him of slacking off. One day Courtney pushed his mother to school in a wheelchair to prove he was not inventing her illness.

Courtney's mother watched her baby flail, and she felt her heart shred. Courtney watched his grades slip, and he felt ground down.

"I'm not a bad person," he would think to himself. "So why do bad things keep happening?"

Still, Courtney held onto the one thing that had never deserted him: his faith.

The kid who once was teased for being a "church freak" because he went to services and Bible study four or five times a week grasped tightly to the Good Book. Over and over, he read Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

And he went to Hope for Youth, a ministry for teens grappling with poverty, homelessness and hard times.

It was there one day, while playing a game of Connect Four, that he met a lanky, bright-eyed girl whose flashing smile was shaded by tears.

Tiara.

They became instant friends. This girl with her troubles tucked behind a bubbly exterior; this boy with his troubles etched plainly on a solemn demeanor.

The kind of friends who exchange texts late at night, call just to make sure everything's OK, write each other's names in notebooks. The kind who understand when no one else does.

For Tiara, Courtney became a lifeline in the storm, the voice in her head telling her not to give up, to never give up.

In the early months of 2011, Tiara's father had found work again, her family had moved out of the shelter, and she was on track to graduate.

Tiara got her diploma from Furr High School's REACH Charter, where she transferred after leaving Star of Hope.

In the fall, Courtney plans to enter UH, pursuing his goal of becoming an aerospace engineer. Tiara is taking classes at Houston Community College and hopes eventually to open her own dance studio.

She wants people to know that the face of homelessness is not always what you think.

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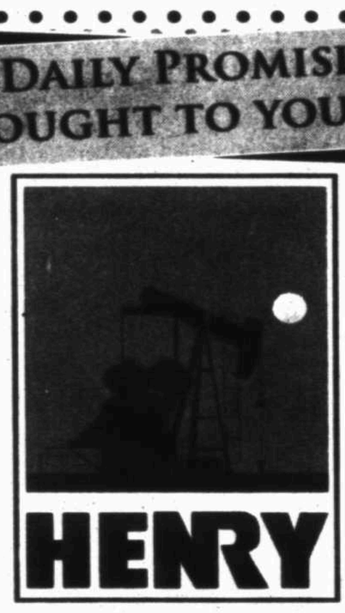

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Socorro Davila wipes away a tear during a Mass said at Capilla de la Santa Trinidad in Victoria on Tuesday for the 15 immigrants that died as a result of a horrific wreck in Goliad County on July 22.

A twist of fate between life and death for immigrants

By Dane Schiller
Houston Chronicle

Two trucks. Two twists of fate.

Life and death roamed side by side for two white Ford pickups loaded with human cargo and barreling across South Texas on the same day, just a few hours and some 100 miles of ranchland apart.

A tire blew out on one truck, sending it careening into a stand of trees in Goliad County and killing 14 illegal immigrants and their driver headed to Houston on July 22.

The other truck, being tracked by police and Border Patrol agents, ran three stop signs and smashed through a ranch fence, and all aboard tried to escape into the brush. At least four people and a smuggler were arrested.

What each truck carried was a bold reminder that despite the buildup of security along some parts of the U.S.-Mexico border, there remains in South Texas an endless stream of people willing to risk all they have and will ever have for a chance to sneak into the United States.

"Up to the very last second, they had hope," said David Ramirez, a retired Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent. "When they meet that death, they are clinging to the hope that there is a new life, or making money to send back to their family or whatever it is."

Most of the dead in the Goliad crash are unidentified, but they are believed to have families in Honduras and Guatemala.

While their personal stories are yet untold, accounts from those captured in Freer the same day document the daunting risks they take. It is not clear whether the two trucks that made their runs on a lethal Sunday were connected by anything other than fate and tactics.

No problem at river

According to court records, some of the undocumented immigrants arrested in Freer told authorities they easily crossed the Rio Grande into the United States and then sneaked from stash house to stash house, none of which was identified. Heading to an undisclosed rendezvous point where the prearranged white Ford 150 was to pick them up, they walked through hot, snake-infested brushlands with little or no food or water, according to an affidavit filed in federal court and signed by Border Patrol agent Stephen Robertson.

By the time they reached a rendezvous point with the truck, they were starved, parched, threatened and disoriented. One, a native of Mexico, told agents he walked for five days before they got to the truck. The immigrants were stacked atop each other inside the truck's cab.

Another would-be immigrant, also from Mexico, told authorities he watched as a Honduran teenager was struck by their obscenity-spewing guide for leaving footprints. An older man was ordered to drop his backpack because it was slowing him down.

"(He) says he was afraid of dying of thirst and starvation," Robertson noted in his report. "He got sick after drinking water from the cow troughs."

"It is the chance at living in the United States that gives them the strength to endure and risk so much along the way," Ramirez said. "That is pretty powerful."

The truck involved in the fatal accident was owned by a Houston-area man who claims he sold it in June after using it during hunting season.

The other is registered to a Fort Worth man, who could not be reached for comment. Police said that truck likely was sold, as claimed, but that the buyer did not transfer title so as to cover his tracks.

Pickups fit profile

Both trucks fit the latest profile among South Texas smugglers who are using such rugged workhorses because they blend in with the vehicles used by thousands of oilfield workers who have flooded into South Texas.

"White work-type trucks, more than anything else," said Lt. Mike Diaz of the Freer Police Department. "My storage yard, at one point, was just full of white trucks."

Diaz said it is almost guaranteed that at least once a day, Freer officers will come across undocumented immigrants who have walked for days, then been stuffed into trucks taking them farther north on their journey to Houston and beyond.

"It is the luck of the draw, destiny," said Ramirez, the retired ICE agent. "You make it all the way here, and then this happens."

Memorial service for Colorado shooting victim, brings laughter and tears

San Antonio Express-News

For almost two hours Saturday, friends, family and colleagues laughed and cried as they told stories about the larger-than-life personality of Jessica Ghawi, an aspiring San Antonio sportscaster who was killed July 20 in the mass shooting at a Colorado movie theater.

Twelve people were killed and 58 wounded in the attack in Aurora. Ghawi, who had escaped a Toronto mall shooting just last month, had recently blogged about how precious life is.

Peter Burns, a Denver-based sports radio host who was close to Ghawi, read a statement from her mother as pictures of the vivacious 24-year-old, with a coy smile and fiery red hair, were streamed on televisions at Community Bible Church.

"What we will not do today is focus on how she left us," Burns read. "We will focus instead on how she lived, how she loved family, life, her friends, and how we can keep her spirit of life each day forth."

Ghawi's energy, passion, endearing clumsiness and humor were hallmarks in the speeches given by colleagues, friends and family members.

"Those of you that knew Jessie were absolutely blessed. Those of you who didn't know her or missed opportunities to be a part of her large life, missed out big-time," Burns quoted her mother, Sandy Phillips. "She lived fiercely and loved deeply and crammed more into her 24 years of life than most of us do in our whole lifetimes."

A devout hockey fan, Ghawi was remembered by colleagues for her love of the game, her determination to succeed in the male-dominated industry — and her clumsiness. A YouTube video showing Ghawi falling during her first on-ice interview as an intern with Sports Talk San Antonio was met with laughter. After each fall, Ghawi is seen laughing off the embarrassment, getting back up and continuing with her interview.

Speakers given a few minutes to talk about Ghawi often couldn't help themselves from running long. Stories such as one about Ghawi running into David Robinson and another about her being offered an intern gig with comedian George Lopez took time to explain and often left the audience in stitches.

Larry Ramirez, a San Antonio sports anchor close to Ghawi, said he imagined her up in heaven, reporting from the grandest ice rink of all and surrounded by hockey legends who wouldn't initially know what to make of the "fiery redhead."

"I'm sure at one point she'll fall down in front of them all and they'll laugh and she'll be embarrassed, but she'll get up and crinkle her nose and just get that determined look on her face, and she'll prove once again that she can hang with the boys, just like she did here on Earth," Ramirez said.

Ghawi's boyfriend, Toronto junior hockey player Jay Meloff, said she taught him to live each day to the fullest.

"She drank in life and celebrated the little things that made us uniquely us," Meloff said, adding that the two had been excited about building a future together.

Burns, who last talked with Ghawi over dinner at a Denver restaurant, remembered her big heart. He recalled Ghawi excitedly explaining how she wanted to start a charity called "The Little Things" that would donate sports gear to those who lost everything in the Colorado wildfires. Burns said that while Ghawi was uncertain about how to start the charity, she was crystal-clear that she didn't want her name on it.

"If you all know Jessica, that was who she was. That was our Jessica," Burns said.

To support such a charity and to provide scholarships for women pursuing careers in sports broadcasting, her family has started the Jessica Redfield Ghawi Foundation.

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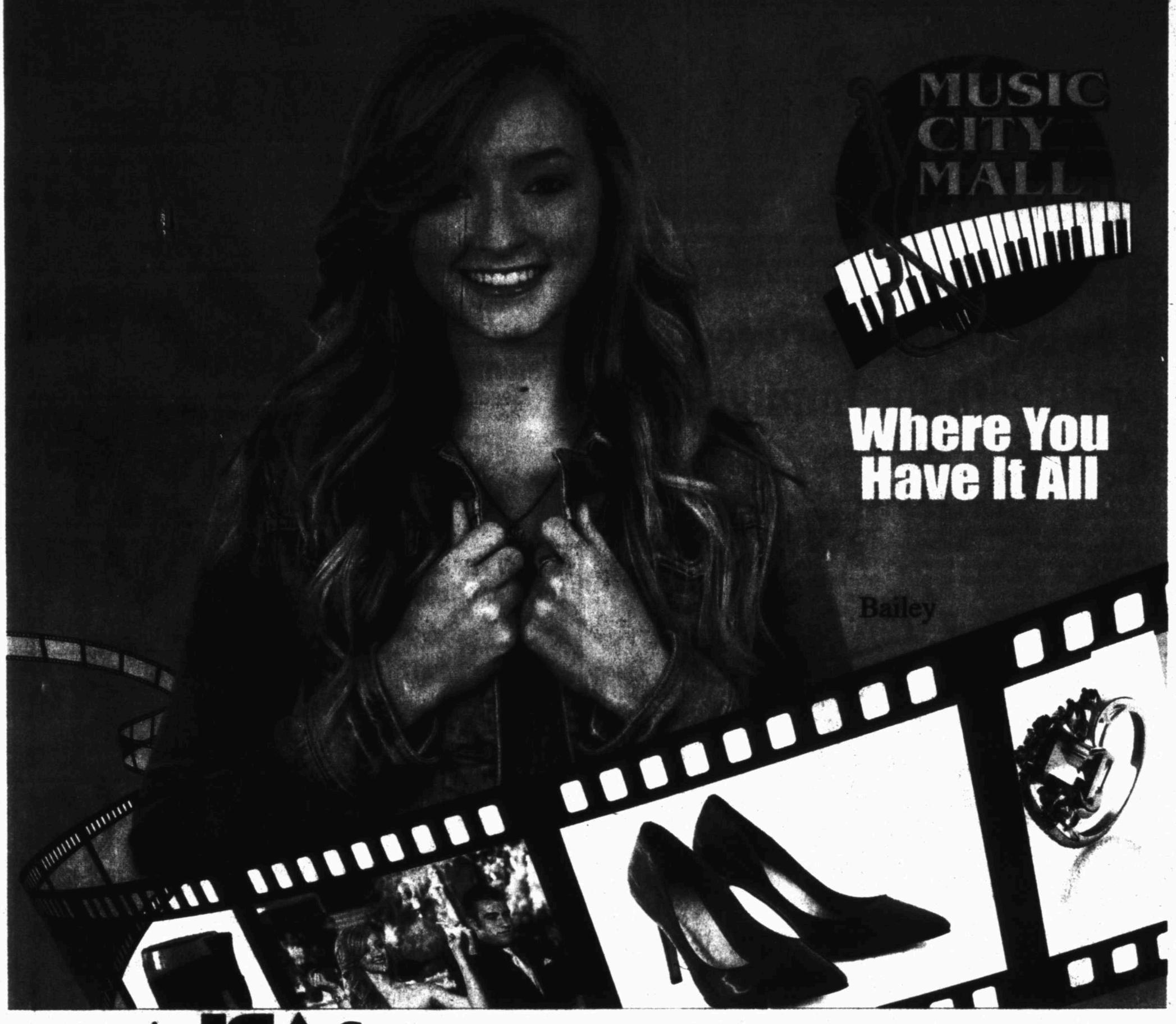

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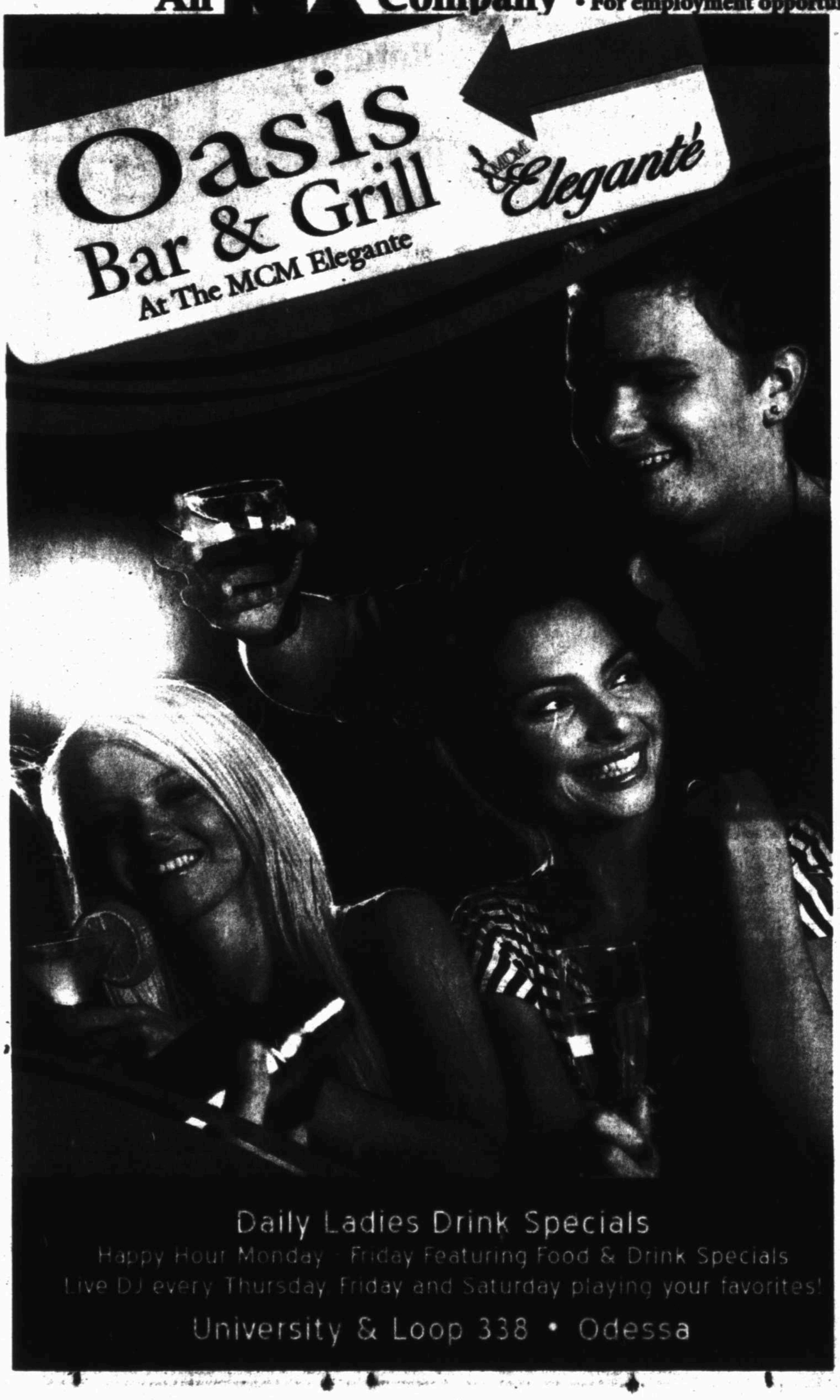



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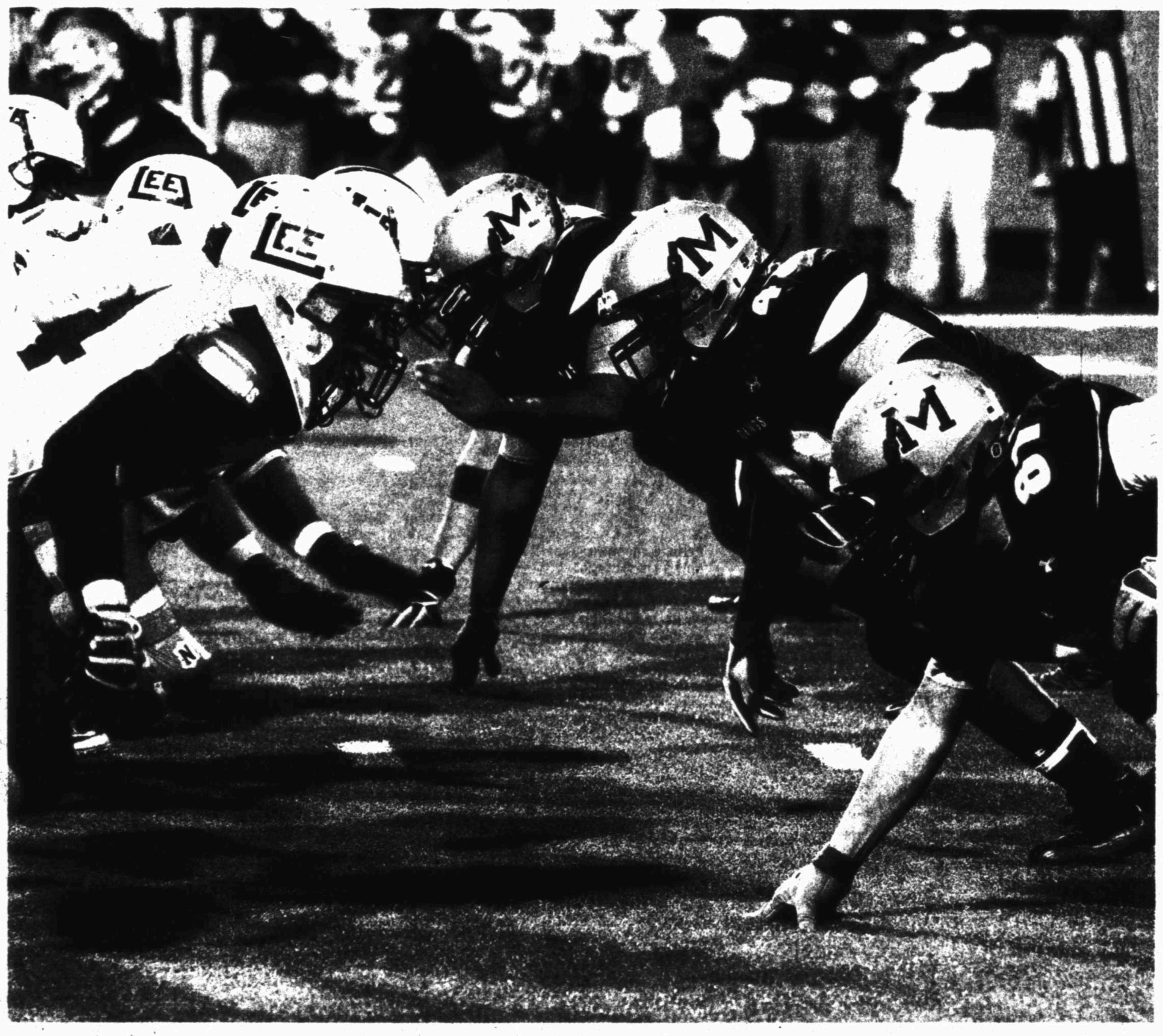
OVERLOOKED?

Camps and technology have changed the college football recruiting game in the past few years, and fewer players from West Texas are making their way to Division I schools. Are players out here being overlooked?



Tim FischerReporter-Telegram

Members of the Lee and Midland High football teams come off the line of scrimmage during their game last year at Grande Communications Stadium.

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

In 1980, seven football players from a Midland High team that had a meager 5-5 record not only got a chance to play Division I college football, but also went on to spend some time in the NFL.

In 2005, a 4-7 Lee football team produced five players who signed with major Division I colleges, despite being ousted in the first round of the playoffs and having a losing record.

For several decades, this was the norm. West Texas was considered a recruiting hot bed for college football programs both in and out of the state. Even the teams that experienced a marginal amount of success during the season seemed to produce Division I, or Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), talent at high rates.

That trend is no more.

During the offseason that followed the 2005 season, Midland ISD had six athletes sign scholarship offers to play football for major Division I schools. Five of those players came from Lee, including Evan Frosch (TCU), Terrence McCoy (Texas A&M), Leslie Ray (Texas A&M), Trent Hines (Texas A&M) and Anthony Reasno (Houston). Also signing was Midland High's Baron Batch (Texas Tech).

Since then, only two athletes — Antwan Goodley (Baylor) and Dutton Watson (North Texas) — from Midland ISD have received football scholarships to FBS schools. One other — Lee grad Jace Edwards (James Madison) — signed with a Division I FCS school during that span.

There are also two other Midland athletes from the county's smaller schools who signed with Division I schools during that time: Greenwood's Tyler McCullough played for Texas State, and Midland Christian's Bobby Thompson went to TCU. Yet, even with those two added, the numbers still show a considerable decline.

The issue isn't only apparent in Midland. Odessa and other towns in West Texas have seen the number of athletes recruited by Division I schools decrease significantly in the past decade.



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Has the talent in Midland decreased that significantly? Or are there other factors such as a lack of exposure in desolate West Texas behind the cause?

That depends on who you ask.

The coaches on the front lines of the area's high school programs believe the level of talent is still at a Division I standard in most seasons.

"It's year to year," Odessa Permian coach Gary Gaines said. "I don't know what the smaller schools around here have, but I think there are kids year in and year out (in Odessa) and Midland that are certainly good enough to play Division I football. It's a little disappointing, but I don't know what the answer is. As coaches, we send in the info on players we feel like are Division I talent; they just don't get the same attention as kids from the metroplex areas."

Perhaps more so than any current coach in West Texas, Gaines, who began coaching in the Permian Basin in the early 1980s, has seen firsthand the way recruiting in the area has changed. He's even been on the other side of the recruiting table after serving as a linebackers coach at Texas Tech from 1990 to 1993.

The recruiting game has changed incredibly since Gaines was a member of the Red Raiders staff, though.

"Kids go to those camps at Texas, Baylor, TCU, Tech and Texas A&M and just have to take care of travel expenses and whatever it might cost for sign-ups. At that time, those schools make their decisions about whether a kid is tall enough, big enough, fast enough; they're getting their eyes on them in a lot of ways," Gaines explained. "I'd like to just see them play if it were me. I would want to make an evaluation from that perspective. Everyone is just trying to get

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Lee senior-to-be quarterback Talor Nunez has been hitting camps across Texas as he works to put his name out there for college coaches.
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College camps have become a primary way for college coaches to see high school players.
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Former Midland High School players talk about their recruiting experiences and talk about how it's changed since they signed.
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A pair of college coaches with West Texas ties talk about how recruiting has changed and offer advice for potential West Texas recruits.
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'Hounds bring out the big bats in win

RockHounds 8
Hooks 3

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI – Anthony Aliotti hit a home run in consecutive innings and drove in four runs as he lead a Midland RockHounds power surge in an 8-3 victory against the Corpus Christi Hooks at Whataburger Field on Saturday.

Aliotti's first blast came in the top of the fourth, when the RockHounds first baseman hit a two-run shot over the wall in left center for a 2-0 Midland lead.

Designated hitter Matt Rizzotti followed Aliotti with a double, then scored three batters later courtesy of a two-out single by catcher Beau Taylor.

Midland took a 5-0 advantage when Aliotti hit another two-run homer in top of the fifth. Corpus Christi got on the board in the bottom of the fifth with a pair of runs cutting Midland's advantage to 5-2.

A solo home run by RockHounds left fielder Conner Crumbliss in the seventh inning along with two more runs added in the top of the eighth gave Midland a comfortable 8-2 lead.

Starting pitcher Sonny Gray delivered one of his better starts of the year, allowing two earned runs on eight hits and no walks in six innings of work. Gray also had three strikeouts. Gray has now picked up wins in three of his last four starts.

The RockHounds and Hooks get together for the third meeting of their four-game series at 6:05 p.m. today at Whataburger Field.

ROCKHOUNDS & HOOKS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	CC	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss lf	5	1	2	2	Grossman cf	5	0	2	0
Ladendorf cf	3	2	0	0	Ortloff ss	5	1	1	0
Aliotti 1b	5	2	2	0	Martinez 2b	4	0	1	0
Rizzotti dh	4	1	2	0	Singleton 1b	3	1	1	0
Horton 2b	5	0	0	0	Locke rf	4	1	2	1
Barfield rf	3	0	0	0	Goebbert dh	4	0	2	1
Taylor c	4	0	1	1	Bailey lf	4	0	2	0
Coleman ss	3	1	1	0	Heath c	3	0	0	1
Gil 3b	4	1	1	1	Kemrite 3b	4	0	0	0
Totals	36	8	9	8	Totals	36	3	11	3
Midland					000 320			120	—8
Corpus Christi					000 020			010	—3

E — Singleton (8). DP — Midland 1, Corpus Christi 1. LOB — Midland 6, Corpus Christi 8. 2B — Rizzotti (3), Gil (4), Singleton (22). HR — Aliotti 2 (9), Crumbliss (5). SF — Heath.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Gray W, 5-7	6.0	8	2	2	0	3
Guzman	1.0	2	1	1	1	1
Ortiz	1.0	1	0	0	0	3
Daley	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Corpus Christi						
Seaton L, 6-8	5.0	5	5	5	2	5
Flores	2.0	2	1	1	1	1
Zeid	2.0	2	2	2	1	3

Gray pitched to 2 batters in the 7th
Guzman pitched to 3 batters in the 8th
WP — Guzman. Zeid. HBP — by Flores (Barfield)
T — 3:06. A — 6,332.



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

John Ironside tees off at hole two Friday during the first round of the Blowout Tournament at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Ironside's team sits atop the Championship Flight at the event.

Good times, big fun at Blowout

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Two days into the Ranchland Hills Blowout, a bitter rivalry has taken center stage — that is if you consider doppelganger nicknames, age jokes and theoretical championship belts part of a bitter rivalry.

So, maybe the battle between the teams of Mark Terry, Gary Johnson, Ken Livingston and John Ironside and Robert House, KT Livingston, Bobby Whiteside and Matt Phillips doesn't have the venom of Yankees-Red Sox, but it certainly has the familiarity and the competitiveness as the two teams sit atop the Championship Flight standings after the second round of play Saturday.

After the team of Terry, Johnson, Ken Livingston and Ironside shot an impressive 127 on Friday, the team of House, KT Livingston, Whiteside and Phillips matched that effort with a 127 on Saturday to finish with a two-day total of 258 — one stroke behind the team of Terry, Johnson, Ken Livingston and Ironside, who they've battled in numerous tournaments before.

Yet despite leading the competition in the Championship Flight, neither team felt that it had played its best golf after two rounds of the tournament.

But a shot at the tournament title, and bragging rights, heading into the final day was good enough for both teams at the end of Saturday.

"We have not played our best — definitely have not played our best," Ironside said. "But if you had told us we were going to be leading by one after two days, we'd have been happy with it. It's all going to come down to tomorrow."

Ironside is one three former professionals playing on his team, along with Livingston and Johnson. And while Ironside said his team doesn't feel like the favorites — "No, we're the underdog against these young pups," Ironside said — Whiteside and House said they certainly view them as such.

But that didn't stop the younger team from engaging in a bit of good-natured smack talk with a team they called their "idols."

"Everyone has to get a shot at the belt," said KT Livingston, Ken's son.

Perhaps the most notable of the countless barbs exchanged between the two teams was the insistence of Whiteside and House on referring to Johnson as Bob Murphy, the former PGA Tour player who Johnson drew comparisons to because of his signature straw hat. To Whiteside and House, Johnson is Murphy.

"We're worried about Bob Murphy, and that's the only guy we're worried about," Whiteside deadpanned afterwards.

"We've got to get through Bob Murphy," House said.

"If we can get past Bob Murphy," Whiteside continued, "then we think we can win."

Johnson simply shook his head when asked about the nickname, which still draws laughs from his teammates.

Yet beneath the jokes is an underlying respect between both teams, which was apparent in Whiteside and House's praise of Johnson, who played on the PGA Senior Tour.

"Bob Murphy is probably the best player that's ever come out of Midland," Whiteside said, sarcastic yet serious at the same time.

And while the Blowout has provided a bigger stage for the smack talk between the two teams, the competition on the field has only added to the tournament.

"You couldn't ask for a better first three flights," club owner Kevin Leary said. "This tournament hasn't had this kind of people and this kind of flight in this place in 15-20 years — it's awesome ... absolutely awesome.

"We're excited and we're very proud to have them all here."

And the two teams were equally excited to be there Saturday, one day away from settling the score again until the next tournament where they may meet.

"We're going to be hunting for junior golfers (Sunday)," Ken Livingston said with a laugh.

"It's hard to want to beat him," Ken said of his son, KT. "But we want to beat him and his teammates."

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KT Livingston takes his approach shot form the fairway at No. 2 on Friday during the first round of the Blowout at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Livingston's team is second in the Championship Flight.

TL Standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	23	11	.676	—
Arkansas	19	16	.543	4½
Tulsa	15	20	.429	8½
NW Arkansas	8	27	.229	15½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	23	12	.657	—
San Antonio	19	16	.543	4
Midland	16	19	.471	6½
Frisco	16	19	.457	7

Saturday's Scores
Frisco 2, San Antonio 1
Northwest Arkansas 12, Springfield 4
Midland 8, Corpus Christi 3
Arkansas 6, Tulsa 2

Today's Games
San Antonio at Frisco, 6 p.m.
Springfield at NW Arkansas, 6 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

Ranchland Hills Blowout Tournament Scores

Blowout
Ranchland Hills Golf Club
First Round
Friday's Results
Championship Flight

1. Mark Terry-Gary Johnson-John Ironside-Ken Livingston 127-130—257. 2. KT Livingston-Bobby Whiteside-Matt Phillips-Robert House 131-127—258. 3. Kevin Leary-Kelly Grunewald-Ryan Williams-Stuart Beall 130-131—261. 4. (tie) Rich Fontenot-Beau Davis-Bubba Bailey-Michael Prather 131-133—264. James Gripp-Steve Goudeau-Terrance Begnal-Will Christensen 136-128—264. 6. Brian Stephens-Aaron Garza-Jase Kolb-Seth Ice 130-135—265. 7. Jeff Munsten-Dean Fields-Jim Nash-Koy Stribling 131-135—266. 8. Chad Campbell-Chris Baltzell-Danica Weddle-Terry Weddle 133-134—267. 9. Randy Valarde-Press Gill-John Pelletier-Doug Aylor 136-135—271.

President's Flight

1. James McDougal-Greg Tomlin-Johnny Kidd-Jason Tankersly 139-133—272. 2. David Pitts-Kenney Riley-Steve Pitts-Steve Whiteside 137-136—273. 3. (tie) Phil Bledsoe-Jim Davis-Bill Averitt-Elvin Hester 138-136—274; Royce Woolard-Wick Comegys-Dan Desilets-Brian Swisher 137-137—274; 5. Dean Titsworth-James Phillips-Brad Thompson-Rick McPhail 139-137—276. 6. Jared Fain-Keith Bitner-Kevin Spray-Nathan Foreman 137-140—277; 7. John Monroe-Ricky Young-Adam Gonzales-Barry McAllister 137-142—279. 8. Steve Marlowe-Zach Smithey-Chris Mertz-Jason Eslinger 138-142—280. 9. Jay Young-Kelly Maddux-Ramiro Rodriguez-Troy North 137-144—281. 10. Paul Neatherlin-Doran Adams-Jon Andrews-Justin Robertson 139-143—282. 11. Ricky Kidd-Clay Fernandes-Layne Nutt-Steve Tumbo 138-147—285.

First Flight

1. Pat Weaver-Mark Jones-JB McNeil-Bob Duree 143-136—279. 2. Steve Hammel-Gary Mulloy-Bobby Lopez-Vince Carlisle 141-139—280. 3. Billy Pate-Gary Dunkerson-Cody Chesshire-Chip Roemisch 143-138—281. 4. Steve Briscoe-Craig Foster-Dan Walraven-Rick Yadon 143-139—282. 5. Jason Mann-Troy Martin-Cory Hall-Brian Swinarski 143-143—286. 6. Chris Rasnick-Matt Glover-Rich Varner-Trey Thompson 148-143—291. 7. Ken Krawietzmark Roberts-Skeet Glover-Tom Roberts 146-147—293. 8. Joe Frazier-Colten Lange-Wayne Rogers-Mitch Aston 146-148—294. 9. Bob Van Cleve-Brad Van Cleve-Jay Nichols-Lanny Gortney 147149—296.

Second Flight

1. Bryston Scott-Jackson Digby-Jeremy hunt-Ruben Clemence 143-128—271; 2. Ron Lipsy-Mike Emerson-Clay Mitchell-Darrill Eubanks 139-139—275; 3. Gary Stoltz-John Chandler-Terry Loyd-Bill Kirby 143-137—280; 4. Mark Mays-Eric Van-Bill Harkness-Darryl Smith 140-141—281; 5. (tie) Pat Leary-Gary Pfannenstiel-Tony Reeves-Tyson Cornwell 143-139—282; Cole Cearley-Curtis Couch-John Blevins-Billy Howell 143-139—282; 7. Elton Smith, Fay Smith, Steve Vest, Terry Carpenter 141-145—286; 8.Mason Manulik-Matt Manulik-Mik Manulik-Steve Dunagan 144-143—287; 9.Miles Walker-Zach Pitts-Chance McCoy-Clayton Lidsell 140-151—291; 10. Steve Hibbison-Shaun Standard-Scott Williams-Kevin Dixon 144-153—297.

Third Flight

1. (tie) Raul Ocho-Zarate Zarate-Andy Rodriguez-Oscar Mollinar 149-138—287; Erick Alvarado-Adal Alvarado-Andrew Hernandez-George Martinez 149-138—287; 3. Randy Silva-Aaron Anderson-Corky Allen-Trey Allen 145-143—288; 4. John Davis-Jordan Dyer-Mike Shelton-Tim Dyer 145-145—290; 5. Tom Terrett-Lee Cook-Dick Jordan-Troy Basham 147-146—293; 6. Kevin Pearce-Nick Dillon-Whit McWilliams-Blain Murray 149-145—294; 7. Ron Van Meter-Robert Patterson-Kenny Pulliam-Jeff Sulzer 145-152—297; 8. Jared Shelton-Chris Cox-Bobby Hess-Phil Haney 148-151—299; 9 Dub House-Irvin Varnoy-Morris Varnoy-Shan Cumba 150-151—301.

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1. Justin Bradley-Josh Cortez-Brennan Billings-Justin Pennington 154-139—293; 2. Sid Wilson-Tom Hathcock-Guy Elstrom-Jimmy Davis 153-147—300; 3. Bob Reimers-Andy Armstrong-Jack Shamck-John Hopkins 151-152—303; 4. (tie) Abel Lujan-Sergio Lujan-Speedy Sparks-Dana Slusher 158-146—304; Adam Bell-Billy Rumbaugh-Brent Rhodes-Jeff Johnson 151-153—304; 6. Tony Sam-Sam Lissy-Ron Gasser-David Metts 160-149—309. 7. James Isbell-Jason Little-Andrew Lawson-Tanner Isbell 156-158—314; 8. Cody Scott-Steve Scott-Troy Odom-Zac Hernandez 161-154—315; 9. Ron Huffman-Ron Huffman Jr.-Charles Barker-Rhondy Barker 173-182—355

PRO UPDATES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Here is an update of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball.

Through Friday, July 20
Pitchers

Chris Withrow (Midland Christian), RHP, Chattanooga Lookouts (L.A. Dodgers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
16	53.2	2-2	0	48	31	29	32	58	4.86

Jim Henderson (Midland College), RHP, Nashville Sounds (Milwaukee Brewers Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
35	48.0	4-3	15	36	10	9	22	56	1.69

Milwaukee Brewers

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Chattanooga Lookouts (L.A. Dodgers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
26	32.2	3-3	13	29	10	10	15	35	2.76

Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (L.A. Dodgers Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
12	14.0	1-1	7	4	1	1	6	24	0.64

Brandon Williamson (Lee High School, Midland College), RHP, Brevard County Manatees (Milwaukee Brewers Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
14	62.1	2-8	0	62	54	46	23	43	6.64

Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Milwaukee Brewers Single-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	6.0	0-0	0	4	3	2	2	3	4.50

Huntsville Stars (Milwaukee Brewers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2	9.0	0-0	0	9	6	5	3	7	5.00

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, High Desert Mavericks, (Seattle Mariners Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
36	47.1	4-1	9	48	21	20	25	54	3.80

Conrad Flynn (Lee), RHP, Visalia Rawhide (Arizona Diamondbacks Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
9	30.2	1-1	0	41	29	28	15	33	8.22

Reno Aces (Arizona Diamondbacks Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	7.0	1-0	0	9	6	5	2	2	6.43

Mobile BayBears (Arizona Diamondbacks Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	12.0	0-1	0	14	6	4	0	5	3.00

Lance Day (Midland College), RHP, Tri-City Valley Cats (Houston Astros Class A short season)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	11.2	1-0	0	12	5	5	1	7	3.86

Position Players

Laynce Nix (Midland High), OF, Philadelphia Phillies, 15-day DL

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
51	7	16	6	0	2	11	5	0	.314

Jayson Nix (Midland High), 3B, New York Yankees

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
88	13	22	7	0	4	12	5	3	.250

Tim Smith (Midland College), OF, Mississippi Braves (Atlanta Braves Double-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
124	19	37	5	0	2	19	8	3	.298

Lynchburg Hillcats (Atlanta Braves Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
550	10	16	4	0	1	6	6	0	.320

Chad Stang (Midland College), OF, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Milwaukee Brewers Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
348	64	94	19	7	4	33	34	21	.270

Rebel Ridling (Midland College), 1B, Daytona Cubs (Chicago Cubs Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
137	18	36	12	0	2	22	15	3	.263

Tennessee Smokies (Chicago Cubs Double-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
226	26	43	7	1	8	26	28	2	.190

Reid Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), 3B, Princeton Rays (Tampa Bays Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
113	26	33	8	2	2	17	11	5	.292

Steel Russell (Midland College), C, GCL Orioles (Baltimore Orioles Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
61	1	11	0	0	0	5	5	0	.180

FC Dallas can't hold off Galaxy

Associated Press

FRISCO — Mike Magee and Omar Gonzalez are returning to form just in time for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Magee scored in the 62nd minute and Gonzalez helped solidify the defense to lift the short-handed Galaxy to a 1-0 victory over FC Dallas on Saturday night.

The defending MLS champion Galaxy (10-10-3), playing without stars Landon Donovan and David Beckham, extended their unbeaten streak to 4-0-1. Los Angeles has lost just twice in its last 10 matches (7-2-1).

"It was a good result for our team tonight," Galaxy coach Bruce Arena said. "We've played awfully well over the last month, so we're getting ourselves in good shape and making progress."

Los Angeles goalkeeper Josh Saunders needed to make just one save for his fourth shutout of the year.

TEXASMLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WHITE SOX 5
RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON — Adam Dunn hit his major league-leading 31st home run, Philip Humber pitched six solid innings and the Chicago White Sox won their fifth straight game by beating the Texas Rangers 5-2 on Saturday night.

Paul Konerko added a two-run homer for Chicago, which increased its AL Central lead to 2½ games over Detroit. The White Sox have won the first two in a three-game series between division leaders.

Humber (5-5) didn't allow a hit through three innings and won for the second time in three starts. He yielded one run, four hits and struck out four.

Matt Harrison (12-6), who lost his second straight start, gave up five runs and seven hits in seven innings. The left-hander walked three and struck out four.

Josh Hamilton sat out after Rangers manager Ron Washington elected to give his slumping slugger a mental break. Hamilton is batting .145 in July and heard rare boos from his home fans after striking out twice Friday night.

Adrian Beltre moved into Hamilton's third spot in the batting order, and rookie Leonys Martin played left field.

The Rangers also shuffled the middle of their lineup. Nelson Cruz hit fourth for the second time in two years, David Murphy was in the fifth spot and Michael Young batted sixth.

PIRATES 4
ASTROS 3

HOUSTON — Rod Barajas hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates rallied past Houston 4-3 on Saturday night, sending the Astros to their club-record 12th straight loss.

Wandy Rodriguez pitched six innings in his Pittsburgh debut, allowing three runs and six hits with five walks against his former team. The free-falling Astros, who have lost 25 of 27, traded the left-hander to the Pirates on Tuesday for three minor leaguers.

Alex Presley and Neil Walker homered for Pittsburgh.

Barajas stopped an 0-for-18 slide with his clutch single off Fernando Rodriguez that scored Andrew McCutchen. The hit also ended an 0-for-17 streak with runners in scoring position for the Pirates.

Houston lost 11 in a row in 1995.

Chris Resop (1-3) earned the win with a scoreless seventh. Brad Lincoln pitched the eighth and Jason Grilli earned his second save.

Chuckie Fick (0-1) gave up a run and two hits in his first appearance with the Astros since being claimed off waivers Friday.

Wandy Rodriguez gave up all three runs and six hits in the first four innings. He struck out five.

Houston called up Armando Galarraga to make his first major league start since May 16, 2011, with Arizona. He allowed three runs — two earned — and five hits with five strikeouts in five-plus innings.

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Olympics

Saturday's Olympic Scores

BASKETBALL

Women

Group A

China 68, Czech Republic 57
Turkey 72, Angola 50
United States 81, Croatia 56

Group B

Russia 58, Canada 53
France 73, Brazil 58
Australia 74, Britain 58

SOCCER

Women

Group E

Brazil 1, New Zealand 0
Britain 3, Cameroon 0

Group F

Japan 0, Sweden 0
Canada 3, South Africa 0

Group G

United States 3, Colombia 0
France 5, North Korea 0

HANDBALL

Women

Group A

Russia 30, Angola 27
Brazil 24, Croatia 23
Montenegro 31, Britain 19

Group B

South Korea 31, Spain 27
Denmark 21, Sweden 18
France 24, Norway 23

VOLLEYBALL

Women

Pool A

Japan 3, Algeria 0 (25-15, 25-14, 25-7)
Russia 3, Britain 0 (25-19, 25-10, 25-16)
Italy 3, Dominican Republic 1 (25-17, 23-25, 25-19, 25-15)

Pool B

China 3, Serbia 1 (16-25, 25-18, 25-13, 25-12)
United States 3, South Korea 1 (25-19, 25-17, 20-25, 25-21)
Brazil 3, Turkey 2, (25-18, 23-25, 25-19, 25-27, 15-12)

Women's Olympic Basketball Glance

First Round

Group A

Team	W	L	Pts
China	1	0	2
Turkey	1	0	2
United States	1	0	2
Angola	0	1	0
Croatia	0	1	0
Czech Republic	0	1	0

Group B

Team	W	L	Pts
Australia	1	0	2
France	1	0	2
Russia	1	0	2
Brazil	0	1	0
Britain	0	1	0
Canada	0	1	0

At Olympic Park-Basketball Arena

Saturday's Scores

China 68, Czech Republic 57
Russia 58, Canada 53
Turkey 72, Angola 50
United States 81, Croatia 56
France 73, Brazil 58
Australia 74, Britain 58

Monday's Games

Croatia vs. China, 3 a.m.
Czech Republic vs. Turkey, 5:15 a.m.
France vs. Australia, 8:30 a.m.
Russia vs. Brazil, 10:45 a.m.
Britain vs. Canada, 2 p.m.
Angola vs. United States, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday's U.S. Olympic Athletes Fared

At London

Saturday, July 28

Archery

Men's Team

Gold Medal

Italy (Michele Frangilli, Marco Galiazzo, Mauro Nespoli), def. United States (Jacob Wukie, Oak Harbor, Ohio.; Brady Ellison, Globe, Ariz.; Jake Kaminski, Elma, N.Y.), 219-218.

Beach Volleyball

Round-Robin

Women

Kerri Walsh Jennings, Saratoga, Calif. and Misty May-Treanor, Costa Mesa, Calif., United States, def. Nat Cook and Tamsin Hinchley, Australia 2. 21-18, 21-19

Boxing

Men

56Kg

Round of 32

Joseph Diaz Jr, South El Monte, Calif., def. Pavlo Ishchenko, Ukraine, 19-9, 75Kg

Round of 32

Terrell Gausha, Cleveland, def. Andrawik Hakobyan, Armenia, Stopped-3, 3:00.

Gymnastics

Men

Qualification

Floor Exercise

4. Jacob Dalton, Sparks, Nev., 15.633 (Q).
12. Samuel Mikulak, Newport Beach, Calif., 15.366.
18. John Orozco, Bronx, N.Y. 15.168.
19. Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla., 15.100.

Vault

4. Samuel Mikulak, Newport Beach, Calif. (16.300, 15.866), 16.083 (Q).
14. Jacob Dalton, Sparks, Nev. (15.900, 14.766), 15.333.
NR. John Orozco, Bronx, N.Y. (15.800, No Score)
NR. Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla. (15.500, No Score)

Parallel Bars

12. Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla., 15.333 (R3).
13. Samuel Mikulak, Newport Beach, Calif., 15.316.
41. John Orozco, Bronx, N.Y., 14.533.
68. Jonathan Horton, Houston, 13.133

Horizontal Bar

3. Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla., 15.866 (Q).
5. Jonathan Horton, Houston, 15.566 (Q).
10. John Orozco, Bronx, N.Y. 15.266.
43. Samuel Mikulak, Newport Beach, Calif., 14.033.

Rings

10. Jonathan Horton, Houston, 15.166 (R2).
12. Jacob Dalton, Sparks, Nev., 15.100.
14. John Orozco, Bronx, N.Y., 15.066.
31. Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla., 14.600.

Pommel Horse

10. Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla., 14.866 (R2).
12. John Orozco, Bronx, N.Y., 14.766.
20. Samuel Mikulak, Newport Beach, Calif., 14.333.
56. Jonathan Horton, Houston, 12.200.

All-Around

1. Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla., 91.265 (Q).
4. John Orozco, Bronx, N.Y., 90.597 (Q).

Team

1. United States (Jacob Dalton, Sparks, Nev., Jonathan Horton, Houston, United States; Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla., Samuel Mikulak, Newport Beach, Calif.; John Orozco, Bronx, N.Y.), 275.342 (Q).

Swiming

Men

Final

Ryan Lochte, Daytona Beach, Fla., 4:05.18
4. Michael Phelps, Baltimore, 4:09.28.

400 Freestyle

Final

3. Peter Vanderkaay, Rochester, Mich., 3:44.69
5. Conor Dwyer, Winnetka, Ill., 3:46.39.

Women

400 Individual Medley

Final

2. Elizabeth Beisel, Saunderstown, R.I., 4:31.27
6. Caitlin Leverenz, Tucson, Ariz., 4:35.49

4 x 100 Freestyle Relay

Final

3. United States (Missy Franklin, Centennial, Colo., 26.05; Jessica Hardy, Long Beach, Calif., 1:18.71; Lia Neal, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2:12.86; Allison Schmitt, Canton, Mich., 3:06.23), 3:34.24.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Al Boxes

WHITE SOX 6, RANGERS 2

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
EEscor ss	5	0	2	1	Kinsler 2b	4	0	0	0
Youkilis 3b	2	1	0	0	Andrus ss	4	0	0	0
A Dunn dh	4	2	2	2	Beltre 3b	3	0	0	0
Konerk 1b	4	1	1	2	N.Cruz rf	3	0	0	0
Rios rf	4	0	0	0	DvMrp dh	4	1	1	0
Viciedo lf	2	0	1	0	MrBnng 1b	4	0	1	0
Flowrs c	4	0	0	0	N.Napoli c	3	0	0	0
Schbn 2b	4	0	0	0	LMartn lf	3	0	1	0
JrDnks cf	4	1	1	0	BSnydr ph	1	0	0	0
					Gantry cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	7	5	Totals	33	2	5	2
Chicago				000	230	000	—	5	
Texas				000	010	001	—	2	

E—Youkilis (7), E.Escobar (8). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Chicago 5, Texas 6. 2B—E.Escobar 2 (4), DavMrp (14), L.Martin (4). 3B—Mi.Young (3). HR—A.Dunn (31), Konerko (17), Napoli (16). SB—Kinsler (19), Andrus (17).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago					
Humber W,5-5	6	4	1	1	2
4
Crain	1	0	0	0	0
2
Myers	1	0	0	0	0
1
Thornton	1	1	1	1	0
1
Texas					
M.Harrison L,12-6	7	7	5	5	3
4
Schoppers	1	0	0	0	0
1
Kirkman	1	0	0	0	0
3

Humber pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Schoppers (Viciedo). WP—Humber.
T—2:41. A—47,580 (48,194).

ATHLETICS 6, ORIOLES 1

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	0	0	0	Markks rf	5	1	2	1
JGoms lf	1	0	1	0	Hardy ss	4	0	0	0
JWeeks 2b	5	2	3	0	CYeels dh	4	0	2	0
S.Smith rf	4	0	1	0	AdJons cf	4	0	0	0
Cespds lf-cf	4	2	2	2	Betemit 3b	4	0	1	0
Carter dh	4	1	1	2	EnChav lf	4	0	2	0
Moss 1b	3	0	0	0	MrRynl 1b	4	0	1	0
Inge 3b	4	0	1	0	Quntnll 2b	4	0	2	0
KSuzuk c	4	1	1	0	Tegrdn c	4	0	0	0
Sogard ss	4	0	2	1					
Totals	37	6	11	6	Totals	38	1	10	1
Oakland				000	212	010	—	6	
Baltimore				000	000	001	—	1	

E—Inge (7). DP—Baltimore 1. LOB—Oakland 5, Baltimore 11. 2B—K.Suzuki (13), Quintanilla (2). 3B—Cespedes (2). HR—Carter (14), Carter (8), Markakis (9). SB—JWeeks (14).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland					
B.Colon W,7-8	5	2	3	7	0	0	1	5
Norberto	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0
Scribner	1	2	3	1	1	1	0	2
Baltimore								
Tom.Hunter L,4-6	5	1	3	7	5	5	1	7
Socolovich	2	2	3	2	1	1	0	3
Gregg	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2

WP—Norberto.
T—3:02. A—21,143 (45,971).

TWINS 12, INDIANS 5

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	3	1	1	0	Span cf	5	1	1	2
Brantly cf	2	0	0	0	Revere rf	5	1	3	2
JoLopz 3b	1	1	0	0	Mauer c	4	1	1	1
Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	1	Wlngh lf	3	0	0	0
CSantn c	4	1	3	1	Morneau 1b	3	1	0	0
Hafner dh	3	0	0	0	Doumit dh	4	0	2	0
Damon lf	4	0	0	0	Valenci 3b	4	2	1	1
Kchen 1b	2	1	1	0	Dozier ss	4	0	0	0
Allrdg ss-cf	4	1	1	0	ACasill 2b	4	2	2	4
Totals	31	5	4	4	Totals	36	12	12	
Cleveland				100	000	022	—	5	
Minnesota				000	235	11x	—	12	

E—Hannahan (8), Valencia (3). DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Cleveland 8, Minnesota 6. 2B—Span (27), Revere (9), Valencia (6), A.Casilla (11). 3B—A.Casilla (2). HR—C.Santana (9), Willingham (27). SB—Choo (11), Revere (22), Mauer (5).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland					
Masterson L,7-9	5	2	3	7	1	0	8	2
E.Rogers	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1
Sipp	1	2	1	1	0	1		
Minnesota								
Deduno W,2-0	7	2	1	1	5	6		
T.Robertson	1	1	2	2	1	2		
Perkomo	2	3	1	2	0	3		
Fien	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Masterson (Morneau).
T—2:54. A—39,166 (39,500).

RED SOX 8, YANKEES 6

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	4	1	0	0	Jeter ss	4	0	0	1
Ciriaco dh	5	3	3	1	Grndrs cf	4	0	0	0
Pedroia 2b	3	2	1	1	Teixeir 1b	4	1	2	2
AdGnzl 1b	5	2	3	4	Cano 2b	4	0	1	0
C.Ross rf-lf	5	0	1	0	AnJons lf	2	1	0	0
Mdlrks 3b	3	0	2	2	RSorin p	0	0	0	0
Shppch c	4	0	0	0	Swisher ph	1	0	0	0
Aviles ss	4	0	0	0	J.Nix 3b	2	1	1	2
Nava lf	3	0	1	0	Chvz ph-3b	2	0	1	0
Sweeny ph-rf	1	0	0	0	RMartn dh-c	3	1	0	0
					ISuzuki rf	1	0	0	0
					CStwrt c	1	1	1	1
					Ibanez ph-lf	1	1	1	0
Totals	37	8	11	8	Totals	31	6	6	6
Boston				300	030	002	—	8	
New York				001	030	020	—	6	

DP—Boston 1. LOB—Boston 6, New York 1. 2B—Ad.Gonzalez (28), Middlebrooks (14). 3B—Ciriaco (2). HR—Ad.Gonzalez (10), Teixeira (20), J.Nix (4), C.Stewart (1). SB—Ciriaco (6). S—C.Stewart. SF—Pedroia.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston					
Lester	6	4	4	4	2	6
Albers	1	0	0	0	0	1
Padilla	2	3	2	2	0	2
A.Miller W,3-1	1	3	0	0	0	0
Aceves S,22-26	1	0	0	0	0	1
New York						
Sabathia	6	8	6	6	2	6
Phelps	2	1	0	0	0	0
R.Soriano L,2-1	1	2	2	2	1	1

T—3:13. A—49,573 (50,291).

MARINERS 4, ROYALS 3

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
AGordn lf	5	1	1	0	Ackley 2b	4	0	1	0
AEscor ss	4	1	2	1	CWells rf	4	1	2	0
Mostks 3b	1	0	0	0	MSndrs cf	3	0	0	0
Getz 2b	3	0	0	0	JMontr dh	3	1	2	2
Butler dh	3	0	3	1	Figgins pr-dh	0	1	0	0
YBtncr 2b-3b	4	0	0	0	Seager 3b	3	1	1	0
B.Pena c	3	0	1	0	Olivo c	3	0	1	1
Frncsr rf	4	0	1	0	JJasn ph-c	1	0	0	0
Hosmer 1b	4	1	1	0	Carp 1b	3	0	0	1
JDyson cf	2	0	0	0	TRonsn lf	4	0	1	0
L.Cain ph-cf	2	0	1	1	Ryan ss	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	10	3	Totals	30	4	7	4
Kansas City				100	000	011	—	3	
Seattle				003	000	01x	—	4	

E—Getz (4). Seager (9). DP—Kansas City 1, Seattle 1. LOB—Kansas City 7, Seattle 7. 2B—A.Gordon (34), Seager (24). 3B—A.Escobar (4), L.Cain (1). HR—J.Montero (16). SB—M.Saunders (15), T.Robinson (1). S—Seager. SF—Carp.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City					
B.Chen L,7-9	6	7	3	3	1	5
K.Herrera	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mijares	0	0	1	1	2	0
G.Holland	1	0	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Millwood W,4-8	6	1-3	6	1	0	1	3	
O.Perez	2-3	0	0	0	0	0		
League	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	
Wilhelmsen S,13-15	1	2	1	1	0	1		

Mijares pitched to 3 batters in the 8th
T—2:42. A—32,111 (47,860).

BLUE JAYS 5, TIGERS 1

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Adcrn cf	3	0	1	0	RDavis rf	5	1	1	0
Berry lf	3	0	0	0	Reyns dh	3	1	2	3
Raburn ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	2	0
MCarr 3b	3	0	1	0	Encrnc 1b	2	1	1	1
Fielder 1b	3	0	1	0	Snider lf	4	0	0	0
Dirksn dh	4	0	1	0	YEscor ss	4	1	1	1
Boesch rf	4	0	2	1	KJhnsn 2b	3	0	0	0
JhPerlt ss	3	0	0	0	YGoms c	3	0	0	0
Avila c	3	0	0	0	Gose cf	4	1	1	0
Infante 2b	3	0	0	0					
Totals	30	1	5	1	Totals	32	5	10	5
Detroit				000	100	000	—	1	
Toronto				001	101	20x	—	5	

DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Detroit 5, Toronto 8. 2B—Boesch (19), R.Davis (12), Lawrie (19), Y.Gomes (3). HR—Encarnacion (18), Encarnacion (28), Y.Escobar (7). SB—R.Davis 2 (27), Lawrie (13). CS—Encarnacion (3). SF—Rasmus.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit					
A.Sanchez L,0-1	6	8	5	5	3	3
Villarreal	1	1	0	0	1	0
Hughes	1	1	0	0	0	2
Toronto						
H.Alvarez W,7-7	7	5	1	1	2	4
Happ	2	0	0	0	1	1

A.Sanchez pitched to 2 batters in the 7th
WP—A.Sanchez, Villarreal.
T—2:34. A—41,832 (49,260).

RAYS 3, ANGELS 0

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
DJnngs lf	4	1	1	0	Trout cf	4	0	0	0
BUpton cf	4	0	2	0	THrntn rf	3	0	2	0
Zobrist dh	2	1	1	2	Pujols 1b	3	0	0	0
Kppngr 3b	4	0	1	0	Trumbo dh	4	0	1	0
C.Pena 1b	0	0	0	0	HKndrc 2b	4	0	1	0
RRorts 3b	4	0	0	0	Callasp 3b	3	0	0	0
SRdrgz ss-2b	2	1	0	0	VWeks lf	4	0	0	0
Joyce	3	0	0	0	Mzturs ss	4	0	0	0
Conrad 2b	3	0	0	0	BoWlsn c	3	0	1	0
EJhnsn ss	0	0	0	0					
JMolin c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	30	3	4	2	Totals	32	0	5	0
Tampa Bay				111	000	000	—	3	
Los Angeles				000	000	000	—	0	

E—R.Roberts (1), Bo.Wilson (4). M.Izturis (7). DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Los Angeles 8. 2B—De.Jennings (10), Bo.Wilson (5). HR—Zobrist (12). SB—U.Upton 2 (18), S.Rodriguez (5). CS—Joyce (2). SF—Zobrist

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay					
M.Moore W,7-7	6	1-3	4	0	0	2	6	
McGee	2-3	0	0	0	0	2		
Jo.Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Rodney S,29-30	1	0	0	0	0	1		
Los Angeles								
C.Wilson L,9-7	6	2-3	4	3	2	3	7	
Haren	1-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Williams	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	

HBP—by M.Moore (Pujols).
T—2:57. A—41,232 (45,957).

NL Boxes

PIRATES 4, ASTROS 3

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
SMarte lf	5	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	5	1	2	0
Presley rf	3	1	1	1	MDwns 1b	4	1	1	0
AMcCt cf	3	1	0	1	Fick p	0	0	0	0
CJones 1b	4	1	2	0	FMrqz p	0	0	0	0
Lincoln p	0	0	0	0	MGnstz ss	1	0	0	0
Grilli p	0	0	0	0	CJhnsn 3b	4	0	0	0
Walker 2b	3	1	1	1	JDMrtn lf	3	0	0	0
PAlvrz 3b	4	0	1	0	Maxwell cf	3	1	1	2
Barajs c	4	0	1	1	BFrncs rf	3	0	0	0
Barmes ss	4	0	2	0	CSnydr c	0	0	0	0
Watson ph	1	0	0	0	JSchfr c	3	0	0	0
Resop p	0	0	0	0	Bogsvc ph-rf	1	0	0	0
McGeh 1b	1	0	0	0	Corpnc c	4	0	2	1
					Schalfer pr	0	0	0	0
					WLopez p	0	0	0	0
					Galrrg p	2	0	0	0
					Wright p	0	0	0	0
					Moore ph-1b	2	0	1	0
Totals	32	4	8	3	Totals	33	3	7	3
Pittsburgh				100	101	010	—	4	
Houston				010	020	000	—	3	

E—M.Downs (5). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 6, Houston 9. 3B—G.Jones (2). Maxwell (1). HR—Presley (8), Walker (10). SB—Schafer (25). S—Rodriguez 2, Bixler.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh					
W.Rodriguez	6	6	3	3	5	5
Resop W,1-3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lincoln	1	1	0	0	0	1
Grilli S,2-3	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Galarraga	5	5	3	2	1	5
W.Wright	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fick L,1-1	1	2	1	1	0	1
Fe.Rodriguez	1	1	0	0	0	1
W.Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	0

Galarraga pitched to 2 batters in the 6th
Fick pitched to 2 batters in the 8th
HBP—by W.Wright (Walker). WP—Galarraga. PB—Corporan.
T—3:05. A—14,146 (40,981).

REDS 9, ROCKIES 7

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Cozart ss	5	1	1	1	Fowler cf	3	2	1	0
Stubbs cf	4	2	2	2	Rutledg ss	5	2	3	0
BPhllps 2b	4	0	1	2	CGnzlz lf	4	2	2	3
Bruce rf	3	0	0	0	Cuddyr rf	5	1	2	2
Ludwck lf	4	2	2	2	Helton 1b	2	0	1	1
Rolen 3b	4	1	1	1	Field p	0	0	0	0
Frazier 1b	4	2	2	1	Nelson p	0	0	0	0
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Colorado				301	010	200	—	7	

E—Cueto 2 (4). DP—Cincinnati 2, Colorado 1. LOB—Cincinnati 2, Colorado 10. 2B—B.Phillips (19), Cuddyer (29), LeMahieu (4). HR—Stubbs (11), Ludwick (17), Rolen (5), Frazier (11), Cuddyer (15). CS—Bruce (1), C.Gonzalez (2). S—Cueto 2. SF—Helton.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati					
Cueto W,13-5	6	10	5	4	2	3
Arredondo	1-3	1	2	2	1	0
Bray	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ondrusek	1	1-3	1	0	0	1
Marshall	1	3	0	0	0	1
Chapman S,21-25	1	0	0	0	0	1
Colorado						
Friedrch L,5-8	4	1-3	6	7	7	1	1	
Roenicke	1	2-3	2	1	1	1	1	
Brothers	1	0	0	0	0	2		
Belisle	1	1	1	1	0	1		
R.Betancourt	1	0	0	0	0	1		

Bray pitched to 1 batter in the 7th
HBP—by Chapman (Helton). WP—Chapman.
T—3:14. A—42,826 (50,398)

DIAMONDBACKS 6, METS 3

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Arizona	ab	r	h	bi
Tejada ss	4	0	2	0	GParra cf	4	1	3	2
Vldspn rf	3	0	0	0	A Hill 2b	4	0	1	1
RMnrz p	0	0	0	0	Upton lf	3	0	0	0
Dnn.Dnlpn 1b	1	0	0	0	GBtncr 1b	4	0	0	0
Acosta p	0	0	0	0	J.Upton rf	4	1	1	0
Edgin p	0	0	0	0	MMntr c	3	2	1	2
Hairstn ph	1	0	0	0	Drew ss	3	1	1	1
DWright 3b	4	0	0	0	RWhelr 3b	2	2	1	1
I.Davis 1b	4	3	4	3	HKnndy p	1	0	0	0
DnMrp 2b	4	0	1	0	Saito p	0	0	0	0
Bay lf	4	0	2	0	Prado ph	1	0	1	0
Nwmhs cf-rf	4	0	0	0	DHrndz p	0	0	0	0
Thole c	4	0	1	0	Putz p	0	0	0	0
CYoung p	1	0	0	0					
An.Trs ph-cf	3	0	1	0					
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IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York					
C.Young L,2-5	4	7	6	6	2	2
R.Ramirez	2	0	0	0	1	1
Acosta	1-3	1	0	0	1	3
Edgin	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Arizona						
I.Kennedy W,9-8	6	1-3	7	3	3	1	9	
Saito	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	
D.Hernandez	1	1	0	0	1	2		
Putz S,19-22	1	1	0	0	0	3		

WP—Putz.
T—2:59. A—33,759 (48,633)

NATIONALS 4, BREWERS 1

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Espinos ss	5	0	1	0	Aokiрf	4	0	1	0
CBrwn cf	5	1	1	1	GOrtmz cf	3	0	0	0
Zmrmn 3b	3	1	1	1	ArRmrz 3b	4	1	1	0
Morse rf-lf	4	0	1	0	Aoki rf-lf	4	0	1	0
LaRoch 1b	4	1	2	0	Hart 1b	4	0	1	0
TMoore lf	4	1	2	2	Weeks 2b	3	0	2	1
SBurntt p	0	0	0	0	Mldhd c	3	0	0	0
Clippd p	0	0	0	0	Ransm ss	3

Overlooked: Football recruiting in West Texas

Lee's Nunez travels around the state to be noticed

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Talor Nunez has a bright future in the classroom.

A model student, Talor is ranked No. 7 in his senior class at Lee and hopes to study electrical or mechanical engineering in college, if not both.

"You can always major in one or minor in another," Talor pointed out.

But Talor is also a standout athlete, starting at quarterback and power forward for the Rebel football and basketball teams, respectively, and winning a District 3-5A title this past year in the 110-meter hurdles.

So, while Talor figures to be a strong candidate for many academic scholarships, the 6-foot-3, 205-pound signal caller is hoping for a different type of scholarship offer — one to play quarterback.


Nunez

And in the Permian Basin, that means hitting the road to attend summer camps put on by major universities.

"I tell (my players) to go to as many one-day camps as they can if you have an interest in that university," Lee coach James Morton said, "because that's where you make your mark."

Once upon a time, a player was able to make his mark on the field competing in a district with perennial powers such as Odessa Permian.

But a fall in prominence, coupled with the rise of camps at major universities and metropolitan sites that allow recruiters to scout a wide range of prospects all at once, has changed that.

