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Council to consider increasing water charges

Top users could see bills increased 5 fold if they go beyond city's restrictions

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

If residents want a green lawn this summer, it's likely going to cost residents.

The Midland City Council will consider on Tuesday enacting a rate structure that would multiply by five the charges of residents and businesses who fall within the top two tiers of water users. Anyone who uses less than 10,000 gallons of water per month will not see their bill changed if the structure is approved.

Because some residents didn't comply with the water restrictions during the past year, Mayor Wes Perry described the potential rate changes as a necessary enforcement tool. It's not what the city wants to do, he said. But, data show the method works.

"We know that raising rates has an impact on people," Perry said, speaking when the proposal was first introduced. "You hate to do it that way, but that works, actually. We think that that's going to help encourage people to think about it differently."

Leaders in other cities around the region agree with the strategy: When residents' pocketbooks are impacted, their behaviors typically change. However, they added that education and incentives to encourage conservation also are important.

Bottom line impact

The city of Midland already has a tiered water rate structure. Top tier users pay about $1.24 more per thousand gallons purchased than those in the lower tier.

Experts said that quickly changing habits of above-average users typically requires significant penalties.

Council will consider penalizing those who use between 10,000 and 25,000 gallons of water per month with an increased rate of $19.55 per thousand gallons instead of the current $3.91 per thousand gallons rate.

Those who use more thatn 25,000 gallons of water will pay $22.50 per thousand gallons instead of $4.50 per thousand gallons.

Customers who use more than 10,000 gallons of water for indoor

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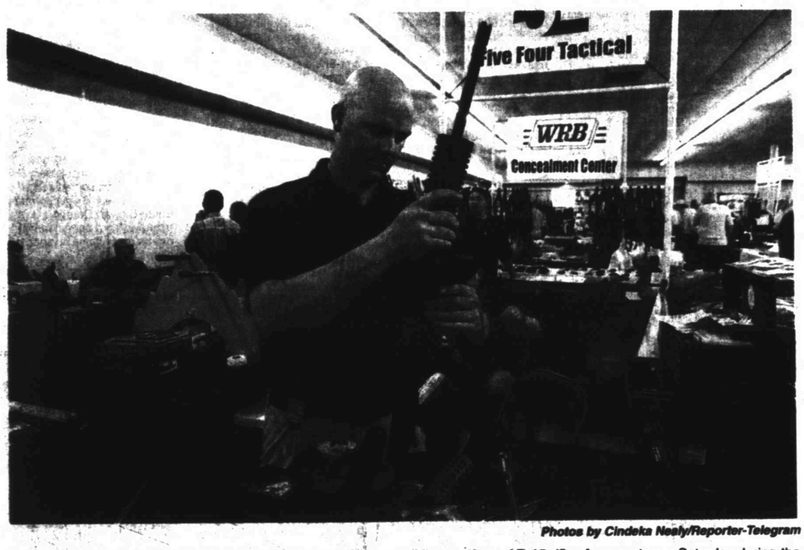

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Eric Whiting, with Five Four Tactical of Fredericksburg, custom builds one of two AR-15 rifles for a customer Saturday during the Permian Basin Gun Show at the Ector County Coliseum.

Gun sales up as prosperity, fear grow

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Just like the economy in Midland and Ector counties, gun sales are also booming.

The oil boom and low unemployment have left many gun enthusiasts with extra spending cash, but another motivation is the uncertainty in firearm legislation and the direction of the federal government.

"A lot of people are wary about the future, especially about who the next president might be," said Eric Whiting, a vendor at the Permian Basin Gun Show.

Whiting primarily sells AR-15 assault rifles, but unlike many of his competitors, he customizes the weapons and builds them in front of his customers.

At the gun show at the Ector County Coliseum on Saturday, he was busy readying new gear for perspective clients and building several tailor-made AR-15s for new clients.

He said business is booming throughout the region. He added that although oil workers were his predominate clientele — and their discretionary

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Gun dealer and collector Bobby Turner, of Brownwood, looks at a custom-built Monty Harkins benchrest rifle Saturday during the gun show.

Wartime takes its toll on the young, too

■ When troops come home wounded, the lives of their children are disrupted.

By Michelle Koidin Jaffee
San Antonio Express News

Three days after his dad was critically injured by a rocket-propelled grenade, 6-year-old Jonathan Patterson walked out of the only place he'd ever called home.

Leaving behind his treasured Lightning McQueen pillow and his German shepherd, Tillie, Jonathan and his mom and one hastily packed suitcase flew more than 1,000 miles from Savannah, Ga., to San Antonio, where his father was in the hospital.

No more Montessori school, backyard dirt-digging or riding bikes with his dad. Suddenly, indefinitely, Jonathan was sleeping in a hotel room, listening to the grown-ups speak in hushed tones and yearning for the enveloping attention he was accustomed to from a mom with an only child and a husband on his fourth deployment.

His 27-year-old mother, Jessica Patterson, couldn't bear to tell him everything she knew. Squatting before him, she simply said: "Daddy's been in an accident."

"My mom told him about his legs," Jessica recalled.

After a decade of war that has left more than 47,500 wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq, children of the combat-injured are coping with swift and dramatic changes, from new routines and living arrangements to increased responsibility and less availability of both parents, for months if not a year or more.

At a time in history when 40 percent of active-duty U.S. service members have children and survivability rates of wounded troops are higher than ever, at least 25,000 children are facing the burdens of redeveloping their most primary relationships, of figuring out how to pass the hours in a hospital where children are excluded from intensive-care and burn units, of selecting a precious few belongings before leaving home at a moment's notice — perhaps for good.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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It's happening

Today

■ Permian Basin Gun Show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Ector County Coliseum Building G, Odessa.

■ Midland Porcelain Art Club Annual Tea and Exhibit, 2-4 p.m., Cowden Clubhouse at Manor Park.

Thursday

■ 5 Browns, presented by the Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and the Midland College Foundation, 7:30 p.m. March 22, Chap Center. Tickets: Free. Not required for general admission seating.

■ Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series presents "spOILed" the movie, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. People can bring lunch; the Petroleum Museum will provide drinks and cookies. For more information, call 683-4403.

Saturday and March 25

■ Remuda Quarter Horse Show at the Horseshoe

Sunday, March 25

■ Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. presents Lone Star Brass, 2 p.m. , Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Purchase at www.wagnernoel.com or call the symphony office, 563-0921.

■ Live on Stage presents Anna Wilson: Jazz vocalist with quartet, 2:30 p.m., MHS Auditorium. Web: www.liveonstage-pb.com.

Meetings schedule

Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
3 p.m. Monday
Council Chambers
300 N. Loraine St.

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

City Council
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council chambers
300 N. Loraine St.

Midland College board
4 p.m. Tuesday
Gibson Board room
Administration Building

Homeless Coalition
2:30 p.m. Thursday
2400 Whitmire Blvd.

MISD board
5:30 p.m. March 26
MISD administration building

City's watering schedule

According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

■ Odd addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Sundays through 10 a.m. Mondays and beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays through 10 a.m. Thursdays.

■ Even addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Saturdays through 10 a.m. Sundays and beginning 6 p.m. Tuesdays through 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

When you can water starting April 1:

Residents and businesses can water for two hours between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on assigned day.

Days are being assigned based on zones. To find out which zone you're in, visit: http://www.ci.midland.tx.us/departments/utilities/WaterUse_DaysofWeek%20030512.pdf or call 685-7474

■ All types of watering devices are permitted.

■ New pools are allowed only if they are filled with water purchased and trucked in from outside the city.

■ Washing outdoor surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways, building exteriors and parking lots is not allowed.

WHAT I DID FOR SPRING BREAK

Emma Sanders, 10, leads "Chata" into the arena for a water break Wednesday during the spring break camp at Double Diamond Equestrian Center.
Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Chamber's State of Education forum

The Chamber's State of Education luncheon on Thursday at Midland Center is designed to facilitate meaningful discourse and inform the business community about pressing issues faced by today's educators.

This year, guest speakers are Eddie Lee, superintendent of Midland Christian School; Steve Thomas, president of Midland College; and Ryder Warren, superintendent of Midland ISD. The panel has been selected to provide a look at several facets of education in Midland — both private and public school options for elementary and secondary education as well as higher education.

The event also will honor the "Excellence in Teaching" recipients in both elementary and secondary education as well as the "Unsung Hero." For more information, call the chamber at 683-3381.

To submit a question for the panel, please email info@midlandtxchamber.com.

Community calendar

■ Anthropologist Mireya Mayor, known as the "female Indiana Jones," will speak at the Petroleum Museum at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Her appearance is part of the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series and is made possible by National Geographic's Speakers Bureau.

The lecture is free, but tickets are required. For more information, call 683-4403.

■ Texas AgriLife Extension Service is planning a workshop on forage — bermudagrass, sorghum/sudan and alfalfa — 8:30 a.m.-noon Friday at the AgriLife Extension office, 851 E. Broadway St. in Andrews.

The fee is $10. For more information, call 432-524-1421 or visit www.andrews-tx.edu.

■ An Alzheimer's disease workshop for family caregivers is planned for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Lincoln Tower, 311 W. Fourth St., Odessa.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Caitie Chapman at 689-4663.

■ Political consultants James Carville and Mary Matalin will speak on "All's Fair: Love, War and Politics" at 7 p.m. March 29 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center as part of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series.

They also will sign copies of their 1995 book — "All's Fair: Love, War, and Running for President." For more information, call 552-2850.

■ Local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association is planning the Permian Basin Muscle Walk for March 31 at the Petroleum Museum.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m.; registration begins at 9 a.m.

To register in advance, call the local office at 570-4970.

■ Casa de Amigos is offering a five-week diabetes education course 6-8 p.m. Mondays beginning April 9 and concluding May 7.

Topics include nutrition, healthy cooking, eye and foot care and exercise. Registration is required. To register, call Silvia at 682-9701.

■ The Midland County Child Welfare Board is sponsoring the fourth annual Blue Ribbon Run — the Race to End Child Abuse April 14 at Midland College.

The 1K fun run will start at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K run/walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is $20 for participants 15 and older for advance registration (before 5 p.m. April 13). Race-day registration is $25.

For more information call Shelly Worrell at 553-9363, Tricia Nelson at 631-2872 or email BlueRibbonRun@yahoo.com or visit http://pbrunningclub.tripod.com/calendar.html.

■ Midland Need to Read's 10th annual Family Literacy Style Show is planned for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 26 at Midland Country Club. The event includes a luncheon and silent auction. For more information, call Patci Lewis at 682-9693.

Individual tickets are $60 and table sponsorships are available. The sponsorships are: Shakespeare (presenting sponsor), $3,000; Hemingway, $1,500; Faulkner, $1,000; and Twain, $600.

For more information, call Patci Lewis at 682-9693.

Today in History

Today is Sunday, March 18, the 78th day of 2012. There are 288 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in the Texas town of New London.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of interning Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

Today's birthdays: Country singer Charley Pride is 74. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 42. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus is 40.

February's airport report

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
February 2012: 36,493
February 2011: 32,360
Percent difference: 12.8
Year to date: 192,245 (4 percent increase from 2010-11)
February 2010: 28,511
February 2009: 30,431

Total Passengers
February 2012: 71,893
February 2011: 64,074
Percent difference: 12.2
Year to date: 382,178 (3.8 percent increase from 2010-11)

Fuel Sales
(in gallons)
February 2012: 567,050
February 2011: 497,155
Percent difference: 14.1
Year to date: 2,787,308 (9.4 percent increase from 2010-11)
February 2010: 433,276
February 2009: 353,704

Parking Revenues
February 2012: $165,673
February 2011: $141,002
Percent difference: 17.5
Year to date: $877,707 (11.8 percent increase from 2010-11)
February 2010: $126,394
February 2009: $135,173

It's your anniversary

James & Cindy Pyle, of Midland, are celebrating their 27th anniversary today.

Put your birthday/anniversary in the paper

The Reporter-Telegram has started running birthdays and anniversaries as part of our daily presentation.

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

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

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

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

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

Know a soldier coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or e-mail Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their soldier is flying into our airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Source: Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee

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Support group, club meetings

Support groups

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

■ Bariatric Support Group meets 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday at ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa. For more information, call 272-4333.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club meets 5 p.m. the third Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. For more information, call 687-2588.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19 meets 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of the month at 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441 meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday at Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex. For more information, contact Tom Owens at tmowens44@juno.com or call 697-6955.

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society meets 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday at Sibley Nature Center. For more information, call 687-6467.

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

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main. For more information, call 687-1671.

Toastmasters Clubs

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

■ Alanon 12-Step Group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and noon Thursdays at La Hacienda Outreach Center, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 432-582-2926.

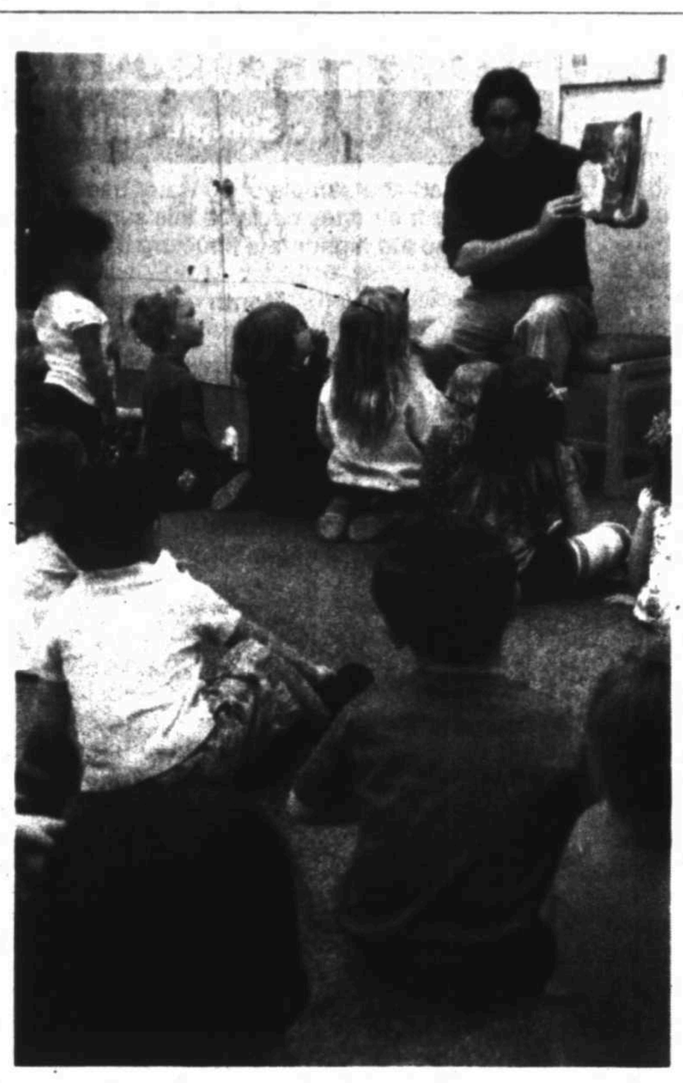
■ Laundry Group meets 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 104 N. Marshall St.

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

Dance clubs

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

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



ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A PIRATE

Kelly Brashear, youth services clerk at Midland County Library, reads "Pirate Treasure Hunt" recently during storytime at the library.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Great American Cleanup

The Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is April 14.

Participating groups will clean up their designated areas in the morning. A celebration picnic will follow between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Hogan Park.

For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 687-7400 or visit www.keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Recycling info

■ Midland Citizens Collection Station — 4100 Smith Road, 685-7278 — has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.

■ Grande Communication Stadium – Cardboard, paper No. 1 and 2 plastics

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

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

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) – 3200 N. Garfield Road – Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics

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

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

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

MPD to conduct officer candidate search

The Midland Police Department is looking to fill vacancies for the position of police officer. At 9 a.m. Saturday potential candidates will be tested with physical and written examinations for the upcoming academy.

All eligible applicants should report to the Midland Police Department Training Facility located at 4214 Farm-to-Market Road 307.

College credit hours are required depending on past years of experience. Persons wanting to test must bring a valid state identification card or driver's license.

For more information, review the requirements at www.midlandtexas.gov before contacting the recruiting division at 685-7141.

Outside agency funding

The city of Midland is taking applications from agencies requesting funding in the city's 2012-13 fiscal year budget, which includes funds for hotel/motel, city development and non-departmental activities.

Applications are available at the City Secretary's office at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St. They are due April 5.

The three categories are promotion of tourism and the hotel industry, promotion of growth and development and agencies that are an extension of city services.

Citizen advisory boards will review hotel/motel and city development funding requests.

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Obama to Congress: Kill oil industry's tax breaks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pump prices on his mind, President Barack Obama says Congress should kill tax breaks for the oil and gas industry and help develop alternative sources of energy.

Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address that he expected Congress to consider in the next few weeks ending $4 billion in tax subsidies, a move he has failed to persuade lawmakers to make during his term. He said the vote would put them on record on whether they "stand up for oil companies" or "stand up for the American people."

"They can either place their bets on a fossil fuel from the last century or they can place their bets on America's future," Obama said.

Industry officials and many Republicans in Congress contend that cutting the tax breaks would lead to higher fuel prices, raising costs on oil companies and affecting their investments in exploration and production. The measure is considered a long shot, given that Obama couldn't end the subsidies when Democrats controlled Congress earlier in his term.

GUNS

From 1A

income is a large factor — many are just fearful over the direction the federal and state governments are heading.

He mentioned stricter assault weapon laws in California as a reason for worry for most gun enthusiasts.

Despite recent Supreme Court victories for Second Amendment rights — District of Columbia v. Heller and McDonald v. Chicago — many still worry. Both cases reaffirmed the right for citizens to own weapons to protect their homes and families, overruling local entities denying Americans this right.

Several other trade show vendors echoed similar concerns for the fate of gun rights in America's future.

Sean Murphy said he was stocking up on ammunition because prices are soaring. He said it isn't just firearm prices spiking; people fearful of the government are hording ammo. There also is a bandwagon effect, he said. When prices start rising, people buy as much at whatever price they can because the ammo, especially for popular guns like AR-15s, only will become more expensive and desirable, he said.

Another shopper, Hector Rodriguez, said he was buying a handgun to protect his family. Rodriguez said he never has owned a gun but is becoming increasingly fearful of criminals hurting his family.

"I never really had the need to (buy a gun), but every day I hear of some story about people being hurt from criminals," he said. "I've got the money. There is no reason for me not to buy (a firearm)."

The Permian Basin Gun Show continues today at the Ector County Coliseum.

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Cindeka Nealy contributed to this report.

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WATER

From 1A

use alone will be exempt from the increases.

Jerry Morales, councilman at-large, said the council could discuss changing the usage levels at which prices would increase. Morales said the council intends to implement the change when the details are finalized Tuesday.

"We really have got to be stringent about this drought now," he said. "Spring is here."

Bart Miller, water program director at the environmental law and policy organization Western Resource Advocates, said tiered water rates that encourage lower usage have become common in recent years, particularly in the Southwest.

"The general rule from what I've seen through the Southwest region is that the rates do have an impact on use," Miller said.

In most states, he said outdoor water use accounts for about half of all annual water purchases. In places like Arizona, New Mexico and parts of Texas, expending that much water on lawns has become unfeasible.

However, getting residents to change their ways when they're used to green lawns in a desert — as was the case in several cities — has required some shifts in policy, he said.

"The last decade has seen a big transformation," he said.

Some cities multiply the cost of water for the highest users throughout the year to incentivize lower use. Others have implemented separate winter and summer rates where residents will incur a surcharge if their summer use exceeds their winter use by a certain percentage.

"Even if you did it just for a year, you'd probably see changes in behavior," Miller said about price increases. "Especially if you give advance warning."

Case studies

El Paso uses a seasonal rate structure and a host of other programs. It saw its metered water use drop by about 1,875 million gallons per year between 2000 to 2009, despite having about 32,430 more retail customers on the books. In addition to multiplying the cost of water for the highest summer users, incentives are given to those who replace turf with concrete, gravel or desert plants.

Albuquerque, N.M., residents have faced an excessive summer-use charge during the past 15 years.

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority users each buy an average of 7,000 gallons per month during the winter, said water conservation officer Katherine Yuhas.

In the summer, Albuquerque residents can use twice the amount of water than they are permitted to use during an average winter month. Their bill can be multiplied by as much as 2.5 times, depending on how much they've exceeded their limit.

"On an average month, about 30 percent of our customers are getting a surcharge," she said.

Initially, the city had restricted outdoor water use to three days per week, like Midland did last spring. However, Yuhas said, the city found water use increased because most customers took advantage of all three of their permitted watering days, even if they previously hadn't watered that much.

Increasing the cost of water contributed to changing mindset, she said. The city also started a massive education initiative and an incentive program to help people understand water conservation is important.

Now, residents are not restricted to a certain day of watering. Instead, they're asked to water during hours of low-evaporation and to water only once a week in the spring, twice a week in the summer and once a week again in the fall.

"We put a lot of energy into getting our customers to follow that voluntarily," she said.

The water utility authority doesn't needs everyone to keep water use at winter levels, she said. It just need the majority of residents to be conscious about conservation.

"We have a lot of components to the water conservation plan, and rates are one part of that. We do a lot of education programs that are very effective. We have rebate programs that nobody else has," Yuhas said.

Cities in New Mexico and Texas, including San Antonio and Austin, have offered incentives for xeriscaping, installing water-wise toilets, attending a conservation class and installing a rainwater harvesting system.

Several cities host low-flow showerhead giveaways and provide free consultations to those who want to learn how to lower water usage. Some cities even require rain sensors on sprinklers so outdoor water is only used when necessary.

Those components and rate increases helped lower usage, officials said.

"The biggest aim that we have is to reduce discretionary outdoor watering," said Sarah Gatewood, spokeswoman for the San Antonio Water System, which has a year-round tiered water rate structure that increased costs on customers in fall 2010.

"We did get a notable increase in calls once our rates went into effect. It's not the only thing that we're doing, so it's hard to tell whether it's attributable to our education programs or other things," she said.

Midland council members have discussed offering incentives for xeriscaping or installing water-wise appliances. Morales said the proposed rate increase will be one of the main factors in gaining compliance when water restrictions start April 1.

A balancing act

Miller said cities and utility providers must be cognizant of how much they want to reduce water usage when setting rates.

Providing water involves certain fixed costs, so entities should not decrease usage so much that they can't support their system. It has happened in other areas, and water suppliers have been forced to increase their base rate to keep the system operations.

City of Midland officials have said they are aware of this issue but they are not concerned about it right now.

Customers will have more water to use next summer because a contract with the Midland County Utility District No. 1 was signed. Water from the city's T Bar Ranch property will be delivered to Midland by May 2013.

Conservation always will be important, council members said. However, residents won't have to trade their shrubs for gravel. There will be more water for outdoor use next summer.

Perry said he's aware some Midlanders will use as much water as they want and bear the increased cost so they can save their lawns this year. But, he said the city hopes these residents will be in the minority.

The city of Midland needs to keep its water deliveries at or below 18.5 million gallons per day. In 2011, according to a graph provided by the city, there were no days between April and Aug. 1 where Midland used less than 18.5 million gallons per day.

The purpose of the proposed rate increase and restrictions that will allow for two hours of outdoor watering on one day per week is to change that. If the proposed rate structure is approved Tuesday, all water customers will receive a letter showing their water use during May through September of 2011 and what their bill will be if they use the same amount this year.

"This is serious business, and we're taking it seriously," said John James, councilman for District 3, speaking about the restrictions.

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Sample water bills

We looked at a sample of 10 water users from throughout Midland to see what their rates could be this summer if their usage remains the same and the higher rate structure is approved on Tuesday.

	Month	Water Use (in gallons)	2011 charge	2012 charge
Scenario 1	May	15,000	$56.39	$138.18
	July	25,000	$90.29	$333.68
	September	9,000	$36.26	$37.17
Scenario 2	May	2,000	$14.00	$14.35
	July	2,000	$14.00	$14.35
	September	3,000	$17.18	$17.61
Scenario 3	May	54,000	$196.43	$996.18
	July	14,000	$53.00	$118.63
	September	13,000	$49.61	$99.08
Scenario 4	May	9,000	$36.26	$37.17
	July	10,000	$39.44	$40.46
	September	9,000	$36.26	$37.17
Scenario 5	May	37,000	$134.21	$603.68
	July	44,000	$159.83	$761.18
	September	40,000	$145.19	$671.18
Scenario 6	May	14,000	$53.00	$118.63
	July	12,000	$46.22	$79.53
	September	6,000	$26.72	$27.39
Scenario 7	May	3,000	$17.18	$17.61
	July	2,000	$14.00	$14.35
	September	3,000	$17.18	$17.61
Scenario 8	May	8,000	$33.08	$33.91
	July	11,000	$42.83	$59.98
	September	9,000	$36.26	$37.17
Scenario 9	May	1,000	$14.00	$14.35
	July	2,000	$14.00	$14.35
	September	5,000	$23.54	$24.13
Scenario 10	May	13,000	$49.61	$99.08
	July	15,000	$56.39	$138.18
	September	7,000	$29.90	$30.65

Note: The 2012 charges are proposed. Names and addresses of water charges looked at are not included because they are protected by the Texas Public Information Act.

WAR

From 1A

"In the Vietnam War, you had mostly single soldiers who served one term, so you didn't have as many with families," said Teresa Arata-Maiers, a psychologist with the Army's Warrior Resiliency Program.

For the Pattersons, the military was an occupation and a way of life.

With 20 days left in a yearlong deployment in Afghanistan, Army Sgt. Ken Patterson, a helicopter door gunner, was delivering water to Afghan National Army troops near the Pakistan border on Oct. 12, 2010, when he was hit.

When his wife and son finally located him lying on a stretcher in a corridor at Brooke Army Medical Center, Patterson could not stop the tears. "I felt like I let them down," he said. "What was Jonathan going to think? I'm back, and I don't have legs. I left, and I had legs."

For Jonathan and other children of the combat-injured, these intense and emotional initial moments set off a cascade of unpredictable events.

"There's immediate anxiety and distress," said Dr. Stephen J. Cozza, a retired Army colonel and psychiatrist who is associate director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. "Is Dad OK? Is he going to live or die?"

With little published research on the subject, Cozza is leading efforts to fill the gap and examine the impact on children when a parent is severely injured in combat.

Many parents want to shield their children from the details, but Cozza emphasizes the importance of offering an explanation that children can understand.

"Often what happens is they're hearing a lot on the periphery," through adult conversations, Cozza said. "Oftentimes, the fears are worse than the reality, so giving them clear, honest answers to their questions is really important."

Growing up fast

The daunting challenges confronting the other parent — almost always the mother — and older children who are certain to face new, adult responsibilities begin the moment the phone rings or doorbell chimes with two uniformed men on the porch.

When Connie Henline got that call on April 7, 2007, the caller used words like "if he makes it."

"Unfortunately, my daughter, my youngest, McKenzie, heard the phone and ran up and told her brother that their dad had died," Connie said. "I had to explain that, no, he hadn't died, but he was injured and we didn't know how bad it was."

Army Staff Sgt. Bobby Henline was critically injured in a roadside explosion in Iraq. Connie took off for the burn unit in San Antonio, leaving her mom in charge of the kids at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"Then," she said, "it was 45 days before my kids saw me again."

Eldest daughter Brittany Wallace, 15 at the time, would wake during the night to find her 7-year-old sister crawling into her bed. Her sister and 8-year-old brother Skylar would ask: "Is Dad going to make it? Is Dad going to look the same?"

"I kind of stepped up as a mom," Brittany, now a 20-year-old junior at the University of Northern Colorado, said by phone. "My brother and my sister, they were so young, I didn't want them to know what was going on. As long as I had a smile on my face ...," she trailed off, her voice trembling.

Brittany wondered, as the kids flew to reunite with their parents, if she would even recognize her dad, who was burned on his face and more than a third of his body.

When he was wheeled out, her sister was quiet. "My brother asked, 'What happened to your ears?'" Brittany said. "And we all kind of chuckled. Once my dad kind of chuckled, then he started joking with us. He knew he didn't have ears. After that, we kind of felt more open to asking about things."

With Bobby facing an unknown number of surgeries, Connie determined that moving the household to San Antonio was necessary because the medical expertise was here.

As Connie tackled the logistics while round-the-clock caretaking, Brittany did the grocery shopping, made dinner and got a provisional driver's license at 15 1/2 so she could drive her siblings to school.

Brittany "never once complained about what she gave up, and that kid gave up a lot," her mom said.

Behavioral issues

Ken and Jessica Patterson also decided it was best to stay in San Antonio after anxiously waiting to see if they'd risen to the top of the list for a transitional, rent-free apartment provided by the nonprofit Operation Homefront.

Otherwise, because of finances, they would have had to return to the house they owned in Savannah, which was three hours away from the nearest medical center that could fit Ken's prosthetic legs.

Jessica tried to explain to Jonathan the need to move. But the boy was homesick. "When are we going home?" he'd ask through tears.

At the urging of Judith Markelz, who runs the donor-funded Warrior and Family Support Center on Fort Sam Houston, the Pattersons enrolled Jonathan in school. More than two months into the academic year, he joined the first-grade class at Fort Sam Houston Elementary.

Markelz, who eases these transitions by organizing special holiday dinners, impromptu birthday parties and tutoring for children, notes that moving to a new school is challenging enough under the best of circumstances.

"We see it in their grades," Markelz said. "We see it in their emotional response."

Less obvious behavior changes can go unnoticed by parents so preoccupied with serious health issues and other overwhelming concerns.

But, teachers tend to pick up on any changes and refer children to Margaret Jackson, a psychologist and director of Fort Sam Houston Elementary's school-based behavioral health clinic.

Sixty percent of the children referred to the clinic have either a combat-injured or medically affected family member.

Some children become more prone to tantrums or bedwetting. Others curl up on their parents' floor in the middle of the night, their parents report.

"Sometimes children's needs are too intense for once a week," Jackson said. In severe cases, she refers them to child and adolescent psychology at BAMC.

From a child's point of view, the returning parent may not look or act like the person who said a teary goodbye months earlier.

"The injury experience is layered on top of the deployment experience," said Cozza.

Now, dad may attract stares from strangers in the park. He may no longer be able to ride bikes or wrestle or chase.

"And the soldier," Jackson said, "has to reconceptualize his idea of what a good dad is."

Yelling fits and other behavior changes in a parent that can accompany traumatic brain injury — considered the "signature injury" of these conflicts — or post-traumatic stress disorder pose another challenge.

"For kids, that can be really confusing because they assume they may have had some responsibility: 'I'm being a bad kid. I'm misbehaving,'" Cozza said. "What we really want to be able to do is help children understand why a parent may be acting that-way — that it's related to an injury as opposed to a parent not liking them or not loving them anymore."

Higher gas prices threaten economy if they persist

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Inflation remains tame throughout the U.S. economy, with one big exception: gas prices.

Those higher prices haven't derailed a steadily improving economy. But if they surpass $4 or $5 a gallon, experts fear Americans could pull back on spending, and job growth could stall, posing a potentially serious threat to the recovery.

And, the longer prices remain high, the more they could imperil President Barack Obama's re-election hopes.

A few weeks ago, economists generally agreed that the economy was in little danger from higher gas prices as long as job growth remained strong. But, fears are now mounting that gas prices could begin to weaken consumer confidence.

The average pump price nationwide is $3.83 a gallon. Energy analysts say it's bound to climb higher in the weeks ahead.

"It's a thorn in the side of the consumer and businesses," said Chris Christopher, an economist at IHS Global Insight. The economy this year "would have been better and stronger if we didn't have to deal with this."

So far, higher prices aren't undermining the economic recovery, which is getting a lift from strong job creation. It would take a big jump — to about $5 a gallon — before most economists would worry that growth would halt and the economy would slide into another recession.

That's because an improving economy is somewhat insulated from any threat posed by higher prices at the pump.

The risk is that gas prices could eventually slow growth by causing some people to cut spending on other goods, from appliances and furniture to electronics and vacations. Gasoline purchases provide less benefit for the U.S. economy because about half of the revenue flows to oil-exporting nations, though U.S. oil companies and gasoline retailers also benefit.

Many American businesses suffer, too. They must pay more for fuel and shipping and for materials affected by high oil prices, such as petroleum-based plastics. Profit margins get squeezed.

Even if prices ease after the summer driving season, don't expect gasoline to fall below $3 a gallon. The government estimates that this year's average will be $3.79, followed by $3.72 in 2013.

Most economists accept a rough guideline that a 25-cent rise in gas prices knocks about 0.2 percentage point off economic growth.

Gas prices also have an outsize impact on consumer confidence, Christopher noted. It's a high-frequency purchase. Consumers notice the price whether they're filling up or driving past a gas station.

Along with the unemployment rate and stock market levels, gasoline prices heavily determine how Americans see their financial health.

That effect was evident Friday when a decline was reported in the Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan index of consumer sentiment. The result surprised some economists who had assumed that higher stock prices and lower unemployment would lift consumer sentiment.

The Michigan report showed that "gasoline worries ... are outweighing stock market gains and job growth" when it comes to influencing consumer attitudes, said Michael Hanson, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

The price of gasoline has climbed 17 percent since the year began — to a national average of $3.83 a gallon. That's the highest ever for this time of year. A month ago, it was $3.52.

Gasoline prices have followed oil prices up. Oil is rising, in part, because of tensions surrounding Iran's nuclear program. Iranian leaders have threatened to close a shipping route into the Persian Gulf. Experts say the standoff could lead to tighter global oil supplies later this year.

Contributing to higher gas prices is stronger demand from China and other developing economies.

Most economists expect gas prices to top $4 a gallon by May. That would drag on consumer spending and the economy.

"It's like a tax," Hanson said.

Economists note that gas prices tend to hit consumer confidence especially hard once they surpass round numbers, such as $4 a gallon or $5 a gallon. Consumer confidence levels provide a rough guide to what Americans will actually do when at the mall or their favorite store.

A Gallup poll last week found that nearly half of Americans would make "significant" spending cuts in other areas if gas topped $5 a gallon. On average, Americans said gas prices of $5.30 to $5.35 are a "tipping point" that would cause them to make those cutbacks.

Motorists have responded to rising pump prices by driving fewer miles in more efficient vehicles. They've conserved so much fuel this year that they've effectively reduced gasoline spending even though a gallon is an average of 32 cents higher than it was a year ago, said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

"Gas prices really choked the consumer in 2008," Kloza said. "This year, I'm not so sure."

Retailers have begun to worry that higher gas prices will eventually force many consumers to cut back.

"If gas prices do start (going) upward again and creeping back up to $4 and $5, I think that is going to be a problem for our customer," Charles Holley, Wal-Mart's chief financial officer, said this month.

Some trends in the economy should cushion the impact of higher gas prices. Americans saved more last year. That gives them some leeway to pay for costlier gas out of savings rather than cutting spending in other areas.

Easing the impact further, other energy prices have fallen even as gas costs have soared. The price of natural gas to residential consumers has dropped an average of 8 percent a year since 2009.

Consumers saved more money in January from lower natural gas and electricity prices than they paid in higher gas costs, Christopher said.

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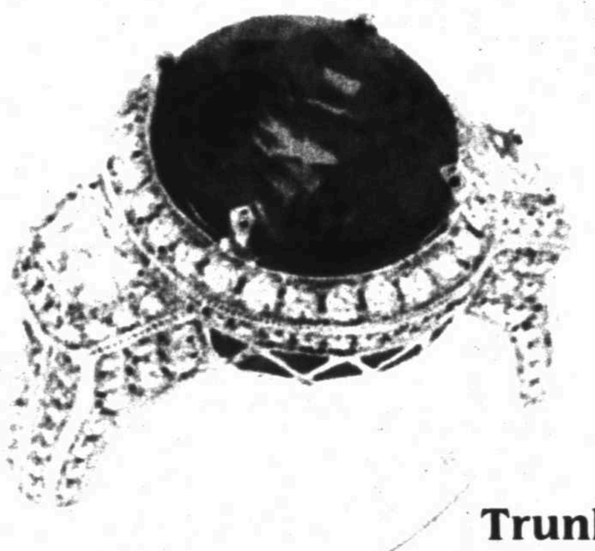

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Afghan killings suspect's recent life was struggle

Associated Press

LAKE TAPPS, Wash. — On a winding road of wood-frame homes tucked amid towering trees, Robert Bales was the father who joined his two young children for playtime in the yard, a career soldier who greeted neighbors warmly but was guarded when talking about the years he spent away at war.

"When I heard him talk, he said ... 'Yeah, that's my job. That's what I do'," said Kassie Holland, a next-door neighbor to the soldier who is now suspected of killing 16 Afghan civilians. "He never expressed a lot of emotion toward it."

Speaking to his fellow soldiers, though, Bales could exult in the role. Plunged into battle in Iraq, he told an interviewer for a base newspaper in 2009 that he and his comrades proved "the real difference between being an American as opposed to being a bad guy."

As reporters swarmed Bales' neighborhood late Friday, Holland and other neighbors shook their heads, trying but failing to reconcile the man they thought they knew with the allegations against him.

Military officials say that at about 3 a.m. last Sunday, the 38-year-old staff sergeant crept away from the Army base where he was stationed in southern Afghanistan, entered two slumbering villages and unleashed a massacre, shooting his victims and setting many of the bodies on fire. Eleven of those killed belonged to one family. Nine were children.

"I can't believe it was him," said Holland, recalling a kind-hearted neighbor who grew up in Ohio.

There, he was a "happy-go-lucky" football player and a good student at Norwood High School in a mostly blue-collar Cincinnati suburb of 20,000, said Jack Bouldin, a retired Norwood High School teacher who was Bales' physical education teacher.

Bales played alongside Marc Edwards, who went on to be a star running back at Notre Dame and later NFL teams including the 2002 Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. He had a part-time job helping care for a youth with special needs, said teammate Steve Berling, who called him a "great guy with a huge heart." Bales went on to college at Ohio State University from 1993 to 1996 with a major in economics, but didn't graduate, according to the university.

Until Friday, military officials had kept Bales' identity secret and what little was known about him remained sketchy, aside from the fact he joined the military after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, served with the 3rd Stryker Brigade stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and was dispatched to Iraq three times since 2003.

With the release of his name, a still-incomplete portrait of the man comes into focus. Part of it reveals the father and husband neighbors recall, and a soldier quietly proud of his 11-year record of service. He and his wife, Karilyn, had two young children; she has worked since last April as a project manager at AMAXRA, a marketing and public relations company in Redmond, Wash.

It also shows Bales had previous brushes with trouble. In 2002, records show, he was arrested at a Tacoma, Wash., hotel for assault on a girlfriend. Bales pleaded not guilty and was required to undergo 20 hours of anger management counseling, after which the case was dismissed.

A separate hit-and-run charge was dismissed in a nearby town's municipal court three years ago, according to records. It isn't clear from court documents what Bales hit; witnesses saw a man in a military-style uniform, with a shaved head and bleeding, running away.

When deputies found him in the woods, Bales told them he fell asleep at the wheel. He paid about $1,000 in fines and restitution and the case was dismissed in October 2009.

Bales has not yet been charged in the killings in Afghanistan. He was flown Friday on an Air Force cargo jet from Kuwait to the military's only maximum-security prison, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he's being held alone in a cell.

It marked the tragic end of Bales' fourth tour of duty in a war zone, one his lawyer said he had hoped to avoid.

"He wasn't thrilled about going on another deployment," said the attorney, John Henry Browne of Seattle. "He was told he wasn't going back, and then he was told he was going."

A neighbor, Paul Wohlberg, recalled that when he last saw Bales in November the two men talked briefly about the soldier's imminent departure for Afghanistan.

"I just told him to be safe. He said, 'I will. See you when I get back,'" said Wohlberg, who recalled attending barbeques at the Bales' home.

Bales and his wife bought the Lake Tapps home in 2005, according to records.

The home was placed on the market Monday, the day after the attack, and was listed at $229,000, far less than the $280,000 they paid for it in 2005.

John L. Scott real-estate agent Phillip Rodocker told the Seattle Times he met with Karilyn Bales on March 9, two days before the massacre. She was eager to "stabilize her home life," he said, and wanted to sell the family's house.

Rodocker said she left a voice-mail message on Tuesday, the day after the listing went up, asking that the home be pulled off the market because of a "family emergency."

Overflowing boxes were piled on the front porch, and a U.S. flag leaned against the siding.

The sale may have been a sign of financial troubles. Bales and his wife also own a home in Auburn, about 10 miles north, according to county records, but abandoned it about two years ago, homeowner's association president Bob Baggett said. Now, signs posted on the front door and window by the city warn against occupying the house.

Associated Press

In this August 2011, Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System photo, soldiers from Blackhorse Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, including Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, left, take part in exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. Five days after an attack on Afghan villagers killed 16 civilians, a senior U.S. official identified Bales as the suspect in that attack.

Soldier recalled as genial star

NORWOOD, Ohio — The soldier being held as a suspect in the gunning down of 16 Afghan civilians was remembered Saturday by people who knew him growing up in Ohio as a good-natured, smart student, a neighborhood leader and a key player on a high school football team that included a future NFL player.

They're stunned by accusations that Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales was involved in the deadly shootings and say it doesn't match the character of the teenager they knew.

"It's our Bobby. He was the local hero, even before he was in the Army," said Michael Blevins, who grew up down the street from Bales in a working-class neighborhood of Norwood, a mostly blue-collar Cincinnati suburb of some 20,000 people. "He was just a very stand-up man."

Bales was the youngest of five boys, raised under the structure of "God, country, family and you," said Blevins' sister, Michelle Caddell.

Bales was respectful of older residents, admonished troublemakers and loved children, even helping another boy in the area who had special needs.

"Bobby walked with him every day, really took care of him," Caddell said.

Steve Berling was a teammate of Bales' in the early 1990s at the high school. Berling and Bouldin both said Saturday that they recognized Bales from the recent Army photo now in the news.

"This is some crazy stuff if it's true," Berling said of the Afghanistan allegations. He and Bales were all-league players on a team that starred running back Marc Edwards, who played for Notre Dame and NFL teams including the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. Bales played offensive line and linebacker/defensive line in high school.

"He was a great guy with a huge heart," Berling said.

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In Afghan killings case, questions over alcohol aise

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military bans alcohol for its troops in Afghanistan, but that doesn't stop some soldiers from having a bottle or two stowed away in their gear — a fact highlighted by investigators' probe into whether alcohol played a role when a U.S. sergeant allegedly carried out a killing spree that left 16 Afghans dead.

U.S. investigators have determined that the suspect had been drinking alcohol before leaving the base the night of the attack, a senior U.S. defense official said Friday. How much of a role alcohol played in the attack is still under investigation, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because charges have not yet been filed.

AP file photo

Anar Gul gestures to the body of her grandchild, who was allegedly killed by a U.S. service member in Panjwai, Kandahar province south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on March 11. U.S. investigators have determined that the suspect had been drinking alcohol before leaving the base the night of the attack, a senior U.S. defense official said Friday. How much of a role alcohol played in the attack is still under investigation, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because charges have not yet been filed.

Like many rules in a war zone, the U.S. military's General Order No. 1 forbidding alcohol in both Afghanistan and Iraq is not always followed to the letter. Even in these strictly Muslim countries, there are ways to access liquor. Amid the tight-knit camaraderie of a stressful battlefield, officers sometimes turn a blind eye — or even partake themselves.

In Iraq, booze was easy to come by in Baghdad's Green Zone and on some bases. In Afghanistan, soldiers from many other NATO countries are allowed to imbibe. That means there's some "alcohol spillover" to American troops on large multinational bases. In both countries, foreign contractors dealing with the U.S. military bring in their own supplies and are a source that soldiers can turn to.

German troops stationed in northern Afghanistan are allowed two beers a day at their main base in northern Afghanistan, but not at smaller camps. In Kabul, one military base that mainly houses European troops boasts two liquor stores.

On Kandahar Air Field, the main international base in southern Afghanistan, Canadian forces used to have regular beer nights before they pulled their forces out this past summer. Each person was limited to two beers and half a bottle of wine.

At these large installations, U.S. soldiers also sometimes manage to get alcohol in packages sent by family and friends, often hidden in other types of bottles.

Finding alcohol is more difficult in more remote areas of the country or on smaller bases, like the one from which the soldier allegedly slipped out to start his shooting spree.

Some rural Afghans make homemade wine out of raisins, but in general, few Afghans drink.

A senior U.S. defense official told the Associated Press earlier this week that investigators had found alcohol at the soldier's base, Camp Belambai in Panjwai district. The official spoke anonymously to discuss an ongoing investigation.

The suspect — identified by his attorney as 38-year-old Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales — is said by military officials to have left the base at 3 a.m. Sunday, walking to two nearby villages where they say he barged into homes and opened fire, killing 16 people, including nine children.

Bales' lawyer, Seattle attorney John Henry Browne, disputed reports that a combination of alcohol, stress and domestic issues caused the suspect to snap. He said the family said they were unaware of any drinking problem. He said that a day before the rampage, Bales — who was on his fourth tour after three tours in Iraq — saw a comrade's leg blown off.

The U.S. military's General Order No. 1 forbids "possessing, consuming, introducing, purchasing, selling, transferring, or manufacturing any alcoholic beverage" in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Soldiers found violating the order can face discharge or criminal charges.

War zone deployments have not always been so ascetic, of course. During the Vietnam era, drinking was allowed and both drinking and drug use were common among soldiers. At that time, raucous, alcohol-fueled nights out on the town in Saigon were routine.

But as men returned from Vietnam as alcoholics and drug addicts, the military started to revisit its substance abuse policy. In 1971, the government required all military branches to identify substance abusers and provide treatment and rehabilitation. More than 20 percent of soldiers tested positive for drugs when the Army started screenings, according to U.S. military figures.

Then, when the U.S. sent peacekeepers to the Balkans in the 1990s, commanders went further and banned all alcohol for the deployed troops.

Because of the risks of sneaking in alcohol, most U.S. soldiers simply get by without it during their tours in Afghanistan. They buy nonalcoholic beer in stores on base for the familiar taste. Those looking for a buzz take up smoking or chewing tobacco.

There are many more stories of U.S. soldiers on small outposts abusing prescription drugs or smoking easily available hashish. Drug abuse is a rampant problem in the Afghan army and U.S. soldiers have been known to start smoking up alongside their Afghan counterparts.

On remote, hilly outposts, soldiers often make it through the night with sleeping pills and joints get passed around. Some become addicts. Most say they're doing what they have to, facing a morning that could bring a new firefight or a roadside bombing on their patrol.

In Iraq in 2006, a U.S. soldier stationed near Mahmoudiya raped and killed a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and killed her parents and sister. Steven Dale Green, a former 101st Airborne soldier, was sentenced to five life terms for the crime. He said in a later interview that drugs and alcohol were prevalent at his checkpoint south of Baghdad. He also said that he had been taking a mood-regulating drug to help him deal with the traumatic events he'd seen.

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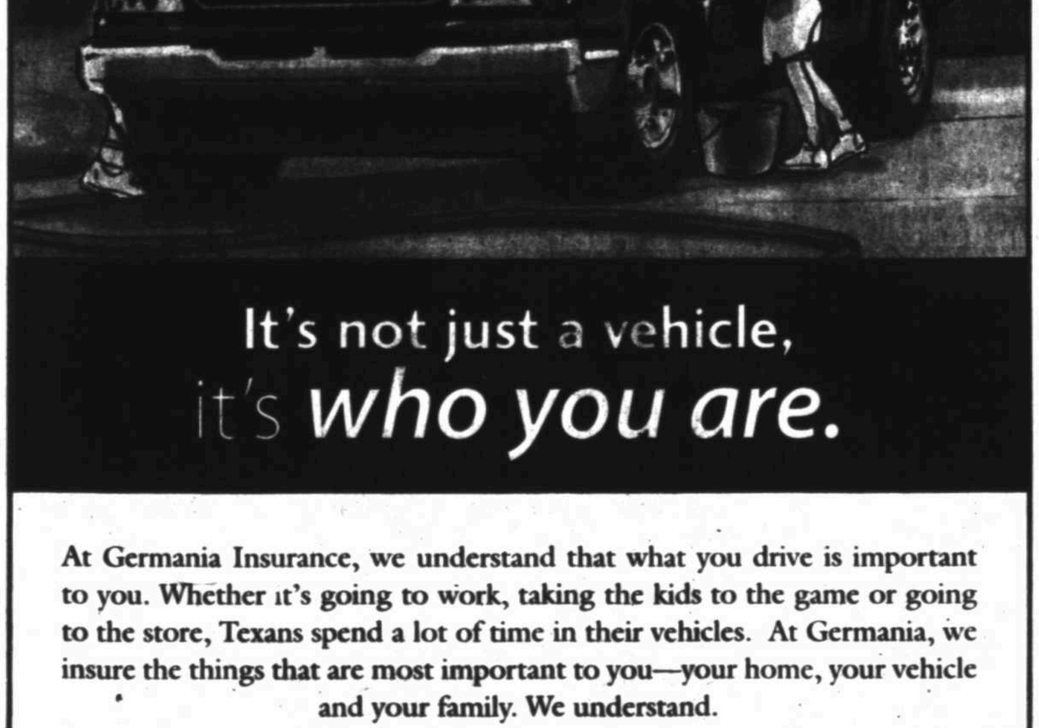
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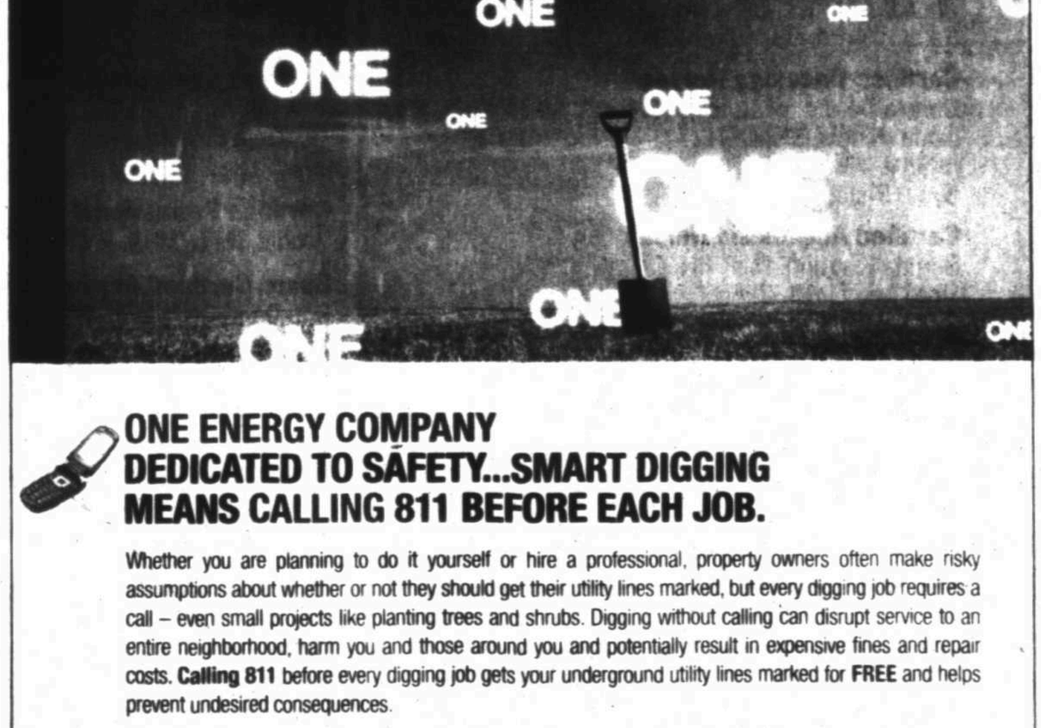

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Court weighs making health coverage a fact of life

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

■ Analysis

WASHINGTON — Death, taxes and now health insurance? Having a medical plan or else paying a fine is about to become a certainty of American life, unless the Supreme Court says no.

People are split over the wisdom of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, but they are nearly united against its requirement that everybody have insurance. The mandate is intensely unpopular, even though more than 8 in 10 people in the United States already are covered by workplace plans or government programs such as Medicare. When the insurance obligation kicks in, not even two years from now, most people won't need to worry or buy anything new.

Nonetheless, Americans don't like being told how to spend their money, not even if it would help solve the problem of the nation's more than 50 million uninsured.

Can the government really tell us what to buy?

Federal judges have come down on both sides of the question, leaving it to the Supreme Court to sort out. The justices are allotting an unusually long period, six hours over three days, beginning March 26, to hear arguments challenging the law's constitutionality.

Their ruling, expected in June, is shaping up as a historic moment in the century-long quest by reformers to provide affordable health care for all.

Many critics and supporters alike see the insurance requirement as the linchpin of Obama's health care law: Take away the mandate and the wheels fall off.