So for the past two summers, the Nunezes have hit the road hoping Talor can increase his chances of getting offered.

"You've just got to be ready because you don't have a choice," his father, Domingo, said. "You just go when you can go."

Since Talor first received a letter from a school interested in his football services at the end of his sophomore year — his mom, Elizabeth, estimates he's received 50 since — Talor has been dogged in his pursuit of a scholarship.

After attending an Air It Out camp as a rising freshman and sophomore, Talor and his family decided, at the behest of Morton, that the next step was to attend camps at universities that Talor had interest in, as well as ones that had sent him letters.

By the time the summer before his junior season arrived, Elizabeth — an office manager at the Farmer's Insurance agency that Domingo runs — had already put her managing skills to use by mapping out a summer camp tour for her son.

"It just jumped in my head whenever coach Morton had brought that up as advice," Elizabeth said. "I was already heads-up for the summertime ... and I had already gotten, during the fall time, online and looked up the camps and stuff and an agenda. And then I set them up by just trying to spread them out to what his interests were."

Elizabeth's go-getter attitude and knack for organizing has been nearly as significant as Talor's ability to throw an out pattern, and the rest of the Nunezes will be the first to tell you.

"If it weren't for Elizabeth, we wouldn't even go to these camps," Domingo said.

But even with Elizabeth's meticulous planning, there was still a learning curve for everyone involved once Talor started going to the camps.

Last summer, Talor attended camps at Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and TCU, as well as the Football University camp at Permian.

As soon as Talor stepped foot in UT's pristine facilities at his first camp, he knew he was no longer just tossing offseason balls at the Lee practice fields.

"When we walked in there, he was going through the locker room and all that and saw the sizes of the players and the competition and he was like, 'Wow, mom, this is big.'" Elizabeth said. "That was an eye-opener for him to know that he needed to come out and give it 100 percent if he wanted to be on the same level as those guys."

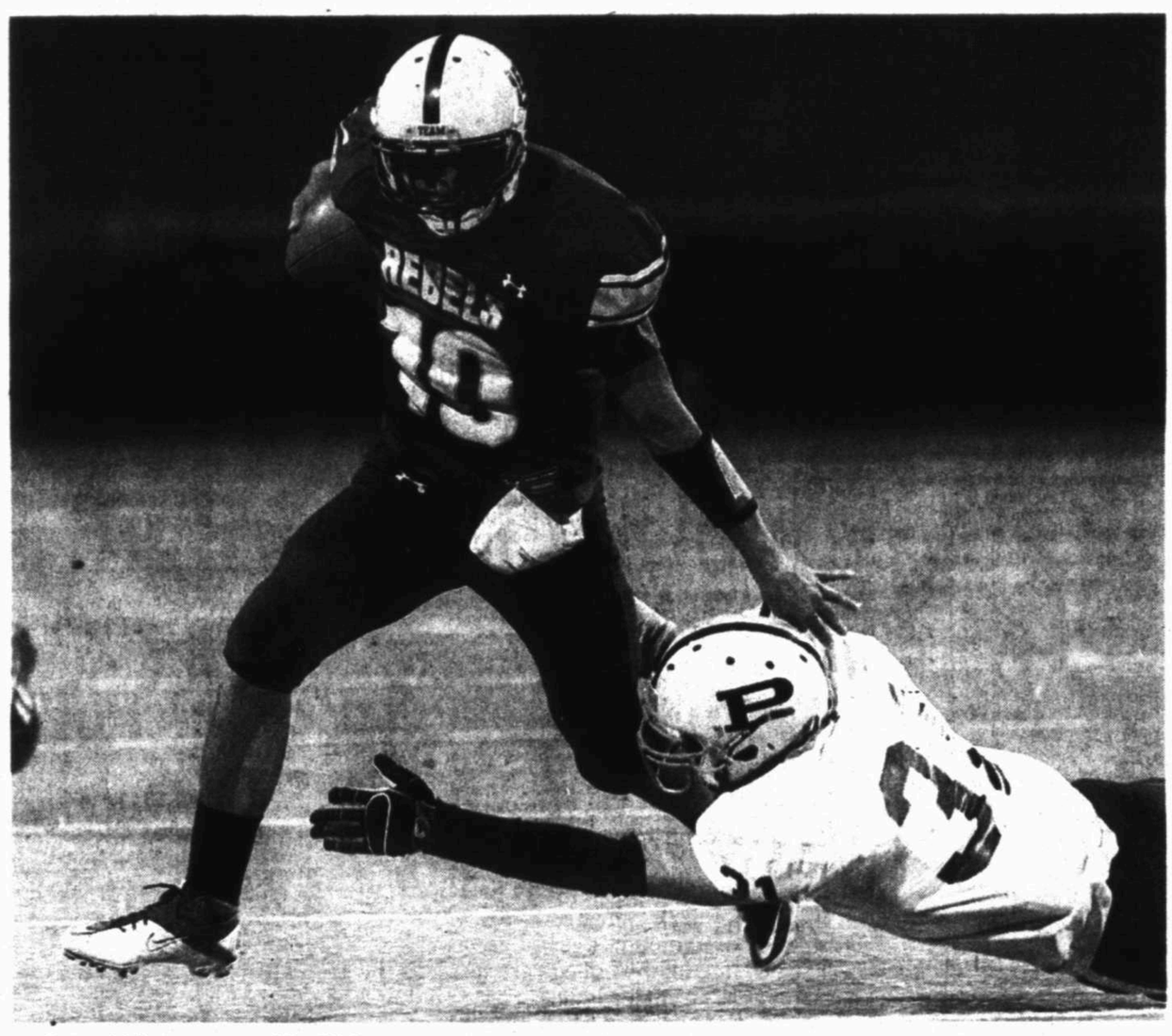
Now, Talor is a seasoned camp veteran, having mastered unspoken camp rules like being sure to throw only when his position coach was watching, moving to drills that offered him the most chances for reps and not allowing himself to fall to the back of lines. With hundreds of athletes eager to grab a coach's attention, the lines can become a dog-eat-dog scenario, but Talor, model student-athlete that he is, said he's able to get what he wants out of it without stooping to bush-league tactics.

"I never really cut in line — I know a lot of people do," Talor said. "But I just took my turn and I stepped up and did what I needed to do when I was there."

Of course, nothing is as important as the product on the field, and Talor said consistency is just as important as a strong arm or a blazing 40-yard dash time.

"If they see consistency, then you're more likely to be talked to," Talor said. "If they see you threw a ball to the ground or behind a guy that may be ..."

"That may be your last shot," Domingo said.



"I would just set myself a high standard," Talor explained. "I'm not going to go out there and waste a rep, wait in line for a couple of minutes and waste a rep. So, I'd count my completions and keep myself accountable."

With his senior year looming, the waiting game begins as Talor has yet to receive a formal offer despite receiving interest from a wide range of schools from Division II to Ivy League.

Talor attended camps for Baylor, Rice, Texas, Texas Tech and TCU this year, with many occurring in back-to-back weeks — or days in the case of Tech and Baylor.

Yet the Nunezes don't see the traveling or the money spent to register for camps as a sacrifice. They do, however, understand how that can prevent certain athletes in Midland from doing the same.

That said, the Nunezes said the camps at bigger universities aren't nearly as cost prohibitive and recommend avoiding the expensive camps, and Morton agreed.

"Don't spend $200-300 going to a camp for three or four days — that's not going to increase your chances," Morton said. "Three hundred dollars is not going to persuade those coaches other than your 40 time and skills at a position."

As for the time off, the Nunezes said they try to schedule family vacations around the time of the camps to kill two birds with one stone. The family, in fact, has come to enjoy the experiences.

"I always look forward to it," Elizabeth said.

Added Domingo: "I told my boss that I don't golf, I don't hunt, I don't fish — I go watch my kids play. So to me it's like a vacation."



Top photo: MRT file photo
Bottom photo: Courtesy of the Nunez Family

Lee senior quarterback Talor Nunez, in top photo against Odessa Permain last fall and in the bottom photo at a camp at Baylor earlier this summer, has been traveling around the state to various camps to help in his process being recruited to play college football.

And while Talor has yet to receive an offer, Domingo said the Nunezes are simply hoping the opportunities at the camps lead to a bigger opportunity down the line, something Morton has seen firsthand at Lee.

"(Former Lee quarterback) Jace Edwards, he went to the Baylor camp, and they really liked him, but that was about the time the Superman-sock-wearing guy (was there)," Morton said, referring to Baylor's Heisman Trophy winner, Robert Griffin III, "but they liked (Edwards), and the coach at James Madison, he calls one of his buddies on the Baylor staff and he said, well, they've got a good one at Lee."

Edwards ended up with a scholarship to play at James Madison and is the type of story that inspires families like the Nunezes to continue racking up miles to attend camps.

The Nunezes, however, don't see it as a gamble but rather a necessity in the changing landscape of recruiting in West Texas.

"Until the winning comes back, and the (college) coaches come back," Domingo said, "you're going to have to send out videos and go to the camps if you want to get seen."

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College coaches with West Texas ties say players need to stay persistent

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Sonny Cumbie knows what it's like to get overlooked out of a West Texas high school.

Because Snyder did not throw the ball and there weren't as many football camps around, four-year schools weren't exactly beating down his door because there was very little interest in the quarterback.

But a friend at Texas Tech — former longtime sports information director Joe Hornaday — handed a video to then-head coach Mike Leach, which gave Cumbie his chance to go to a major college football program as a walk-on.

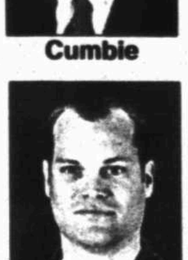
Cumbie bought his time, eventually earned a scholarship, and in his senior year led the Red Raiders to an 8-4 season and a Holiday Bowl victory over California with 520 yards passing and an MVP performance.

It definitely worked out for Cumbie, but that may not always be the case for most West Texans, as the current inside receivers coach with the Red Raiders knows.

"I most certainly think there are a lot of football players in West Texas that get overlooked," Cumbie said. "My advice to those who want to play college football, like Texas Tech, and they have the determination and drive to succeed, they need to be persistent in the process. Send out a video of you making plays, email the coach and pursue all options. Don't take no for an answer."

With so many college football programs stressing speed and athleticism, just hard work and making plays may not be enough in today's college football.

Metropolitan areas such as Dallas-Fort Worth are not only loaded with talent, but with high school football programs. A college football coach can go to a big city and visit as many as eight to 10 schools in a day. That is much more convenient than visiting the Midland-Odessa area, which takes a full day to visit and doesn't have as many high school football programs.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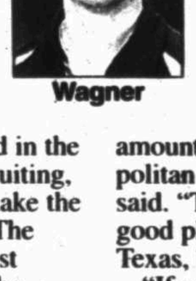
Wagner

"The biggest issue is time management," Cumbie said. "You're limited in the days you're out recruiting, and you've got to make the most of your time. The biggest obstacle West Texas faces is that the schools are so spread out and you've got to cover a lot of ground."

The limitations placed by the NCAA are strict as assistant coaches are limited to six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts, including contact with the family. The head coach is permitted just one contact with the recruit. And during an evaluation period, college coaches can only assess academic qualifications and playing abilities and there are no in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts permitted.

First-year Angelo State head coach and 1992 Permian grad Will Wagner said heading to bigger cities just makes it easier to find players for all four-year college football programs.

"You find more players in a shorter amount of time in metropolitan areas," Wagner said. "There are a lot of good players in West Texas, but not as a many.

"If you look at the state championship teams in recent years, the majority of them come from the metropolitan areas. There's a lot more potential in finding a scholarship player from one of those programs than you would from a team in West Texas."

It's also harder to evaluate West Texas kids because so many of them play multiple sports, especially in the spring and summer when college coaches are out evaluating. However, Wagner sees participating in other sports as a plus.

"We look for talent all over, but growing up in West Texas, I know the kind of talent there is here and I know the kind of work ethic they have," Wagner said. "That's why we look for kids who play multiple sports, and you're going to find more of those in West Texas."

And then there are the scholarship limitations that each college football program must consider. At the NCAA Division I, or FBS level, college football programs are limited to 85 scholarships.

In Division I-AA, or FCS, scholarships are limited to 63, and then in Division II, those scholarship limits are set at 36. Division III programs do not offer athletic scholarships.

Even though Wagner helped Permian to the 1991 state championship and played with three other athletes who received scholarships to Division I programs, he had to go to Hardin-Simmons University as a non-scholarship player.

While it wasn't the bright lights and big stadiums that most high school players dream of, Wagner said his path turned out for the best. He played for Hardin-Simmons from 1992-95, earning All-American honors in the process.

Like Cumbie, Wagner agreed the best way for a kid to get his name out there is to start sending videos of their highlights during their junior year to college coaches and go to camps where programs like Angelo State send assistant coaches to evaluate talent.

"Sometimes as a player, you have to do the recruiting yourself and get the word out," Cumbie said.

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Overlooked: Football recruiting in West Texas

Camps become an integral part of recruiting players

By Jonathan Hull
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To say the face of college football recruiting has changed is an understatement. It's a completely different game now that college coaches and scouts able to become more familiar with potential high school prospects at younger and younger ages.

There's no doubt that advancement in technology, most profoundly the creation of the Internet, has opened up different avenues for coaches and scouts to research and discover high school athletes. Coaches in Oregon no longer have to even board a plane in order to scout a high school player from Texas.

Part of this Internet revolution in scouting are the camps put together by various organizations such as Rivals and Under Armour. At these camps, or combines, players are measured by both weight and height and also take part in drills, such as the 40-yard dash, trying to determine their speed and strength.

The results of those camps are then posted on a website available to the public, making it easy for college recruiters to find an athlete who might suit their needs.

In regard to the Permian Basin, there's one significant issue: None of these camps are available in West Texas, leaving local athletes at a disadvantage in the recruiting game.

"Recruiting now is starting to go toward the Rivals camps, the Under Armour camps, the elite football camps," Midland High coach Craig Yenzer said. "(Recruiting) is changing completely, and not for the better. We're being left out here in West Texas, and it's sad to see for our kids out here."

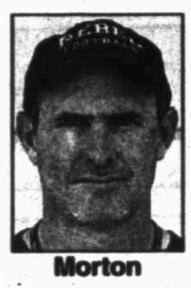
Camps aren't new in the recruiting process. For several decades, nearly every college with a football team has held minicamps for high school athletes in hopes of identifying potential recruits.

Yenzer and other local coaches in the area don't call those types of camps into question. Randy Rodgers, who runs a Texas recruiting service profiling the top college prospects in the state for more than 50 universities, says the college camps are possibly the most vital aspect of the evaluation process.

"The most important camps are the ones the college coaches have," Rodgers said. "If your objective is to go to camp and get exposure, then you have to go to the camps where the college coaches are allowed to attend. The college camps are really, really important. Particularly for the kids in their sophomore and junior years."

Rodgers, who holds several seminars around the state called Blue Chip Recruiting Roundups that discuss the recruiting process with potential college athletes, says it's hard to trust every privately run camp.


Rodgers


Morton

"You don't know what the background is for some of these guys holding these camps," Rodgers said. "Where are the results going to be publicized? How much is credible? Did they do it all accurately? Can you trust that you're running 40 yards and not 38 yards?"

But there's a much bigger reason Rodgers doesn't consider these privately operated combines as important as the college camps.

"The biggest problem with those kinds of camps is no college coach can attend," Rodgers said. "You don't get any on-site evaluation by college scouts. That's a major issue."

But events, such as the Nike Camps held by Rivals, continue to flourish. The reason is clearly green to Yenzer.

"It's all tied into money," Yenzer said. "Whether it's charging kids and their parents money to participate in the camp, or if a coach gets a bump in pay to have a top 10 rated recruiting class, it's all tied into money. It's easier to get on the Internet. It's easier to see where Rivals ranks these guys as a three-star, four-star or five-star recruit. What does that even really mean?"

The camps only have furthered the removal of the high school head coach from the recruiting process, as well — a trend alarming to many of the area's high school coaches.

"I think parents are confused and believe that the high school coach gets the kid a scholarship, and that's as far from the truth as you can get now," Lee coach James Morton said. "I think in the past, before the camps came along, the (college) coach didn't get to see every kid and had to take the (high school) coach's word that the kid really was 6-2 and not 5-11."

Whether or not the privately operated camps and combines are good or bad for the recruiting process, evidence shows they are only going to become more widely used in the future with worldwide media outlets such as ESPN and major corporations such as Nike joining the fray.

The question is how to make them more available to West Texas athletes. The closest any of those camps come to the Permian Basin is Dallas — more than 330 miles away.

The one privately run camp that has been making an appearance in West Texas the last two years is Football University. This past year, FBU held a camp at Greenwood High School with nearly 200 athletes ranging from grade school to high school from all over the country.

FBU has three different recruiting services, including Rodgers, in attendance that provide reports on what they see. However, thus far, this is the only privately run camp that has made an appearance in the Permian Basin.

It's an issue unlikely to be fixed any time soon.

"I don't see the private companies holding significantly more camps in West Texas because of the dense population," Rodgers said. "You have a camp in Arlington, you have more potential customers. Everyone is going to go where the most paying customers are. Would it be good for the kids? Absolutely. Any kind of exposure where someone might write about a kid is a good thing, but I don't see it coming to West Texas."

Of course, West Texas prospects are more than welcome to register and attend Rivals or Under Armour camps. However, the driving so far out of town to attend these combines doesn't necessarily provide the ideal situation for West Texas athletes.

"The big issue for me is we have a lot of great athletes that are coming from a low-income family. They can't afford to travel to those camps, then pay for the cost of the camp and then pay for a hotel room, as well," Yenzer said. "Even if they can, you get a situation where a kid from out here has to sleep in a hotel room bed, whereas a Metroplex kid gets to sleep in his own bed. It's already a disadvantage.

"Plus, what happens if a kid from out here goes out there and has a bad day? Then he gets labeled poorly, and everyone who looks on that site is going to see him that way. It's not a fair way to assess."

Are the camps part of the reason so many coaches believe West Texas athletes are being overlooked by colleges now? To a certain degree, according to Morton, who feels a blue chip prospect in West Texas would still garner plenty of attention.

"Maybe sometimes there's a bubble player that they wouldn't see," Morton said. "They're not going to drive to Sweetwater to see a player because he's a bubble player. I think there's a lot of guys that fit that criteria in West Texas."

With camps and in turn college coaches and scouts flocking more and more toward the metropolitan areas of the state, the future for recruiting in West Texas appears to only be growing dimmer. However, there's still a glimmer of hope that something might change in the near future.

"The only thing we can continue to hope for out here is we can get camps to come out here," Yenzer said.

"I understand, in defense of the college coaches right now, budgets are tight, resources are tight and they have to do what they have to do right now. But we need something to be offered out here that's more convenient for our kids," he said.

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Former recruits say the process has changed

By Len Hayward
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Eric Winston isn't quite sure why he received a questionnaire from Florida State before his sophomore year at Lee. But he said that letter officially began his recruiting process for the now-Kansas City Chiefs offensive lineman.

More than a decade after Winston's recruitment began, he said things have changed so much in the way football players are recruited now, he hardly recognizes it.

"Technology is changing so fast; it wasn't common to have a cellphone, and I got my cellphone my senior year," said Winston, who graduated from Lee in 2002. "Coaches had just started to figure out where they were calling these guys. There were a lot of things going on. That was really the start of technology, and it has started taking over recruiting."

Winston is among a handful of area players that went through the recruiting process during their time in high school over the past 10 or 15 years, and all experienced something different but what they all have in common is that they came from West Texas.

These days, the number of recruits from of West Texas going to Division I schools is not as high as it once was, but for those that have gone through recently, they say being at the right place at the right time helped, and it was one of the toughest decisions of their lives.

"It really directs the rest of your life," said Baron Batch, who graduated from Midland High in 2006 and went on to play at Texas Tech. "With that being said, and going through that and still have a season you have to play, you have to focus on that. It can be a little stressful, but it helped me when I committed early because I got it out of the way and I knew where I wanted to go."

Batch, who is now a running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, said he made his commitment to Texas Tech in his junior year, but even he admits that had he lived in a more populous part of the start with the numbers he produced his senior season, he might have had more interest.

"Looking back, with the numbers I put up my senior year, if I'd played in the Metroplex, I'd have had an offer from every school in the country," Batch said. "It's just kind of how it is, and sometimes kids just get overlooked."

Batch said everything worked out for him because he wanted to stay in West Texas, but he added that getting noticed is as much about production as it is anything else. Batch said being noticed at camps is part of the deal, but he said in the end a player has to produce on the field, and even in West Texas there will be some interest.

"I think if you put in the work and produce on the field, it will work out," Batch said. "It kind of has the parents freaking out a little bit because they are not getting looked at, but it's all about production. If you put it on field, you are going to get recruited. It's that simple."

Winston, meanwhile, easily admits that his size and athleticism was something that helped him gain interest, but he added that having Cedric Benson breaking records in the backfield also was a big help. He said that helped a lot of players on those Lee teams from 1998-2000.

"Let's not kid ourselves, Cedric put Lee on the map for a lot of guys, and maybe some guys probably before him didn't have interest," said Winston, who went to the University of Miami. "A lot of people benefitted from that."

Winston said the process was hard for him and that it could get tiring talking to different coaches each night when they made their one phone call. He said now he can't imagine with the change in technology how hard it would be.

"It's not something I wish for a lot of kids to go through at that age," Winston said. "It was tough because I didn't want to make a quick decision. I wanted to go on visits and wanted to see everybody and everything. I narrowed it down to five schools before my senior year start, but that doesn't mean that other schools would stop calling."

Former Lee tight end Evan Frosch said that TCU began its push for him after his senior football season was over in 2005, saying it was during basketball season when he started to talk to recruiters. He added that he also began to have offers from other schools at the same time.

Frosch said being able to commit early would've helped ease his mind a little bit, but he said in the end it all worked out. Frosch went on to play for four years at TCU, including playing in their Rose Bowl victory against Wisconsin in 2011, and is working to make his way onto an NFL roster.

"It would've been nice to not have to worry about it, but I was still so happy with what was happening," Frosch said.

Recent Lee grad Luke Stice said he knows that West Texas is not the recruiting hot bed it once was and that being under the radar was a way to push him. But he said that to get noticed in the Permian Basin, a player has to have big numbers early in his high school career.

Stice will be a preferred walk-on at Houston this fall and said that even though he didn't sign a scholarship, he's still getting a shot.

"All I wanted was a shot, and that's what I got," Stice said. "I'm going to put on the helmet and shoulder pads and get after it and find out who wants it more at the end of the day. I'm going to come in there with a chip on my shoulder. I'm a blue collor kid in West Texas, and I'm going to work harder than you are, and I'm confident I can be successful."

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RECRUITING

From 1C

the early bird. It wasn't that way in the old days. It's getting so early now, guys that are barely in high school are starting to get offers."

Technology also has severely altered recruiting. More and more college scouts and coaches relying on the Internet to do their work.

Randy Rodgers is a former assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Texas in Austin. Rodgers runs his own recruiting service, evaluating talent throughout the state for more than 50 universities throughout the country.

Rodgers makes use of the Internet as a recruiting tool everyday and understands the value of convenience it provides for college football programs.

"Fifteen to 20 years ago, there had to be much more face-to-face interaction," Rodgers said. "The college coach had to call the high school coach to see the players or to get film of players. Now, because of technology, it will be rare that you couldn't find video of a kid on the Internet. You can completely bypass the high school coach. You can completely bypass the parents, too, if you wanted."

The removal of the high school coach from the recruiting equation is alarming to many of the area's coaches.

"The high school coach is getting left out of the loop," Midland High coach Craig Yenzer said. "Recruiting is changing completely, and I don't think it's for the better, quite frankly. No. 1, we're taking it out of the hands of the high school coach, and, No. 2, because of the remoteness of West Texas, our kids are at a disadvantage as far as getting exposure."

There's a reason college recruiters flock to the state's metropolitan areas such as Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. They can get off a plane and see 10 to 15 quality prospects in a single day, while if they come out to the Permian Basin, they'll see perhaps five on a good day. It's all a numbers game.

"The population density of West Texas is a problem," Rodgers said. "It's so much more cost effective for college coaches to fly into D-FW. The foot traffic isn't going to be there in West Texas because of that."

Luke Stice noticed that lack of foot traffic from college recruiters from Division I schools during his senior year at Lee. Stice was a standout linebacker for the Rebels last season and was named District 3-5A Defensive Most Valuable Player for his efforts.

However, the 6-1, 210-pound Stice received little attention from Division I programs and ended up committing to the University of Houston as a preferred walk-on. He used the lack of attention as motivation, though, and still managed to earn himself at least a shot at playing at the FBS level.

"Honestly, I believe it pushed me because halfway through my senior year, I didn't have any idea where I was going to go," Stice said. "I put my head down and kept working hard. It was definitely a challenge being under the rader and I tried to make the best of it."

Current Greenwood assistant coach Lee Brockman was recruited to play for the University of Texas in the mid-1980s during his high school career at Hereford High School in the Panhandle. Brockman said he can't help but feel several athletes in West Texas are now being overlooked because of the abundance of attention paid on larger metropolitan areas as opposed to the considerably more sparsely populated Permian Basin.

"The rules on colleges are more stringent now, and in terms of how they can best utilize their resources, they're not going to come to sparsely populated places like West Texas," Brockman said. "They feel in their mind they are wasting resources. We kind of end up getting short changed in terms of attention, and I understand why."

Or as Yenzer so delicately puts it: "They can see 10 to 12 athletes a day in the metroplex. They might see four or five coming out here. Am I going to go to Walmart or the local hardware store? Well, Walmart is going to have more of what I'm looking for, and I can get it all in one trip."

There is no clear solution.

"I don't know what the answer is," Yenzer said. "I hope maybe they can get a Rivals camp out here or whatever. You see the colleges not coming to West Texas, but they are having minicamps in different areas of the state. That does help. I just think it's a mistake, and I'm prejudice, but I think it's a mistake to not go through the high school coach."

In the meantime, coaches are left with the thought that several of their players aren't afforded the opportunities they might deserve.

"We've had some pretty good football players out here," Brockman said. "I know that Lee, MHS, Permian, OHS, all of us will agree there are some kids that have the ability to get to play more on that college level. I'm not saying there are a lot, but having coached as long as I have, I feel there's more than just a few that could play with just about anybody if given an opportunity."

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NFL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLORADO

Manning shines in Broncos' first padded practice

ENGLEWOOD — Peyton Manning's first full practice in pads in 18 months drew rave reviews from his coaches and teammates.

Manning put on an aerial show with Broncos wide receiver Eric Decker and others Saturday morning in the latest milestone to his comeback from a nerve injury that cost him all of last season and led to his release from the Indianapolis Colts.

Although Manning threw in full pads during his tryouts at Duke University for the Broncos and other suitors during his first foray into free agency in March and again at times while working out in Denver, this was his first real action in full pads since the Pro Bowl following the 2010 season.

NEW YORK

Giants GM Jerry Reese making no guarantees for 2012

ALBANY — New York Giants general manager Jerry Reese isn't making any guarantees about either winning another Super Bowl or starting the next NFL dynasty.

Reese likes the Giants' roster that he kept mostly intact in the offseason and he believes Tom Coughlin's team has as good a chance as anybody at getting to New Orleans for another shot at the Super Bowl.

Even after winning the title, Reese joked he still gets complaints from fans.

"I guarantee there will not be a guarantee," Reese said Saturday in a roughly 20-minute state of the team discussion with reporters on the second day of training camp at the University at Albany.

NEW YORK

Bills receivers impressed by rookie CB Gilmore

PITTSFORD — It hasn't taken Stephon Gilmore long to impress his Buffalo Bills teammates.

Whether it's the soft-spoken, level-headed approach the rookie cornerback takes off the field, or the aggressiveness and speed he's shown in going stride-for-stride with a receiver in coverage, the first-round draft pick has begun drawing raves three days into training camp.

Receiver Stevie Johnson already likens Gilmore to established NFL veterans.

David Nelson said Gilmore has earned the respect of Bills receivers, and developed a reputation of being a difficult opponent to beat.

That's the type of player the Bills were looking for when it came to shoring up a porous defense this offseason by drafting Gilmore with the No. 10 pick out of South Carolina.

MINNESOTA

Starting 10th year, Vikings' Williams not done yet

MANKATO — The Minnesota Vikings accelerated their rebuilding project this year with an aggressive purge of expensive veteran starters.

Kevin Williams, though, didn't worry. The 10th-year defensive tackle finished 2011 with a flurry. With five sacks in the final seven games, he showed the team and the league if not himself that he can still be a productive if not disruptive player in the middle of the line.

Williams, cornerback Antoine Winfield and punter Chris Kluwe are the only three players on the roster who joined the team before Brad Childress was hired as head coach in 2006.

Winfield, who's 35, and quarterback Sage Rosenfels, at 34, are the only others older than Williams. But nobody has a longer tenure with the Vikings, now that tight end Jim Kleinsasser has retired.

Dolphins agree to terms with Tannehill

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins agreed to terms with Ryan Tannehill, the Big Spring native and former Texas A&M quarterback drafted eighth overall. Terms of the deal weren't disclosed Saturday.

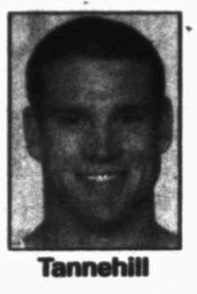
Tannehill missed the first two days of camp while the Dolphins and his agent, Pat Dye Jr., tried to work out a contract. The first quarterback selected in the first round by the Dolphins since they took Dan Marino in 1983, Tannehill is expected to be at practice Sunday morning.

Tannehill is expected to be part of the competition for the starting quarterback job along with returning starter Matt Moore and offseason acquisition David Garrard.

Tannehill started 19 games at Texas A&M after being switched from wide receiver and his head coach was Mike Sherman, now the offensive coordinator for the Dolphins.

"If he was any other rookie that didn't know the offense, it would be definitely tough on him, but he knows most of the offense," Garrard said Friday.

"I think just not being out here with the guys is probably the toughest thing for him. But he'll be fine. For him, coming from this offense in college, that's a big plus for him," he said.



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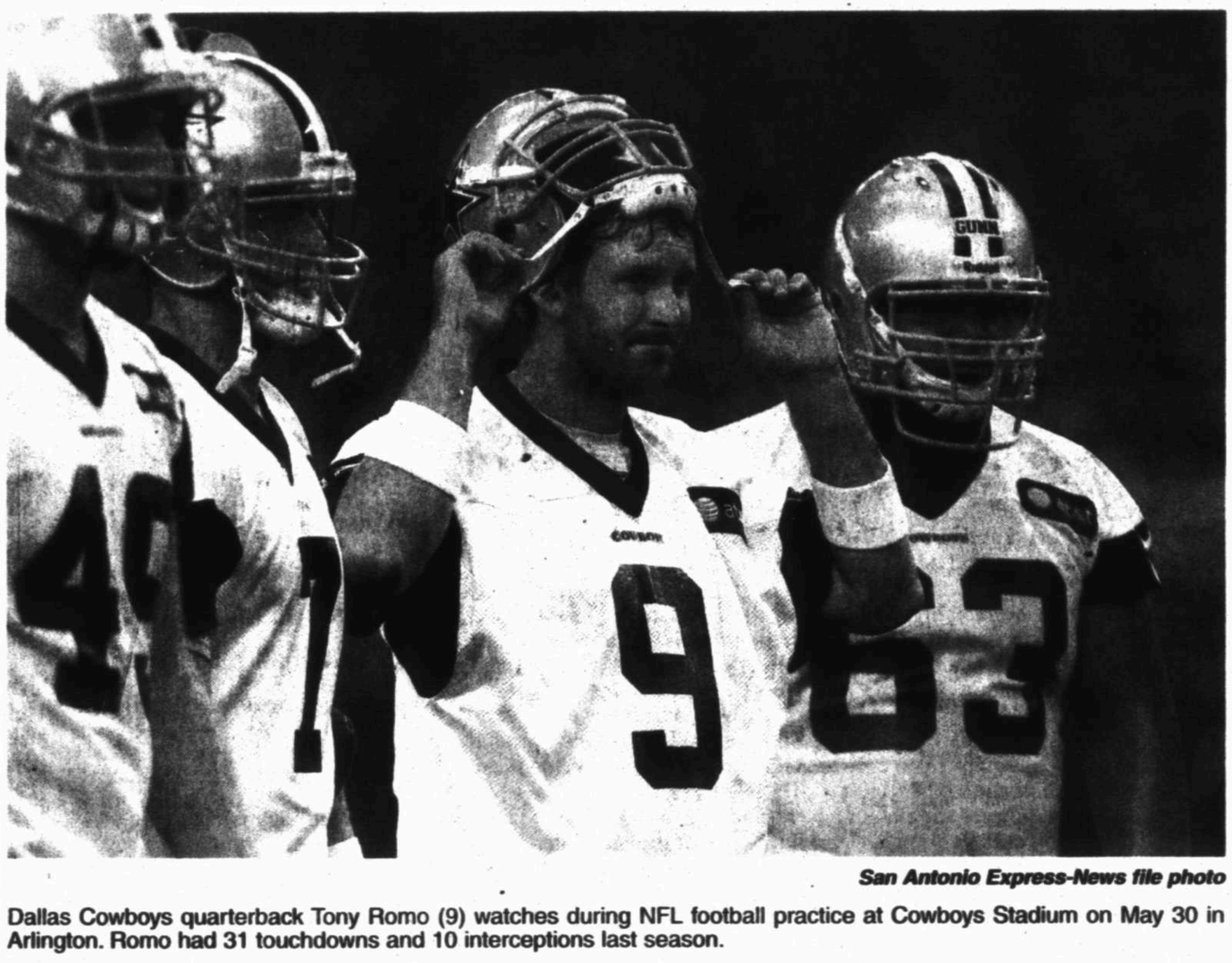

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) watches during NFL football practice at Cowboys Stadium on May 30 in Arlington. Romo had 31 touchdowns and 10 interceptions last season.

Cowboys aren't as good as Romo thinks

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

POINT MUGU, Calif. — Jerry Jones' salesmanship is apparently rubbing off on Tony Romo.

How else to explain the quarterback's bright-eyed optimism about the Dallas Cowboys' chances this season?

Speaking at a promotional appearance last week in Arlington, Romo made it sound like Jones had built the Cowboys into a budding power during the offseason.

While it's true the owner did improve the roster by signing cornerback Brandon Carr and boldly trading up in the first round of the draft to select former LSU corner Morris Claiborne, Dallas still has a lot of work to do to remove itself from the middle of the pack.

But that didn't stop Romo from pulling a Jones and acting like the Cowboys had been remade into something special.

"I haven't been this excited about a football season as far as the collection of talent we have on the football field, and I think that's exciting," Romo gushed.

Make no mistake. Beginning with Romo, Dallas does have plenty of star power. Coming off a 31-touchdown, 10-interception season, he's in his prime and appears poised to receive a contract extension.

But when the Cowboys' plane touched down here Saturday, it carried a team with questions marks and depth issues, and you have to have depth if you're going to win a title in today's war-of-attrition NFL. Season after season, Dallas wilts in December partly because it lacks quality backups.

Yes, Jones has made some moves, but let's not get carried away. The facts are the offensive line appears to be weak again after he signed a couple of pedestrian guards, and the back end of the defense is still shaky after the signing of a journeyman safety.

A case can also be made he overpaid for Carr, who received a five-year, $50.1 million deal after spending four years with Kansas City without a Pro Bowl appearance.

And who do the Cowboys have to replace Laurent Robinson, who took his 11 touchdowns catches to Jacksonville? Kevin Ogletree? Isn't he the guy Romo called "stupid" last year? Speaking of receivers, what are the odds of Dez Bryant successfully blocking out his legal troubles?

There's also concern that Mike Jenkins' surgically repaired shoulder and resentment toward being demoted could prevent him from being a quality backup in a season in which Dallas faces a quarterback murderer's row beginning with the Giants' Eli Manning.

Add it all up and it doesn't appear that the Cowboys are all that much better than they were last season when they lost four of their last five games to finish 8-8 and out of the playoffs a second straight year.

Jones will probably say at today's news conference that depth isn't an issue after he orchestrated a defense-heavy draft and snagged a potential gem of an undrafted rookie in offensive lineman Ron Leary.

Don't buy it.

Outside of Claiborne, the 2012 draft class is laden with projects and Leary has a bum knee.

Still, Romo views the future as being as bright as the Southern California sky.

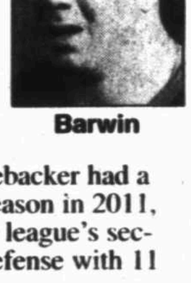
"(We) have an opportunity to be a good ballclub," he said.

Perhaps he's right. Perhaps a 9-7 or 10-6 finish and a wildcard berth is in the offing.

Texans' Barwin looks to build on big year

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Connor Barwin arrived at training camp clean-shaven and sporting a Gary Kubiak-replica haircut, a flat-topped crew cut.



Barwin

Barwin can get away with playfully mocking Kubiak as long as he keeps producing on the field. The 6-foot-4, 268-pound outside linebacker had a breakout season in 2011, leading the league's second-best defense with 11 1/2 sacks.

And with only two full seasons under his belt, the Texans hope his best years lie ahead.

"He went in, did such a great job last year, against really good people," defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said. "He was always playing against the left tackle in passing situations, most of the time. The sky's the limit for him. He's about 270 pounds, and he's a really good athlete."

The Texans began two-a-day practices Saturday. Barwin comes into this year's camp with renewed confidence after last season, a bounce-back year after he dislocated his right ankle in the 2010 season opener.

"This camp's a big difference than last year, obviously," Barwin said. "You were unsure about my ankle, how I would respond to playing full-speed football. I come in a lot more comfortable than I did last year."

Brees lifts Clark from anonymity to NFL

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Marques Clark stopped playing organized football when his eligibility with Division II Henderson State ran out in 2006. Drew Brees helped him get his first shot in the NFL this month.

It just so happens that Brees does offseason throwing at a San Diego-area high school where Clark got a job about two years ago as a wide receivers coach. Brees noticed Clark working out there and asked him if he wanted to run some routes.

Brees says Clark caught nearly every ball, leading the star QB to wonder whether Clark had slipped through the cracks.

Brees told the Saints that Clark deserved at least a look. Clark flew in for his tryout this past week and says being offered a contract was like an "out-of-body experience."

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The Class Of 2025

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LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS

Medal count

as of July 28

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
China	4	0	2	6
Italy	2	2	1	5
United States	1	2	2	5
Brazil	1	1	1	3
Japan	0	2	1	3
South Korea	1	1	1	3
Australia	1	0	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Colombia	0	1	0	1
Hungary	0	0	1	1
Kazakhstan	1	0	0	1
Netherlands	0	1	0	1
Norway	0	0	1	1
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North Korea	0	0	1	1
Romania	0	1	0	1
Russia	1	0	0	1
Serbia	0	0	1	1
Uzbekistan	0	0	1	1

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OLYMPICS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LONDON

Lochte wins 400 IM in blowout; Phelps finishes 4th

Ryan Lochte turned his much-anticipated duel with Michael Phelps into a blowout, pulling away to win the Olympic 400-meter individual medley by more than 3 seconds Saturday night. Even more stunning: Phelps didn't win any medal at all.

After barely qualifying for the evening final in a performance that hinted at trouble ahead, Phelps struggled to a fourth-place finish and was denied his 17th career Olympic medal. When it was done, he could barely pull himself out of the pool.

"It was just a crappy race," Phelps said. "I felt fine the first 200, then I don't know. They just swam a better race than me, a smarter race than me, and were better prepared than me. That's why they're on the medal stand."

Brazil's Thiago Pereira took the silver, and Japan's Kosuke Hagino claimed the bronze — beating Phelps by a fairly comfortable 34-hundredths of a second for the last spot on the podium.

It was the first time since the 2000 Sydney Games that Phelps didn't win at least a bronze in an Olympic race.

LONDON

Hooker paces US in 3-1 Olympic win over SKorea

Destinee Hooker had 21 points and the United States held off late-charging South Korea 3-1 in their opening match at the London Olympics.

The fans at Earls Court chanted "Des-tin-ee! Des-tin-ee!" at one point as she dominated the 25-19, 25-17, 20-25, 25-21 victory.

The United States, which won the silver medal in Beijing and is currently ranked No. 1 in the world, jumped out to a 17-11 lead in the first set after one of Hooker's seemingly effortless spikes, helping set the tone for the match.

GLASGOW

US women's soccer team defeats Colombia 3-0

The U.S. women's soccer team made it two wins in two games Saturday and remembered an injured teammate in a 3-0 win over Colombia.

Megan Rapinoe scored in the 33rd minute for the Americans. After her goal, she reached into her sock and pulled out a birthday message for Ali Krieger, who blew out her knee in a qualifying match in January. Krieger turned 28 Saturday.

Abby Wambach made it 2-0 in the 74th, and Carli Lloyd scored in the 77th.

The win assured a quarterfinal berth for the Americans.

The U.S. has one group game remaining, against North Korea in Manchester on Tuesday.

Colombia wraps up with France against Newcastle on the same day.

US plays France today in Olympic opener

Associated Press

LONDON — France coach Vincent Collet says playing the United States at the start of the men's Olympic tournament feels like a "child facing a monster."

Collet might be too modest when he describes his team as the child.

France is not without muscle itself and has a smart playmaker in Tony Parker, the San Antonio guard.

France's roster includes Ronny Turiaf, Boris Diaw, Nicolas Batum, Kevin Seraphin and Nando de Colo — all currently on NBA rosters.

The Americans feature LeBron James and Kobe Bryant, to mention just two of their NBA superstars, and are heavily favored to defend the gold medal in the 12-team tournament.

But France could be just the first of many challenges today on the road to the expected gold medal.

Parker, who nearly missed the London Games because of a serious eye injury, has the ability to break down defenses and could pose an early problem for the Americans.

"I just started training like 10 days ago so I'm not 100 percent," Parker said two days ago. "I'm not even close to being in shape. We had a terrible preparation but we're going to try and do the best we can."

Collet, in an interview posted by the French basketball federation, said Batum was also not fully fit, but said he expected both men to get stronger as the tournament progresses.

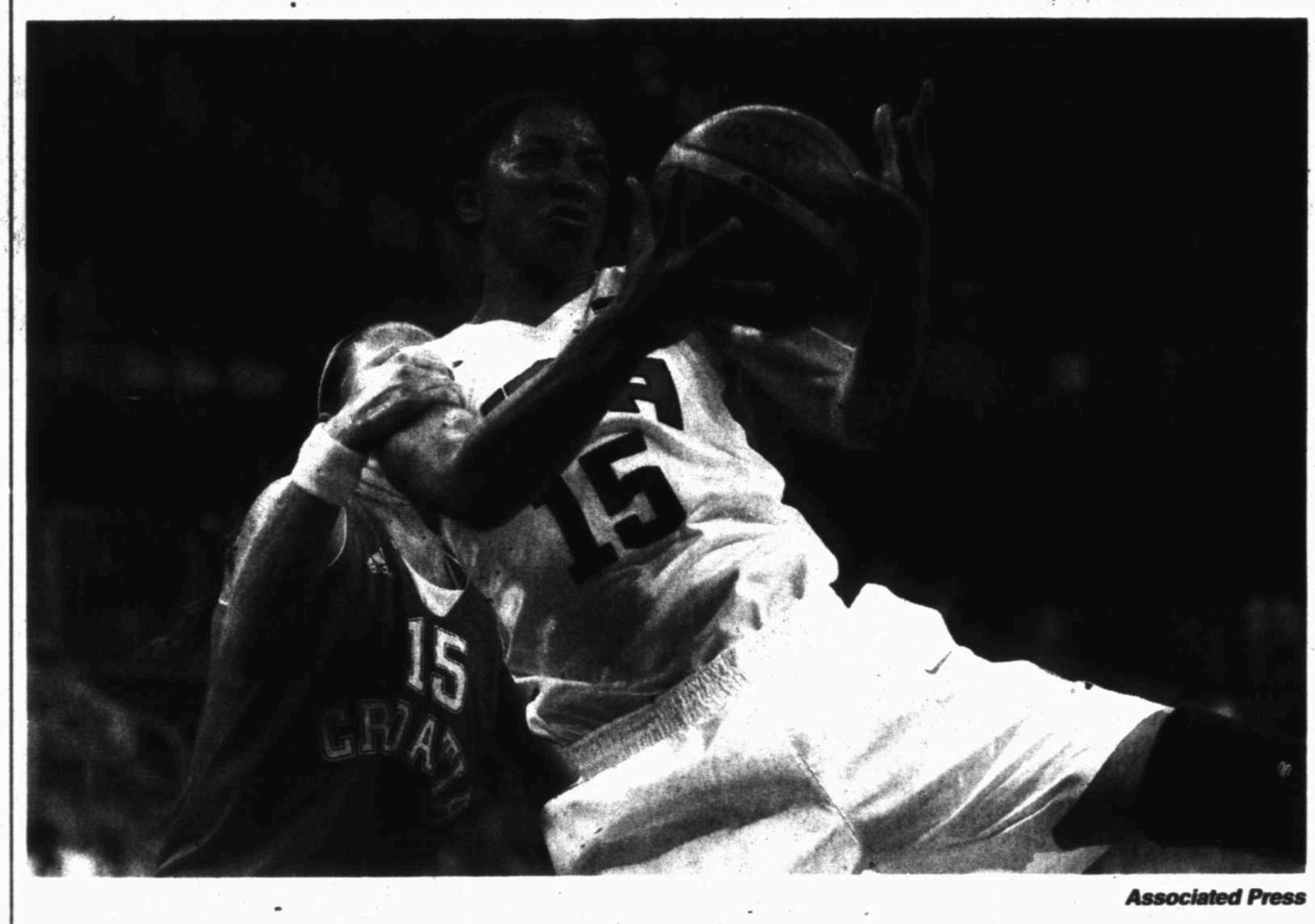
"We know how the Americans play and we know our priorities: slow down their quick game and control the boards. We are the kid facing the monster. And when you are a monster, you impose your game on your rivals," Collet said.

The Americans say they are ready for anything they might come up against.

"It's a big test for us," U.S. forward Carmelo Anthony said, lacing up his sneakers Saturday before practice at East London University. "We're going up against guys that we normally play on a night-to-night basis, and those countries have put them all together just like we have. And at the end of the day their main goal is to beat the United States.

"There's going to be some good battles."

Coach Mike Krzyzewski said: "We're ready."



Associated Press

USA's Candace Parker, right, is grabed from behind by Croatia's Jelena Ivezic, left, during the second half of a preliminary women's basketball game at the 2012 Summer Olympics on Saturday in London.

OFF TO A SHAKY START

US women overcome sloppy play, beat Croatia

Associated Press

LONDON — The U.S. women's basketball team looked nothing like the squad that is expected to dominant the Olympics.

Maybe it was first-game nerves or a hangover from the opening ceremonies. The U.S. had to overcome a sloppy performance Saturday before finally putting away Croatia 81-56 in the opener.

Coach Geno Auriemma had said he was hoping that the Americans could play a style of basketball that would be entertaining and help grow the women's game internationally. That didn't happen Saturday.

"We have five players who have never been in the Olympics before so they are going to be nervous. Everybody was a little nervous," Auriemma said. "We're better than we showed, but I don't know that we're going to be great right off the bat."

The U.S., which got back to its hotel at 3 a.m. after the opening ceremonies, struggled for the first three quarters before winning its 34th consecutive Olympic contest.

"There was a little jitters, probably a little sluggishness," U.S. guard Sue Bird said. "For the most part we didn't finish off plays we normally finish off. We allowed a team that when they get going are known to spread out the floor and try to hit as many 3s as they can, stay with us."

The victory was far different than the 54-point pounding the Americans gave Croatia a week earlier.

Despite missing its first 14 shots, Croatia hung tough for the first 30 minutes before the Americans finally could pull away.

The U.S., which has dominated its opponents en route to the last four gold medals, only led 53-49 early in the fourth quarter before a 16-0 run put the game out of reach.

"Bottom line is this is the Olympics," Bird said. "A win is a win, regardless of how it works. Beauty is you can learn from it. Now we know what we need to work on."

Angel McCoughtry started the burst with consecutive layups and Tamika Catchings capped it with a three-point play that made it 69-49. Swin Cash, who hadn't played in the first few quarters also had a three-point play in the spurt.

McCoughtry finished with 13 points. Tina Charles had 14 points and 10 rebounds; Candace Parker finished with 11 points and 13 boards.

"We know we can play better and will," Parker said.

Jelena Ivezic scored 22 points and Marija Vrsaljko added 19 for Croatia, which was making its Olympic debut. Vrsaljko missed the previous contest last Saturday as she was getting married.

While the Americans had their way on offense in that contest, they struggled Saturday.

The U.S. built a 9-0 lead early on as Croatia missed its first 14 shots. The Americans could have been up a lot more, but missed a lot of easy shots and turned the ball over. The U.S. finished with 21 turnovers.

United States brings pride back to men's 8

Associated Press

WINDSOR, England — Mike Teti is finally managing to get some performances out of the United States men's eight.

Now his job at the London Olympics is to make them smile.

"They are kind of boring," Teti said. "They aren't super fiery guys — they are very methodical, systematic. They are all business. That makes me a bit nervous. I'm an Italian guy from Philadelphia, remember!"

Teti isn't being mean. He's just describing, very matter-of-factly, how seriously this team is taking getting their country's top boat back to its former heights.

They continued their upward progress Saturday, the opening day of the Olympic regatta at Dorney Lake.

With only one boat advancing from their heat, the U.S. convincingly beat crews from Australia, Poland and Ukraine to progress to Wednesday's final. It meant they avoided a tough-looking repechage race that will also include Olympic champion Canada and host nation Britain.

The victory was the biggest so far for a boat that has been reformed under the stewardship of Teti, who was hired by U.S. Rowing in October to qualify the Americans for the London Games.

A month earlier, they had failed to qualify directly for the Olympics via their placing at a world championship for the first time ever. In May, they won a final qualifying regatta to sneak into the Olympics but it was too close a call for a nation that values its men's eight more than any other rowing crew.

"It's significant to us in America," Teti said. "Most of the high-school kids row in the eight, and at university the championships are in the eight.

"It's like ice hockey in Canada, you're going to have a good ice hockey team. In the U.S., we should have a good eight. There is a lot of tradition, a lot of pride."

Teti has brought that pride back to the boat and it showed Saturday in a graceful display that demonstrated how much they have come on over the past few months.

The U.S. powered out from the start, taking an early stranglehold on the race, and looked smooth all the way to line.

Poland and Australia aren't walkovers, either. They had just finished 1-2 in a World Cup regatta in Munich, and were coming into the Olympics in confident mood.

"For a lot of them, it's the first race they've won at a world championship or Olympics," Teti said. "To win the heat gives them a bit of confidence.

"It's like bamboo — it grows a little bit one year, the next year, the year after, then it grows eight feet. So I think we have been beneficiary of the last three years. They have gotten better over the races, getting more seasoned."

Whether that's enough to get the better of Germany in the final is another thing entirely.

The Germans are unbeaten in three years and beat the time of the U.S. by five seconds in the second heat.

"If they want to get on podium, they are going to have to go faster," Teti said. "We are going to hope so. They are going to really have to go to another level."



Associated Press

U.S. rowers Zachery Vlahos, Brett Newlin, Jacob Cornelius, Stephen Kasprzyk, Giuseppe Lanzone, Will Miller, Ross James, Grant James, and David Banks compete during a men's rowing eight heat in Eton Dorney, near Windsor, England, at the 2012 Summer Olympics on Saturday.

NBC sets opening ceremony record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A look at media coverage of the London Olympics:

An opening ceremony from the mother country with a Beatle, a queen and Mr. Bean proved irresistible for viewers in the United States, with a record-setting 40.7 million people watching NBC's first night of summer Olympics coverage.

The Nielsen company said Saturday that London's opener was the most-watched opening ceremony of any summer or winter Olympics. It topped the previous mark of 39.8 million people who watched the 1996 Atlanta Olympics begin, and the 34.9 million who watched the colorful first night from Beijing four years ago.

The London ceremony featured an unusual made-for-TV stunt featuring actor Daniel Craig portraying James Bond escorting the real-life Queen Elizabeth II to the ceremony and ended with Paul McCartney's anthemic "Hey Jude." But according to Twitter, the biggest spike in tweets came when actor Rowan Atkinson ("Mr. Bean") appeared in a "Chariots of Fire" homage.

An estimated 5 million comments about the opening ceremony were made on social media, according to the research company Bluefin Labs. It was more interesting to women, apparently, as 58 percent of the comments were from women and 42 percent from men, Bluefin said.

It was the most-watched television event in the U.S. since the winter, when 39.9 million people watched the Grammy Awards and 39.3 million saw the Oscars.

The results were a good sign for NBC and broadcast TV in general, which is increasingly finding that big events draw people to the screen more than regular entertainment programming — most likely encouraged by multi-screen experiences, or people conversing through social media while watching television.

NBC Universal also earned a measure of redemption from critics. The company, which began streaming all of the Olympics competition online live Saturday, was blistered on Twitter on Friday by people who wondered why the opening ceremony wasn't shown live (it was aired on NBC on tape delay, because London's time zone is five hours ahead of the eastern United States). But four years ago in Beijing, NBC learned such complaints only increased buzz and made people more interested in watching it on TV in prime time.

"The audience number for the London opening ceremony is a great early sign that our strategy of driving people to watch NBC in prime time is working," said Mark Lazarus, chairman of the NBC Sports Group.

But in an increasingly wired world, that strategy is becoming a source of controversy for NBC. Twitter was alight again Saturday with complaints against the network for not televising live the men's 400-meter swimming race that American Ryan Lochte won, with Michael Phelps finishing fourth.

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Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 14, 2012.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP #1071-072512.**

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Proposals shall be addressed to:
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for the construction project entitled: **Midland Memorial Hospital Audio Visual System Products and Execution which includes: Audio Visual Systems for multiple conference and staff lounges, classrooms and a Chapel** at Midland Memorial Hospital – Main Campus, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701.

Bidders may obtain bid documents in the Materials Management office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Monday, July 23, 2012.

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CITATION
Cause NO. CV-48,836
385th Judicial District Court of
Midland County, Texas

TO: Unascertained and unborn persons with an interest or potential interest in the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948, who may be served with process by publication.

Defendant in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause: **CV-48,836**

YOU are hereby commanded to appear before the 385th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, in the Courthouse of said county in the city of Midland, Midland County, State of Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday following the expiration of Forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 20th day of August, 2012, then and file a written answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition in Cause Number **CV-48,836** styled:

In the Matter of Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3.

In which

Bank of America, N.A., Bert G. Johnson and Karen Scharbauer, as Co-Trustees of the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948, are the Petitioners

And

Unascertained and unborn persons with an interest or potential interest in the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948, who may be served with process by publication, are the Defendants.

The Petition, filed on the 21st day of June, 2012, discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows:

Petitioners, Bank of America, N.A., Bert G. Johnson and Karen Scharbauer, Co-Trustees Of the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948 filed an Original Petition for Judicial Modification of Trust And would show the Court the following:

That this Court has jurisdiction and venue over this matter; that Bank of America, N.A., Bert G. Johnsona dn Karen Scharbauer are currently serving as Co-Trustees of the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948 (hereafter "the Tursts"); and that the following are the sole current Beneficiaries of the Trusts: Bert G. Johnson and Karen Scharbauer and ascertained and unborn Persons with an interest or potential interest in the Trusts; that Bank of America, N.A., Bert G. Johnson and Karen Scharbauer request this Court order the Trustee be changed and additionally Order that the terms of the Trusts be modified because of circumstances not known or anticipated To by the settlors of such Trusts. The Petitioners would further show the Court that the purposes Of the Trusts and modifications of the administrative, non-dispositive terms of the Trusts, as Requested in such Original Petition, are necessary or appropriate to prevent waste or avoid Impairment of the Trusts' administration.

WHEREFORE, Premises Considered, Petitioners pray that the Defendants be cited to Appear and answer herein, that the Court appoint an Attorney Ad Litem to represent the unborn And unascertained persons with an interest or potential interest in the Trusts, and that upon full And final hearing herein, the Court enter its judgment modifying the terms of the Trusts and a Change of Trustees and that Bank of America, N.A. be released and discharged for its actions or Inactions with repect to the administrations of the Trusts to date.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make answer as the law requires.

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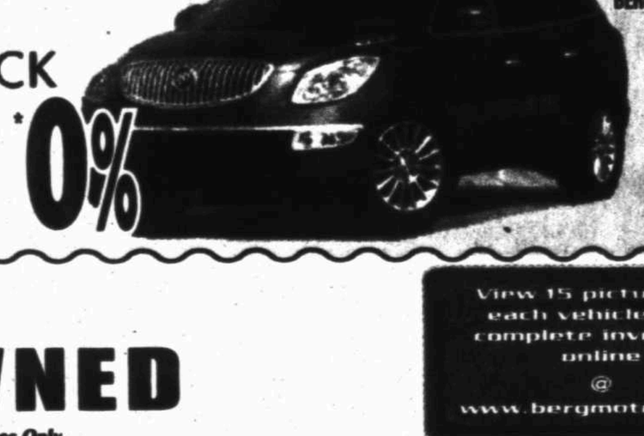

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BEDSIDE BUSINESS

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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Joan Friedlander, an Annapolis life coach, knows intimately about a segment of the population that works "under the cover," as she explains.

They're individuals who suffer from health ailments, or a health crisis such as cancer, that have debilitated them enough to derail their careers. They work from bed because, too often, a full recovery seems unattainable.

"It's time that those of us who must slow down for our health stop seeing ourselves as weak and ineffective," says Friedlander, who co-authored "Women, Work and Autoimmune Disease: Keep Working Girlfriend!" (2008, Demos Health).

Crohn's disease left her unemployed and underemployed for almost 20 years until she developed a career out of helping entrepreneurs rebuild or strengthen their own careers. Today, she's completed a manuscript for her latest book on the topic, to be released in January, called "Business from Bed: A 6-Step Comeback Plan to Get Yourself Working After a Health Crisis." (Demos Health, 2013) Her goal is to simplify the path to recovery for people with chronic illness, a sizeable group. Nearly 1 in 2 Americans are living with some kind of chronic illness, and 60 percent are between the ages of 18 and 60. But it's a silent group.

"Employees throughout the ranks keep their health issues hidden, fearing loss of employment," she explains.

Friedlander says health setbacks leave people at crossroads. When they persevere, they end up in better places with a more balanced life. Some are even motivated by their illness to abandon the previous career path entirely and start anew.

In her book, she breaks up the healing process into six parts:

Step 1: Beyond Survival, Rising from the Ashes. This is the time to overcome the fears associated with your illness. Be honest about what threatens the comeback so that you can separate fear from fact.

Step 2: Embrace the New Normal. Take time to think about your "ideal life" and how you can rebuild a career or business that incorporates your evolved values and talents.

Step 3: Rethink Your Business or Career. Think pragmatically here. How will you rebuild your business or career without undermining your health, and where should you begin?

Step 4: Ask for Help. Don't be afraid to ask for help. This will help change relationships and make it easier for you to recover.

Step 5: Slow Down. Balance your drive to get back to work with your wish to live a more consciously healthy life. Most importantly, you'll need to learn how to yield to your body and when to push through

Step 6: Organize for Success. Develop a "master planning schedule" that will help you plan and set goals when health and energy waver, without veering from your priorities.

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DAD'S DAY ON



WORKING FATHERS FACE SPECIAL CHALLENGES WHEN IT'S TIME TO BALANCE PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS WITH DIAPER DUTY. HERE'S HOW DADS CAN MANAGE THE JUGGLING ACT.

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

What do bosses and children have in common? Both resent last-minute complications or changes caused by poor planning.

Women typically talk more about the balance between work and life, while men are starting to speak up about feeling torn between job and parenting responsibilities. A national poll commissioned last year by Workplace Options, an employee benefits provider, brought to light the difficult balance between family and career for working dads. More than two-thirds of employed fathers say they've experienced negativity or problems with their employer due to conflicts between their job and their duty as a caregiver. A majority said they frequently take time off work to deal with child and family-related issues. And about four in 10 said the demands of their job detract from their ability to interact with and support children and family.

"Men's role in the family is changing. Men increasingly contribute on the home front, but expectations of them in the workplace haven't changed," says psychology professor Michael Addis, author of "Invisible Men: Men's Inner Lives and the Consequences of Silence" (Times Books, 2011).

To be sure, "Men and women are both held to a very high standard in the workplace," Addis adds, "but if a man leaves to pick up a sick child, he's more likely to get a sideways glance."

It's no wonder that men fear their role as a parent will cost them big time if those duties ever interfere with their role as a professional.

Perhaps men need to think past their next promotion. "Men need to start taking their emotional wellbeing seriously," Addis warns. "Overall life satisfaction, happiness, mood, relationships – these are all important things that need to be attended to like your physical health and your career."

For the same reason it makes sense to diversify financial investments, it's wise to invest in relationships and opportunities outside of work. "Each of us needs to experience competence, satisfaction and connectedness in a number of domains. If your sense of self-worth is all tied up in your job, you're at risk if problems arise on the job front," says Addis, adding that a fulfilling home life can offset trouble at work.

Let's come back to what bosses and kids have in common. If you are forced to miss a school play because you forgot about it until the last minute, your little thespian may not understand. On the other hand, if you skip out on an important meeting to watch third graders reenact fairy tales, your boss and coworkers may not understand. So, planning and advance notice are critical.

Kids' sore throats and stomach aches strike without warning, of course, but most of the school year is planned. Access the school calendar online and mark down teacher in-service days, classroom parties and early release days in your own calendar. Sporting events, recitals and all other activities known in advance should also be recorded.

Decide which events are important, to you as well as your child, and arrange for time off work.

Well in advance of school holidays, arrange for childcare or ask to work from home, suggests Dean Debnam, Workplace Options CEO and a father of five.

Work cycles are somewhat predictable, so compare your busy times with your spouse's and plan accordingly.

"Couples need to communicate because if you go out with clients to dinner, that becomes an infringement on your wife's time, too, if you're not home after work to help out," says Geoffrey Greif, a professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

Schedule regular check-ins with your spouse to plan and adjust your schedules. "Be clear about who's going to handle what," Addis says.

Make sure each of you covers for the other, so that each has some alone time. Just as important, schedule some "together time" apart from the kids, Addis says.

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JOB HUTNING

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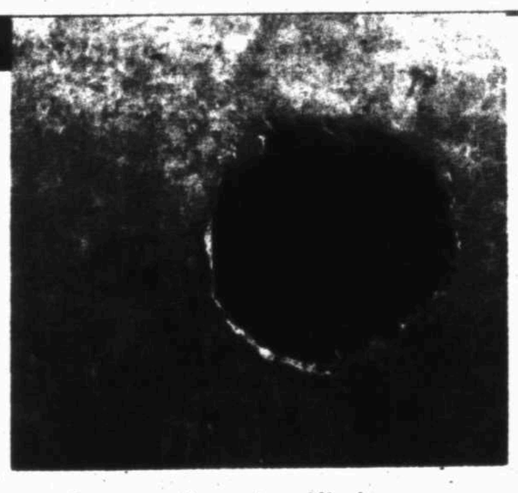

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The YMCA of Midland is seeking a Program Administration Secretary to perform basic clerical tasks and other office duties. Must be computer literate, and have working knowledge of Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Salary ranges from $8.70 to $12.20 DOE. Please submit resume to ct homas@midlandymca.org.

Receptionist

Stewart Title Company FT

Stewart Title Company - Receptionist. Job Responsibilities: answer phones, greet and address customer concerns in an amiable manner, accounts receivable, general clerical duties (filing, photo copying, etc). Job requirements: excellent verbal/written communication skills along with strong interpersonal skills. Please send resume to pvargas@stewart.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Rep.

Confidential FT

Looking for energetic professional to be around positive working environment. Working with the public from 9 to 5 in auto/home insurance and sales office. Computer knowledge required. Fax resume' to 432-699-1810.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Gymnastics Coach

COM Aquatics FT

Gymnastics Coach needed to work with ages 3-7. Must be available to work afternoons to early evening hours. Experience preferred. Competitive wage. Apply in person at COM Aquatics, Inc., 3003 North A Street.

Part Time Caregiver

First Presbyterian Church Nursery is hiring for the position of part-time **Caregiver**. Drug screening and background check is required. To fill out an application, please come to the Administration reception desk at **800 W. Texas Ave**. You must specify that you are filling out an application for the Nursery. No phone calls please.

Preschool Teachers

The Village School is now hiring Preschool Teachers for ages 6 weeks to 12 years. FULL TIME & PART TIME POSITIONS. Must have High School Diploma or GED & be able to pass Background Check. NON-SMOKING FACILITY. Apply in Person at 2600 W. Illinois.

Teachers Assistant

West Texa Opportunities, Inc. FT
603 North 4th - P.O. Box 1308 **806-872-8354**
Lamesa, Texas 79331

West Texas Opportunities, Inc. is accepting applications for the following position with Stanton Head Start:

Teacher Assistant: Applicant must be high school graduate; have experience working with young children; good written and verbal communication skills; ability to implement lesson plans; must relate positively to children and families; ability to speak, read and write Spanish is preferred. Applications may be obtained at the Stanton Head Start Center located at 101 N. Francis, Stanton, Texas or printed online at www.gowto.org. Submit applications to West Texas Opportunities, Inc. Head Start PO Box 1308 Lamesa, Texas 79331. WTO,I is an equal opportunity employer

Teachers

First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks a **Teacher** and **Teacher's Assistant** on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the 2012-2013 school year starting in September 2012. Please call **432-683-0851**.

Teacher

West Texa Opportunities, Inc. FT
603 North 4th - P.O. Box 1308 **806-872-8354**
Lamesa, Texas 79331

West Texas Opportunities, Inc. is accepting applications for a **Teacher** position with the Stanton Head Start Program: Applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree with one of the following: Early Childhood Certification/Endorsement or Child Development associate credential. Applicant must have experience in an early childhood program or similar setting. Applicant must have the ability to plan and implement appropriate activities for children, demonstrate an ability to relate sensitively to children and families, the ability to supervise other staff, and good record-keeping skills. 40 hour work week and a benefit package are included. Applicants must pass a criminal background check and pre-employment drug testing. Applications may be obtained at the Stanton **Head Start Center** located at 101 N. Francis, Stanton, Texas or printed online at www.gowto.org. Submit applications to West Texas Opportunities, Inc. Head Start PO Box 1308 Lamesa, Texas 79331. WTO,I is an equal opportunity employer.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Immediate Openings

Kelly Services has immediate openings for major oilfield servicing company! Warehouse/shop/yards - $14.00 hr. 1st shift 7-5 and 3rd shift 6pm-6am. Please apply in person at 5 Desta Drive ste. 1200, Midland, TX. Never an applicant fee, equal opportunity employer.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

BASIC ENERGY SERVICES

OUR LIFE'S WORK IS THE LIFE OF THE WELL

Basic is a leader in the oil and gas well servicing business with corporate headquarters in Midland. We offer competitive pay; 401(k) with company match; affordable medical, dental, and life insurance; paid holidays; and paid time off based on length of service.

We have a continuing need for skilled support employees in these areas:

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- **Equipment Operators**
- **Field Mechanics**
- **Fishing Tool Supervisors**
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- **Rig Mechanics**
- **Supervisors, Operators**
- **Toolpushers**
- **Truck Mechanics**
- **Welders**
- **Winch Truck Drivers**
- **Wireline Engineers**
- **Wireline Riggers**



To learn more about specific opportunities, or to locate the Basic office nearest you, visit our website at **www.basicenergyservices.com** or submit resumes to

Basic Energy Services
Attn: Human Resources • P.O. Box 10460 • Midland, TX 79702
staffing@basicenergyservices.com

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LANDMAN

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For immediate consideration please send formal letter of application with a resume to:

Great Western Drilling Co.
Attn: Human Resource
P.O. Box 1659,
Midland, TX. 79702
EOE M/F/D/V

MPS Milford Pipe & Supply

Individuals with prior military service are encouraged to apply.

We only hire the best. If that is you, let use know. We can't wait to meet you. Join the complete piping solutions company that has changed the face of the industry. We are now hiring for:

Midland, TX -
- Customer Service Representative
- Administrative Assistant - Microsoft Office experience required
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- Health, Safety & Environmental Coordinator - Must have safety exp
- Inside Sales - Sales experience not required, but preferred
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- Inventory Purchasing Specialist - Experience required.
- Field Project Estimator - Experience required.

Hobbs, NM -
- Field Technicians - Oilfield experienced preferred, but not required

Salary D.O.E., Benefits and 401K.

To apply, please send resume to **felix@milfordpipesupply.com**.

UNIVERSAL PRESSURE PUMPING INC.

Universal Pressure Pumping, Inc. currently has the following opportunity in our Midland, TX Location:

HS&E Supervisor

Responsible for upholding all safety policies and work practices. Performs monthly safety meetings and equipment and fatality inspections in respective areas. Handles timely reporting of an incident and follow-up with affected employees to ensure they return to work at the appropriate time, prepares accident paperwork. Performs root cause analysis. Conducts safety audits and training.

- Must be bilingual in English and Spanish
- Must live in or relocate to San Angelo area
- AAS/BA in Safety/Risk Mgmt or equivalent
- 8+ years experience 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:

steve.houston@univpp.com

For questions please contact us at:
325-653-1041
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San Angelo, TX 76903

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Engineering Trainees

Confidential FT

ENGINEERING TRAINEES Earn while you learn. No experience needed. Good pay, benefits, vacation, money for school. HS grads ages 17-34. Call Monday-Friday. 1-877-669-6289.

HEALTHCARE

Attendants

Nurses Unlimited, INC PT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. is seeking enthusiastic Attendants to assist clients in the home. Call Staff Clerk @ 1-800-458-3257. E.O.E.

HEALTHSOUTH

Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland
1800 Heritage Boulevard, Midland, TX 79707

HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland is a 60-bed acute medical rehabilitation hospital that offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. Providing the latest technology, HealthSouth Midland serves patients throughout the Permian Basin. HealthSouth uses an interdisciplinary team approach, offering patients a more intense regimen and higher level of care. Work at a place that allows you to practice the heart of your profession to advance the patient's progress throughout their stay. Take pleasure in seeing the results of your efforts when patients return to independence within their everyday lives. A combination of experienced staff and innovative technology but, most importantly, quality patient care, is what makes HealthSouth a leader that you can count on!

We are currently seeking:

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COTA – FT/PT/PRN
Speech Pathologist – PRN (Home Health)
RN– PRN (Home Health)
RN – FT/PRN (nights - Inpatient)
Nurse Supervisor – FT (Inpatient - nights)
Pharmacy Tech – PRN
Pharmacist – PRN

Sign-on for:
Case Manager – FT (5k sign-on)
Rehab Nurse Tech - FT (1k sign-on)

Total Compensation Package for Full Time Employees includes:
- ***EXCELLENT* Sign on Bonus of 20K for PT/OT positions**
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- **Loan Forgiveness Program for RN/PT/OT/COTA/SLP positions**
- Fantastic PTO Plan- starting day one
- Day 1 coverage – Medical, Dental, and Vision Plans
- Day 1 coverage – Short & Long Term Disability, Life Insurance
- Day 1 coverage – 5 different AFLAC Plans
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- 401k & 529 College Savings Plans
- Continuing Educational Opportunities
- And we haven't even discussed all the plan options…

We offer competitive salaries and a great working environment!

For immediate consideration, please e-mail your resume directly to:

Tina Parker
Director of Human Resources
E-mail: tina.mparker@healthsouth.com
Phone: 432-520-1607 Fax: 432-520-1704
Website: www.HealthSouth.com/careers

Check Us Out On:

Not looking for an opportunity? Please share this information with anyone who might be interested!

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa

Monday-Friday 5:15am-12:15pm weekdays & 6am to 9:30am on Saturdays. Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax: 800-671-8364.

Insurance Clerk

Confidential FT/PT

Experienced Insurance Clerk needed for doctors office. Send resume to: PO BOX 4935, Midland, TX 79704.

Medical Officer

FCI Big Spring Texas FT

Help Wanted - Medical Officer (General Practitioner). Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Big Spring, TX. Salary: $105,871 - $155,500. Benefits, Health Insurance, Retirement plan. To apply go to USAJOBS.gov and refer to announcement #BOP-N-0602. Contact Human Resources at 432-466-2404 for questions.

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner

PA-C or Nurse Practioner position available to work with a growing Internal Medicine practice in Midland. Prior medical office experience a plus. Hours are Monday through Friday. Competitive salary and benefit plan. Contact information - phone (432) 686-6600 or Fax (432) 682-2284 PO: DIM-6026

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HEALTHCARE

Midland Memorial Hospital is currently recruiting the following for our Materials Management Department:

- Materials Management Clinical Resource Analyst/Registered Nurse
- Central Supply Technician
- ORSOS Coordinator (Operating Room Office System)

Salaries are based upon level of experience, with an excellent benefits and compensation package. For information of these or other positions available please contact:

Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 West Illinois
Midland TX 79701
Office: (432) 685-6980
Fax: (432) 685-6934
www.midland-memorial.com

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Now Hiring - Homehealth Agency

A fast growing Homehealth Agency in Midland, TX. needs experienced Homehealth Marketers/ CLO's, CNA's, Providers. For more information call: Amber: 432-686-7449 - Claudia: 432-686-7535

Nurse FT/PRN/Kitchen Staff

Legacy Ranch FT
Midland, TX 79707
Nurse Full-time 10-6, PRN, Kitchen staff. Apply at: 4800 Briarwood Ave, Midland, Tx 79707 or email your resume to: legacyranch-bom@jeaseniorliving.com

RDA / INSURANCE CLERK

Great working environment. Fast paced Midland dental office seeking a caring enthusiastic **RDA/Insurance Clerk** to join our team. Strong communication skills required. Multi-task. At least one year experience. N2O and radiology certification preferred. Able to assist and work insurance claims. Please fax or email resume to **432-570-8053/midlanddental@gmail.com**.

Registered Nurse

FCI Big Spring Texas FT
Help Wanted - Registered Nurse. Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Big Spring, TX. Salary: $49,029 - $69,673. Benefits, Health Insurance, Retirement Plan. To apply go to USAJOBS.gov and refer to Announcement #BOP - N-610B. Contact Human Resources at 432-466-2404 for questions

Sitters/CNA'S

Nurses Unlimited, INC FT
Nurses Unlimited, INC is seeking experienced Sitters/CNA'S to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. All shifts available. Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904. E.O.E.

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Apply online at: www.snelling.com/odessa
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EEOC Employer

TEXAS ONCOLOGY

Texas Oncology, P.A., an affiliate of US Oncology, the largest oncology network in the nation, has the following openings at the West Texas Cancer Center in Odessa and the Allison Cancer Center.

Full Time RN's – Infusion Nurse
Monday thru Friday Work Schedule
Weekends Off
*Holidays Off *

US Oncology offers competitive salaries and an excellent benefits package, including 401(k) and tuition reimbursement. Interested candidates should forward resume to: Attn: Carmen Cross, Texas Oncology, 400 North Garfield, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701, fax (432) 687-4251 or email to Carmen.cross@usoncology.com. We are an equal opportunity employer.

West Texas Centers

Promoting Behavioral & Developmental Health

The ECI Speech Language Pathologist is Responsible for assisting families in gaining access to needed services and supports as outlined in the Individualized Family Service Plan. This person is the primary contact for each family assigned and must have a considerable knowledge for speech delayed and/or communication disordered children (0-3), medical treatment facilities and community resources. Duties include the following activities: referral and intake, service coordination, transitioning, identification of additional resources/services, public awareness, tracking of deadlines, coordination of and participation in initial and ongoing developmental assessments program planning on an interdisciplinary team, and direct services to children requiring speech services. Travel is required 80% of the time within twelve county service areas. Master degree major in Speech, Language or Communication Disorders. Must have current licensure as Speech Language Pathologist $65,000-$72,000 annually DOE Midland/Odessa Area

The ECI Service Coordinator is responsible for assisting families in gaining access to needed services and supports as outlined in the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Primary contact for each family assigned and must have considerable knowledge in the functioning of social services, medical treatment facilities and community resources. Duties include the following activities: referral and intake, service coordination, transitioning, identification of additional assessments, service/services, public awareness, tracking of deadlines, coordination of and participation in initial and ongoing developmental assessments, service planning on an interdisciplinary team and providing developmental services using a routines based intervention strategy. Travel is required 80% of the time. Employee is required to use their personal vehicle/ or an agency/rental vehicle. All employees are required to have a personal vehicle available for work purposes and maintain current, valid vehicle liability on the personal vehicle. Personal vehicle usage is subject to Center authorized mileage reimbursement rates. LPC, Social Worker, BSRN,LMFT or Bachelor's Degree which includes a minimum of 18 hrs of course credit relevant to early childhood development, human development or early childhood special education $17.36-$21 .15 hr ($36,108-$43,992 annually) Salary Dependent on Experience Big Spring or Andrews area

Applications available at www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE

Vet Techs

Permian Basin Emergency Veterinary Clinic FT/PT
The PB Emergency Vet Clinic is hiring for several positions. Full and part-time qualified vet techs (RVT not neccesary) and part-time receptionists. Flexible hours and competitive pay. Please fax resumes to 432-561-8350 or apply in person to 13528 W. Highway 80 E. from 6p-12a Mon-Fri.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Permain Basin Community Centers

Permian Basin Community Centers is seeking

Human Resources Development Coordinator

Plan, direct, and coordinate the training activities of the organization. Interpret and monitor rules and regulations governing employee training. Monitor credentialing of internal and external service providers. Provide additional support as necessary to Human Resources Department initiatives. This position requires a Bachelor's degree in Education and Training, Human Resources, Management, or a closely related field. Experience in coaching & developing employees is required. We offer a competitive salary with a full benefit package, including, outstanding health coverage, affordable dependent health coverage, retirement, life insurance, scheduled pay increases, optional cafeteria coverage for dental insurance, vision insurance, and AFLAC, and paid leave.

All applicants must have a valid Texas Driver's License, proof of auto liability insurance coverage, and will be subject to a criminal history background check. For additional information and qualifications for all positions, see our electronic application and current job listing available at www.pbmhmr.com. For questions, contact the Human Resources Department at 432-570-3322.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Assistant

Villa Chateau Apartments FT
Maintenance Assistant needed. full time. Apply in person at Villa Chateau Apts. 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. No phone calls please.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Needed for Property in Midland. Applicant must have strong organizational skills and enjoy working outdoors. Ability to work independently with minimal supervision. 40 hours/wk. Hourly, Benefits, and Vacation. Please call Gateway Plaza Apts. at (432) 699-0330.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Officers

AlliedBarton Security Services FT
SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED ASAP in the Midland/Odessa area. Contact Danielle Barnett at ALLIEDBARTON SECURITY SERVICES for consideration. (423) 685-3235 EOE M/D/F/V

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

MANAGER- BURGER KING- SNYDER, TEXAS

Offering Top Dollar. Experienced fast food manager needed for immediate opening. Willing to pay top $$$ for the right individual!! Relocation package included. Position offers great pay, health, life, dental, & vision. Resume to: rbarron@ripgriffin.com, Fax: 806-785-4182.

OTHER JOBS

CINDY CLEAN NOW HIRING FOR PART TIME

$11 per hr. Must be over 18, non-smoker, available 8am to 5pm, have a car, and a cell phone. Call (800) 914-4670 ext. 5, leave message and mention Midland or online at www.cindyclean.net.

Direct Care Staff Member & Shopper/Cook

High Sky Children's Ranch Emergency Shelter is seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time employment. This person should at least 25 years of age, have a good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, High School diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned and the work consecutive days (including nights). Our emergency shelters provide short term care to children ages 0-17. This includes teaching social skills, meeting academic needs, providing medical care as needed and scheduling activities throughout the week. During the summer months our children participate in many on or off campus activities that include some short day trips. Great opportunity to join a team dedicated to making a difference for children who has experienced abuse or neglect!! We offer part time benefits for vacation and sick time, competitive salary based on experience, work history and education. The current positions open are for a **Direct care staff member** able to work: • 2-3 evenings during the week 3p-11p and rotating weekends. (Weekends include a full day on Saturday and Sunday) • Awake nights working 10pm-9am • **Shopper/Cook** available to work part time as needed week preparing dinner as well as weekly shopping for both shelters. Call for an application at 433-694-7728 or download at www.highsky.org. You can drop off or mail completed application to: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, TX 79707, Attn: Karen Baker. You can also fax or scan applications to 432-697-9596. For inquiries or a full job description contact Karen Baker at karenb@highsky.org

FLOWER DELIVERY

FLOWERLAND FT/PT
Full-time employee needed to process and deliver flowers and perform other job related duties. Saturdays and holidays included. Must be 21 & over. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

1st Staffing Group USA is now hiring entry level Machinist, Pipe Inspectors, Assistant Property Managers, Delivery Drivers, General Labor, Clerical positions, Part time Event Labor, also need 3 people 5'4" or less to work a kids event for Aug. 3rd and 4th and wear a Poppa Smurf and Smurf-ette Costume to wave at kids (pays $11.50 hr.), Inside and outside Sales Person with Computer experience, Meat processing & Hot Sauce packaging, Acid and Chem Loaders, Telemarketing. Entry Level positions also available. Please apply online at www.1stsgusa.com or in person at 4400 N. Big Spring St., Ste. C 26, Midland, TX. 79705. 432-550-4059

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Midland Reporter-Telegram



Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. Income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL
TOMMY 967-2267

MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Looking for responsible individuals who can be at work on time, work at both a steady and fast pace. Ability to work overtime and **MUST BE ABLE TO PASS INITIAL and RANDOM DRUG TEST**. Serious applicants can apply at 2800 SCR 1207 Midland, TX. Drive over I-20 on S. Midkiff to County Road 113 and turn East, 1st Building on the right side.



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Want to pay down your credit cards??
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OTHER JOBS

Toyota of Midland

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We have have almost completed construction of our new state-of-the-art dealership... this is your chance to get in on the ground floor.

We provide all our team members with a great benefits package: Medical & dental insurance programs - 401K - Paid vacations - Ongoing training & mentoring - A great work environment - Appreciation for your hard work - Opportunity for Advancement. Pay based on experience.

Your hard work and motivation can take you to new heights of success. Join Toyota of Midland, a growing local auto dealership TODAY!

SALES PROFESSIONALS

We are seeking of Automotive Sales Professionals to join our team. We offer a competitive pay plan ($18 per hour while you train), lots of floor and i-net traffic, plus great benefits and a guarantee while you train! We have started construction of a new state-of-the-art dealership... this is your chance to get in on the ground floor. We have an extensive supply of certified and pre-owned vehicles along with new Toyota and Scion vehicles. We are eager to discuss the possibility of your new career with our growing store. Our clients deserve only the finest customer service oriented professionals. Let us know if you are that person!!

Bi-lingual a plus but not required. If you are a high energy professional looking for the right organization to succeed with... look no further. Take a look at what Toyota of Midland provides all team members.

$18 AN HOUR GUARANTEED! for 60 days while you train to sell the hottest cars in the market. No Experience... We Will Train You! WE MUST FILL 6 to 8 POSITIONS IMMEDIATELY

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Big opportunities available due to tremendous traffic. The sky is the limit for those who know how to flag hrs. Seeking Light Line And/or Heavy Line. Seeking proven performers who want to advance their careers and make more money. Toyota experience not necessary. Extensive training will be provided... we offer an excellent pay plan based on qualifications. A great working environment including uniforms.

START TODAY... *LOTS OF WORK AVAILABLE. Flag as many hours as you can handle!*

CUSTOMER LIASON HOST

First impressions go a long way. Your role as a customer liaison or hostess in our busy service dept is to provide support for our customers during their stay in our dealership. You'll be given the opportunity to help in with other store duties as well. If you have what it takes to set the stage for an experience that addresses the customer as a whole, we'll be able to offer many great resources and rewards for a career that will make you proud. We look forward to hearing your ideas on ways to enhance our customers' experience at our dealership.

For all **TOYOTA OF MIDLAND** *job Listings please apply in person*

3915 W WALL STREET

Sales

FLOWERLAND FT/PT
Salesperson needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Computer experience preferred. Saturdays & holidays included. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com

Shop Hand/Part Runner

South Environmental Services, Inc. FT
South Environmental is in need of a good shop hand/part runner. Must be at least 18 years of age, clean driving record and can pass drug test. **Please call Justin H. @ 432-210-9470 (Mon-Fri. 8am to 4pm**

Warehouse/ Delivery Driver

Border States Electric is looking for a Warehouse Associate/ Delivery Driver in Midland. Check/pack and deliver material to customer sites. Knowledge of electrical products or systems helpful. Perform warehouse functions. Must have a valid driver's license and be 21 years old. Great wages and benefit package. Fax or email resume to 432-520-0231. pmarquez@border-states.com. Or apply in person at 3303 W. Illinois Ave. Suite A, Midland, TX. EOE/Drug Free Workplace.50

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

BOOTS & COOTS HSE SERVICES

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

We are currently seeking an Operations Coordinator for our Midland, Texas location. Applicants should have a minimum of three years field experience.

Primary Job Functions

- Dispatch equipment and personnel for Operations Department
- Maintain a mature and professional attitude at all times
- Troubleshoot incidents with field personnel
- Handle emergency client phone calls and follow the proper notification and mobilization procedures

Qualifications

- Knowledge of equipment and personnel requirements for breathing air, onsite medical, fire/shower, industrial safety, and special services
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills
- Ability to multi-task effectively
- Pleasant and articulate telephone manner
- Previous dispatching experience and familiarity with Spira operational software would be an asset

Qualified and interested candidates please apply to:
recruiting@hseintegrated.com

Production Analyst

BC Operating, Inc. FT
BC Operating, Inc. is looking for a Production Analyst to make positive contributions to our team. This opportunity is for an individual with at least 5 years related experience who has a strong organizational aptitude, an acute attention to detail, and a great work ethic. Some of the duties include coordinating electronic daily production data entry into FieldDirect, compiling monthly production allocations and reports for state agencies, and filing monthly production taxes. The Production Analyst will be expected to distribute monthly well test sheets, and train field staff to use the FieldDirect production reporting software.

A clean driving record and high school diploma or equivalent are required. Full benefits package includes major medical, prescription drug, dental, life insurance, and top wage for experienced individuals, 401K matched 5% beginning on your 6 month anniversary, and 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a resume to Jason Wacker via e-mail, JWacker@BCOperating.com.

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

Saftey Position

Paul Musslewhite Trucking Co. FT
Paul Musslewhite Trucking Company, a leader in the trucking industry, is looking for a qualified person to fill a safety position. If you are an experienced and qualified safety professional looking for a great career with a growing company, please contact us. Oilfield trucking experience is preferred, but not required. Residence in Big Spring, Lamesa, or Midland area would be beneficial. We provide great benefits. All interested candidates should send resumes to link below. Contact Information:
Email address: richard.hays@musslwhite.com

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OTHER JOBS



Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.

Starting pay is $10.00 hourly.

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WEB MASTER\INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an exciting career opportunity for a **Web Master\Information Technology Support Specialist** to join our team. The right candidate will be an individual that possesses a wide range of skills and experience in Internet\Web, IT workstation and network technology support.

Qualifications:
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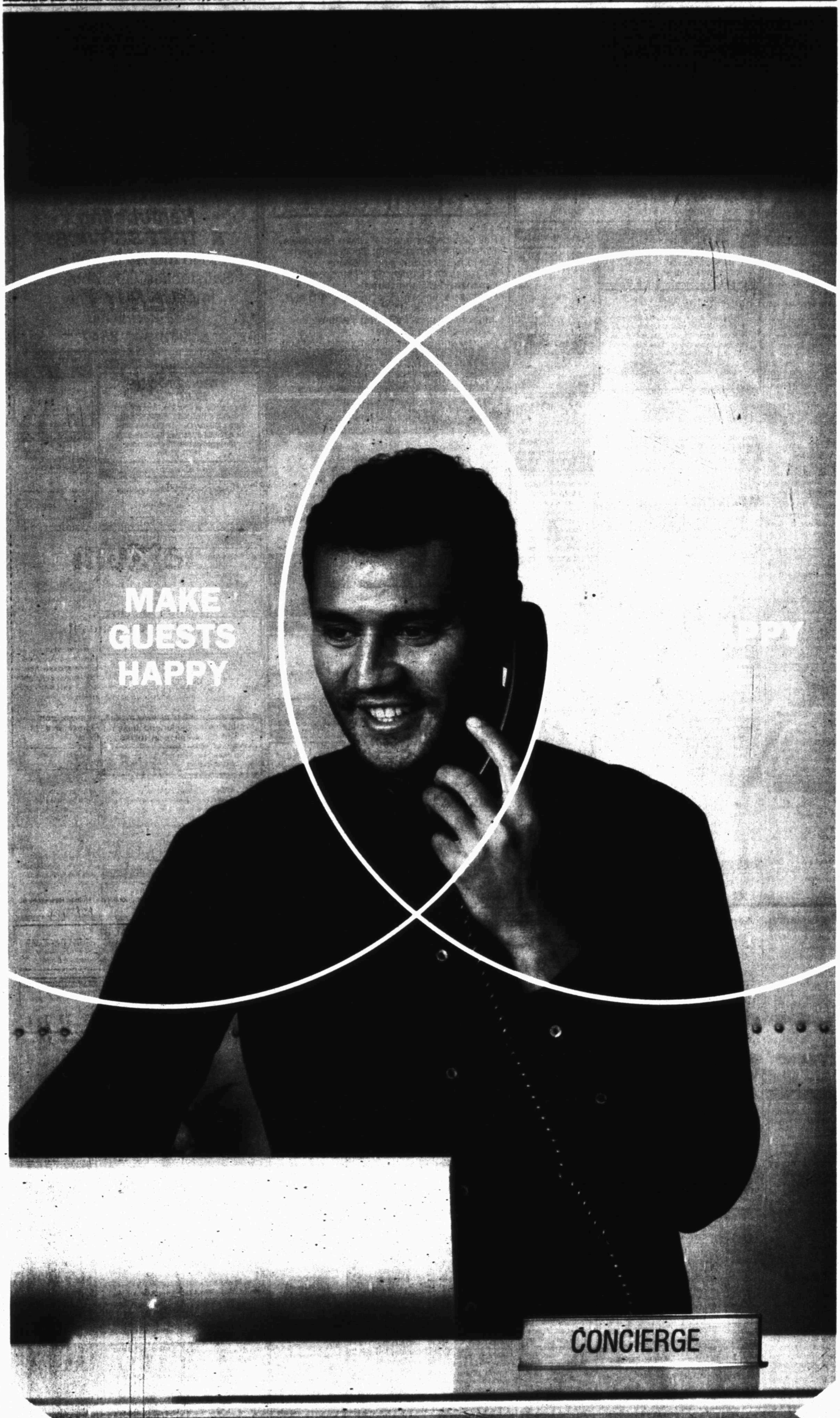

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Space has been utilized in this house to a maximum with large rooms and living areas. To the left of the entry is formal dining and straight ahead is the formal living area with a wall of windows looking out to the covered back porch, yard and Nueva Vista Golf Course! There are no neighbors out back, just a view of a pond, the clubhouse in the distance, golfers enjoying the links and when evening comes, a beautiful Texas sunset to sit and enjoy.

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*624 sq ft - 2 units! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath in each.

4+ Bedrooms

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*4777 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Incredible home in Grassland West!
3909 Baybrook Court ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $585,000
*4346 sq ft. Gorgeous and updated in Mockingbird Heights! This home is perfect for entertaining!
5312 Bella Place ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $569,000
*3947 sq ft. Gorgeous 4 bedroom in Green Tree North by Lance Friday!
29 Dolores Court, Odessa ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... *REDUCED*...$499,000
*3865 sq ft -Fantastic home in Mission! Incredible living area with built-ins & fireplace!
1901 SCR 1133 ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $475,000
*3981 sq ft, 6 bedrooms, 4 baths.
3407 Meadowridge ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $400,000
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5701 Cranston Place ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$359,900
*3126 sq ft, 4 bedroom/3.5 bath, gorgeous and updated in Grassland on a quiet cul-de-sac!
3410 Meadowridge Lane ... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* ... $324,900
*3009 sq ft- 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage. Incredibly spacious bedrooms!
5300 Widener Strip ... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$315,000
*2455 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.
1900 N I St. ... *Call Renee Salas 638-8083* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$315,000
*2709 sq ft - Gorgeous property in the charming Old Midland, great trees surrounding, tons of updates!

4+ Bedrooms

3404 Northfield Dr ... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Dixon 638-4321* ... $300,000
*3256 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Spacious!
4302 Arroyo Dr ... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* ... *REDUCED*...$282,000
*2634 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Beautifully updated home in Skyline Terrace!
5007 Diamond Dr. ... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$280,000
*2185 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage.
2815 Caldera Blvd ... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$275,000
*2221 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths.
3105 Baybridge Court ... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$250,000
*2049 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage.
3012 Boardwalk ... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* ... $249,000
*1997 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage. Wood floors and granite countertops.
1413 Ainslee ... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* ... $225,000
***2216 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Completely remodeled, incredible kitchen & spacious bedrooms.**
604 N. Dallas ... *Call Kay Sutton 416-8289* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$110,000
*1319 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 car garage.

3 Bedrooms

909 Citation ... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Dixon 638-4321* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$399,000
*3040 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths. Beautiful townhome in Saddle Club!
5004 Northcrest Dr ... *Call Patti Woolard 967-1846* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$329,900
*2606 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths plus a study!
4100 NCR 1130 ... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* ... $279,900
*2212sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4901 Teakwood Trace ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... *REDUCED*...$264,900
*2669 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 3 bath plus indoor spa!
911 Country Club Dr ... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Dixon 638-4321* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$235,000
*2068 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
3107 Bluebird ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $204,000
*1656 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Cute low maintenance patio home.
2308 Neely Ave ... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* ... $200,000
*1985 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Spacious Old Midland charm!
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*2006 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Incredibly spacious with updates!
5109 Illinois Ave ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$139,900
***1341 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.**
4821 Monty Dr ... *Call Kay Sutton/Mariel Juarez 557-3396* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$137,900
*1300 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Tons of updating!
3712 Springdale ... *Call Renee Salas 638-8083* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$135,000
*1434 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Very pretty! Great location!
5200 Ric ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$135,000
*1275 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, very cute & well maintained.
4720 Erie ... *Call Kay Sutton/Laura Camp 559-1369* ... $129,500
*1368 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Updated kitchen and 2 living areas.
4809 Shadylane Dr ... *Call Kay Sutton* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$125,000
*1299 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
3406 Bedford ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $115,000
*1812 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Great investment in fabulous location.
3305 Thomas Ave ... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* ... $107,500
*1454 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Recent paint and flooring!
209 E. Shandon Ave ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $99,000
*1306 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4623 Graceland Dr ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$95,000
*1203 sq ft -3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
2107 Butternut ... *Call Kay Sutton/Laura Camp 559-1369* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$92,500
*1135 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Nicely updated!
4308 Mercedes Dr ... *Call Ann Flatt 638-4074* ... $90,000
*1164 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Call your investors! This is a great rental property that needs a little TLC.

2 Bedrooms

1700 E. Golf Course Rd ... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$90,000
*1140 sq ft, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Charming with tons of recent updates!
510 ABIB Eugene ... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* ... $82,900
*624 sq ft - 2 units! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath in each

Condominiums

3531-33 W. Wadley Ave ... *Call Kay Sutton/MJ Juarez 557-3396* ... $299,000
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12028 W. April in Odessa ... *Call Lillian Iniguez 349-7965* ... $137,000
*1650 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, carport and workshop.
3266 County Rd 252, Colorado City Lake ... *Call Leann Heller 349-3863* ... $135,000
*1144 sq ft. Updated throughout, all tile, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area open to kitchen & dining. This is a deeded lot, not leased. Approx 54ft frontage.
2401 Eastover ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$115,000
5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2010 sq. ft. Bonus room could be possible 6th bedroom with attached bath.
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3.529 acres in Sunridge Ranch Estates!
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.553 acres / Land & Lots
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5312 Ellen Jayne Way ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $69,000
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5325 Bella Pl. ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $69,000
New subdivision in Green Tree North
5308 Ellen Jayne Way ... *Call Bill Lanier/Norman Neyman 894-6104* ... $69,000
New subdivision in Green Tree North
300 S. Marienfeld ... *Call Vichi Barton 528-4717* ... $28,000
.16 acre corner lot; may be suitable for a multi-level storage facility.
0 CR 2001 - Stanton ... *Call Kay Sutton/Laura Camp 559-1369* ... $24,000
2.97 acres - Will require septic system and water well, electricity is at the east side of the property.
0 CR 2001 - Stanton ... *Call MJ Juarez 557-3396* ... *UNDER CONTRACT*...$20,775
2.77 acres - Will require septic system and water well, electricity is at the east side of the property.

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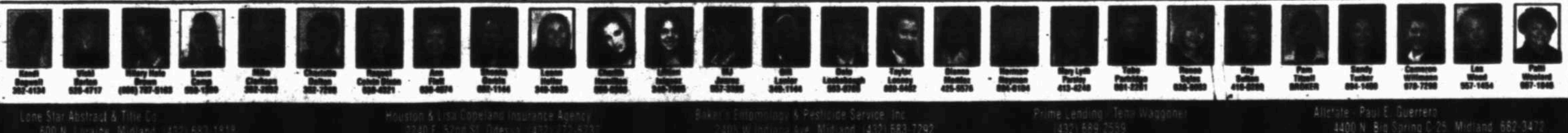

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The Bottom Line

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Should I Re-Key?

Absolutely! The previous owner's may have given a key to a neighbor, pet-sitter, relative, lost a key that ended up in a stranger's hands. While we home that not one would take advantage of the situation, it is better to be safe than sorry. If you have a community mailbox the Post Office will supply you with a new key. Don't forget to reprogram the Garage Door Opener too!



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Keller Williams Realty Associates, Teams Named Top Performers by REAL *Trends* and the *Wall Street Journal*

AUSTIN, TEXAS (June 22. 2012) — Keller Williams Realty's agents and teams have, once again, made a strong showing in the REAL Trends/Wall Street Journal 'The Thousand' report, released today. The WSJ and REAL Trends, Inc., a leading source of analysis of the real estate industry, annually compile the industry summary of the Top 1,000 real estate agents and teams in the United States. Rankings are categorized by Top 250 Real Estate Professionals by Transaction Sides, Top 250 Real Estate Professionals by Transaction Volume, Top 250 Teams by Transaction Sides and Top 250 Teams by Transaction Volume.

In the report, Keller Williams associates represent more than 15 percent of the Top 1,000 agents and 35 percent of the list of Top Teams ranked by Transaction Sides, making Keller Williams Realty the No. 1 team brand based on the number of closed transaction sides.

"We are so proud to be in business with so many talented agents and teams who are once again leading us to the top of the industry," Mark Willis, CEO of Keller Williams Realty, Inc., stated. "Congratulations to the winners, as well as our entire team of associates. It is the agents' hard work and dedication that drives our success."

Just last month REAL Trends, Inc. released their 500 report, in which Keller Williams brokerages represented 23 percent (116 offices) of the top 500 brokerages ranked by closed transactions and 24 percent (119 offices) of the top 500 brokerages ranked by closed volume. The number of KW brokers ranked on the list far surpassed all other major franchise players.

For more details, full reports are available on the REAL Trends Website: http://www.realtrends.com/products/rt1000.

About Keller Williams Realty, Inc.:

Founded in 1983, Keller Williams Realty, Inc. is the second-largest real estate franchise operation in the United States, with 700 offices and almost 75,000 associates in the United States and Canada. The company, which began franchising in 1990, has an agent-centric culture that emphasizes access to leading-edge education and promotes an economic model that rewards associates as stakeholders and partners. The company also provides specialized agents in luxury homes and commercial real estate properties. For more information, or to search for homes for sale, visit Keller Williams Realty online at (www.kw.com). Information about Keller Williams Realty's international expansion can be found at (www.kwworldwide.com).

Easy Ways to Cut Summer Energy Costs

With summer officially upon us, many homeowners will be confronted with rising electric bills as fans and air conditioners kick into high gear in an effort to keep cool. Demand for electricity can also increase if you have house guests or children home for the summer.

As a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, I have access to lots of great ideas for planning ahead to control energy costs this summer. The following tips are from the experts at Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G):

- Use ceiling fans in the counter-clockwise direction to create a wind-chill effect, making you feel cooler. Also, whole-house fans that bring in cooler night-time air can pre-cool a house and reduce energy use in the daytime if heat is kept out by closing windows and shades.
- Install a programmable thermostat. If health conditions permit, raise the setting from 73 to 78 degrees. You can save 3-5% on your air conditioning costs for each degree you raise the thermostat.
- Close doors leading to uncooled parts of your home. If you have central air conditioning, close off vents to unused rooms and be sure to keep filters clean.
- Plant shade trees close to the house on the South and West sides.
- Seal holes and cracks around doors and windows. Eliminate air leaks between window air conditioners and windows with foam insulation or weather-stripping.
- Turn off power sources. TVs, computers and other electronic devices draw power when they are in standby mode or turned off but still plugged in. Plug electronics into power strips and turn off the power switch when the items are not in use.
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), which use 75% less electricity and burn more coolly than incandescent bulbs. Keep in mind that CFLs are especially handy in hard-to-reach fixtures and won't need to be replaced for about five years.
- Use timers and motion detectors on indoor and outdoor lighting.
- Delay heat-producing tasks such as laundry until later in the day. Wash full loads, using cold water whenever possible.
- Run the dishwasher at night, using the shortest cycle that will get the dishes clean. If manufacturers' directions permit, turn the dishwasher off before the dry cycle or use the air dry feature if your machine has one.
- Take short showers as they use less hot water than a bath.
- Replace old appliances with new energy efficient Energy Star appliances.
- Unplug the extra refrigerator in your garage or basement and use it only when necessary. Refrigerators that are only 10 years old can use twice as much electricity as new Energy Star labeled models.

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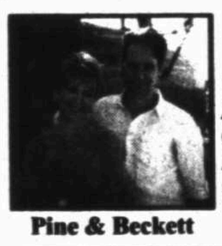

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Keeping everyone's options open

Did you know there's an "undo" button for buyers in a real estate contract? Well, it's not really a button, but there is a clause in sales contracts that allows buyers to cancel the whole deal, legally undoing the real estate contract. Paragraph 23 in the Texas Real Estate Commission residential sales contracts, the "termination option," lets buyers pay a fee for the right to terminate their contract during a defined period of time. The termination option isn't a required element of a contract to purchase a home. However, most buyers make it part of their offer. The amount of the fee and the number of days of the option are negotiable. Whether you're a buyer or seller, your REALTOR® can help you decide what is reasonable and necessary given the circumstances of your situation.

What's it for?

During the option period, a buyer may terminate the contract for any reason and get his earnest money back. Most buyers use the option period to have a home inspection and otherwise evaluate the condition of the property. However, it doesn't matter what the buyer's reasons are for terminating the contract, as long as he gives notice of termination within the time specified in the contract. If the buyer doesn't terminate the contract during the option period, the transaction moves ahead and the option fee is either credited to the sales price at closing or not, as negotiated in the original contract.

Why would a seller agree to it?

Sellers don't have the ability to terminate the contract during the option period, but the termination option does provide benefits to the seller. First, sellers receive a fee in exchange for the buyer receiving his right to terminate. For example, if you agreed to a $200 option fee and the buyer decides to terminate his contract to your house, you keep the $200. Second, the option period gives buyers time to perform due diligence and enter into the contract happy with their purchase. How does this benefit sellers? It's better to sell your home to someone satisfied with the condition of the property rather than a buyer who's bitterly disappointed that he ever agreed to buy your home. The truth is that if the buyer terminates the contract during the option period, you most likely got out of a transaction that would have caused you headaches and possibly a trip to the courtroom.

Buyers should ...

As a buyer, make sure the option fee is an amount you are comfortable paying should you decide to terminate the contract. And don't schedule inspections on the last day of the option period. You want to allow enough time to conduct inspections of the house and address any concerns you have about the property. Keep in mind you may need follow-up inspections. Also, if an inspection reveals conditions that lead to additional negotiations between a buyer and seller, a buyer will want those talks to happen during the option period, so he still has the right to terminate.

Sellers should ...

While most sellers want to keep the option period as short as possible, negotiating hard for an extremely brief option period may work against you. If a buyer feels pressured and cannot get the information she needs in time, she may feel her best course of action is termination of the contract. Even though there's an option on the property, sellers can continue to market the house and accept backup offers, giving those sellers a measure of protection in case something does fall through.

For more advice about buying and selling real estate, contact a REALTOR®.



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If you need assistance developing a savings plan, speak with a fee-only financial planner.

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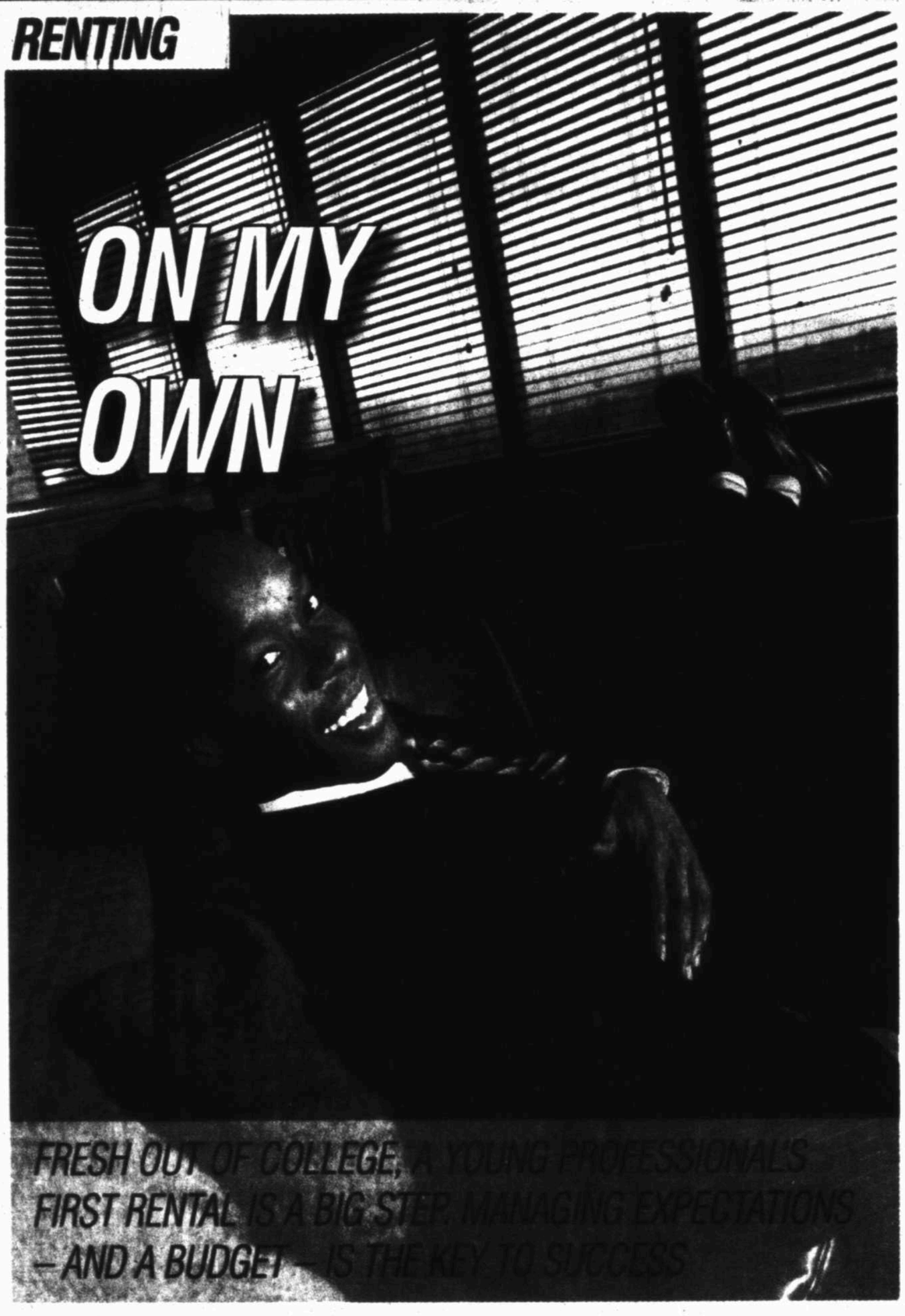

FRESH OUT OF COLLEGE, A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL'S FIRST RENTAL IS A BIG STEP. MANAGING EXPECTATIONS – AND A BUDGET – IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

By RENEE LEE
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Let's face it: Someone who just out of college is going to have a different experience looking for a place to live compared to someone who's nicely settled in a job.

For those who are receiving their first couple of real paychecks, budgeting may be one of the tougher parts of securing housing. Kimberly Palmer, author of "Generation Earn: The Young Professional's Guide to Spending, Investing and Giving Back" (Ten Speed Press, 2010), says one of the bigger mistakes new grads makes is overspending on rent.

"You should aim to spend between one-quarter and one-third of your take-home pay on housing, at the most," Palmer says. Traditionally, it's been a third of a person's income, but with student loans burdening some, Palmer says spending less is ideal.

Compared to workforce veterans, recent grads are less likely to be concerned about saving for a down payment on a house or having children.

"If you've been working for several years, then you should be moving beyond the paycheck-to-paycheck phase and be ready to ramp up your savings," she says. Regardless, Palmer suggests that young professionals should make sure to save for emergencies and unexpected costs.

Nicky Snarski, manager of operations at Madison Property Management Inc. in Madison, Wis., says figuring out a location also goes hand-in-hand with budgeting.

"Figure out a location where you want to live, do a list of must-haves and then consider all the extras you're hoping to afford," Snarski says.

Fred Bledsoe, a licensed leasing agent with Chicago Apartment Finders, works with many young people who say location is their number-one priority when it comes to finding a place to live.

Bledsoe's biggest piece of advice for new apartment seekers is to be realistic about what they can afford. "A lot of times, we educate our clients on what it's really going to cost to live in Chicago. People think, 'I'm living with three people and it's $1,500 a month so I need $500.' There's always utilities and groceries, and all of that adds up," he says.

Another big chunk of money could be needed for parking, Snarski points out. In urban areas, parking spaces come at a premium. However, Snarski says that young professionals in her town seem to be moving away from downtown Madison and settling in quieter, calmer places.

Another trend that could be detrimental to budgeting is that recent graduates prefer to live on their own, either in a studio or one-bedroom apartment.

Instead, living with roommates can cut down on costs, says Palmer, also a personal finance columnist at US News & World Report. Living in a studio or one bedroom could easily eat up half of your monthly salary or more, she warns.

In terms of timing, Bledsoe typically recommends a person start the search for an apartment 30 to 45 days prior to the target move-in date. Any earlier, and landlords might not know about vacancies yet.

It might be a brave new world of renting for newly minted graduates, but sound budgeting can make a first apartment into a dream home.

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TRENDS

THE OLYMPIC EFFECT

A look back at previous Olympic host cities shows that real estate values don't necessarily increase after the games

Ever dream of your city hosting the Olympics? Be careful what you wish for: That dream could turn into a nightmare for homeowners, based on the results of a recent study published by the New York University Schack Institute of Real Estate.

The study disproves the long-held belief that the Olympics are a catalyst for guaranteed urban transformation that results in a positive economic legacy – including a bump in housing values.

Host cities typically experience a bump in construction from infrastructure improvements, Olympic venues and new housing developments. Those changes are expected to push existing housing prices up, but more often than not, the opposite was true in recent years, the NYU study shows.

Three of six Olympic cities (Los Angeles; Calgary, Canada; and Atlanta) experienced a negative impact on residential real estate values following the Olympics. Sydney and Barcelona, Spain, experienced significant positive impacts, while no statistically significant impact was found for Seoul, South Korea.

"Very little changed in Atlanta after the games," says Frank Duffy, owner, Duffy Realty of Atlanta, who recalls the 1996 Olympics in his home city. "Much of the housing in and around Turner Field [the Olympic stadium in 1996] and in other downtown venues and near Centennial Park is today way below Olympic build-up pricing, and it is not all due to the recent economic downturn and housing bust.



"Those inner city areas never gained momentum from the [Olympic] games as expected and could not sustain the growth and continued development after the conclusion of the games," he says.

Duffy says that in some Olympics, tax revenue is required to support and fund the games, which results in property tax hikes or special assessments levied against people who own property in the Olympic footprint to cover the cost of infrastructure. That becomes a direct burden to properties, especially those adjacent to the venues.

If your city is ever in the running as a future Olympic games host, Duffy recommends to take it in stride.

"The individual homeowner, unless concerned and banded together with like-minded property owners during referendum elections, has very little control over whether his city will seek, covet and hold an Olympic games," he says. – *Erik J. Martin*

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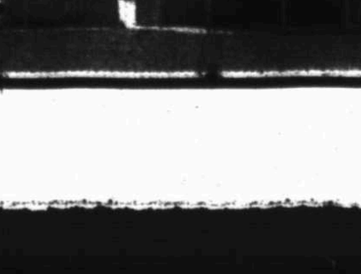

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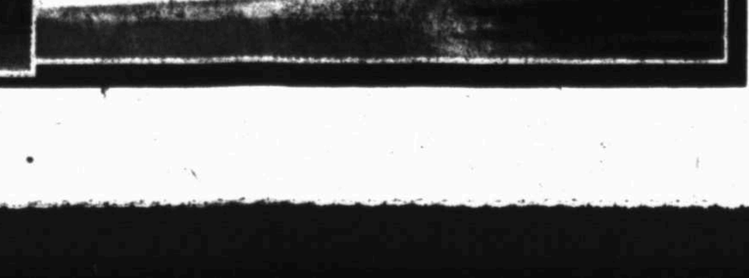

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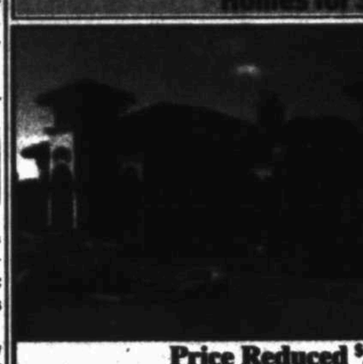

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OPEN HOUSES SUNDAY

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30... 5109 Hilltop–Absolutely stunning 4 bed/2.5 home with a dazzling swimming pool in Goodhouse! Some of its' fabulous features include: granite countertops, gleaming hardwood and Italian look tile floors, plantation shutters, walls of windows and oozing ceilings w/crown molding! This home is complete with an oversized backyard and 3 car garage! ... $485,000

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30... 3402 Cavanaugh–NEW–Darling, Darling, Darling! This 3 bd/2 bth home in Fairmont Park has been updated throughout! Some of its' wonderful features include: laminate hardwood & tile flooring, high beamed ceilings with d'windows, and side rooms! The updated kitchen has black appliances and countertops and makes this home a must see! ... $169,900

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30... 6313 Pueblo Ridge–NEW–This beyond lovely 4 bed/3 bath home in Grassland West is move-in ready! Built in 2010 w/a sequestered master suite and in-law plan/2 BR separate quarters, an island, stainless appliances, 2 pushtes, and custom lighting! This home is complete w/a large backyard and lush landscaping! ... $408,900

OPEN TODAY 2:00-4:00... 4913 Lancashire–Spacious 4 bed/3 bath home in Shults Ook South signed out to agent! This home features miles of tile, wall of windows w/plantation shutters, custom lighting, and oversized bedrooms! The lovely kitchen has "like new" appliances and opens to the breakfast dining and den! This home is a must see! ... $264,900

OPEN TODAY 2:00-4:00... 3307 Castle Pine–Gorgeous 4bed/3bath home in a quiet neighborhood w/in walking distance to Goodhouse elementary! Gourmet kitchen w/ dark granite countertops, large island, abundant cabinetry and open to the breakfast dining and den! This home is a must see! ... $325,000

4+ BEDROOMS

5010 Hutheson–NEW–Spacious 4 bed/2.5 bath home located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Goodwood Estates! This home features gleaming hardwood floors, tile accents, beautiful walls of windows, and neutral colors throughout! The kitchen opens to the breakfast dining and family room! This home is complete with a large backyard and a 2 car garage! ... $265,000

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3911 W County Rd. 48–Absolutely stunning 3 bed/3 bath home sits on 3.5 acres in Sprridge Ranch Estates! Fabulous pool and outdoor entertainment complete! Cozy covered porch w/outdoor grill and breakfast area! Gourmet kitchen w/ this home is complete w/a huge RV garage and a storage unit! ... $530,000

4902 Fernwood–Move in ready with great workshop + 6 car carport! This home features hardwood floors, tile finishes, abundant storage, and lots of windows! ... SOLD...$184,900

4917 Palmdale–Nestled under mature oak trees, professionally updated, 3bdr/2bath home has sequestered master, generous storage, for just ... $169,000

4606 Meadowood Ct.–3,072 Townhouse! Great condition! ... $392,000

6921 E. Co. Rd. 1290–3 Bdr/3 Bth. Great open floor plan w/wood floors & high ceilings. 4.93 acres in Gardendale ... $375,000

6903 Sunrise Ct.–Beautiful home with 4Bdr/2 1/ Bths in Green Tree North ... $375,000

3413 Culpepper–Big beautiful plus BUYER BONUS on supersized 4 bdr w/study and backyard pool, many updates, storage + bright rooms await you for only ... $329,000

3322 Haynes–Spacious townhome, great kitchen ... $288,500

1608 Yorkshire–Varied high ceiling treatment, tile flooring, expansive windows overlooking covered patio, great for! good - look good home ... $279,900

44 Wentworth Ct.–Spacious 4/2 1/2/2 plus shop. A beautiful property ... REDUCED...$249,900

3304 Claremont–3/2 open plan ... $210,000

2607 Mark Ln–Fantastic 3BR, 2BA updated with a spacious den & open kitchen, sunroom, bonus/study and master suite and bath ... a dream $205,000

4302 Fenwick–Squeaky clean with loads of tile & granite ... $199,000

1425 Whitaker–Brick 3bdr/2bth. RV stg. + Buyer Bonus ... $110,000

1108 E. Cuthbert–Nicely updated ... REDUCED...$70,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4007 St. Andrews–Spacious updated 3 bed/2 bath home on a corner lot in Parker Elementary! High beamed ceilings, brick fireplace, and bath ups in the living area! ... SOLD...$164,900

4308 Rosemary–Adorable 2 bedroom/1bath duplex in a quiet neighborhood! Walking distance to Sam Houston elementary! ... $39,900

2417 Hawthorne Ct.–NEW–Absolutely charming 3 bedroom/2bath with beautiful updates and room to spare! ... UC...$164,900

3407 Dublin–Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home w/easy access to Real Park and Loop 250! Some of its' wonderful features include: walls of bright windows, an open living area, ... SOLD...$164,900

3220 Rosemary–Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home in Sam Houston Elementary! This home features hardwood floors throughout, a fireplace, high beamed ceilings, walls of windows, and ... SOLD...$164,900

4308 Rosemary–Adorable 2 bedroom/1bath duplex in a quiet neighborhood! Walking distance to Sam Houston elementary! ... $39,900

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5804 CHAPEL HILL
One owner custom townhome. Wonderful open floor plan, large living area, large kitchen with island, Jen-Air range, lots of cabinets and drawers. Large sequestered master br w/ sitting area and his and hers closet and dressing, jetted tub and shower. Covered and open patios. Very secure and private. Call Juliet. $285,000

4007 RIC
Great home! Perfect starter home, wonderful 3 bedroom, one and half bath house. Great and easy floorplan. Metal roof! New Garage door! Freshly painted exterior! $115,000.
Please call John.

OPEN 1:00-3:00
REDUCED
5108 GREATHOUSE
Gorgeous 4/2/2 in walking distance to Goodnight School, Greenways and pool. Granny kitchen with granite and cabinets galore, Sequestered master and private reading. Large master bath w/ Jacuzzi tub, shall vanities, separate shower and large walk-around closet w/ built-ins. Jack and Jill bath and granite in all baths. Sequestered master in-law suite w/ full bath. $365,000. Call Kerri

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REDUCED
4314 CEDAR SPRING
1214 sft, 3 Bedroom 1 1/2 bath/1 living/1 dining. $135,000. Call Carol

UNDER CONTRACT
I-20 & HWY 385: COMMERCIAL LAND. 1 ACRE. REDUCED - $100,000 CALL DEBORAH

2500 W. COUNTY RD. 135
13/4 of an acre close to the city - nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath double wide manufactured home - 2 car carport - several storage buildings on the property. $89,000. Please call Kerri.

NEW LISTING
3885 S CR 1185S
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living. Nice country home in Ridge Heights - great shop built in 2009 (30 x 42 with 14 foot ceiling) shop has plumbing. 1.5 acres south of I-20 in Ridge Heights - large kitchen plus 2 living areas - nice covered patio - $169,000. Please call Kerri

LAND-- 6.21 ACRES WITH ACCESS TO LOOP 250 AND BEALPARKWAY. PLEASE CALL DEBORAH.

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1211 GARFIELD
High traffic location. Approx 2340 square foot warehouse. Includes approx 700 square foot office space heated and cooled with entry way and two separate office spaces. Office space updated with tile and paint. One overhead door. Three half baths $260,000. Call Kerri 553-7443.

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312 S Brentwood - $163,000
3BR, 2BA, Lovely 2000 Home! Open Concept, Stainless Appliances!

NEW LISTING
4720 Harwood - $198,000
Fabulous 4BR, 2BA, Open Plan, Sequestered Master!

NEW PRICE
5108 E Cr Rd 90 - $374,900
10,000 SQFT! GUEST QUARTERS! 2 Story on 5 Acres! 4 Bdrm Master Down! Pool!

NEW LISTING
4002 Island Circle - $1,199,000
5BR, 4.5BA, Stunning Water View, Massive Lot & Amazing Views in Green Tree Hunter! Inground Pool, Spectacular Decor Professionally Done!

4+ BEDROOMS

4002 Island Circle-5 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage in Green Tree Hunter! Stunning Water Over wAMAZING Views!!! 3 Living Areas to include Media Room. Master SUITE RETREAT ..... New Listing! $1,199,000
2504 Tealwood Circle-4 Bedroom + Media, 3.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Nestled On Cul De Sac In The Amenities you could ask for! Incredible window treatments, stained concrete floors, gourmet kitchen ..... New Price! $1,175,000
3410 Bigwell Ln - 5 Bedroom + Study, 4.5 Bath, W.R. Larry Imp of Kind Designer Outdoor Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres of Fenced and Improved Property! 5,000+ SQ. FT. ..... New Price! $899,000
6839 Island Circle-Beautiful Home Situated on the Golf Course w/water views on 3 sides! One of the best lots in Midland! Ceilings raised, walls replaces w/walls of windows! High end appliances, Chefs Kitchen w/Commercial Grade Gas Range, Custom Cabinetry, Granite ..... New Price! $799,000
6012 Briarwood-5 Bedroom, 3 Bath in the NEW Phase of Briarwood Estates West on 0.381 Acres. Stunning Floor Plan by McPherson Construction! 10' Double Iron Door Entry, 3 Living Areas, Formal Dining, Media Room, All the Bells & Whistles! Still time to make selections! Estimated Completion August 2012! ..... Sale Pending! $699,900
6012 Briarwood-5 Bedroom, 3 Bath in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Almand Construction! Stunning High Ceilings, Handscraped WOOD Floors, Shutters Throughout, Media Room, Gourmet Kitchen w/ Accessory Pantry, Granite Throughout, Custom Cabinetry, Large Master Suite ..... New Price! $698,500
6017 Briarwood-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Spectacular NEW Almand Construction! Soaring Ceilings, Stainless, Plantation Shutters, Crown Moldings, Granite Throughout, Custom Cabinetry, Large Master Suite ..... New Construction! $649,900
6008 Briarwood-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Living, 2 Dining, 3 Car Garage, HUGE Sequestered Master Suite, Italian Stone Tile Throughout ..... Sale Pending! $619,900
6300 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage. SPECTACULAR NEW Almand Construction! Soaring ceilings, shutters, granite, Hand Scraped WOOD flooring! Move-In Ready! ..... Sale Pending! $599,900
1904 Elgin Ave-4 Bedroom 3.5 Bath, Beautiful Custom Mike McPherson 1 Owner Home! Updated w/granite, hardwood flooring, decorator colors! Open concept, sequestered master suite w/ oversized back yard, Lovely! ..... Sale Pending! $595,000
5301 Lee Avenue-4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Bathroom Home in Saddle Club Sought! Updated Throughout! Hardwood Floors, French Doors, Granite, Beamed Ceilings! Hot Tub! ..... Sale Pending! $589,900
1401 Lee Avenue-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage in Green Tree North! Gourmet Kitchen w/granite, island, stone backsplash, stainless appliances! Bath-rms, walls of windows, Living, Media, Game Room! ..... New Price! $549,900
2809 Parkhill-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in Mayfield Place! Professionally decorated by Van Slavern! Shows like a model home! Owners have thought of everything! This one won't last!! ..... New Listing! $539,000
13144 E Cr Rd 122-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, STUNNING Country Property on a quiet cul-de-sac! Just under an ACRE. Kitchen is loaded w/cabinets, gorgeous island, tile floors, beautiful bathrooms, Formals, Welcomer! ..... New Price! $319,900
5401 Lee Avenue-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Rear Entry Garage. STUNNING 2008 Christopher Construction! Gorgeous granite on oversized gourmet kitchen, plantation shutters, hardwood floors, Master Retreat! ..... Sale Pending! $319,900
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Lovely Home! ..... Sale Pending! $319,900
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4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, on Half an ACRE! 2,200+ sqft. Huge sequestered master bedroom, sparkling pool! Water Well w/RV Hook ups. ..... New Listing! $319,000
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2 & 3 BEDROOMS

6108 E Cr Rd 90-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Greenwood! 2 Story Ranch House! Charming front porch, outdoor kitchen. 3,000 sqft on 5 ACRES! 40x40 Workshop & 4 Water Wells (Estimated 350 GPM)! 5,000,000 BTU HEATER!!! ..... New Price! $314,900
2101 W Sunset Dr-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage on Sale & Ready! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage on Sale & Ready! Be Your Own Landlord! ..... Sale Pending! $314,900
2101 W Sunset Dr-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage on Sale & Ready! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage on Sale & Ready! Be Your Own Landlord! ..... Sale Pending! $314,900
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Loaded w/custom maple cabinets & crown moldings throughout. No carpet. Mature Landscaping! ..... Sale Pending! $314,900
41 Lafayette-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Half Baths, 2 Living, 2 Story Townhome! Plantation shutters. Wet bar. Spacious Rooms! Inground Pool w/Spa! Barkman Square Footage! ..... Sale Pending! $310,000
1007 W. H St-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Classy, Cool McCartney Design! UPDATED! Concrete fireplace, Flagstone Floors, Granite, Glass Tile Backsplash, Stainless! HUGE Party Patio! ..... Sale Pending! $310,000
1007 W Cr Rd 145-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Quiet Country Living on 1 ACRE! Open floorplan, vaulted ceilings, tile throughout, breakfast bar w/ wood in master ..... Sale Pending! $310,000
1 Lynx-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Large, Lovely, 2006 Home! Granite, vaulted ceilings, tile flooring, Master w/sitting, Master Bath w/ Jacuzzi, Stainless Appliances! ..... Sale Pending! $310,000
1 Lynx 250-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage, 1 Car Port, 2 Storage Sheds. Approximately 5 ACRES!!! ..... Sale Pending! $310,000
1 Lynx 250-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Pretty Painted, HUGE Front Living Area. Kitchen is Loaded w/cabinets, Great Back Yard. Easy Maintenance in the front! ..... Sale Pending! $310,000
1100 W Cr Rd 1-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Updated Country Beauty! Laminate wood flooring, Huge flat screen passes w/home! Great Condition! Incredible Country Opportunity! ..... Sale Pending! $310,000
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2101 Dorothy, Odessa-2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 1 Carport. Many UPDATES including tile, paint, new cabinets, newer appliances. All NEW Windows! Great Starter Home! ..... New Listing! $89,000

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2001 S Cr Rd 1180-Excellent Opportunity for Residential or Commercial Development! 115+/- Acres. Mature pecan orchard. business office/warehouse. workshop. barn. living quarters w/ water wells & much more! Call David for more details ..... New Listing! $1,150,000
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1 Acre-Prime Commercial Investment Opportunity Here! 1 block of land. Church & Warehouse on Included! ..... New Listing! $599,000
1 Acre-Commercial Lot. Commercial Lot. 2,000 sqft. Metal Building. Drive Over Overhead Doors. Currently used as a feed store. Call Sabrina for more info! ..... New Listing! $299,000
1 Acre-Great Location for your Business! Fast growing area of Midland. City water & sewer available on 1 ACRES. Easy access, convenient location in high traffic area! Zoned LR-1. Lot is ready to build on! Call Sabrina for more details! ..... New Listing! $299,000
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Commercial Opportunity! 4 Lots Sold en package. THE 3400 Schlumberger Dr. Owner will not subdivide. Ready to Build! May require flood insurance ..... Lot! $99,000
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Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom home. Stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops, tile floors, crown molding, carpeted bedrooms, covered patio and beautiful landscaped yards. There is so much to offer with this home! Don't miss out on this one! Call us now today!
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OPEN SUN 2:00-4:00
2409 Golf Course Road, Midland, TX
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6000 MCR 1105, Midland, TX
Acre is next door to Tan and Gray mobile home located at 1505 N County Rd. 1105. Deed restrictions: NO pigs. Mobile Homes allowed. Cleared vacant land. Wire fencing. No Survey. No septic or water well on property.
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301 NW Ave L, Andrews, TX
Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home. Enclosed garage makes a great den. Large covered Patio and a wood fence. Recent carpet. Lots of storage. Must see!
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5300 Green Tree Blvd., Midland, TX
Beautiful home in Greentree! 3 bedroom 2.5 baths. Stained concrete floors throughout. High ceilings. Low maintenance with small yard. Granite counter tops in kitchen with unique Jack and Jill bathroom. Must see to appreciate!
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CONTRACT PENDING
206 Casa Grande, Odessa, TX
Cute, clean & updated home. Covered front porch, covered corner and an additional double carport in back. Open living room, Texas-size Master bedroom and roomy breakfast area. Large alley door and storage. Storage shed in backyard and very private backyard. Come check it out today!
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CONTRACT PENDING
4000 San Antonio, Midland, TX
Corner lot home with garage to the side and access to alley. Home is being sold AS IS. Big front and back yards. Sequestered master bedroom. Easy access to Loop 250. Come see today!
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RE LISTED
3313 W. Ohio Ave., Midland, TX
Beautiful single story 3 Bedroom 1 Bath!! Wonderful starter home with tons of updates very clean and move in ready on a HUGE lot!! Nice floor plan. Recent carpet, flooring, cabinets, appliances neutral paint and more! A must see!!
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CONTRACT PENDING
4613 Wildfire, Midland TX
What a steal for this beauty! Recently painted interior, updated windows, light fixtures, tile and much more. Beautiful colors through-out invite you into! this cozy spacious home with 2 living areas and open kitchen with bar. Indoor utility room, storage shed in back and a huge backyard. Call this one home!
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REDUCED
1307 Waverly Pl., Midland, TX
Large 4 bedroom, 3 full bathroom home with 2 living areas and a fireplace. Large kitchen and a large utility room plus a 3 car garage. High ceilings throughout with lots of windows, stainless steel appliances and lots of cabinets and storage space all in a quiet neighborhood!
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CONTRACT PENDING
2003 Whistle Way, Midland, TX
Super maintained 3 bedroom/2 bath home in great location. Living and dining room combine for a great entertaining area. Kitchen is cozy and features stainless steel appliances. Master has its own bathroom with shower and tub separate, all included in approx sq ft. Tile floors, gorgeous backyard and more!
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CONTRACT PENDING
3500 Thomas, Midland, TX
The Property may be eligible for the FHA $100 down payment program. Ask your agent for details. Starting soon! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath one story brick home is situated on a corner lot and features a formal dining area and eat-in kitchen, plus a living room! Call today to schedule your showing appointment!
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CONTRACT PENDING
1110 McKenzie St., Midland, TX
Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath home with a large kitchen and carpet. Corner lot with trees.
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

14051 N. LOYOLA, GARDENDALE, TX.
FACT ID #1027 - $165,000
2010 Palm Harbor double wide mobile home. 4 bdrm. 3 full baths. 1.41 acres. FHA approved financing. Really nice home.
Shown by Kathy Phillips 634-8000

FEATURED HOME

REDUCED
3612 SPRINGMONT DR. - $237,000
FACT ID #1047
Fantastic open floor plan. Bright and light. Ceiling to floor windows. High ceilings. Sequestered master bedroom with roomy bath. Huge backyard with plenty of room for children and pets. Hot tub and above ground pool negotiable, all of furniture for sale. Notice reduction - now only $237,000.