Politically, it was a wobbly construction from the start. It seems half of Washington has flip-flopped over mandating insurance.

One critic dismissed the idea this way: "If things were that easy, I could mandate everybody to buy a house and that would solve the problem of homelessness." That was Obama as a presidential candidate, who was against health insurance mandates before he was for them.

Once elected, Obama decided a mandate could work as part of a plan that helps keep premiums down and assists those who can't afford them.

To hear Republicans rail against this attack on personal freedom, you'd never know the idea came from them.

Its model was a Massachusetts law signed in 2006 by Mitt Romney, now the front-runner of the Republican presidential race, when he was governor. Another GOP hopeful, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, supported a mandate on individuals as an alternative to President Bill Clinton's health care proposal, which put the burden on employers.

All four GOP presidential candidates now promise to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which they call "Obamacare." Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum calls it "the death knell for freedom."

Obama and congressional Democrats pushed the mandate through in 2010, without Republican support, in hopes of creating a fair system that ensures everyone, rich or poor, young or old, can get the health care they need. Other economically advanced countries have done it.

Doing nothing is more expensive than most people realize.

Congress found that when the uninsured go to clinics and emergency rooms, the care they can't pay for costs nearly $75 billion a year. Much of that cost is passed along and ends up adding $1,000 a year to the average family's insurance premium.

The overhaul is neither the liberal dream of a single government program supported by taxes and covering everyone nor the conservative vision of stripping away federal rules and putting free enterprise in charge.

The Obama plan relies on private companies plus lots of regulation to make sure they provide basic benefits, keep premiums reasonable, and cover the sick as well as the healthy. That's where the mandate comes in. If insurers must cover everyone, even those with existing medical conditions, healthy people have little incentive to sign up before they get sick.

Insurance companies argue that if only the sick sign up, insurers will go broke. So the law says everybody must have insurance for themselves and their children or pay a penalty.

Also, because everyone needs health care sometime, if everyone purchases insurance, the price per person can be lower, with the cost of care spread out over many people.

After all, the government requires workers to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes, whether they want the benefits or not.

One argument for the insurance mandate is that the fines are just federal taxes by another name. Another is that it falls under the government's constitutional power to regulate commerce that crosses state borders.

State governments, of course, tell people to buy lots of things, including auto insurance or motorcycle helmets.

"You can always move to another state," said Tom O'Connor, a consultant in Fairfax, Va., who thinks the health care law overreaches. "It's a little more difficult to move to another country."

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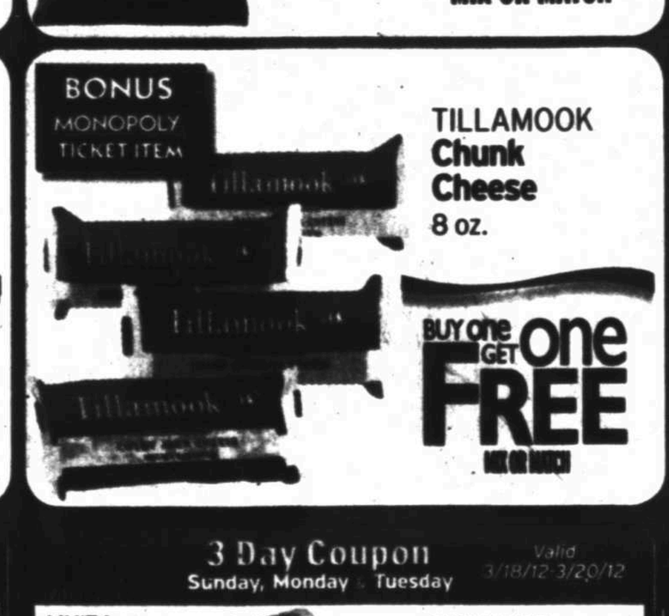

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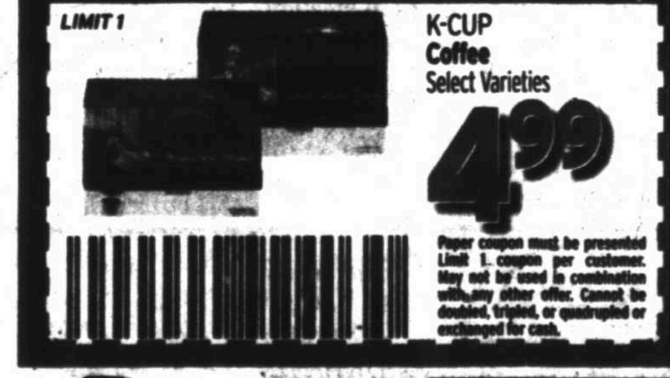

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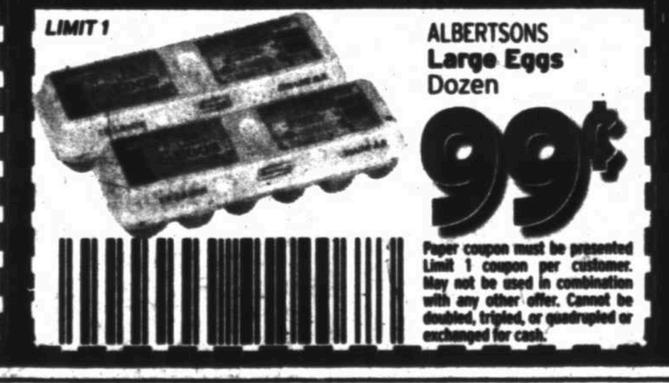

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Opinion

Time for Americans to call out all the pigs

■ There's no reason to support comments that degrade women — no matter your party affiliation, gender or public office.

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Washington Post Writers Group

Editor's Note: Offensive comments from Louis C.K. and Bill Maher were removed from the column. The full version should be available at washingtonpost.com.

In the wake of "Slutgate," the operative argument seems to have devolved into a barnyard taunt: "My pig isn't as bad as your pig."

This pithy summation comes from Fox News anchor Greta Van Susteren, who has been leading the charge against vile language used to describe women in the public square. Among other things, Van Susteren deserves credit for single-handedly shaming the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association into parting ways with its headliner for this year's dinner, comedian Louis C.K.

On her blog, "Gretawire," she promised to boycott the dinner and invited others to join the protest. Her reasons should be clear with a quick scan of C.K.'s shtick, which we'll get to shortly. But first, a word about some of the other offenders and why we need to have this conversation.

As many have observed lately, including Peggy Noonan, who last week wrote a powerful column about misogyny aloft in the land, Rush Limbaugh isn't the only culprit to use the word "slut" and "prostitute" to describe a woman with whom he disagreed. MSNBC's Ed Schultz called radio host Laura Ingraham a slut and later apologized. Limbaugh, who reserved his comments for a 30-year-old law student, Sandra Fluke, also apologized, if begrudgingly once sponsors began pulling away.

And, of course, everyone remembers what happened to Don Imus when he referred to a women's basketball team, which happened to be mostly African-American, as "nappy-headed hos."

There isn't sufficient space here to comb the history of slurs — or how we got to this point from the hilarious "Jane, you ignorant slut" skit from the original "Saturday Night Live," though a quick note of distinction bears mentioning: Jane Curtin was in on the joke. And, remember, she countered with: "Dan (Aykroyd), you pompous ass."

Like most women in the media, I've grown accustomed to vile and vicious attacks. It's part of the marinade in which we swim now. I've always figured, well, that's the game. Get tough. Hit delete. Deal. But my feelings, raw as they may be at times, are not what matters. What does matter is that our children are growing up in a world that believes it's OK to denigrate women. They are witnesses to adults laughing at jokes about women being sluts, whores and worse. When the object of derision is Sarah Palin, "jokes" are even made about her Down syndrome child.

Which brings us back to Louis C.K., whose "jokes" are so beyond anything we should find funny that it's hard to comprehend how he was selected to amuse a gathering of journalists.

Comedian Bill Maher was comparable in his comments of Palin. Her supporters and others concerned with decency have wondered where the outrage was then. Fair question.

Many also wonder why President Obama, who found time to call Fluke out of concern for his own daughters, never raised his voice for Palin. Or why he's accepting a $1 million contribution from Maher to his super PAC. Like any candidate, Obama doesn't control his super PAC, but he does control his voice, and it has been notably silent about certain women.

Let's be clear: Demeaning women for fun and profit may be legal and permissible in a free society, but it shouldn't be acceptable. The argument that comedians fall into a different category is valid to a point, but journalists and public leaders don't have to be parties to their act. It isn't funny, even if some women apparently think so.

Therein lies at least half the problem. As long as women are yukking it up alongside men while women are reduced to disposable sexual objects and their children regarded as sub-human, well, we have a ways to go. Though such remarks may not hurt successful women like Van Susteren, who is the longest-sitting news anchor on cable TV, they do hurt young women and little girls.

They also hurt young men and especially little boys, who adore their mothers and who, provided the right example, are capable of becoming the honorable and decent men everyone, including the president, hopes their daughters will marry.

In the barnyard we call American culture, a pig is a pig is a pig.

OUR VIEW

Arguments against voter ID don't measure up

About the only thing you can say about the Justice Department's stance against the photo identification requirement for voters in Texas is that it's consistent with the recent wishes of the Obama administration.

It's the White House's latest move against Republican-led voting changes in many states. The reasoning against the Texas law is the it could "disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of registered Hispanics." That's simply a tough leap for us to buy.

After the call by the Justice Department, we must wait on the federal court system to decide whether Texas, as well as South Carolina, will be allowed to enforce its new voter photo ID requirements.

We believe we are sensitive to major impediments that may keep Hispanics from voting. After all, Hispanics as a voting bloc readily do not turn out at the polls. We would like to see Hispanics in Texas take a more active part in the political process.

However, we think it's a reach to say that Texas' photo law can prohibit thousands of voters from taking part in elections. In this day and age, it's hard to imagine large numbers of people interested in voting who don't have proper identification available. After all, you need a photo ID for credit card identification, bank withdrawal, store purchases and travel. One hardly can conduct any form of public business without a photo ID.

It's becoming more of a reach to say the photo ID law discourages voter turnout than to say photo ID helps protect your vote as a citizen of this nation.

Studies and statistics indicate that voter ID laws have not affected voter turnout in any form. Yet, it's reasonable to assume that photo IDs help maintain the integrity of the voting booth.

We're not a fan of the Justice Department taking sides on this issue. States should be allowed to control how they want to maintain voting security. In this case, we see no impropriety in any election that would merit the Justice Department taking such a stance, and it shouldn't do so until such a time that major flaws are seen in practice.

The Justice Department has overstepped its bounds in this instance, and we hope further court decisions will not be influenced by this stance.

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Why 'drill, baby drill' is a joke

PAUL KRUGMAN
New York Times News Service

To be a modern Republican in good standing, you have to believe — or pretend to believe — in two miracle cures for whatever ails the economy: more tax cuts for the rich and more drilling for oil. With prices at the pump on the rise, so is the chant of "Drill, baby, drill." More and more, Republicans are telling us that gasoline would be cheap and jobs plentiful if only we would stop protecting the environment and let energy companies do whatever they want.

Thus, Mitt Romney claims that gasoline prices are high not because of saber-rattling over Iran, but because President Barack Obama won't allow unrestricted drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Meanwhile, Stephen Moore, of the Wall Street Journal, tells readers that America as a whole could have a jobs boom, just like North Dakota, if only the environmentalists would get out of the way.

The irony here is that these claims come just as events are confirming what everyone who did the math already knew, namely, that U.S. energy policy has little effect either on oil prices or on overall U.S. employment. For the truth is that we're already having a hydrocarbon boom, with U.S. oil and gas production rising and U.S. fuel imports dropping. If there were any truth to drill-here-drill-now, this boom should have yielded substantially lower gasoline prices and lots of new jobs. Predictably, however, it has done neither.

Why the hydrocarbon boom? It's all about hydraulic fracturing. The combination of horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracturing of shale and other low-permeability rocks has opened up large reserves of oil and natural gas to production. As a result, U.S. oil production has risen significantly during the past three years, reversing a decline over decades, while natural gas production has exploded.

Given this expansion, it's hard to claim that excessive regulation has crippled energy production. Indeed, reporting in the Times makes it clear that U.S. policy has been seriously negligent — that the environmental costs of hydraulic fracturing have been underplayed and ignored. But, in a way, that's the point. The reality is that far from being hobbled by eco-freaks, the energy industry largely has been given a free hand to expand domestic oil and gas production, never mind the environment.

Strange to say, however, while natural gas prices have dropped, rising oil production and a sharp fall in import dependence haven't stopped gasoline prices from rising toward $4 a gallon. Nor has the oil and gas boom given a noticeable boost to an economic recovery that, despite better news lately, has been disappointing on the jobs front.

As I said, this was totally predictable.

First up, oil prices. Unlike natural gas, which is expensive to ship across oceans, oil is traded on a world market — and the big developments moving prices in that market usually have little to do with events in the United States. Oil prices are up because of rising demand from China and other emerging economies, and more recently because of war scares in the Middle East; these forces easily outweigh any downward pressure on prices from rising U.S. production. The same thing would happen if Republicans got their way and oil companies were set free to drill freely in the Gulf of Mexico and punch holes in the tundra: The effect on prices at the pump would be negligible.

Meanwhile, what about jobs? I have to admit that I started laughing when I saw the Wall Street Journal offering North Dakota as a role model. Yes, the oil boom there has pushed unemployment down to 3.2 percent, but that's only possible because the whole state has fewer residents than metropolitan Albany — so few residents that adding a few thousand jobs in the state's extractive sector is a really big deal. The comparably sized fracturing boom in Pennsylvania has had hardly any effect on the state's overall employment picture, because, in the end, not that many jobs are involved.

This tells us that giving the oil companies carte blanche isn't a serious jobs program. Put it this way: Employment in oil and gas extraction has risen more than 50 percent since the middle of the past decade, but that amounts to only 70,000 jobs, around one-twentieth of 1 percent of total U.S. employment. So the idea that drill, baby, drill can cure our jobs deficit is basically a joke.

Why, then, are Republicans pretending otherwise? Part of the answer is that the party is rewarding its benefactors: The oil and gas industry doesn't create many jobs, but it does spend a lot of money on lobbying and campaign contributions. The rest of the answer is simply the fact that conservatives have no other job-creation ideas to offer.

And intellectual bankruptcy, I'm sorry to say, is a problem that no amount of drilling and hydraulic fracturing can solve.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time for someone else to lead war on drugs

I read with dismay that Pat Robertson has endorsed the legalization of marijuana.

Being a Christian and a former state and federal drug prosecutor, I take issue with Robertson's stance on the legalization of marijuana. I disagree with Robertson that the war on drugs costs too much money. While no war should be taken on without considering the costs of that war, we must consider what is at stake if we do not fight the war on drugs. During my experience as a prosecutor, I have not encountered anyone whose success in life was enhanced by the use of marijuana or any other recreational drug. On the other hand, I have encountered hundreds whose lives were decimated by the use of marijuana.

Robertson has fought bravely for many years for the hearts and lives of the families of America. Perhaps at age 81 he is too fatigued by the battle to see the battle has not been lost but is still ongoing and is worth continuing the fight.

Mr. Robertson, if you are tired of fighting on behalf of our children, our families and our country, hand someone else your sword and let them carry on the battle with the enemy.

Nelson Spear

City needs to invest in street maintenance

Why does the city of Midland whose coffers seem to be overflowing, not spend some taxpayer dollars on making badly needed repairs to Midland streets?

Money seems to be available for endless other improvements for various projects but none for the streets. It is time to stop putting a Band-Aid on the streets and do some major surgery. The city of Midland needs to invest in total reconstruction of many congested streets within the city.

On many of the streets, it is impossible to see the lanes. Do the residents and taxpayers of Midland have to get organized, like Keep Midland Beautiful, and paint the stripes on Garfield Street, Wadley Avenue, Midkiff Road, Midland Drive, etc., so you can determine the lane you need to be driving in — right lane, left lane, turn lane or whose lane? I urge Mayor Perry, who is lending his support to the $159 million school bond issue, to drive on Midkiff Road from Wadley Avenue to Golf Course Road and then write a letter in the Reporter-Telegram and tell us how he determined the proper lane to drive in because there is no indication painted on most of Midkiff Road as you travel south.

What were the comments from the out-of-town visitors, as they were chauffeured around on the Promote Midland Tour, about the poor condition of our streets? Surely, they must have wondered why the streets of this prosperous, oil- and gas-energized city had been allowed to look like the streets of "Gunsmoke."

I need to get back on the Yellow Brick Road of reality and ask why the taxpayers' money is not being spent to repair our city streets. It seems the city of Midland spends our money on show-and-tell projects so the group that promotes Midland can show off the Emerald City to our visitors.

James Holtzclaw

No bluffing when nukes are in play

This letter is in response to the letter submitted by J.P. Stroup in last Sunday's paper. Mr. Stroup, the government of Iran is, in fact, suicidal. It looks at the world much differently than we do. It believes in jihad (holy war) — die and you live in paradise with 40 virgins at your beck and call. If I put a loaded gun to your head and tell you I am going to wipe you off the face of the earth, are you willing to guess if I am bluffing? I know if I pull the trigger, I will spend a horrible life in prison, but are you willing to "guess" if I am crazy? Israel is not willing to roll the dice or trade human life; you kill us, and then we kill you.

Israelis want to survive. Real life is not always pretty, especially these days. This is not a game of "Risk," or a video game where you hit replay. It's fun to see if someone is bluffing at poker; it's not fun to call a bluff with nukes. The pacifist attitude of this country will be its downfall. Another poker analogy: I would go "all in" betting you voted for Obama.

Martin Cory

City's seniors deserve a better center

Midland has two senior citizen centers, one at 3303 W. Illinois Ave. and the Southside Senior Center at 1803 E. Indiana Ave. I am so disillusioned with the Midland Senior Center. Surely our city is in better financial shape to provide an aesthetically pleasing, adequately large, quality meeting place with quality programming, adequate heating and cooling and staff help with readying events.

I would appreciate intellectually stimulating programming and to enjoy one of the best physical exercises — dancing. I do especially enjoy the alcohol- and smoke-free environment. I want a center where I can be proud to be a member and be glad to bring out-of-town guests.

Odessa's Northside Senior Center and Andrews' center are fabulous. They have huge, great dance floors, events and amenities.

Poor Midland barely has a floor large enough for a few couples and only can afford to pay for a band twice a month. There is miserable heating and cooling, with no help with refreshments or in re-arranging the room.

I feel like I am going back in the 1950s as soon as I walk through the door.

I visited lovely centers in small towns in Central Texas more than 30 years ago when my dad was alive.

Please, Midlanders, treat your senior citizens better. After many years in the work force, we surely deserve a decent place to meet.

Seniors, please help. Let our voices be heard. Speak out.

Kathryn (Kat) Copeland

Powerline employees provide needed help to travelers

We have some considerate and helpful people living and working in and around Midland. Three of them are employees of JW Powerline: Chris Duncan and his crew, Eddie and John.

In recent days, these three gentlemen stopped to render aid to my daughter, Debbie Poertner, and me after we had a blowout on the busy Highway 349. It was a warm day on that stretch of road when Chris, Eddie and John offered us a cold bottle of water and their expert services to get us back on the last 20-mile stretch into Midland. It took them less than 30 minutes to complete this kind service for us, and we are truly grateful for their Christian approach and assistance.

How do you repay someone for an act of kindness? We can all repay a kindness that's been shown to us by coming to the aid of someone in need without asking anything in return. That's what these fine young men did for us, and that's what we'll do in return — pay it forward, because you never know when you may need assistance.

Thank you Chris, Eddie and John, for your faithfulness and servanthood. God bless you and keep you safe.

Wanda Burkhalter

When it comes to energy plans, leaders are all talk

In 1974 with 36.1 percent of oil from foreign sources, President Richard Nixon said, "At the end of this decade, in the year 1980 the United States will not be dependent on any other country for the energy we need."

In 1975 with 36.1 percent of oil from foreign sources, President Gerald Ford said, "We must reduce oil imports by 1 million barrels per day by the end of this year and by 2 million barrels per day by the end of 1977."

In 1979 with 40.5 percent of oil from foreign sources, President Jimmy Carter said, "Beginning this moment, this nation will never use more foreign oil than we did in 1977 — never."

In 1981 with 43.6 percent of oil from foreign sources, President Ronald Reagan said, "While conservation is worthy in itself, the best answer is to try to make us independent of outside sources to the greatest extent possible for our energy."

In 1992 with 47.2 percent of oil from foreign sources, President George H.W. Bush said, "When our administration developed our national energy strategy, three principles guided our policy: reducing our dependence on foreign oil."

In 1995 with 49.8 percent of oil from foreign sources, President Bill Clinton said, "The nation's growing reliance on imports of oil ... threatens the nation's security. (We) will continue efforts to ... enhance domestic energy production."

In 2006 with 65.5 percent of oil from foreign sources, President George W. Bush said, "Breakthroughs ... will help us reach another great goal: to replace more than 75 percent of our oil imports from the Middle East by 2025."

In 2009 with 66.2 percent of oil from foreign sources, President Barack Obama said, "It will be the policy of my administration to reverse our dependence on foreign oil while building a new energy economy that will create millions of jobs."

My common sense tells me these guys have absolutely no plan on making us energy independent. I am positive they all wish we were, but I don't see that happening any time soon.

Dennis Wallace

I'll bet there's a better way to water

I am writing in response to the new watering ordinance that will take effect April 1. I have a suggestion and feel I can back my reasoning. You have approved for all to have two hours per week of watering, and I am grateful for that amount. My idea is I would rather water 30 minutes four days per week. Last year, we never watered more than two hours per week, yet still we had a pristine yard.

If watering is restricted to two hours one day a week, it will cause unnecessary runoff. We water much less to avoid water in the street. It is also a proven fact that in the heat of the summer, crime and domestic violence are on the rise. People are frustrated, hot and irritable. Blowing dirt, weeds and unkempt yards are depressing and add to the annoyance. I believe restriction is necessary to preserve an essential commodity, but I resent Steve Thorpe repeatedly blaming the residents of our fair city for the depletion of water and calling us selfish, because we would like to enjoy the summer. A desalination plant should have been built years ago to plan for a drought. Wanting to have a "reasonable" yard or garden is not a crime.

If the council would allow a little watering several times a week, it will give folks a chance to work in their yard. Vegetation also cools the area, so our utility bills will be lowered. It also cuts down on dust and dead grass. I don't know if you are a gambler, Mr. Mayor, but I would like to wager you $1 that if I am allowed to water 30 minutes four times a week, I can prove a nice yard and trees can be maintained. That is not with a sprinkler system. I water with a hose, plastic sprinkler and by hand around the curb.

Why should our residents lose everything they have worked years to achieve when it is possible to keep with guarded watering. Do we have a bet, Mr. Mayor?

Wende Luedecke

Post theater needs your help

We need lots of prayers and support to keep open the doors of Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post (a town in the South Plains).

The note the theater had for the balance of its building is due April 1, and the party will not extend it.

We do not want to lose the great productions that bring about the word of the Gospel. Chip and his brother, Glenn, and their families have put so much time and effort into this. It is a beautiful building; the walls inside are like the streets of Jerusalem. Chip does a concert with a group of singers, plays piano, writes the plays and Glenn performs and directs. The scenery is great. The place reminds me of something like Branson, Mo.

Please pray they can find a way to keep blessing us for years to come.

Colleen Todd

Educating about dangerous driving is important

Most people are aware of the tragic crash that happened on State Highway 191 in October 2010 where a 24-year-old man was operating a vehicle drunk, driving on the wrong side of 191 and caused the death of a young couple and seriously injured their two children. What a needless tragedy. And, it was fueled by alcohol.

Stop DWI Inc., a Midland organization, teaches that under the influence of alcohol, such things can happen and can be prevented. It's also true dangerous driving events can occur because of texting and driving or using a cellphone while driving. Careless acts of behavior lead to tragic events, such as the one on Highway 191, that affect us all and could have been prevented. Are you aware 94 percent of all alcohol-related vehicle crashes are the direct result of an alcohol blood concentration of 0.08 percent and higher?

Lives are affected every day by the decisions we make, and it seems to be a no-win situation. Lives continue to be lost as people choose to drive intoxicated and text while driving. Even businesses suffer from increased medical bills, lawsuits and time away from the job. People still face prison fines and loss of work. However, Stop DWI Inc. continues to offer education to the public, including our region's students, about the serious consequences of drinking and driving and texting and driving. Our presentations are at no cost to the public; however, we do seek a donation to cover expenses.

Faye Higgins-Hodges

Obama again lands media endorsement

■ Recent media-made controversy about contraception is more evidence media bias is more than left leaning.

BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

Writing in this space two months ago, I laid out the media advantage that President Obama has in his quest for re-election. According to a study done by the Pew Research Center, 32 percent of journalists say they are liberal, 53 percent moderate and just 8 percent conservative. Ask John McCain how the press treated him in 2008 if you want specifics on the tilt toward Obama.

A great illustration of media bias is the recent dustup over Sandra Fluke. She is the liberal activist trotted out by the Democratic Party to deflect the contraception issue away from the "church-state" controversy the White House was losing and into the more emotional "women's health" arena. Nancy Pelosi herself organized a press dog-and-pony show for Fluke, who portrays herself as a law student having a rough time paying for birth control pills. She wants the feds to pick up the tab through mandated insurance benefits even though the pills cost about $9 a month at places like Walmart, and they are distributed free at health clinics under Title Ten legislation.

But, you won't find those facts discussed much in the national media. No, for them, Fluke is a victim of a cruel system that wants to unduly burden American women.

Sure.

Of course, Fluke was handed an enormous gift by Rush Limbaugh when he made demeaning comments about her. Immediately, the committed left-wing media machine, led by the amazingly dishonest Media Matters website, cranked up two themes: that Limbaugh should be deported to Tonga and that he is the real power behind the Republican Party.

MSNBC, which is now partnered with Media Matters in the quest to disseminate left-wing propaganda, went wild, and so, to a lesser extent, did other national media outlets. The story line is that because the Republican candidates did not call for Limbaugh to be sent to Guantanamo Bay, they endorsed his attitude toward Fluke. The analysis was so hysterical that it could have been a Jon Stewart bit. In fact, it was.

The bigger picture is this: Voters who do not pay close attention to public policy and political controversies are at the mercy of so-called "prevailing wisdom" — that is, what they hear around town, from their friends, etc. As long as most of the media, including the entertainment industry, promote one particular candidate for president, that person will have a major advantage in November.