FEATURED LISTINGS

2411 METZ COURT - $215,000
FACT ID #1025
Tons of tile! Plantation shutters throughout. Great room has walls of windows! Sequestered master! Two patios, one in courtyard entrance, another off great room! Kitchen with double ovens and sunny informal dining, formal dining could be second living area. Hige 12'x24' storage building in back. First American Home Warranty to buyer at closing.

REDUCED
5500 LA JOLLA COVE - $319,000
FACT ID #1006
Custom home by Mike Jackson! Super plan with two great living areas divided by a double sided fireplace! Sequestered MBR with large bath and wrap closet. Glass doored office by family room. Formal dining area. Front facing kitchen has tons of cabs and counterspace! Gas cooktop, plantation shutters, crown molding, RO, softener, ceiling fans. Bosch dishwasher, three car garage. THIS IS A TERRIFIC HOME!

HOMES AVAILABLE

5 BEDROOM
3906 TANGLEWOOD AVE — SOLD IN 6 DAYS!
3001 S CR RD 1210 — FACT ID #1048 — $258,000

4 BEDROOM
1904 HEREFORD BLVD — FACT ID #1001 — $269,900
3612 SPRINGMONT DR — FACT ID #1047 — $237,000
4709 WOODBAR COURT — FACT ID #1050 — UNDER CONTRACT
2602 EXETER AVE — FACT ID #1011 — $199,900
3212 RANCHLAND — UNDER CONTRACT

3 BEDROOM
3608 CARMEL CT — UNDER CONTRACT
5500 LA JOLLA COVE — FACT ID #1006 — $319,900
3612 SPRINGMONT DR — FACT ID #1047 — $237,000
2609 CHANDLER AVE — FACT ID #1015 — $229,900
2411 METZ COURT — FACT ID #1025 — $215,000
1615 HUNTINGTON ST — FACT ID #1037 — $210,000
909 GLENEAGLES DR — FACT ID #1045 — UNDER CONTRACT
3603 HADLEY AVE — FACT ID #1038 — $189,900

3 BEDROOM
4309 FERNCLIFF — FACT ID #1002 — $185,000
1601 GARFIELD ST — FACT ID #1008 — $159,900
1521 E 32ND ST — FACT ID #1024 — $139,900
5100 W ILLINOIS AVE — FACT ID #1037 — $129,900
4511 E LASALLE CIRCLE — FACT ID #1028 — $93,000

2 BEDROOM
211 E CIRCLE DR — FACT ID #1042 — $140,000

1 BEDROOM
4100 BOULDER — FACT ID #1044 — $48,000

LAND
6000 N CR RD 1249-10 ACRES — FACT ID #1005 — $300,000

COMMERCIAL
4301 SAGGE RD - MOBILE HOME PARK — $379,900

ODESSA
1401 EMERALD AVE — FACT ID #1032 — UNDER CONTRACT
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FEATURED HOMES



5212 Mathis - $349,900
Fabulous Carrasco Resale In Greathouse! 4 Bed/3 Ba/3 Gar. Spacious Living W/Tray Ceiling, Crown Molding, Stone Fp & Built-Ins. Gourmet Kitchen W/Custom Cabinets, Granite, Island, Skylight, Stainless Appliances & Desk Area! Spacious Master Suite W/Granite, Dual Vanities, Jetted Tub , Walk-In Shower W/Glass Block & Large Closet W/ Custom Built-Ins. Formal Living W/French Doors & Formal Dining...$349,900

GREEN TREE PROPERTIES

6830 Island Circle-beautifully renovated on the golf course! One of the best lots in midland!On the course w/water views on 3 sides!Ceilings raised!Walls replaced w/windows!High end everything!Rock-tile walls!Entry doors w/german beveled glass!Gorgeous kitchen w/2 islands-1 serves as a breakfast table!Plus wolf gas range/stove!Mascarello granite throughout!Marble floors!Patio w/planked flooring ... $799,900

5309 Scottsboro Lane - fabulous 4 bedroom/3 bath home in green tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, stone back splash & stainless appliances. Great den has built-ins, brick fireplace & lots of windows! Formal living & dining areas w/so much natural light. Spacious utility room w/walk-in pantry, seq. Master suite w/2 vanities, sep tub/shower & walk-thru closet. Lovely covered patio overlooks lush landscaping ... $369,900

4+ BEDROOMS

2711 Shanks -Horse lovers oasis on 5 acres! Incredible custom 4 bed/2.5 Ba w/stoned drive. Cathedral ceiling in greatroom w/huge limestone fp, gourmet kitchen w/planked ceiling (reclaimed wood 1890) limestone ct, hand painted tile & jenn air appl. Den w/beamed ceiling. Gorgeous views of courtyard from 4 rooms! Master suite (down) w/sitting, fp + 2 sets of french doors. 80x35 barn, huntfield & dressage arena ... $1,200,000

5016 Whitman-NEW-Nicely updated home on corner lot! 4 Bed/2.5 Bath/ w/3 gar (1 car detached) complete kit renovation w/granite, travertine tile, appliances, island & bar. 3 Living areas! Formal living & dining, den w/travertine fp open to kitchen + game room upstairs. Recent hvac, front door, paint, porcelain tile, tankless water heater, ro & softener! Large backyard w/covered patio has plenty of room for a pool ... $340,000

5309 Greathouse-NEW-New construction in greathouse! Boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living, 2 dining & 3 car garage. 4th bed is larger (14 x 17) can be a 2nd living area/media room ! Spacious living has brick fireplace, soaring ceiling & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen opens to la & offers granite, island, stone backsplash, skylight, & stainless appliances! Seq. Master suite w/sep tub/shower & wrap around closet ... $305,000

5212 Mathis-NEW-Fabulous Carrasco resale in greathouse! 4 Bed/3 ba/3 gar. Spacious living w/tray ceiling, crown molding, stone fp & built-ins. Gourmet kitchen w/custom cabinets, granite, island, skylight, stainless appliances & desk area! Spacious master suite w/granite, dual vanities, jetted tub , walk-in shower w/glass block & large closet w/custom built-ins. Formal living w/ french doors & formal dining ... $349,900

3810 Crestgate-NEW-Spectacular 4 bed/3.5 Bath (2 in master suite) w/3 living areas! Gorgeous distressed hardwood floors. Large living area w/beamed ceiling, brick fp & skylight. Formal dining, spacious kitchen w/granite look counter tops, stainless appliances & desk area. Seq. Master suite w/2 master baths. Shutters thru-out, crown molding, recent paint. 1/2 Bath w/ granite, cozy den & sunroom w/wall of windows ... $289,900

1905 Windrift-NEW- Amazing 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage home. 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car, 1 living are, 2 dining areas, gas logs, in living area ... $279,900

4206 Gleneagles – NEW-Lovely 4 bed/3 bath/2 garage w/dazzling pool! Large living area w/ stone tile fireplace (remote control gas logs) & beamed ceiling. Gorgeous tile floors, spacious kitchen w/lots of cabinets, granite look countertops & recent fixtures. Seq. Master w/crown molding & dual sinks. Recent windows & hvac. Gameroom w/windows that overlook pool & pergola ... $269,900

2818 Northtown Place-NEW-Nice patio style home w/middle courtyard + backyard! huge living w/built-ins & brick fireplace, completely renovated kitchen w/recent cabinets, granite, stainless appliances & tile. most of the windows have been replaced. hvac approx. 4 years old. roof replaced 2009. Walls of windows overlook middle courtyard, just perfect for entertaining, storage building, backyard & open patio ... $239,900

3305 Cord-NEW-Beautifully updated 4 bed/2 bath home w/2 gar & circle drive. Completely renovated gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, stainless appl. travertine bs, custom maple cabinets, under cab lighting, breakfast bar & 18 inch tile flooring. Open living w/beamed ceiling, fireplace & neutral paint. Formal living & dining, master suite has private bath & walk-in closet. Huge backyard & covered patio ... $217,900

1311 Missouri-NEW-situated on a large corner lot blocks from the museum of the southwest. 5 Bed/4 bath/2 living/2 dining (could be 4 bed w/private master office & his/her baths) so much space for the money. needs updating!Priced for as- is sale (sq. Footage includes 351 ft. Guest quarters over gar) kitchen offers abundant cabinets, formal la & sunroom w/walls of windows overlook open brick patio. Separate yard too ... $209,900

4602 Dengar- Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath 2 car garage on landscaped corner lot! Large living area w/fireplace & built-ins. Formal dining + breakfast area. Fourth bedroom is sequestered & could be used as an office. Large backyard w/deck ... $175,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4305 B St. Andrews Dr.-NEW-wonderful paul west resale move-in ready! Gorgeous scraped wood floors, 3 bed/3 bath/2 gar. Spacious living, brick fp (gas logs) light & bright kitchen w/lots of storage. Breakfast area, side patio + small yard. 1 Bed/1 bath down, 2 bed/2 bath up, loft area perfect for small office. Zoned hvac, recent fence, hand textured walls & neutral paint. Large master w/dual vanities & 3 walk-in closets ... $215,000

1210 Pueblo- NEW-Spacious home w/large insulated shop on .68 Acre lot! 3 Bedroom/2 bath/2 garage + office. Formal living area, big greatroom w/beamed ceiling that is open to kitchen. Kitchen has lots of cabinets & breakfast bar. Seq. Master w/updated bath. Large backyard ... $210,000

1416 Tanglewood (Odessa)-NEW-Beautifully renovated 3 bed/2ba/2 garage home! Large kitchen w/granite-look countertops, island, gas ct & lots of cabinets. Open floor plan w/gorgeous 18 inch tile, neutral paint & recent paint.Updated hvac, doors & hardware. Large covered patio, big yaed & cinder block fence ... U/C..$185,000

4305 A St. Andrews-NEW-Paul West resale, great investment opportunity! Owner can purchase side b & live next door or purchase both sides as rentals. 3 Bedroom/3 bath/3 garage, close to parker elementary & park! Currently leased thru 10/1/2012. Spacious living w/brick fp. 1-Bed/1 bath downstairs. 2 Bed/2 bath up, plus loft could be used for an office area. Zoned hvac & recent fence. Great curb appeal w/mature trees + small yard ... $179,900

3505 Travis-Cute! Cute! 2 Bedroom/1 bath w/3 living areas. Formal living w/brick fireplace & recent carpet. Den has built-ins. Kitchen is updated w/granite look counter tops & ceramic tile 3rd living is perfect for office. Spacious sun porch, lush backyard w/workshop, storage building, pond & rv parking ... U/C..$109,900

1902 McDonald – NEW-Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home! Open floor plan, living area with brick fireplace, breakfast & kitchen with plenty of cabinets. 200 Ft. Addition would make a great gameroom (not included in footage) recent ceramic tile in baths. Utility room & oversized garage. Located on a large .34 Acre lot has lots of potential for shop or rv parking ... $125,000

LAND

6801 W. County Rd. 41- Wonderful 3.01 Corner lot in one of midland's prettiest subdivisions w/acreage! Perfect location to build your dream home & watch west texas sunsets! Water well installed 2/22/2/12 - west texas water well service says well produces approx. 33 Gpm. Lot located on the corner of county rd 41 & county rd. 1244 ... $99,900

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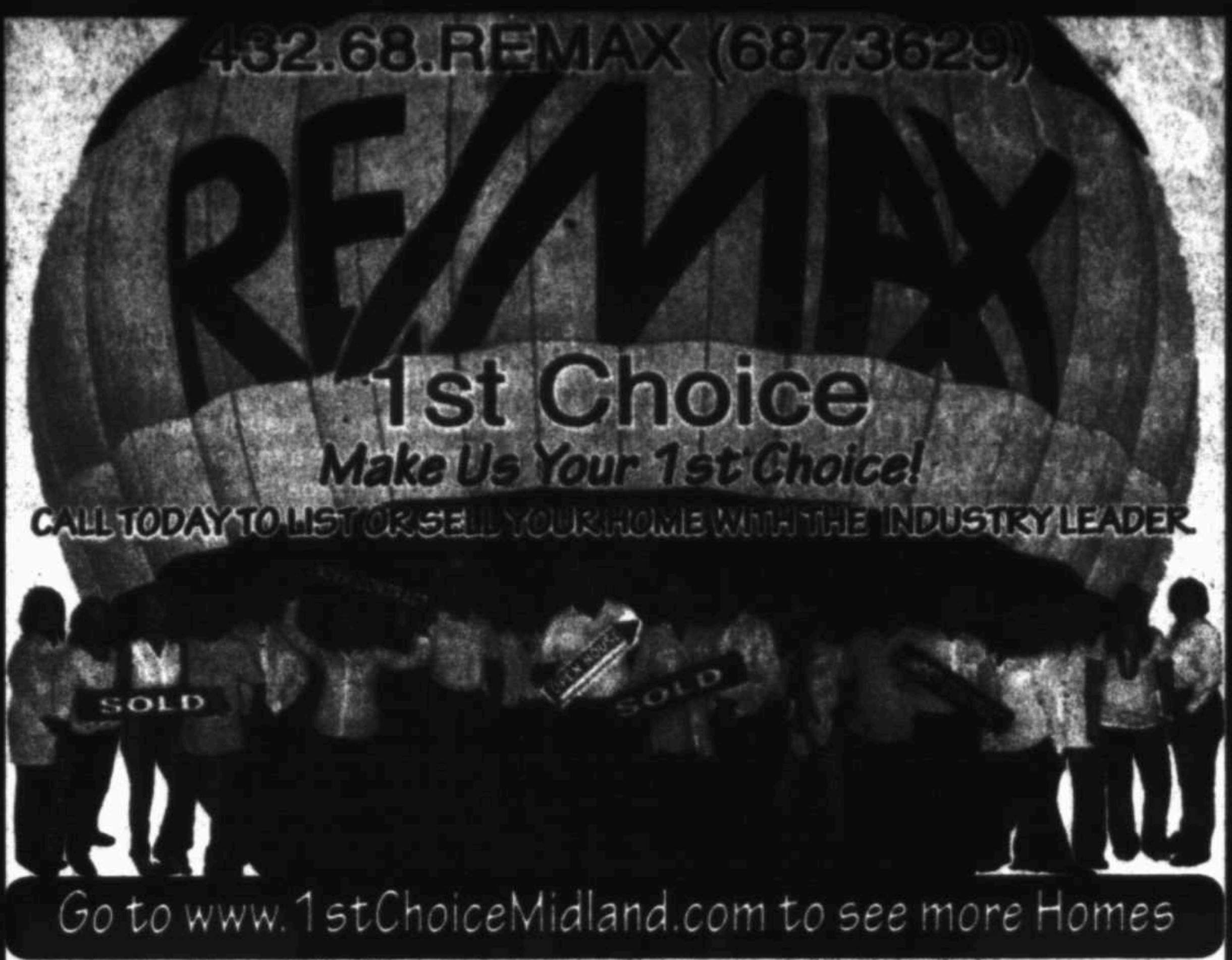

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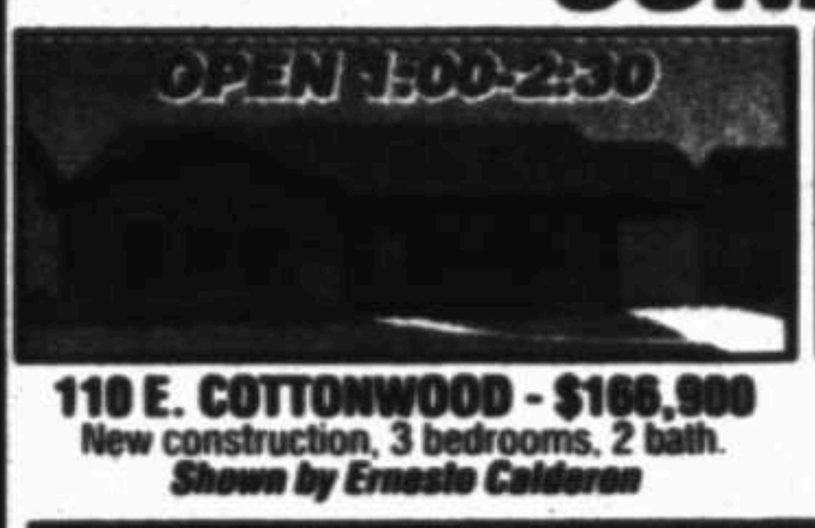

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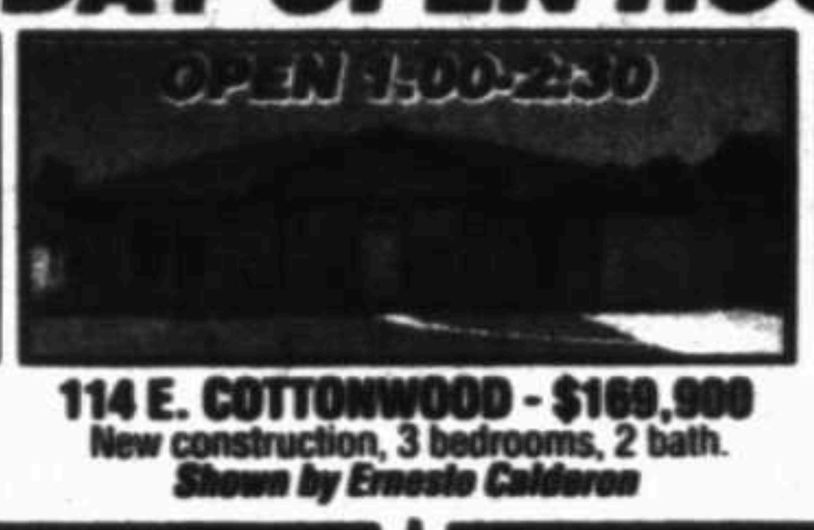

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2400 BOYD AVE.
Updated 4 Bed,3 Bath 2 LA near Fannin School.
Shown by Deborah Pierce

NEW & REDUCED LISTINGS

- 303 Skywood Circle-4 bed w/guest house & pool! ... REDUCED $599,900
- 207 Windridge Circle-3/2 ... $449,900
- 6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting ... $439,000
- 4201 Baybrook-Stunning Mockingbird Home ... $390,000
- 4549 Shady Oak Ct.-HUGE REDUCTION, on the golf course ... $377,000
- 9113 Bedford, Odessa-4BR, 3BA, 3LA on 0.5AC ... REDUCED $359,900
- 2400 Boyd-4bd, 3ba, completely updated, granite, paint, windows, flooring, recent roof ... $345,000
- 4906 Hillsboro-4 bed/3 bath, in-law plan! ... $324,900
- 1921 Centerview-4 bd, 3 bh 3 car garage. New Price! ... OPTION $299,900
- 2410 Dartmouth-4 bedroom/2 bath ... $279,000
- 2903 Princeton Ave.-5+ bedrooms, 3LA's, 2 fireplaces, 3700+ sqft ... REDUCED $279,000
- 5611 Llano-3 bed, 2 bath, ... OPTION $259,900
- 2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial ... REDUCED $249,900
- 2409 Culpepper-4 bd, 3 bath, 2 garage, pool, New to Market! ... $249,000
- 4904 Sherwood-3 bd, 2 bath, granite kitchen, large lot ... $239,900
- 2405 Emerson-3/2, decorator colors ... REDUCED $215,000
- 1716 N. Gonzales-4/2, 1 Acre, Pool, Gardendale ... $199,900
- 3323 Imperial Ave -3/2 ... $198,500
- 1406 W. Texas-Lease or For Sale ... $182,500
- 2610 N. A Street-3 bed, 2 bath, 2 garage ... $165,000
- 1106 Dormard-New construction, 3bd, 2ba, stainless steel appl ... $159,900
- 2804 W. Michigan-3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 1,700 SF, large lot w/shop ... $142,800
- 3207 W. Michigan-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 car garage, Bring all offers!! ... $129,900
- 2605 W. Washington -2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 garage, recent paint, large utility room, wood floors ... $80,000
- 3901 Anetta Dr.-2 bdrm, 1 bath ... $75,900

2 BEDROOMS

- 1611 Monterrey-2bdr, 2bath, 1 garage, built in 2011. Stained concrete floors, open plan. U/C $167,500
- 2605 W. Washington -2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 garage, recent paint, large utility room, wood floors ... $80,000
- 3901 Anetta Dr.-2 bdrm, 1 bath ... $75,900

3 BEDROOMS

- 4549 Shady Oak Ct.-HUGE REDUCTION, on the golf course ... $377,000
- 15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC, 3,376 SF ... U/C $355,000
- 5000 Opal-3 bed, 2 bath, 3 car garage, sparkling pool ... $345,000
- 2500 Keswick Rd.-3 bed, 2.5 ba, 3LA, 3 car garage ... OPTIONED $265,000
- 1508 Bedford-3/3.5 ... $243,500
- 3207 Boyd-3/2, 2175 sq ft, great family room ... U/C $219,000
- 2405 Emerson-3/2, decorator colors ... REDUCED $215,000
- 1006 Upland-3 bd, 3 ba, 2 story, 2029 sq. ft., huge backyard ... $199,900
- 3323 Imperial Ave.-3/2 ... $198,500
- 3509 Hyde Park-3bd, 3ba, storm windows, tile, wood floors, recent counters ... REDUCED $197,500
- 2602 Culver-3/2/2, updated kitchen ... U/C $179,900
- 3323 Fannin-3/2, lots of trees & great space ... U/C $179,000
- 114 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction ... $169,900
- 116 E. Cottonwood-3/2/2, New Construction ... U/C $168,900
- 2111 College-3br, 2ba ... $167,500
- 110 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction ... $166,900
- 2610 N. A Street-3 bed, 2 bath, 2 garage ... $165,000

3 BEDROOMS

- 1106 Dormard-New construction, 3bd, 2ba, stainless steel ... $159,900
- 112 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction ... U/C $155,900
- 2804 W. Michigan-3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 1,700 SF, large lot w/shop ... $142,800
- 1413 E. 12th St., Odessa-3bd, 2ba ... $115,000
- 5511 ECR 60-Greenwood, recent roof, siding, workshop ... $110,000

4 BEDROOMS

- 303 Skywood Circle- 4 bd, 4 ba, guest house and pool ... REDUCED $599,900
- 1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood 4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din, approx. 4479 sf. Pool, shop, barn, 3.9AC ... REDUCED $599,900
- 2024 Mosswood-4/4 1/2 Grassland - Graham construction ... $588,360
- 6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting ... $439,000
- 3609 Meadowridge-4 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, pool/hot tub ... U/C $389,000
- 712 Augusta-4bed/3ba, neutral paint & carpet, granite counters, Saddle Club East ... $379,500
- 2208 Bradford-4bd, 3.5ba, Polo Park, updated w/granite, carpet, wood flooring, gorgeous! ... $365,000
- 9113 Bedford, Odessa-4BR, 3BA, 3LA on 0.5AC ... REDUCED $359,900
- 2400 Boyd-4bd, 3ba, completely updated, granite, paint, windows, flooring, recent roof ... $345,000
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5+ BEDROOMS

- 15 Lakes-Stunning Contemporary on Saddle Club Lakes ... $799,000
- 5605 Drexel-Fabulous 5bd, 3ba, updated in Grasslands, pool, putting green ... $549,000
- 2903 Princeton Ave.-5+ bedrooms, 3LA's, 2 fireplaces, 3700+ sqft ... $298,000

COUNTRY HOMES

- 1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood 4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din, approx. 4479 sf ... REDUCED $599,900
- 6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting ... $439,000
- 9113 Bedford, Odessa-4BR, 3BA, 3LA on 0.5AC ... REDUCED $359,900
- 6900 SCR 1270-3/2, waterwell, 6.861 Acres ... $229,900
- 5511 ECR 60-Greenwood, recent roof, siding, workshop ... $109,900
- 5000 ECR 59-Totally updated 3 bed, 2 bath, Greenwood schools! ... $99,900

LAND

- 3312 Andrews Hwy.-Great location, .841 Acres ... $390,000
- 4301-4800 E. CR 63-11 Lots ... Call Ernesto For Sizes & Prices
- E. CR 61 and 63-Pristine Lots ... Call Ernesto for Sizes & Prices
- 4306 N. CR 1148-2.91 Acres ... $93,120
- Stoneridge/Greenwood-3.44C lot for new construction ... U/C $85,000

COMMERCIAL

- 1002 I-20 Service Rd.-5.71 Acres ... $999,000
- 4216 Mamies Cr-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley ... $359,000
- 4301 Mamie Cr-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley ... $340,000
- 4208 Mamies Cr-Lot, 0.78 Acrs Approx Off Wadley ... $289,000
- 906 S. Marshall-2 huge service bays with living quarters ... REDUCED $139,900

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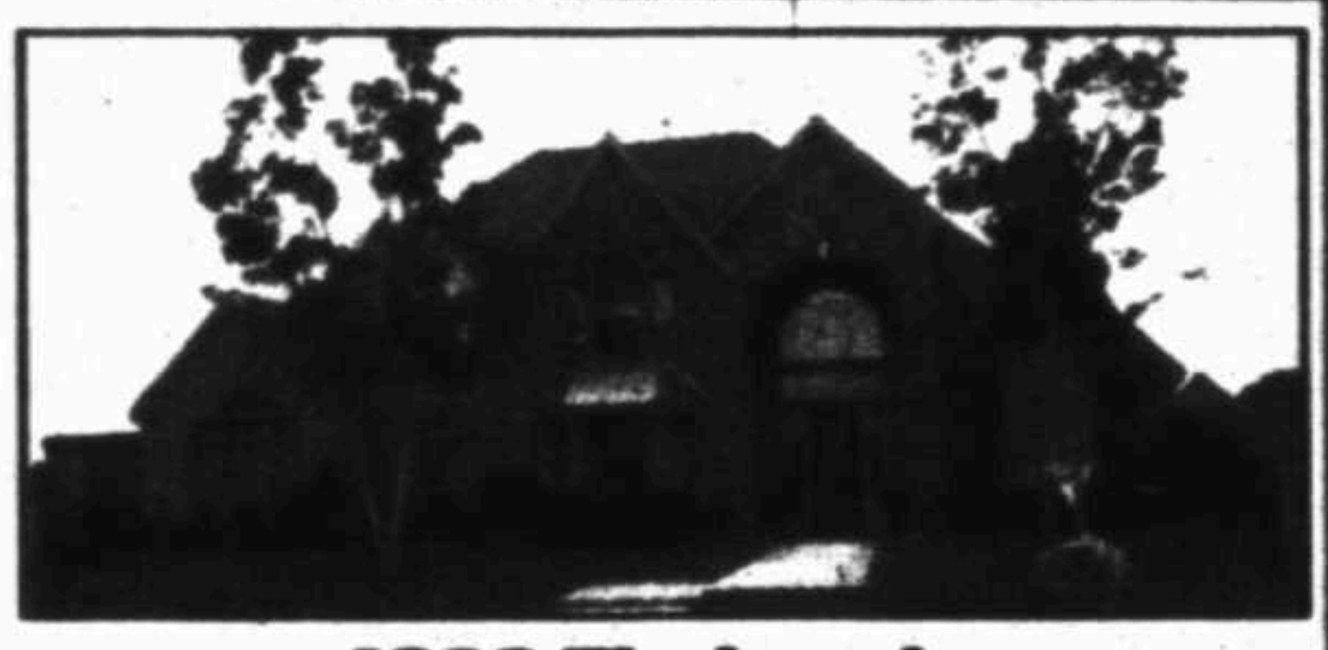
priced @ $316,500



4236 Timberglen
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, pool
priced @ $649,900

"Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."
~ Albert Einstein

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Crystal Homes
Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry



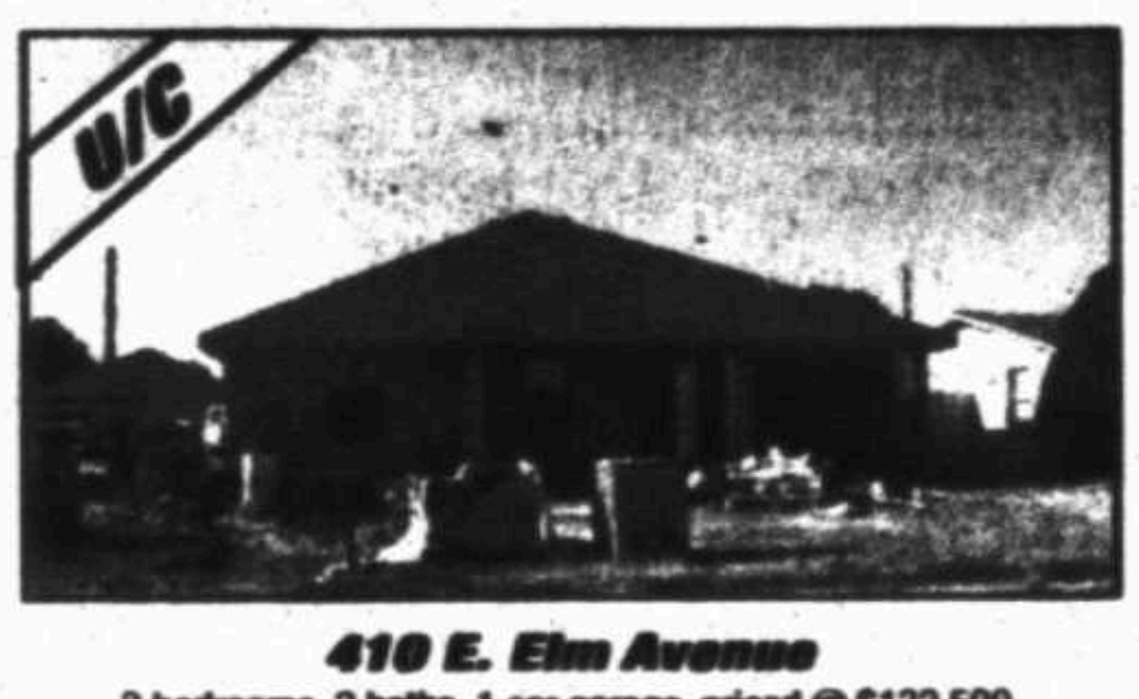
6501 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car garage, priced @ $780,000

Saenz Signature Homes



5700 Carmel Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $325,000

Carrasco Homes



410 E. Elm Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 car garage, priced @ $132,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL
- 1159 Register Rd ... Colorado City/Lake View/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/Workshop ... $69,900
- 3612 Roosevelt ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba ... $110,000
- 1000 Lanham St ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba ... U/C
- 909 Douglas ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba ... U/C
- 900 Goliad ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $214,900
- 240 Main St ... Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool ... $275,000
- 1322 Terra Court ... 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $289,900
- 3720 S. Co. Rd. 1313 ... Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $290,500
- 402 Pinewood Ct ... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $316,500
- 1909 Pagewood Drive ... 5 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage ... SOLD
- 4236 Timberglen ... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool ... $649,900

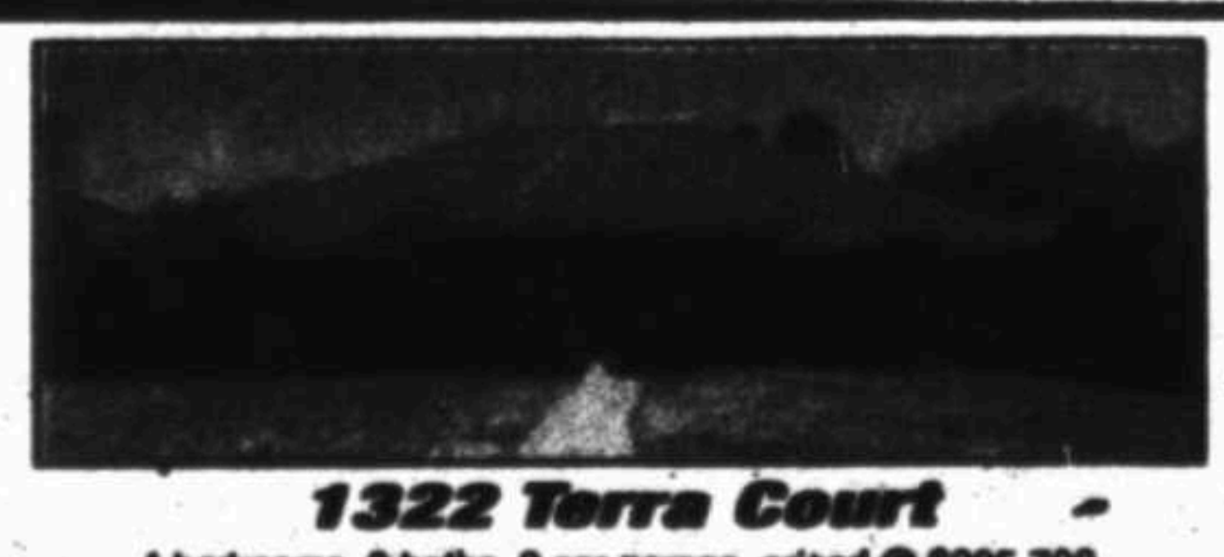
NEW CONSTRUCTION
- 404 E. Elm Ave ... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage ... U/C
- 410 E. Elm Ave ... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage ... U/C
- 402 Springwood ... Diamond Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
- 4707 Yearwood ... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ... U/C
- 4803 Yearwood ... Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
- 4715 Yearwood ... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
- 4709 Yearwood ... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ... U/C
- 4602 Meadowood Ct ... James Isbell Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
- 409 Springwood Ct ... James Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $379,800
- 5312 Wimberley Spring ... Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
- 5308 Wimberley Spring ... Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... U/C
- 3121 Patrick Pl ... Henson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
- 6418 Saddle Horn ... Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage ... U/C
- 6506 Saddle Horn ... Morse Properties/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $698,500
- 6501 Los Conchos ... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage ... U/C

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE
- Luna Rosa Estates ... Gardendale/New Homes ... Call Gary
- 14920 Bluestem ... Gardendale/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.69 Acres ... U/C
- 5617 E. Goldenrod ... 2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage/1 Acre ... $125,000
- 15116 N. Pecan ... Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.6 Acres ... $129,000
- 16560 S. Hwy. 385 ... Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas/4.31 Acres ... $225,000
- 3720 S. Co. Rd. 1313 ... Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $290,500
- 1407 W. Co. Rd. 150 ... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
- 1303 W. Co. Rd. 118 ... 2 Bdrm/2 Ba/4 Car Garage/55.28 Acres ... $379,500

SUBURBAN HOME SITES
- Luna Rosa Estates ... W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots ... Call Gary
- 7409 N. Co. Rd. 1297 ... 1.82 Acres ... $39,000
- 6400 Mockingbird Lane ... Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres ... $92,500
- 3905 Tumbleweed Trail ... 2.5 Acres/Horse Barn ... $125,000

COMMERCIAL
- 2000 Rankin Hwy ... 6.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning ... $825,000
- 240 Main St ... Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool ... $275,000

FEATURED HOMES



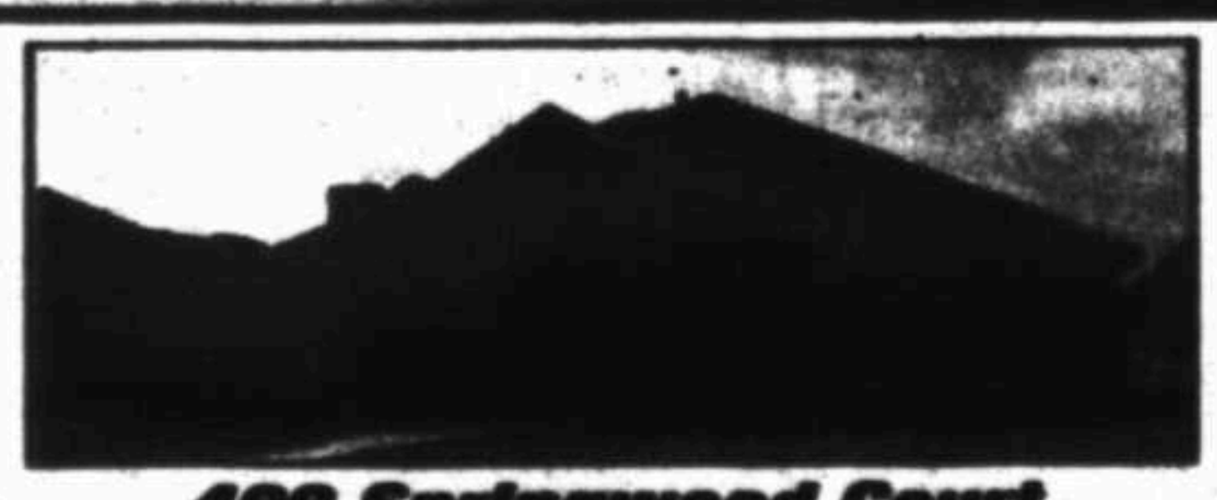
1322 Terra Court
4 bedrooms, 2-baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $295,700



6506 Saddle Horn Lane
4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $698,500



900 Goliad
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $214,900



409 Springwood Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $379,800



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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 12:00-1:30

1502 NORTH C - $348,000
Wonderful new listing in Old Midland. Tons of updates - stop on by!
Shown by Danny Norwood

OPEN 1:00-2:00

3708 STANOLIND AVE. - $199,900
3/2/2 Midland oasis, RV parking.
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:00-2:00

3223 SHANDON - $172,500
New carpet, great floor plan.
Shown by Ashley St. John

OPEN 1:00-2:00

2415 CULPEPER - $389,000
Fabulous 5 bed, 3 bath with pool!
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 1:00-2:30

2826 MAXWELL - $232,500
Tons of space in 4/2 1/2, good floor plan, beautiful drive-up.
Shown by Donna Omar

OPEN 1:00-2:30

4900 OAKWOOD CT. - $499,900
The "Oaks" in Green Tree. Stunning vaulted and arched entry.
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 1:30-2:30

4103 BOULDER - $289,500
4 bdrms, + study, 2 FP's, large workshop, extra parking.
Shown by Ruth Young

OPEN 1:30-2:30

4008 BAYBROOK DR. - $475,000
Beautiful entry/patio!
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30

1708 CESSNA DR. - $295,000
Ready to be charmed?
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30

2102 CO. RD. 1285 - $925,000
5 bdrm, 4.5bth, 7.83 acres in Greenwood.
Shown by Sam McCrary

OPEN 1:45-3:00

5002 WHITMAN - $249,900
Immaculate move-in ready home. A great price!
Shown by Danny Norwood

OPEN 2:00-3:00

2207 HARVARD
4/3/3 in Old Midland, beautiful updates, and mature trees with a workshop!!
Shown by Sam McCrary

OPEN 2:00-3:00

1505 SEABOARD - $450,000
Fabulous Old Midland home, withgreat updates!
Shown by Gina Reyes

OPEN 2:30-3:30

5811 STERLING PLACE - $494,900
Spectacular Graham resale!
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 2:30-3:30

5004 BRUNSWICK - $235,900
Spacious in a cul-de-sac.
Shown by Mark Phillibar

OPEN 2:30-3:30

2407 CAMARIE AVE. - $197,500
3/2/2, new carpet!
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 2:00-4:00

3608 GULF - $199,900
Spacious 4 bedroom/2 bath home w/tons of updates, workshop!
Shown by Melissa Williams

OPEN 3:15-4:15

4901 THAMES - $312,000
Terrific 4 bdrm home in Polo Park! Stop on by!
Shown by Danny Norwood

OPEN 3:30-4:30

24 LAKES DR. - $554,500
4/3 Elegant Colonial w/tons of updates in Saddle Club Lakes.
Shown by Sam McCrary

OPEN 4:00-5:00

4901 POLO PARKWAY - $310,000
Unbellievable upgrades in this 3 bed, 2 1/2 bath!
Shown by Angie McKay

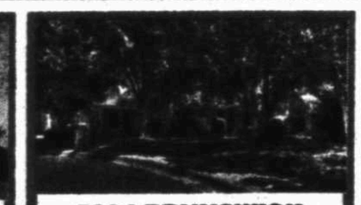
FEATURED HOMES & NEW LISTINGS


313 WILLOWOOD DR.
$139,900
MLS #91113
Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819


4413 VERDE GLEN CT.
$439,855
MLS #91059
Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819


4700 W. ILLINOIS AVE.
$109,900
MLS #91150
Larry Hatfield 349-4788


4715 ERIE DR.
$125,000
MLS #91127
Cheryl Parrish 352-3853


5004 BRUNSWICK
$235,900
MLS #91053
Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061


5302 CASTLE PINE RD.
$324,900
MLS #91185
Brian Sales 618-1818


2200 N. ELKINS RD.
$435,000
MLS #91143
Caleb Matott 349-3330


4900 TROBAUGH
$1,825,000
MLS #90528
Caleb Matott 349-3330


10509 E. CO. RD. 109
$310,000
MLS #91109
Caleb Matott 349-3330


3328 PROVIDENCE
$189,900
MLS #91171
Karen Foster 559-4086


3202 W. ILLINOIS
$84,900
MLS #91166
Brian Sales 618-1818


15192 N. PECAN
$370,000
MLS #91183
Caleb Matott 349-3330


5004 BELLE GROVE CT.
$189,900
MLS #91181
Lisa Jansa 661-3389

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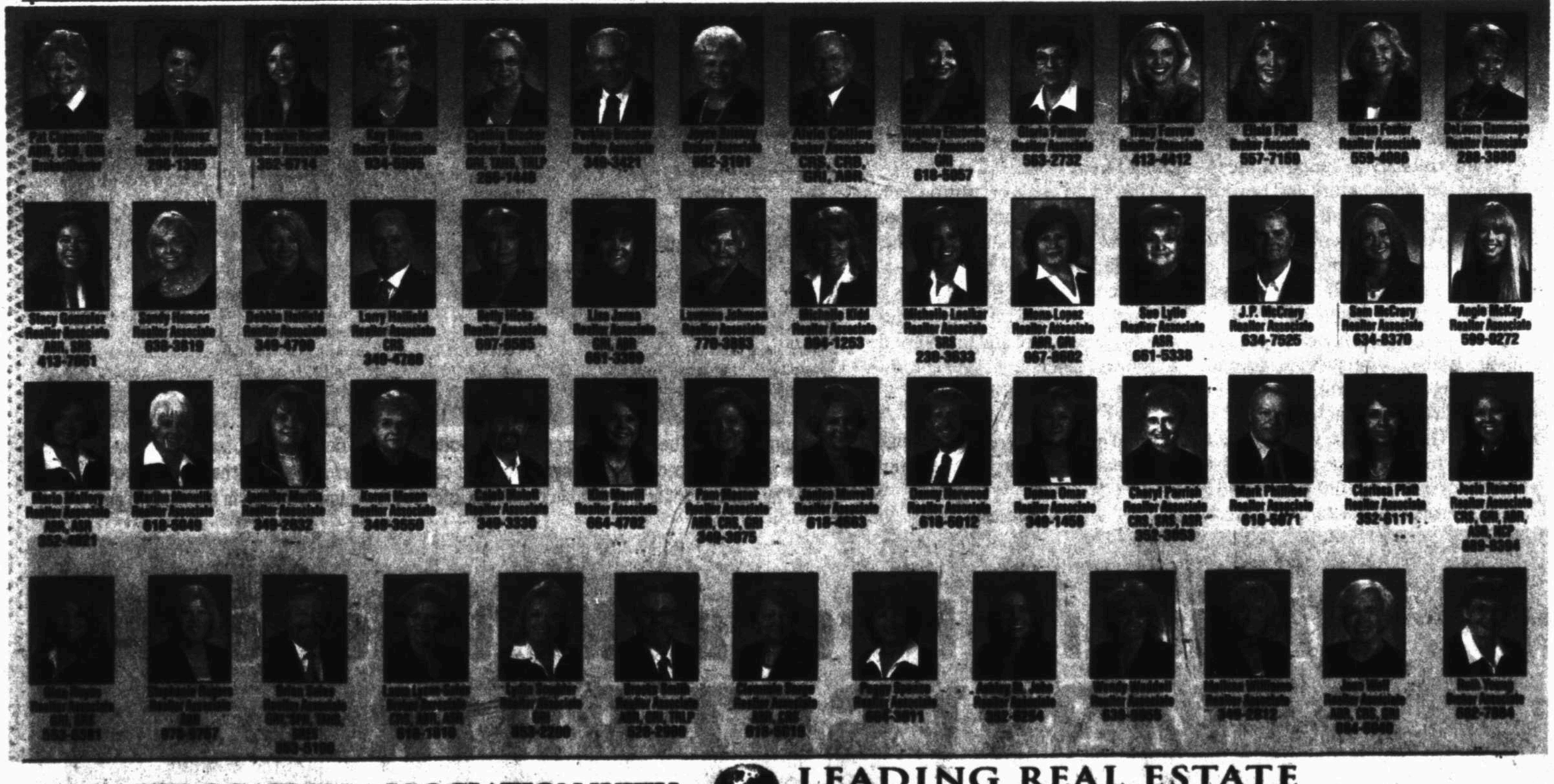

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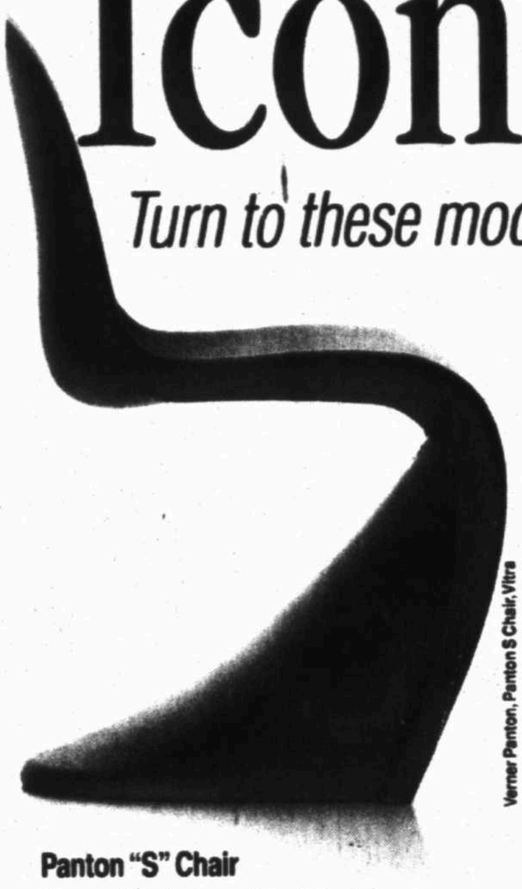
Icons of Modernism

Turn to these modern furniture icons to create a focal point in a well-appointed space

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH | CTW Features

Every space deserves a head-turning focal point, and for twentieth-century design aficionados, there are a few go-to pieces that do the trick every time.

These four modern furniture pieces have helped shape design culture and become symbolic of high design and classic taste. While they forego the ornamentation and hand-crafted qualities of the traditional pieces that came before them, they embody their own sense of history. Read on to learn more about each of these iconic pieces.



Verner Panton, Panton S Chair, Vitra

Panton "S" Chair
Verner Panton, architect/designer
Vitra, manufacturer (since 1990)
In production, with modifications ($295 licensed; replicas available)

In development for nearly a decade before the public could buy it in 1967, Panton's design was the first cantilevered chair to be made from a single piece of injection-molded plastic. The chair has evolved through three decades of development in plastics technology. Owing to its curvaceous shape, the chair played a supporting role in at least two sexy photo shoots, for a 1971 article, "How to undress in front of your husband," and, later, a British Vogue cover shot of a nude Kate Moss posing on a Classic Red version of the chair.



Trademarked Egg chair, made by Fritz Hansen

Egg Chair
Arne Jacobsen, architect/designer
Fritz Hansen, manufacturer
Still in production ($6,371 licensed; replicas available)

Designed in 1958 for the lobby and reception area of a Copenhagen hotel, the Egg chair continues to greet and comfort on-the-go travelers: The newly renovated 1950s-era Terminal 2 in San Francisco International Airport features bona fide Egg chairs, whose pod-like shape allows for a sense of privacy in a public space. "It's almost like a cocoon," says Lynne McDaniel, co-owner of An Orange Moon, a Chicago home design store specializing in mid-century modern finds. "The way the arms come up on the side, it kind of engulfs you and keeps out sound."

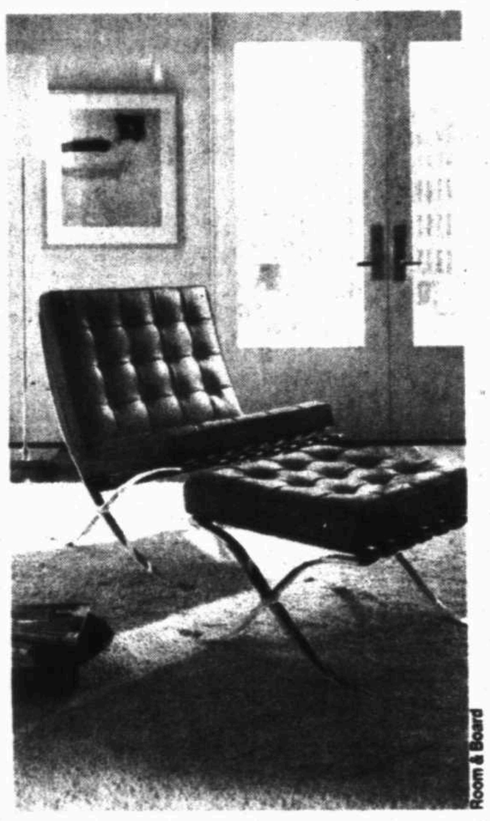
Barcelona Chair
Ludwig Mies Van der Rohe, architect/designer
Knoll, manufacturer (since 1953)
Still in production ($7,740 licensed; replicas available)

Mies and design partner Lilly Reich created the Barcelona chair for the German Pavilion at the International Exposition of 1927, in Barcelona, Spain. Mies set out to design "an important chair, a very elegant chair, and costly," as he put it, and indeed his Barcelona chair became a status symbol – and still is.

However, though the design is seen as a "philosophical break from historicism and ornamentation, it's kind of ironic that this icon of modernism, this icon of breaking away from the past, was inspired by a sort of folding chair used by ancient Romans," says John Dunnigan, head of the furniture design department at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Also, the Barcelona chair is expensive to mass produce. While desirable, in terms of modern efficiency, Dunnigan says, "it's not a sensible piece."

Pictured is a Room & Board replica, made from the original specs of the licensed Knoll version.



Room & Board



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Noguchi coffee table
Isamu Noguchi, artist/designer
Herman Miller, manufacturer
Still in production ($1,500 licensed; replicas available)

With its sculptural wooden base and freeform glass top, the Noguchi table, introduced in 1948, "still seems unique and fresh and relevant," says Michael Brotman, merchandise manager of Room & Board, which offers a licensed version of the table. "It's one of our bestselling accent pieces for as long as we can remember." According to the retailer's market research, young style-savvy buyers "save their money for pieces like this," he adds.

Luckily, licensed Noguchi coffee tables are relatively affordable and widely available (Design Within Reach carries them, too). Unluckily, this piece has become infamous as a symbol of interior design crazes that have become ubiquitous in design blogs.

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Mass-Produced Marvels

Industrial processes made way for iconic modern furniture design, where mass-produced pieces became as respected as handmade antiques

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH | CTW Features

Furniture as we know it today is seldom the work of a lone cabinetmaker, carving and sanding and dovetailing so that we may have a place to sit, eat and store our belongings. For generations, furniture has been mass-produced, but not necessarily at the expense of creativity.

Some visionary designers at the turn of the 20th century and beyond boldly made use of industrial technologies and mass production to create iconic pieces that capture the spirit of our modern times in ways that older pieces simply cannot do, no matter how much we delight in their worth on "Antiques Roadshow."

Starting in 1859 with the "No. 14" bentwood chair designed by Michael Thonet, which used steam-bending technology and just six pieces of wood, 10 screws and two nuts, "Furniture begins to look like it's the result of the technology that's producing it," says Professor John Dunnigan, head of the furniture design department at the Rhode Island School of Design.

To be sure, industrial technologies had been used before, but earlier designs were intended to produce pieces "that still looked like the old style," says Dunnigan.

In other words, ornately hand-crafted from wood.

The No. 14 chair, or "bistro chair," easily assembled by unskilled laborers, went on to become one of the best-selling chairs of all time.

Modern furniture design spans a century or more, with iconic styles ranging from spare and unadorned to fun and fanciful.

"One thing that holds it all together," Dunnigan says, "is this embracing of industrial technology, new materials and mass production."

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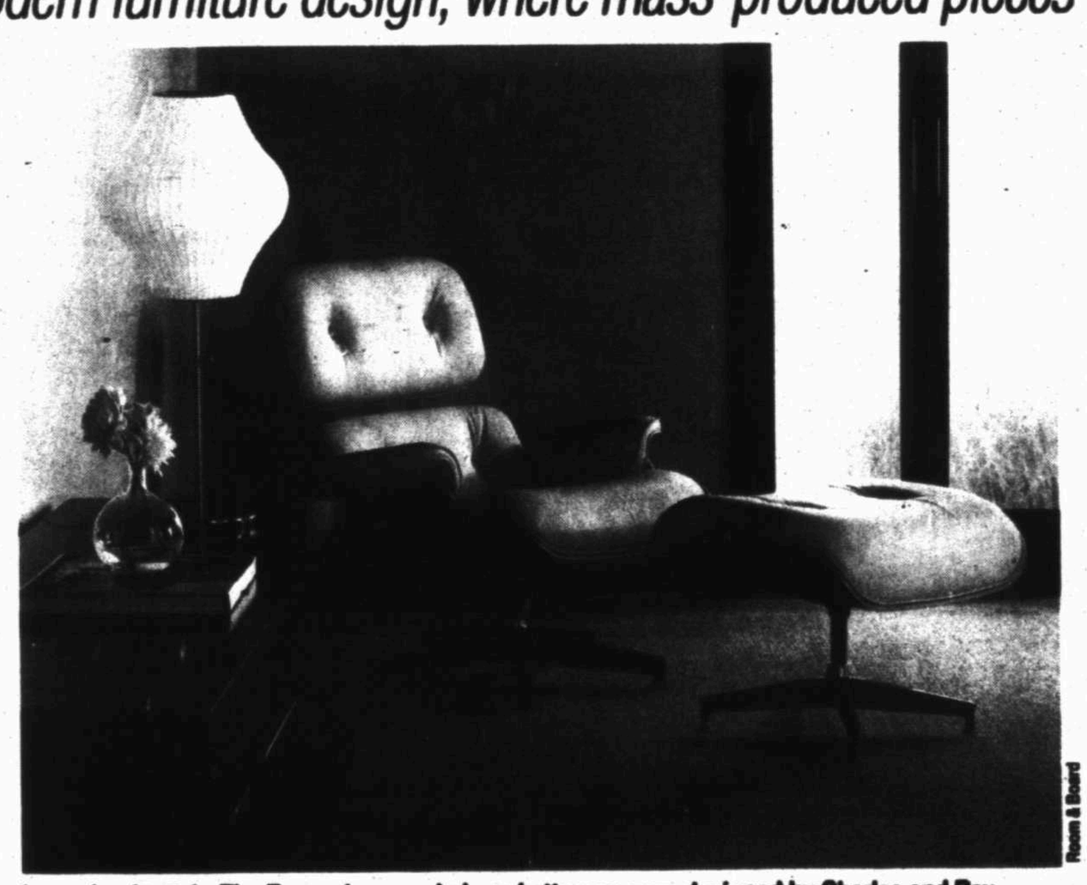

Room & Board

Lounging in style: The Eames lounge chair and ottoman were designed by Charles and Ray Eames and introduced in 1956. A symbol of mid-century modern style, this chair is now produced by Herman Miller and used in countless interiors to ground a design in the modern era.

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SHOWN BY KAY BIVENS 934-5995
Large formal living w/great windows to patio/yard! Formal dining kitchen w/granite, island, tons of cabinets/counterspace w/bar overlooking breakfast nook & den! Huge seq master w/doors to the backyard! Double sided fireplace to lrg master bath! Dbl headed shower surrounds tub! Great closet w/ built-ins!In-law plan offers private bath & nice closet! Lovely yards! Heated/cooled storage!

200 SKYWOOD CIRCLE
$450,000
REMARKABLE! BEAUTIFUL! GORGEOUS!
4 Bedroom/3 bath home with 4 car garage! Formal living w/big windows! Formal dining is open to kitchen plus has view of backyard! Incredible gourmet kitchen is loaded w/ countertops & cabinets plus huge island w/ prep sink! Den is open to kitchen/ breakfast nook has high ceilings & wonderful fireplace! In-Law plan! Roomy bedrooms! Covered patio w/ hot tub & outdoor kitchen. Lovely yards! Corner lot!

6505 SEQUOIA DR.
$400,000
GREEN TREE! LOW-MAINTENANCE! POOL!
Open & bright! Spacious home in Country Club with walls of windows surrounding the beautiful pool! Formal living w/rock wall & fireplace! Formal dining! Kitchen w/views of the pool offers breakfast bar, nook, built-ins, island & dbl ovens! Den w/ woodburning stove & built-ins! Large master w/fireplace & pool view has large bath & fabulous closets! Pool is ready for summer! Covered patio! 3 Car garage!

OPEN SUN 1:30-2:30
1700 CESSNA DR.
$295,000
GET READY TO BE CHARMED!
Walk inside to see this fabulous home in coveted ma mar! Close to Grafa Park, this beauty offers hardwood flooring, brick fireplace, tons of windows & a round formal dining room! Kitchen w/ granite & beautiful backsplash has tons of cabinets! Formal living w/ bay window! Large utility room w/ desk! 4 roomy bedrooms! Spacious master w/ updated bathroom! Unique architectural features thru-out! Lovely yards! Impressive!

1300 WCR 140
$236,000
WONDERFUL COUNTRY PROPERTY! GREAT WORKSHOP!
Nicely updated 4/2 house offers open living/dining/kitchen! Stainless appliances! Sequestered master suite w/large closet & nice bath! 4th bedroom would be a great office/study! Large mud room! 2000 Sq ft workshop w/electricity, workbench & loft! Carport for rv &/or boat plus 3 car carport! Covered patio! Nice front porch! Room for horses/goats/etc!

1506 WASHITA
$235,000
COUNTRY PROPERTY! CLOSE TO THE CITY!
On over half an acre! 3 Car garage!
Wow! Beautiful 4 bedroom home w/2 full baths! Formal dining! Formal living w/fireplace! Cozy den w/fireplace! Nice kitchen offers 2 pantries & eating area! Sequestered master suite offers sitting area, separate tub/shower, dual vanities & 2 closets! 4th bedroom is great study/playroom w/doors to the covered patio! Tons of parking! Sautillo tile! Wood floors!

811 W. LOUISIANA
$225,000
ADORABLE COTTAGE IN OLD MIDLAND! POOL! GUEST HOUSE!
Hardwood flooring! Formal living! Formal dining! 3rd bedroom could be study! Finished basement/storm cellar! Wood blinds! Master bedroom offers access to backyard/pool area, walk-in closet & private bath!Main house is 3/2 approx 1928 sq ft(per mcad) & guest house is 1/1 approx 594 sq ft(per mcad)w/living,full kitchen,w/d & yard! Great pool/hot tub! Privacy fence! 2 Car garage! Great investment property with 2 houses - rent one or both!

4421 STOREY AVE.
$120,000
NICELY UPDATED!
Own this home cheaper than most rent payments! Living room offers tile flooring & big window! Updated kitchen has recent countertops & cabinets plus dining area! Sequestered master could also be a second living room! Inside utility room! Roomy bedrooms! Nice bath! Covered patio & storage building!

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FEATURED HOME



2525 S.E. COUNTY RD 1000, ANDREWS, TX
Amazing Drive up appeal with brick & iron fence, Circle Drive and nice-sized front porch. This home features a great floor plan w/ 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths & 1 half bath as well as Ornate Ceilings situated on approximately 2.5 acres. Lovely Sequestered Master suite has computer/exercise nook and a Master Bath with glass block and jetted tub/separate shower. Delightful Kitchen with great storage space, two lazy Suzan's, and a Breakfast bar. The Shop is approx. 1200 sq. foot and insulated with over-head roll-up door. MLS# 90768 $299,000

FEATURED LISTINGS

3602 Tanner	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 91069	$ 170,500
4413 Verde Glen		MLS# 91059	$439,850
313 Willowood		MLS# 91113	$139,900
4511 Teakwood Trace		MLS# 91027	$284,600
2525 SE County Rd 1000, Andrew, TX		MLS #90768	$299,900
9300 S. CO. Rd 1210, Midland-Plus approx. 360 acres		MLS #90895	$1,399,000
3917 E. Golf Course Rd (New Construction)		MLS #90777	$295,000
3516 Camarie	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #90234	$169,900
804 w. Broadway, Stanton, TX		MLS #89958	$159,900
2008 Brentwood		MLS #89772	$650,000
3409 WCR 181	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #90553	$225,000
4019 Monty	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #90557	$124,900
4900 Oakwood Ct.		MLS #89771	$499,900
6109 S. Co. Rd. 1178		MLS #89599	$225,000
3302 E. Hwy 158-Commercial and or Residential on 2 Acres		MLS #89337	$225,000
4900 S. Co. Rd. 1140-306 + plus acres barns, shops & pens		SOLD	$1,500,000
3314 W. Co. Rd. 185-with Hanger	MAKE OFFER!	MLS #88559	$370,000
Sunridge Ranch Estates 3+acres lots		Per Lot	$95,000
Freeland Addition No Mobile Homes/Owner Carry		1+ acre lots at $25,000 per acre	

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Office Manager
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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

REDUCED!
Lee District,
3412 Douglas,
2,227 sq. ft.,
open/spacious,
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Lots & Land

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120 ACRES in Sinton, TX, large 3/2 home, 2 large barns, pens, wind mills, ponds, small olive orchards, good grass, lots of game. Immediate possession. Broker, 361-643-4499.

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Oil & Gas & Hunting Leases

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Oil & Gas & Hunting Leases

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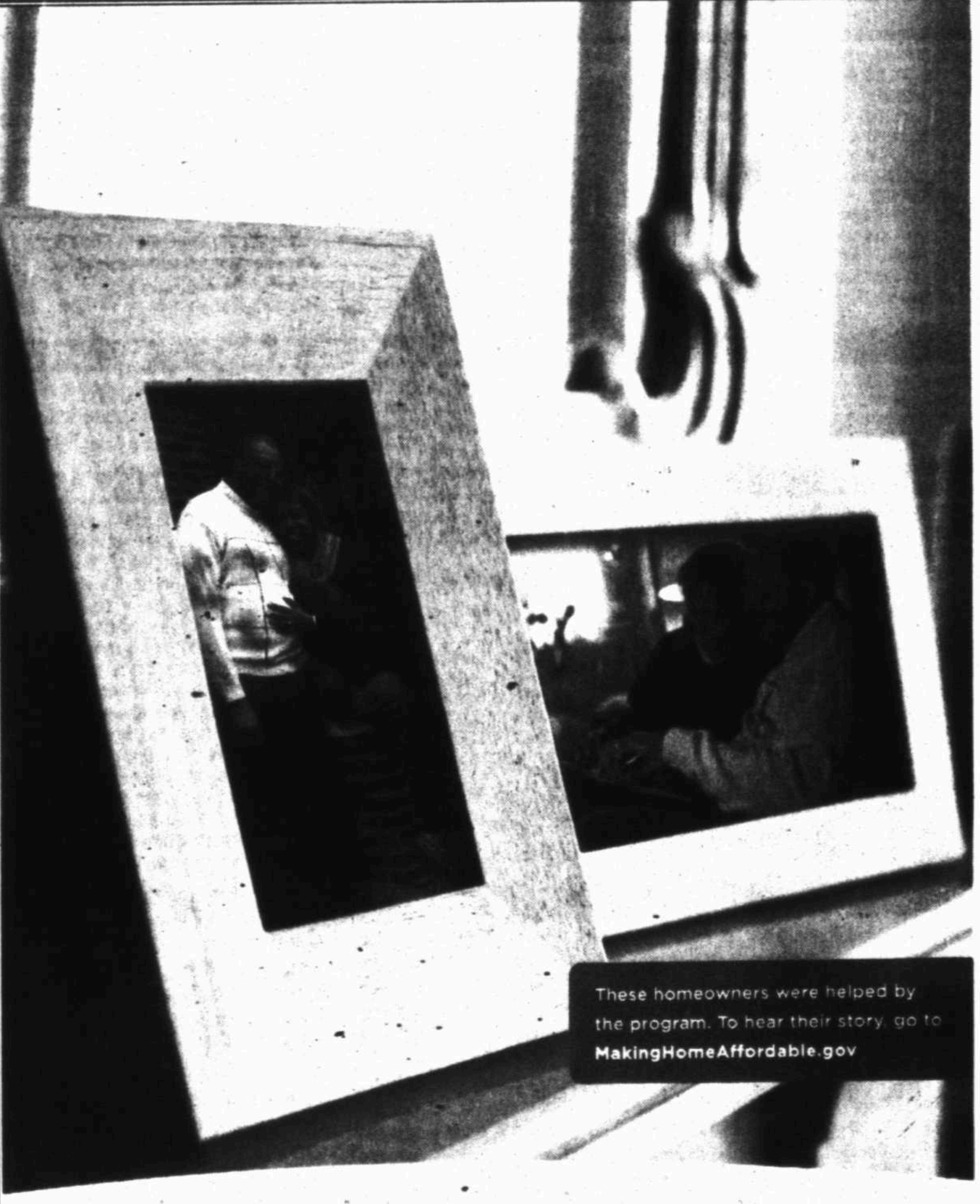

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1208 E. CUTHBERT AVE...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #89615 ... **$134,500**
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1705 N FT WORTH...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #90544 ... ***SALE PENDING***

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5300 ALYSHEBA...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*... MLS #90884 ... **$1,340,000**

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2291 S. CD. RD. 1089...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #89269 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2289 S. CD. RD. 1087...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #90423 ... **$388,000**

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4000 TROUBAUGH...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #90528 ... **$1,825,000**
5300 S. CD. RD. 1210...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #90895 ... **$1,399,000**
5300 ALYSHEBA...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*... MLS #90884 ... **$1,340,000**
3115 PALO VERDE GLEN...*Donna Omar 349-1458*... MLS #90404 ... ***SALE PENDING***
5300 TEAKWOOD TRACE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90194 ... **$945,000**
2912 GLADSWOOD...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #90563 ... **$780,000**
8291 DUNBLANE DR...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*... MLS #89011 ... **$699,900**
419 CHARISMATIC DR...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #91103 ... **$650,000**
5017 MIRA VISTA CIRCLE...*Amy Barnett 352-6714*... MLS #90508 ... **$640,000**
5545 MARIGOLD DR... ***GARDENDALE***...*Jennifer Martin 349-3632*... MLS #90291 ... **$624,900**
4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING...*Brian Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90854 ... **$599,000**
4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING...*Brian Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90854 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2909 FRINGEWOOD...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*... MLS #90415 ... ***SALE PENDING***
24 LAKES DR...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #90282 ... **$554,500**
5805 CRANSTON PL...*Karen Foster 559-4086*... MLS #90832 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3709 HCR 1140...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #89793 ... **$550,000**
4000 OAKWOOD CT...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #89771 ... **$499,900**
5811 STERLING PLACE...*Angie McKay 599-0272*... MLS #90835 ... **$494,900**
200 S. 1 ST...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*... MLS #89335 ... ***SALE PENDING***
4009 BAYBROOK DR...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90616 ... **$475,000**
4313 WOOD DR...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*... MLS #90849 ... **$464,900**
200 SYCAMORE CIRCLE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #91097 ... **$458,000**
1505 SEABOARD...*Gina Reyes 553-6381*... MLS #91048 ... **$450,000**
4413 VERDE GLEN CT...*Sandy J. Hanson 636-3819*... MLS #91059 ... **$439,850**
4405 DYER CIRCLE...*Ruth Young 352-0996*... MLS #91036 ... **$429,000**
6401 HWY. 349...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90903 ... ***SALE PENDING***
5811 GRASSLAND ISLIY...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #90854 ... **$425,000**
4001 EDGEBROOK DR...*Michelle Lesikar 230-3633*... MLS #91020 ... ***SALE PENDING***
4017 WOODHOLLOW DR...*Donna Omar 349-1458*... MLS #91095 ... **$414,500**
5505 SEQUOIA DR...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90050 ... **$400,000**
5013 HEARTLAND CT...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*... MLS #91179 ... **$399,000**
2410 CULPEPER DR...*Angie McKay 599-0272*... MLS #90693 ... **$399,000**
3004 ARROYO DR...*Stephanie Rogers 978-9757*... MLS #90883 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2291 S. CD. RD. 1089...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #89269 ... ***SALE PENDING***

1502 NORTH C...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*... MLS #91022 ... **$340,000**
900 BEDFORD DR...*Martha Manulik 618-5049*... MLS #90498 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3916 NORTHFIELD...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*... MLS #90596 ... **$339,900**
2207 HARVARD AVE...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #91100 ... **$329,000**
5302 CASTLE PINE RD...*Brian Sales 618-1818*... MLS #91105 ... **$324,900**
2820 NORTHTOWN PL...*Ashley St. John 352-6254*... MLS #90705 ... **$319,900**
5816 LLANO...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #91010 ... ***SALE PENDING***
4511 CARDINAL...*Brian Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90039 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1010 DUKES DR...*Stephanie Rogers 978-9757*... MLS #90898 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1320 CASTLEFORD RD...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90784 ... ***SALE PENDING***
4001 THAMES...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*... MLS #90448 ... **$312,000**
2502 RETZ...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*... MLS #90355 ... **$311,000**
10509 E. CD. RD. 100...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #91109 ... **$310,000**
2302 CULPEPER...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #90703 ... **$310,000**
2005 HANNON...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*... MLS #90908 ... **$299,900**
4711 LEAMONT DR...*Elisia Flatt 557-7159*... MLS #91004 ... **$299,900**
1700 CESSNA DR...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #91038 ... **$295,000**
3917 E. GOLF COURSE RD...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #90777 ... **$295,000**
11597 W. CD. RD. 56...*Clarissa Platt 352-6111*... MLS #90656 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2003 COLEMAN...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*... MLS #90236 ... ***SOLD***
2701 W. CD. RD. 140...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #90679 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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4511 TEAKWOOD TR...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #91027 ... **$284,000**
4103 BOULDER...*Ruth Young 352-0996*... MLS #91126 ... **$283,500**
1500 NEELY AVE...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*... MLS #89940 ... **$279,900**
2626 W. SHANDON...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*... MLS #90745 ... **$277,900**
2503 LEAMHURST...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90939 ... **$269,900**
2701 L STREET...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90695 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2308 CULPEPER DR...*Josie Alvarez 296-1395*... MLS #90280 ... ***SOLD***
3607 APOLLO CT...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*... MLS #90091 ... **$269,900**
2512 SHELL AVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #91130 ... **$265,000**

11911 W. CD. RD. 56...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*... MLS #91125 ... **$262,000**
4500 WESTMINSTER...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #89955 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2404 CAMARIE...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*... MLS #90420 ... **$259,000**
4300 VALLEY DR...*Cheryl Parrish 352-3053*... MLS #90324 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1202 E.CD. RD. 126...*Pam Messer 349-3075*... MLS #89156 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1605 S. CD. RD. 1089...*Tracy Farrow 413-4412*... MLS #91082 ... **$245,000**
2408 DARTMOUTH DR...*Jane Wolf 352-4808*... MLS #90224 ... **$245,000**
3632 IMPERIAL AVE...*Brian Sales 618-1818*... MLS #89747 ... **$239,900**
1308 W. CD. RD. 140...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #89978 ... **$238,000**
1504 WASHITA...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90707 ... **$235,000**
2825 MAXWELL...*Donna Omar 349-1458*... MLS #90686 ... **$232,500**
811 LOUISIANA AVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90272 ... **$225,000**
6100 CD. RD. 1178...*Sandly J. Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #89599 ... **$225,000**
3604 OAKRIDGE DR...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #91096 ... ***SALE PENDING***
4500 TREWOOD ST...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*... MLS #90351 ... **$225,000**
3302 HWY. 158...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #89338 ... **$225,000**
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3620 LOUISIANA AVE...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #90449 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3301 CORD...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*... MLS #90844 ... **$218,000**
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3605 GODFREY CT...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*... MLS #90646 ... **$215,000**
3802 BEDFORD AVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90831 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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3305 BENGAL...*Jennifer Martin 349-3632*... MLS #89926 ... **$199,000**
3800 GULF AVE...*Melissa Williams 349-2812*... MLS #91041 ... **$199,000**
2300 DENGAR...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #90713 ... **$189,000**
3113 WILLOWWOOD DR...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #91113 ... **$139,000**
4421 STORIEY AVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #91064 ... **$139,000**
211 TILDEN...*Josie Alvarez 296-1395*... MLS #91081 ... **$114,500**
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12910 E. CD. RD. 103...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #90803 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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11701 W. CD. RD. 52...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #91037 ... **$314,900**
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2100 CD. RD. 2001, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #91080 ... **$305,000**
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4300 CRESTGATE AVE...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #90881 ... **$291,000**
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5004 BRUNSWICK...*Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061*... MLS #91053 ... **$235,900**
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2402 EMERSON...*Jennifer Martin 349-3632*... MLS #90332 ... **$230,000**
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2100 WYDEWOOD...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*... MLS #90452 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3605 SPRINGMONT DR...*Debbie Hatfield 349-4788*... MLS #91044 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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3708 STANDLIND AVE...*Pam Messer 349-3075*... MLS #90202 ... **$199,900**
2105 MARCIE CT...*Donna Omar 349-1458*... MLS #90815 ... **$199,900**

1610 CIMMARON DR...*Ruth Young 352-0996*... MLS #91066 ... **$198,000**
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3314 DENGAR AVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90899 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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2422 APPLEWOOD DR...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*... MLS #90498 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2802 WYDEWOOD...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #90736 ... **$189,900**
3328 PROVIDENCE...*Karen Foster 559-4086*... MLS #91171 ... **$189,900**
4723 DENGAR AVE...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*... MLS #90475 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3011 VERMONT...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*... MLS #90855 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3602 W. MICHIGAN...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*... MLS #90729 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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2312 CIMMARON...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*... MLS #90074 ... ***SOLD***
1705 N FT WORTH...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #90544 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2209 FM 829, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*... MLS #90277 ... **$179,000**
3707 STANDLIND AVE...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*... MLS #91039 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1502 PINE...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*... MLS #90822 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3010 ANDREWS HWY...*Angie McKay 599-0272*... MLS #90794 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3223 SHANNON...*Ashley St. John 352-6254*... MLS #90852 ... **$172,500**
3231 SHANDON AVE...*Karen Mason 349-3550*... MLS #90837 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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3214 ELIDA DR...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*... MLS #91085 ... **$160,000**
800 GULF AVE...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*... MLS #90359 ... **$160,000**
4711 BOULDER AVE...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90955 ... ***SALE PENDING***
12003 E. CD. RD. 129...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #89906 ... ***SALE PENDING***
702 SINCLAIR AVE...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90370 ... **$165,000**
3103 LOUISIANA AVE...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #90875 ... **$165,000**
3410 GOLF COURSE...*Sue Lytle 661-5338*... MLS #89602 ... ***SOLD***
304 W. BROADWAY, STANTON...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #90958 ... **$159,900**
4829 CROCKETT AVE...*Gina Reyes 553-6381*... MLS #91098 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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4503 WATSON CT...*Kay Bivens 934-5995*... MLS #90284 ... **$149,500**
4514 LEROY DR...*Brian Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90866 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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214 DEWBERRY...*Gloria Farmer 618-5004*... MLS #90890 ... **$142,000**
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711 LANHAM ST...*Cheryl Parrish 352-3053*... MLS #91135 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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311 E. PECAN AVE...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90702 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1203 E. CUTHBERT AVE...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #89617 ... **$134,500**
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1214 E. PARKER...*Karen Foster 559-4086*... MLS #90750 ... **$133,900**
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1305 E. 55TH, ODESSA...*Jennifer Martin 349-2632*... MLS #90543 ... ***SALE PENDING***
704 RAYMOND...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #90403 ... ***SALE PENDING***
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306 GLENWOOD DR...*Ruth Young 352-0996*... MLS #91106 ... **$109,900**
411 EASTWOOD...*Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714*... MLS #89917 ... ***SALE PENDING***
6010 CD. RD. 94E...*Brooks Smith 528-2980*... MLS #89377 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2205 BRANDON...*Pamela Messer 349-3075*... MLS #89799 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1104 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*... MLS #90591 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3519 THOMAS AVE...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #88963 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3309 TANNER DR...*Brooks Smith 528-2980*... MLS #90123 ... **$97,000**
3202 W. ILLINOIS...*Brian Sales 618-1818*... MLS #91166 ... **$94,900**
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*... MLS #91031 ... **$90,000**
301 S. MADISON...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*... MLS #90852 ... **$90,000**
2911 WCR 110...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90152 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3113 KESSLER...*Laurence Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #90650 ... **$78,000**
602 W. CUTHBERT...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*... MLS #90261 ... **$74,900**
1405 MICHIGAN...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*... MLS #88453 ... ***SALE PENDING***

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4000 & 4002 ANDREWS HWY...*Ruth Young 352-0996*... MLS #90145/90146 ... **$425,000**
5004 BELLE GROVE CT...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*... MLS #91181 ... **$109,900**
4310 CRESTWOOD AVE...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #90885 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1029 KOLETA, ODESSA...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*... MLS #90806 ... **$129,000**

2601 DELAND...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #90285 ... **$89,500**
2714 ROOSEVELT AVE...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*... MLS #90612 ... **$87,000**
3106 DELAND AVE...*Stephanie Rogers 978-9757*... MLS #90751 ... **$89,000**

5701 FT. WORTH, ODESSA...*Brooks Smith 528-2980*... MLS #86461 ... **$83,000**
2018 GILA ROAD, ODESSA...*Janice Murrell 349-7242*... MLS #90085 ... ***SOLD***
407 FORT WORTH...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*... MLS #89795 ... **$75,000**

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

4000 TROUBAUGH...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #90528 ... **$1,825,000**
5300 S. CD. RD. 1210...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #90895 ... **$1,399,000**
8291 DUNBLANE DR...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*... MLS #89011 ... **$699,900**
3709 N. CD. RD. 1140...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #89793 ... **$580,000**
2806 FM 1212, STANTON...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*... MLS #90223 ... **$450,000**
10529 E. CD. RD. 109...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90031 ... **$450,000**
2200 N. ELKINS RD...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #91143 ... **$435,000**
12010 E. CD. RD. 103...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #90803 ... ***SALE PENDING***
6401 HWY. 349...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90903 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2291 S. CD. RD. 1089...*Clemthie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #89269 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2101 S. CD. RD. 1089...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*... MLS #88906 ... ***SOLD***
2209 S. CD. RD. 1087...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #90423 ... **$388,000**
15102 N. PECAN...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #91183 ... **$370,000**
3314 W. CD. RD. 185...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #89559 ... **$370,000**
800 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #89792 ... **87 Acres/$350,000**
11597 W. CD. RD. 52...*Mark Philliber 618-5071*... MLS #90607 ... **$359,000**
CD. RD. 170...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... ***SALE PENDING***
2701 W. CD. RD. 140...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #89079 ... ***SALE PENDING***

11701 W. CD. RD. 52...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #91037 ... **$314,900**
10509 E. CD. RD. 109...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #91109 ... **$310,000**
3107 E 2100 STANTON...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #89177 ... **$310,000**
2300 CD. RD. 2001, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #91080 ... **$305,000**
11597 W. CD. RD. 56...*Clarissa Platt 352-6111*... MLS #90656 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3600 SCR 1197...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #90182 ... ***SOLD***
5608 S. CD. RD. 1213...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*... MLS #90667 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2650 E. CD. RD. 2330, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #89582 ... **$275,000**
11911 W. CD. RD. 56...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*... MLS #91125 ... **$262,000**
1202 E.CD. RD. 126...*Pam Messer 349-3075*... MLS #89156 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1605 S. CD. RD. 1089...*Tracy Farrow 413-4412*... MLS #91082 ... **15 Acres/$245,000**
11620 CD. RD. 40...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*... MLS #91074 ... **$238,400**
1308 W. CD. RD. 140...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #89978 ... **$236,000**
6101 S. CD. RD. 1085...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... ***SALE PENDING***
801 E. CD. RD. 125...*Karen Foster 559-4086*... MLS #91012 ... **$235,000**
3700 S. CD. RD. 1314, ODESSA...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90147 ... **$225,000**
3302 HWY. 158...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #89338 ... **$225,000**

3409 W. CD. RD. 181...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #90553 ... ***SOLD***
6109 CD. RD. 1178...*Sandly J. Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #89599 ... **$225,000**
4213 HWY. 349...*Pam Messer 349-3075*... MLS #89527 ... ***SALE PENDING***
5013 E. CD. RD. 50...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*... MLS #91167 ... **$202,000**
15375 N. HOLLYHOCK, GARDENDALE...*Caleb Matott 349-3330* MLS #89641 ... ***SALE PENDING***
12003 E. CD. RD. 129, Greenwood, 1.28 Acre...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883* ... ***SALE PENDING***
5108E. CD. RD. 58...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #90010 ... ***SALE PENDING***
4002 HWY. 349...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #89957 ... ***SOLD***
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... **4 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000**
12300 CD. RD. 129...*Brooks Smith 528-2980*... MLS #90053 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1710 S. CD. RD. 1083...*Tracy Farrow 413-4412*... MLS #90098 ... ***SALE PENDING***
1703 W. CD. RD. 134...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #89399 ... ***SALE PENDING***
6010 CD. RD. 94E...*Brooks Smith 528-2980*... MLS #89377 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2911 WCR 110...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90159 ... ***SALE PENDING***
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*... **3+ Acre Lots/Lots $75,000/EA.**
CD. RD. 85...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #88189 ... ***SALE PENDING***

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

104 LAPOSADA, HORSESHOE BAY, TX...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*... MLS #89128 ... **$3,475,000**
5545 MARIGOLD DR... ***GARDENDALE***...*Jennifer Martin 349-3632*... MLS #90291 ... **$624,900**
4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING...*Brian Sales 618-1818*... MLS #90854 ... **$599,000**
2806 FM 1212, STANTON...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*... MLS #90223 ... **$450,000**
4109 FM 819, BIG SPRING...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*... MLS #89206 ... **$375,000**
800 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #89792 ... **$350,000**
3107 C 2150, STANTON...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*... MLS #88177 ... **$310,000**
2300 CD. RD. 2051, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #91080 ... **$305,000**
2525 S. E. CD. RD. 1000, ANDREWS...*Sandy J. Hanson*... MLS #90768 ... **2.5 Acres/$299,900**
2650 E. CD. RD. 2330, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #89582 ... **$275,000**
505 HIGH ROAD, COLEMAN...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*... MLS #89621 ... **$264,900**
3708 SCR 1314, ODESSA...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #90147 ... **$225,000**

9210 DUBLIN AVE., ODESSA...*Melissa Williams 349-2812*... MLS #86323 ... ***SALE PENDING***
3262 HWY. 137, GRADY...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*... MLS #89461 ... **$199,900**
15375 N. HOLLYHOCK, GARDENDALE...*Caleb Matott 349-3330* MLS #89641 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2289 FM 829, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*... MLS #90277 ... **$179,000**
904 W. BROADWAY, STANTON...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #89958 ... **$159,900**
1500 WASHINGTON AVE., ODESSA...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #91062 ... **$142,000**
2825 CD. RD. 2001, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*... MLS #90491 ... **$140,000**
504 BROADWAY, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*... MLS #88271 ... **$129,500**
1310 12TH PLACE, ANDREWS...*Mona Lopez 697-8602*... MLS #90008 ... ***SALE PENDING***
309 SW 11TH ST., ANDREWS...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*... MLS #85551 ... **$124,500**
1029 KOLETA, ODESSA...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*... MLS #90806 ... **$120,000**

1305 55TH ST., ODESSA...*Jennifer Martin 349-2632*... MLS #90543 ... ***SALE PENDING***
105 E. 21ST., CRANE...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*... MLS #85747 ... **$100,000**
1104 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*... MLS #90591 ... ***SALE PENDING***
2918 GILA ROAD, ODESSA...*Janice Murrell 349-7242*... MLS #90085 ... ***SOLD***
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*... MLS #88348 ... **$89,000**
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exploring STILES

Midlander finds history, beauty in ghost town

Story and photos by Carol Ramirez
Special to the Reporter-Telegram



Carol Ramirez is an aspiring photographer in Midland.

I have driven by the ruins of the former county courthouse of Reagan County in the ghost town of Stiles on numerous occasions but never had the opportunity to stop until a hot weekend in June.

As an aspiring photographer, I try to take every opportunity to photograph interesting places. When you pass Stiles on the highway, you never think a burned-out shell of a place will hold any kind of beauty, but it isn't only the beautiful architecture that once stood, it is the history and story behind the building and the area itself that makes it an interesting

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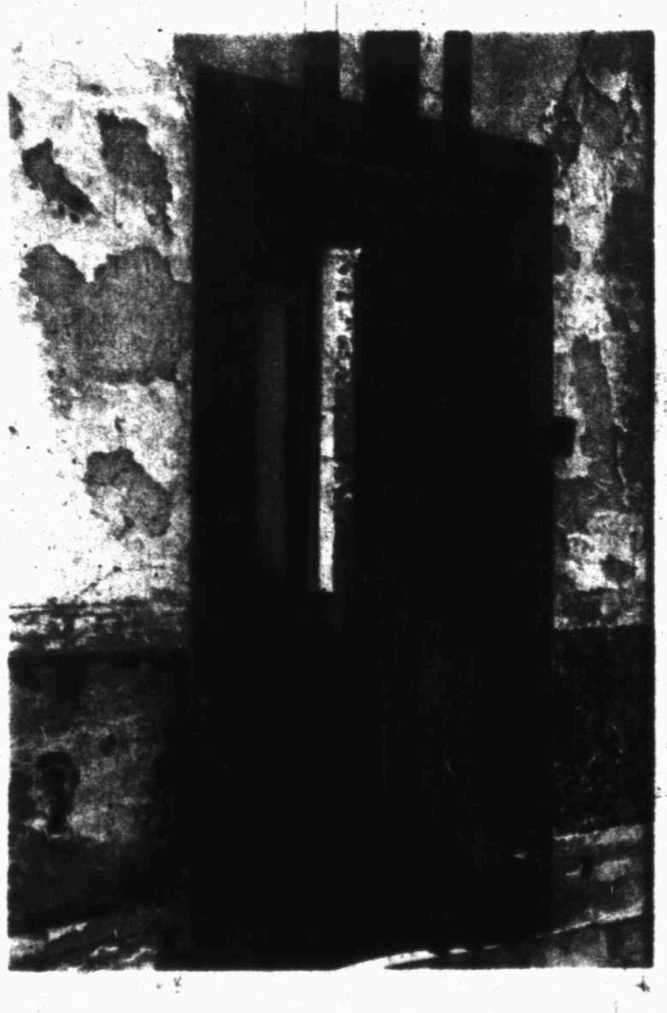
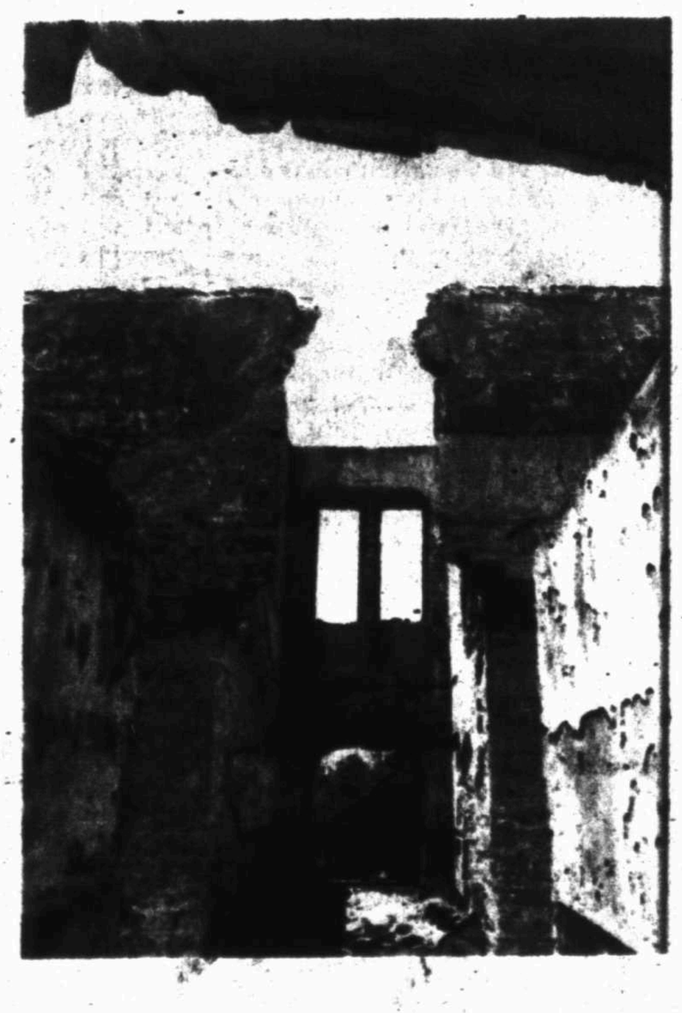
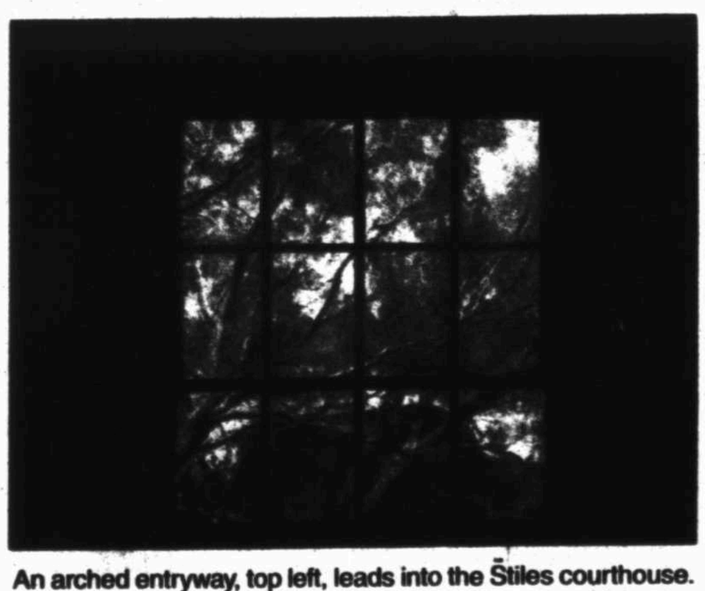






An arched entryway, top left, leads into the Stiles courthouse. TOP RIGHT: A bird's nest is hidden inside an old tractor parked off of the highway. **CENTER LEFT:** Along the highway to Stiles, this tractor was hidden away off the road among some mesquite bushes. **CENTER:** An inside view of the courthouse shows the archways that led from room to room. **FAR LEFT:** Metal window shutters of the courthouse remain strong and intact through years of harsh elements and fire. **LEFT:** A view from inside the courthouse shows the years of decay. **ABOVE:** Mesquite and debris can be seen through the view from the window in an outbuilding near the courthouse.



STILES

From 1E

place to stop and take a look.

Stiles was organized as the county seat of Reagan County in 1903. The courthouse, which is the only substantial building still standing, was finished in 1911. Stones used to make the courthouse were hauled by mules, donkeys and wagons from a surrounding hillside. In 1910 the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad planned to build along the Centralia Draw from San Angelo through Fort Stockton. That did not happen because a land owner refused to sell the right-of-way. The line was built 20 miles to the south of Stiles. That was the beginning of its end. In 1925, a vote passed for moving the county seat closer to the railroad in Big Lake and Stiles eventually was abandoned.

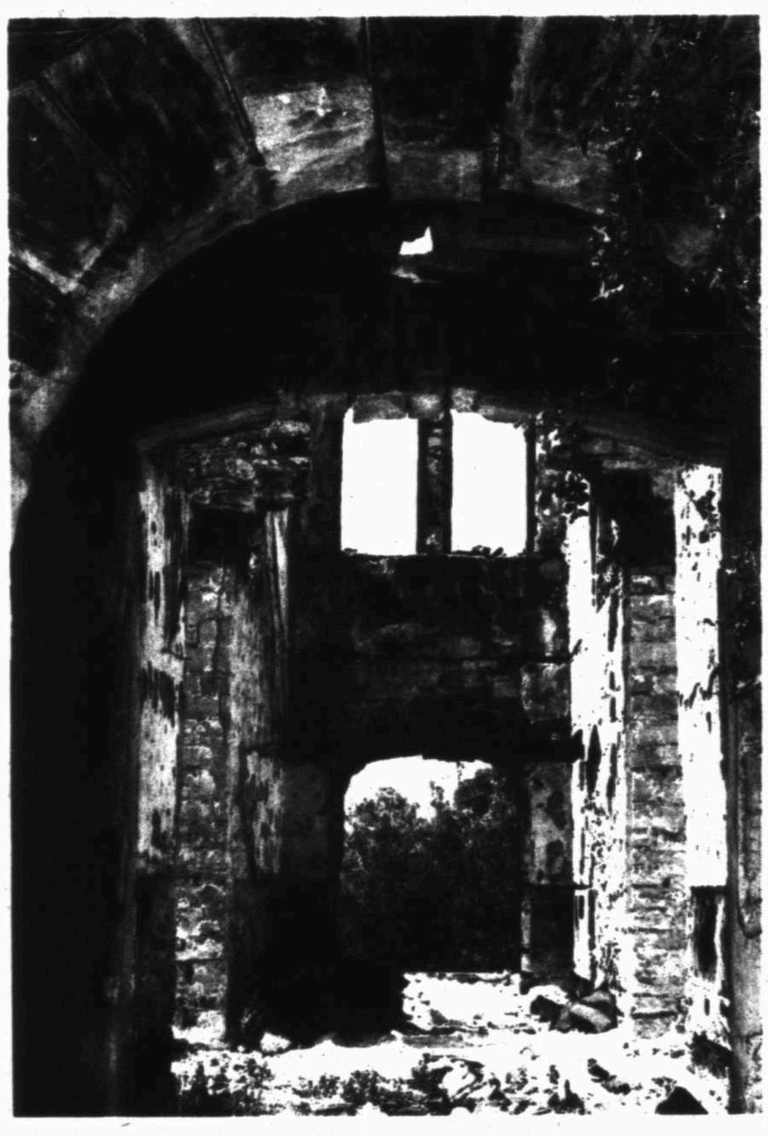
It was an extremely hot day when a friend and I set out from Midland on this little adventure. It took less than an hour to arrive. Along the way, there were other photo opportunities I could not pass up. When we arrived, we saw a driveway with a posted sign that says, "Historic Loop." We went through and drove directly to the building. The building had a chain-link fence surrounding the area, but it was easily accessible.

It felt as if I was walking into a past where I could imagine cowboys on horses and women in long dresses. Stiles is a dry and desolate place but in the middle of that stood a beautiful building.

The building itself is made from white stone with beautiful archways at every entrance. The building stood two stories tall, but all that remains of the second story are the windows. One doorway was surrounded by a metal frame that has rusted from years exposed to the elements. Another room had two windows with heavy, metal shutters. They were bent and rusted with age and abuse but still beautiful. On the ground were burnt pieces of ornamental metal sheets that still could be seen if you looked closely. It must have been a grand place. It saddens me to see a historical treasure in such decay, but there is still beauty to see and a story to tell our generation about this little town.

There is only the shell of that building left, not only because of decay, abuse and harsh West Texas elements but also because in the late 1990s a Midland man was charged and arrested for the arson of that building along with other arsons in surrounding counties.

This historical town is worth the trip and anyone who loves photography shouldn't miss the opportunity to take a few pictures and share the story of this place.



An outside view of the Stiles courthouse, above, shows the destruction from a fire that gutted the building. LEFT: An inside view of the courthouse shows the archways that led from room to room.

Courtesy of Carol Ramirez

Be a citizen scientist, explore outdoors



BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is founder of Sibley Nature Center.

Becoming impassionated about exploring the outdoors is tons of fun. Amazing and charming moments occur when a person is outside and appreciating the wonders that are the greatest gift to humankind — the incredible diversity of life that lives with and around us. For an example, Sibley board member Pat Thompson, during the Midland Naturalists' July Butterfly Count for the North American Butterfly Association, stepped past the Junior Master Gardeners Children's Garden early that morning and interrupted a packrat family traveling across the trail. When the momma spotted Pat and her companion, Dr. John Adams, it stopped in the middle of the trail and ran back to where it began.

Both Pat and John, being experienced naturalists, froze and waited to see if it would come out again. It did, and after a false start or two, went on across. Then two young packrats followed, but doubled back. After several times of that behavior the two human observers stepped so they would be somewhat hidden, and waited. Sure enough, the young came out and crossed. Pat's camera hung on her shoulder the whole time — she had brought it to photograph the butterflies, and was so entranced she did not even think to take photos.

Like all experienced naturalists, Pat said the sighting caused some questions to be raised — why were they leaving? Was this the beginning of the weaning process? Had their nest become too flea infested? Had a coyote raided their nest?

The Midland Naturalists have held annual butterfly counts for more than 20 years. They have held annual Christmas Bird Counts and May Day Spring Migration Bird Counts for more than 60 years. They have been doing citizen science for much longer than the term has been used. Gathering data, such as the dates of migrant birds passing through, or summer or winter residents returning or their reproduction dates, has allowed ornithologists to have billions of data points to utilize when analyzing bird population trends, effects of climate or a dozen other things that can be measured by a steady stream of observational data.

In recent years, many birdwatchers have branched out to other organisms, with butterflies being the next most popular for organized counts. Now there are even dragonfly counts. Doing the counts gets a person out for some exercise and gives him or her a chance to contribute to science by doing something fun — exploring. Humans are explorers by nature and necessity, always gathering information and learning, even if they don't realize it.

Some people do not indulge the innate drive, preferring to be numbed by television, or computer and video games, or alcohol and drugs. Luckily, there are many ways to have a life full of learning. Some folks become completely involved in their children's activities, others become artful at a skill. Some become students of history, or become rockhounds that make jewelry with their finds.

If becoming involved in an activity that can lead to a lifetime without boredom sounds like a fun thing, please attend an all-day seminar at the Sibley Nature Center, presented by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Marsha May will present the array of citizen science activities promoted by the TDPW 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday. Toad watch, turtle watch, prairie dog watch, mussel watch and more help TPWD scientists monitor species of these groups of organisms. The activities are great for families, or interested folks can form local focus groups that consistently do surveys. Mark Klym will talk about hummingbird watch and wildlife gardening 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Those who think they might enjoy these activities also will have the opportunity to get on the Llano Estacado Master Naturalist email list and join us on field trips. If you like the field trips and wish to become a member, we will gladly accommodate you. If you like getting out and exploring the countryside, but wish to remain solo, the Sibley Nature Center would love to receive any photographs you take of the local flora and fauna for our own citizen-science project — the photodocumentation of all of the organisms of the Llano Estacado and surrounding regions. Our long range goal is to provide smart phone field guide apps to the eight major habitats of the area. For more information, call 684 6827.

MIKE LEGGETT



Mike Leggett writes for the Austin American-Statesman.

Chronic wasting disease appears in Texas' wild deer

AUSTIN — So, we have chronic wasting disease in Texas. CWD is a brain infection that strikes cervids — whitetails, mule deer, elk. It's is related to mad cow disease and its human variant, Cruetzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Scary again.

CWD became all the rage 10 years ago when Wisconsin found some cases in whitetails. Texas, which had been allowing breeders to import deer from other states like Wisconsin, shut down the process. Scary still, but probably prudent until we found out what was going on.

Deer managers and biologists were told Texas would not ease restrictions on deer movement around the state until tests showed consistently negative results over a large area and a long period of time. That was about 35,000 tests ago, and we're still gathering brain samples from wild and penned deer to make sure we don't have any trace of CWD that could threaten our population of roughly 4 million deer.

Now here's the really scary part: Texas Parks and Wildlife staff, with help from Texas A&M's veterinary laboratory, have found two positive tests for CWD among 31 recent samples collected in far West Texas. These deer came from an area close to the New Mexico border in the extreme northern parts of El Paso and Hudspeth counties.

It wasn't in a pen of whitetails on some ranch in Central Texas or South Texas, which is where opponents of the state's burgeoning deer breeding business expected to find it.

It was found in two mule deer in an area truly sparsely populated with deer. And the deer didn't show signs of the disease, they had been shot and had their brains removed for testing for CWD.

It's interesting the experts found two positives in deer in that specific area. This is the Texas-New Mexico border area where former TPWD wildlife director Charles Allen was running a wild antelope capture and relocation operation just over 20 years ago.

At the time, a helicopter was being used to net the animals from the air. Beyond antelope, they also were trapping deer, turkeys and largemouth bass and moving them to various places in Texas. The investigation that followed cast a spotlight on state employees, state officials, political appointees and others who had been involved.

One result of the incident was the state got out of the deer capture industry. A permit system was created and suddenly deer capture and movement were rampant.

Guys were hauling deer in trailers from one ranch to another and then someone had the bright idea of breeding trophy bucks for increased size and better genetics. All of this is allowed today with proper state permits.

As the "deer industry" grew, so too did the fear CWD might find its way into Texas via an imported whitetail.

And that brings us to today. We have chronic wasting disease in Texas. In wild deer.

Scary.

FAMILY MATTERS



Jim May , Ph.D., is the director of the Family Wellness Center. Write him at P.O. Box 51638, Midland 79710-1638; drjimmay@sbcglobal.net

Be cautious speaking to children about tragedy in Colorado

DEAR READERS: With the horrible tragedy of the attack in the Colorado movie theater there may be a need to consider what to tell your children if they ask questions. It certainly is reasonable to assume for some children this can be a significant anxiety producing event. The fact it occurred at a place children commonly frequent for fun makes it all the more potentially terrorizing for them. We would like to try to answer our children's questions but then we have many questions ourselves. A complete explanation may not ever be available — how can one possibly explain such a heinous act? As parents we want to make sure such a thing would not happen to our children or loved ones — but how can we, short of never leaving our homes? This easily can be the conclusion children reach on their own, so we do need to decide what we might tell them to reassure them.

Eitan Schwarz, MD, the head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Northwestern University Medical School, offers the following suggestions you may find helpful if the need arises. He notes as parents we, "must find a balance on the one hand between helping a child feel safe and on the other acknowledging the existence of violence, evil and danger in the world. This must be done in a manner appropriate to the child's ability to understand." He suggests that:

■ First, don't bring this topic up or discuss it in front of children. Wait for them to ask first. Then look for how distressed the child might actually be. Adjust your response to the child's needs. Don't give more details than necessary.

■ Second, a parent should think through their own understanding of what happened, as difficult as that might be. Could it have been anger? Idealism? Human frailty? Fanaticism? Evil? It is important to say we really don't know the person involved or his circumstances. At this time we only know a few oversimplified images and reports selected by media. This is also a chance to discuss with children how to evaluate what they see in the media and how important it is to know a lot more before making judgments. It is also a chance to discuss how wrong it is to use violence to solve personal problems.

■ Third, in contrast, children can be helped to remember and identify how much safety there is in their lives, how much they know about their own parents' love and devotion to them. They can review good times, birthdays, Christmases and Thanksgivings. They can be reminded of getting hugs when feeling down, ill or injured. They can be assured when a parent is angry, it is self limiting and passes quickly. This is a chance to discuss with children how anger can be a normal feeling and describe appropriate ways of expressing it. With older children who can understand finer distinctions you can discuss how a healthy relationship is one in which rifts can be repaired and healed. Children and families directly involved in such events benefit from individual approaches that include intensive reassurance of safety and nurturance in the short run, and ongoing expert assessment and treatment in the long run.

■ Fourth, if a child continues to be distressed or shows persistent signs of anxiety such as changes in behavior, increased aggression, nightmares, clinginess, headaches, tummy aches, shyness, poorer concentration, sleep, loss of appetite, consider an evaluation by a mental health professional who specializes in caring for children.

I suspect this is not a lot of help, but might be a start toward calming our children's fears. We would want to encourage our children (and ourselves) to keep all the victims of this tragedy in our prayers.

Chick-fil-A debate plays out on social media

By Nedra Rhone
Cox Newspapers

ATLANTA — When Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy stated his support for traditional marriage last week, it set off a firestorm of public debate. In just a few hours, the battle lines had been drawn — in cyberspace.

Tens of thousands of commenters on websites such as the Huffington Post and Chick-fil-A's Facebook page either vowed to boycott the Atlanta-based purveyor of chicken sandwiches or pledged to support them.

Public protests, demonstrations and boycotts are time honored ways in which we express our views, but in the digital age, much of the action has moved from the streets to the computer screen. Almost everyone is just a tweet, a comment or a blog post away from social activism.

"Social media is the great equalizer," said Paul Root Wolpe, director of the Center for Ethics of Emory University. "It gives people who are otherwise relatively voiceless an enormous advantage in communicating with the public."

But taking a protest online has drawbacks. While anyone with a Facebook page can start a protest, getting others to take up your cause isn't always easy. "Social media is still in information overload," Wolpe said. And if you are the protestee, when social media is the medium, the debate can rage on long after a concession has been made.

Four days into the uproar, Chick-fil-A posted a statement on Facebook reiterating the company's commitment to treating every person with "honor, dignity and respect — regardless of their belief, race, creed, sexual orientation or gender." The statement went on to say the company in the future planned to "leave the policy debate over same-sex marriage to the government and political arena."

But the comments are still flowing in.

It wasn't so long ago a similar type of online protest contributed to real-life change. Weeks after a post describing a policy at Susan G. Komen for the Cure that would defund some Planned Parenthood centers went viral, senior vice president for public policy Karen Handel resigned.

While it isn't likely the Chick-fil-A protest will put the company out of business, it has succeeded in inciting public discourse.

Jamal Jackson, 34, a drummer at Union Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Ga., turned to Facebook to express his views because he thought Chick-fil-A was being attacked.

Doria Roberts and her wife, Calavino Donati, owners of the East Atlanta eatery Urban Cannibals, saw the Chick-fil-A controversy as an opportunity to give a human face to an issue by hosting a Two Chicks-fil-A brunch at their restaurant Sunday.

"It is important to come out of the Internet and show people there are really people behind these things that people are saying," Roberts said. "It is very important to add a human element to any movement. It is hard to hate somebody when you are looking right at them."

Fairy-tale ending: Moms, maidens and Prince Charming find 'all kinds of role models'

MELANIE NICHOLAS



Melanie Nicholas writes about family and motherhood for the Reporter-Telegram

I stood in the kitchen arguing with my mother about fairy tales, neither of us was going to budge. After spending the week, she had noticed Little Son was starting to question what and who was good, what made a person do bad things. She merely suggested I read some fairy tales to the kids as an easy way to illustrate good and evil, right and wrong. I was filled with indignation. The fairy tales I grew up on give children, especially girls, the wrong idea about the world we live in. In real life, pretty only gets you so far. You have to kiss more than one frog (or throw them against the wall) to find the prince. And good doesn't always triumph. But on the other hand, it is impossible to avoid fairy tales all together.

She is rolling her eyes, I am spluttering. Mom thinks I worry too much, "parents are the role models Melanie, not storybook characters."

Just As You Are

Bodacious is only 1, and I have been careful to not "princess out" her room or clothes. If she falls, I mostly let her pick herself up. She prefers trucks, Legos and rock-n-roll. Ripping out bows and clips, she likes her hair to look Neil Young-esque. One of her favorite pastimes is shaking her head back and forth, whipping her babyfine locks across her face in true Rock God fashion. I love it. I want a daughter who is self-reliant, tough and unafraid to be the person God intends for her to be.

I also want a daughter who is sweet and loving. Baby Girl sings with her brother, and loves on her doggies with (mostly) tender hands. If she finds magic and wonder in her everyday, I will be glad. I want her to have imagination, empathy and kindness in her, to be a friend when someone needs one. I want her to be loving and capable of receiving love. When she finds her true love, I want her to be ready. Because sometimes, Prince Charming does come along. I should know, I married him.

Having a Ball

Recently, I watched with fascination as the Facebook comments rolled in. A friend wanted to know what was less detrimental — mermaids, faeries or princesses — as the theme for her daughter's upcoming birthday party? That's a million-dollar question. As women, do we eschew Ariel and Cinderella, finding and being empowered role models instead? Or as mothers, do we let our children decide who they love and emulate?

It was in these days, when I was worrying and wondering about how I would unfairly prejudice or inadvertently weaken my daughter, that I realized fairy tales actually had been hard on Little Son.

The Princess Bride

Sir Parksalot burst into big, fat tears a couple of weeks ago during drop-off at mother's day out. He was red faced, sobbing in his car seat. "I will miss you," he wailed from the backseat. Apparently, he didn't want to leave his mommy when he got married to Princess Tella.

It seems instead of enforcing naptime, his teacher had been playing Disney princess movies. A lot of Disney princess movies. My sweet prince ended up with a fair maiden, and they were playing prince and princess games on the playground.

Now please don't get me wrong. I happen to love Princess Tella. The kids have been friends since they were infants. She is articulate, sweet and fearsome. If Tella and Parksalot were to marry, it would be OK with me. But what's not OK with me is my 3-year-old son is spending his time worrying about having to leave home to rescue a girl and marry her. Oh, and by the way Momma, he needs to keep his baby sister so they will have their very own baby. Sheesh!

The End

Things have resolved themselves quite nicely, I will say. Little Son no longer is in that teacher's class, and he and Princess Tella are still the best of friends. I have promised him when he grows up, he never has to leave home. I am sure no matter who he marries, she will looooove to live at home with his mother. I am, after all, the Fairest of Them All.

And my friend? Her daughter got a sweet homemade princess cake, adorned with tiny princess dolls. A recent photo showed her confidently hunting Easter eggs. Dressed as an action hero.

Maybe I do worry too much about Happily Ever After, Mom. Maybe there's room for all kinds of role models.

Melanie Nicholas lives, loves, works and raises babies in Midland. She and her husband have two children, Parksalot, 3, and Bodacious, 1.

Anger about childhood abuse resurfaces in young mother

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: I'm a 25-year-old, happily married woman with a great life. Ever since the birth of my son a little over a year ago, I find myself angry at things that happened in my childhood that I thought I had gotten over.

Abby, I was mentally, physically and sexually abused by my father. He has never had to answer for his actions, which of course he denies. My mother also was emotionally and verbally abusive, as well as absent. I have a newfound anger toward her, and the hatred for my father has resurfaced. (I have had no contact with him for years.)

How do I get over this? I had therapy as a kid and I'm looking for other options. — HAVING FLASHBACKS IN MARION, OHIO

DEAR HAVING FLASHBACKS: You may be looking for "other options," but more counseling may be the best option for you. Now that you're a mother yourself, with a daily reminder of how small and fragile a child is, it's not surprising you're angry at your parents for the way you were treated when you were little and helpless. A licensed psychotherapist can help you work this through in the shortest possible time, so please don't wait to ask for a referral.

DEAR ABBY: Less than a year ago, my 28-year-old son, "David," married his college sweetheart, "Ann." She's a wonderful girl. They bought a home near her job in the Midwest.

David sometimes goes out of state on temporary jobs. He called me a month ago, while on a job in a resort area, and told me he has met someone and wants out of his marriage. He said Ann has been great, they never argue, etc., but he was pressured into the marriage and doesn't really know where his life is going.

Ann has called me several times in tears. She said she will give him time, but she is almost ready to give up. I am heartbroken. I think my son is making a terrible mistake, as Ann truly loves him and will do anything for him. I love her like a daughter.

I have spoken to David and told him what I think, but I don't know what else to do. There is no good reason for this breakup. How can I help him not to go ahead with this? — VERY SAD MOM IN MARYLAND

DEAR MOM: You can't prevent your son from leaving the marriage. However, you would do him and Ann a favor to suggest when his business in the resort area is finished, they seek marriage counseling. David may want out because he met someone or, as he said, he didn't really want to be married in the first place. If there's an upside to this, it's that they didn't have children.

While the situation is sad and you love your daughter-in-law, do NOT allow yourself to be put in the middle or you will alienate your son. If the marriage doesn't work out, you still can have a relationship with her, although it won't be the one you planned on.

DEAR ABBY: What's the difference, in your opinion, between gossip and news? I have a friend who loves telling me things about other friends. I think she does it in order to let me know she knows something I don't know. Frankly, I think she's invading the privacy of others. She considers it "news." I consider it gossip. — UNWILLING LISTENER IN PHOENIX

DEAR UNWILLING: News is something that affects everyone. It's supposed to be fact-based. Gossip, on the other hand, a form of voyeurism, is often based on conjecture and its intent is titillation.

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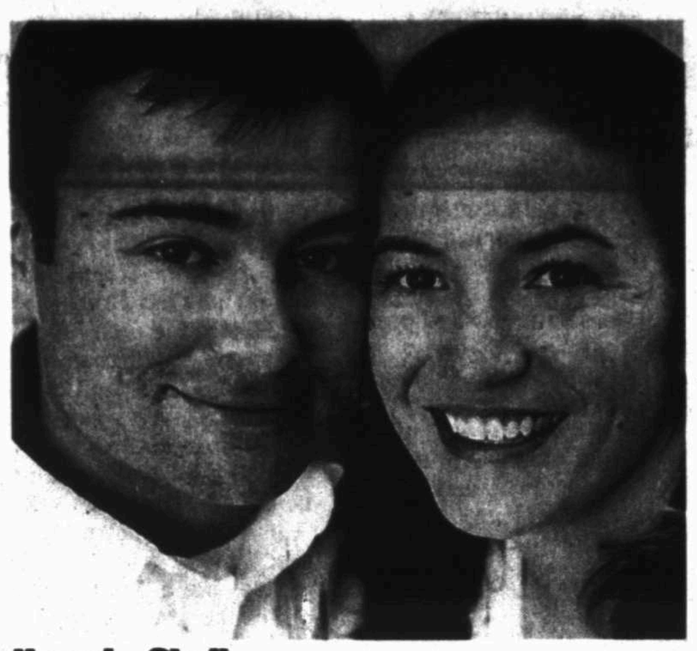


Heard - Shell

Trisha Lea Heard of Franklin, Tennessee and David Alan Shell of Lexington, Kentucky are planning to be married at 6:00 PM, December 8, 2012 at The Old Edwards Inn in Highlands, North Carolina.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jed and Patti Heard of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of the late Rudy and Mary Berg of Midland, Texas and the late Fred and Evelyn Heard of San Marcos, Texas.

The groom-elect is the son of Ann Clark and William Clark of Richmond, Kentucky and late Larry Shell of Paint Lick, Kentucky. He is the grandson of William Hagan and the late Wilma Hagan of Richmond and the late Gus and Ganel Shell of Paint Lick.

Trisha graduated from Midland High School in 1998 before attending Texas A&M University where she earned a degree in Animal Science. She began working for FarmVet equine supply company out of Franklin, TN in the fall of 2002 and is currently their Sales Manager.

Alan is a 2001 graduate of Madison Central High School and graduated from the University of Kentucky where he earned a degree in Animal Science. He is currently an Assistant Trainer with (Kenneth) McPeek Racing headquartered in Lexington, KY.

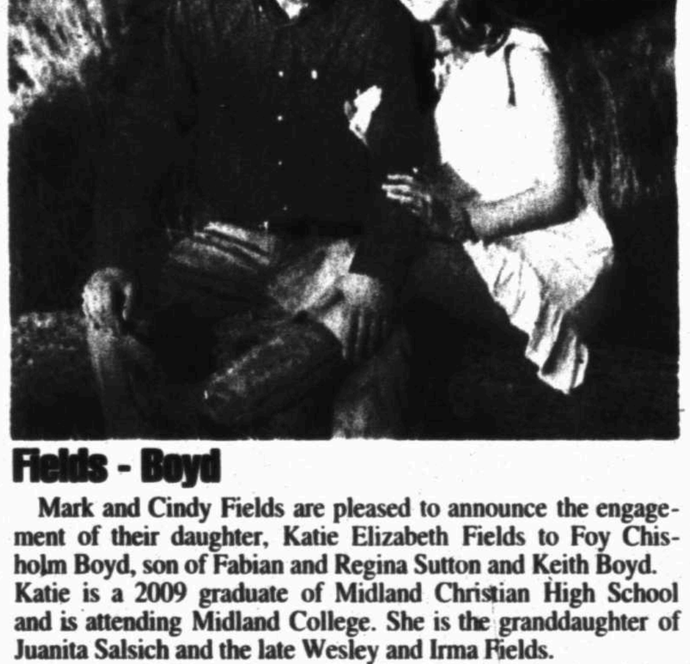


Spencer - Guinn

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Scott Spencer are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Anne Spencer to Tyler Buck Guinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cole Guinn of New Braunfels, Texas. Natalie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Spencer, Mr. James H. Essman, and Mrs. Flo Curry all of Midland, Texas. Tyler is the grandson of Col. and Mrs. Joe Guinn of New Braunfels, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stick of The Woodlands, Texas and great-grandson of Mrs. Eugene Stick from Humble, Texas.

The bride elect graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Sociology, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity. The prospective groom graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and was a member of Brotherhood of Christian Aggies. He is employed as Art Director for Unleaded Communications in Houston, Texas.

The two will be wed in September at First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas.



Fields - Boyd

Mark and Cindy Fields are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Elizabeth Fields to Foy Chisholm Boyd, son of Fabian and Regina Sutton and Keith Boyd.

Katie is a 2009 graduate of Midland Christian High School and is attending Midland College. She is the granddaughter of Juanita Salsich and the late Wesley and Irma Fields.

Foy is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School and is a field service technician employed by Atlas Pipeline. He is the grandson of Foy William Boyd Jr., Carol Adams and Rosa Lynn English.

Katie and Foy will tie the knot this year on the eighteenth of August in Christoval, Texas.

WEDDINGS



Copeland - Brock

Lindsay Elizabeth Copeland of Fort Worth, Texas and Timothy David Brock of Hurst, Texas were united in marriage Saturday May 5th, 2012, at 5:00 pm at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Jeremy Bollens of Lubbock, Texas and Ben Fuqua of Christ Chapel were the officiants. Music was provided by the Pavane String Quarter. Soloist David Dunn of Houston, Texas sang "Divine Romance". A reception followed at the Botantic Gardens in Fort Worth, Texas. A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at the Reata Restaurant in downtown Fort Worth on the eve of the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Copeland of Norman, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Flora McLellan Wolf of Fort Worth, Texas, and the late Mr. Raymond B. Wolf, Mrs. Molly Copeland and Mr. Wayne E. Copeland.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brock of Midland. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cartwright of Midland, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Olen Brock of Midland.

Matron of honor was Kathleen Copeland, sister-in-law of the bride of Fort Worth, Texas. Bridesmaids were Jacklyn O'Connor, sister of the groom of Midland; Denae Duesler of Denver, Colorado; Kristy Harden of N. Richland Hills, Texas; Erin Morgan of Fort Worth, Texas; Christian Staley of Lindale, Texas and Ashley Statham of Norman, Oklahoma. Flower girls were Flora Danielson and Ella Bea Harbold. Tristen Wilson of Flower Mound, Texas; Tricia Bowles of Fort Worth, Texas and Sophie Harbold of Tyler, Texas were members of the house party.

Serving his brother as best man was Jeff Brock of Fort Worth, Texas. Groomsmen were John Copeland, brother of the bride of Fort Worth, Texas; Chad O'Connor, brother-in-law of the groom of Midland; Bo Ritchie of Midland; Chris Ryburn of Midland; David Dunn of Houston, Texas; David Hardy of Richardson, Texas; and Neil Wilson of Flower Mound, Texas. Ushers were Roy Geer of Midland; Brad Burke of Hurst, Texas; Aric Lampert of Lubbock, Texas and Zach Turpin of Farmers Branch, Texas. Ring bearer was John Beck Seale.

After enjoying a honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple is residing in Hurst, Texas.



Hermes - Stovall

Kaedy Elizabeth Hermes and Matthew Jacob Stovall were married at 2:00 p.m. on March 10, 2012 at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Shiner, TX. Father Kirby Hlavaty officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Joey and Kenna Hermes of Sutherland Springs, TX and Donnie and Gayle Schaefer of Shiner, TX. She is the granddaughter of Butch and Margaret Hermes of Sweet Home, TX and Eugene and Betty Valenta of Yoakum, TX.

The groom is the son of Bobby Jr. and Stephanie Stovall of Midland, TX. He is the grandson of Bob and Jackie Stovall and Jimmy and Joyce Lucas all of Midland, TX. He is also the great-grandson of Lorain Hill of Sweetwater, TX.

Maid of honor was Alexa Schaefer, sister of the bride. Matrons of honor were Jessica Ripley, sister of the groom; and Ashley Stovall, sister-in-law of the groom. Bridesmaids were Jamie Pilat, Emily Valenta and Kristen Valenta, cousins of the bride. Flower girls were Emily Friend and Ava Okruhluk, cousins of the bride; and Sarah Masonheimer, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Daniel Stovall, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Hunter Ripley, brother-in-law of the groom; Jordan Schaefer, brother of the bride; Dallas Golden, cousin of the groom; Dodge Stovall, cousin of the groom; and Geraldo Rendon. Ring bearers were Jaxson Boswell and Ian Friend, cousins of the bride. Ushers were Reagan Beal, Zachary Beal, Bucky Boehm, cousins of the bride; and Cody Mraz and Travis Pilat.

After their wedding the couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They now reside in Midland, TX.



Washington - Ferrell

Shaina J. Washington and Jody D. Ferrell were united in marriage on Saturday, June 30, 2012 at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Midland, Texas, W.C. Kenan officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Lei and Isaac H. Washington Sr. of Midland, Texas. The groom is the son of Miss Velecia Ferrell of Midland, Texas and Mr. Joe Whitlow of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Shaina is a 2004 graduate of Lee High School and a 2009 graduate of UTPB with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing. She is currently employed by West Texas National Bank. Jody is 2001 graduate of Midland High School and is currently employed by Apache. The couple will reside tin Midland.

ANNIVERSARIES





Wedel 50th Wedding Anniversary

Don and Vivian Wedel of Midland are celebrating their 50th anniversary on July 27, 2012.

They were married on July 27, 1962 at First Baptist Church of Wasco, California. The couple met while attending Wasco High School and were high school sweethearts.

Don started working for The Superior Oil Company in 1962 and retired from Exxon Mobil in 2000. Vivian retired from working in 1995.

After surviving a battle with colon cancer, Don began making cookies for the nurses and volunteers at the hospital. His cookie making began to expand to other charitable works such as Rays of Hope and Fairhaven. He now bakes dozens of cookies every week and has become known as "the cookie man". Vivian is an avid mall walker, enjoys being involved in TOPS club, swims at the COM Aquatic Center, and is a large supporter of Midland Christian School, where all four of her grandchildren attended or still attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wedel have three children: Dave (Liz) Wedel of Midland, Sue Wedel of San Antonio, and Cindy (Keith) Gilbreath of Midland.

They have four grandchildren: Todd and Gretchen Wedel and Keifer and Kage Gilbreath.

The couple will celebrate with a family dinner.



Smith 65th Anniversary

Leonard Smith and Murl Shaffer, married on July 26, 1947, celebrate their 65th anniversary on July 26, 2012 at their home with their children, Laura Powell, Marcia Stinson, Terry Smith and Lanita Newberry.

They have spent all 65 of those years in Midland and cherish their family and their many friends.

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Flournoy 50th Anniversary

On a beautiful day in West Texas, 50 years ago on July 27, 1962, Thomas Olen Flournoy, now 88 year old native of Midland, joyfully took as his wife, Jacquelyn Leona Shumate of Monahans, TX, now 72. Their loving family includes 3 living sons, Don, Mark and Randall Flournoy; and 2 daughters, Tiffany Geisendorff and Cassie Gerety, all 5 of Midland; and 3 sons that have returned home to their Heavenly Father, Burton William, William Nolan, and Burton Thomas Flournoy. They have 11 grandchildren, all ranging in age from 11 to 40 years old, namely Dawn, Will, Paul, Carrie, Christon, Alex, Caylie, Victoria, Bryce, Julia-Renee and Jacquelyn "Lyn" (who is named after her grandmother); 8 great-grandkids all ranging from ages 2 to 20, namely Tyler, Hayden, Kaitlyn, Deegan, Audre, Brent, Kylee, and Adalyn.

While living in their same Midland home for most of the 50 years, Tom and Jackie have been active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for 42 years. While Jackie's passion in life is genealogy and her family, Tommy is a remarkable repairman and defender of the Constitution of the United States. Together, they have seen and experienced countless changes in technologies and the world and will continue to share their time together in this world and the next.

As their children, we were taught many valuable lessons in honesty, integrity, strength, hard work and selfless love. There were many times that our parents sacrificed their wants and needs to make sure we had a good life. We always had an endless amount of love, support and guidance that we still continue to enjoy today as their adult children.

Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad, from all of your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren! You guys are amazing! We love you so much!

Bring together best of salads, grilling

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

Summer is prime time for salads and grilling. So why not bring them together in one delicious dish?

One of my favorite warm weather meals involves just that. I pile my dinner plate with the makings of a robust salad — a mass of greens, sliced carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, often even leftover grilled vegetables from the night before. Then I thinly slice whatever meat I tossed on the grill and use that to top the salad. A sprinkle of vinaigrette and it's good to go.

For this salad, I went with my favorite grill-friendly steak — flank. It takes well to seasoning rubs, cooks quickly and slices nicely. For the seasoning rub, I went with a simple blend, the highlights of which are fennel seeds and cumin (but you could substitute whatever seasonings you prefer).

Be warned: this is no frilly salad. To stand up to hot steak, a salad must be robust. Plus, the point here is for it to be a meal, not a side.

Fennel-Cumin Flank Steak Salad

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

1 teaspoon whole fennel seeds
1 teaspoon whole cumin seeds
1 teaspoon yellow mustard seeds
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Kosher salt and coarsely ground black pepper
1 1/4 pounds flank steak
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
2 cloves garlic, minced
5-ounce package baby arugula
1 green bell pepper, cored and diced
1 avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
4-ounce log soft goat cheese
1/2 cup dried cranberries

Heat the grill to medium-high.

In a mortar and pestle or spice grinder, combine the fennel, cumin, mustard, garlic powder, 1 teaspoon of salt and 1/2 teaspoon of pepper. Grind well, then rub the mixture over both sides of the flank steak. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar and 1/2 teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Add the tomatoes and garlic, toss well, then set aside.

Divide the arugula between 4 serving plates. Top with the bell pepper and avocado. Crumble a quarter of the goat cheese over each plate of arugula, then sprinkle with dried cranberries.

Using an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, oil the grill grates. Add the steak and grill for 4 to 5 minutes per side for medium-rare. Transfer to a cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes. Thinly slice the steak against the grain, then heap a quarter of it on top of each salad.

Spoon a quarter of the tomatoes, as well as any liquid in the bowl, over each salad.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 570 calories; 290 calories from fat (51 percent of total calories); 33 g fat (11 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 75 mg cholesterol; 26 g carbohydrate; 48 g protein.

Fennel: What they are and how to use them

Editor's note: Off the Beaten Aisle is a weekly column by AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch that also appears at FoodNetwork.com. It explores less-or known but widely available ingredients.

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

If ever there was a vegetable dogged by misunderstanding, fresh fennel is it.

Because while it may taste like anise and look like a bulb, it is neither. And don't let the grocery workers who love to label it that way tell you otherwise.

While fennel is a relative of anise, they are separate plants. And while the base of fennel is bulbous, that's a shape, not its plant variety. So now that we've cleared up what fennel isn't, let's focus on what it is.

Fresh fennel resembles a cross between cabbage, celery and dill. The taste is assertively (though not unpleasantly) licorice and sweet. The base of the fennel is round with tightly overlapping pale green leaves. Sprouting out of that are long celery-like stalks topped with fine frilly leaves.

Technically speaking, all parts of the plant are edible, but most people will find the stalks too tough and fibrous to eat. The leaves can be chopped and used to flavor salads, dressings, marinades and sauces. They tend to have a slightly more citrusy flavor than the base.

The base (or bulb) is delicious raw or cooked. The thick bottom and outter leaves usually are trimmed off, then the rest can be sliced or chopped.

Fennel is particularly popular in the cuisines of the Mediterranean, particularly Italy, where it has been grown since the 17th century.

Fennel Egg Salad Sandwich



To hard-boil eggs, place them in a medium saucepan and add enough cold water to cover by 1 inch. Bring to a simmer, then reduce heat to maintain a bare simmer, cover and cook for 14 minutes.