But, informed voters know the fix is in, although there's little they can do about it. A Pew survey taken in January found that 67 percent of Americans believe there is bias in news coverage. They are right, and it is toward the left.

Few in the press are reporting the truth about Sandra Fluke. That is an indicator of what the American media have become, as well as what likely is to come as the election campaign unfolds.

Time has come to release taxpayers from union obligation

■ More and more people are paying attention to the public sector perks and deciding enough is enough.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

Sal DiCiccio says he's sorry. It is, he says, no excuse that the complex labor contracts that he, as a member of the city council, voted to ratify for city employees were presented to the council less than a week before the vote. He says he should have seen the contracts contain some indefensible, not to mention unconstitutional, provisions, such as those pertaining to "release time."

Read on, and then find out if similar things are occurring in your community. They probably are.

The "gift clause" in Arizona's Constitution and similar provisions in some other states' constitutions are supposed to prevent the state government or municipal governments from conferring special benefits on "any individual, association or corporation." The proscribed benefits include gifts, loans of state credit, donations, grants or subsidies.

This clause has been vitiated largely by Arizona courts' decisions allowing entanglements of government and private interests that supposedly serve a "public purpose" or provide a "public benefit." These are loopholes large enough to drive a truck through — a truck carrying $900,000. That is the estimated value of the release time taxpayers are funding just for the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (PLEA), the police union. The $900,000 pays union officials to work exclusively performing undefined union business, including lobbying, on the city's time and the taxpayers' dime.

Mark Flatten of the Goldwater Institute, a conservative think tank, said all six of the top PLEA officers derive full pay and benefits from the city, although each is assigned full time to the union — and each is also entitled to 160 hours of annual extra-pay overtime. Officials of the six other public employees unions also have full-time city jobs. All told, the annual bill for 73,000 hours of release time is $3.7 million.

In 2007, Phoenix voters endorsed a sales tax increase to pay for more police and firefighters. DiCiccio, who is working for better contracts, knows that few voters knew about the existence, let alone the costs, of release time.

Other states and local governments have release time provisions in contracts with public employees, as do some federal contracts. The unions, and their partners and enablers in government, insist release time activities improve government employees' morale and efficiency and they receive the release time benefit in lieu of higher wages and benefits. But how could that be demonstrated?

If release time really involves no increase in aggregate compensation to union members, why do unions favor this roundabout route to compensation? One reason, perhaps, is to punish police officers who do not join the union: They see some of their potential wages go instead to union officials. Also, if union activities were paid for by union dues rather than tax dollars, there would be less dues money available for campaign contributions to the grateful politicians who negotiate release time benefits for the contributing unions.

This is a crucial difference between release time provisions negotiated by private companies: In the private sector, unions are not effectively on both sides of the negotiation table. Collusion between the employer and the employees' union is *inherent* in public-sector unionization, particularly because public-sector employers and employees have congruent interests in increasing government budgets.

Release time provisions have existed for 40 years. What is new is a willingness to call attention to them and contest them, a willingness born of the pressure the recession has put on municipal budgets. Just as a recession has the benefit of making private enterprises more conscious of efficiencies, it makes governments less cavalier about expenditures.

Until now, Wisconsin has been ground zero in the spreading desire to reconsider the costly prerogatives of public-sector unions. In January, however, a series of bills were introduced in the Arizona Legislature to end release time and even end collective bargaining.

Another measure would end the practice of the state and local governments collecting dues for the unions by deducting them from employees' paychecks. Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels did this by executive order on his first day in office seven years ago. Union dues collections then declined 90 percent. And last month Indiana became the first Midwestern industrial state to become a right-to-work state.

As a percentage of the workforce, private-sector unionization peaked in 1954. Now, thanks to events here and in Gov. Scott Walker's Wisconsin, Indiana and elsewhere, and thanks to local officials like DiCiccio, public-sector unionization, which began in the 1950s, may have passed its apogee.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
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When a problem has no solution

■ Democrats have interest in not solving immigration issue.

Do you remember when some liberal Democrats — in opposing heavy-handed attempts by Republicans to regulate immigration policy in Arizona and elsewhere — used to whoop and holler about how states should not exceed their authority and usurp the power of the federal government?

That argument is so 10 minutes ago.

Now, in California, some Democrats are even taking a page out of the Republicans' playbook. They're trying to do what the federal government won't do: create a guest worker program for agriculture and the service industries. They even go so far as to give undocumented workers the equivalent of legal residency.

Hold on. I wasn't aware that legal residency was a state's to give. This isn't a driver's license or fishing permit. Residency is a way to prevent people from being deported and having their lives turned upside down.

States having this kind of power probably will come as news to the Department of Homeland Security, which — under the Obama administration — has deported record numbers of immigrants who lacked legal residency and probably will deport many more regardless of what state governments do or don't.

It seems there are those on the left who — while they mean well and want to achieve reasonable and humane immigration reform — are just as much in need of refresher courses in government and civics as some on the right.

For me, the frustrating part is I agree with the objectives that the reformers are trying to accomplish. We need some kind of guest worker program to import foreign labor, and this need only will increase in the next few decades as countries like Mexico create more job opportunities for their own citizens. While guest worker programs almost always are problematic and often lead to exploitation, they are necessary to fill the sort of jobs that Americans won't take — such as in agriculture.

California Assemblyman V. Manuel Perez knows those jobs well. He represents one of the poorest districts in the state, one that presses up against the U.S.-Mexico border. Perez recently authored a guest worker bill as part of a three-bill package that also enhances border enforcement and makes it easier for immigrants to come to the United States legally.

For him and his allies in the Legislature, it's all about accepting reality and admitting the degree to which the California economy has become dependent on illegal immigrant workers. It's also about not wasting any more time expecting lawmakers in Washington to tackle an issue that terrifies them.

"I don't think we can wait any longer," Perez told me recently. "I think we have to force the conversation."

The guest worker bill — dubbed the Agricultural Jobs and Industry Stabilization Act — would create a program to bring in foreign laborers to fill jobs. If passed, California would seek permission of the federal government to allow undocumented workers in agriculture and service sectors — along with their immediate family members — to remain in the United States as long as they pay fines for being here illegally, learn English, undergo background checks and pay taxes. The fines would go to fund the program.

This is not a bad idea. It's simple and practical and yet likely to have a big impact on the state economy. It is steeped in common sense and puts solutions ahead of ideology. And, it has the potential to improve people's lives in a real and meaningful way instead of just giving politicians more to argue about.

In other words, it doesn't stand a chance. Call me cynical. But, I think this bill never will make it through the California Legislature. As I told Perez, the fiercest opponents are likely to come from within his own party. In the Golden State, Democrats control both chambers of the Legislature, the governor's office and most statewide offices. If they want a bill to become law, it will. If they don't, it won't. When proposals are shot down, there's no sense in blaming the Republicans who languish in the minority.

Here's the key: Guest worker programs inevitably are opposed by labor unions, which are allied heavily with the Democratic Party and which peddle the fairy tale that U.S. workers will do the jobs that now go to foreign laborers.

When it comes to immigration reform, Democrats need to understand they can't fix the problem because they are the problem.

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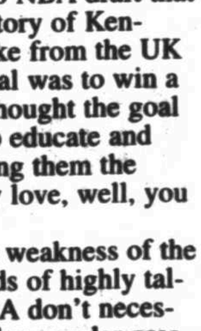
Players get raw deal from NCAA's madness

■ Everyone benefits from one-and-done rule except players.



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Say this about the widely despised University of Kentucky men's basketball coach John Calipari: At least he punctures the veneer of piety surrounding big-time NCAA athletics.

If his overdog Wildcats cut down the nets in triumph at the end of the NCAA tournament, they will do so as an unabashed youth wing of the NBA. The shameless Calipari attracts players to UK explicitly to train them up for the pros, and many of them depart as soon as they have served out the one-year delay the NBA imposes between high school and the league's draft.

There's no need to break out the fainting couch at this appalling breach of the amateur spirit of the NCAA (such as it is). Calipari is right that his revolving door of "one-and-done" serves the interests of his players. Why should they stay in school longer — getting degrees in something like communications or sociology, if they graduate at all — when for the best of them the fame and riches of the NBA beckon?

In a recent apologia for his program, Calipari compares these players to Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, who didn't need a B.A. to make their fortunes. The players may not be entrepreneurs, but they are athletic geniuses in possession of talent worth millions. It's easy to say they should stay in school in the disinterested pursuit of knowledge. But, there are few people who in their own lives don't think making money is better than not, and making it sooner is better than making it later.

Certainly LeBron James didn't suffer from skipping a pit stop at college before entering the NBA in 2003 straight from high school. Most high-schoolers who entered the draft before imposition of the one-year delay in 2005 did indeed play in the NBA, and some became stars. The idea that a year in college is going to add much to anyone's learning or maturity betrays a naive misunderstanding of campus life.

The rationale for the NBA sending high-school players into the arms of Calipari and his counterparts is transparently transactional. It saves the league the trouble of developing young players on its own. The NBA subcontracts the job to the NCAA, which, in turn, makes ungodly amounts of money putting on one of the most entertaining shows on Earth every March.

When Calipari exulted after five UK players went in the first round of the 2010 NBA draft that it was "the biggest day on the history of Kentucky's program," he drew a rebuke from the UK great Dan Issel: "I thought the goal was to win a national championship." (If you thought the goal was neither of these things, but to educate and ennoble young men while affording them the opportunity to play the game they love, well, you need to pay better attention.)

Issel's complaint highlights the weakness of the Calipari approach: Rotating squads of highly talented freshmen bound for the NBA don't necessarily translate into teams that cohere under pressure in the Big Dance. So, Calipari's proposed solution to "one and done" is, naturally enough, to have the NBA extend its prohibition. That way he can retain the services of some of the best young players in the country for free for even longer.

What's not to like? Except for the players, everyone — the schools, the coaches, the TV networks, the advertisers — makes out. Calipari makes $4 million a year. Two years ago, the NCAA cut a 14-year deal for television rights to the tournament for more than $10 billion. At the same time, it claims to be protecting its players from "excessive commercialism."

Calipari is self-serving but still correct when he says he's helping his kids achieve their dreams by prepping them for the NBA. You know what would serve their dreams even better? If the most accomplished of them never had to play for a John Calipari in the first place.

NATION BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES

Horse racing drama 'Luck' proved too real for HBO

Horse racing has long withstood the deaths of its skittish, injury-prone thoroughbreds. Hollywood proved it lacks the stomach for it.

HBO abruptly cancelled its racetrack drama series "Luck" this past week after three horses used in the production were injured and euthanized during 10 months of filming in the past two years.

The abrupt fall of "Luck," which will end its single-season run on March 25, reveals the chasm between the racing and entertainment industries.

NEW YORK

Occupy Wall Street celebrates 6 months since start

Supporters of the Occupy Wall Street movement celebrated its sixth month with a march from the New York City park that demonstrators seized last fall.

With the city's attention focused on the huge St. Patrick's Day Parade many blocks uptown, the Occupy rally at Zuccotti Park on Saturday drew a couple of hundred people.

It was a far smaller crowd than the demonstrations seen in the city when the movement was at its peak.

The marchers left the park at about 1 p.m., heading down Broadway carrying signs and a large Statue of Liberty puppet. The crowd later returned to the plaza that had been the movement's home until it was cleared of tents by police officers in November.

Police said there were arrests but did not have a count yet.

Tribe: Bald eagle permit a victory for tradition

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A federal government decision to allow a Wyoming tribe to kill two bald eagles for a religious ceremony is a victory for American Indian sovereignty and for long-suppressed religious freedoms, the tribe says.

On March 9, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service granted a permit to the Northern Arapaho Tribe allowing it either to kill or capture and release two bald eagles this year.

While no one questions the religious sincerity of Northern Arapaho tribal members, spokesmen for some conservation and animal rights groups question why the tribe can't meet its religious needs without killing wild eagles. They say the tribe could raise captive birds, or accept eagle feathers or carcasses already available from a federal repository that collects birds killed by power lines or other causes.

The Northern Arapaho share the Wind River Indian Reservation in central Wyoming with the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. The Northern Arapaho decline to say specifically what they will do with the eagles the federal permit allows them to kill.

"It has been since the beginning of time with us, and we respectfully utilize the eagle in our ceremonies," said Harvey Spoonhunter, a tribal elder and former chairman of the Northern Arapaho Business Council. "We get to utilize the eagle, which we consider a messenger to the Creator."

Bald eagles were removed from the federal list of threatened species in 2007. The birds remain protected under the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Several Indian tribes have been allowed permits to kill golden eagles for religious purposes.

Suzan Shown Harjo, president of the Morning Star Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based American Indian rights group, notes that only a few tribes still practice ceremonies that require them to kill eagles.

From the 1880s to the 1930s, the federal government enforced so-called "Civilization Regulations" that criminalized traditional ceremonies, including the Northern Arapaho's Sun Dance. Many Indian religious ceremonies were stamped out, Harjo said.

"They've done the correct thing, the proper thing. It's a good step in the direction of the United States trying to make amends for things that they did all too well to suppress Native American religious freedom for so long," Harjo said.

Andy Baldwin, lawyer for the Northern Arapaho Tribe, said the tribe went to court last fall to get the bald eagle permit following the federal prosecution of Winslow Friday, a young tribal member who shot a bald eagle on the Wind River Indian Reservation in 2005 for the Sun Dance. Friday ultimately pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay a fine in tribal court.

"One of the goals of the current suit is to prevent any young men like Winslow Friday from being prosecuted in the future for practicing their traditional religious ceremonies," Baldwin said this week.

The Fish and Wildlife Service says it issued the permit in response to the tribe's application, not the lawsuit it filed against the agency.

Federal lawyers filed a status report in the lawsuit this week saying that the Eastern Shoshone Tribe had opposed the killing of eagles on the reservation the two tribes share. The Northern Arapaho permit specifies the two bald eagles must be killed or captured off the reservation.

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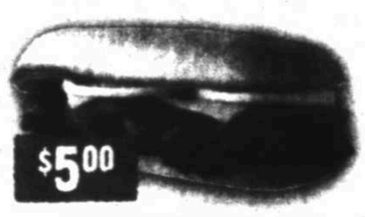
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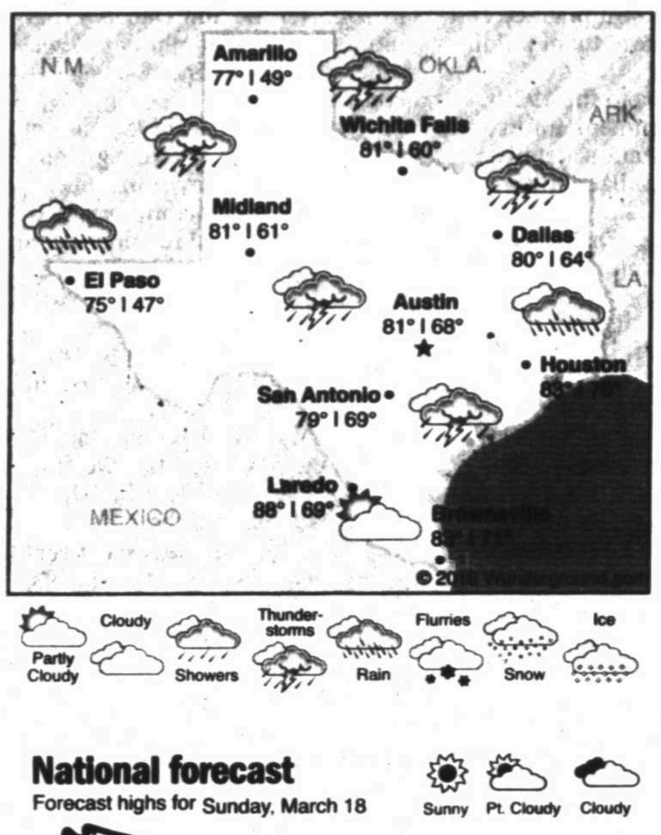

LOCAL & NATIONAL FORECAST

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high around 82 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph with a 10 percent chance of showers. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 55 and south winds between 25 and 30 mph with a 40 percent chance of showers.

Monday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 65, a low around 39 and southwest winds between 10 and 20 mph with a 30 percent chance of showers.

Tuesday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 63 and a low around 40.

The high on Saturday reached 88 while the low dropped to 56. The record high for March 17 is 91 set in 2011. The record low is 25 set in 1988.

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As has been the case for several days, unusual warmth will continue across much of the eastern two-thirds of the nation today.

In the Northeast, high pressure centered off the coast will bring sunshine and dry weather to the region. Farther south, a warm southerly flow will bring showers and thunderstorms from the southern Great Lakes and the Ohio Valley to the Carolina coast and as far south as Georgia. A majority of the lower Mississippi Valley and the Southeast will remain dry and sunny.

In the Plains, warm weather will be accompanied by a strong southerly wind. Many locations will have temperatures rising into the 80s. However, as an upper-air disturbance moves toward the Plains, showers and thunderstorms, some strong or severe, will erupt during the afternoon across the southern Plains.

In the West, a storm system will push farther inland across the Rockies and the Southwest, bringing rain in the valleys and snow in the mountains. Rain and thunderstorms will affect Southern California, with strong winds continuing to raise waves and surf along the coast. Meanwhile, cool air will filter into the western part of the country behind this system.

Precipitation
Friday .....0.00 in.
Saturday .....0.00 in.
Total for month ...0.07 in.
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Alaska's largest city eyes snow record

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A near-record snowfall this winter has buried Anchorage neighborhoods, turning streets into snow-walled canyons and even collapsing some roofs.

But, some residents are hoping for more, at least another 3.3 inches. Then they could say they made it through the winter when the nearly 60-year record of 132.6 inches was broken.

"I want it destroyed," resident Melissa Blair said. "I want to see another foot and knock that record out of the park."

Even by Alaska standards, this winter is unusual for the hardy residents of the state's largest city. But extreme weather isn't just affecting Alaska, it has also hit the Lower 48.

The first three months of 2012 have seen twice the normal number of tornadoes. And, 36 states set daily high temperature records Thursday. The Lower 48 had its fourth warmest winter on record, while Alaska had its coldest January on record.

Two different weather phenomenon — La Nina and its northern cousin the Arctic Oscillation — are mostly to blame, meteorologists say.

Global warming could also be a factor because it is supposed to increase weather extremes, climate scientists say.

"When you start to see the extreme events become more common, that's when you can say that it is a consequence of global warming," University of Victoria climate scientist Andrew Weaver said.

Nearly 11 feet of snow has fallen on Anchorage this winter, forcing the city to haul away at least 250,000 tons of snow — or around 500 million pounds — to its six snow disposal sites.

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Pope of Egypt's Coptic Orthodox Church dies

Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Pope Shenouda III, the patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church who led Egypt's Christian minority for 40 years during a time of increasing tensions with Muslims, died Saturday. He was 88.

His death comes as the country's estimated 10 million Christians are feeling vulnerable amid the rise of Islamic movements to political power after the toppling a year ago of President Hosni Mubarak. The months since have seen a string of attacks on the community, heightened anti-Christian rhetoric by ultraconservatives, known as Salafis, and fears that coming governments will try to impose strict versions of Islamic law.

Tens of thousands of Christians packed into the main Coptic cathedral in Cairo on Saturday evening hoping to see his body. Women in black wept and screamed. Some, unable to get into the overcrowded building, massed outside, raising their hands in prayer.

"He left us in a very hard time. Look at the country and what's happening now," said Mahrous Munis, a Christian IT worker in his 30s who was among the crowds. "Copts are in a worse situation than before. God be with us."

Munis' friend, Sherif Sabry, interrupted. "He was our rock. God help us find someone who can fill his place"

Shenouda died in his residence at the cathedral, and the state news agency MENA said he had been battling liver and lung problems for several years.

Convicted death camp guard Demjanjuk dies

Associated Press

BERLIN — John Demjanjuk was convicted of being a low-ranking guard at the Sobibor death camp, but his 35-year fight on three continents to clear his name — a legal battle that had not yet ended when he died Saturday at age 91 — made him one of the best-known faces of Nazi prosecutions.

The conviction of the retired Ohio autoworker in a Munich court in May on 28,060 counts of being an accessory to murder, which was in the appeals process, broke new legal ground in Germany as the first time someone was convicted solely on the basis of serving as a camp guard, with no evidence of involvement in a specific killing.

It has opened the floodgates to hundreds of new investigations in Germany, though his death serves as a reminder that time is running out for prosecutors.

Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk steadfastly maintained that he had been mistaken for someone else — first wounded as a Soviet soldier fighting German forces, then captured and held as a prisoner of war under brutal conditions.

He is probably best known as someone he was not: the notoriously brutal guard "Ivan the Terrible" at the Treblinka extermination camp. That was the first accusation against him, which led to his extradition from the U.S. to Israel in the 1980s. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to death — only to have the Israeli Supreme Court unanimously overturn the verdict and return him to the U.S. after it received evidence that another Ukrainian, not Demjanjuk, was that Nazi guard.

"He has become at least one of the faces" of the Holocaust, Israeli historian Yehuda Bauer said in a telephone interview from Jerusalem.

"His case illustrates the principle that whenever even a very low-ranking Nazi criminal can be found and convicted, the importance is not in the sentence, not in the amount of time such a person may have to sit in jail ... the important thing is to bring the crime to the attention of the general public."

But, attorney Yoram Sheftel, who defended Demjanjuk in the Israel trial, criticized the German conviction of Demjanjuk as a Sobibor "Wachmann" — the lowest rank of the "Hilfswillige" prisoners who agreed to serve the Nazis and were subordinate to German SS men — while higher-ranking Germans were acquitted in years past.

"I can only call it a prostitution of the Holocaust," he said.

After his conviction in May, Demjanjuk was sentenced to five years in prison, but was appealing the case to Germany's high court. He was released pending the appeal, and died a free man in his own room in a nursing home in the southern Bavarian town of Bad Feilnbach.

His son, John Demjanjuk Jr., said in a telephone interview from Ohio that his father apparently died of natural causes. Demjanjuk had terminal bone marrow disease, chronic kidney disease and other ailments and local authorities were determining the exact cause of death.

"My father fell asleep with the Lord as a victim and survivor of Soviet and German brutality since childhood," Demjanjuk Jr. said. "He loved life, family and humanity. History will show Germany used him as a scapegoat to blame helpless Ukrainian POWs for the deeds of Nazi Germans."

Demjanjuk spent most of his 18-month trial in Munich lying in a special bed brought into the courtroom and listening to the proceedings through a Ukrainian interpreter.

Though he made no lengthy statements to the court on his own, in one read aloud by his attorney, he told the panel of judges he had been a victim of the Nazis himself — first wounded as a Soviet soldier fighting German forces, then captured and held as a prisoner of war under brutal conditions.

"I am again and again an innocent victim of the Germans," he said in the statement.

He said he was unable to return to his homeland after the war and that taking him away from his family in the U.S. to stand trial in Germany was a "continuation of the injustice" done to him.

"Germany is responsible for the fact that I have lost for good my whole reason to live, my family, my happiness, any future and hope," he said.

Despite his conviction, his family never gave up its battle to have his U.S. citizenship reinstated so that he could live out his final days nearby them in the Cleveland area.

One of their main arguments was that the defense never had seen a 1985 FBI document, uncovered in early 2011 by the Associated Press, calling into question the authenticity of a Nazi ID card used against him.

But, representatives of victims, Jewish groups and others welcomed his trial as a legitimate quest for justice.

"A death is always tragic. But in this case it is important to say that it was right to put him on trial and sentence him," said Dieter Graumann, the president of Germany's Central Council of Jews.

"Justice does not know a statute of limitation, and age does not protect from punishment. This was never about revenge, but about justice," he added.

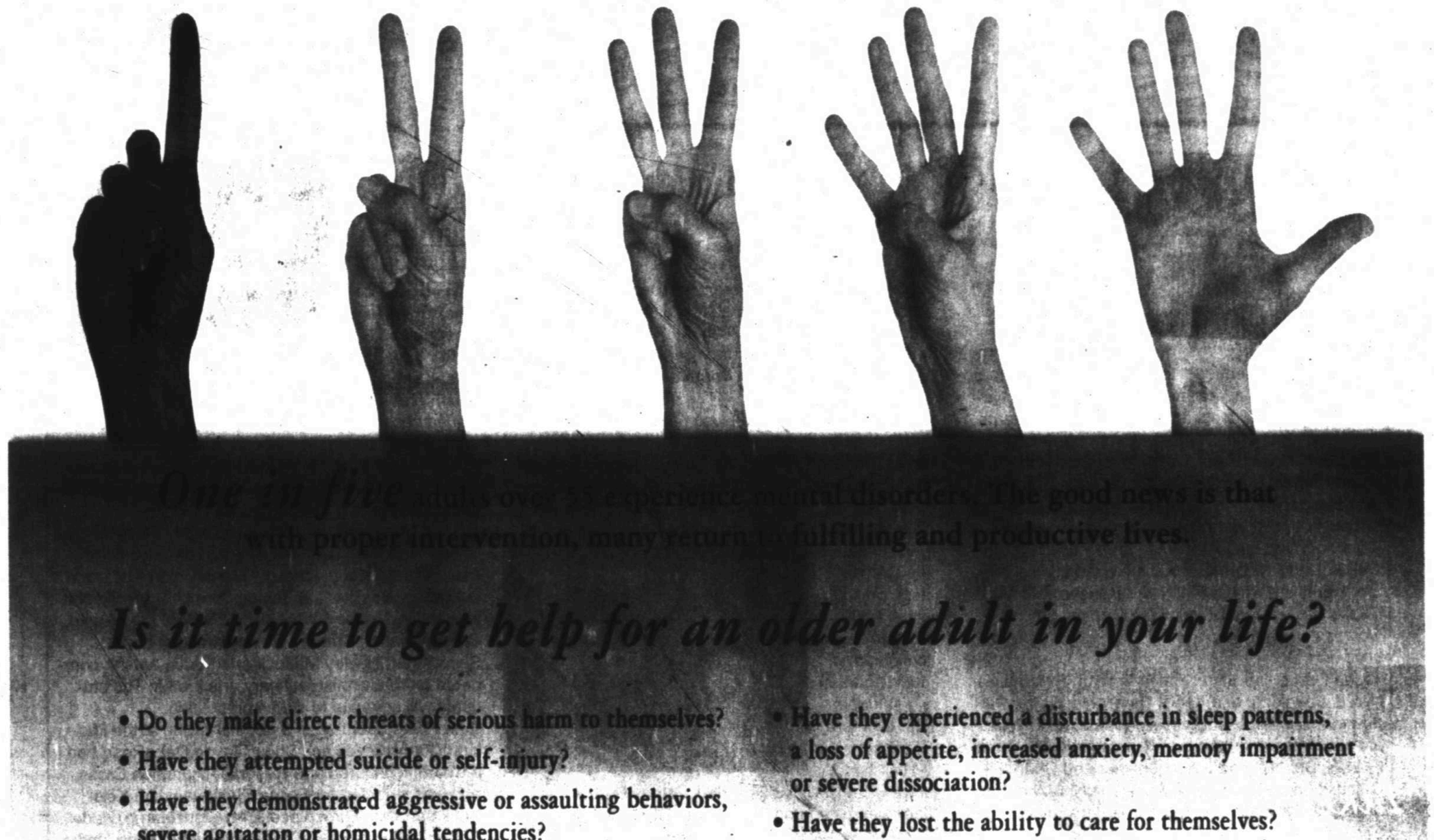
When they overturned his conviction in Israel, the supreme court judges there said they still believed Demjanjuk had served the Nazis, probably at the Trawniki SS training camp and Sobibor.

But they declined to order a new trial, saying there was a risk of violating the law prohibiting trying someone twice on the same evidence.

"The view of the general Israeli public was that he was Ivan the Terrible, and the high court said no — that is very important, it shows the strength of the justice system," Bauer said.

"But, he was most certainly in Sobibor; there's no doubt about that."

After he was released in Israel, Demjanjuk returned to his suburban Cleveland home in 1993 and his U.S. citizenship, which had been revoked in 1981, was reinstated in 1998.



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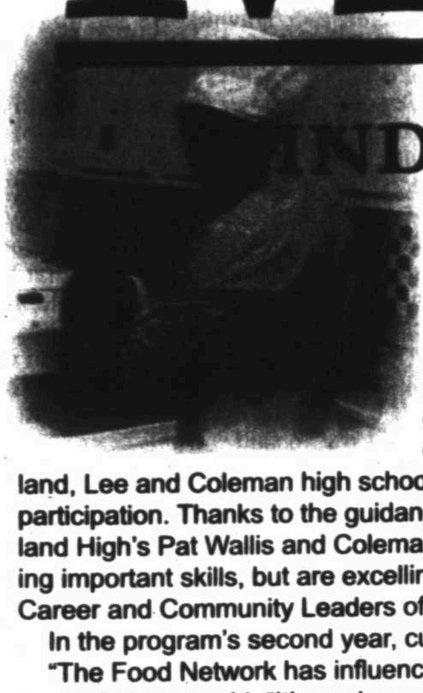

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STUDENTS LEARN IN CULINARY PROGRAMS

Perhaps due in part to the proliferation of cooking and baking shows and competitions on television, the culinary programs at Midland, Lee and Coleman high schools are experiencing unprecedented levels of participation. Thanks to the guidance of their teachers, Lee's Kathy Hester, Midland High's Pat Wallis and Coleman's Donna Watson, students are not only learning important skills, but are excelling in competitions including FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) and Skills USA.

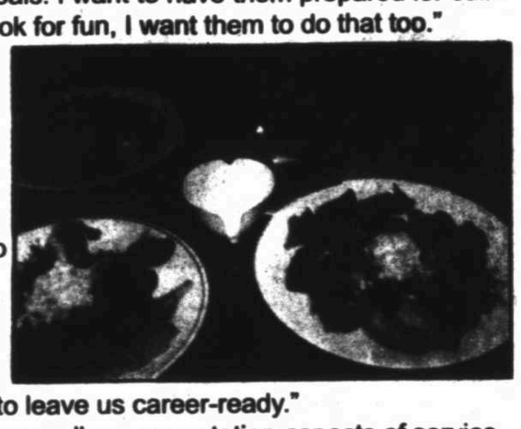
In the program's second year, culinary classes at LHS are full.

"The Food Network has influenced people to see the culinary arts as a valid career," Hester said. "It's cool now. It's fun to be hands-on. We could have as many course sections as we wanted."

First-year students start by learning food preparation safety and sanitation. Then they advance through curriculum including measuring, preparation techniques, nutrition and customer service. Students have the opportunity to earn a ServSafe Certification and a Texas Friendly Certificate.

Second-year students in the practicum class further increase their culinary skills. As part of the course, they work in a food-related job outside of the school day, allowing them to gain insight into the field.

"Cooking is a life skill," Hester said. "They're going to get as much out of it as they want. I want them to meet their goals. I want to have them prepared for culinary school. If they want to learn to cook for fun, I want them to do that too."



At MHS, Wallis teaches Culinary I, II and food science. Also in its second year, the program hardly has room or enough equipment for the students. Nevertheless, each student knows he or she has a place of value.

"Everybody's important. You have to work together as a team," Wallis said. "They have to know every job—as a dishwasher, head cook or whatever else, so they know how it works. We are career-directed; we want our kids to leave us career-ready."

Students learn cooking and baking, as well as presentation aspects of service such as greeting guests, polishing silverware and garnishing entrées. They must also keep a notebook concerning their food items and preparation. Wallis has implemented a competition among students akin to "Iron Chef," in which teams compete to create a winning dish.

"All of the shows on TV have made kids more aware. Kids can be creative and be themselves and achieve," Wallis said.

The first semester, students ran the Purple Dawg Café in which they created a menu including items like chef's salad and baked potatoes. The students took orders from teachers, wrote out tickets, prepared the meals and delivered them.

"It was really fun. Trying to meet the demand was a challenge," Wallis said. "We had issues to work out, but after the first time, it went pretty smoothly."

At Coleman, culinary students learn basic to advanced culinary skills. They learn food production techniques, presentation, management, marketing strategies and technology applications in the food service industry. The Coleman Cooks cater events, and the LHS and MHS programs do occasionally as well. The students were recently awarded chef coats by the Texas Restaurant Association/Permian Basin Restaurant Association.

"Our mission in Career and Technology Education and especially in culinary arts is to produce graduates into our Midland workforce who are skilled technically in their field of study, and who have the employability skills they need to succeed."

Culinary student Sean Kator said he wants to open a restaurant someday.

"Cooking has been an interest since I was a little boy," he said. "The class has helped me to learn skills."

Student Charlie Trevino said, "I wanted to learn how to cook because I knew, once I graduated, I could cook for myself. I've learned how to use a knife properly and follow a recipe to a 'T.'"

Student Danielle Romero said her favorite entrée so far is pepperoni pizza. What she has learned has carried into her job at a restaurant.

"I've learned to make my worth ethic way better," she said. "My values for customer service have gone way up. I have learned how to be Texas-friendly, talk with customers and make sense of what I'm doing."

Magnet Program MISD

MAGNET SCHOOL INFORMATION

Midland ISD offers magnet school programs which add enriched course offerings to the traditional elementary school curriculum. The MISD magnet programs are located at three elementary school campuses: James Bowie Fine Arts Academy, Elisha M. Pease Communication & Technology Academy and the Booker T. Washington Math & Science Institute.

Applications are availabie at magnet campusss, at the MISD Office of Student Services, 615 W. Missouri Ave., and online at www.midlandisd.net.

APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

***Friday, March 30*: Deadline for parents to submit applications**

***Wednesday, April 11*: Magnet lottery selection will be conducted in the MISD Board Room**

***Friday, May 4*: Notices will be sent to parents of all applicants regarding lottery results**

***Monday, May 14*: Deadline for parents to accept or decline offers of admission**

Contact the Office of Student Services at 689-1049 for more information.

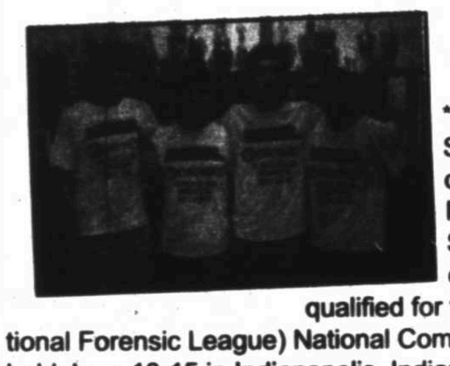
MISD Early Childhood Program Accepts Applications

MISD Early Childhood Program applications are available for the 2012-2013 school year at West Early Childhood Center, 2101 W. Missouri Ave. Appointments for entry will take place April 9 through April 13.

The program is for children who will turn 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2012. Low-income families, children with limited-English proficiency, and families with children who have disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Call 689-1580, or visit www.midlandisd.net for further information about the program.

Student Stars Across the District



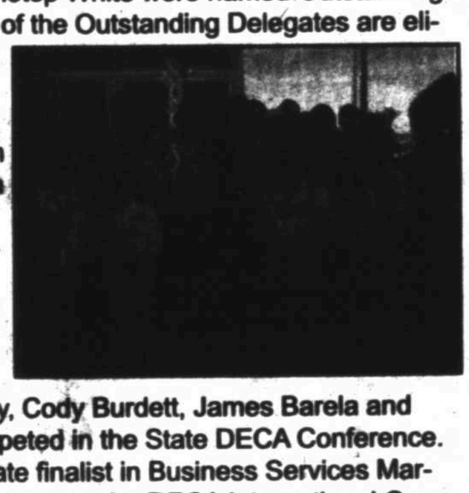
*Four Lee High School students and two Midland High School students have qualified for the NFL (National Forensic League) National Competition, to be held June 10-15 in Indianapolis, Indiana. LHS Nationals-bound students and their qualifying events are Arjun Mocherla, Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Sagar Patel, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Ruddy Tchao, Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking, and Mason Wuthrich, Congress House 1. MHS Nationals-bound students and their qualifying event are Connor Franks and Alex Hoagland, Public Forum Debate. LHS Nationals alternates and their qualifying events are Anissa Patel and Karishma Thakor, Public Forum Debate, Kshitij Delvadiya, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Pooja Patel, Oratory, Mason Wuthrich, Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Palvasha Deme and Sagar Patel, Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking, and Kshitij Delvadiya, Sagar Patel and Marissa Kent, Congress House 2. MHS Nationals alternates and their qualifying events are Connor Franks, Senate, and Justin Chavez and Chandler Cavitt, Congress House 1. Additionally, at the 2012 Tall Cotton NFL District Tournament this month, the Lee team received the District Congress Sweeps Award, the District Debate Sweeps Award, and the overall District Sweepstakes Award.

*The Midland High School First Tech Challenge robotics team #4906 Junkyard Dawgs won the Panhandle Plains FTC Championship. They will advance to the World FTC Championship competition in St. Louis in April. The team won first place in the Inspire Award. They were the overall game winners in the competition. The MHS team #4897 Bodacious Bulldawgs were allied with the Junkyard Dawgs and aided them in their win, and received second place in the Inspire Award. The LHS team #4885 GearHeads received third place in the Inspire Award. They also received the Rockwell Collins Innovative Award.

*Midland High School raised $5,000 for Pennies for Patients; Lee Freshman High School students raised $4,340 for Pennies for Patients to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

*MISD Youth & Government students participated in the Y&G State Conference. Lee High School student Arjun Mocherla was elected by his peers as Most Outstanding Delegate, and selected to attend the Oklahoma Youth & Government State Conference. Early College High School at Midland College students Janeth Vega and Anthony Rodriguez, along with sponsor Karen Murdoch, were invited to be guests at the Minnesota Youth & Government Conference in March.

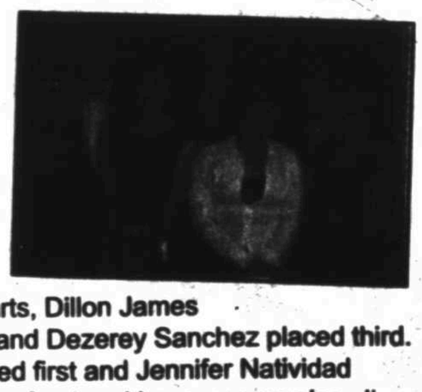
LHS student Pooja Patel was named an Outstanding Delegate, and ECHS@MC students Jordan Arras, Brittany Frantz, Luis Gomez, Andrea Hernandez, Trae Quist, Anthony Rodriguez, Marcos Silvestre and Imhotep White were named Outstanding Delegates. All of the Outstanding Delegates are eligible to attend the Conference on National Affairs in North Carolina this summer.



*MHS marketing students Erin Bamford, Elizabeth Williamson, Harley Embrey, Cody Burdett, James Barela and Jack Bell competed in the State DECA Conference. Bamford, a state finalist in Business Services Marketing, will advance to the DECA International Conference in Salt Lake City.

*Destination ImagiNation teams competed in the DI tournament in Lubbock. Three Carver Center teams placed first and will advance to the state tournament in Corpus Christi on April 13-15. The sixth-grade teams are participating in Assembly Required. A Midland Freshman High School team placed first in Project Outreach, and a MFHS team placed second in Solar Stage. A fifth-grade Carver Center team placed second in Assembly Required, and a MFHS team placed second in Coming Attractions. A sixth-grade Carver Center team placed third in Coming Attractions.

*LHS Choir students Kaitlyn Dye, Kaitlyn Flud and Jacob Moreno were named all-state musicians, and performed at the Texas Music Educators convention in February. The LHS varsity chorale performed at the Texas Association of School Administrators Midwinter Conference.



*MHS culinary arts students competed in the Skills USA competition. William Moore placed first in culinary arts, Dillon James placed second, and Dezerey Sanchez placed third. Lina Flores placed first and Jennifer Natividad placed second for food and beverage service. Jimena Torres placed first in commercial banking. These students and Chelsea Phelps, Krystyna Goodman and Chelzi Gonzales qualified for state in the culinary arts project category.

*LHS culinary arts students competed in the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America STAR events competition. Chastity Manley won first place in Mystery Basket. Two teams from LHS placed first and second in the culinary arts division. Lalo Rubio, Chris Williams, Charles Trevino, Joseph Lopez, Sean Kator, Hayley Matlock and Martin Aguilar competed on the winning culinary arts teams. The students will advance to state competition.

*Lee FFA students had a good showing at the Midland County Livestock Show. Jayde DeLaRosa had a Champion Duroc and Reserve Champion Cross, and was selected for Swine Showmanship. Kelsi Ruckman had a first place lightweight Hamp, Kade Cotton had a second-place lightweight Duroc, and Kassandra Aguilar had a third-place black OPB. Among the students showcasing goats, Shawna placed third in Class 5 and fourth in Class 3, while Krista placed fifth in Class 4. Stephanie Dressel and Jayde DeLaRosa each received $500 scholarships; Kassi Aguilar received a $1,000 scholarship.

*The Lee High School Culinary arts students Sean Kator and Eulalio Rubio were each awarded $500 scholarships from the Permian Basin Restaurant Association.

*The LHS Academic Decathlon team competed in the Regional Meet and placed third overall, earning 11 medals.

*The Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas supplied dental kits to more than 1,000 MISD first-grade students. Midland Dentistry 4 Kids provided dental kits and hygiene presentations to 30 high school classrooms.

*LHS art students were selected for a printmaking workshop on the Midland College campus.

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Local & State

Hospital drills water wells in drought

Staff: This will help MMH reduce its use of city-supplied water, become more environmental

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

In an effort to open a green facility with the new patient tower, Midland Memorial Hospital drilled two water wells this weekend to supply the campus with a supply of irrigation for its landscaping design.

Working to be environmentally sensitive, Cory Edmondson, MMH vice president of Support Services, said water from the wells will help the hospital do its part to conserve the city of Midland's supply. He added that the wells will preserve millions of gallons of the city's water.

When officials initially designed the new tower, the goal was to be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified, and Edmondson said this is one way for the hospital to become an environmentally sensitive facility.

Last year, two 30,000-gallon rain-water harvesting tanks were placed underground at the new tower that will capture rain water through storm drains. With an average of 12 inches of precipitation each year, hospital staff said that consultants told them the hospital will harvest enough rain water to supply a three or four month irrigation plan.

With the drought, Edmondson said staff wanted to be more proactive. The hospital proposed drilling the wells to subsidize rain water collected.

Officials estimate the hospital now can irrigate the entire campus with the water wells.

"People are really concerned about water in Midland — and rightfully so," Edmondson said.

The hospital has changed its landscaping plan to a Xeriscape project and scaled back on plants. Almost all of the grass in the plan has been eliminated; it has been replaced by more granite river rocks and types of desert vegetation and trees native to West Texas.

The only project that hasn't changed is the healing garden the hospital is installing near its front entrance. One of the garden's main features is a water fountain that will run on

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Calling all operators

ABOVE: Randy Robinson, from left, and Ron Harden talk to Nate Kuberski about some of the radios they were selling Saturday during the St. Patrick's Day Hamfest and AARL West Texas Section Convention at Midland Lions Club. The devices for sale ranged from World War II era radios to the integrated circuit chip.

RIGHT: Midland Amateur Radio Club member J.T. Caldwell, left, and Peter Balog talk about computers and radios during the festival.

BELOW: Lubbock resident Pete Teichrobb looks at some of the radio antennas on display.

Photos by Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real-life columnist

For women, shopping is an event; for men, it's a nightmare

I read a book the other day that said men and women "complement" each other. I don't believe it for a minute because there is nothing about being a woman that has anything to do with being a man.

Men and women are different as night and day. We may mix and mingle, but it is a tedious balancing act, at best. A man wants to watch the ball game, and a woman wants to watch a movie without any killing, car chases, monsters or aliens. I'm not sure what is left after that, but you can bet Jennifer Aniston is one of the stars.

Probably nothing makes my point more than the art of shopping. Both men and women shop, but it certainly isn't the same outing.

Shopping for women is an event. Events take a lot of preparation from planning the entire day with dress attire, schedule order and shopping list. She may complain she has nothing to wear, but she somehow finds something in the closet worthy of a shopping spree.

When she gets to the store, it's an exercise in going through every rack the store has. She loves to find a bargain and always will find something with a sale tag on it even if it is only a 1/2 percent discount. Time is not a factor in this process, and it may take her most of the afternoon and half a dozen stores to find the one item she is looking for. Then, she repeats the process for her next item on the shopping list.

The harder she has to work for her prize, the more diligent she becomes in her pursuit of finding the holy grail.

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State cuts have even rich school districts reeling

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Cristian Mendoza is scribbling with a black marker on a miniature whiteboard. Suddenly, he wheels around and wields the marker like a dagger, menacing fellow 5-year-old Joseph Simon, who giggles and covers his eyes with two small magnifying glasses.

Their teacher, Sara Estrada, doesn't see the wrestling match at first. "Cristian," she finally calls. Both boys stop and look up with sheepish grins.

"I try to meet their needs. I'm not sure I am anymore," Estrada, who has been teaching for 27 years, says of her pre-kindergarten class at Lion Lane School in Houston, which has grown to 25 students even as it lost its full-time teacher's aide.

All over Texas, school districts have laid off teachers, support staff and administrators to cope with steep reductions in state education funding. But even with job opportunities suddenly scarce, seven of Estrada's colleagues — nearly half the pre-K center's 17 teachers — are resigning at the end of the year. They say fewer aides and larger class sizes means teachers spend more time with potty training and runny noses than teaching the ABCs and basic math like in previous years.

It's a sign that the financial pinch is even being felt by well-to-do districts like Houston's Spring Branch Independent School District, which includes Lion Lane School. Classroom advocates say this is the inevitable result of an unwavering commitment to keeping taxes low. But others counter it's simply the new face of a more efficient way to educate the state's children.

The Republican-dominated state Legislature cut $4 billion in education funding over the next two years while eliminating an additional $1.4 billion from grant programs, even though statewide enrollment is increasing by about 80,000 students annually.

Districts endured a cut of 6 percent this school year and are facing cuts of between 2 and 9 percent in 2012-13 — with those in property-tax wealthy areas looking at larger percentage reductions than poor districts. This year's cuts were softened by a one-time infusion of $830 million in federal funding that won't be available next year.

"It used to be that only kids in poor school districts or those that were really struggling would face cuts. Now,

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James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

An intense game of poker is played among several players during the second round of Friday night's poker tournament at Woofers and Tweeters.

Poker nights: more than a game

JAMES CANNON
Staff Writer

There is a common refrain heard among most 20- and 30-somethings in Midland: "There is nothing to do."

Even when there is "something" to do, it usually requires money.

But, a group of more than 60 people found a common bond and a social outlet: poker.

Woofers and Tweeters hosts free, tournament-style Texas No Limits Hold 'em five nights a week. On average there are at least 60 people, but on Friday, the ranks swelled to more than 80. Throughout the upstairs bar-turned-casino, jokes were told, conversations were boisterous and everyone enjoyed a good, free time. Amidst the jovial mood, like any poker game, there were moans and groans over bad bets.

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Obituaries

Earl Nelson Jones

Our loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Earl Nelson Jones, went to be with his precious Lord and Savior on Friday March 16, 2012. He was 87 years old. He was born in Big Spring, Texas on April 12, 1924 to Abe and Fannie Mae Jones. He married Betty Dorries on February 9, 1946 and they had five children.

He and his five brothers started Jones Brothers Dirt and Paving in 1952. He was a 32nd Mason and Shriner. He was also a member of the Odessa Sherriff's Posse for many years. Dancing was one of his biggest passions. He loved people, dancing, exercising and talking about his adventures. He was a member of Faith Community Baptist Church with his dear friend Brother Wayne Shelton. He loved writing & singing songs. He has a copyrighted song, "Looking for a Fiddle and a Hard Wood Floor." He found great pleasure in calling people to sing songs to them and play the harmonica, or as he liked to call it, "The French Harp".

He was preceded in death by his parents, Abe and Fannie Mae Jones; his wife, Betty Jones; his son, Gary Nelson Jones; and his five brothers, Barnie, Troy, Slim, Curly and Bobby Jones. He is survived by his children, Ricky Jones and wife, Glenna; Vikki Looney and husband, Lonnie; Cole Jones and wife, Phyllis; and Paula Elrod and husband, Thomas. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Gary Jones Jr., Shane Jones, Chad Jones, Dan Jones and wife, Tonya, Steven Jones, Rachel Fischer and husband, Charlie, Jay Coleman and wife, Gerri, Misti Hines, Kasey Coleman and wife, Amanda, Chance Coleman and wife, Jennifer, Michelle Colley and husband, Charles, Mandy Brown and husband, Shawn, Cole Jones Jr. and wife, Anna, Lauren Elrod, Madison Elrod, thirty great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, & numerous nieces & nephews.

We will greatly miss our beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was one of a kind. There will never again be another Earl Nelson Jones. We will miss his sweet smile, his laughter, his singing, and his harmonica playing.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens on Sunday, March 18th, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 19th, at Sunset Memorial Gardens at 1:00 pm. Brother Wayne Shelton, Pastor of Faith Community Baptist Church, will be officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Masonic gravesite rites.

Gifts in memory of Earl may be made to Faith Community Baptist Church, 9902 West University, Odessa, TX 79764.

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

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

mywesttexas.com

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

Joyce Ethridge Clements Tomlin

Joyce Ethridge Clements Tomlin passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2012. Mrs. Tomlin was residing at the Manor Park Retirement Home.

She was born in Stanton, Texas on January 15, 1922. She was a strong, independent woman who worked her way through nursing school, eventually becoming a Registered Nurse and later attending dental school. During this time she was wed by her first love, M.L. Clements of Stanton who died in 1966.

She worked for Dr. Thomas Hueston of Midland before retiring after 31 years as his dental assistant. She was very active in the American Dental Association and various nursing organizations. It was during this time she met and married her second love, Ross Tomlin of Midland who was a veteran of World War II.

Upon retirement she and Ross did some traveling around the country before settling down where they adopted and raised their two great-granddaughters.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Elizabeth Ethridge, her first husband, M.L. Clements, her sisters, Doris Matney of Odessa and Billie Doss also of Odessa and her only daughter, Linda Clements Northcutt who died in 1995.

She is survived by her husband Ross Tomlin of Midland; two daughters Shawna De Silva Kilborn and husband, Zachary of Midland, and Christina De Silva Tomlin of Midland; grandson, Mark De Silva and wife, Kristyl of Midland; and step children, Don, David, and Dwayne Tomlin and their spouses and Dalynn Blocker and husband, all of Midland; and various nieces.

Visitation will be be held on Monday, March 19, 2012 from 5:00 until 7:00 pm at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Larry Arnold

Larry Arnold, 63, of Odessa, passed away, March 15, 2012 at home. He was born November 14, 1948 to Alex Wilson Arnold and Norma Sue Cone in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Larry had passion for his work in the oil fields of West Texas, where he worked for many years. However, his greatest passion was spending time with his family and his closest friends.

He enjoyed his annual fishing trip to Traverse City, Michigan where he often caught king salmon and trout. He also enjoyed watching Texas Tech football with his two sons and listening to the music of Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and The Eagles.

Larry was known for his friendliness, laid back demeanor and wonderful sense of humor. His most enduring qualities, however, were compassion and kindness. He was a friend to anyone in need and always put the people in his life first.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Norma Arnold and his brothers, Ronald Gene Arnold and William Lynn Arnold.

Larry is survived by his sons, Alex Norman Arnold of San Antonio, Trey Christopher Arnold of Houston, sister, Rhonda Arnold of Dallas, brother, Roger Arnold of Albuquerque, New Mexico and many adoring friends.

He has always been known for his tendency to bring the best out in others. Larry loved children and children loved Larry. He is a gentle soul that lived an accomplished and fulfilling life.

Viewing will be held from 6-8 pm Monday, March 19, 2012 and funeral service will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home with Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial service will follow at 3 pm at Wolfforth cemetery in Wolfforth, Texas.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home

Dignity Memorial 601 North Alleghaney Odessa, TX 79761 (432) 332-0991

Condolences may be offered at www.hubbardkellyfuneralhome.com

M. Wayne Loyd

M. Wayne Loyd passed away in Midland, Texas on March 16, 2012.

Throughout his life, he had many friends who shared laughter on and off the golf course. He always had a story or a joke at the ready. He loved Friday night football, vacationing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, painting in his spare time, and spending time with his family. His deep faith in God and his Christian values were paramount throughout his life.

He served in the Naval Reserve during World War II. He had a career in the oil industry for fifty years. He was the Sales Manager for Don-Nan Pump and Supply, Inc.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Macie; daughter, Susan Larson, her husband Tom, and beloved grandson Michael Thomas of Midland; daughter, Cindy Theis and her husband Dave from Pampa, Texas; beloved grandson Adam Theis and his wife Shawn and great grandson Jared Kyle of Las Vegas, Nevada; brother, H.C. Loyd of Wichita Falls, Texas; and various nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at Resthaven Cemetery.