Start to finish: 15 minutes
Servings: 3

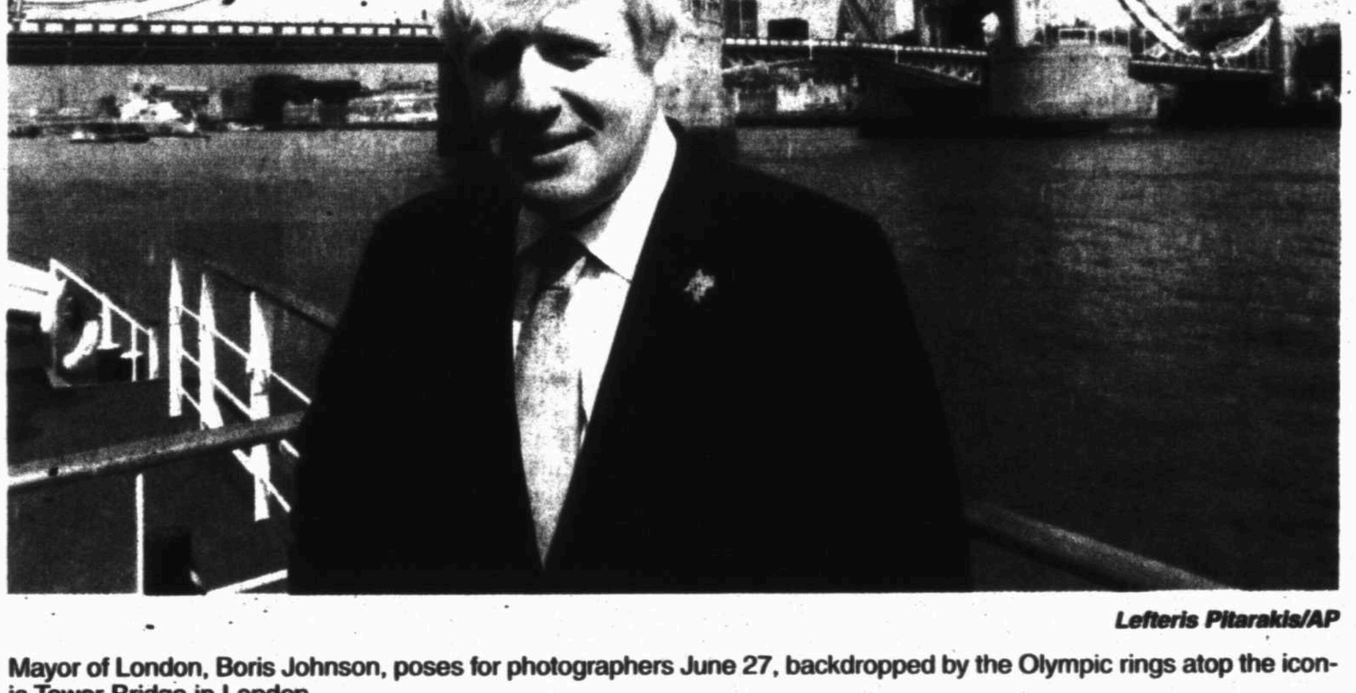
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Splash hot sauce
Zest of 1/2 a lemon
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Salt and ground black pepper
1 small red onion, finely diced
1/2 fennel bulb, trimmed and finely chopped
6 eggs, hard-boiled, cooled and peeled
Lettuce or other greens
6 slices sandwich bread, lightly buttered and toasted
Pinch smoked paprika

In a medium bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, mustard, hot sauce and lemon zest and juice. Taste, then season with salt and pepper.

Mix in the red onion and fennel. Coarsely chop the eggs, then gently stir them in. The eggs should be thoroughly mixed, but not mashed.

Arrange a bed of greens over 3 slices of the bread, then divide the egg salad between them. Sprinkle each with smoked paprika before topping with a second slice of bread.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 530 calories; 280 calories from fat (53 percent of total calories); 31 g fat (10 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 390 mg cholesterol; 42 g carbohydrate; 18 g protein; 3 g fiber; 1,140 mg sodium.



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Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, poses for photographers June 27, backdropped by the Olympic rings atop the iconic Tower Bridge in London.

Britain uses Olympics to shed food image

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — Boiled potatoes, stringy beef and overcooked vegetables. If that's your impression of British food, you're not alone.

The country hosting the Summer Olympics has an international image as a culinary wasteland, but with hundreds of thousands of tourists, athletes and journalists descending on London in less than a month, British chefs and tourism chiefs hope to change that dire reputation.

To be sure, the Olympic and Paralympic Games will feature an industrial-scale catering operation that aims to serve 14 million meals — much of it fast food — to those coming for the July 27-Aug. 12 games. And workers at the Olympic Park are putting the finishing touches on four temporary McDonald's — including the world's largest, a two-story giant capable of serving 14,000 people a day.

But British foodies say the country has much more to offer.

"London is one of the three best cities in the world to eat in right now," said Heston Blumenthal, an ebullient celebrity chef who has been instrumental in challenging Britons' palates with his mad-scientist enthusiasm for innovative "molecular gastronomy."

"But if people haven't been to Britain for 15 years or 20 years, they're going to go 'Oh my God, it's horrible,'" he admitted.

Blumenthal, whose Fat Duck restaurant in the southern England village of Bray consistently is rated among the world's best, has been hired by British Airways, along with chef Simon Hulstone, to create special Olympic menus celebrating British food to be served on flights this summer.

Starters include mackerel with pickled cucumber and golden beetroot and peppered goat's curd salad; mains range from fish pie with parmesan pomme puree to braised British beef with mustard and horseradish mash. The recipes seek to combine strong flavors — rare in airplane meals — with British traditions harkening back to 1948, the last time London hosted the Olympic Games.

In typical Blumenthal fashion, creating the menus involved science, with research into the degrading effects of altitude on a passenger's sense of taste.

Hulstone said the key turned out to be using foods that are rich in umami, the savory "fifth taste" that goes along with bitter, sweet, salty and sour. The goal was "simple but memorable" food.

"Just simple ingredients: parmesan cheese, goat's cheese, mackerel, tomatoes, soy sauce, mustards and mushrooms," Hulstone said. "But they work."

BA says 3 million people will be served the Olympic meals, offered on long-haul flights out of Heathrow airport between July and September. Hulstone also has created a special menu for inbound flights from the U.S.

The culinary enticements continue at Olympic Park, where McDonald's is not the only option. In the athletes' dining hall, competitors can chose from British, European, Mediterranean, African and Caribbean dishes, with Halal, Kosher and low-salt meals available.

Spectators can sample British favorites such as roasted pork on a roll, Red Leicester cheese and apple chutney sandwiches and cod and chips — as well as international fare such as pizza, Singapore noodles and jerk chicken wings.

Across Britain, there is a new pride in local food.

"From sticky toffee pudding from Cartnmel to oysters from Whitstable, salt marsh lamb from North Wales, or smoked salmon from Scotland, our food is key to our cultural identity," Prime Minister David Cameron said at a reception to celebrate British cuisine. "British food showcases our heritage, openness, creativity and diversity."

It's a big change for a cuisine that, according to food historian Ivan Day, really did live down to its image.

The decline began in the late 18th century, when the Industrial Revolution forced millions of people off the land and into cities, where many lost touch with old ways of growing and preparing food.

"We were the very first industrialized nation in the world," said Day, who specializes in unearthing England's pre-industrial cooking traditions. "We were the first people to be fed out of factories."

In the decades that followed, World War I killed hundreds of thousands of Britons, including many skilled cooks, bakers and butchers. World War II left the country victorious but impoverished — "a Third World country with a cold climate," Day said. Food remained strictly rationed for several years after the war.

"We lost what France, Italy, bits of Germany, Portugal and Greece had — a regional, rural cuisine," he said. "A friend of my father's saw a red pepper for the first time in the 1960s, and he called it 'foreign muck.'"

That attitude is now rare. Immigration has transformed British cuisine to such an extent that chicken tikka masala, a hybrid Anglo-Indian curry, is often called the country's national dish.



Youths, left, play soccer July 17, using Havaianas sandals to mark the goal area on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **BELOW:** A customer shops for Havaianas sandals July 16, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Photo at left by Felipe Dana/AP
Photo below by Andre Penner/AP

After 50 years, Havaianas flip-flops are symbol of Brazil

By Jenny Barchfield
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's well-heeled socialites swear by them. Legions of slum-dwellers from the country's hillside "favelas" don them almost every day. Minimum wage earners behind juice bar counters use them, as do newly minted millionaires and, alarmingly, construction workers.

In Brazil, literally everyone wears Havaianas, the now world-famous brand of rubber and plastic flip-flops that's celebrating its 50th birthday this year.

Since their 1962 introduction, Havaianas have joined soccer and samba as one of the great social equalizers in this country, among the world's most stratified societies.

Initially the workaday staples of the Brazilian poor, Havaianas have transcended both their modest origins and the country's borders to become an object of desire the world over, sold at Bloomingdale's and Neiman Marcus and coveted by Hollywood A-listers, European royals and suburban princesses from Seattle to Seoul.

Not only have they become all but de rigeur in poolside Miami and beachfront Cancun, Havaianas now have a way of cropping up where you least expect them, from Paris' rarified haute couture catwalks to the red carpet at the Oscars.

The iconic flip-flops now rival uber-model Gisele Bundchen for the title of Brazil's most famous export. And though the word "havaianas" means Hawaiian in Portuguese, the flip-flops have come to be something of a symbol for Brazil itself.

"They're cool, colorful, laid back and chic," said Brazilian-born fashion consultant Abraao Ferreira. "They're the quintessence of everything that people find appealing about Brazil."

The numbers speak to that enduring popularity.

Last year, 210 million pairs of Havaianas were sold worldwide. Even with 15 percent of total production exported to some 80 countries, enough of the sandals were sold in 2011 for nearly every man, woman and child in Brazil.

Legend has it Havaianas' simple wishbone between-the-toe design was inspired by Japanese "zori" sandals, the traditional straw-bottomed footwear worn by geishas.

"It's true that some executives from (parent company) Alpargatas took a trip to Japan before the launch," in 1962, said Rui Porto, a longtime company executive who now works as a media consultant for the brand. "But the origins of this style of sandal date back to the dawn of time, to roughly the same era as the invention of the wheel.

"In fact, that's why there's no patent on them," Porto said.

Still, patent or not, Havaianas has kept the formula behind its squishy rubber soles a tightly guarded secret. Since most of its direct competitors make cheaper, plastic-soled flip-flops, Havaianas' aerated rubber soles are seen as key to the brand's success and their manufacturing process is kept under strict wraps.

Beyond acknowledging they're made from a mixture of domestic and imported rubber that shrinks and hardens with extended wear, Porto declined to provide any details about the secret soles.

In the beginning, Havaianas came in a Spartan palette, their white soles paired with either sky blue, black or yellow straps. Sold in popular street markets, they quickly became such a basic for the poor here that they were included on the list of basic necessities such as rice and beans that the government used to calculate cost-of-living increases.

"Havaianas were almost synonymous with poverty," said Porto. "They were sold like a commodity, with no investment in design or marketing or innovation, and the whole business model hinged upon selling increasing numbers of pairs in order to drive production costs down."

By the early 1990s, with domestic competitors beginning to eat away at Havaianas' market share, label executives made a bold, 180-degree shift in strategy. Their plan, aimed at rebranding Havaianas as a fashion accessory, would prove so wildly successful that it since has become a business school case study in marketing.

The label looked to inventive wearers who long had been transforming their bicolor sandals into single color ones by flipping the white-topped sole over. In 1994, Havaianas introduced a new line of one-shade sandals in black, royal blue, pink and purple.

Suddenly, middle- and upper-class Brazilians who either wouldn't have been caught dead in Havaianas or donned them exclusively for the short trek from their beachfront apartments to the sand, were snatching them up in multiple shades for all occasions.

Ladies who lunch from Rio's tony Leblon neighborhood wear them to all-important visits to the hairdresser or even out on dates. Private school scions use them to mark the goal box during beach soccer matches. Moneyed businessmen wear them while walking the dog or out to a high-end "churrascaria" barbecue.

Havaianas now come in an ever-changing rainbow of 23 shades, some emblazoned with eye-popping prints on the soles or rubber appliques on the straps. At the brand's concept store on Rua Oscar Freire, Sao Paulo's answer to 5th Avenue in New York, Havaianas devotees can get bespoke sandals made to their color specifications or emblazoned with their initials.

Swanky Brazilian jewelry label H. Stern has crafted a limited edition of six pairs bedazzled with diamonds and glinting with gold. Designer Gustavo Lins, a Brazilian who's among the elite cadre of Paris' haute couture purveyors, sent out a collection of made-to-measure garments paired with Havaianas. The brand also has collaborated with Missoni to create a line of flip-flops emblazoned with the Milan-based luxury label's hallmark zigzags.

While prices for the basic, no-frills models have remained low, retailing in Brazil for just $5, a premium off-the-shelf pair goes for up to $28 here. In the U.S. most models are in the $20-$30 range.

Brazilian-born former model and socialite Andrea Dellal keeps her dazzling Rio apartment stocked with Havaianas in every conceivable size and color.

"I keep baskets full of them in all the bedrooms, and my guests and my children and their friends help themselves," said Dellal.

She said she had vivid memories of wearing Havaianas to the beach as a child. Now she wears them everywhere.

"I wear them with my Dolce & Gabbana dresses during the day because they're easy to run around in and sometimes I wear them at night with long dresses. I love the look," said Dellal, whose other footwear of choice includes vertiginous heels by Manolo Blahnik and daughter Charlotte, who's behind the high-end London shoe label Charlotte Olympia.

Still, despite, or perhaps because of, their adoption by the elite, Havaianas continue to appeal to their original customers at the bottom of Brazil's class hierarchy.

"The popular classes are buying more Havaianas than ever," said consultant Porto. "Poor people have the right to be fashionable too, and people in this group tend to save up for different models and lots of colors.



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Chronic illness may complicate search for new job

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I woke up at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday after going to bed at midnight and not really getting much sleep. Since moving back to New Orleans this has been my habit. I've been going to sleep late and getting up extra early. I wake up between 4:30 and 5 a.m. to make my husband breakfast and put together his lunch for the day. I can hear you all the way over here, you think I'm crazy. I have to admit even though I'm not fond of my new tendency to stay up so late, I do like to get up early with Matt and make his breakfast and I especially enjoy spending time with him before his work day begins. Usually I go right back to sleep when he leaves and wake again at a decent hour. This was not the case Tuesday.

Tuesday I pulled up my resume to finish updating it and I logged on to my LinkedIn profile to make an attempt to update that as well. You know the drill: strong work ethic, sales professional, etc. I have more to add than I originally thought and I'm actually excited about the additions to my resume including my volunteer work with Team Challenge and the CCFA, writing this column and the training and awards I received while working at the Reporter-Telegram. If I were being questioned during an interview, I would have no problem selling myself. For some reason I have a hard time writing that same information in resume form.

When it comes down to it though, how many of us really enjoy the job hunting process? You have to determine the type of job you really want. How much salary are you looking for? Are you willing to go with base plus commission or even 100 percent commission? What kind of work environment is best for you? Can you handle pressure and deadlines? Are you self motivated? The questions are endless. Then there's the question of how long to look for the job I want before I just take a job, any job?

I have the added bonus of chronic illness. Yes, I have been in remission since my surgery to remove most of my colon so I don't have the flares that are normally associated with IBD. Believe me when I say that I am 100 percent grateful for that. I do, however, have the thrill of going to the restroom more often than most. So do I disclose that information in an interview? Do I say, "Hey, I might be late for work on occasion because of the fact my toilet and I are BFFs?" What do you think? Email me at robin.kingham@yahoo.com with your thoughts on the subject. I am open to suggestions. The job hunt officially has begun, so let me know how you feel about it. What is the proper etiquette for job hunters with medical conditions? I'll let you know the consensus next week.

Parents of children with special needs see results from equine therapy

By Mike Tolson
Houston Chronicle

Of all the unusual Olympic events, from table tennis to synchronized swimming, the equestrian sport with the funny French name — dressage — stands alone. What other competition is customarily performed in top hat and tails?

So political pundits predictably had their fun when it was revealed that Ann Romney's very expensive dressage horse will be making its debut in London's Olympic horse ring. The fact her family was able to take business tax deductions so that a horse could make intricate — and to the unschooled, rather odd — moves around a show ring with music playing in the background struck the cynical as one more piece of absurdity from the tax code.

Mentioned only in passing was Romney's reason for getting involved with horses in the first place. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1998 after experiencing a physical decline that included fatigue and numbness. A doctor suggested riding. Just getting on a horse and being led around a ring was a form of therapy. Seriously.

Just how serious is clear to Houston's Christine Phills, mother of 19-year-old Cameron and enthusiastic believer in equine-assisted therapy. She can't precisely explain why it works for her autistic son. The physical improvement of better muscle tone and core strength is easy to explain, but even those involved in it professionally only can guess why the bond between horse and rider has so many other benefits to those who suffer physical and intellectual challenges.

No limits

For those who do it, or dutifully sit and watch while their children, siblings or spouses do, the connection is all but magical. Romney said riding saved her life. It helped her regain strength and control, and it led to more ambitious competitive riding. Most won't get that far, especially those facing intellectual disabilities, but you never know.

"I don't believe in setting limits," said Lili Kellogg, executive director of SIRE, which operates three therapeutic riding centers in the Houston area. "When you have a disability, so many things are beyond your control. The idea here is to make everyone totally independent if possible."

Equine therapy is a rapidly expanding tool for those who work with children afflicted with autism and its variations, Down syndrome or other intellectual disabilities. It is equally useful for adults or children disabled by cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and spinal cord injuries. Therapists have come to increasingly rely on it for those suffering from psychological and emotional disorders, including soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who have experienced traumatic brain in jury or post-traumatic stress. Even troubled kids who are failing at school can be helped by riding.

On a sultry morning last week, Cameron and Chase did their thing at Southern Breeze Equestrian Center in Pearland. It was not dressage, though some impaired riders are able to get that far. Their weekly session was pretty tame stuff for the typical able-bodied rider. Cameron, who has been riding for six years, gets nervous when Chase goes too fast.

"We never thought he'd get this far," his mother said as Cameron methodically moved the horse around the ring under the direction of a specially certified instructor. "He continues to surprise us. We have a dog, but he doesn't interact with it. There's something to the horse that calms him down, and the riding gives him confidence. I don't know what it is, but they definitely have a relationship."

Southern Breeze owner Cathy Strobel always had been fascinated by equine therapy. Watching someone with cerebral palsy or a significant intellectual challenge learn to maneuver a horse was inspiring. But she didn't get around to adding that component to her center until she had a serious riding accident there 14 years ago.

"I went down with the horse and my hip and pelvis were broken," Strobel said. "I was lying there thinking my back was broken. I know you're not supposed to make deals at such a time, but I said to myself, 'God, please let me walk again and I will start that program.' When I started riding again, I found a therapist who was willing to work with me and we began doing it."

Today, she said, the therapeutic riding is the most rewarding part of her job.

"You are making a difference in the quality of someone's life," Strobel said. "What could be better than that?"

Stimulating experience

"It stimulates him in some sort of way that I don't understand," said Juan Carlos Carranza, minutes after his autistic 5-year-old son Christian finished his ride. "He seems happy. He is relaxed. And it's definitely helping him verbally. He never used to say much."

Every student is assisted by a specially trained instructor who stands beside the horse, and often there is another adult leading the horse around the ring. The long-term objective is to make the rider capable of handling the horse independently, a process that can take years.

"When they learn to control this 1,200-pound animal and to see it respond, and over time to have a relationship with it, that is huge for giving them for confidence," Kellogg said. "Animals are nonjudgmental. It doesn't matter to them if you don't look typical or have irregular speech patterns or may not have two legs and two arms."

Kellogg's head trainer, P.J. Murray, came late to therapeutic riding and now finds it more a calling than a job. Its rewards come every day, when she sees someone talk to a horse who used to never speak at all, or a child who so often must be tended to and is now, at last, in control of something.

"Think about it: They spend most of their lives with the world looking down on them," Murray said. "Now they are up on top and above everybody. It is very empowering."

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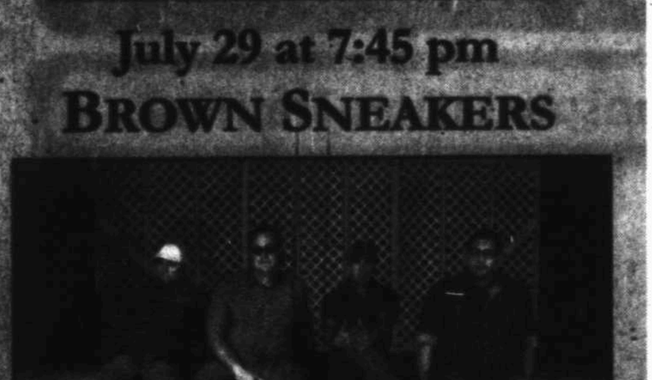
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Some of the courses being offered this fall include:

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- **Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I**, Mon - Fri, Sep 4 - 24, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Course fee is $485.

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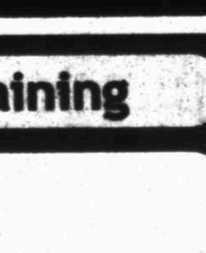

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For a complete schedule of Workforce Continuing Education courses this fall visit **www.midland.edu/workforce**

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Basin Business

WISE water use



Chaney Mitchell/Reporter-Telegram

John Grella, partner at Wise H2O, shows on a map where the company would be getting its water supply that the pipes that are to be laid will pull from.

NAMES *in the news*

R.J. DAUM has joined Schumann Engineering Company of Midland. The Montana native is a registered professional land surveyor in the State of Texas.

Schumann Engineering was founded in 1951 as Jenkins & Schumann by D.H. "Doc" Jenkins and Max A.Schumann, who continued the partnership until 1962 when Schumann became principal engineer and surveyer with the passing of Jenkins. R.J. Daum RPLS has joined the Schumann Engineering Company in Midland. The work originally consisted primarily of professional services provided to lawyers, abstractors, insurance companies, contractors, architects and private individuals in municipal work. The company now also specializes in providing services to include companies engaged in oil and gas development, pipelines, telecommunications/fiber optic and commercial and residential land development.

JUSTIN MARLER of Midland Teachers Credit Union and MICHAEL SANCHEZ of Members Financial Credit Union were among 31 credit union executives from across Texas to graduate from the prestigious Southwest CUNA Management School (SCMS) in Fort Worth. SCMS is a three-year course of study recognized in the credit union movement for innovative, intense, hands-on professional development.

Six others from Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma also graduated from the school, along with an executive from Kenya.

Midland business looks for partner to bring water to Permian Basin

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

As Midland and other area municipalities continue working toward future water supplies, one local company is hoping it can contribute.

The partners of Wise H2O, Ltd. hold the water rights to a field in Reeves County and say while it's non-potable water, they're hopeful the supply can be useful in the future for industrial and other purposes.

"The whole area needs more water for everything," said John Grella, partner with the company. "We've got a lot of water in an area that doesn't use it."

Those involved with what's now known as Wise H2O acquired the rights to a water field in Reeves County in the 1990s. The water field is about 13 miles west of Toyah and more than 30 miles from Pecos.

For decades before their purchase, the water was piped north for use in the sulfur mines being worked in the Toyah Basin, Grella said. The Duval Corp., which ran the mines, then shut down the West Texas facility in the 1970s, according to the Texas State Historical Association.

From that time until they purchased the water field, Grella said the resource hadn't been used for much.

After they purchased the rights to the water, Grella said they began selling some to oil and gas companies. That activity still takes place through deliveries and pick-ups.

However, Grella said, there isn't as much drilling activity near Toyah as is occurring in the Permian Basin. The partners at Wise H2O believe the water in Reeves County could better serve Odessa, Midland and other West Texas communities that are in such need of more resources -- whether for municipal uses or for industrial, oil and gas or other uses.

Because Toyah draws its water from a different well field, Grella said moving water from the Reeves County field they have rights to would not impact the small town.

The well field owned by Wise H2O currently has 21 wells, of which five are producing. Additional wells could be drilled, Grella said.

The company believes it could transport 4 million to 8 million gallons of water per day, Grella said. Wise H2O's studies also show the field has a recharge so Grella said they wouldn't cause the field to go dry by moving some water.

Partners with the business spent the last year acquiring nearly 91 miles of right-of-way between the well field and Penwell, near Odessa, he said.

They now are now working to find a partner or partners who will agree to buy a certain amount of water so Wise H2O can finance a pipeline. If a business wanted to partner in building the pipeline, Grella said Wise H2O also could guarantee a certain amount of water in exchange for a partnership in putting in the infrastructure.

No final cost estimates have been put together but Grella said they know it will be a multi-million dollar project.

The T-Bar Ranch project that's being completed by the Midland County Freshwater District No. 1 will include about 70 miles of pipeline and is likely to cost around $160 million, officials have said.

Wise H2O's water is non-potable, or not up to the standards municipalities require. Grella said he still is talking with cities, including those in the immediate area as well as those the pipeline will pass by on its way to Penwell.

Ultimately, he said, they're looking for an industrial-type partner that could utilize the water for its operations.

"It would take a joint venture to get this thing going," Grella said. "We want to help West Texas stay successful and have the resources it needs to thrive."

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On the Web:
http://wiseh2o.com

Ministry opens restaurant in Garfield Plaza

Filling hungry tummies and doing good deeds at the same time is THOMPSON'S BARBECUE AND SOUL FOOD, open in Garfield Plaza at 4519 N. Garfield.

Owner Ervin Thompson said his restaurant is a division of his Abundant Faith Ministries, founded in 1997. Proceeds from food purchases, he said, benefit the ministry.

On the menu are barbecue ribs, homemade sausage, chicken, brisket and boudin sausage. Soul dishes include hamhocks, chitlins, greens and yams. Sandwiches or plates are available. Fresh-brewed tea, soft drinks and water are also available and Thompson said a specialty is frozen drinks — frozen limeade, cherry limeade and pink lemonade.

Customers can dine in or call in takeout orders.

"Every day has a different theme," Thompson said. Monday is "Blue Monday" with blues music played. Zydeco music is played during "Fat Tuesday," karaoke on Wednesdays, "Early Bird Thursday" is jazz and Fridays are "Old School."

In two to three weeks, Thompson continued, his restaurant will offer "Party on the Plaza" where the plaza in front will be shut down and diners can eat and drink outside while listening to live music.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call-in orders can be made by calling 254-7564.

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Now open in new, larger quarters is MICHAEL'S FLOWERS, GIFTS AND PLANT LEASING, located at 2816 W. Wall Street.

The new location is more open and set to expand more in the near future, taking in space behind neighboring Tall City Sweets. Also in the same building is Le Bow Boutique.

Michael's is decorated in bright colors including green, orange and hot pink. The four designers focus on their specialties - one on sympathy arrangements, another on wedding arrangements. Coming online very soon, certainly by the time school starts is a web site that will let customers custom-design their own football mums, with special ribbons and trinkets and the capability to pay online.

Snack baskets are also available and customers can order gift baskets with bath and body products that staff will purchase especially for the customer. The shop offers deliveries not only to Midland but to Odessa, Stanton and Greenwood.

Customers are welcome to come in and choose their own flowers from Michael's freezer.

Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, though Saturday appointments are available. In the fall, hours are expected to return to 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and half-days on Saturday.

More information is available by calling 682-2341.



MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

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Offer of boat for motorcycle isn't going to get you out of debt/2F

Economic recovery hindered by 'wait and see' stance/2F

What parents need to know when looking for child care/2F

DAVE SAYS

Offer of boat for motorcycle isn't going to get you out of debt



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and we're paying off our debt. I've been trying to sell my motorcycle and listed it for $5,000 on Craigslist. The other day, a guy offered me $2,000 cash and a boat for the bike. I've always really wanted a boat, but I'm not sure this is the time. And the money would only make a small dent in our debt. Would this kind of deal be legal in the Dave Ramsey universe?

Matt

Dear Matt,

It's an interesting deal, but at this stage of the game I think you have to ask yourself what your goal is. If it's to get a boat, then you've accomplished that goal. However, if your goal is to get out of debt, this deal doesn't get you where you want to be. Plus, it could add even more expense and hassle to your life. Upkeep and maintenance on some boats can really add up.

But this is Matt's universe, not Dave's. In my mind, getting out of debt comes first. There's plenty of time later for you to save up and buy a nice boat after you get control of your finances. In this scenario, you're simply trading one recreational vehicle for another.

If you're on Baby Step 2, it means you've already got $1,000 in the bank for emergencies and have moved on to paying off all your debt, except for your home. This tells me you guys are motivated, but the idea of a boat has caused your resolve to waver a little.

So, if you're looking for someone to tell you to forget the boat and stay on track with getting control of your lives and money, then I'm your guy. Don't do the deal!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm trying to convince my husband to leave his debit card at home when he goes to work. He says he wants it for emergencies, but he's always using it for other things. I'd rather him just carry a very small amount of cash so he's not so tempted. What do you think?

Haley

Dear Haley,

I understand your concern, but I think you're wrong on this one. I carry my debit card with me everywhere I go, and I want my wife to do the same. What your husband needs to stop doing is having "emergencies." The translation? Stop the impulse spending!

Now, this could be happening for several reasons. It could be that he's a good guy, but he's just not paying attention to how much he's spending. On the other hand, you guys may not be budgeting for fairly reasonable things — like if he wants to eat out for lunch once in a while.

But even if he's not using it, he should still be carrying a debit card. I mean, what if he has a real, actual emergency? The idea that you shouldn't carry a debit card just because of impulse spending isn't a good plan. Things like that aren't debit card problems. They're either maturity problems or a lack of realistic budget planning.

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits July 16-July 20

9700 Airways Drive	New Commercial	$440,000	4307 N. Midland Drive	Sign	$950
3200 Fairfield Lane	New Residence	$193,840	2300 W. Wadley Ave	Sign	$8,000
4209 Ferncliff Avenue	Residential Addition	$50,000	714 W. Louisiana Ave	New Commercial	$529,000
1600 W. Wadley Ave	Commercial Addition	$1,650,000	1715 Bates Street	Residence-Detached	$34,400
2021 Mosswood Drive	New Residence	$369,440	407 Cedar Avenue	Residential Addition	$40,000
6512 Homestead Blvd	New Residence	$438,800	531 Sir Barton Parkway	Residence-Detached	$178,000
416 E. Dormard Avenue	Residence-Detached	$2,000	5915 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	$211,040
3519 Humble Avenue	Residence-Detached	$2,500	10716 Highway 191	Sign	$9,500
4310 Tumbleweed Trail	Residence-Detached	$65,000	2408 Arbor Circle	Residence-Detached	$1,500
108 N. Marshall Street	Residence-Detached	$4,000	5612 Dunbarton Oaks	New Residence	$216,480
302 E.Gist Avenue	Residential Addition	$2,500	6300 Shawnee	New Residence	$220,000
1113 Cedar Creek Road	New Residence	$108,480	6300 Shawnee	Residence-Detached	$20,000
1111 Cedar Creek Road	New Residence	$128,800	6308 Shawnee	New Residence	$190,000
2102 N. N Street	Residential Alteration	$50,000	6308 Shawnee	Residence-Detached	$20,000
9600 Airways Drive	New Commercial	$635,000	303 E. Oak Avenue	Residence-Detached	$2,000
3605 Baumann Avenue	Residence-Detached	$2,600	1003 Woodland Park	New Residence	$163,200
6008 Clarewood Drive	New Residence	$350,000	2900 W. Loop 250 W	New Commercial	$4,600,000
6004 Clarewood Drive	Residential Addition	$15,000	4008 Tumbleweed Trail	Residential Addition	$55,000
3101 Patrick Place	New Residence	$208,640	5808 Dunbarton Oaks	New Residence	$208,400
607 N. Colorado Street	New Commercial	$525,000	5503 Sundance Court	Residential Addition	$4,000
2409 W. Illinois Avenue	Sign	$1,100	411 S. Marshall Street	MH-Single Lot	$29,000

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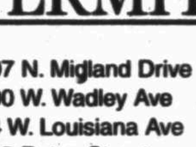
THE ECONOMIST

Economic recovery hindered by 'wait and see' stance



RAY PERRYMAN

The Perryman Group

During the past few months, a number of measures of national business activity have indicated that the pace of the recovery is slowing. Recent job gains have been relatively small, retail sales are down, and both businesses and consumers are becoming more pessimistic. As a result, the risk that the economy could backslide is growing. There are also some positive signals, though good news at the national level is scarce.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the monthly change in payroll employment was an increase of only 80,000 jobs in June. For the second quarter of 2012, the total gain was just 225,000 (with additions of 77,000 in May and 68,000 in April). The unemployment rate remains at 8.2 percent; given calculation methods, this rate likely understates the severity of the jobs situation. This pace of job creation is disappointingly slow, and will do little to decrease the numbers of Americans out of work (the working-age population grows by around 100,000 per month).

A recent survey by the National Association for Business Economics indicates companies plan to limit hiring in the near future; some 62 percent of businesses indicated they have no plans to change employment. About half of respondents indicated sales and profits were largely flat, while 39 percent experienced rising sales. Major factors cited as crimping sales and hiring decisions were the ongoing European financial crisis and the pending threat of the "fiscal cliff" at the end of the year.

Retail sales also have been weak, with June spending down in most categories and an overall loss of 0.5 percent for the month. This report marked the first time since the fall of 2008 that sales were down for three consecutive months. However, one reason for the decrease was lower gas prices, which will work to enhance the economy over time. In addition, selected industries, such as autos, are still performing far better than at this time last year. Naturally, the employment situation influences the level of spending, decreasing both the expansion of aggregate income and consumer confidence.

There have been a handful of other less negative signals. Surveys of homebuilders indicate they are feeling more optimistic than at any time in the past five years. Somewhat lower oil prices both encourage growth and dampen prospects for inflation. The Federal Reserve Bank also has indicated some willingness to pursue further stimulative actions if warranted.

The signs of sluggishness are an outgrowth of major risk factors such as the potential fiscal cliff and ongoing problems in Europe. While the situation in Europe is largely beyond U.S. control (and fortunately appears to be stabilizing at least modestly), the fiscal cliff is a uniquely American problem having more to do with politics than anything else. With lawmakers focused on the November elections, it will be increasingly difficult to work through meaningful solutions in the immediate future.

However, recent studies of the potential jobs losses highlight the enormity of the fiscal cliff problem. Without a doubt, there are millions of jobs at stake, and the fallout in terms of gross domestic product could be enough to send the fragile US economy into another recession if it were allowed to persist.

A temporary solution is the most likely outcome. It is in no one's interest to avoid action entirely; the price is simply too high. The better job lawmakers do to come up with real solutions to various problems, the greater the growth potential. At the moment, many of us are taking a "wait and see" approach. Businesses are cautious about hiring, and consumers are afraid to spend, which makes getting the recovery back on track even more difficult.

MARKET WATCH

Desire for instant gratification could be costly down the road



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American baby boomers and younger generations may not always know what they want, but they do know they want it now (disclosure: this analyst is a baby boomer). In a world of instant communication using high-tech gadgets and all sorts of "smart" technologies, waiting for the local news to give you tomorrow's weather report or your local bank to open in the morning so you can transfer funds from one account to another seems rather quaint and old-fashioned.

Many Americans also seek instant gratification when it comes to investing. With the financial media constantly shouting that "buy and hold is dead," investing in and building a portfolio of income-producing equities for the future might require too much patience for many of our citizens. In addition, largely due to the 24/7 news cycle we all live with in today's modern society, much of the investing public is fearful that any number of events may occur around the world that would have a detrimental effect on their portfolios. Many have chosen to park investment dollars in money market accounts, CDs, and other instruments that currently have very little yield and certainly are losing buying power over time, even in the low interest rate environment that confronts us

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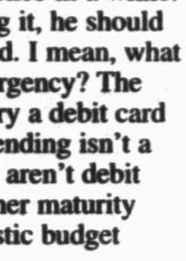

ERIN RODRIGUEZ

Better Business Bureau

What parents need to know when looking for child care

When I was in school, going to day care was the equivalent of heading to the front lines for my friends. I remember listening to the other children's horror stories and picturing a "Lord of the Rings" environment, where children were running around in loin cloths with no adult supervision. They all had scars.

Now, parents expect child care facilities to meet a higher standard than "send my child home alive." Facilities offer educational classes, arts projects and other enrichment activities in addition to nutritious snack options and other perks.

However, parents still worry they might be sending their child into an every-man-for-himself battleground. To help calm their nerves, Better Business Bureau encourages parents to do the necessary research when looking for the right daycare.

In 2011, BBB received more than 1,100 complaints nationwide against child care centers. Complaints to BBB allege a variety of issues including problems with payment schedules and centers failing to provide appropriate educational opportunities. Some more serious complaints allege centers failed to properly notify parents of a medical emergency.

When looking for a child care facility, parents should first determine what kind of facility they need: full or part-time, in-home or facility-based. Consider the location in relation to home and work, traffic flow, the hours, cost and educational opportunities for the children.

BBB also advises parents to:

■ Turn to an organization you can trust. Research any child care facility you are considering and look up its BBB Business Review at bbb.org. You also can turn to organizations such as the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services or the American Academy of Pediatrics for information about child care centers and licensing requirements.

■ Visit each facility. Find out how the staff is selected and what their credentials are. What are the staff-to-child ratios? How are children grouped, such as by age or stage of development? Also, don't be afraid to ask if you can walk through the facility. Check the bathrooms, play centers, kitchens, playgrounds, etc. for cleanliness or any safety hazards.

■ Ask for references. Ask other parents whose children are enrolled in the program to discuss their experiences. Or

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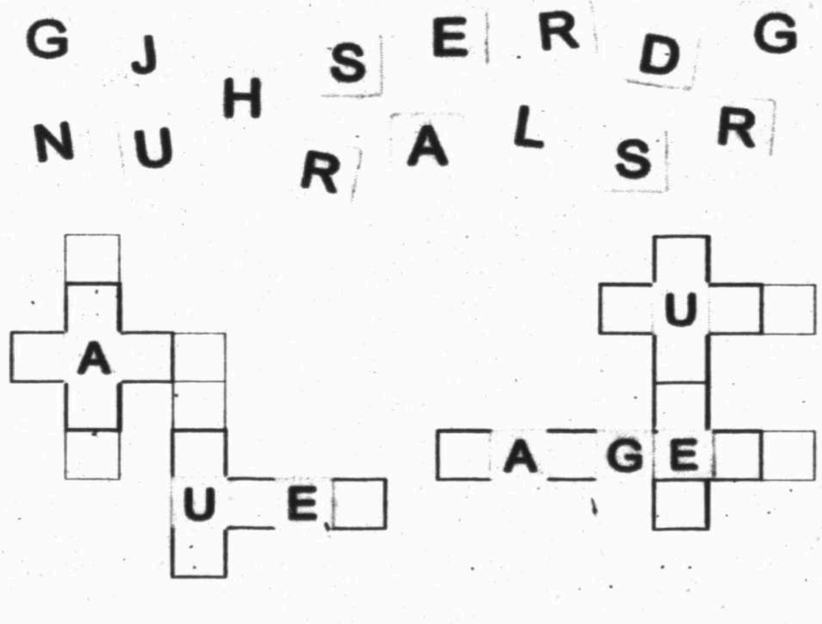

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today.

But Americans are living longer and will need their investments to provide income for potentially decades more than past generations. And, for most of us, one of the best ways to accumulate the financial assets over time that will be needed to carry us through our retirement years continues to be by investing in the stock market. Building an adequate nest egg is not an accident. It takes time, planning, and maybe most of all, patience. And patience is one human trait many of us could use a little more of.

The stock market is typically not a source of immediate gratification. The sooner investors face that reality, the better off they will be. Like the market action over the last few months, equities are often stuck in a trading range, lacking direction and waiting for the next bit of economic news or some sort of global event to take place. Wise investors use these times to assess their portfolios, determine which companies deserve bigger allocations, make sure they are diversified across a broad number of sectors, and wait for opportunities.

And opportunities present themselves on a regular basis. For long term investors who are patient and have a plan, most pullbacks in the stock market are welcomed as they provide an opportunity to buy the shares of quality companies at a lower price. Companies with the potential to build market share both domestically and internationally. Companies with the potential to pay a rising stream of dividends over time.

So, while the market has moved in a trading range over the last six months, investors have had the opportunity to add equity exposure on pullbacks. In fact, at one point, the S&P 500 was down 10 percent from its early April highs. For those investors who do not need instant gratification, the current market presents a host of opportunities for portfolio evaluation, reflection and position building.

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consider visiting the facility in the evening when parents will be picking up their children to gather as much information on the daycare as possible.

■ Take your child to the center for a visit. This will give you the opportunity to observe how your child behaves in the environment and around the teachers.

■ Request the payment schedule in writing. Make sure the monthly cost is included as well as when payments are due. Check to see if there is an additional fee incurred when a payment is late or missed.

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KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Olympics Gymnastics (W), Swimming, Cycling (W) Road Race, Beach Volleyball, Volleyball (M) U.S. vs. Serbia, Water Polo (M) U.S. vs. Montenegro											
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/ Hat	SuperWl	DinoTrain	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	WordGirl	Wild K.	Company	Passport	Travel
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Vecinos	Vecinos	Para volver a amar		Al punto		Republica deportiva		Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	1 United	CARS.TV	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	★★★ Star Trek: Nemesis Patrick Stewart.				★★ Joe the King Noah Fleiss.			(:10) ★★★ White Fang Ethan Hawke.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★★ Stuck on You			Vito "A Man for All Seasons"			★★★ X2: X-Men United Patrick Stewart.				(:15) Megamind	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	★★★ The Dream Team Michael Keaton.				(:25) Too Big to Fail			(:05) ★★ In Time Justin Timberlake.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:45) ★★ The Beautician and the Beast				(:35) ★★ Man on the Moon Jim Carrey.				(:35) ★★ Hereafter		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:50) ★★★ Dances With Wolves Kevin Costner.					(:50) ★★ The Fourth Kind Milla Jovovich.				★★ The Hard Way		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:00) The Killing Fields			★★ Heroes ('77, Dra) Henry Winkler.				Fast Five ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.				Movie
PLEX			96			(5:45) Boathouse Detectives		(:05) Hercules & the Amazon Women			(:40) ★★ McHale's Navy Tom Arnold.				★★★ The Abyss Ed Harris.		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) Friesen	Carol Channing: Larger Than Life			Franchise	Boxing Showtime Championship					Mighty Joe Young	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(:15) The Wild Thornberrys Movie...			(:40) ★ Mad About Mambo			(:20) ★★★ Death Watch ('81, Sci-Fi) Romy Schneider.					Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The Glades		Glades "Food Fight"		Glades "Old Times"		The Glades		The Glades		Longmire	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		★★ WarGames ('83, Act) Matthew Broderick.					★★ Commando		
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Chris	What My Husband Doesn't Know			
BRAVO	65	63		41		London 2012 Summer Olympics Tennis (M, W) Early Rounds (L)											
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	London 2012 Summer Olympics Boxing Elimination Bouts (L)						Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	News	Sanjay	CNN Newsroom		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	McStuffins	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter				Sprnt Cup	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	30/30 "Run Ricky Run"		BASS Fishing		NASCAR Now (L)		OLines	Report (N)	SportsNation		CHAMPS Golf	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Boy MW	Boy-World	★★ What a Girl Wants Amanda Bynes.				★★★ Nanny McPhee Emma Thompson.				★★★ Matilda	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Unwrap'd	Unwrap'd	Cupcake Wars		Week In a Day		Dinners	Big Bite	BBQ	Southern	Paula	Pioneer
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	His/Hers	Adventur	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Lunch With Rangers		BoysHall	Horse	Lokar	Garage
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Night at the Museum ('06, Com) Ben Stiller.					★★ Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian						Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★★★ Love Comes Softly Katherine Heigl.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		I Want	Income	Income	Kitchen	Kitchen	My Bath	Crashers	Crashers	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Great Lake Warriors		Great Lake Warriors		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Hr. Power	Turn Point	J.Osteen	Paid	Christine	Taken From Me: The Tiffany Rubin Story...				Movie
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	London 2012 Summer Olympics											
NBCSN	38	39				(3:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics						London 2012 Summer Olympics					
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Penguins	Penguins!	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Penguins	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Winx	Winx
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Warehouse 13		Alphas		★★ Outlander ('08, Sci-Fi) James Caviezel.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Browns	Home Imp	Home I.	Friends	Friends	★★★ Ghost ('90, Rom) Demi Moore, Patrick Swayze.					Just Like Heaven	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(:15) ★★★ The Painted Veil			(:45) A Night in Paradise			(:15) ★★★★ Boomerang! Dana Andrews.				A Funny Thing Hap...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Juegos Olímpicos de Londres 2012 Cobertura en exclusiva en español de los juegos olímpicos de Londres.											
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		F.&Bash "Last Dance"		Leverage		FallSky "Molon Labe"		★★ Contact ('97, Sci-Fi) Jodie Foster.			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired	Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	Griffith	(:35) Griffith
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Necessary Rough		Political Animals "Pilot"			Political Animals		Movie
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	★★ See Spot Run David Arquette.				★★ Bad Company ('02, Act) Chris Rock.			

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Ball Boys	Ball Boys	Wipeout		News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Off-Road Pro2 & Pro4		Road to the PGA (N)		PGA Golf Canadian Open Site: Hamilton Golf & Country Club (L)						FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Made in Hollywood		★★ The Fabulous Baker Boys				★★ Forever Lulu Melanie Griffith.				Queens	Queens
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumer	Consumer	UFC Road (N)		★★ Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams					HomeT.	Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mark B	Alan Lee	T.Scrivner	Dr. R.B.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				A.G. Roth	Dr. Dye	Calls	Alewine
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(6:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics										Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Accents	Travel	Daytrip	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Sew It All	Lawrence Welk		Nova	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Querétaro vs Pumas (L)				Mexico suena		La Vida		Como dice el dicho		Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		★★ Best Men ('97, Com) Dean Cain.				Paid	Business	AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Stargate Universe	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★ The Final Cut			(:35) ★★★★ Mona Lisa Cathy Tyson.				★★ Shadow of Fear			Star Trek: Nemesis...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:15) Megamind		Birders		★★★ Contagion ('11, Act) Matt Damon.				★★ Scott Pilgrim vs. the World			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★ The American			(:45) ★★ Conviction Hilary Swank.				(:35) True Blood		(:35) ★★ Phone Booth		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:45) ★★ Cheaper by the Dozen				(:25) Ferris Bueller's Day Off			(:10) ★★★ Switch ('91, Com) Ellen Barkin.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(:20) ★★★ The Debt Helen Mirren.				(:15) ★★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone					(:50) The Girl Next Door		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:40) ★★★ Splash			★★ The Musketeer			(:15) ★★★★ Bridesmaids ('11, Com) Kristen Wiig.					Movie
PLEX			96			Movie	(:50) ★★★ The Secret of My Success				(:45) ★★★ Greedy Michael J. Fox.				(:40) Superman IV: Quest for Peace		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:00) Mighty Joe Young		Don Friesen		Open Set /(:15) ★★★ Reality Bites				★★★ Fright Night Anton Yelchin.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:30) Love's Kitchen		★ Marci X Lisa Kudrow.			Saint John of Las Vegas			Tomorrow, When the War Began			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Longmire		Criminal Minds		Criminal Mind "100"		Criminal "Conflicted"		Criminal "52 Pickup"		C.Mind "Safe Haven"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ Rambo: First Blood				★★ Rambo: First Blood Part II				★★★ Rambo III		
BET	58	26		40		Movie	★★★ The Long Walk Home Sissy Spacek.				Of Boys and Men Robert Townsend.				Madea's Family Reunion		
BRAVO	65	63		41		(6:00) Olympics Tennis (M, W) Early Rounds (L)				Top Chef Masters		Real Housewives		Kathy Griffin		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	London 2012 Summer Olympics Boxing Elimination Bouts (L)						Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Next List	News	Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NASCAR Auto Racing Brickyard 400 Site: Indianapolis Motor Speedway -- Indianapolis, Ind. (L)								SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:00) CHAMPS Golf		MLL Lacrosse Chesapeake vs Boston				ATP Tennis Farmers Classic (L)				NFL (N)	NFL
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(11:00) Matilda		Pixar Short Films				★★★ Monsters, Inc. John Goodman.				★★ Mulan	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Stossel		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "The Main Dish"		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Chef Wanted		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Lights	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Houston Astros (L)						Astros	BoysHall	Words	Pre-game
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:30) There's Something About Mary				★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall Jason Segel.					★★★ Superbad Jonah Hill.		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★★ Love's Unending Legacy Erin Cottrell.				Love's Unfolding Dream (2007, Drama)				Love Begins ('11, Fam) Wes Brown.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My Place	MyPlace	Property	Property	Property	HH Vaca	HouseH	House	Crashers	My Yard	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:30) The Fantasia Barrino Story			★★★ The Secret Life of Bees Dakota Fanning.					★★★ The Memory Keeper's Daughter			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(6:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics								Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				(9:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics											
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Victori.	Victorious	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Victori.	Victori.
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Chumps"	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Movie	★★ The Mist ('07, Hor) Thomas Jane.					★★★ The Village ('04, Thril) Adrien Brody.					Signs
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:00) Just Like Heaven		MLB Baseball Washington Nationals vs. Milwaukee Brewers (L)						Friends	Friends	Failure to Launch	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	(:45) Room for One More (The Easy Way)				★★★ For Pete's Sake			(:15) ★★★★ West Side Story			
TELE	20	8	10	20		(6:00) Juegos Olímpicos de Londres 2012 Cobertura en exclusiva en español de los juegos olímpicos de Londres.										MFL Fútbol (L)	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(10:00) ★★ Contact		Falling Skies		Falling Skies		FallSky "Compass"		Falling Skies		Independence Day...	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Griffith	(:25) A. Griffith Show		Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Griffith	(:25) A. Griffith Show		Griffith	Griffith
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(11:30) ★★ Couples Retreat Vince Vaughn.				SVU "Serendipity"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		SVU "Bound"		SVU "Closure"	
WGN	19	18				Movie	Videos	Lead Off /(:10) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs (L)						(:15) 10th..	Videos	Law & O: CI "Art"	

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Secret Million. "Ali Brown: Venice, CA"		EM: Weight Loss "Nyla" Nyla has spent a lifetime struggling with her weight.				KMID News	(:35) Crook and Chase		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		3 "My Guy Is Out There"		The Mentalist "Bloodhounds"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "The Fix"		★★ Lions for Lambs (2007, Drama) Meryl Streep, Tom Cruise, Robert Redford.				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Troubadour, TX		True Hollywood "That '70s Show"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	American Dad	Cleveland Show	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consumer Corner	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Joe McGee	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	London 2012 Summer Olympics										News-West 9	Summer Olympics
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova		Secrets of the Manor House		Masterpiece Mystery! "Inspector Lewis: The Indelible Stain"			Houseboat	Austin City Limit "M. Ward/ Okkervil River"		Secrets of the Manor House	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Familia P. Luche		Pequeños Gigantes 2				Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	La hora pico	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Chris
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Star Trek: Nemesis		★ Raw Deal Arnold Schwarzenegger.				★★ Paradise Alley Sylvester Stallone.				The Proposition	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:05) ★★ What's Your Number?				True Blood (N)		The Newsroom (N)		True Blood		Newsroom "Bullies"	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Real Sports		★★ In Time ('11, Act) Justin Timberlake.				★ The American			(:50) The Hangover Part II		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:55) ★★★ Big Fish Ewan McGregor.				★★ Hereafter ('10, Dra) Matt Damon.				(:15) ★★★ Seven Morgan Freeman.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Die Hard ('88, Act) Bruce Willis.					★★★ Die Hard: With a Vengeance				(:10) Femme	Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:30) ★★★ Inception				Fast Five ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.				(:15) Zane	(:45) ★★★ American Psycho		
PLEX			96			(:10) ★★ McHale's Navy Tom Arnold.				★★★ The Secret of My Success				Hercules & the Amazon Women			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Weeds	Episodes	Dexter		Homeland "Semper I"		Weeds (N)	Episodes	Weeds	Episodes	Therapy	Real L W
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:50) ★ Summer's Moon			Rubber Stephen Spinella.			Hobo With a Shotgun			★ Piranha Elisabeth Shue.		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Longmire "Pilot"		Longmire		Longmire		Longmire		Longmire "Pilot"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) Rambo III		★★ Rambo ('08, Act) Sylvester Stallone.				Breaking Bad (N)		(:05) SmallTo	(:35) Breaking Bad		(:40) SmallTo
BET	58	26		40		(4:30) Madea's Family		Sunday Best (N)		Sunday Best		Sunday Best		Together	Together	Morning Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		New Jersey Socia (N)		Housewives NJ (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ		Wives NJ
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Diabetes	Wall Street	Millions	Millions	The Costco Craze		American Greed		Crime Inc.		Crime Inc.	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNBC Special		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNBC Special		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Austin	GoodL (N)	Shake (N)	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Babysit.	Babysit.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NHRA Drag Racing Sonoma Nationals Site: Sonoma Speedway						ESPN Films "Senna" (N)				ESPN Films "Senna"	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ Mulan		★★★★ Aladdin ('92, Ani) Robin Williams.				★★★★ Aladdin ('92, Ani) Robin Williams.				J.Osteen	Ed Young
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Stossel	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Cupcake Wars (N)		Chopped (N)		Iron Chef USA (N)		Chef Wanted		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox vs. Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	Spotlight	Championship Bull Riding			Poker
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) Superbad		★★★ The Proposal ('09, Com) Sandra Bullock.					★★★ The Proposal ('09, Com) Sandra Bullock.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Love's Everlasting Courage Wes Brown.				★★★ Love Comes Softly Katherine Heigl.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House Hunters		House Hunters Int'l		Property Brothers		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Great Lake Warriors		Shark "Line of Fire"		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Army Wives		★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Sally Field, Tom Hanks.						Army Wives		Forrest Gump	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera-		Predator "Petaluma"		To Catch a Predator		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				MLS Soccer New England vs Philadelphia (L)					Sports Illustrated		Indy 36	Beach Volleyball		AdvSprt	Soccer
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Hollywood Heights		G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue "Bar Fight"		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Tiki Curse"		Flip Men	Flip Men	Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Signs ('02, Thril) Mel Gibson.				★★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets					★★ Star Trek: Insurrection		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) Failure to Launch		★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past				(:05) ★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past				(:05) Sullivan	Movie
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:15) West Side Story		The Band Wagon ('53, Com) Fred Astaire.				★★★ Daddy Long Legs Fred Astaire.				(:15) Kiki	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:00) MFL Fútbol (L)		Apocalypto ('06, Dra) Dalia Hernández, Rudy Youngblood.						Titulares	Camara	Juegos Olímpicos	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding (N)		St. Sex	St. Sex	Hoarding		St. Sex	St. Sex
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:00) ★★★ Independence Day Will Smith.				Falling Skies		Falling Skies		FallSky "Molon Labe"		Independence Day...	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	SoulMan	SoulMan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	(:40) Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	SVU "Inconceivable"		SVU "Closet"		Law&O.:SVU "Swing"		Political Animals (N)		White Collar		Royal Pains	
WGN	19	18				30 Rock	M-Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	(:40) Replay	The Unit		Monk	

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Autism and Developmental Disabilities Institute at UTPB

In the fall of 2010, UTPB received grant funding to support a new track in the Master of Arts in Education, Special Education called the Reach to Teach grant. This track is for Autism and Developmental Disabilities in Early Childhood. Over the four year life of the grant, a total of 30 students will be supported.

The program is entirely online and delivered over a two year period in a cohort model. This means that 15 students will start and finish together over a two year period. The first cohort began in the Spring and Summer semesters of 2011, and the second cohort will begin summer, 2013. The grant pays for tuition, fees, and books each semester as well as professional development and summer institute expenses.

Last week, UTPB hosted 17 grant candidates, 7 speakers from across the United States, and community members for the summer institute. UTPB was fortunate to have a group of well-respected and knowledgeable professionals in the field of autism as speakers for the event.

The topics covered over the three days were extensive, and gave students more insight into the study of autism from a practical perspective. From the history of autism to the implementation of strategies for behavior, academics and new technology, the speakers provided the candidates and guests with an in-depth knowledge that is sure to be useful in their classroom studies as well as their hands-on experience in the classroom.

If you are interested in the Master's program in Autism and Developmental Disabilities you may contact Dr. Jan Murdock at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin at 432-552-2168. Review of new applications for the grant will be considered now, but the next group of candidates will begin the program in August, 2013.



Welcome Back Day scheduled at UT Permian Basin

Welcome Back Days for Fall 2012 are scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2012 and August 15, 2012.

Welcome Back Day is a chance for former students and new transfers to take care of advising, registration and other processes before the start of the fall semester.

Offices below will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm for the student's convenience.

Visit the following Offices to ensure your Fall 2012 will progress without any bumps and you can begin the semester concentrating on the classes you have selected:

Door prizes, food and drinks will be available throughout the day in the Mesa Building Commons Area (1st Floor near Financial Aid/Registrars Offices).

Five $500 Spur Scholarships will be given away to lucky student participants. The student just needs to stop by the Admission Office to check-in for Welcome Back Day so that they can be included in the drawing. The drawing will occur by the end of the week.

For more information contact the Admissions Office at 552-UTPB.

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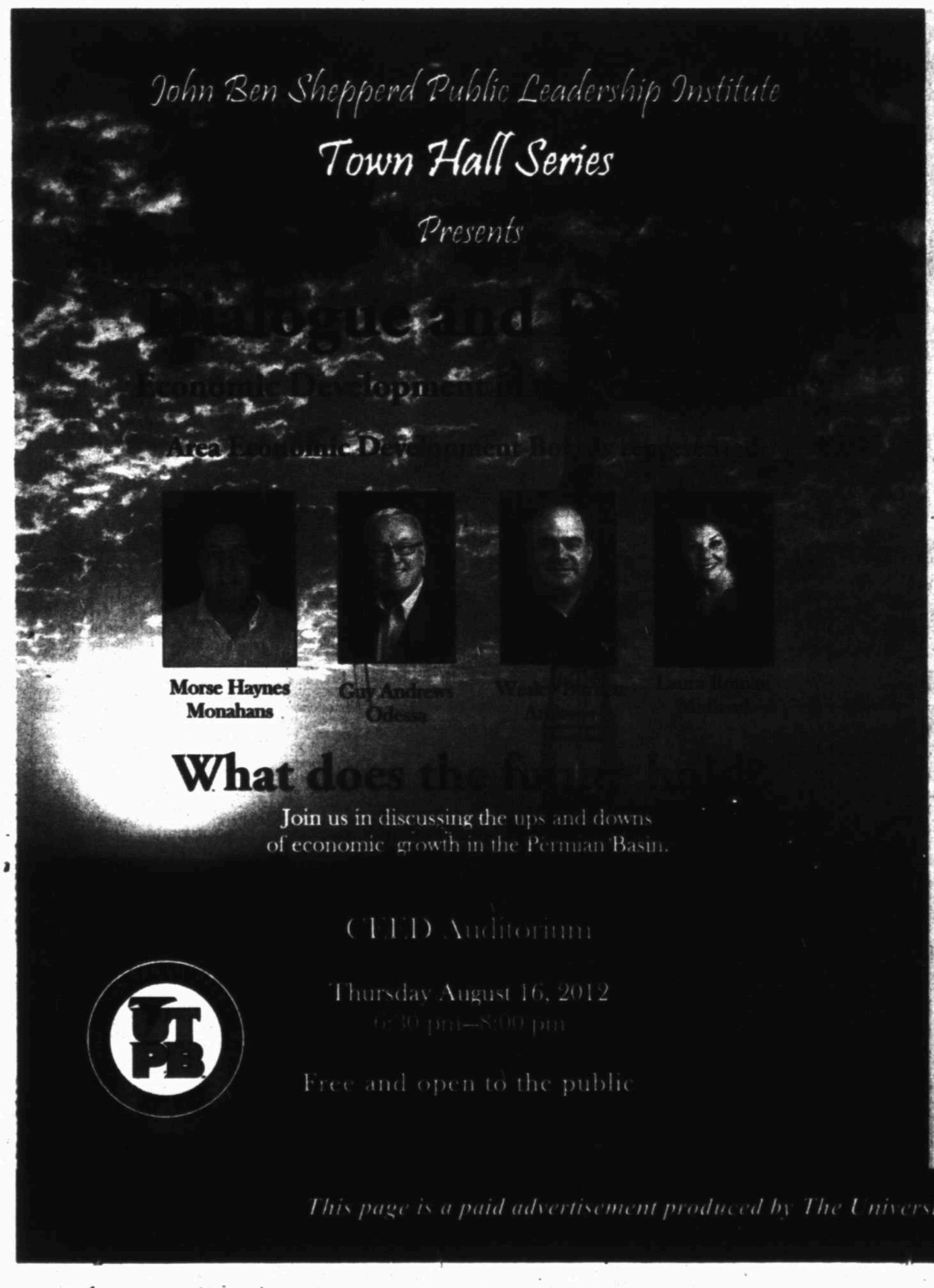

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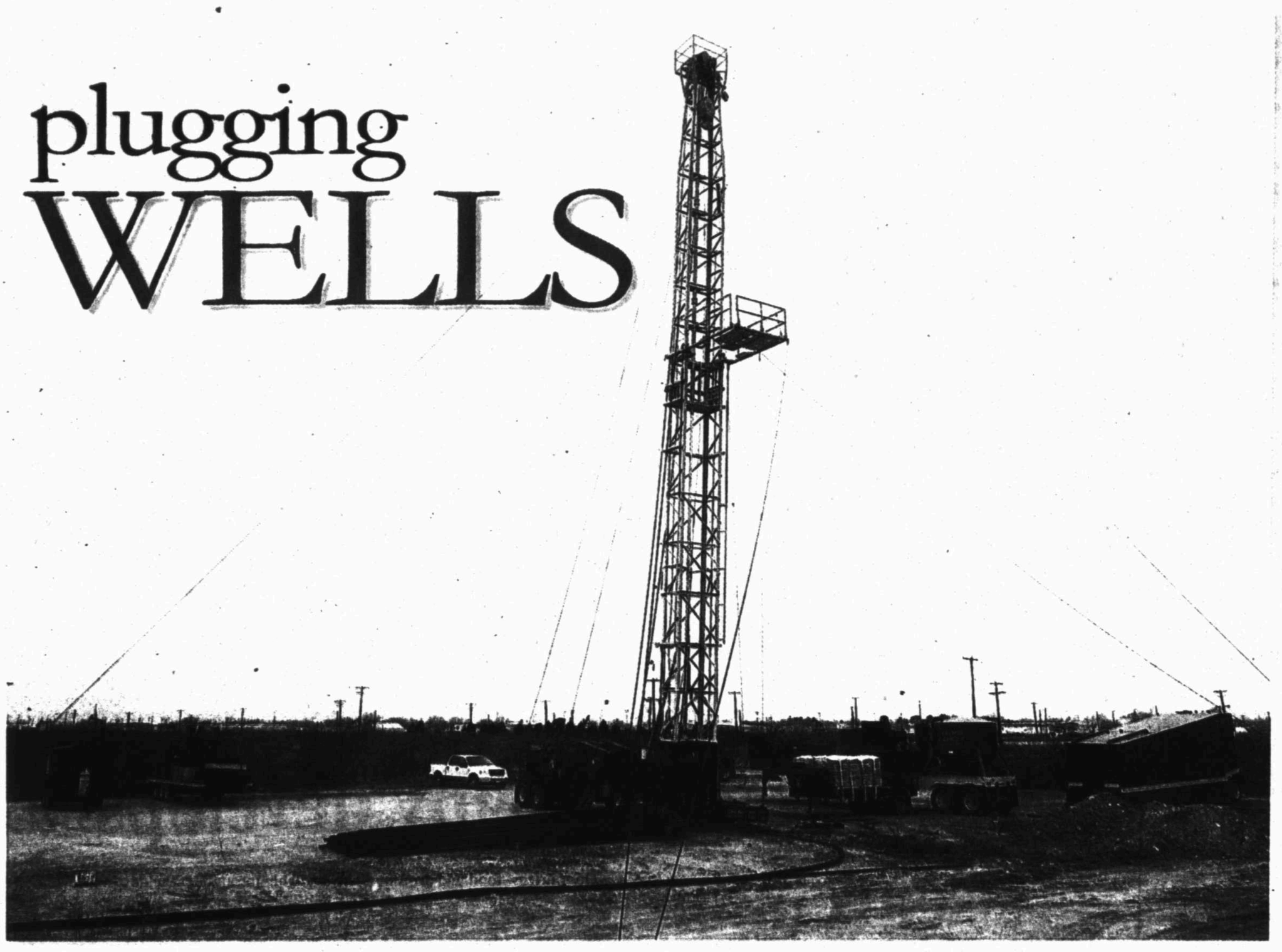
Your guide to the Permian Basin oil & gas industry



Tighter inactive well rules give rise to new plugging company

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

In 2010, the Railroad Commission issued new, stricter rules regarding the state's inactive oil and gas wells, a move required by legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 2009.

A group of Midlanders saw growing demand that would need to be met, and thus was born Chisos Services LLC.

"Investors from Midland and Odessa helped," said David Frederick, Chisos Services manager. "They knew the need was coming up" following House Bill 2259, which established new requirements for operators related to surface equipment removal and inactive wells. "All the operators could see problems getting ready to occur with the Railroad Commission getting a lot stricter. We all sat down, saw the need and felt this was a good idea."

A demand decrease is not expected, he said, as enforcement on inactive wells is expected to get even stricter.

Chisos Services performs well plugging and abandonment in the Railroad Commission's three West Texas districts — 7C, 8 and 8A. Though the company began life last year, Frederick said it performed its first plugging operation this past April and its one plugging unit is already booked through the end of the year. Plans are, he said, to add a second and possibly third unit next year.

Andrew Burrow with the company said last month, the three West Texas districts had more than 25,700 wells on the commission's inactive well list and expected that number to remain constant as wells that are plugged are replaced by new inactive wells.

Well plugging veteran Howard Boatright manages the company's field operations.

"I build the equipment — the cementer and what have you," Boatright said. "I write the procedures to follow in the plugging operations; I supervise field crews and make sales calls.

Boatright has been plugging wells since 1964 and estimated he's supervised the plugging of 3,000 wells in the three West Texas Railroad Commission districts and New Mexico.

Since Chisos plugged its first well in April, Boatright said eight have been plugged with 20 more on the schedule. As a rule, he said, a unit can plug 34 to 40 wells a year. "Some had lots of problems — they were very old wells," he noted. "Some were abandoned, some were shut-in for 14 or 15 years and the bore holes had deteriorated to a great degree."

The company, he continued, works closely with the field supervisors, dealing with them multiple times a day, from a 6 a.m. review of the previous day's work and review of the upcoming day's work to multiple conversations throughout the day. He also works closely with the Railroad Commission and with operators having wells plugged "to keep them informed and discuss how we prefer to correct any problems we encounter."

Chisos, he added, provides all its equipment and services except water hauling and if any problems are encoun-

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University of Houston professor sees brewing energy-climate 'war'

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Of the three critical issues facing the nation's energy industry, government policy is of the most concern, according to Dr. Michael Economides, professor at the Cullen College of Engineering at the University of Houston.

In Midland recently to teach a weeklong course on hydraulic fracturing at Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center, Economides said he sees an energy-climate 'war' emerging, along the lines of the ideological 'war' between political conservatives and liberals he also sees brewing.

His latest book, "Energy And Climate Wars," written with Peter C. Glover, recently was published. In it, he writes about what he called the myths of politicians understanding the importance of energy in the modern world, that science "is all in" on climate change and proves carbon dioxide is a pollutant and that renewable energy can replace hydrocarbons.

"The Obama administration has been disastrous in energy policy," he said. "The future of oil and gas is not solar or wind but oil and gas."

Another critical issue facing the industry is excess energy capacity worldwide after the global economic downturn that began in 2008 due to demand destruction.

Crude oil prices have fallen $30 since their triple-digit peak in March, but he believes a rebound is on the way.

"I think $100 oil is still around the corner," said "I think $100 oil will be the new normal."

"What is problematic is the price of natural gas, which is very low," said Economides. With crude prices around $86 a barrel, he said, natural gas should be almost $15 per million British thermal units.

"That's the disparity — $2 natural gas is $15 oil," he said. "We haven't had such disparity in prices since before Nixon." There is also global disparity, he noted, citing $1 natural gas per million BTUS in Russia, $8 in Europe and $16 in China, compared to $2 in the United States.

The remaining critical issue facing the industry, Economides said, is the industry's great success developing shale gas, which he called the biggest success in the oil and gas industry in the last 50 years. On the other hand, he said, "it's created a lot of supply," which has sent natural gas prices tumbling to 10-year lows.

"The only thing that will save the price is using more liquefied natural as exports, which is key," he said. "There will be exports. LNG facilities are being built right now," with companies that applied to import LNG now applying to export the product."

He is convinced, he said, that natural gas prices will be technology driven and not resource driven. "It's not a function of how much natural gas there is, but the technology to extract it," he explained, predicting shale gas will help stabilize prices.

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Instructors: Dr. John Lorenz and Scott Cooper
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With the proliferation of frac fluid data, Houston-based Pivot Upstream Group saw an opportunity to create a consolidated and searchable database, which they named D-Frac.

Texas company develops searchable frac fluid database

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

Texas is among the growing number of states that require the posting of frac fluid ingredients to state-based websites for public information. Interested parties must either search individual databases or access the national version, FracFocus.org. And while FracFocus does consolidate state data, it is offered only in pdf format by individual wells, making it difficult for a researcher to aggregate and place the information into a searchable database.

Houston-based consulting firm Pivot Upstream Group has recently release D-Frac, a searchable database comprising information from FracFocus and from individual state databases. Joe McCord, Pivot's senior data architect, said the data is available either by subscription or by single-time purchase.

Development of D-Frac began as a service to existing clients, and only as it progressed did the company realize they were putting together something that could be made available to everyone. "We had some clients who wanted (frac fluid data) to be part of their analysis," he said, so Pivot developed a system to collect and clean up the data and put it into a searchable format. "It turns out that nobody else really had that, so we just figured that it was probably OK to start selling it."

Among the obstacles to building a full database was the need for software that would parse a pdf to glean its data and then plug that data into a searchable database. McCord said creating this programming involved a long period of trial and error, beginning in early 2011. Another issue was to standardize the way data was named. A single company might be referred to in multiple ways in the same database, with or without "Inc." in the name or in other variations. County names and other geographical features also appear under slightly different names or abbreviations. All that had to be identified and standardized for search purposes.

Gathering the data was also a huge hurdle. A small company with just four employees, Pivot needed to automate as much of the process as possible, so developing a "web crawler" to collect incremental data from FracFocus and/or the various state websites was also necessary. Humans still do a certain amount of verification, but the computers do more than 90 percent of the work.

Now that the database is established, daily updates are a very small task, comparatively.

In what McCord termed a "soft opening" about two months ago, without great fanfare so the developers could make sure the database was working properly before receiving an influx of users, he said D-Frac has been well received. While many users are in the expected category of producers, some of which are keeping tabs on competitors, one group of users comes from a surprising source.

"Interestingly enough, there is also interest we get from investment bankers," McCord noted. "They're not really interested in hydraulic fracturing per se, they're interested in the ingredients being used, and the impact on the market for those things." He cited guar gum as an area of particular interest.

Guar gum, a natural product of India and Pakistan primarily, has been used as a food additive for years, but it also has use as part of the fracturing fluid mix. As a natural plant product, there is a limited amount available, McCord pointed out. "You can't just go make another factory to make more." So the investment bankers are watching the demand rise, which would then put upward pressure on prices.

Environmental groups, while a part of the mix, have not yet been a major player, nor have individuals or municipalities concerned about water tables. McCord pointed out that, for those concerns, frac fluid is only part of the picture because drilling and producing a well involves many other chemicals besides those used in fracturing.

Texas and Colorado are the two main states that currently require the posting of frac fluid data, but others, including Oklahoma, are getting on board. McCord noted that Canada is also expected to soon require recording of frac fluid ingredients. Pivot plans to add information from each entity as it comes online, hoping to keep D-Frac as complete and current as possible.

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A lizard teaches us about sound science, smart policy

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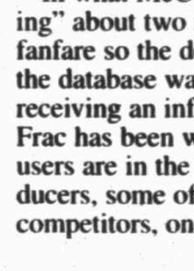
Texas Oil & Gas Association



The dust has started to settled after state leaders, a federal agency and the energy industry cooperated to a forge a workable solution to keep the dunes sagebrush lizard off the Endangered Species List. But our work doesn't end there. Now that we've achieved resolution about this particular lizard, we have an unique opportunity to assess lessons learned and to identify ways to improve government processes (like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service process of listing a species as endangered), which have major economic consequences for Texans.

First, the reason the discussion about the dunes sage brush lizard matters is because listing this species as endangered had the potential to shut down production of 1 million barrels of oil a day in Texas – a fifth of the nation's domestic oil production. To be certain, this little lizard became a very big deal.

During negotiations about the lizard, the oil and natural gas industry injected research of the lizard's habitat into the discussion and worked closely with Texas Comptroller Susan Combs and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop the Texas Conservation Plan. This pioneering plan emphasizes wildlife conservation while maintaining the domestic oil and gas production that is so critical to Texas and the nation. As research continued to reinforce that listing the lizard was unwarranted and with the Texas Conservation Plan in place, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ultimately decided not to list the dunes sagebrush lizard on the Endangered Species List. The spirit of cooperation that made this outcome possible was widely and rightly applauded.

With so many eyes on the issue, so many hands in the policymaking, and such extensive input in the final decision, it's easy to chalk up the dunes sagebrush lizard as a win for all sides and call it a day.

Instead, we should take this time to step back and examine the process and policymaking that was required to reach this much-heralded lizard-born truce.

Without question, the decision to keep the dunes sagebrush lizard off the Endangered Species List is an example of the power of cooperation, research and innovative thinking coming together to form one remarkable outcome: Smart public policy, grounded in sound science that balances conservation with much-needed domestic energy production.

To reach this outcome, Comptroller Susan Combs ably led the charge with a framework established in the Texas Conservation Plan that set the stage for rational discussion and productive collaboration. Sen. John Cornyn, many in our Texas congressional delegation, and State Senators Carlos Uresti and Kel Seliger all engaged to make such a bold — and some might say, unexpected — solution possible.

While it doesn't have to be "us against them" between industry and federal agencies in the public policy and regulatory arenas, it shouldn't take such a high-stakes, highly publicized and contentious process to arrive at sound public policy.

Sadly, it shows the work that still must be tackled if there are to be any lessons learned from the lizard.

If we are to avoid costly and time-consuming fights, let's use the lizard as a case study for larger reform in process and policymaking.

With more than 100 species in line to be considered for the Endangered Species List and given the fight just behind us, imagine the resources it will take to ensure that decisions about future listings will be based on sound science and clear proof that such a determination is warranted.

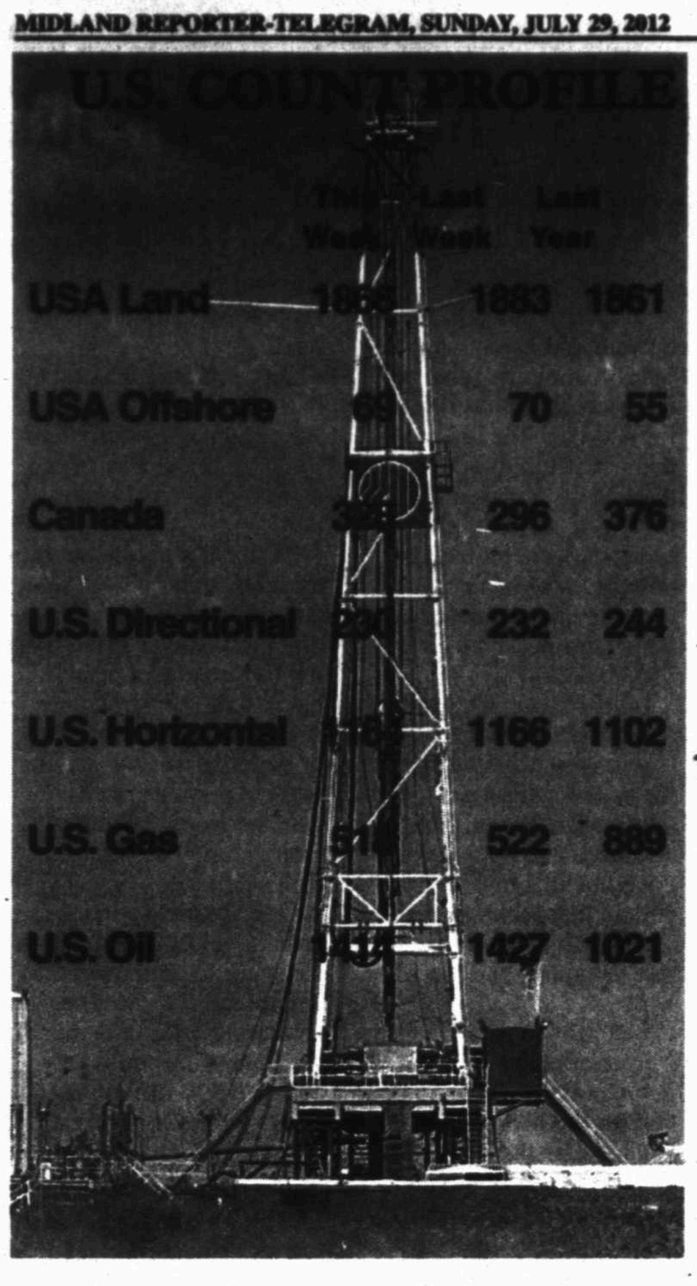
Right now, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service operates under a relatively low burden of proof for their justification to expand the Endangered Species List.

We should expect – not be forced to cajole – a federal agency to rely on sound, comprehensive scientific review before making a decision with such far-reaching economic, environmental and energy supply implications. Beyond the energy industry, the agency's decisions can impact ranchers, farmers and developers, just to name a few.

Whether they voluntarily make these adjustments to their review process or Congress presses them to do so, it's fair to ask and expect the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the larger Department of the Interior to learn from the process we endured with the dunes sagebrush lizard in Texas.

Let's revel in a moment of compromise and collegiality but quickly address the work that must be done to ensure history doesn't repeat itself.

Deb Hastings is executive vice president of the Texas Oil & Gas Association.





By Norman Johnson

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Crockett County

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University "40" #1503H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 95 fsl, 1,826 fel, Sec 15, Blk 40, ULS, 3.6 s Barnhart; TD 6,530 TVD; Comp 5-18-12; producing from 6,740-14,110 MD, fracture stimulated; gas lift 585 BO, 657 MCF, 1,100 BW on open choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41257

Approach Operating LLC
CincoTerry "L" #1801
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 330 fnl, 990 fel, Sec 18, Blk CD, Abst. 4510, GC&SF RR, 9 ne Ozona; TD 7,000; Comp 3-29-12; producing from 5,226-6,336, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 334 MCF, 499 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 540 psi; API #42-105-41399

Irion County

EOG Resources Inc.
University "43 A" #0804H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2,727 fwl, 2,260 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 43, ULS, 4.5 w Barnhart; TD 6,804 TVD; Comp 5-15-12; producing from 7,140-14,741 MD, fracture stimulated; gas lift 345 BO, 291 MCF, 898 BW on open choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API#42-235-34899

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "3072" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Plugback from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 1,140 fel, 900 fel, Sec 3072, Blk 28, Abst.927, H&TC RR, 9 nw Mertzon; TD 6,851; Comp 3-1-12; producing from 3,844-5,136, fracture stimulated; pump 40 BO,3 MCF, 91 BW on one-inch choke, 37.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34534

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "AA #3059" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Plugback from Andrew A. (Canyon); 1,200 fwl, 500 fsl, Sec 3059, Blk 28, Abst. 205, H&TC RR, 11 nw Mertzon; TD 7,260; Comp 11-11-11; producing from 3,326-5,039, fracture stimulated; pump 37 BO, 2 MCF, 69 BW on one-inch choke, 35.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34053

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "3072" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Plugback from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 2,178 fwl, 2,160 fnl, Sec 3, Blk 6, Abst. 313, H&TC RR, 13 nw Mertzon; TD 6,915; Comp 9-8-11; producing from 3,696-4,920, fracture stimulated; pump 40 BO, 224 BW on one-inch choke, 36.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34309

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "3072" #4
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Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "3072" #6
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Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "3073" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Plugback from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 2,150 fnl, 2,600 fwl, Sec 3073, Blk 28, Abst. 202, H&TC RR, 9 nw Mertzon; TD 7,050; Comp 1-18-12; producing from 4,058-5,261, fracture stimulated; pump 7 BO, 1 MCF, 40 BW on one-inch choke, 39.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34451

Reagan County

Prime Operating Company
Brown #9
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 1203, Abst.169, GC&SF RR, 7.2 sw Stiles; TD 9,240; Comp 1-18-12; producing from 6,347-9,191, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pum 35 BO, 43 MCF, 162 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37013

Schleicher County

Approach Operating LLC
University "54-13" #2
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 13, Blk 54, ULS, 19 n Eldorado; TD 8,337; Comp 10-6-11; producing from 4,821-6,762, fracture stimulated; gas lift 10.5 BO, 65 MCF, 81 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32774

Upton County

Apache Corp.
Bomber #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 960 fwl, Sec 2, Ben F. Morris, 20.3 nw Rankin; TD 10851; Comp 3-21-12; producing from 7,616-10,681, fracture stimulated; pump 81.6 BO, 29 MCF, 220 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37599

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #3035
Spraberry (Trend Area); 3,820 fsl, 5,710 fwl, Sec 3, Abst. 544, Throckmorton CSL, 16 nw Rankin; TD 10,781; Comp 5-4-12; producing from 7,380-10,487, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 64 BO, 60 MCF, 255 BW, 42.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37768

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #2068
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,700 fnl, 2,400 fwl, Sec 2, Abst. 543, Throckmorton CSL, 20.6 nw Rankin; TD 10,875; Comp 4-25-12; producing from 7,598-10,673, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 37 BO, 41 MCF, 201 BW, 42.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37875

Summit Petroleum LLC
Rebecca Jean #3209
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 32, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst. 695, T&P RR, 24.7 w Rankin; TD 10,195; Comp 4-11-12; producing from 7,688-9,980, fracture stimulated; pump 39 BO, 55 MCF, 172 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37831

SUmmit Petroleum LLC
Joann #3605
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,173 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 36, Blk 42, T-5-S, Abst. 1482, T&P RR, 25 nw Rankin; TD 10,700; Comp 5-5-12; producing from 7,894-10,622, fracture stimulated; flow 14 BO, 34 MCF, 160 BW on one-inch choke, FTp 65 psi, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37879

Summit Petroleum LLC
Cheryl "S" #3916
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 39, Blk 42, T-4-S, Abst. 515, T&P RR 33 nw Rankin; TD 10,558; Comp 4-3-12; producing from 7,848-10,310, fracture stimulated; pump 61 BO, 52 MCF, 74 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37750

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Andrews County

Bulldog Operating Company
Zebco #1
Shafter lake (Clearfork); 2,173 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 13, Blk 14, ULS, 8.4 nw Andrews; TD 8,010; Comp 4-25-12; producing from 7,462-7,472, treated with acid; pump 5 BO, 13 MCF, 404 BW, 34.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43634

Mewbourne Oil Company
University B11 "5" #1H
Andector (Wichita Albany)-Horizontal; 100 fsl, 2,210 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 11, ULS, 19.5 sw Andrews; TD 7,137 TVD; Comp 5-23-12; producing from 7,585-11,39 MD, fracture stimulated; pump 83 BO, 119 MCF, 431 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43880

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Olsen et al #16
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,780 fnl, 235 fwl, Sec 15, Blk A-42, Abst.863, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,760; Comp 4-24-12; producing from 4,402-4,620, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 93 BO, 48 MCF, 61 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43894

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Lindley-Remunda #69
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,330 fwl, 1,950 fsl, Sec 15, Blk A-47, Abst. 1644, PSL, 11 nw Andrews; TD 4,918; Comp 4-28-12; producing from 4,559-4,800, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 45 BO, 18 MCF, 70 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-44073

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Nix "20 LZS" #3
Fuhrman-Mascho; 400 fsl, 530 fel, Sec 20, Blk A-47, Abst. 1999, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,879; Comp 4-24-12; producing from 4,527-4,670, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 5 BO, 3 MCF, 276 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43969

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry Cons. III #55
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 317 fsl, 2,401 fwl, Sec 4, Blk A-42, Abst.2208, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,889; Comp 4-27-12; producing from 4,552-4,763, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pum 57 BO, 12 MCF, 94 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43890

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry Cons. II #50
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 596 fnl, 410 fwl, Sec 8, Blk A-42, Abst. 2211, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,835; Comp 4-28-12; producing from 4,450-4,708, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 41 BO, 44 MCF, 132 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43694

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry Cons. I #56
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 354 fnl, 1,494 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-42, Abst. 2207, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,831; Comp 4-19-12; producing from 4,429-4,678, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 60 BO, 15 MCF, 125 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43889

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Thornberry "E" #9
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,200 fnl, 1,180 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-42, Abst. 2207, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,797; Comp 4-22-12; producing from 4,400-4,716, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 111 BO, 105 MCF, 172 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-44026

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Thornberry "4" #24
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 260 fsl, 661 fel, Sec 18, Blk A-47, Abst. 1997, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,995; Comp 4-29-12; producing from 4,569-4,826, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 48 BO, 15 MCF, 108 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43671

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Parker -D- #9
Fuhrman-Mascho; 795 fwl, 1,180 fsl, Sec 21, Blk A-41, Abst. 1655, PSL, 16 sw Andrews; TD 4,753; Comp 5-1-12; producing from 4,464-4,588, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 61 BO, 15 MCF, 57 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43930

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Parker -C- #9
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,300 fsl, 1,300 fel, Sec 21, Blk A-41, Abst. 1655, PSL, 16 sw Andrews; TD 4,755; Comp 5-2-12; producing from 4,429-4,592, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 7 BO, 6 MCF, 187 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43924

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Lockhart #13
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,860 fel, 2,570 fsl, Sec 11, Blk A-41, Abst. 860, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,837; Comp 5-3-12; producing from 4,410-4,688, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 2 BO, 61 MCF, 72 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43927

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry Cons. III #45
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,140 fel, 1,230 fsl, Sec 4, Blk A-42, Abst. 2208, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,919; Comp 5-2-12; producing from 4,503-4,722, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 74 BO, 27 MCF, 144 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-44-44

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Thornberry -LZS- #25
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 819 fnl, 260 fwl, Sec 5, Blk A-42, Abst. 2209, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,853; Comp 5-1-12; producing from 4,492-4,716, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 37 BO, 118 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43690

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Thornbérry -F- #26
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,420 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-42, Abst. 2207, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,754; Comp 5-2-12; producing from 4,350-4,638, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 13 BO, 8 MCF, 212 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-44028

Crane County

Apache Corp.
University Lands "A 37" #3H
McElroy-Horizontal; 50 fnl, 2,200 fel, Sec 37, Blk 31, ULS, 5 nw Crane; TD 3,031 TVD; Comp 4-19-12; producing from 3,478-7,431 MD, fracture stimulated; pump 283 BO, 146 MCF, 1,681 BW, 32.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-35940

Ector County

Chevron USA Inc.
Lupin TXL Fee #2514E
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 144, T&P RR, 7.98 se Odessa; TD 10,675; Comp 1-17-12; producing from 7,976-10,469, fracture stimulated; pump 115 BO, 86 MCF, 133 BW, 44.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40784

COG Operating LLC
Sallie "23" #20
Sallie Ann (Spraberry -Wolfcamp); 2,640 fwl, 1,320 fnl, Sec 23, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 143, T&P RR, 7.4 se Odessa; TD 10,300; Comp 5-13-12; producing from 8,100-10,070, fracture stimulated; pump 54 BO, 19 MCF, 50 BW, 43.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41477

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BI" #303
Spraberry (Trend Area); 330 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 50, T&P RR< 3 e Gardendale; TD 11,195; Comp 5-21-12; producing from 8,270-11,111, fracture stimulated; flow 271 BO, 242 MCF, 311 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 480 psi, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41180

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BD" #1121
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,000 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 54, T&P RR, 5 e Gardendale; TD 11,360; Comp 5-10-12; producing from 8,340-11,274, fracture stimulated; flow 122 BO, 138 MCF, 245 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 300 psi, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41157

Reliance Energy Inc.
Ratliff "A" #1709
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 11.1 n Odessa; TD 11,601; Comp 3-19-12; producing from 7,622-11,332, fracture stimulated; pump 143 BO, 113 MCF, 387 BW, 43.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41118

Glasscock County

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
J.E.Cox #3203
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,870 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 132, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 953, T&P RR, 13 s Garden City; TD 10,335; Comp 10-3-11; producing from 7,732-10,034, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 69 BO, 260 MCF, 226 BW, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34379

Loving County

Chesapeake Opeating Inc.
Johnson Ranch "1-51" Lov #2H
Moore-Hooper (Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian Consolidated)-Horizontal; 280 fnel, 660 fnwl, Sec 51, Blk 1, Abst. 180, W&NW RR, 6.1 nw Mentone; TD 11,121 TVD; Comp 5-8-12; producing from 11,717-15,509 MD, fracture stimulated; flow 302 BO, 632 MCF, 1,006 BW on 17/64 inch choke, FTP 2,824 psi, 44.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-31667

Martin County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Walker "14" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fel, 1,980 fsl, Sec 14, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 691, T&P RR, 3.8 nnw Lenorah; TD 11,311; Comp 2-17-12; producing from 8,994-11,190, fracture stimulated; pump 39 BO, 40 MCF, 30 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37204

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Patton "7" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fel, 1,980 fsl, Sec 7, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 12, T&P RR, 5.3 w Knott; TD 10,717; Comp 2-18-12; producing from 8,530-10,573, fracture stimulated; pump 17 BO, 5 MCF, 48 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37265

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Strain "23" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 490 fwl, 2,100 fnl, Sec 23, Blk 36, T-1-N, Abst. 138, T&P RR, 5.5 s Lenorah; TD 11,182; Comp 5-21-12; producing from 8,848-11,032, fracture stimulated; flow 33 BO, 179 BW on 10/64 inch choke, FTP 725 psi, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37464

Merit Enregy Company
McMurry "B" #11
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 44, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 778, T&P RR, 4.5 ne Stanton; TD 10,215; Comp 4-14-12; producing from 6,990-9,920, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 144 BO, 75 MCF, 188 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37482

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "6-43" #8
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,080 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 43, Blk 6, ULS, 31.9 nw Stanton; TD 11,265; Comp 3-22-12; producing from 8,220-11,123, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 137 BO, 102 MCF, 247 BW, 40.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37189

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Dossett "2" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 2, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 1074, T&P RR, 6.2 ne Stanton; TD 9,948; Comp 4-17-12; producing from 6,611-9,855, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 302 BO, 209 MCF, 690 BW, 44.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37146

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Rufus "11" #7
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 11, Blk 35, T-3-N, Abst. 89, T&P RR, 25.7 n Stanton; TD 10,391; Comp 4-17-12; producing from 8,532-10,258, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 72 BO, 50 MCF, 135 BW, 40.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36916

Midland County

Athlon Energy Operating LLC
Davidson "26A" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 853 fel, Sec 26, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst. 1089, T&P RR, 21.7 s Midland; TD 11,460; Comp 4-16-12; producing from 8,152-11,321, fracture stimulated; flow 170 BO, 678 MCF, 417 BW on 24/64 inch choke,FTP 950 psi, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-37901

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BE" #623
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 2,000 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 1130, T&P RR, 7 nw Midland; TD 11,300; Comp 4-30-12; producing from 8,319-11,206, fracture stimulated; flow 101 BO, 88 MCF, 317 BW on 20/64 incb choke, FTP 420 psi, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-37785

Summit Petroleum LLC
Abbie Laine #3004
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,173 fsl, 2,173 fel, Sec 30, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 1296, T&P RR, 17.5 sw Midland; TD 10,700; Comp 5-1-12; producing from 8,016-10,515, fracture stimulated;

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MID-WEEK WTI POSTED PRICES



PERMIAN BASIN

TEXAS

DIST. #7C

Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	10
Irion	12
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	24
Runnels	3
Schleicher	4
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	27

DIST. #8

Andrews	38
Brewster	0
Crane	7
Culberson	4
Ector	34
Glasscock	38
Howard	19
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	15
Martin	43
Midland	30
Mitchell	1
Pecos	5
Presidio	0
Reeves	40
Sterling	4
Ward	25
Winkler	4

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	3
Cochran	1
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	4
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	6
Garza	0
Hale	0
Hockley	1
Kent	2
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	2
Motley	0
Scurry	3
Terry	2
Yoakum	5

TEXAS TOTAL 418

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	1
Eddy	51
Lea	24
Roosevelt	1

N.M. TOTAL 77

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SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 7/25/12	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$2.774	$3.070	$4.399
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$2.660	$3.127	$4.365
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$2.450	$2.950	$4.040
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$2.565	$3.064	$4.335
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$2.490	$3.008	$4.175
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$2.603	$3.072	$4.339
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$2.705	$3.142	$4.438

PLUGGING

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tered, fishing tools will be brought in, for example. Doing so enhances efficiency and economics.

Frederick said the new rules, which took effect in 2010 and require that electrical lines be disconnected from wells inactive 12 months or more, fluids removed from tanks, lines and vessels if the well is inactive five years or more and surface equipment removed if a well is active 10 years or more. That, he said, has led to a push in getting inactive wells plugged.

Noted Boatright, "Form W3A is the first instrument filed with the Railroad Commission to get authorization to plug a well. In 2004, we were getting 20 W3As a month from the commission. Now it's 15 to 20 a day."

Plugging a well, observed Frederick, "is something no operator likes to do; it brings no revenue; it's a cost." But, chimed in Boatright, "that well made a lot of money, but there comes a time to go sit by the fireplace."

The three men agreed that oil prices play a role in an inactive well's fate. An inactive well that produced five barrels a day at $20 a barrel would be more likely to be plugged, they said, than a well producing that much at $90 a barrel.

"We're being told (a plugging job) is put on hold because investors want to take a second look," Boatright said.

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 8

Brewster County

CIPEM-USA LLC WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 CIELO, 1731 FSL 1738 FEL, SEC 290 BLK 10, GH&SA/ E JORDAN SUR., A-5126 9000', 24 NE ALPINE

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Boquillas 18 Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 18 T16S R30E; 1980/N & 330/E; 7 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 11787 Abo; API #30-015-40266

Chesapeake Operating LLC
PLU Big Sinks 19 24 31 USA #1
Wildcat; Sec 19 T24S R31E; 140/N & 1980/W; 15 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14017 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40261

Lea County

Yates Petroleum Corporation
Pomegranate BRP State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 36 T20S R35E; 160/S & 660/W; 8 1/2 mi NW Oil Center; Rot 14995 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40579

VPR Operating LLC
Harrier 35 Fed Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 35 T25S R32E; 1980/N & 1500/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 10000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40572

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Ichabod 7 Fed #4
Wildcat; Sec 7 T26S R34E; 108/S & 455/E; 10 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14443 Delaware; API #30-025-40574

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Manufacturers 'alarmed' about surging natural gas demand

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

Manufacturers warned Congress they are worried the nationwide push to use more natural gas to generate electricity and fuel cars will leave them paying more for the fossil fuel they use to power plants and create other products.

Paul Cicio, president of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America, said the group "is becoming very alarmed at the ever-increasing potential demand and over reliance on natural gas."

Energy companies are taking advantage of technological advances in drilling to harvest natural gas from dense rock formations across the U.S., potentially tapping what analysts widely describe as a 100-year supply of the fossil fuel.

But Cicio warned that natural gas' potential abundance could be illusory and is jeopardized by environmental regulations that could encourage utilities to abandon coal in some plants and new mandates on drilling. Additionally, at least eight companies have asked the federal government for approval to begin exporting liquefied natural gas.

"While we have an abundant supply, it appears that we also have explosive potential demand due to the suite of EPA regulations on the electric utility generators that could shut down 81,000 megawatts of coal-fired power generation," Cicio told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "Manufacturing is also concerned about the growing threats to continued robust and economic production of natural gas."

Critics worry that all of those factors threaten to send natural gas prices upward and could put the fossil fuel on the same price roller coaster it has ridden for decades. Manufacturers that use natural gas to fuel their plants and as a building block to make other products were hit hard by volatile swings in prices over the last two decades, which last peaked over $15.00 in 2005.

In its hearing, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee was studying the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel, amid questions about the federal government's role in propelling new technologies and establishing infrastructure to support the transition.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., a critic of proposed natural gas exports, said it is important for the U.S. to find "that sweet spot where companies really do have that sense of stability in order to make these long-term changes."

But natural gas boosters said manufacturers' concerns are overblown.

Dave McCurdy, CEO of the American Gas Association, said a steady ramp-up in cars using natural gas instead of petroleum-based fuels is not likely to cause a huge spike in demand and runup in prices for industrial consumers.

Some major fleet operators, including Verizon and Waste Management, already are switching to natural gas vehicles. Separately, 13 governors are coordinating a multi-state purchase program to make natural gas vehicles part of their state fleets.

A major challenge in adopting cars powered by natural gas — especially when it is liquefied — is the lack of fueling stations and other infrastructure to keep those vehicles on the road.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., noted that there's a "chicken and egg problem" standing in the way of big natural gas vehicle adoption.

"Vehicle manufacturers have historically been reluctant to develop and sell natural gas vehicles if the fueling infrastructure is not in place, and infrastructure developers have been wary of building fueling stations without demonstrated demand from consumers with natural gas vehicles," Bingaman said.

One alternative to cars running on liquefied natural gas is using compressed natural gas to power the vehicles. Earlier this month, the Energy Department awarded $30 million in grants aimed at giving a boost to technology for using CNG in light passenger vehicles.

The development of lightweight, inexpensive equipment for storing compressed natural gas in vehicles could open the door for convenient, home-based refueling of cars.

McCurdy noted that gas utilities that belong to the AGA maintain more than 2 million miles of natural gas distribution pipelines nationwide. And there are more than 1,000 compressed natural gas stations in the U.S. already.

"This distribution network means that we can place compressed natural gas fueling stations around the country without the need to truck in fuel," he said. "We believe that in the next few years, home refueling for natural gas vehicles will become increasingly available and attractive to residential consumers."

OIL BRIEFS

Legacy Reserves increases cash distribution

Legacy Reserves LP announced that the Board of Directors of its general partner has approved a cash distribution attributable to the second quarter of 2012 of 56 cents per unit, payable on Aug. 10, 2012, to unitholders of record at the close of business on July 30, 2012. This quarterly distribution is a $0.005 increase from the prior quarter and represents an annualized distribution of $2.24 per unit. On a year-over-year basis, Legacy's quarterly distribution has increased 3.7 percent.

Noble Energy agrees to sell Basin properties

HOUSTON — Noble Energy, Inc. has signed a definitive agreement to sell certain oil and natural gas properties in the Permian Basin to Sheridan Holding Company II, LLC, a privately held Houston based oil and gas company, for $320 million. The transaction has an effective date of April 1, 2012 and is expected to close in August, subject to customary closing conditions and adjustments.

The properties include Noble Energy's interest in about 250 producing wells on approximately 11,000 net acres. As of the effective date, net daily production was more than 1,500 barrels of oil equivalent per day consisting of more than 90 percent crude oil and natural gas liquids.

David L. Stover, Noble Energy president and chief operating officer, commented, "The sale of our Permian assets is a continuation of our previously announced divestiture plan. Sales of our non-core assets allow us to focus on the developments within our core areas. Our teams have worked diligently and we are pleased with the pace of divestitures and value received."

Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. advised Noble Energy on the transaction.

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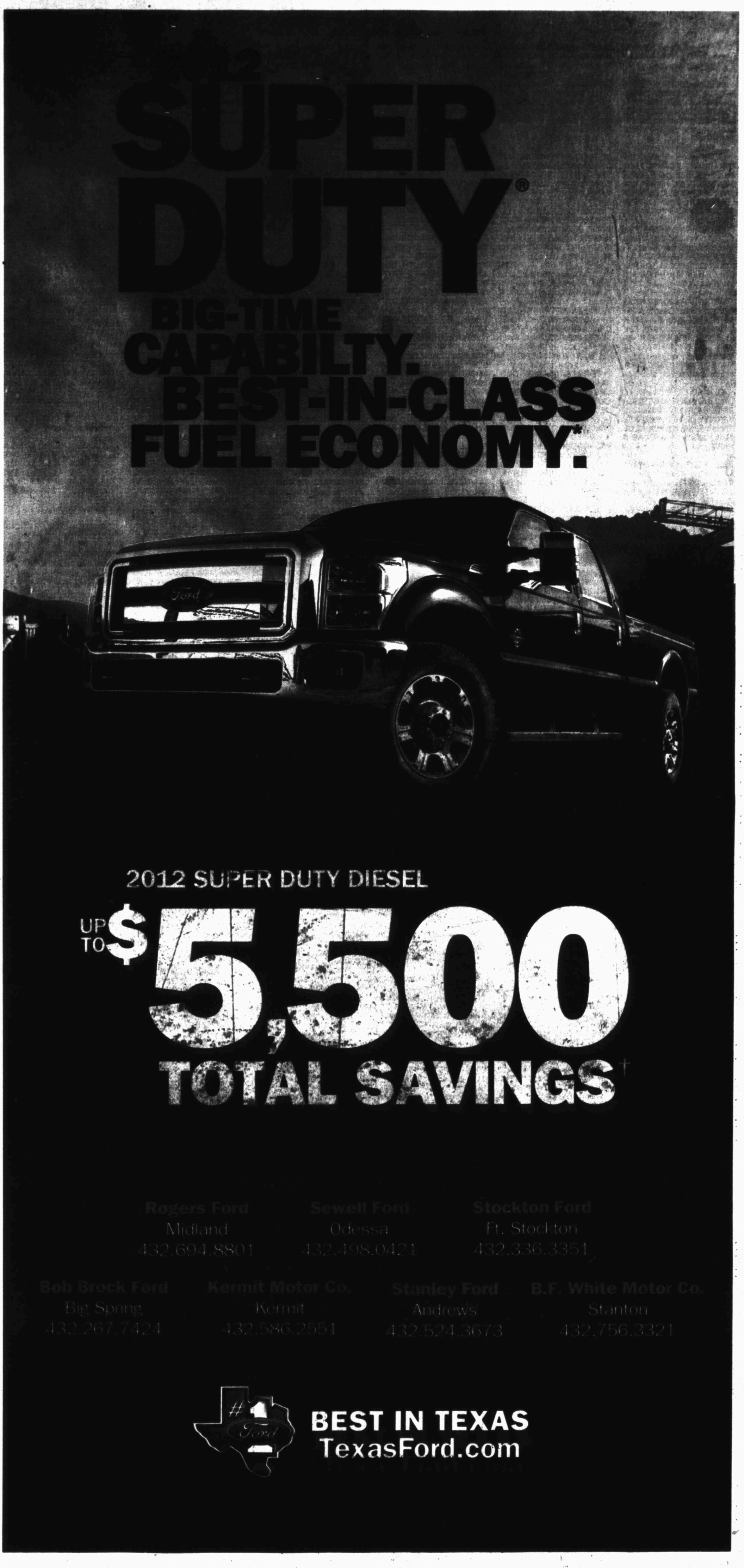
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DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW UNIVERSITY 52-10, 1650 FEL 1994 FSL, SEC 10 BLK 52, UL SUR., A-U538 8900', 10 SE BARNHART

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1001H UNIVERSITY 51, 462 FSL 650 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 51, UNIV LANDS SUR. 7750', 18 NW OZONA

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1903H UNIVERSITY 12, 1990 FWL 2184 FSL, SEC 19 BLK 12, UNIV LANDS SUR. 7750', 9 SW BIG LAKE

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2506H UNIVERSITY 45, 1970 FEL 2190 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 45, UNIV LANDS SUR. 7750', 16 NW OZONA

Irion County

EL PASO E & P COMPANY, L.P. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H UNIVERSITY 43-22, 2567 FSL 1710 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 43, UL SUR. 12990', 5 SW BARNHART

EL PASO E & P COMPANY, L.P. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7H UNIVERSITY 43-22, 1730 FWL 2567 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 43, UL SUR. 12990', 5 SW BARNHART

EL PASO E & P COMPANY, L.P. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H UNIVERSITY 43-22, 2567 FSL 1670 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 43, UL SUR., A-U41 12990', 5 SW BARNHART

EL PASO E & P COMPANY, L.P. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H UNIVERSITY 43-22, 1690 FWL 2567 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 43, UL SUR. 12990', 5 SW BARNHART

McCulloch County

H-B OIL CO. (325) 529-3713, E DIETZ (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 6 JOHNSON, 504 FNL 992 FWL, SEC 1252, C SCHMIDT SUR. 2000', 4 NE MELVIN

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2B SAU 11-2, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 11 BLK D, L&SV SUR., A-331 8400', 31 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2A SAU 12-2, 1837 FSL 740 FWL, SEC 12 BLK D, L&SV/ G SUTHERLIN SUR., A-805 8400', 31 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5E SAU 44, 1320 FSL 2640 FEL, SEC 44 BLK B, L&SV/SA INGHAM SUR., A-767 8300', 28 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5B SAU 5, 2640 FSL 1320 FWL, SEC 5 BLK E, L&SV SUR., A-334 8300', 29 SW GARDEN CITY

Schleicher County

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC KELLEY (ELLENBURGER) (G) DRILL Well# 2401 MARIGLIANO, 950 FNL 920 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 2, GC&SF/J RAE SUR., A-1633 8800', 15 W ELDORADO

Tom Green County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC FUNK (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 6601 HALL, 990 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 66 BLK 5, H&TC/RA HUGHES SUR., A-8437 2000', 7 SW WATER VALLEY

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 WEBER, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-475 11000', 21 NW RANKIN

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 14 WEBER, 467 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-475 11000', 21 NW RANKIN

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 ROSS 40, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ MRS WR TIMMINS SUR., A-1580 11000', 22 NW RANKIN

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 13 WEBER, 467 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-475 11000', 21 NW RANKIN

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 ROSS 40, 2170 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ MRS WR TIMMINS SUR., A-1580 11000', 22 NW RANKIN

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 NEAL 38, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ OH SCHAWE SUR., A-1281 11100', 22 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2 HASEL 25, 2124 FSEL 660 FSL, SEC 25 BLK Y, TC SUR., A-371 10400', 10 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 CHRISTINE, 600 FSL 717 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 1, GC&SF SUR., A-221 12000', 15 N RANKIN

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Andrews County

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 403 UNIVERSITY RUTH, 2000 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U51 12000', 7 NE ANDREWS

CONE & PETREE O&G EXPL., INC. FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 16 LIMPIA, 2324 FSL 1064 FEL, SEC 2 BLK A47, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1995 5000', 11 W ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 UNIVERSITY UA, 1370 FNL 2210 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U344 8300', 16 SW ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# H120 GOLDSMITH ANDECTOR UNIT, 330 FNL 2540 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 45 T2N, T&P/ WH RHODES SUR., A-1785 7000', 19 SW ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 204 UNIVERSITY ANDREWS, 2460 FSL 1220 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U344 9000', 17 SW ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# J120 GOLDSMITH ANDECTOR UNIT, 330 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 45 T2N, T&P/ WH RHODES SUR., A-1785 7000', 19 SW ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 205 UNIVERSITY ANDREWS, 2460 FSL 150 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U344 9000', 17 SW ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 UNIVERSITY UA, 1270 FNL 1195 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U344 8300', 16 SW ANDREWS

OXY USA INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3409 MUSTANG, 2640 FNL 475 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 40 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-97 12500', 20 NW MIDLAND

OXY USA INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3407 MUSTANG, 2461 FNL 2563 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 40 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-97 12500', 19 NW MIDLAND

OXY USA INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3503 MUSTANG, 463 FSL 919 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-84 12500', 20 NW MIDLAND

OXY USA INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3405 MUSTANG, 467 FNL 475 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 40 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-97 12500', 20 NW MIDLAND

PACESETTER ENERGY, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 1W WELBORN 20, 2198 FNEL 148 FSEL, SEC 20 BLK A36, PSL/J COOKE SUR., A-350 9000', 8 NW ANDREWS

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION BLOCK 31 (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 UNIVERSITY DEVONIAN 37, 1850 FSL 2620 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 31, UL SUR., A-U85 10050', 5 NW CRANE

APACHE CORPORATION BLOCK 31 (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 UNIVERSITY DEVONIAN O 25, 2130 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 31, UL SUR., A-U73 9500', 7 NW CRANE

APACHE CORPORATION BLOCK 31 (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 UNIVERSITY DEVONIAN A 37, 600 FSL 1950 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 31, UL SUR., A-U85 10050', 5 NW CRANE

Ector County

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 4714HU TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1210 FNL 2280 FEL, SEC 1 BLK B15, PSL/ JW AMBURGEY SUR., A-1305 6000', 10 NW PENWELL

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 5212HU TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1790 FNL 980 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-384 5900', 9 NW PENWELL

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 4709HU TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1235 FNL 1035 FEL, SEC 1 BLK B15, PSL/ JW AMBURGEY SUR., A-1305 6000', 9 NW PENWELL

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 5119HU TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1400 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-384 6000', 9 NW PENWELL

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 4712HL TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1410 FNL 1035 FEL, SEC 1 BLK B15, PSL/ JW AMBURGEY SUR., A-1305 6250', 9 NW PENWELL

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 4713HU TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1035 FNL 2355 FEL, SEC 1 BLK B15, PSL/ JW AMBURGEY SUR., A-1305 6000', 10 NW PENWELL

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 4716HL TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1210 FNL 2355 FEL, SEC 1 BLK B15, PSL/ JW AMBURGEY SUR., A-1305 6350', 10 NW PENWELL

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 4715HL TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1035 FNL 2280 FEL, SEC 1 BLK B15, PSL/ JW AMBURGEY SUR., A-1305 6400', 10 NW PENWELL

APACHE CORPORATION TXL (TUBB) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 5213HU TXL SOUTH UNIT, 1965 FNL 1035 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-384 5900', 9 NW PENWELL

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 230 CLYDE COWDEN, 700 FSL 700 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-276 7300', 14 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 252 CLYDE COWDEN, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-276 7300', 14 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 245 CLYDE COWDEN, 510 FNL 900 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-282 7200', 13 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 242 CLYDE COWDEN, 1120 FSL 2550 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JA SELLERS SUR., A-791 7100', 14 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 251 CLYDE COWDEN, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-282 7300', 13 NW ODESSA

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 16 ADAMS 26, 1127 FSL 2400 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/ JW DAUGHERTY SUR., A-747 11000', 4 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 17 COOK 21, 2173 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-251 11000', 4 SW GARDEN CITY

COG OPERATING, LLC S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3808H CURRIE, 1594 FEL 2149 FSL, SEC 35 BLK 33 T4S, T&P SUR., A-162 13500', 7 NW GARDEN CITY

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC (432) 818-0300, CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SEFCIK 24, 530 FWL 2173 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 35 T4S, T&P/ T LIVINGSTON SUR., A-1022 11900', 7 SW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. (972) 444-9001, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 KAYLINA 15, 1980 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-300 11200', 16 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 STONE 46, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 46 BLK 35 T1S, T&P/ JT RAWLINGS SUR., A-1048 11300', 13 NW GARDEN CITY

Howard County

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 ATHLON GUITAR 8, 1709 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 8 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-557 11000', 6 W BIG SPRING

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 HORTON 19, 2170 FSL 2171 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 33 T3N, T&P SUR., A-343 11900', 3 SE ACKERLY

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER., LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 HAMLIN 26, 467 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/ GH STEPHENS SUR., A-1099 11000', 12 NW BIG SPRING

TRILOGY OPERATING INC. H GLASSCOCK (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 BOA 12, 2130 FNEL 1980 FSEL, SEC 12 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/ BH SETTLES SUR., A-1353 6000', 10 SE BIG SPRING

TRILOGY OPERATING INC. PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 DARWIN, 1070 FNWL 1070 FSWL, SEC 44 BLK 32 T1S, T&P/ AD LEE SUR., A-1292 12000', 8 SE BIG SPRING

Loving County

CHAPARRAL ENERGY, LLC GRICE (DELAWARE) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 7 JOHNSON 40, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 76, PSL/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1114 6000', 14 NE MENTONE

Martin County

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 MABEE Y, 660 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 1 BLK 39 T3N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-368 11000', 26 NW STANTON

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 UNIVERSITY 7-30, 1980 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 7, UL SUR. 12000', 13 NW TARZAN

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 MABEE D, 660 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-396 12000', 20 SW PATRICIA

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 MABEE J, 1640 FEL 750 FNL, SEC 2 BLK H A, HA MOORE SUR., A-917 12000', 9 NW TARZAN

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 MABEE J, 1720 FEL 2468 FSL, SEC 2 BLK H A, HA MOORE SUR., A-917 12000', 9 NW TARZAN

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SAM 17, 756 FSL 1874 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 37 T2N, T&P SUR., A-244 11900', 2 E TARZAN

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2D WILKINSON RANCH, 467 FSL 2631 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/ M POWELL SUR., A-798 4400', 8 SW KNOTT

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 12 WILKINSON RANCH, 696 FWL 2106 FNL, SEC 1 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR. 12000', 7 SW KNOTT

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LNE 9, 467 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-155 12000', 5 N LENORAH

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 NAIL RANCH 12, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 38 T1S, T&P/ AM GOSNEY SUR., A-749 12000', 8 NW GREENWOOD

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 HOOPSNAKE 28A, 660 FEL 1996 FSL, SEC 28 BLK 35 T1S, T&P/ JP COCKERHAM SUR., A-638 12000', 5 E STANTON

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 ROMINE-DILLON UNIT, 660 FEL 467 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T2N, T&P SUR., A-78 12000', 7 SW KNOTT

Midland County

BERRY OIL COMP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 TRD C, 467 FNL 1787 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 39 T2S, T&P/ GHM WILSON SUR., A-1063 12000', 9 S MIDLAND

Pecos County

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC SUN VALLEY (TUBB LO) (O/G)(HORZ) (RCMP) Well# 7H STATE HOUSTON CO. TIMBER CO. A, 630 FWL 629 FSL, SEC 4 BLK 212, P MORGAN/ HC ALFORD SUR., A-6501 4000', 25 NE FT STOCKTON

Reeves County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 RODDY 146, 467 FEL 467 FSL, SEC 146 BLK 13, H&GN/JD HOWARTH SUR., A-4618 13000', 12 S PECOS

GP II ENERGY, INC. BRSHY DRW(CHRY CNYN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 5W MONTCLAIR, 337 FSL 293 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 57 T1, T&P SUR., A-1021 4000', 13 N ORLA

Sterling County

CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, LP LOWER HALF (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1408 PFLUGER A, 492 FSL 658 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A, GC&SF/AC SHERICK SUR., A-982 7905', 22 SW STERLING CITY

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SW CONGER (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 7 STERLING X FEE, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-535 8290', 19 SW STERLING CITY

Ward County

EAGLE ROCK OPERATING CO., LLC ESTES BLK 34 (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 42 AMERICAN NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO., 660 FSEL 1980 FSWL, SEC 25 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-187 9400', 9 SW MONAHANS

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. MONAHANS(WOLFELLEN) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1029 SEALY SMITH FOUNDATION, 362 FNL 2378 FEL, SEC 21 BLK A, G&MMB&A SUR., A-75 13000', 3 N MONAHANS

Winkler County

APACHE CORPORATION E MONAHANS (PENN LO) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 89H SEALY & SMITH FOUNDATION A, 330 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 52 BLK A, G&MMB&A SUR., A-44 13200', 14 SE WINK

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP KEYSTONE (CLR FRK) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1953 WE BAIRD, 1150 FNL 1750 FWL, SEC 19 BLK B3, PSL/WE BAIRD SUR., A-1322 10598', 3 NE KERMIT

OGX OPERATING, LLC FA HOGG(PENN DETRITAL) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H SOFTAIL 10-17, 467 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 17 BLK B10, PSL/GD HOGG SUR., A-1603 9500', 10 SE KERMIT

OGX OPERATING, LLC FA HOGG(PENN DITRITAL) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SPORTSTER 10-18, 467 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 18 BLK B10, PSL/ MRS MH MITCHELL SUR., A-1701 9500', 10 SE KERMIT

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Borden County

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC BIG SPRING (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 SHORTES 6, 1503 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 33 T3N, T&P/ O HARVEY SUR., A-1142 12000', 2 NE ACKERLY

Cochran County

WALSH PETROLEUM INC. LEVELLAND (O)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 90H JM WRIGHT UNIT, 5 FWL 1344 FSL, SEC 95, MILLS CSL LOT 23 SUR., A-91 5000', 8 SE LEHMAN

WALSH PETROLEUM INC. LEVELLAND (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 92H JM WRIGHT UNIT, 1320 FWL 1235 FSL, MILLS CSL LEAGUE 95 LABOR 22 SUR., A-91 5000', 8 SE LEHMAN

Crosby County

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 4578 BRYANT B-1045 ETAL, 720 FSL 100 FEL, SEC 1045 BLK 1, H&OB SUR., A-268 5000', 11 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3541 CLARK WOOD A, 2636 FNL 661 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 9 NE SLATON

Dawson County

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 KENT CO. 265-10, 467 FNL 432 FEL, KENT CSL LGE 265 LAB 10 SUR., A-405 12000', 17 SW LAMESA

Gaines County

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. N ROBERTSON(CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 36W EUBANKS CLEARFORK UNIT, 2305 FSL 1985 FWL, SEC 6 BLK AX, PSL/CH EUBANK SUR., A-1048 7500', 8 SW SEMINOLE

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. N ROBERTSON(CLRFRK) QRILL (INJ) Well# 12WR EUBANKS CLEARFORK UNIT, 1851 FSL 2470 FEL, SEC 6 BLK AX, PSL/CH EUBANK SUR., A-1048 7500', 9 SW SEMINOLE

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. N ROBERTSON(CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 30 EUBANKS CLEARFORK UNIT, 1217 FSL 2460 FEL, SEC 6 BLK AX, PSL/CH EUBANK SUR., A-1048 7500', 8 SW SEMINOLE

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. N ROBERTSON(CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 14WR EUBANKS CLEARFORK UNIT, 2203 FSL 2647 FWL, SEC 6 BLK AX, PSL/CH EUBANK SUR., A-1048 7500', 8 SW SEMINOLE

Garza County

THREE R OIL CO. H&L (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL Well# 6 ADOBE POST-MONTGOMERY, 1376 FEL 2309 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 4, K AYCOCK SUR., A-484 4000', 8 NE POST

PALMER OIL PROPERTIES POST (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL Well# 1 IN MCCRARY A, 330 FNL 994 FWL, SEC 83 BLK 5, GH&H SUR., A-44 3500', 10 E POST

PALMER OIL PROPERTIES POST (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL Well# 4 IN MCCRARY A, 864 FNL 612 FWL, SEC 83 BLK 5, GH&H SUR., A-44 3500', 10 E POST

PALMER OIL PROPERTIES POST (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL Well# 2 IN MCCRARY A, 1502 FNL 931 FWL, SEC 83 BLK 5, GH&H SUR., A-44 3500', 10 E POST

PALMER OIL PROPERTIES POST (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL Well# 5 SWENSON-A, 825 FSL 1063 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 8, H&GN SUR., A-113 3100', 12 E POST

Hockley County

CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC WDA (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 SPADE B, 660 FSL 19 FWL, HOWARD CSL LGE 16 LAB 9 SUR., A-13 13000', 2 SW SMYER

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CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC WDA (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SPADE E, 1623 FNL 5839 FEL, SEC 16, HOWARD CSL SUR., A-13 13000', 2 SW SMYER

CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC WDA (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 SPADE B, 2760 FNL 4512 FEL, SEC 16, HOWARD CSL SUR., A-13 13000', 2 SW SMYER

Lamb County

INFINITY DRILLING LLC ILLUSION LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 5 CONNOR, 335 FWL 2443 FSL, SEC 673, SCL/A TAYLOR/ LABOR 24 SUR., A-348 4300', 3 SW LITTLEFIELD

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 295-6 SACROC UNIT, 1796 FSL 1971 FWL, SEC 205 BLK 97, H&TC/ J I SLIGER SUR., A-2156 7250', 5 SW SNYDER

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 235-5 SACROC UNIT, 1790 FNL 2115 FWL, SEC 246 BLK 97, H&TC/MOORES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH SUR., A-2686 7250', 7 NW SNYDER

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G)DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2249 DENVER UNIT, 2452 FNL 2066 FWL, SEC 832 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ DH ROETTGER SUR., A-1089 5600', 5 NW DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G)DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2250 DENVER UNIT, 2460 FNL 1880 FEL, SEC 832 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ DH ROETTGER SUR., A-1089 5600', 4 NW DENVER CITY

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Occidental Permian Ltd.
Pooh 27 State #4
Artesia; Sec 27 T17S R28E; 1738/N & 941/E; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 5200 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40247

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LRE Operating LLC
Horseshoe State #1
NE Red Lake; Sec 30 T17S R28E; 2310/N & 1800/W; 11 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40230

Apache Corp.
D State #91
Artesia; Sec 35 T17S R28E; 1555/S & 925/W; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40236

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D State #86
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D State #87
Artesia; Sec 34 T17S R28E 1555/S & 2290/E; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40232

Apache Corp.
D State #93
Artesia; Sec 35 T17S R28E; 1650/S & 2440/E; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40238

Apache Corp.
D State #88
Artesia; Sec 34 T17S 28E; 1460/S & 1755/E; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40233

Apache Corp.
D State #94
Artesia; Sec 35 T17S R28E; 2310/S & 1650/E; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40239

Apache Corp.
D State #89
Artesia; Sec 34 T17S R28E; 1565/S & 990/E; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40234

Apache Corp.
D State #96
Artesia; Sec 36 T17S R28E; 2310/N & 1565/W; 9 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40240

Yates Petroleum Corporation.
Leonard #4
Grayburg Jackson; Sec 34 T17S R29E; 330/N & 890/W; 5 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 5000 SR/Qn/GB/SA;API #30-015-40243

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Robinson B Federal #2
Grayburg Jackson; Sec 34 T17S R29E; 1740/N & 1434/W; 5 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 5000 SR/Qn/GB/SA; API #30-015-40244

Mewbourne Oil Company
Bradley 28 Federal Com #3
S Leo; Sec 28 T18S R30E; 388/S & 527/W; 7 mi S Loco Hills; Rot 12497 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40246

Mewbourne Oil Company
Ruger 31 MP Federal #1
Winchester; Sec 31 T19S R29E; 715/S & 50/W; 14 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13334 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40242

Chevron USA Inc.
Softail AV 26 #2
S Culebra Bluff; Sec 26 T23S R28E; 330/S & 1980/W; 2 mi SE Loving; Rot 11000 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40245

COG Operating LLC
Buckwheat 33 Fed #2
Willow Lake; Sec 33 T24S R28E; 380/S & 990/E; 4 mi SW Malaga; Rot 11235 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40241

COG Operating LLC
BR-549 State #5
Bear Grass Draw; Sec 27 T17S R29E; 205/N & 180/W; 5 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 5550 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40254

COG Operating LLC
BR-549 State #6
Bear Grass Draw; Sec 27 T17S R29E; 1165/N & 1015/W; 5 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 5550 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40255

COG Operating LLC
Island 20 State #1
Red Lake; Sec 20 T17S R28E; 2480/S & 2390/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4825 Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015- 40263

COG Operating LLC
Island 20 State #3
Red Lake; Sec 20 T17S R28E; 2430/S & 1030/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4825 Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-40264

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #76
Loco Hills; Sec 8 T17S R30E; 2260/N & 330/E; 2 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40252

COG Operating LLC
Big Girl 31 State #1
NE Red Lake; Sec 31 T17S R28E; 184/N & 257/W; 11 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4825 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40257

COG Operating LLC
Big Girl 31 State #5
NE Red Lake; Sec 31 T17S R28E; 2160/N & 2310/E; 11 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4825 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40259

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #570
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 2310/S & 990/E; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40267

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #573
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 2120/N & 2310/E; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40269

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #580
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 1310/S & 660/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40270

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #581
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 1180/S & 1675/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4821 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40271

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #582
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 1310/S & 2025/E; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40272

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #584
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 660/S & 1295/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40273

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #585
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 505/S & 2493/E; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40274

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #646
Burch Keely; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 2332/S & 1690/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40277

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #651
Burch Keely; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 1474/N & 922/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40278

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #652
Burch Keely; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 730/N & 460/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40279

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #654
Burch Keely; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 660/N & 1805/E; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40280

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #572
Grayburg Jackson; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 2492/N & 2257/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-40268

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #603
Grayburg Jackson; Sec 23 T17S R29E; 2596/S & 1022/E; 3 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4816 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-40275

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #626
Grayburg Jackson; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 2366/N & 330/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4859 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-40276

COG Operating LLC
GJ West Coop Unit #325
Grayburg Jackson; Sec 16 T17S R29E; 1650/S & 1040/W; 12 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 5700 SR/Qu/GB/Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40265

COG Operating LLC
Falabella 31 Fee #2
Penasco Draw; Sec 31 T18S R26E; 150/S & 1700/W; 5 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7392 SA/Yeso; API #30-015-40262

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Alabama 6 Fee #1
Penasco Draw; Sec 6 T19S R26E; 1650/N & 1650/E; 4 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 3000 SA/Yeso; API #30-015-40281

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Alabama 6 Fee #2
Penasco Draw; Sec 6 T19S R26E; 1650/N & 330/E; 4 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 3000 SA/Yeso; API #30-015-40282

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Alabama 6 Fee #3
Penasco Draw; Sec 6 T19S R26E; 2310/N & 2310/E; 4 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 3000 SA/Yeso; API #30-015-40283

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Alabama 6 Fee #4
Penasco Draw; Sec 6 T19S R26E; 2260/N & 990/E; 4 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 3000 SA/Yeso; API #30-015-40284

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Arkansas 23 Fee #4
N Seven Rivers; Sec 23 T19S R25E; 2310/N & 2310/W; 5 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 3000 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40251

COG Operating LLC
Salada Vista 36 State #2
Gatuna Canyon; Sec 31 T19S R31E; 480/N & 180/W; 10 1/2 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13736 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40253

Oxy USA Inc.
Peaches 19 Federal #1
Cottonwood Draw; Sec 19 T25S R27E; 330/N & 2310/E; 6 mi SE Black River; Rot 12204 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40250

COG Operating LLC
SRO State Unit #31
Hay Hollow; Sec 4 T26S R28E; 1580/N & 2120/E; Rot 16486 Bone Spring; 10 mi SW Malaga; Rot 16486 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40256

Lea County

Mack Energy Corp.
Arkansas State #3
Arkansas Junction; Sec 35 T18S R36E; 2120/N & 330/E; 2 mi E Arkansas Junction; Rot 8700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40563

Mack Energy Corp.
Arkansas State #4
Arkansas Junction; Sec 35 T18S R36E; 990/N & 1650/E; 2 mi E Arkansas Junction; Rot 8700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40564

CML Exploration LLC
Henry 24 #2;
Pearl; Sec 24 T19S R35E; 660/N & 660/E; 5 mi SW Arkansas Junction; Rot 5500 Queen; API #30-025-40562

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Cuervo Federal #20
Diamondtail; Sec 14 T23S R32E; 330/N & 375/E; 14 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15514 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40559

COG Production LLC
Eata Fajita State #2
W Triple X; Sec 8 T24S R33E; 1870/N & 330/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15312 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40570

COG Production LLC
Eata Fajita State #3
W Triple X; Sec 8 T24S R33E; 1870/S & 330/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15410 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40571

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Pirate BRY St #1
N Red Hills; Sec 16 T24S R34E; 460/S & 1650/E; 2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 13914 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40566

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Rider BRQ Fed #2
Fairview Mills; Sec 13 T25S R34E; 330/S & 660/W; 4 mi SE Ochoa; Rot 13878 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40558

COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #18
W Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 1560/S & 990/E; 1/2 mi S Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40545

COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #21
W Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 2155/N & 990/E; 1/2 mi S Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40546

COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #25
W Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 2460/S & 1680/E; 1/2 mi S Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40547

COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #28
W Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 1650/N & 1650/E; 1/2 mi S Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40548

EOG Resources Inc.
Vaca 24 Fed Com #5
WC Red Hills; Sec 24 T25S R33E; 50/S & 2190/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 9450 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40536

EOG Resources Inc.
Vaca 24 Fed Com #6
WC Red Hills; Sec 24 T25S R33E; 50/S & 1310/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 9450 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40537

EOG Resources Inc.
Yucca 18 Fed #1
S Corbin; Sec 18 T18S R33E; 610/S & 330/W; 8 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 8900 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40527

EOG Resources Inc.
Vaca 24 Fed Com #7
WC Red Hills; Sec 24 T25S R33E; 50/S & 660/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 9450 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40538

Apache Corp.
State PA #7
Wantz; Sec 18 T22S R37E; 870/S & 2310/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7600 Abo; API #30-025-40540

Apache Corp.
State PA #8
Wantz; Sec 18 T22S R37E; 330/S & 1600/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7600 Abo; API #30-025-40541

Basic Energy Services LP
Redhawk "32" State #1
SWD-Re-Entry of Asner Enter, P&A, Old TD 13,660; Sec 32 T19S R34E; 1980/S & 810/W; 10 mi NE Halfway; Rot 8230 Delaware; API #30-025-31888

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Sitka BSI St Com #1
N Grama Ridge; Sec 4 T21S R34E; 2680/S & 1650/W; 12 1/2 mi NW Oil Center; Rot 15566 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40556

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #171
N Eunice; Sec 3 T21S R37E; 3865/N & 660/E; 4 mi NE Eunice; Rot 7150 Bl/Tu/Dr; API #30-025-40553

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #173
N Eunice; Sec 3 T21S R37E; 3785/N & 1980/E; 4 mi NE Eunice; Rot 7150 Bl/Tu/Dr; API #30-025-40554

Lynx Petroleum Consultants Inc.
Snyder #1
Townsend-Re-Entry of Harper Oil Co, P&A, Old TD 10740; Sec 26 T15S R35E; 1980/S & 1980/E; 2 mi NW Lovington; Rot 10740 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-26339

Regeneration Energy Corp.
Lepakast State Com #1-Y
Antelope Ridge; Sec 24 T23S R34E; 330/S & 330/E; 7 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 13315 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40550

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
HT 18 Fed #4
W Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 2410/S & 330/W; 2 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7000 Yeso; API #30-025-40252

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
McCloy Ranch 2 24 32 St Com #1
Triste Draw; Sec 2 T24S R32E; 100/S & 1980/W; 12 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14444 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40551

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
East ! usk 15 Federal Com #2
E Lusk; Sec 15 T19S R32E; 2325/S & 330/E; 7 mi N Halfway; Rot 9900 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40557

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Playa 2 State #2
Scharb; Sec 2 T19S R34E; 330/S & 760/W; 10 mi SW Arkansas Junction; Rot 15250 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40549

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Quail 16 St #4
Lea; Sec 16 T20S R34E; 200/S & 1650/W; 10 mi NE Halfway; Rot 10950 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40531

ConocoPhillips Co.
Emerald Federal #2
W Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 990/S & 665/E ; 1 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7277 Yeso; API #30-025-40520

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #164
N Eunice; Sec 3 T21S R37E; 1270/N & 590/E; 4 mi N Eunice; Rot 7200 Bl/Tu/Dr; API #30-025-40526

ConocoPhillips Co.
Emerald Federal #5
W Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 2310/N & 330/E; 1 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7272 Yeso; API #30-025-40525

Amtex Energy Inc.
AO 6 State #1
Legg; Sec 6 T22S R33E; 2260/S & 70/E; 12 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15500 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40519

ConocoPhillips Co.
Ruby Federal #4
W Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 990/S & 1925/W; 1 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7229 Yeso; API #30-025-40523

Cimarex Energy Co.
Tres Equis 5 State #1
W Triple X; Sec 5 T24S R33E; 330/N & 660/E; 9 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15569 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40532

ConocoPhillips Co.
Ruby Federal #5
W Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 730/S & 940/W; 1 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7224 Yeso; API #30-025-40524

EOG Resources Inc.
Vaca 24 Federal Com #2
WC Red Hills; Sec 24 T25S R33E; 50/S & 430/W; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 9450 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40528

ConocoPhillips Co.
Ruby Federal #8
W Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 1000/S & 620/E; 2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7229 Yeso; API #30-025-40521

EOG Resources Inc.
Vaca 24 Federal Com #3
WC Red Hills; Sec 24 T25S R33E; 50/S & 1390/W; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 9450 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40530

ConocoPhillips Co.
Ruby Federal #11
W Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 450/S & 2650/W; 2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7224 Yeso; API #30-025-40522

EOG Resources Inc.
Vaca 24 Federal Com #4
WC Red Hills; Sec 24 T25S R33E; 50/S & 2190/W; Rot 9450 Bone Spring; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; API #30-025-40529

COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #29
W Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 1650/N & 1130/E; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40569

Yates Petroleum Corporation
September Grass BSG State Com #1
N Berry; Sec 5 T21S R34E; 2480/S & 1955/E; 13 1/2 mi W Oil Center; Rot 15388 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40576

Yates Petroleum Corporation
Boston BSN State Com #1
N Berry; Sec 6 T21S R34E; 2680/S & 660/W; 14 mi W Oil Center; Rot 15546 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40573

Mesquite SWD Inc.
OXY Marsh Hawk St #2
SWD-Re-entry of OXY USA Orig TD 12860; Sec 21 T16S R32E; 1980/N & 1650/W; 3 1/2 mi N Maljamar; Rot 10800 Cisco Canyon; API #30-025-38309

Nearburg Producing Co.
Kenmitz 17 St #1
N Sanmal; Sec 17 T16S R33E; 2309/S & 1700/E; 6 1/2 mi NE Maljamar; Rot 11700 Penn; API #30-025-40575

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Triste Draw 36 St #6
Triste Draw; Sec 36 T23S R32E; 695/N & 375/W; 12 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15242 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40578

Mack Energy Corp.
Pintail Federal #2
Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 330/S & 2110/W; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 5500 Grayburg/San Andres; API #30-025-40577

COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #10
W Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 2310/S & 2310/E; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40567

COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #20
W Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 2254/N & 2310/E; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40568

EOG Resources Inc.
Black Bear 36 St #4
Red Hills; Sec 36 T25S R33E; 220/S & 1340/W; 8 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14315 Wolfcamp Bone Spring; API #30-025-40580

COMPLETIONS

From 3G

pump 84 BO, 107 MCF, 138 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-37885

Windsor Permian LLC
Barron "NW 14" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,706 fsl, 480 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst.701, T&P RR, 4.5 w Midland; TD 11,369; Comp 2-22-12; producing from 7,422-11,230, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 300 BO, 41.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-37774

Mitchell County

Energen Resources Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #2414
Westbrook; 1,904 fnl, 725 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 28, T-1-N, Abst. 562, T&P RR, 10 nw Colorado City; TD 3,415; Comp 5-9-12; producing from 2,937-2,567, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 38.4 BO, 1 MCF, 163 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35659

Pecos County

Griffin Petroleum Company
Ashlee #21
Yates (Smith Sand); 1,025 fnl, 2,750 fwl, Sec 60, Blk 1, Abst.726, I&GN RR, 2.5 s Iraan; TD 840; Comp 5-1-12; producing from 723-738, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 9 BO, 15 BW, 32.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-371-38914

Reeves County

Comstock Oil & Gas LP
Sheldon State "3" #2
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 660 fel, 660 fnl, Sec 3, Blk C-9, Abst.4692, PSL, 10 sw Pecos; TD 11,370; Comp 4-27-12; producing from 9,898-11,062, fracture stimulated; flow 188 BO, 343 MCF, 1,167 BW on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 1,100 psi, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-33180

Ward County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.
Murjo "34-223" Unit 1 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 372 fel, 809 fnl, Sec 223, Blk 34, Abst. 289, H&TC RR, 15 ne Pecos; TD 11,080 TVD; Comp 12-23-11; producing from 11,670-15,556 MD, fracture stimulated; flow 1,385 BO, 2,719 MCF, 1,253 BW on 23/64 inch choke, FTP 2,726 psi, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-35892

Cimarex Energy Co.
Graham "19" State Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnel, 660 fsel, Sec 19, Abst.1154, P. Wilson, 6.4 se Barstow; TD 10,837 TVD; Comp 2-16-12; producing from 11,326-14,414 MD, fracture stimulated; flow 246 BO, 782 MCF, 720 BW on 12/64 inch choke, FTP 950 psi, 44.15 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-35862

Winler County

OGX Operating LLC
Panhead "10 13" #1
F.A. Hogg (Pennsylvanian Detrital)-Horizontal; 660 fnl, 1,980 fel, Sec 13, Blk B-10, Abst. 1601, PSL, 9 se Kermit; TD 8,695 TVD; Comp 4-27-12; producing from 8,730-10,420 MD, fracture stimulated; pump 109 BO, 32 MCF, 325 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-495-33394

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Empire A Fed Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 27 T18S R29E; 330/S & 810/W. BHL: 351/n & 649/W; EL 3448 GL, TD 12275 MD, 7779 TVD, PBTD 12238; Spud 6-20-11, Comp 8-30-11; production is through treated pefs: 7950-8624, 8846-9523, 9746-10423, 10646-11323. Treat: 907,832 gals 20# Borate XL, 1,348,717# 20/40 Ottawa. IP: 11-4-11 Pump 24 hrs 33 BO, 47 BW, 88 MCF, GOR 2666, Gty 38.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 330 w/380 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2504 w/890 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12275 w/2100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7474; API #30-015-38659

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Tamano 10 Fed Com #7

Please see COMPLETIONS/8G

COMPLETIONS

From 7G

Tamano; Sec 10 T18S R31E; 2125/N & 455/W. BHL: 1925/N & 344/E; EL 3714 GL, TD 12851 MD, 8452 TVD, PBTD 12793 MD, 8452 TVD; Spud 1-14-12, Comp 3-15-12; production is through perfs: 8441-8452 TVD, 8822-12793 MD. IP: 3-26-12 Pump 24 hrs 122 BO, 210 BW, 35 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 751 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2219 w/800 sx, 7 @ 8724 MD 8437 TVD, 4 ? @ 8504-12793 MD, 8394-8452 TVD, 2 7/8 @ 8186; API #30-015-39685

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Serene Sisters 25 Federal #1
Tamano; Sec 25 T18S R31E; 254/N & 953/E. BHL: 482/S & 418/E; EL 3700 GL, TD 12,909 MD, 8294 TVD, PBTD 12,863; Spud 6-16-10, Comp 10-6-11; production is through treated perfs: 8460-12253. Treat: Acdz w/6,048 gals 7.5% HCL, Frac w/28# crosslinked delayed gel w/1,23,101# 20/40 sd, 49,011# mesh sd, 369,288# Super LC. IP: 10-17-11 Pump 24 hrs 348 BO, 545 BW, 463 MCF, GOR 1330.460. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 936 w/855 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3536 w/1100 sx, PH @ 11075 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12909 w/2790 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7882; API #30-015-38314

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Agate PWU 21 #2
Scanlon Draw; Sec 21 T19S R29E; 1800/N & 330/W. BHL: 1761/N & 345/E; EL 3311 GL, TD 12,206, PBTD 12,200; Spud 9-2-11, Comp 11-19-11; production is through treated perfs: 8100-8745, 8958-9603, 9815-10461, 10673-11318, 11531-12176. Treat: Acdz w/9600 gals HCL acid, 1,409,025# 20/40 sd, 62,022# 100 mesh sd, 428,099# 20/40 Super LC sd. IP: 12-14-11Flow 24 hrs 290 BO, 330 BW, 675 MCF, 64/64" Ch, TP 165, CP 155, GOR 2327,586. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 325 w/325 sx,9 5/8 @ 2900 w/1000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12,206 w/2620 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7289; API #30-015-38605

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Four Peaks 35 Federal #1
Parkway; Sec 35 T19S R29E; 560/N & 330/W. BHL: 989/N & 350/E; EL 3315 GL, TD 12518 MD, 8227 TVD, PBTD 12480 MD, 8225 TVD; Spud 9-18-11, Comp 11-1-11; production is through treated perfs: 8482-12480 MD, 8130-8225 TVD. Treat: Frac w/20,000 gals 15% HCl, 1,132,200 gals 20# XL gel, carrying 1,044,000# 20/40 sd & 287,500# SB excel. IP: 11-26-11 Flow 24 hrs 724 BO, 1734 BW, 457 MCF, TP 180, CO 1100, GOR 631, Gty 41.8. Csg: 20 @ 202 w/500 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1580 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3310 w/1730 sx, 7 @ 8420 MD w/1150 sx, 4 1/2 Lnr @ 8208-12480, 2 7/8 @ 7796; API #30-015-39188

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit #109
SE Quahada Ridge; Sec 1 T23S R30E; 660/S & 988/W; EL 3294 GL, TD 14,100 MD, 7678 TVD; Spud 12-11-11, Comp 3-1-12; production is through perfs: 8300-14047. IP: 3-13-12 Flow 24 hrs 501 BO, 2153 BW, 307 MCF, 52/64" Ch, TP 350, CP 300. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 646 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3937 w/1390 sx, 7 @ 8232 w/845 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8133-14,100; API #30-015-38114

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
PLU Pierce Canyon 20 24 30 USA #1
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 20 T24S R30E; 75/N & 1725/E. BHL: 100/S & 1980/E; EL 3272 GL, TD 12,615, PBTD 12,524; Spud 1-3-12, Comp 3-23-12; production is through perfs: 7972-12575. IP: 4-9-12 Flow 24 hrs 386 BO, 1831 BW, 3107 MCF, 48/64" Ch, TP 560. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 575 w/800 sx, 8 7/8 @ 3665 w/1850 sx, 5 ? @ 12615 w/1980 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7266; API #30-015-39692

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 11 Federal Com #2
South Red Bluff; Sec 11 T26S R28E; 450/N & 1700/E. BHL: 333/S & 1726/E; EL 2968 GL, TD 11114 MD, 6977 TVD, PBTD 11064 MD, 6976 TVD; Spud 11-23-11, Comp 2-21-12; production is through treated perfs: 7440-11064 MD, 6978-6976 TVD. Treat: Frac w/800,000 gals 15% Lnr gel carrying 375,000 100 mesh sd & 1,320,000 gals 20# XL carrying 1,736,500# 20/40 sd. IP: 3-13-12 Flow 24 hrs 147 BO, 2838 BW, 286 MCF, CP 1050, GOR 1946, Gty 49.5. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 372 w/580 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4085 w/900 sx, 7 @ 7331 w/1150 sx, 4 1/2 Lnr @ 7068-11064, 2 7/8 @ 6582; API #30-015-39546

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COG Operating LLC
M C Federal #57
West Maljamar; Sec 21 t17S R32E; 2561/S & 1567/E. BHL: 2319/S & 888/E; EL 4053 GL, TD 7112, PBTD 7080; Spud 2-26-12, Comp 3-27-12; productin is through perfs: 5505-6850. IP: 4-3-12 Pump 24 hrs 172 BO, 183 BW, 261 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 921 w/700 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2153 w/600 sx,'5 ? @ 7112 w/1150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6820; API# 30-025-40096

ConocoPhillips Company
East Vacuum (GSA) Unit #507
Vacuum; Sec 33 T17S R35E; 2517/N & 2168/E, BHL: 3020/N & 1464E; EL 3944 GL, TD 5350, PBTD 4853; Spud 6-22-11, Comp 12-13-11; production is through treated perfs: 4759-4846. Treat: 85 bbls 15% acid & 90 bbls BR, IP: WW, Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1504 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5350 w/1200 sx, 2 3/8 @ 4708; API #30-025-40032

EOG Resources Inc.
Cholle 18 Fed Com #1
South Corbin; Sec 18 T18S R33E; 1660/S & 330/E. BHL: 1934/S & 4968/E; EL 3859 GL, TD 12900 MD, 8489 TVD, PBTD 12861 MD; Spud 12-17-11, Comp 3-30-12; production is through perfs: 8919-12860. IP: 4-18-12 Pump 24 hrs 400 BO, 404 BW, 118 MCF, 17/64" Ch, TP 400, CP 80. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 1458 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3039 w/650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12880 w/1675 sx; API #30-025-40257

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Festa 33 Federal #1
South Lusk; Sec 33 T19S R32E; 330/N & 990/W. BHL 4957/N & 673/W; EL 3554.8 GL, TD 13632 MD, 9432 TVD, PBTD 13501 MD, 9422 TVD; Spud 2-4-12, Comp 4-6-12; production is through perfs: 9705-13501. IP: Flow 24 hrs 623 BO. 1053 MCF, 557 BW, 36/64" Ch, CP 450. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 950 w/1010 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4147 w/1630 sx, 5 ? @ 13620 w/3500 sx; API #30-025-40279

ConocoPhillips Company
Warren Unit Blinebry Tubb WF #399
Warren; Sec 20 T20S R36E; 1330/S & 1310/E; EL 3548 GL, TD 7192, PBTD 7133; Spud 1-25-12, Comp 2-25-12; production is through treated perfs: 5890-6360, 6615-6655, 6864-6874. Treat: Acdz w/242 bbls 15% HCl, Frac w/414,439# total proppant. IP: 3-22-12 Pump 24 hrs 40 BO, 170 BW, 120 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1493 w/760 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7178 w/1380 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6940; API #30-025-40289

Quantum Resources Management LLC
Encore M State #6
Drinkard & Wantz & Blinebry; Sec 19 T22S R37E; 1876/S & 935/E; EL 3404 GL, TD 6900, PBTD 6874; Spud 2-18-12, Comp 3-22-12; production is through treated perfs: 5512-6088, 6447-6719, 6759-6790. Treat: Acdz w/4500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/172, 559# 20/40 white sd, 14,000# mesh sd, 76,000# super LC prop. IP: 4-2-12 Pump 24 hrs 100 BO, 135 BW, 100 MCF, GOR 1000, Gty 38. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1193 w/1050 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4008 w/960 sx, 5 ? @ 6912 w/700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6792; API #30-025-40398

Quantum Resources Management LLC
Encore M State #7
Drinkard & Wantz & Blinebry; Sec 19 T22S R37E; 1005/N & 2159/E; EL 3417 GL, TD 6900, PBTD 6848; Spud 2-11-12, Comp 3-27-12; production is through treated perfs: 5490-5842, 6484-6713, 6784-6828. Treat: Acdz w/6000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/160,000# white sd & 80,000# Super LC Prop. IP: 5-2-12 Pump 24 hrs 7 BO, 155 BW, 32 MCF, GOR 4571. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1190 w/800 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4029 w/960 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6888 w/450 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6799; API #30-025-40399

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Cardinal's spectral logging allows tracking of multiple well aspects

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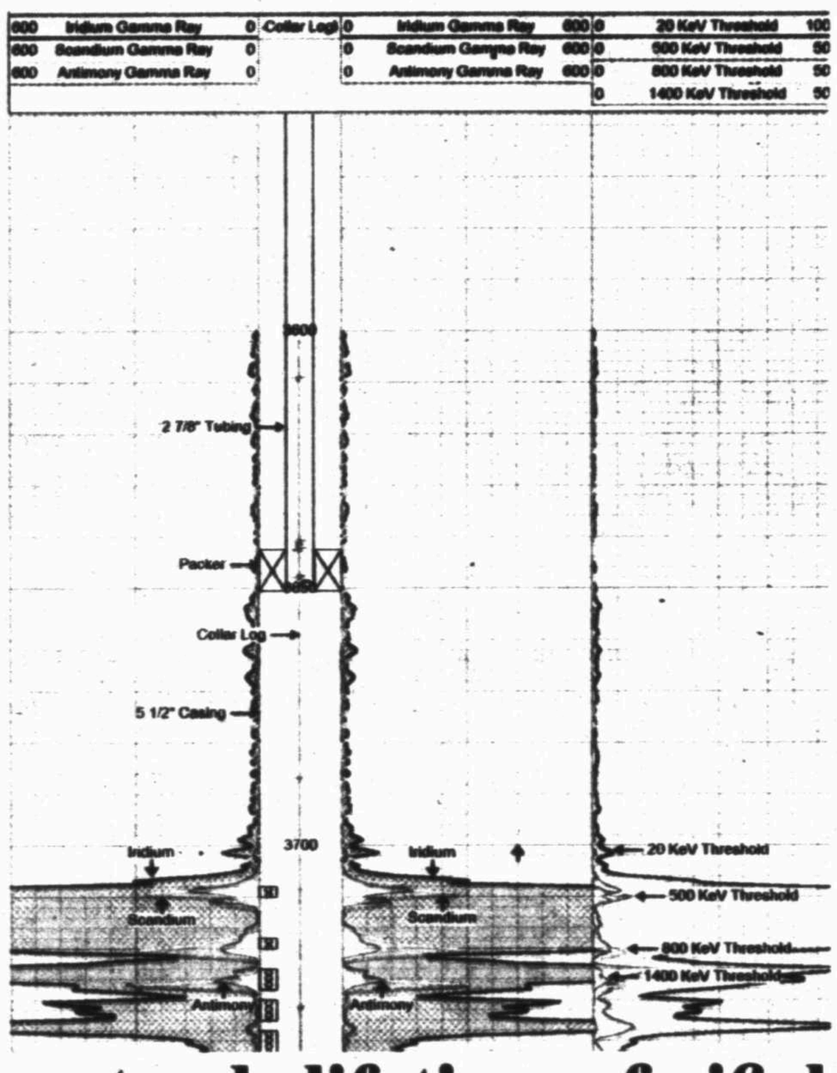

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A corrosion and wear resistant coating adds years and years of life to pipe even/especially in the harshest of conditions. Call Chuck Owen at SPA Coating at 325-695-1301 to learn more.

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Chuck Owen manages the coating plant for SPA Coating LP. Owen had his own pipe coating companies in Midland for 25 years, joining Cliff Smith about a year ago in order to expand his business to help even more customers.

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SPA treats pipe for sellers or end users. Their fleet of 15 trucks delivers pipe throughout the Permian Basin, the Bakken, Eagle Ford and Barnett Shale plays, Canada and anywhere else coated pipe is needed.

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The Arts



Whenever it RAINS



History of Odessa comes alive on Globe stage

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

The story of Odessa unfolds in vignettes and through a narrator on the Globe Theatre stage in Rick Smith's "Whenever it Rains," playing weekends through Aug. 11.

"Ben Cooper was one of the actual first settlers out here," said assistant director Jonathon Horne, who as Cooper narrates the story. "He and his wife settled around this area in 1876 before the railroad. Texas and Pacific Railroad didn't get through here until 1881.

"Ben's an original native. The story's back and forth between Ben and Kate doing some storytelling to some scenes being acted out on stage."

Robert Hollmann plays several roles including the judge, one of the businessmen who worked to expand Odessa's population and Col. Wadsworth, a Civil War Union officer.

Wadsworth "came to Odessa and was one of the leading citizens and helped name the streets," said Hollmann. "It's a good history of settling the area, the railroad coming through, the oil boom."

The drama also includes a special July 4th celebration that involved the Pliska Aeroplane, Hollmann said. "There's a picture of this hanging in the district attorney's office. People turned out to see the airplane fly, and unfortunately it never got off the ground."

The Pliska Aeroplane was built in 1911 in Midland by John V. Pliska, a blacksmith, and Gray Coggin, a chauffeur and auto mechanic. It was the first aeroplane built and flown in the state of Texas.

Built with their bare hands and only the simplest machinery Pliska had in his blacksmith shop, the aeroplane was made from wood, piano wire and canvas that was not shellacked. Later they discovered that shellacking the canvas increased the lift by preventing airflow through the canvas, thus causing more airflow over the wings. The propeller, made of wood, was getting chewed up by rocks and debris. This resulted in using a tin covering that actually was sewn over the wood blades with wire to prevent further prop damage.

Odessans gathered to view the Pliska Aeroplane 100 years ago at a July 4, 1912, celebration. Pliska and his assistant Gray Coggin hauled the plane to Odessa in a wagon.

"The weather was too hot, and he couldn't get up," said Hollmann. "He made a few jumps but never really got off the ground. People were not too happy. They came out and paid money to see this, and it didn't work."

Hollmann grew up in Lamesa and moved to Odessa during the 1950s drought.

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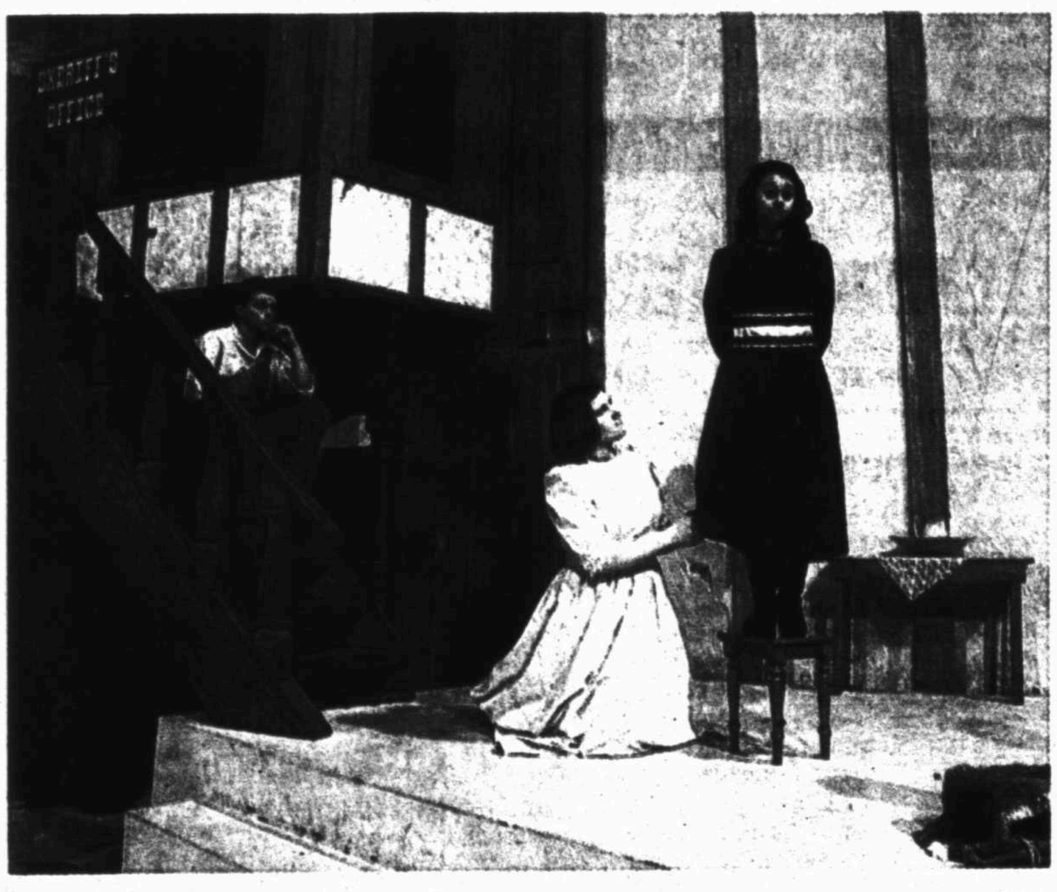

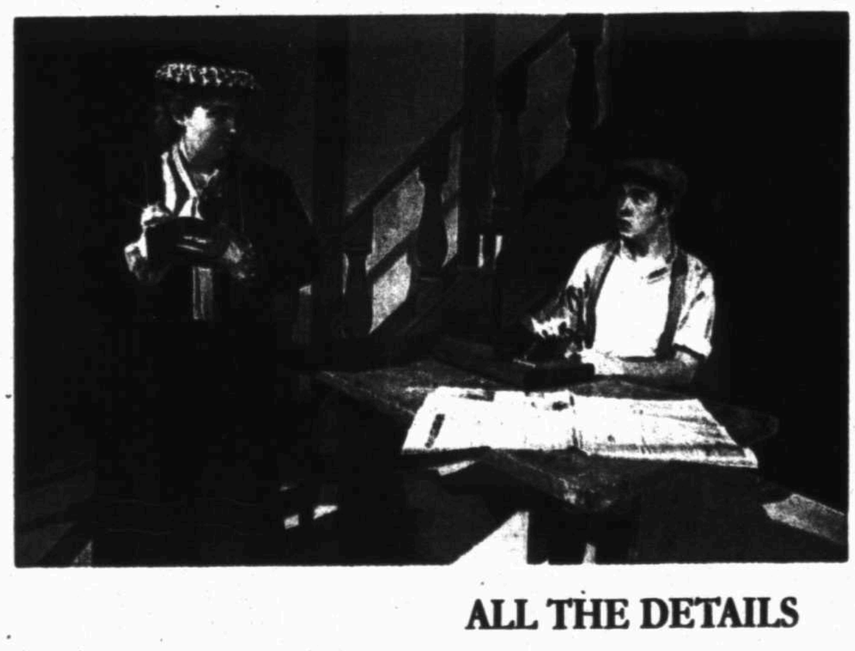

The cast of "Whenever It Rains" poses for a picture taken as part of the show. ABOVE FAR LEFT Chalace Burks, playing Daisy, holds and shoots a gun in a scene with Cherri Timms, playing Kate, in The Globe Theatre production. ABOVE Cory Maxwell, playing Jim Johnson, Victoria Stoner, playing Molly, and Alexa Nease, playing Daisy, perform a scene where Stoner is hemming a dress for Nease and she doesn't like it. LEFT Jocelyn Mosman, The Reporter, and Billy Baker, The Telegraph Operator, pose in a scene.

Chaney Mitchell
Reporter-Telegram

ALL THE DETAILS

RICK SMITH'S "WHENEVER IT RAINS"
When: 2:30 p.m. today and Aug. 5 and 11 and 7 p.m. Friday and Aug. 10.
Where: The Globe Theatre, Odessa
Call: 580-3177. Buy tickets online at www.globesw.org
Cast: Amanda Dempsey as Kate Cooper; Jonathon Horne as Ben Cooper; Scott Timms as Sheriff Dawson; Aaron Cox as Rev. Daugherty; Nathan Dempsey as Ralph Edwards; Cory Maxwell as Jim Johnson; Billy Baker as the telegraph operator; James Lewallen as Col. Spangler; John Serna as Herbert Nelson; Cody Whitaker as Charlie Wilson; Jocelyn Mosman as the reporter; Jackie Barron as Camille Nelson; Cherri Timms as Dora Edwards; Victoria Stoner as Molly Johnson; Catherine Nease as Spangler's clerk; Alexa Nease as Daisy Johnson; Zach Wallace as John Pliska; Joe Matheny as Bob Taylor; Robert Hollman as Wadsworth; and Harland Johnson Jr. as Hilburn.
Ensemble members: Katie Garcia, Kelsey Tillery, Ashley Smith, Bethany Barnett and Courtney Whitaker.
Kids chorus members: Brianna Lewallen, Elsa Garcia, Cassidy Horton, Cade Horton and Elizabeth Melton.
Director: Maija Johnson-Horne. Assistant Director: Jonathon-Horne. Stage Manager: Betsy Daniel. Costumer: Ann Wilson. Music/ensembles: Adam Mannering.

Note on the Pliska Aeroplane: When the blacksmith shop was torn down in 1962, the plane was given to the City of Midland by the children of John V. and Louise Hundle Pliska. The Aeroplane restoration, as well as the original museum, was funded by the Abell-Hanger Foundation and was completed on Oct. 19, 1965. However, due to airport expansions during the past few years, airport patrons were unable to view the Pliska Aeroplane as the museum area become inaccessible. Thanks to the restoration work of a group of members of the West Texas Aerobatics Club, the Abell-Hanger Foundation and the City of Midland, the Pliska Aeroplane has a new home. The restored aeroplane now hangs suspended above the baggage claim area in the Midland International Airport Terminal Building. It is an important part of aviation and Texas history.

MIDLAND MARQUEE

THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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Arts Council of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 687-1149. The Arts Council of Midland's mission is enriching lives with the arts through community-wide advocacy, education, outreach and promotion.

Subgrants Since 1989, ACM has collaborated with the city of Midland, through their City Development, Hotel/Motel and Non Departmental Funding, to award grants to area non-profit organizations presenting arts projects to Midland residents, visitors and tourists. Grants are for any project taking place Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2013. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012. To download all grant documents go to www.acmidland.org. For further information please call 687-1149 or danny@acmidland.org

SUNDAY

Basin PBS: Lawrence Welk — 4 p.m. The Great Gershwin — Songs include "Of Thee I Sing," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "The Man I Love," "Rhapsody in Blue," "Summertime" and "Do, Do, Do."

Austin City Limits - 10 p.m. M. Ward; Okkervil River - Singer-songwriter M. Ward and Okkervil River, an indie-rock band, perform Basin PBS For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: The West Texas Triangle (WTT), a collaboration of five art museums and a region-wide exhibition of sculpture, painting, prints and ceramic works by international contemporary artist Catherine Lee through Aug. 12. And: Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art. Through Aug. 12 and Flour Girls: Mixed Media Art by Letitia Huckaby through Aug. 26. www.noelartmuseum.org 432-550-9696.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-5447. Open by appointment.

Museum of the Southwest: Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts Series: R&B and "Brown Sneakers" hosted by Bob FM and sponsored by Corey Sly Electrical Services. Evening theme is "Kids Night." For more information call 683-2882

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery. Watercolor Horizons juried Invitational Exhibition runs through July 29. More than 60 Watercolor paintings on display. Mario Kiran, juror, assistant professor of art - UTPB. For more information please call Petra Eubanks at 432-366-1757

MONDAY

The Haley Library and History Center: ART SHOW: An exhibition of paintings selected from the Holt Cattle Corporation Collection through Oct. 12. Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana Ave. 432-682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Paintings of Mary Tucci, artist for the month of July, Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri Ave. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947 Free.

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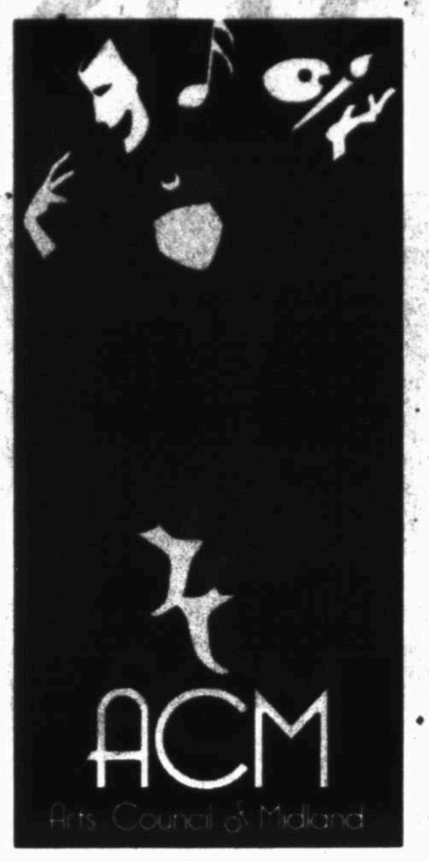
Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Ave. For more information call Diana at 432-688-4334. Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War exhibit.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Lingberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment



and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

The Sibley Nature Center is offering Bug Camp for students going into the fourth through sixth grades. The campAug. 13-16 from 9 a.m. to noon is a four-day introductory field lab class to entomology and arthropod biology. Fees are $50 for Sibley Nature Center members and $80 for non members. Up to two full scholarships are offered each session for students with financial difficulties. For more information and registration contact Michael Nickell at the Sibley Nature Center at 684-6827 or go to the Sibley Nature Center website at www.sibleynaturecenter.org for registration and additional information.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 432-684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 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. 1705 West Missouri Ave. For more information call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Home to two presidents, two governors and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home. Gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 685-1112 Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: "Pueblo to Pueblo" in the South Wing Galleries through Aug. 12. Presented in collaboration with Smith Kramer Fine Art nearly 70 vessels and supporting materials and augmented by pieces from the MSW Archeology collection. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series presents: William Stone, photography, in the Here and Now Gallery, through Aug. 26. 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882 Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations Welcome.

The Palette Club: Join members for painting time 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. No painting on monthly meeting days. Contact Clara Johnson at 352-8297 for more information.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

WEDNESDAY

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Hours 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

The Petroleum Museum: Summer Day Classes registration is underway for children entering 3rd - 8th grade. Museum members: $15 per class and Non-Members: $20. Classes are planned on Tuesdays through Aug. 10th. Call the museum for more information at) 683-4403 or view online at www.petroleummuseum.org

FRIDAY

The Globe Theater 7:30 p.m. "Whenever it Rains" by Rick Smith. Following 18 months of little rain, the Globe Theater is bringing back this popular show, originally written for Odessa's centennial celebration but seems especially fitting for today. Through a series of vignettes, "Whenever it Rains" interprets Odessa's early history in an entertaining manner for audiences of all ages. For tickets call 432-580-3177 or hamlet@globesw.org for more information.

Summer Mummers: "Scurrilousness Among the Stars" or "May the Farce Be With You." 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Sept. 1. One exception: June 30 melodrama begins at 7 p.m. Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Tickets: $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, $10 for the balcony and $5 for the gallery. Not recommended for those under 16. For reservations call 570-4111 or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Basin PBS: The Lawrence Welk Show - 6 p.m. - From Polkas to Classics "The Pennsylvania Polka"; "Serenade of the Bells"; "Andalucia"; "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria," from "The Sound of Music"; and a medley of "Ain't She Sweet," "Baby Face" and "Five Foot Two." Basin PBS For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Austin City Limits - 10:30 p.m. - The Head and the Heart; Gomez Seattle indie-rock band the Head and the Heart perform selections from its eponymous debut. Also: British modern-rock group Gomez performs. Basin PBS For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

WoodSongs - 11 p.m. Kentucky Theatre.

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38 Look closely
40 "Most likely ..."
41 Darling
43 Fussy sort
45 Letter-shaped track
48 MLB execs
49 One may be set in a race
52 What a password provides
55 '50s political monogram
56 Make changes to
57 Field standouts
58 Chicken, in a Chinese dish
59 Play mates?
61 Miss roll call, say
63 Available without a scrip
65 Top banana
69 Throne grabber
71 Cabin fever, e.g.
73 Daily sorting criterion
75 Take the wrong way?
76 Arabic "son of"
78 List
80 Isn't up to snuff
81 Blue
83 When cocktails may be served
85 Tiptop
87 Net grazer, at times
88 Nymph pursued by Apollo
91 Stock held by a fence
94 Land in la mer
95 Safari boss
97 Classic wheels
98 Colors lightly
99 Prevails against, in slang
102 Waterfall feature
104 "Walkabout" director Nicolas
105 Place for future cookies
108 Prime Cuts in Gravy maker
111 Flow with force
114 Victor Vasarely's "Zebras," e.g.
115 Stubborn
117 Capitol cap
118 It might be pierced
119 State firmly
121 Mae West attribute
123 A party to
124 Actress Virna
125 Mediterranean tourist attraction
126 Possessed
127 Bus. bigwigs
128 French spread
129 Catkin bearer
130 Enters into a deal?

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1 Carpenter, at times
2 Hersey's bell town
3 Crucial topic
4 Puts right
5 Seasonal sprite
6 Judged, with "up"
7 1944 Italian beachhead
8 Dramatic decline
9 Fleecy meadow grazers
10 Long for
11 Island group near Fiji
12 '70s-'80s Red Sox star Dwight
13 "Collages" novelist
14 Invoice add-on
15 "Lido Shuffle" singer Boz
16 Website entry point
17 Welcoming sight?
18 Saucy behavior
24 Canberra colleges
29 Human being
30 Also
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35 One might dangle from your neck
37 Adjective for Adenauer
39 Encourages
41 Ancient adder
42 Baseball div.
43 A_: logician's term
44 Pinup Haywoth
46 Skedaddles
47 "__ we forget"
50 Advantage
51 Plymouth Colony settler
53 Roughing-it spot
54 About
60 Destroy
62 Uncalled-for
64 Composer Dvorák et al.
66 Critical threshold
67 Least busy
68 Beaux __ noble deeds
70 Opposite of improvise
72 Bobby __
74 Early Shirley role
77 Island band The __ Men
79 Folded food
82 Fix, as software
84 Where to find the anther
86 Inner: Pref.
88 Outrageously wicked
89 Symbol of Prohibition era lawlessness
90 Face-covering game
92 Sold
93 Loses steam
96 Mg. and kg.
100 Chase scene sounds
101 Niagara Falls prov.
103 Source of the Mississippi
104 Looking up
106 '50s blast, briefly
107 Uncanny
109 Austrian singer Lenya
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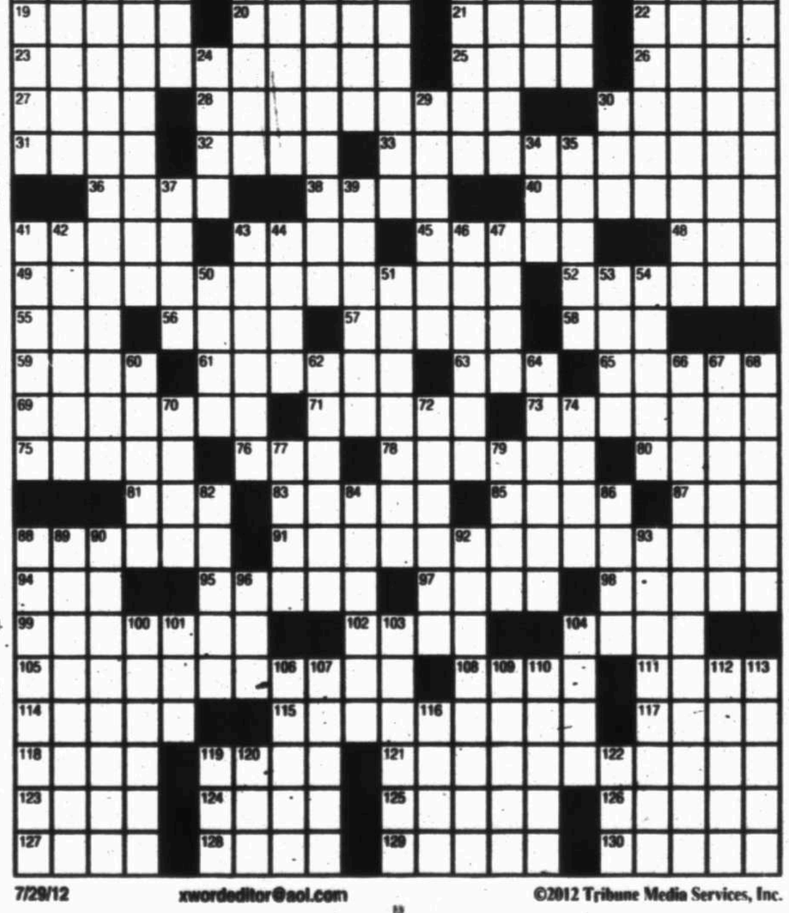

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

You be the judge

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

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♡ 4 3
◇ J 9 7 4 2
♣5 4 2

WEST
♠K 5
♡K Q 9 7 5 2
◇5
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EAST
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♡J 10 8
◇A K 10 8 3
♣K Q 8 6

SOUTH
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♣A J

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
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Opening lead: Five of ◇

Study the bidding and play of this deal. Was the result normal? If not, assign the blame.

It is difficult to fault the auction. East-West certainly were right to compete to the four-level, where an inspired guess in clubs would have landed the game, and West cannot be faulted for electing to double rather than bid on. West led the five of diamonds. East won with the king and shifted to the king of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and ran the queen of spades, which held. A spade to the ace picked up the king, and a diamond from dummy toward the queen was taken with the ace. The defender cashed the queen of club, and declarer claimed the rest of the tricks since a heart could be discarded on the jack of diamonds and there was still a trump entry to the table.

Do not criticize East for not continuing with ace and another diamond after winning the opening lead. Declarer simply discards a losing club or heart as West ruffs, then draws trumps on regaining the lead and sluffs the remaining loser on the jack of diamonds. Yet East could have defeated the contract.

West's opening lead was obviously a singleton, marking declarer with the queen. East can keep control of diamonds by continuing with the three of diamonds at trick two. West ruffs and try as South might, there is no way to avoid losing a heart and a club trick unless one of the defenders commits an egregious error.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 29, 2012:

This year you are likely to achieve your goals if you remain focused. When you give in to impulsiveness, the outcome usually is favorable.

ARIES adds electricity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Choose plans that take you out of your immediate environment. A partner gets into this idea and is ready to hop in the car with you. Tonight: Reach out for someone at a distance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You have waited awhile for something, and finally that day has come. You could feel out of sorts at first. Tonight: Dinner for just the two of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You tend to gravitate to places with throngs of people. It could be crowds in general, as in a baseball game, or a set of friends. Tonight: So many different invitations to choose from.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Whether you decide to join friends or finish up a long-overdue project, it renews your energy. Tonight: Get some extra Z's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Indulge in the good life. Caring exchanges delight you and others as well. You cannot avoid a serious conversation with a new friend. Tonight: Live it up!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Treat a family member or friend to a late brunch, and indulge in the leisurely ways of Sunday. Remember, it is important to break from your daily routine. Tonight: Nestle in at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Once you start relaxing and spreading cheer, there might be no stopping you. Make a round of Sunday calls. Tonight: Meet pals or family for dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ When you relax, you tend to go overboard. You are a sign that does everything 100 percent, so why should time for play be any different? Tonight: Relish the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Do absolutely what you want. Others will join you in this celebratory attitude. Tonight: You can do no wrong, except to isolate yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You are a mover and shaker, though you can be subtle at times. Take some much-needed personal time. You do not need to answer to anyone. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ A call from a distant or very assertive friend or relative could throw your plans off kilter. Tonight: Where the party is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Share a meal with an older friend or relative. A loved one wants to join in. Tonight: Think and plan ahead to tomorrow.

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BORN TODAY

Politician Elizabeth Dole (1936), attorney Marilyn Quayle (1949), singer Wanya Morris (1973)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin July 29-Aug. 4

TODAY

Lawn concerts

The Summer Sunday Lawn Concert series features Brown Sneakers at 7:45 p.m. today at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

This concert is sponsored by Corey Sly Electrical Services and Bob FM.

The Hotdog Man and Little Jimmy's Italian Ice will be present at the concerts.

All of the performances are free through the generosity of the musicians and sponsors.

The final concert planned in the series is Aug. 5 and features The Shades, sponsored by House of Printing and 97 Gold.

The series is underwritten by the Reporter-Telegram and CBS-7.

Auditions

Auditions for the McLaren Festival are set for 6:30 p.m. today and Monday at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley ave.

For more information, call 682-2544 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday.

Auditions

ODESSA — Auditions for the comedy-drama "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" will be held at the Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., at 4 p.m. today and at 7 p.m. Monday.

Roles are available for six women, ages 18-70. The show will run Sept. 21 through Oct. 7.

Drama

ODESSA — The history of Odessa unfolds in Rick Smith's "Whenever it Rains" at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road.

The production is being directed by Maija Johnson-Horne. Production dates and times are 7 p.m. Friday and Aug. 10 and at 2:30 p.m. today and Aug. 5 and 11. For reservations call 580-3177 or 432-332-1586.

MONDAY

Summer music camps

ODESSA —The music program at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin again is offering summer music camps to help prepare high school students for their chance to play at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

All-Region Choral Workshop, Monday through Wednesday will feature some of the best choral directors in the area as faculty teaching each voice in small group lessons. Statistically speaking, a significant portion of the attendees of this camp are selected to All-Region Choir.

This will be UTPB's fourth annual camp, and students from many area schools in Andrews, Seminole, Kermit, Monahans and Lamesa have benefited as well as those from Midland and Odessa schools. The cost is $75 including lunch.

Registration is ongoing, and the enrollment form may be downloaded from music@utpb.edu.

Exhibition

Paintings from the Holt Cattle Corporation Collection are hanging at the Haley Memorial Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., through Oct. 12.

These paintings never have been offered for exhibition to the general public and represent the collecting efforts of Midlanders Bobby and Joan Holt over a period of 35 years. The paintings, which are part of a larger collection, are focused on the Western genre. Most artists represented in the exhibition were or are members of the Cowboy Artists of America and/or the National Association of Western Artists.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no charge to view the exhibition. The library is closed Labor Day.

Lincoln exhibit

"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," a national traveling exhibition that focuses on Abraham Lincoln's struggle to meet the constitutional challenges of the Civil War, is on display at the Midland County Public Library.

The library is offering free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibition. Call 688-4338 for details, or visit the calendar page at www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

THURSDAY

Festival

Rock the Desert "Don't Stop Believin'" Music Festival is set for Thursday through Saturday at the Rock the Desert Festival Grounds, 2000 N. FM 1788.

Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the gate for the entire weekend. They may be purchased online at www.rockthedesert.com or by calling the Rock the Desert offices at 563-3434.

FRIDAY

Melodrama

"Scurrilousness Among the Stars" or "May the Farce Be With You" is on-stage weekends through Sept. 1 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

The melodrama is directed by Cody Tumlin with old-fashioned silent-film sequences, known as the Moviola, directed by Roger Barnes. The evening closes with the All-American Olio — a series of short sketches — directed by Phil Tytanic and choreographed by Misti Tytanic. All proceeds from the Summer Mummers go to benefit the operating budget of Midland Community Theatre, Inc.

Tickets are $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, $10 for the balcony and $5 for the gallery. The show is not recommended for those under 16. For reservations call 570-4111 or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the Summer Mummers go to benefit the operating budget of Midland Community Theatre, Inc.

Dinner theater

ODESSA — Dinner Theatre returns to Dee's Bistro, 622 N. Lee Ave. at 7th Street, with Larry Shue's "The Nerd" presented by Mark 10 Theatricals beginning Friday.

The play is being directed by Mark Tenniswood and stars Odessa stage veterans Brock Bizzell, Andrea Harbin, Morgan McKeehan, George Melonakos, Brandon Ramirez and Shannon Rusnack.

"The Nerd" is recommended for adults for mild language (PG). The $25 admission includes chicken, brisket or vegetarian entrée and all the trimmings, plus dessert and the show. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations must be paid 24 hours in advance, or tickets cannot be guaranteed. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 3-4 and 17; and at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19. Reservations can be made online by visiting www.mark10theatricals.com, or by calling 432-853-5249.

SATURDAY

Opree

ODESSA — the Brand New Opree will be on stage at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Saturday.

The evening features Mercedes Blue Grass. Show time is 7 p.m. Call 580-3177 or 432-332-1586 for ticket information.

UPCOMING

Exhibit

The American Plains Artists 28th annual Juried Exhibit and Sale is set for Aug. 16-Oct. 14 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The opening reception is set for 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16. Award winners will be announced at that time. The public is invited to attend.

Juror for the show is sculptor John Coleman, a member of the Cowboy Artists of America and the National Sculpture Society of New York.

Concert series

Live on Stage has announced that all concerts for the 2012-2013 season will be held at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

The acts performing during the season include Papa Doo Run Run, Sept. 11; Redhead Express & The Walker Family, Oct. 2; Collin Raye, Nov. 8; Masters of Motown, Feb. 9; Terry Barber, Feb. 25; and 42Five, May 13, 2013.

Season tickets are $75 adults and $35 children 18 years old and younger. All single tickets are $30. All performances are at 7 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

New arrangements with the center have made it possible to have the same policy in regard to open seating as in years past.

For more information, go to www.liveonstagepb.com or call Live on Stage, 789-1249.

PLAY

From 1H

"There were days of dust," Hollmann recalled. "You couldn't see anything."

"Whenever it Rains" appealed to Hollmann because of the history it tells. "I like history and to me history is interesting because of the people, and in this play it tells the story of the people who came out here and what they did to build up the area and what they went through to make this work out here."

Scott Timms is playing Ralph Edwards, Dr. Wilson and Gary Coggin.

"Ralph Edwards was drawn in by (Colonel Tileston F.) Spangler, the guy who helped set up the original town, one of the guys brought in from (Zanesville,) Ohio (by the Texas and Pacific Railroad)," said Timms. "Dr. Wilson is a little later. Gary Coggin was a Midlander."

The history of the area drew Timms to the show.

"It's a historical show about Odessa, and that really intrigues me," said Timms. "I've been studying the origins of Odessa for a long time, and now someone's doing a show about it, and it drew me in."

Those who settled the area Timms described as "tough. They had to fight off a whole lot of stuff. It was a pretty rough environment out here."

Jonathon Horne's wife, Maija Johnson-Horne, is directing the production.

"There are lots of families involved in it," said the director. "We have sisters. My entire family is in it. We have husbands and wives and best friends. We have so many family connections in this show that makes it so special.

"My own personal experience with this show began when my parents moved here in 1981. They auditioned for this show and carried me onstage as a baby. And then in the 1990s my mother, Nancy Johnson, directed it. And I think that's why I was asked to direct it. It's a part of our family history."

The story has been updated to play for a 2012 audience.

"I think the hardest thing about directing this show was taking a script written in the 1980s and make it translatable to 2012," said Johnson-Horne. "It was more of a pageant play, and we've, actually myself and with the help of the cast, we collectively have basically rewritten the script to make it more of a story that any individual can relate to.

"It's become a work of heart for all of us. We've become our own community within it. We've worked together to make it something each person in the cast can relate their own personal experience in Odessa with. This show is about community and family and how through hard times, through good times, we learn to thrive and move on and adapt. And I think it's also about if you don't know your history, then who are you, where do you stand as a community?"

'SNL' to air prime-time election spoofs this fall

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — NBC will air a pair of "Saturday Night Live" prime-time specials spoofing the fall election, and it's leaving the door open for cult-favorite comedy "Community" to continue beyond next season's abbreviated run.

The live "SNL" specials, which follow an election-cycle tradition for the satire series, will air Sept. 20 and 27, NBC Entertainment Chairman Robert Greenblatt announced Tuesday.

He also said that "Community," which hovered near cancellation before winning a reprieve for 13 weeks, could live even longer if it proves itself in its new Friday slot.

"I would love nothing more" than for "Community" to continue, Greenblatt told reporters at the Television Critics Association conference.

Greenblatt made it clear NBC's short-term goals are modest as he referred to his network as "in transition" and "in a turnaround."

"We've very happy that we're No. 3 in adults 18-to-49," he said. "NBC hasn't finished better than No. 4 since the 2003-04 season."

While voicing hope for the quirky "Community," NBC is broadening its approach to sitcoms in an effort to expand beyond the boutique approach that wins acclaim and awards, but not time periods.

One of NBC's new sitcoms, "Animal Practice," centers on a veterinarian who likes animals better than people and whose best friend is a monkey.

Another, "Go On," stars Matthew Perry as a sportscaster who joins a support group after the death of his wife.

NBC Entertainment President Jennifer Salke said "Go On" will "make you laugh, make you cry," with "tons of heart."

Meanwhile, she said, creative teams at veteran NBC comedies "are trying to embrace the idea of staying true to what their shows are ... but opening up things a little bit and trying to be a little more inclusive." She shared no examples.

"I don't want to say anything negative about what ('30 Rock' creator) Tina Fey does, or 'Parks and Rec,' or 'The Office' — they're great shows," said Greenblatt. But currently they tend to be "a little bit more narrow and more sophisticated than we might want for a real broad audience."

"We are in this sort of awkward stage of taking what's working at the network, and expand it out and build on that," said Salke.

Are some characters simply too dangerous?

Graham Anthony Dixon came to America from England on a Fulbright Scholarship, has a Ph.D. in Dramatic Art from UC Berkeley and has acted and directed professionally. Currently, he teaches online and is a wedding photographer. His website is www.grahamanthonyphotography.com and he can be reached at g_anthony_images@yahoo.com.



A moment before he started murdering moviegoers at the premier of "Dark Knight Rising," James Holmes shouted "I am the Joker." In his first court appearance last Monday, his wide-eyed look, clumsily dyed orange hair and generally manic demeanor bespoke a character that might have stepped straight out of DC Comics.

Days after finishing his portrayal of the Joker in the previous Batman film, Heath Ledger died of a drug overdose.

By all accounts, James Holmes is academically brilliant, just as Heath Ledger was one of the best actors of his generation. The loathsome Holmes leaves a shadow of misery, while the majestic Ledger left a legacy of superb talent tempered by the melancholy thought of what might have been. Holmes is a coward, Ledger had the courage to break one of the last artistic taboos — playing a gay cowboy.

In the final note, Health Ledger always will be spoken of with love for what he gave to the world, while James Holmes will be remembered with hate for what he took from it.

Yet … they will be forever linked through their contact with a fictitious character who has no more reality than a child's imaginary friend. But just like that friend, the very unreality of the Joker lends him a malleable identity that in the right — or wrong — hands can become perversely remote from the original figure. Ledger turned the cartoon-like figure of the original Batman series into an unforgettable dissection of evil. And in his way, James Holmes has done exactly the same thing.

Stories of people becoming possessed by fictional characters are not new. Nearly everyone in theater knows of a "Romeo and Juliet" in which the leads fell in love with one another. Actors who play Hamlet are known to be permanently changed by the experience. Larry Hagman has said that playing JR altered him in some uncanny way.

So the quality of the art is not relevant, but rather something ineffable about characters that move them beyond the ordinary into the extraordinary.

The cause of Heath Ledger's death was ruled an accidental overdose, although the sheer variety of drugs he took, if not their number, suggests a destructive undercurrent. At a minimum, portraying the Joker had taken him into a fiercely dark emotional territory that he was having difficulty relinquishing. It is probable that James Holmes had a quite harmless, nerdy interest in the Joker before he began the long descent into obsession and madness.

The tragedies of men like Heath Ledger and James Holmes is that they leave more questions than answers. Is some art, are some characters, simply too dangerous? Should they be set aside? Self-censorship is the most dangerous censorship, because it is the softest and most difficult to assign blame to, but James Holmes must give pause for thought to any intelligent filmmaker.

It is not the first time a madman has used the Joker — or that the Joker has used him — in order to commit violent crimes. On the anniversary of Heath Ledger's death a Dutchman — whose name is, oddly, Gelder, and thus an anagram of the actor's name — entered a daycare and stabbed more than a dozen children, killing two of them. At that time, The Telegraph reported, "According to witness statements and police drawings, the suspect had painted his face white, blackened his eyes and had colored his hair red. His gruesome and bizarre garb prompted investigators to make the Joker comparison and make a link to another cult Goth film, 'The Crow,' which inspired Ledger in his Batman role."

Creative artists have rightfully asserted that the proper study of man is man, and as such anything that human beings do is a proper subject for their work. True. But is it not rather disingenuous for those same artists to step back and deny any responsibility when the very potency of those studies lead some misguided individuals to give terrible life to figures who are meant to be caricatures?

It is too easy to say the only person responsible for what James Holmes did is James Holmes. More disturbing, but ultimately more valuable, we should consider those aspects of our society that contributed to making him — and thus which make all of us culpable.

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QUICKTAKES

Reviews of recent CDs

PASSION PIT
"Gossamer"



From their achingly hip EP "Chunk of Change" to their 2010 follow-up "Manners," anticipation has been turbo-charged for another pitch-perfect, electro-pop album from Passion Pit.

And their latest, "Gossamer," hits all the right notes. The band keeps exploring the themes of hipster life — intoxication, love lost and hopelessness sung in their beautiful, uncontrived manner. Opening track and first single "Take A Walk" is a rousing festival anthem that you could easily imagine a beer-tinged audience chanting its chorus.

"I'll Be Alright" blasts with a weighty beat and "Mirrored Sea" sounds like a definite dance-floor hit. Then there's the electro synth-heavy "Cry Like a Ghost," which muses on excessive drinking.

Overall, the Massachusetts-based band has a created an album that is melodically upbeat and lyrically melancholy. And it works.

CHECK THIS TRACK OUT: "Love Is Greed" questions young love with lamenting strings.

Sian Watson/AP

THE GASLIGHT ANTHEM
"Handwritten"



The Gaslight Anthem has always occupied this unsettling space between the earnestness of Bruce Springsteen's lyricism and the musical passion of harder-edged bands like Jawbox. The former is no surprise, given the quartet's New Jersey Roots and the latter — well, this is a band that bounds back and forth across the line between punk and folk with no apologies.

Nor should it.

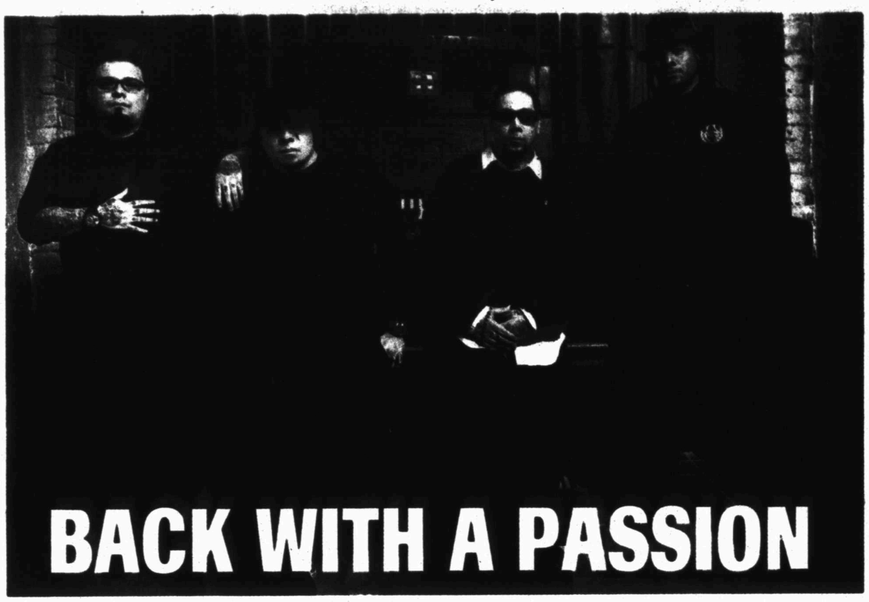
On its fourth studio album, the appropriately titled "Handwritten," Gaslight Anthem offers up plenty of material that is rich in texture and layered in its subtexts about love, longing and losing that careens from composed whispers to impassioned pleas.

In a way, the 11 tracks — starting with the sublime "45" — evoke the band's prior recordings of stories blending hope, redemption, memories and regret. But there's a more adult air infusing the 11 songs.

The Gaslight Anthem has fashioned a sturdy major label debut that more than pays homage to its upbringing while, at the same time, shows off a maturity gleaned from so much time playing on the road and a cohesion that is remarkable.

CHECK THIS TRACK OUT: The splintering and howling title track is like a scornful letter about love and loss yet with a U-turn that transforms it from a clichid story about couples meeting later in life to something grander and, at its core, hopeful.

Matt Moore/AP



BACK WITH A PASSION

P.O.D. frontman talks about new album, new label and return to Midland

Editor's note: This is the second of three articles taken from an exclusive interview with Sonny Sandoval, the frontman for P.O.D. See Thursday's edition of Pulse for more with Sandoval.

By Nancy Adamson
The Constant Editor

After a noticeable absence from the music charts and the summer-tour circuit, Christian metal band P.O.D. marks a triumphant return with critically acclaimed "Murdered Love," released July 10 on Razor & Tie Records.

P.O.D. also will make its return to Midland on Thursday with a performance at Rock the Desert. The band first appeared at the popular Christian music festival in 2004.

Formed in 1992 in San Diego, P.O.D. is best known for the songs "Youth of a Nation" and "Alive," both from the 2001 album, "Satellite."

Frontman and avid San Diego Chargers fan Sonny Sandoval talked to the Reporter-Telegram in late April about his band, his music and his life.

MRT: Let's get the important stuff out of the way first. How do you think the Chargers did in the draft?

Sandoval: I'm pretty excited about that new linebacker, that (Melvin) Ingram kid. I was hoping to get a little more help on the offense but we'll see what happens. We've gotten rid of so many key players, it's tough.

MRT: Tell me a little about the new album, "Murdered Love."

Sandoval: We're real excited. We had no pressure and real freedom to be able to do it. After taking an almost five-year hiatus from touring and the agony of being on the road all the time, we had a chance to go home and focus and let it be about the music. So with no pressure from the label and not trying to fit the trends or chase radio, it's music that's real to us and we have fun playing live.

MRT: What does the title, "Murdered Love," mean?

Sandoval: It's about the day they murdered love. It's just really a dark, eerie song that stemmed from the idea of the moment of crucifixtion. We thought about how it must have felt at that moment.

There were desperate people, angry people. Scripture says the ground ripped open and the sky turned black. So the song just tries to paint the picture a little bit.

MRT: You guys severed ties with Atlantic after several platinum albums and a lot of success. What triggered the split?

Sandoval: We had great moments and bad moments with (Atlantic). I think they got more out of us than they ever thought they would. But when all the labels started to fold and everybody was losing their jobs, they shelved our last two records, So when it was time for our fifth record, we actually fought to get out of it. We sacrificed a million-dollar recording budget just to get off their label. That was the only way we could get to them because we knew they weren't going to (promote) it.

They had already done that with two of our records. We asked why should we put our heart and souls into a record that's going to be shelved.

MRT: Sounds like they were in panic mode.

Sandoval: Everybody's got to answer to somebody. It trickles down. You have people who think they know what it takes to get on the radio. So we had songs we thought were great songs but the label said "We should go with that one first." So if you don't do what they say then they're not going to (promote) it. You have to have people who are going to fight for you and for what you believe in. At Atlantic, they never expected these guys who claim to be Christians to do anything and we sold millions of records for them.

MRT: What are your earliest memories of music making an impact on your life?

Sandoval: I grew up in a young family, so they were always rocking and rolling. I had so many different people coming in and out of my life, musicians. But when I became older and started listening to music myself, I listened to a lot of reggae music, a lot of hip-hop. My dad would take me to shows.

I've always been a big fan of music. I never thought I would be doing it for a living.

MRT: What do you think you would be doing for a living if you didn't have music?

Sandoval: Who knows? I've thought of so many different things but I have no say in it. God changes things up on me all the time, just when I think I have it all figured out.

P.O.D. is the headliner for Thursday's line-up at the festival — scheduled to take the stage at about 10:40 p.m. — which gets under way at 2 p.m. at the Rock the Desert festival field located at 1700 S. Farm-to-Market 1788. Three day pass tickets are $25 in advance and $30 the day of the show and are available at www.rockthedesert.com.

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July

29 **Mil Rubio, Benito Ramos, Tucker Binkley, Daniel Porter, Jacob Garcia, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
29 **Jennifer B. and the Groove Kings** @ Riley's
29 **Brown Sneakers** @ Museum of the Southwest
29 **Procession** @ Pine Box

August

1 **Sawyer Family, Pretty Hate Machine** @ New Blue Max
1 **Cooper Green, Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Shack in the Back
2 **Brad Fogarty, Love and Death, Climbing Blind, Oh Sleeper, The Whosoevers, Dominic Balli, Demon Hunter, Icon for Hire, P.O.D.** @ Rock the Desert
2 **William Clark Green** @ Rockin Rodeo
3 **Creed Fisher** @ Blue Max
3 **Loudfinger** @ Detour
3 **Climbing Blind, Anthem Lights, King & Country, Ashes Remain, The Afters, Shawn McDonald, Ben Rector, Needtobreathe** (main tent), **Thirty-Nine Thoughts, Rhett Walker Band, Abandon, Tedashii, Shonlock, Icon For Hire** (teen tent) @ Rock the Desert
3 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
3-4 **Grindstone** @ The Bar
4 **Climbing Blind, David Dunn, Samestate, Dara MacLean, Chris August, Peter Furler with Phil Joel, Bob Lenz, Chris Tomlin, Relient K** (main tent), **Climbing Blind, S.O.G., The Advice, Phil Joel, Flame, Manafest** (teen tent) @ Rock the Desert
4 **Noel Olivas** @ Rockin Rodeo
4 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
7 **Abigail Williams, Trail of the Bloodstained God, Weedgrinder** @ Pine Box
8 **Continental** @ New Blue Max
8 **Jeff Strahan, Sam From Amsterdam** @ Shack in the Back
9 **Granger Smith** @ Rockin Rodeo
10 **No Dry County** @ Detour
10 **Molly Gene Whoaman Band** @ New Blue Max
10 **Joe Nichols** @ Dos Amigos
10-11 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
10-11 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
10-11 **Creed Fisher** @ Escape Lounge
11 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
14 **I Call Fives** @ Pine Box
15 **Evanescence, Chevelle, HaleStorm, New Medicine, Cavo** @ Horseshoe
15 **Josh Peek, Brian Milson** @ Shack in the Back
16 **The Split Livers** @ New Blue Max
16 **Bart Crow** @ Rockin Rodeo
17 **Gary Allan, Charlie Robison** @ Dos Amigos
17 **Shane Rogers** @ Detour
17 **Noel Olivas** @ The Bar
17-18 **Road Kings** @ Your Place
18 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
18 **Rodney Carrington** @ Graham Central Station
18 **Vince King and Fever** (Elvis tribute) @ Ector Theatre
18 **Tim Hawkins** @ Stonegate Fellowship Church
21 **Reverend Horton Heat, Not in the Face** @ New Blue Max
21 **Pat Benatar with Neil Giraldo** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
22 **CPR Band, Dapper Dan** @ Shack in the Back
23 **Cory Morrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
24 **Creed Fisher** @ Detour
24 **Randy Rodgers Band, Wade Bowen, Bri Bagwell** @ Grande Stadium
24-25 **Funky Munky** @ The Bar
24-25 **Mike Hernandez Band** @ Your Place
25 **Jason Boland and the Stragglers, Turnpike Troubadors** @ Dos Amigos
25 **Blacklisted** @ New Blue Max
29 **Suicide Silence** @ Dos Amigos
29 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Shack in the Back
31 **Kevin Ochs** @ Detour
31 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar

September

1 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
1 **Lyle Lovett and his Large Band** @ Chaparral Center
6 **Foreigner** @ Chaparral Center
7 **Mark McKinney, Cody Johnson & the Rockin' CJB** @ Permian Basin Fair
8 **Bleu Edmondson, Thieving Birds** @ Permian Basin Fair

LUBBOCK

August

17 **Evanescence, Chevelle, HaleStorm, New Medicine, Cavo** @ Lone Star Amphitheatre

September

10 **Yo-Yo Ma with Lubbock Symphony**

NEW MEXICO

August

15 **Ronnie Dunn** @ Inn of Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

July

29 American Idols Live with **Colton Dixon, DeAndre Brackensick, Elise Testone, Erika Van Pelt, Heejun Han, Hollie Cavanagh, Jessica Sanchez, Joshua Ledet, Phillip Phillips, Skylar Laine** @ American Airlines Center
29 **Nicki Minaj** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie (Grand Prairie)

August

3 **Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Tank** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
4 **Kiss, Mötley Crüe, The Treatment** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion