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

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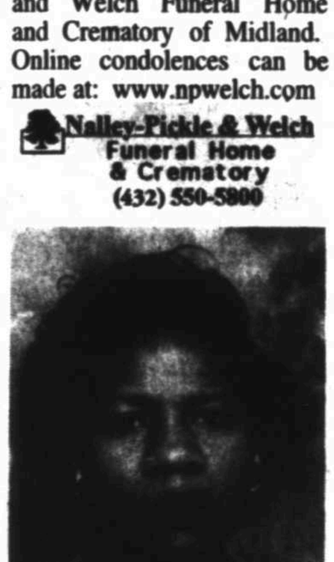

Mary Henderson

Mary Henderson departed this life on March 9, 2012 at Senior Care Center of Midland.

She was born December 29, 1925 in Falls County, Tx. to George and Roxie Childers.

She was employed by Mr.& Mrs. Rudy Rendall & Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rendall of Midland for many years until her retirement.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband Richard Henderson and four siblings three sistersMargaret Landrum, Mozell Breuer and Corin Ervin all of Waco,Tx and a brother J.J. Childers of Midland.

She is survived by a son Willie Long (Mary). Four Grandkids: Lenny Long (Dion), Willie Long Jr. (Teresa), Cassandra Merchant and Beverly Penn (Billy). Fourteen Great grandchildren and Ten Great great grandchildren. A host of niecies, nephews and relatives.

Visitation will be today, Sunday, March 18,2012 at Thomas Funeral Home from 6pm- 8pm

Funeral service will be held Monday, March 19, 2012 at St. Paul CME with Ora Roberts officiating.

Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home of Midland,Texas.

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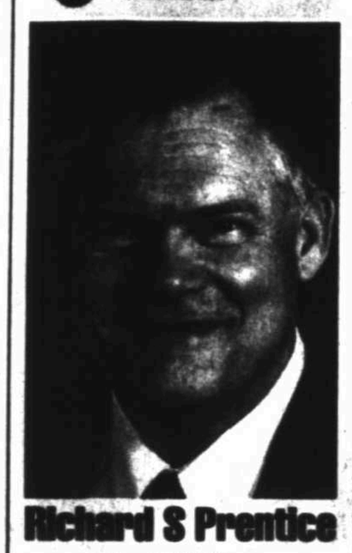

Richard S Prentice

(March 2012)

Richard S. Prentice (Dick) died March 13, 2012 at age 65. He was born on March 29, 1946 to Marjorie W. and Robert G. Prentice in Newton, Mass, two days after his mother's birthday and the second of three children.

His father was in the oil business so Dick grew up in places like Bradford, PA, Broken Arrow, OK, and finally Abilene, TX. He graduated from Cooper High School in 1964, a member of the first class to attend all three years at CHS.

From an early age, Dick was a Boy Scout and, like his father, earned the rank of Eagle Scout with 2 palms. He worked on staff as a merit badge counselor for several years at Camp Tonkawa outside Buffalo Gap, TX. He attended the 1960 Jamboree at Colorado Springs, CO and took a picture of President Dwight Eisenhower who later autographed it. He also went to the Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, NM, meeting scouts from all over the country.

He attended Austin College in Sherman, TX and graduated in 1968 with a BA in Chemistry. He also met his future wife, Elizabeth Ann Sterrett, his math tutor at AC.

Uncle Sam had a job for everyone that spring and Dick received his "Greetings" letter the week after graduation. He joined the army with specialized training in the chemical corps before landing at Ft. Benning, GA in a smoke generator company marking drop zones for parachute jumpers.

He was accepted into Officer Candidate School and began training in September, 1969 at the Artillery School, Ft. Sill, OK. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in March, 1970 and went to Ft. Gordon, GA for Signal School training. Finally, he was assigned to the 121st Signal Bn, 1st Infantry Division, Ft. Riley, KS where he served as Company XO and CO.

One of the missions for the 1st Infantry Division at that time was to deploy to West Germany for a month to show America's resolve to defend against Russian threats in exercises called Reforger. Dick participated in two Reforger deployments.

On the second deployment, Dick experienced his first encounter with corporate restructuring. The army mandated 6 month early outs in late 1971 for almost everyone as demobilization from the Vietnam War began. His colonel requested he participate in the fall Reforger, which extended his deployment.

After leaving the army, Dick registered at Texas Tech University as a graduate student in the Chemical Engineering Department on the GI bill. He worked part time at the Lubbock State School and the Textile Research Center. In 1973, Betty Ann re-entered his life with the help of a mutual friend. In 1974, he graduated with an MS in Chemical Engineering, married the love of his life, and moved to Midland to begin a career with ARCO that lasted 20 years.

He worked for ARCO in Midland and Odessa on a variety of water floods and other assets. It was tremendous organization and he was extremely privileged to be part of it for so long. Thanks to all for the memories!

He left ARCO in 1994 and worked for several organizations in Midland and Odessa before joining Concho in 2008. With Concho he was privileged to work exploration plays, primary development, and secondary projects. Once again he found himself in the company of extremely talented and high quality men and women who made his job so rewarding. Thanks to everyone at Concho for all the memories!

Dick and Betty Ann saw a need and joined Covenant Presbyterian Church in 1974, beginning a series of life-long friendships with the Covenant families. Covenant later merged with Christ Presbyterian Church to become Grace Presbyterian Church with more good memories.

Dick served on almost every committee Grace had to offer. One Sunday he led worship service with a borrowed sermon when the supply minister failed to show up. From that experience he began a career filling pulpits of Presbyterian churches in the area. For several years, he filled the pulpit at First Presbyterian Church in Sanderson, TX on a monthly basis. Dick and Betty Ann developed a special relationship with the congregation there. He hopes his sermons impacted the listeners positively.

In recent years, Dick and Betty Ann joined First Presbyterian Church (FPC) of Midland and became bell ringers, thanks to the patience of Director Greg Pysh. In spite of being relatively new-comers at FPC, Dick and Betty Ann developed many meaningful relationships with members there.

Dick regularly gave back to his profession and community. He spent several years on the Board of Directors of Society of Petroleum Engineers of the Permian Basin and chaired the board in the mid 1990's. Recently, he re-joined the board as treasurer. He served on Midland Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the John James Advisory Board, the Safe Place Board, United Way of Midland Board, and Agape Ministries Board, and as the Maverick Players Treasurer. He was also a member of SIPES and a 1987 graduate of Leadership Midland.

As an empty nester, Dick tried his hand on stage and back stage with MCT and Mavericks landing several roles, mainly as a "heavy." He was extremely fortunate to land the role of old man Radley in To Kill a Mockingbird in his first audition.

Dick loved his family and delighted in their activities as they grew up in Midland in the 1980's and 1990's. For summer vacations, Dick and Betty Ann hitched up a pop-up trailer behind the suburban and set off to explore the USA, camping out in the nearest KOA along the way. The family visited places like Acadia, ME, Gettysburg, PA, Yorktown, VA, Vancouver Island, BC, Glacier, MT, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Devil's Tower, San Francisco, Arches, Mesa Verde, Salt Lake City, Big Bend, New Orleans, Disney World, and numerous points in between. The family kept a map with pins at every place they spent the night on the summer trips.

Dick is survived by his wife of 37 years, Betty Ann, daughter Kathrine Ann (Kappy) of Plano, TX, and fiancé Wade Reck of Atlanta, GA, son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Anne Prentice of Austin, TX, and daughter and son-in-law, Mary Elizabeth and David Prentice-Hyers of Ann Arbor, MI. Additional survivors include sister Joanne Prentice of Jamestown, KY and sister and brother-in-law Peggy and Ron Trees of Springfield, VA, and several nieces and nephews.

Dick felt extremely fortunate to make a career in the oil business of the Permian Basin through all the ups and downs associated with the industry. He met and worked with a talented and first class group of people at every organization. He hoped that his efforts somehow added to supplying the energy needs of a growing world.

Services will be on Monday, March 19 at First Presbyterian Church of Midland at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the following organizations:

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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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Death Notices

Dennis McClure Collins, Sr.

Dennis McClure Collins, Sr, age 77, of Kermit, Texas passed away Saturday morning, March 17th at Winkler County Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. Services are pending with Family Services Funeral Parlor in Kermit.

Gerry Marino

Gerry Marino, 60, of Big Spring died Friday, March 16, 2012, at her residence.

The family will receive friends from 6:00PM until 8:00PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 4:00PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband: Bill Marino of Big Spring; two sons: Tim Marino of Lubbock and Brandon Marino and his wife Ashley of Midland; one grandson; one brother: Roy Simpkins of Odessa; and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Grady Malcolm Smith

Grady Malcolm Smith, 49, of Coahoma died Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at his residence.

Graveside services will be at 3:00PM Sunday at Coahoma Cemetery.

He is survived by his daughter: Channa Smith of Odessa; three sons: Grady Kirkland Smith, Christopher Dale Smith, and Robert Patrick, all of Delaware; mother: Sandra Reid of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Max H. Schumann, Jr.

Max H. Schumann, Jr, 89, of Midland, passed away on March 17, 2012. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

Red Bull creator now with wings

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Chaleo Yoovidhya, the self-made Thai billionaire who introduced the world to "energy drinks" and co-founded the globally popular Red Bull brand, has died. He was in his 80s.

Yoovidhya died of natural causes in Bangkok on Saturday, according to local media reports and state television broadcaster, MCOT, which cited the Thai Beverage Industry Association.

Forbes magazine, which ranked Chaleo the 205th richest man in the world this year with a net worth of $5 billion dollars, said he was 80 years old. Several Thai media outlets cited his birth-date as Aug. 17, 1923, however, indicating he was 88. It was not immediately possible to explain the discrepancy.

Born in central Thailand's Pichit province to a Chinese father and a Thai mother who reportedly sold fruit and ducks to survive, Chaleo died the third richest man in Thailand.

Chaleo started a small company, T.C. Pharmaceuticals, in the 1960s and formulated an energy drink prototype a decade later called Krathing Daeng, or Red Bull in English.

Fire at paper facility

Midland Fire Department firefighters combat a drilling paper fire Saturday evening. The paper, essentially kindling when lighted, burned through swaths of the Agri-Empresa and Lonestar Distribution facility at 6001 W. Industrial Ave. Assistant Operations Manager Randall Hall said he believes the fire started in the left corner of the yard and spread throughout as wind gusts as high as 25 mph pushed the fire into several ware houses. There are 45 bags of drilling paper on each pallet, and Hall said believes about 750 pallets were engluffed in the blaze.

Photos by James Cannon

Juanes says SXSW is life-changing

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Juanes didn't get to cross Eminem off his South By Southwest bucket list, but it's still been one of the best weeks of his life.

The Colombian rock star capped off his trip to Austin with a concert Friday night, meaning he had to miss Eminem's appearance across town with 50 Cent. It was the only disappointment in what has been a transcendent week for one of Latin music's biggest international stars.

"It is the greatest experience of my life," Juanes said. "I'm so happy and so thankful. It's changing my life. I just feel it. It's inspiring me, and that's the best."

Juanes sat down for an interview at his hotel Thursday, just a few hours after he sang live in English for the first time at a tribute to Woody Guthrie and having his mind blown by Bruce Springsteen's keynote speech. But The Boss wasn't the only reason the 39-year-old found SXSW so invigorating.

Wearing a T-shirt with "PEACE" emblazoned across his chest, he spoke passionately about how SXSW has shown him that the barriers between people and cultures and music have been utterly broken down in the 21st century.

"It's such a great opportunity to interact together and exchange culture," he said. "I just feel the world now and the world is absolutely sick, you know, so I just see music and culture and art in general as a great idea to change at least our own environment and just connect people to the music. You can just go and walk around the street and you can see bands from I don't know, wherever, and they can sing in Chinese if you want. You just have the opportunity to connect with somebody else you didn't know, and that's good."

On Thursday evening, Juanes put on a baseball cap and pulled up his collar and hit 6th Street as incognito as a platinum-selling artist can. He took in a Canadian showcase, indulged his love of heavy metal and then hit the sounds of Colombia showcase to support other acts from his native country.

Latin music has long had a role at SXSW, but the conference has been rapidly expanding its palette. The 2012 conference features acts from every continent but Antarctica — from African rappers to Japanese punk rockers. And Juanes wanted to soak it all in.

His experiences could show up in his music when he begins to write new material for a studio album as he tours later this year in support of his "MTV Unplugged" album, due out May 27.

"Somehow it will bring me back to the essence, to the roots, to the music," he said. "No marketing, no nothing. Just music."

Associated Press

Colombian singer Juanes performs a Woody Guthrie song during the SXSW Music Festival in Austin on Thursday.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Thousands attend St. Patrick's parade

Thousands of party goers celebrated St. Patrick's Day at Dallas' 33rd annual parade.

But ,it was almost canceled a few weeks ago because of a lack of funding.

That's until billionaire and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban wrote a $40,000 check to the local group that puts on the parade.

The event is held every year on Greenville Avenue.

Deputy Chief Mike Genovesi, of the Dallas Police Department, said large crowds and parking are always issues with the parade.

He told the Dallas Morning News on Saturday that no major arrests were made but a few parking citations were issued.

MAGNOLIA

Boy hospitalized with cut throat; mom jailed

A woman accused of severely injuring her 5-year-old son by slashing his throat told investigators she was releasing demons from his body, police said Saturday.

Daphne Spurlock, 45, was in custody after she was arrested on a charge of attempted capital murder, Magnolia police said.

Her young son remained hospitalized in Houston after undergoing surgery and was expected to survive, relatives told Houston television station KTRK.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Magnolia police went to the house early Saturday after the boy's father returned home and found the little boy covered in blood, authorities said. The child's throat was slashed from one side to the other and he had a severe head injury, authorities said.

SAN ANTONIO

Teen gets 12 years for abandoning dead baby

A teen mother who abandoned her abused, dead infant outside a San Antonio fire station has been sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Julie Navejar, now 18, had pleaded no contest to injury to a child by omission.

Her 7-week-old daughter was found in 2009. At Navejar's sentencing Friday, prosecutors said an autopsy showed the baby died from cocaine in her system, starvation and pneumonia.

Navejar told the judge she's sorry and not the same person anymore. But, prosecutors said she never mentioned her baby's name in court.

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Misc.	2 families	$ 1.219.00
TOTAL		**$ 23,172.27**

A man came into our store last week needing a lawnmower. His clothing bespoke of a man who did manual labor. We showed him the one lawnmower that we had in the store and offered him a modest price. He told us he had no money to pay. He was 73 years old but looked much older. He mowed lawns to supplement his income. He receives Social Security however it is not enough to pay his rent, let alone utilities, food and medical. He was mowing a yard last week when his lawnmower quit. He said he had the machine for as long as he could remember and managed to keep it going all these years. But last week it finally quit completely. He tried mowing another yard using only his weed-eater, but he said it was only a matter of time before that machine would go on him too, especially if he was going to have to put it through that much work.

The man told us that if we would just let him have the machine he would be able to come back with the cash to pay for it in three weeks. He just needed a little time to finish paying for this month's rent and electricity, and then he could work on the repayment.

We told him to take the lawnmower and pay us when he could. Whether we see him again or not is anyone's guess, although if we were to bet, we expect to see him right on schedule. If we don't see him, then we at least know that the lawnmower is going to keep a roof over a 73-year-old man's head. It will be a small price to pay. We pray for him and we thank the family that donated the lawnmower to us. May you be richly blessed.

Tejano monument recognizes early settlers

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The memorials around the Texas Capitol grounds have long honored heroes and moments of Texas' storied past, from the Alamo to the Confederacy to fallen soldiers in foreign wars.

Joining them this month is a tribute to Texas' earliest pioneers, Tejano settlers who trail-blazed what would become the Lone Star State. On March 29, a massive granite and bronze memorial to those early Spanish and Mexican explorers, settlers and their descendants will be formally dedicated on the South lawn of the state Capitol, the culmination of a decade-long effort to honor their history.

"We've been here for 500 years. For 500 years, we've ignored that chapter of Texas history," said Renato Ramirez, CEO of International Bank of Commerce in the border city of Zapata and one of the leaders of the nearly $2 million project. Ramirez' family gave $125,000 to the effort.

The creation of the monument also coincides with the rising political importance of Tejanos, as white drop below 50 percent of the Texas population, and Hispanics now make up more than 50 percent of young people.

Tejano history dates to the 1500s, when Spanish explorer Alonso Alvarez de Pineda first mapped the Texas coastline. Spanish missions were established in the 1600s. A group of Tejano settlers led by Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara declared the first Republic of Texas in 1813. The descendants of Spanish and Mexican settlers established a thriving cattle and agriculture industry, became the first cowboys and also fought at the Alamo.

CUTS

From 1B

nobody's kids are safe," said Jason Sabo of the United Way of Texas, who has traveled the state talking to business leaders about the reductions.

Spring Branch represents some of the wealthiest areas in the state — its Memorial High School makes top 10 lists for America's cushiest schools — but also includes kids from poverty-stricken areas, including Lion Lane School, where 95 percent of children are poor.

Many districts have cut pre-kindergarten to a half day, but Spring Branch tapped its district reserves to keep its pre-K centers open a full six hours daily. Still, less basic-skills instruction has taken its toll. Last year, 90 percent of Lion Lane's students were reading after a year in pre-kindergarten. Assessments this year show those results have fallen 30 percent.

"This is not what I signed up to do. I'm a teacher but I haven't been able to teach like in the past," said one of the resigning Lion Lane teachers, 11-year classroom veteran Tracy Rogers. "I feel for the children because they don't get the attention they used to, but it's very disheartening for me, too."

Spring Branch has dismissed 294 total district employees, 49 of them teachers — though 21 teachers were rehired. Statewide, an estimated 32,000 school employees — including 12,000 teachers — have lost their jobs, according to Moak, Casey and Associates, a school finance consulting firm.

"We're past cutting to the bone," said Kal Kallison school board president for Eanes, a well-heeled school district west of Austin which cut $3.7 million this year and is looking at about $5 million in cuts for 2012-13.

Eanes eliminated 24 positions, reduced bus routes and asked its middle and high school teachers to take on an extra course per day. It also will continue putting ads on its school buses for extra revenue.

Another suburban Austin district, Leander, delayed opening a newly built middle school and elementary school to save $1.6 million. Next year, the middle school is opening, but the elementary school will remain vacant — saving $631,000.

The tea party wave of 2010 swept 31 freshman Republicans into the Texas House who pledged not to raise taxes. Texas is now spending $8,908 per student, down $538 from last year and below the national average of $11,463, according to the National Education Association.

"We need educational excellence, but we also need fiscal responsibility," said Rep. John Garza, a San Antonio Republican elected in 2010.

Peggy Venable, director of the Texas chapter of Americans for Prosperity, said schools have become the chief employers for their areas and now function like jobs programs. "No business would operate like that," she said.

Wealthy districts say their hands are tied by the "Robin Hood" law, which requires districts that collect large amounts of property tax revenue — either from valuable land or large industry in their areas — to make annual payments to poorer districts.

Districts statewide can raise property taxes but need voter approval for anything above $1.04 per $100 of property valuation. And, even if voters in areas like Spring Branch approve tax increases, much of that money goes to poor districts under "Robin Hood."

"We've got a very anti-tax voter base. To tell them, 'give yourselves a bigger tax burden but we won't see a lot of that money?' It will be a very tough sell," said Susan Kellner, president of the Spring Branch school board.

Complicating matters are districts' fund balances, or cash reserves that are supposed to cover at least three months' operating expenses in emergencies. Using that money for teacher salaries is illegal, but Spring Branch spent $10 million of its reserves to plug other budget shortfalls, and Eanes spent $4 million.

Dennis McEntire, superintendent of the Presidio Independent School District, said budget cuts will force him to spend some of the district's reserves on air conditioners that have languished eight years without repairs — especially risky along his isolated stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border where 115-degree days are common.

Nearly half of the district's 1,475 students live in poverty. Still, Presidio faces $1.25 million in cuts next school year, and McEntire plans to cut eight teaching positions.

In Dripping Springs, a property-wealthy district southwest of Austin, officials eliminated janitorial positions, forcing teachers to sweep their classrooms. The district faces another $3.1 million shortfall for next school year and more layoffs are coming.

"They're changing the way we do business," said Superintendent Bruce Gearing. "This is what that change looks like."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Wyat L. Allen, 38, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Angel M. Martinez, 27, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault on a family member with a weapon.

Blake A. McCord, 18, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of evading arrest.

Aaron T. McKinney, 19, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Raymond H. Olgin Jr., 37, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed March 5-9 by District Judges George D. Gilles and Robin Malone Darr:

Liliana Urias Aguirre, 25, possession of cocaine, failure to appear and securing execution of documents by deception, four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, driver's license suspended for 180 days and pay $3,145 in restitution.

Amanda Lippe Allen, 26, possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for five years on probation, driver's license suspended for 180 days, attend a treatment program and pay $140 in restitution.

Rose Marie Diaz, 25, abandoning or endangering a child, four years on probation, $1,000 fine, attend a treatment program and attend parenting classes.

John David Folkes, 36, burglary of a habitation, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and pay $1,431 in restitution.

Nicolas Manuel Flores, 19, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, five years on probation and $1,000 fine.

Andres Miguel Gomez, 28, burglary of a building, 180 days in state jail.

Elizabeth Cantu Kuzmich, 46, hindering apprehension, five years on probation.

Nathan Levell McDaniel, 17, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, two years state jail suspended for two years on probation and $1,000 fine.

Eduardo Nunez Sanchez, 27, assault family violence, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for two years on probation and $2,000 fine.

Phillip Anthony Smith Jr., 29, assault family violence and injury to a child, 90 days in Midland County Jail suspended for 12 months on probation, two years state jail suspended for three years on probation and attend a treatment program.

Antonio Tarango Jr., 24, aggravated assault of a child, 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Antonio Christopher Valenzuela, 18, engaging in organized criminal activity, 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed March 12-16 by District Judges Robert H. Moore III and George D. Gilles:

Benjamin Orville Benson, 24, assault on a public servant, two years on probation, $750 fine and attend a treatment program.

Julie C. Castillo a.k.a. Julie Ann Castillo, 31, fraudulent use of identifying information, six months state jail.

Kevin Michael Jascak, 55, theft by check, two years state jail suspended for four years on probation, $1,750 fine, 35 days Midland County Jail and pay $2,454.52 in restitution.

Trent D. Scott, 21, theft over $1,500, two years on probation and pay $1,779.98 in restitution.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

Shopping for a man is much different. He goes; he sees; he conquers. It's simple as that. He shops in whatever he has on at the time. He knows what he wants, where to get it and about what it will cost. If the item he wants is not there, the shopping day is pretty much over. He hates the whole process.

Well, noticing these differences, I felt like I had undergone an epiphany. It came to me that men should let the women do all the shopping. Women love it so much and men hate it; it seems like the thing to do. Men just tell the women what they want, and she goes and gets it. Simple, neat and everyone is happy.

I was thinking I had discovered the way to better meld brotherhood with sisterhood. Unfortunately, I went to bed that night. The resulting dream made me wake up in a cold sweat, leaving me to wonder what I was thinking about in the first place.

I had made a terrible mistake. I had come awfully close to throwing man under the bus for the rest of mankind's history. A woman shopping for a man would have been the greatest evolutionary error since the Neanderthal decided to move out of the cave.

In my dream, a friend decided to follow my advice. He assigned his wife all the shopping duties. I didn't see him for a couple of weeks, but I was shocked when I did run across him.

All his shirts were pink. He had no sports logos on any of his clothing. His pants were cut off at mid-thigh. His jeans had holes in them. His socks had little animals on them and each sock was a different color. His belt didn't go through the belt loops and he wore a lot of bracelets and gold jewelry around his neck. And, oh yes, he carried a man purse — from Europe, for gosh sakes. The only thing that was missing was lipstick.

Men, never forget that women are different. If you do, you'll be carrying a man purse and wondering why you ever would put her in charge of your shopping. Shopping is a pain in the neck, but do you hate it enough to carry a man purse?

Thought for the Week: It's easier to go shopping than to explain why you didn't.

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ABOVE: Players begin the second round of Lonestar Poker Tour's tournament Friday at Woofers and Tweeters.

BELOW: Trey Beckham eyes the pot before placing a bet Friday night at a poker tournament at Woofers and Tweeters.

Photos by James Cannon Reporter-Telegram

CANNON

From 1B

Although the game is free and there is no cover charged or drink minimum at the bar, the games are anything but low stakes. There is an annual tournament for chip leaders with a pay day of $10,000. There is a tournament with more than $1,500 in prizes and cash on the line every quarter.

The system works on accumulated points.

There are sharks. Several regulars go to casinos in Ruidoso, N.M., and Las Vegas to test their skills. And, several, including a poker company's owner, Casey Billingsley, have attended the holy grail of professional poker: the World Series of Poker. There are always new people, and those who go to Woofers and Tweeters to learn how to play.

"Everybody is really helpful and friendly (to new poker players)," said Billingsly, also a Midland firefighter. "This is a great place to learn how to play. We have some really experienced players, and they are always willing to guide new players. Also, it's free."

L.J. Chase, a poker director for Billingsly and his wife Angie's company, Lonestar Poker Tour, said someone even showed up with a cheat card recently that listed poker hand ratings.

Chase said not only is it a lively social gathering, but it also will teach the novice or intermediate player table manners. In the age of Internet poker, a lot of people never sit at a table and have to worry about blinds, pot odds or reading other players' expressions and behaviors.

Of the 80 or so people vying for top chip stack Friday, there was a cross-section of Midlanders. There were oil men, company executives, young professionals and retirees. The ages ranged from 21 to 80, but most were in there mid-to-late 20s through their late 30s.

Lance and Katrina Mendenhall, biweekly regulars of the event, said they loved playing with their friends and the new friends they have met along the way.

"It's a fun, cheap night with my wife," Lance Mendenhall said. "It's hours of entertainment. Besides, it is kinda like a social club, as well."

Regular Stephanie Belk said she has made a lot of new friends through her about seven years of playing at Woofers and Tweeters. She said her friends hang out a lot outside of the poker scene, and they also organize trips to nearby casinos in Ruidoso, N.M.

"It's like a large family," she said.

Billingsly agreed. He said the gathering had two beloved members of their poker group die last year. In response, donations were collected from their "large family." The poker social club bought the flower bouquets and sent their deceased friends' families money to help pay for funeral expenses.

Henry Rojas also recounted the story.

"We take care of each other ... our family," he said, adding that the sense of community between so many people also helps foster a sense of community city-wide.

Trey Beckham, first time attendee and long-time poker player, said he had a good time Friday and can already see this becoming a weekly event.

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Woofers and Tweeter's, at 3303 North Midkiff Road, host the event five nights a week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Participants must be there 30 minutes before the 7 p.m. start time to register. For more information, go to their website at http://lonestarpokertour.net.

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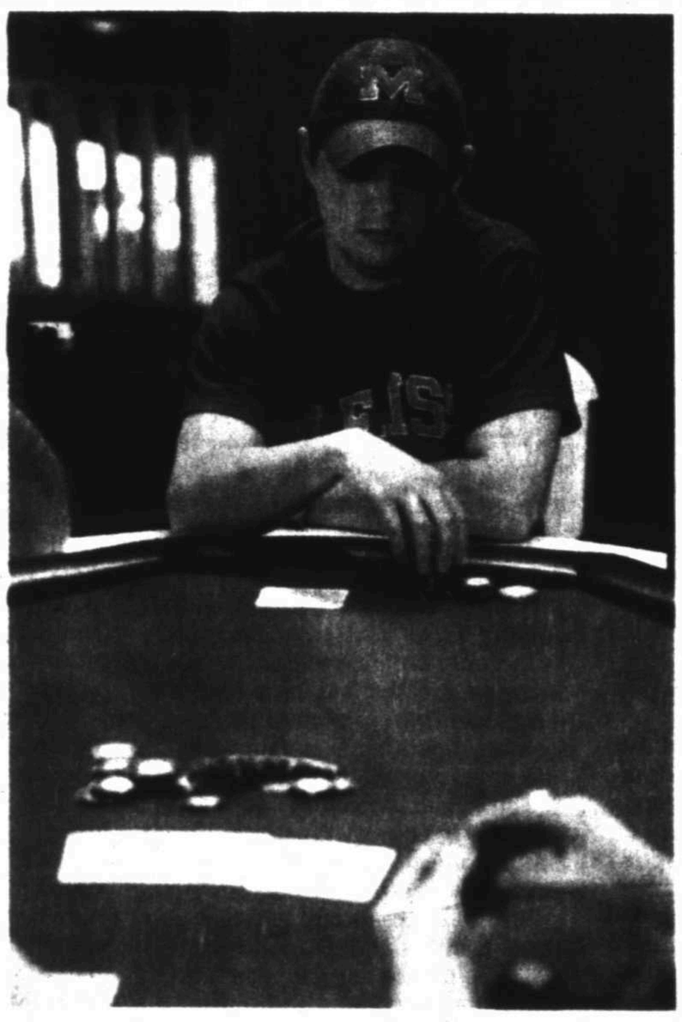

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the well and rain water collected so it does not take from the city's resources.

"The healing garden will stay the same with the plush environment because of its purpose. It has been approved by the city of Midland because of the resources it requires," Edmondson said.

Staff members said they have continued to be proactive and critical of their water usage but still want to maintain a fresh and vibrant landscape. They added that they are adhering city ordinances.

"As a hospital, who we are, we don't need to feel very institutional. We want it to be alive, and the landscaping helps that," Edmondson said.

He said he hopes the new wells will be functional in a few months once everything is connected.

Staff members also are working on other technologies to recover, recycle and reuse water at the hospital, but Edmondson said that technology is still too new to be used now.

"The hospital and school districts are heavy utilizers of water, but we also understand and are being prudent with local resources. We feel that now drilling the water wells is not using the precious resources," he said.

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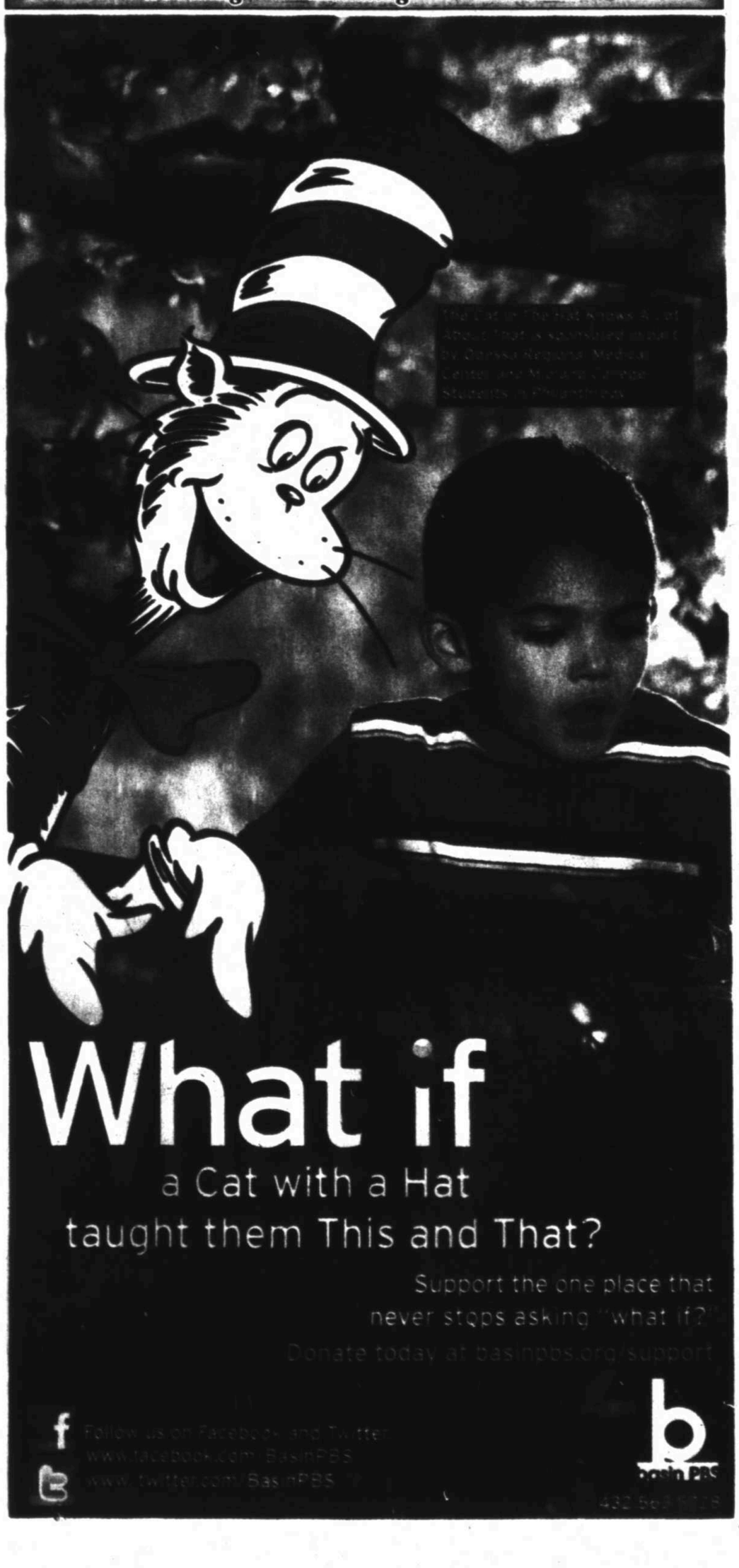


Retired teachers face health plan changes

By Kate Alexander
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Retired school employees in Texas could face major changes to their health care because the state fund that pays for their insurance is projected to run out of money in 2015.

The Legislature will consider a host of funding options next year to keep the fund solvent, none of which will be particularly palatable to teachers, school districts or the 223,000 retirees and dependents who participate in the health benefit program, known as TRS-Care.

The potential changes include reducing benefits or eligibility; hiking premiums paid by the retirees; and increasing contributions from the state, employees and school districts.

"If there was an easy answer to this, we would have done it," said Brian Guthrie, executive director of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, which oversees the health care program and the $110 billion pension fund.

Lawmakers have known for years that the health care fund would eventually run out of money, but the exact date has been a moving target.

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said everyone probably will be asked to shoulder some of the additional burden, just as they were in 2003 when the program was last overhauled. Those changes were projected to sustain the program for about a decade.

But, Duncan said he is sensitive to the fact that many retired teachers do not get Social Security, so significantly increasing health care premiums would be problematic for them.

The Legislature has asked the retirement system to study the sustainability of both the retiree health benefits and the pension.

Members of the retirement system in Austin had an opportunity this week to provide input on potential changes to both benefit programs.

Public employee pensions have become a politically charged issue in recent years, and some critics have called for eliminating the guaranteed retirement benefit in Texas, even though the major state funds are considered healthy.

Ted Melina Raab, legislative director of the Texas chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, cautioned against letting the pension issue overshadow "this more immediate and therefore arguably more pressing issue of TRS-Care."

The state needs to uphold its end of a bargain with teachers and other school employees to provide some security in retirement, Melina Raab said. "This is necessary to ensure that we have a qualified, experienced workforce to serve the children in our public schools."

State law calls for the Legislature to allocate 1 percent of the amount paid to teachers and other school employees to the retiree health fund, which amounts to $267 million this year.

However, facing a severe budget crunch, lawmakers provided only half of that required amount for the second year of the 2012-13 state budget, which hastened — but didn't create — the imbalance.

School districts and employees together pony up an additional 1.2 percent of payroll for the fund, and retirees pay premiums that account for about 30 percent of the costs.

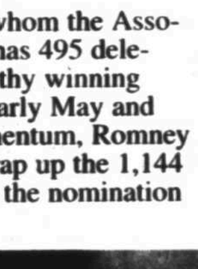
But, that funding stream has not kept pace with health care costs, which are expected to increase this year by as much as 10 percent. As a result, the fund has been draining its reserves and will run dry sometime in 2015.

"The time has come for the Legislature to get serious about what they're going to do to preserve this plan," said Tim Lee, executive director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Lee said retirees, who have not seen an increase in their monthly pension check since 2001, cannot afford to pay significantly higher premiums or lose benefits. Nor should active employees bear the burden because their pay has stayed pretty stagnant, too, he said.

State may be factor in presidential primary

■ The number of delegates and closer-than-expected race may mean the spotlight will be on Texas.



JASON EMBRY
Cox Newspapers

Mitt Romney missed another chance Tuesday to diminish the importance of the May 29 presidential primary in Texas.

Romney could have taken a big step toward the GOP nomination with wins in Mississippi and Alabama, but he finished third in each state behind Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich. Those losses renewed questions about Romney's support among the Republican base.

Set aside for a moment that Romney has a solid delegate lead, stands to do better in non-Southern states and, thanks to voters in Hawaii and American Samoa, actually captured the most delegates Tuesday. Santorum's wins solidified him as Romney's main competitor and signaled that the Republican race isn't near its finish.

That brings us to Texas. When a lengthy court fight over redistricting pushed our primaries from March 6 to May 29, many of us thought Texas would be too late in the nomination calendar to matter. With 11 weeks to go before our primaries, Romney has plenty of time to establish his inevitability. Even if he does, there probably will be something to play for in Texas.

Perhaps Gingrich will fade in the coming weeks and leave Santorum as the only credible alternative to Romney, creating a one-on-one race that lasts all the way until the end. Romney has a better organization and more money, but Santorum doesn't seem to need much of either. And, given conservatives' doubts about Romney, Santorum could thrive in a one-on-one contest.

"Rick Santorum will win the Texas primary and dramatically close the public delegate gap with Mitt Romney on May 29th," the Santorum campaign said in a strategy memo that BuzzFeed posted online.

Even if Romney, whom the Associated Press reports has 495 delegates, goes on a healthy winning streak in April and early May and Santorum loses momentum, Romney is still unlikely to wrap up the 1,144 delegates needed for the nomination by May 29.

As long as nobody has locked down the nomination, Texas will have considerable value.

It will be difficult for Santorum to get to 1,144 delegates before the August convention. But, a strong showing in Texas could help him stop Romney from getting to 1,144, pushing the decision to conservative GOP convention-goers in Tampa, Fla. Gingrich also seems to think he could succeed by pushing the fight to the convention, so he just may be in the race when Texas comes around, too.

"After the primaries are over," Gingrich said in his Tuesday night speech, "it will be obvious that the so-called front-runner, in fact, didn't get there, and from that point on, we'll be in a whole new conversation."

In other words, this race could go the distance. With 155 Texas delegates up for grabs on May 29 (to be awarded proportionally) and with 300 more at stake when California and four other states vote June 5, why would the field clear for Romney before then?

So, take heart, Republican primary voters: Your candidates are eventually, probably, coming to town. Well, maybe not this Democratic town. But, Dallas and Houston are just a few hours away.

Ex-inmate struggles to earn jail compensation

Associated Press

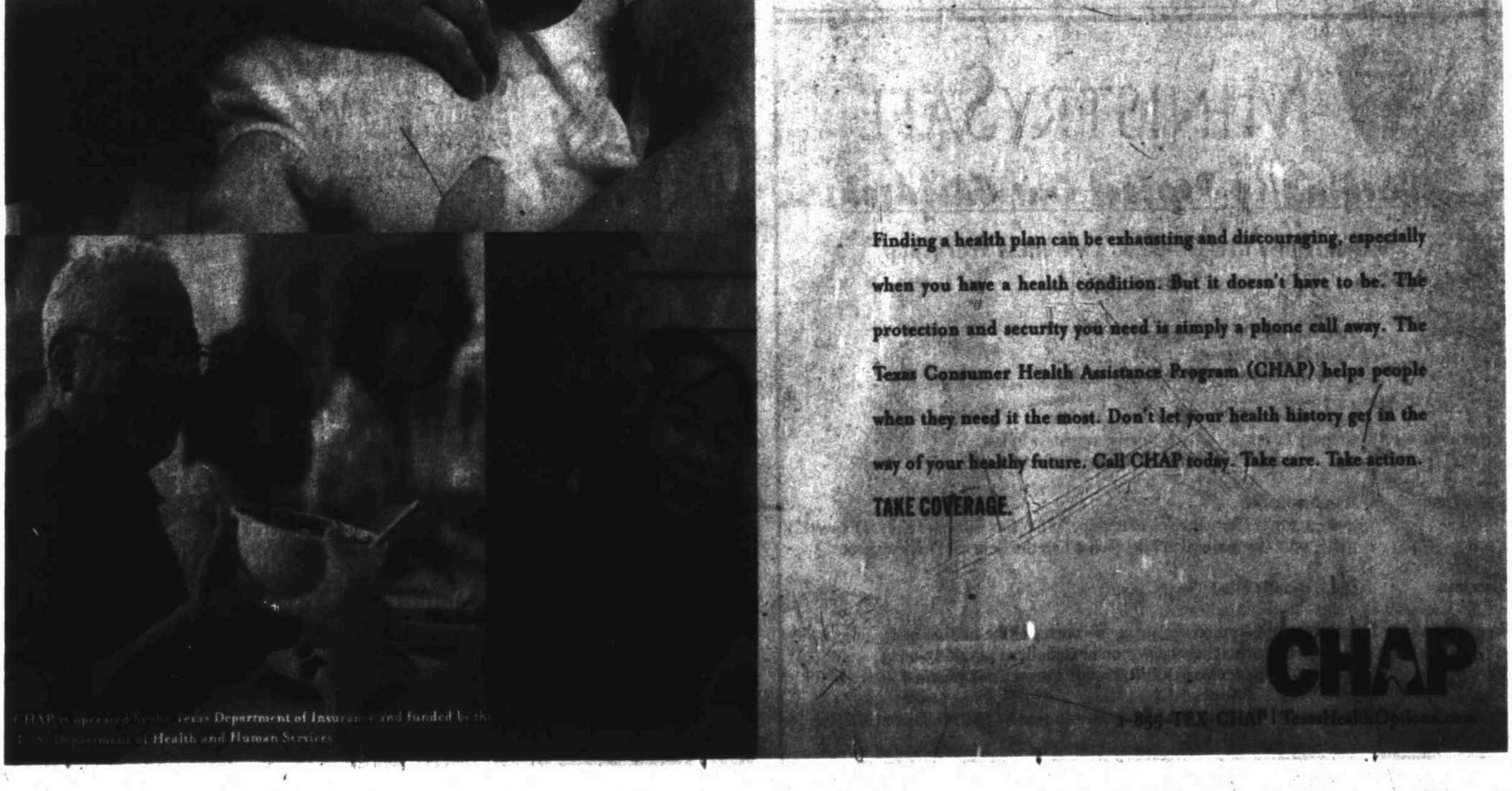
McKINNEY — Billy Frederick Allen spent more than 25 years in prison before an appeals court overturned his convictions in two murders. Three years after winning his freedom, Allen is fighting the state again — this time for the $2 million he says he's owed for imprisonment.

Although the appeals court declared the evidence against Allen too weak for any reasonable juror to convict him, Texas officials said he has not proven his innocence. Therefore, they said, he isn't covered by a state law that generously compensates the wrongfully convicted for the years they spent behind bars.

Advocates said Allen's case raises new questions about what evidence is needed to qualify for compensation in Texas, where more inmates have been freed because of wrongful convictions than any other state.

DNA evidence has led to most of Texas' exonerations. But with DNA testing essentially standard in most cases and the number of DNA-based exonerations expected to dwindle, more former inmates like Allen — whose case has no DNA evidence — are likely to account for more compensation cases.

"The only difference is the good luck, if you want to call it that, that exonerees in DNA cases had versus Billy," said Jeff Blackburn, chief counsel of the Innocence Project of Texas, which works to free wrongfully convicted inmates. "It doesn't make them any more innocent than Billy Allen. It doesn't make Billy any less innocent than them."



Hueco Tanks film premiere slated for today

By Ramon Renteria
El Paso Times

EL PASO — Filmmaker Jackson Polk describes Hueco Tanks as a world-class jewel in the desert.

"Whether you come to climb the boulders, study the plants and animals or honor the spirits that blow with the wind, Hueco Tanks is alive with experiences that can't be found anywhere else on earth," Polk said at the end of his latest documentary film, "El Paso's Hueco Tanks."

Polk, an award-winning filmmaker, spent eight years shooting video, collecting interviews and studying Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site, an outcropping of ancient rocks 32 miles northeast of El Paso.

The site is best known for its vast collection of spectacular and rare pictographs, or rock art. The video depicts Hueco Tanks as El Paso's oldest and largest art gallery.

"What we're trying to do is create a television program that can be exported from El Paso to explain Hueco Tanks to anybody who doesn't know it," Polk said in a recent interview.

El Paso County Historical Society, one of various project sponsors, will premiere the 52-minute video today at a fundraising event.

Jackson is optimistic that the video, one of several he has produced on the region's history, will help educate city and county officials about the potential in heritage tourism. The $48,000 budget for this project included a $12,000 grant from the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

"You have all kinds of factions out there — rock climbers, Native Americans, the state of Texas and recreational people that think they own the place," Polk said.

Hueco Tanks is known for its hollow areas that catch and hold the desert's rare rainfall. Water attracted animals, plants and humans for centuries.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department manages the site, which the state acquired from the county in 1969. The Tigua Tribe of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, the Mescalero Apaches and Kiowas in Oklahoma all claim that Hueco Tanks is part of their culture and history.

Over the years, archaeologists have found an ancient village there and confirmed Hueco Tanks served as a burial ground for various people who once inhabited what has been described as a a desert oasis.

Sammy Gutierrez of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo suggests in the video that rock climbers, hikers and others leave their tracks on land that many Native Americans consider sacred.

"It would be the same as me going into a church and try to do all kinds of stuff on their altars, which is not right," he said. "We go out there for a purpose, a purpose to pray, a purpose to respect, a purpose to take care of the place. It is very sacred because of the water that's there."

Hikers and rock climbers come from all over the world to test their skills at Hueco Tanks. The site also has 20 campsites for recreational users.

Scientists have identified four species of shrimp, various other animals and microscopic life.

"We've also discovered at least three new species out there that hadn't previously been known to science," UTEP biologist Liz Walsh tells Jackson in the video.

Polk is convinced that Hueco Tanks is one of the most fascinating and unusual geological features in the region.

"If we show off our history, maybe people will come see it," he said.

NM tourism ad seeks 'light-skinned' Hispanics

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico's new tourism ad isn't done yet, but it's already creating quite a buzz.

First, the Tourism Department touched some local nerves by hiring a Texas firm to produce its new branding campaign. That firm chose a California producer rather than someone in New Mexico's film industry to shoot the spot. On Friday, traditional and social media was abuzz over the ad's "real people" casting notice, which called for Caucasian or "light-skinned" Hispanics to star in the spot.

In an editorial Friday, the Santa Fe New Mexican called the "light-skinned" requirement "wrong-headed."

"Hearing that term brings to mind a vision of casting agents holding up paper bags next to people's faces to ensure they can pass," the Santa Fe New Mexican wrote. "We don't know, of course, who made it into the shoot and how New Mexico will be presented to the world once the campaign is unveiled. But really, light-skinned only? What were they thinking?"

The ad, which is being designed as part of a $2 million yearlong effort by Tourism Secretary Monique Jacobson to create a brand that will attract more out-of-state visitors, was shot in a variety of locations and is scheduled to be unveiled next month.

The Tourism Department said a majority of those participating in the shoot at any given time were from New Mexico and that the focus of the spot is to showcase to the nation the "amazing experiences and adventures" one can have in New Mexico.

"The casting call being referenced is for the role of 'tourists' who could be coming from any number of states, such as Maine, Texas, Washington, New York or elsewhere," agency spokeswoman Veronica Valencia said in an email to the Associated Press on Friday.

More spots are planned, she said.

"For those non-tourist roles in this and future spots, we feature local residents who reflect the diversity and richness of New Mexico's culture, history, strength and beauty," Valencia said.

According to the editorial, Jacobson has said the initial spot includes Native Americans dancing.

But, the casting notice seeking fit and attractive people to portray real families carried the light-skin requirement.

"We'd wager that there are more than a few active Native climbers and bikers, couples and families even," the Santa Fe New Mexican wrote. "Native people dance and make art, yes, but they are fully in the modern world. They, along with dark-skinned people, even take vacations."

According to the latest Census data, 46 percent of New Mexicans are of Hispanic or Latino origin. A little less than 10 percent are Native American.

The state also has the nation's first female Latina governor, Republican Susana Martinez.

Expert: Rebuilding cattle herd will be challenging

Associated Press

TUCUMCARI, N.M. — Rebuilding the state's cow herd in areas hit hardest by drought will present both opportunities and challenges for ranchers, said a cattle specialist with New Mexico State University.

It's estimated that more than 100,000 beef cows will have to be replaced to return New Mexico's herds to 2010 levels.

Manny Encinias, who also serves as the director of operations for the New Mexico Beef Cattle Performance Association, said the industry has experienced a reduction in herd inventories of more than 20 percent since 2010.

Although nearly 90 percent of the state remains in some stage of drought, Encinias said cattle producers are looking forward to rebuilding herds with higher quality genetics from regionally adapted registered cowherds.

"The two largest challenges the cow-calf producers will face when restocking will be finding the females that are adapted to our arid production environment and then being able to afford these replacements," he said.

Nationally, the industry is experiencing record prices for all classes of live cattle because of the lowest national cow inventory since the early 1950s. A strong domestic and global demand for U.S. beef is also affecting prices.

With the shortage of grass on New Mexico rangelands and the high cost of production, Encinias said there is no doubt that many of the lower-producing cows on ranches already have been sent to market and only those that are meeting production thresholds remain.

"From a strictly quality perspective, the drought has forced a genetic-cleansing of the New Mexico cowherd," he said. "As we restock, there will be a tremendous opportunity to upgrade the genetics in many of the cowherds across the state."

This will allow New Mexico cattle producers in the future to take advantage of higher prices for offspring from proven high quality genetics, he said.

For Southwestern cattle producers, the annual bull sale at the Tucumcari Bull Test is a source of proven genetics from regional cowherds.

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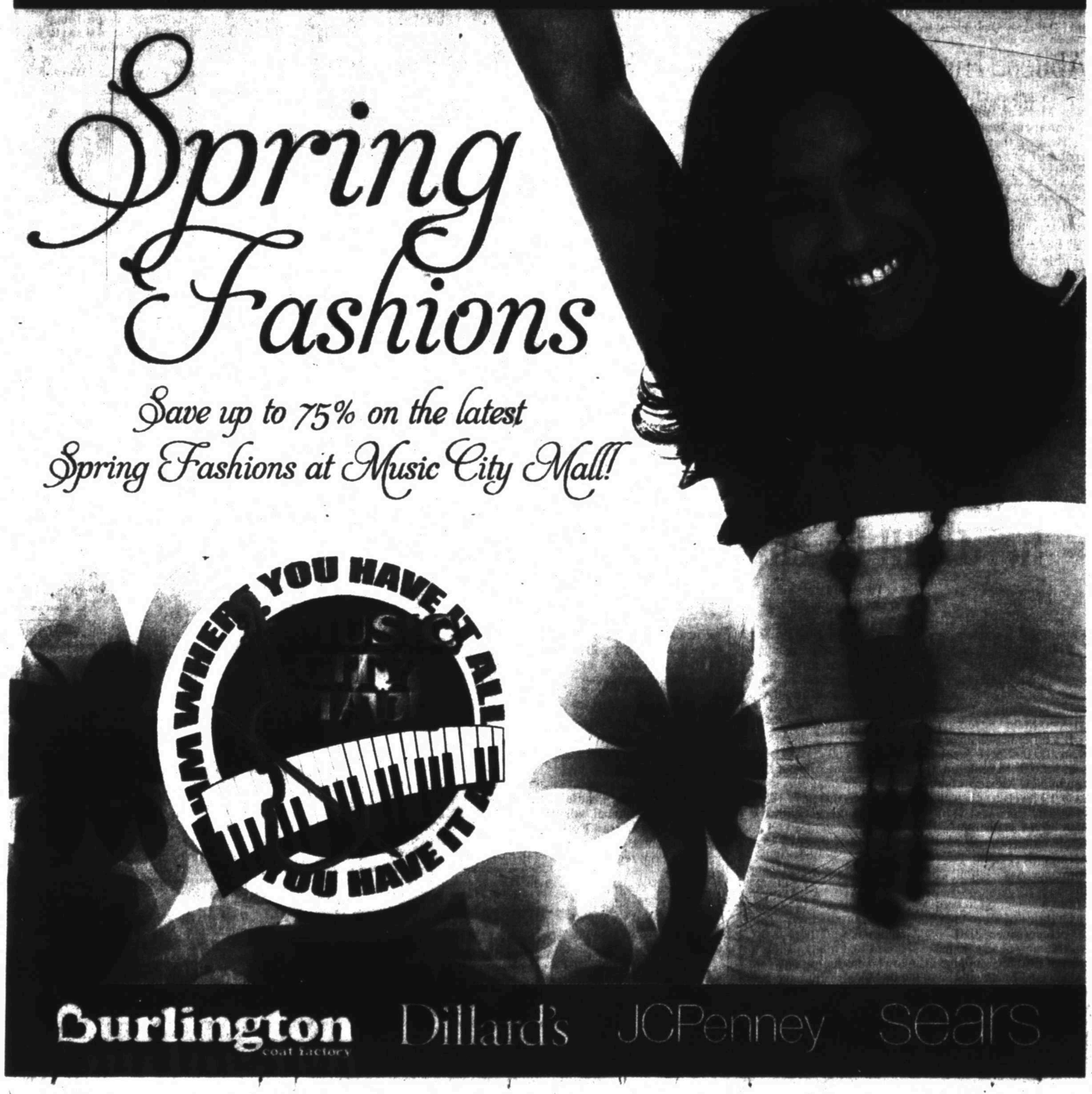

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Heslip's nine 3s has Baylor heading to Sweet 16

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The basket was as wide as the ocean for Brady Heslip, and because of that, the future looks as bright as those uniforms for the Baylor Bears.

Heslip made 9 of 12 from behind the 3-point line Saturday to lift third-seeded Baylor and their highlighter-yellow uniforms to a pullaway 80-63 victory over No. 11 Colorado. The Bears (29-7) advance to the South Regional semifinals, their second trip to the final 16 in three seasons. They'll play the winner between Xavier and Lehigh next Friday in Atlanta.

Heslip, the Boston College transfer who grew up playing — and losing — lots of H-O-R-S-E games with his father up in Canada would have beaten just about anybody on this electric day at The Pit.

He made six 3s in the first half to keep his cold-shooting teammates close. Then, he helped break open a tight game late. His 3-pointer with 6:56 left came in the early stages of Baylor's 19-3 run to close the game. And it was contagious. Shortly after that make, Pierre Jackson (15 points, 10 assists) jacked one up from three feet behind the arc. Swish.

Then Heslip, not to be outdone, made No. 9 — leaving him only two short of the NCAA tournament record set by Jeff Fryer of Loyola Marymount in 1990 and matching the number put up by Purdue's Courtney Moses in the women's tournament a few hours earlier.

Heslip's wasn't a record, but they'll certainly let that one go at Baylor.

The Bears came into this game taller, longer and more athletic than Colorado (24-12), but the Buffs matched their hustle through the entire first half and beyond.

With the two Qs — Quincy Acy and Quincy Miller — shut down along with Perry Jones III, Heslip kept pulling up from long range and hitting nothing but net. He had matched his career high, with six at

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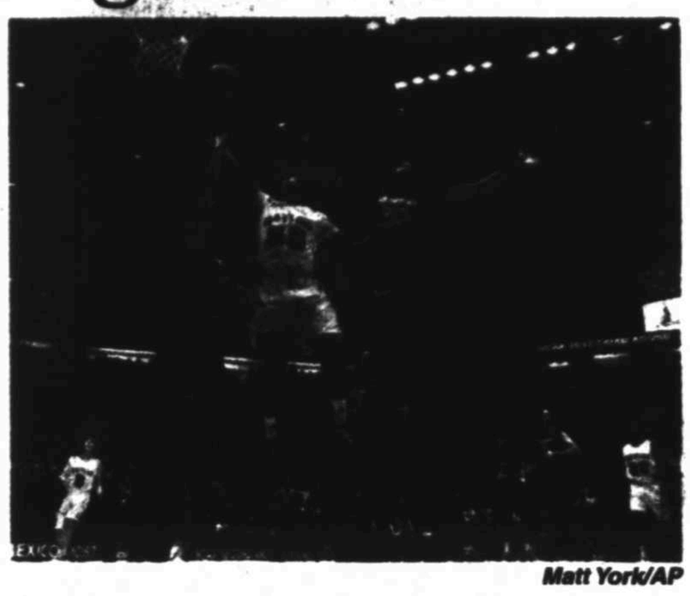

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Baylor guard Pierre Jackson (55) shoots between Colorado defenders Nate Tomlinson, left, and Carlon Brown, right, during the NCAA Tournament on Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

Bulldog breakdown

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Stefani Baeza winds up and throws a pitch to Abilene High's Lauren Williams on Saturday at Audrey Gill Sports Complex. The Lady Dawgs lost to the Lady Eagles, 8-6.

Abilene High rallies to beat Midland High with help from errors

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

The District 3-5A softball race just got more interesting.

Midland High was in position to take a commanding lead atop the 3-5A standings with a win against Abilene High on Saturday, and appeared poised to do so with an early three-run advantage.

But, the Lady Eagles rallied, and with the help of six Midland High fielding miscues, pulled out an 8-6 victory against the Lady Bulldogs at Audrey Gill Sports Complex. The loss is the first of the 3-5A season for Midland High (15-8, 4-1 in 3-5A), which remains in first place albeit by a slim half-game lead on second-place Abilene High (9-6, 3-1).

Lady Eagles	**8**
Lady Bulldogs	**6**

Only four of Abilene High's eight runs were earned as considerable defensive breakdowns by the Lady Dawgs in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings hurt them considerably.

"If you're not going to make the routine plays, then you're not going to win games in this district," MHS coach Shawnda Vines said.

However, it was the Lady Dawgs who got on the board first, scoring three in the bottom of the third for a 3-0 advantage. The rally started when right fielder Merissa Ramirez hit a hard chopper that bounced over the head of Abilene High third baseman Christy Rodriguez, stayed fair and found its way to the fence for a triple.

Ramirez scored when next batter Brittany Baggett hit a sharp grounder in the hole between first and second for a single. Baggett ended up coming around all the way from first to score after Abilene High first baseman Kinzee Reeves couldn't handle a throw from pitcher Samantha Rodriguez after fielding a hit by MHS center fielder Gaby Muniz.

The ball ended up in right field, allowing Baggett to score and Muniz to end up on second. Muniz scored shortly after that play after a wild pitch by Rodriguez, making it 3-0 in Midland High's favor.

But, after a throwing error by MHS catcher Courtney Warren allowed Abilene High's Lauren Campbell to score in the fourth, the Lady Eagles tacked on four more runs in the fifth for a 5-3 lead and they never looked back.

It marked the second straight game the Lady Eagles put together a late-inning rally to win a game. They overcame a 3-0 deficit against Abilene Cooper on Thursday and broke up a no-hitter with a five-run sixth inning to win 5-3.

"This team just doesn't give up," Abilene High coach Shay Cox said. "They just keep doing it. We did get down early, but we didn't give up on ourselves and just kept fighting back."

Abilene High pitcher Samantha Rodriguez started the four-run fifth-inning rally with a triple that bounced off the fence in left field and scored courtesy of a two-out single by left fielder Katerina Sauceda, pulling the Lady Eagles within 3-2.

After a ground ball skipped under the glove of MHS third baseman Megan O'Valle — placing Sauceda on third and Lauren Campbell on first — Christy Rodriquez ripped a single that took a funny hop and skipped past the glove of Baggett in left field, allowing it to roll to the fence. Rodriguez easily touched all four bases as a result of the error and put the Lady Eagles up 5-3.

The Lady Eagles scored three more runs in the seventh off of four hits and two more MHS errors for an 8-3 advan-

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Withrow leads Mustangs to run-rule win

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

It took Midland Christian every bit of three innings to figure out Grapevine Faith pitcher Justin Davis.

But once it did, Midland Christian turned it around faster than you can say "run-rule," erasing a two-run deficit and scoring 12 unanswered in a 12-2 victory in six innings Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

Mustangs	**12**
Lions	**2**

"(Davis) was pretty good, he knew what he was doing with the ball, and we had to get through the order one time," Mustang coach Mike Munguia said. "Once we got through the order one time, bench coaches did a good job of making adjustments with them."

Davis held the Mustangs (12-4-2, 3-1 in TAPPS 1-4A) without a hit in the first three innings before the Mustangs exploded for 12 runs on 13 hits to avenge a loss to the Lions the day before. Matt Withrow led the Mustang assault by going 3 for 3 after flying out to start the game, driving in six runs in the process.

Midland Christian didn't have a runner reach base in the game until Davis walked Elias Aguirre with two outs in the third inning..

Withrow

Munguia

By that point, Grapevine Faith (13-7-2, 3-3) had already gone up 2-0 on a Zach Postema sacrifice fly in the second and a Garret Lakey RBI double in the third.

But even when Davis got out of the inning one batter after Aguirre, Midland Christian knew it was close to a breakthrough.

"We just need to sit on his fastball. He's throwing it early in counts and throwing it for a strike every time," Withrow said the Mustangs told themselves. "We just need to sit on that because he was getting behind the hitters, and you know he's going to come with that fastball."

The strategy finally paid off when Midland Christian began the fourth with four straight hits, including a two-run single by Withrow to get the Mustangs on the board and tie the game at two.

Caleb Thomas then drove Withrow in with an RBI triple to give Midland Christian the lead just moments after Davis was on his way to a no-hitter.

Yet Midland Christian wasn't done there, as Aguirre hit one to right that got down just in front of Faith right fielder Jordan Jones, allowing Aguirre to hustle for a triple and score two to make it 5-2.

Daniel Crooks followed by driving in Aguirre on an RBI single, making the score 6-2.

Crooks not only found a groove at the plate but on the mound as well, shutting out the Lions after the third inning. Crooks struck out four and only walked two in the game, never losing trust in his defense despite errors in the second and third that allowed Faith's two runs to move to third before they were driven in.

"I knew they were going to get me no

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Chiefs sign former Texan, Lee grad Winston

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Eric Winston's search for a new team ended Saturday evening, when the former Lee Rebel signed with the Kansas City Chiefs.

After being released by the Houston Texans on Monday, the six-year veteran right tackle agreed to terms with the Chiefs just five days later, bringing a quick end to Winston's first experience as an unrestricted free agent. It's a status he was more than happy to draw to a close.

"It's tough and nerve-racking," Winston said of being a free agent. "It's an experience where you're very unsure about everything for a shot time. You just have to roll with the punches and there were a few."

Winston

Winston said he signed a four-year contract with the Chiefs, but didn't want to get into the particulars about the value of the deal. He said the deal was pretty straight forward and that he'd be making similar money to what he made with the Texans. Before being released, Winston had been slated to earn upwards of $6.5 million per year with Houston.

"I'm happy with the deal," Winston said. "It puts me toward the top of the right tackles as far as money is concerned and I feel like I'm worth that."

Winston had started at right tackle in every game he played in over the past five seasons for the Texans. He was released in what was deemed by some as a surprising move that saved Houston

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Jacks beat Wildcats, now tied for 4th

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes' aren't quite in the playoffs yet, but they are playing like a team determined to dig out of an early season hole and qualify for the NAHL postseason.

Odessa won its sixth straight game on Saturday night at the Ector County Coliseum, a 3-2 come-from-behind win against the Wichita Falls Wildcats, and most importantly are now tied for fourth place in the NAHL's South Division with Corpus Christi.

Jacks	**3**
Wildcats	**2**

Cornellier

Doucet

The IceRays were blasted by South Division-leading Amarillo 8-1 on Saturday night, and now the Jacks at 25-25-5 with 55 points are tied with Corpus Christi (25-26-5, 55 points) for the fourth and final playoff spot. Plus, Odessa has five games to play, while the IceRays have four remaining.

"We've been in playoff mode for two months, and coach (Paul Gillis) said two months ago that we have to win every game to get that fourth place spot and get into the playoffs," said Jacks forward Lawrence Cornellier, who had a goal and an assist on Saturday. "It feels great to be in fourth

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as my wife, a native Houstonian, is hoping that Peyton Manning doesn't end up with the Titans:

Got to give softball teams in District 3-5A a ton of credit for doing what they've done this week.

I know playing a lot of games in a short amount of time is something that happens often in softball, especially in summer travel tournaments, but playing four games in six days during high school district play is something that is out of the ordinary. Pitchers can pitch multiple games during a day, but still this has to have been a taxing week.

Midland High and Odessa Permian each played four games in six days, and every other team in the district, including Lee, played three games in six days.

That's a lot of softball during a short period of time, and it seems odd to say that this week might make or break a team's season, but this week was two thirds of the first round of district play for MHS and Permian.

The rest of the year, barring any issues for weather, may seem like a breeze compared to this week.

■ The Lee and Midland High baseball teams play each other for the first time this season on Tuesday at Zachery Field, and it's already shaping up to be one that could go down to the wire.

The best part about watching these two teams play is that this will be a game that will feature fundamental play, and two coaches who are great baseball tacticians. The new bats have changed things somewhat for both teams, but even with the old bats, Midland High's Barry Russell and Lee's Hector Limon can play small ball when they have to.

I'd get to Zachery Field early on Tuesday because I expect there to be few seats left by game time.

■ Kudos goes out to former Midland Christian baseball players Reid Redman and Bryant Burleson at Texas Tech. Redman, a senior, and Burleson, a freshman, have been key contributors for the Red Raiders this spring, and will be key in helping them get back to the NCAA tournament.

■ Upsets are an important part of college basketball (yes it's taken me this long to get to the tournament) but I know that CBS officials were probably cringing a little bit when Duke got beat.

Yes, everybody likes a Cinderella, and I like to see these upsets, but when it comes to eyeballs on television sets, they tend to gravitate toward teams they can recognize more easily.

Don't believe me? Check out the rating if North Carolina and Kansas play each other in a regional final.

■ Even as the NCAA tournament rages, Peyton Manning's workouts and tour of teams still is grabbing headlines.

I know the NFL doesn't set the calendar to have its free agency period happen at the same time as the tournament on purpose, but it again proves that no matter what season or month it is, the NFL is this nation's most popular sport.

And it's not going to change for the foreseeable future.

■ Speaking of the NFL, it's still hard to comprehend that the last week the Houston Texans released former Lee star Eric Winston, who signed with the Chiefs on Saturday. Winston was shocked, but in typical Eric fashion, he is always prepared for what might happen in the NFL and took it stride, but still it probably didn't take away some of the sting.

Winston had become pretty popular in Houston as he even had his own weekly radio show on the Texans' flagship station.

It was just kind of cool to have him play his professional ball in Texas.

■ And finally, I have no bracket to bust this year.

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On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Food City 500, 11:3 a.m., Fox

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Open de Andalucia, final round, 8 a.m., TGC
PGA Tour, Transitions Championship, final round, Noon, TGC
PGA Tour, Transitions Championship, final round, 2 p.m., NBC
LPGA, Founders Cup, final round, 3 p.m., TGC
Champions Tour, Toshiba Classic, final round, (same-day tape), 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NIT, second round, Northern Iowa at Drexel, 10 a.m., ESPN
NCAA Division I tournament, third round, tripleheader, Georgetown vs. N.C. State and Michigan St. vs. Saint Louis, at Columbus, Ohio; North Carolina vs. Creighton, at Greensboro, N.C., 11 a.m., CBS
NCAA Division I tournament, third round, doubleheader, Florida vs. Norfolk St., at Nashville, Tenn; Kansas vs. Purdue, at Omaha, Neb., 5 p.m., TNT
NCAA Division I tournament, third round, doubleheader, South Florida vs. Ohio and Florida St. vs. Cincinnati, at Nashville, Tenn., 6:30 p.m., TBS
NCAA Division I tournament, third round, Xavier vs. Lehigh, at Greensboro, N.C., 6:30 p.m., TruTV

MLB
Chicago at Texas, 3 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NBA
Orlando at Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN
Portland at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 11:30 a.m., NBC
Washington at Chicago, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER
MLS, Colorado at Philadelphia, 3 p.m., NBC Sports Network

TENNIS
ATP World Tour/WTA, BNP Paribas Open, men's and women's championship matches, at Indian Wells, Calif., 1 p.m., ABC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA Division I tournament, first round, Ohio St. vs. Florida, at Bowling Green, Ohio; Georgetown vs. Fresno St., at Chapel Hill, N.C.; California vs. Iowa, at South Bend, Ind.; Georgia vs. Marist, at Tallahassee, Fla., 11 a.m., ESPN2
NCAA Division I tournament, first round, Baylor vs. UC Santa Barbara, at Bowling Green, Ohio; Georgia Tech vs. Sacred Heart, at Chapel Hill, N.C.; Liberty at Notre Dame; St. Bonaventure vs. Florida Gulf Coast, at Tallahassee, Fla., 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Division I tournament, first round, Penn St. vs. UTEP, at Baton Rouge, La.; Delaware, at UALR; Middle Tenn. at Vanderbilt; St. John's vs. Creighton, at Norman, Okla., 4 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Division I tournament, first round, San Diego St. at LSU; Nebraska vs. Kansas, at Little Rock, Ark.; Duke vs. Samford, at Nashville, Tenn.; Michigan at Oklahoma., 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

Lady Rebels drop game to Lady Cougars

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Lee softball team experienced a setback Saturday, falling to Abilene Cooper 6-3 in District 3-5A game at Redbud Park.

The Lady Rebels drop to 12-10 overall and 1-3 in district play and now sit a full game behind Odessa High (10-11, 2-2) and Cooper (15-6, 2-2) for fourth place in the 3-5A standings.

Lee put the first run on the board in the top of the first inning, but quickly fell behind with Cooper scoring three in the second and adding two more in the third. The Lady Cougars put their last run across in the fourth for a 6-1 advantage.

Hardaway

The Lady Rebels scored two in the fifth, but couldn't get any closer despite junior pitcher Emily Hardaway entering the game to shut the Lady Cougars down in the fifth and sixth innings.

Lee plays host to San Angelo Central at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Gene Smith Field to continue 3-5A play. Central (8-14, 0-4) is winless in district play this season, giving the Lady Rebels hope to get back on the winning track.

Lady Cougars 6
Lady Rebels 3

ABILENE COOPER 6, LEE 3
Lee ....100 020 0 —3 7 2
Cooper ....032 100 x —6 4 4
Kylee Olivas, Emily Hardaway (5) and Destiny Reyes. Ashley Rangel, Katie Earles (5) and McKenzie Black. W — Rangel. L — Olivas. S — Earles. 2B — Cooper: Hailey Burden.
Records: Lee 12-10, 1-3 in District 3-5A; Cooper 15-6, 2-2.
Next: Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Ratliff Sports Complex; San Angelo Central at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Gene Smith Field.

3-5A Softball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	4	1	15	8
Abilene High	3	1	9	6
Odessa Permian	3	2	18	3
Abilene Cooper	2	2	15	6
Odessa High	2	2	10	11
Lee	1	3	12	10
San Angelo Central	0	4	8	14

Saturday's Scores
Abilene High 8, Midland High 6; Abilene Cooper 6, Lee 3; Odessa Permian 10, San Angelo Central 0. Odessa High is idle.

Tuesday's Games
San Angelo Central at Lee, Gene Smith Field; Odessa Permian at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Odessa High. All games at 4:30 p.m. Midland High at Lubbock Monterey, 6 p.m.

RALLIES

From 1C

tage. And, while the bats were producing, Abilene High pitcher Samantha Rodriguez kept the Lady Dawgs off-balance with a strong offspeed pitch.

"We just didn't adjust well at the plate," Vines said. "We didn't do a good job of pitch selection, swung at pitches we shouldn't have been swinging at. Their pitcher did a fantastic job. She threw the ball where she needed to throw it and our hitters refused to adjust."

The Lady Dawgs did manage to put three runs on the board in the bottom of the seventh courtesy of a single, a walk and two errors. But, appropriately, one final offspeed offering from Rodriguez forced MHS senior shortstop Naomi Posada to pop out to third for the game's final out.

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ABILENE HIGH 8, MIDLAND HIGH 6
Abilene High ....000 140 3 —8 9 4
Midland High ....003 000 3 —6 6 6
Samantha Rodriguez and Lauren Williams. Stefani Baeza, Britney Segovia (7) and Courtney Warren. W — Rodriguez. L — Baeza. 3B — AHS: Rodriguez; MHS: Merissa Ramirez. RBI — AHS: Katerina Sauceda, Lauren Campbell, Christy Rodriguez, Lauren Williams, Kristine Melchor; MHS: Brittany Baggett, Warren.
Records: Abilene High 9-6, 3-1 in District 3-5A; Midland High 15-8, 4-1
Next: Odessa Permian at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Midland High at Lubbock Monterey, 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Solo home run in 8th inning sends Coronado over Rebels

From staff reports

A solo home run by Chace Sarchet in the top of the eighth inning proved to be the difference in a 4-3 Lubbock Coronado victory in a non-district baseball game at Ernie Johnson Field on Saturday.

Sarchet also had a double in the game with Will Breedlove picking up the win for the Mustangs.

The Rebels out-hit Coronado 10-9 in the game, but six of their hits came in one inning. Lee scored three runs in the fourth on six consecutive singles. Luke Stice had two RBI and Colton Lathram, who took the loss after relieving starter Coleman Watts on the mound in the sixth inning, also had a RBI.

Lee now prepares for its crosstown showdown with Midland High at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Zachery Field.

LUBBOCK CORONADO 4, LEE 3
Coronado ....011 010 01 —4 9 0
Lee ....000 300 00 —3 10 1
Breedlove and Hewett. Coleman Watts, Colton Lathram (6) and Antonio Rodriguez. W — Breedlove. L — Lathram (2-1). 2B — LC: Hewett, Thom, Sarchet. HR — LC: Sarchet.
Record: Lee 13-4
Next: Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Zachery Field

MUSTANGS

From 1C

matter what," Crooks said of his defense. "We work with them in practice, and I just had a lot of faith in them."

The defense did its part, helping Crooks out of a jam in the third with a 4-6 double play to end the inning and again in the fourth with a 6-4-3 double play to end the inning.

Crooks then got himself out of a jam in the fifth, striking out Zach Garcia and making a quick reaction on a 1-3 groundout by Pierson Sizelove to strand Faith runners at second and third.

"Early on, I was missing everything high," Crooks said. "Towards the later innings, I started working down low and throwing my curveball more, and they couldn't seem to hit it."

Munguia added: "Compliments to him on keeping on. A lot of pitchers give up on a pitch when they don't have it early...and he didn't, he kept throwing it, kept working it between innings, and he finally found it."

The Lions, however, were never able to find a solution for the Midland Christian bats, as Withrow added to the lead with an RBI single in the fifth, which was Davis' last inning.

Postema entered in the sixth and was greeted rudely as all six Mustangs reached in the inning, with Bailey Blain getting the scoring started again with a two-run single.

Two batters later, Withrow stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and put the exclamation point on the Mustang rally and a nice day at the plate with a bases-clearing double that ended the game.

"You just blow up on them," Withrow said. "It only takes one inning to shut a team down."

Munguia was happy to see his team respond to its first district loss Friday, saying that he hopes it can be a catalyst for the team as it heads into a non-district showdown with Lubbock Cooper on Tuesday.

"I think now these guys see what we've got to do and the work that's got to take place in order to get those things corrected," Munguia said. "And once we do we're going to be really good and really hard to beat."

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MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 12, GRAPEVINE FAITH 2
Faith ....011 000 x —2 8 1
MCS ....000 615 x —12 13 2
Justin Davis, Zach Postema (6) and Garret Lakey. Daniel Crooks and Bailey Blain. W — Crooks. L — Davis. 2B — Faith: Zach Garcia; MCS: Matt Withrow, Christian Whigham. 3B — MCS: Caleb Thomas, Elias Aguirre. RBI — Faith: Postema, Lakey; MCS: Withrow (6), Thomas, Aguirre (2), Crooks, Blain (2).
Records: Faith 13-7-2, 3-3 in TAPPS 1-4A; MCS 12-4-2, 3-1
Next: Cistercian at Grapevine Faith, 6 p.m. Tuesday; Lubbock Cooper at Midland Christian, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Christensen Stadium

Lady Chaps split four games on Arizona trip

From staff reports

The No. 5-ranked Midland College softball team went 2-2 on a recent trip to Arizona.

The Lady Chaparrals (26-6) split with South Mountain Community College by winning, 7-3, before dropping a 5-1 decision.

MC then split with Gateway Community College by winning, 4-0, and then losing, 4-3.

The Lady Chaps had 17 hits in the first game against South Mountain as Kayla Parra, Debra Lovell (3 RBI) and Diana De La Paz had three hits, while Camille Hampton, Sam Kuakini and Marlene Fields each had two hits.

Yolanda Rios picked up the win by pitching a complete game, scattered nine hits and struck out four.

In the loss to South Mountain, Holly Herrington took the loss as she allowed three runs on five hits in four innings of work.

MC had seven hits in the game and De La Paz had a double.

Meghan Macias' two-run home run highlighted a shutout victory of Gateway.

Rios again picked up the victory when she struck out six and allowed just two hits in seven innings.

MC closed out the Arizona road trip with a loss as Gateway took advantage of a three-run third to earn the victory.

Herrington again took the loss as she lasted two-plus innings and allowed four runs (three earned) on seven hits.

MC had seven hits as Lovell had a triple, De La Paz had a double and Gee Estrada had a double.

MC returns home on Wednesday to face Seminole State (Okla.) College at 1 p.m. and then host Frank Phillips College in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opening series Friday and Saturday.

Red Raiders give up run in bottom of 8th, fall to Baylor

From staff reports

WACO — Baylor scored a run in the bottom of the eighth inning to break a 3-all tie against No. 27 Texas Tech and took a two-game lead in the series with a 4-3 victory on Saturday afternoon in front of 2,856 fans at Baylor Ballpark.

The Red Raiders (12-7, 0-2 Big 12) dropped their fourth consecutive road game while Baylor (13-7, 2-0 Big 12) improved to 11-3 at home this season.

The Bears won the game in the bottom of the eighth inning when Cal Towey singled through the right side off Jerad McCrummen (0-1) and then scored a batter later when Logan Vick doubled to right field, where Tech's Jamodrick McGruder had trouble with the play as Towey scored all the way from first base on the error by McGruder.

Baylor reliever Brad Kuntz (2-2) collected the win as he retired six consecutive Red Raiders to end the game.

The Bears were led by Towey (2 for 4, 2 runs) and center fielder Vick (3 for 4, run, RBI).

Tech's Scott LeJeune broke a scoreless tie in the top of the fourth inning with a single up the middle that scored Tim Proudfoot, who doubled to lead off the inning.

The following inning, Baylor evened the score with a lead-off single from right fielder Michael Howard to left field, and then two batters later, scored on a single through the right side.

Texas Tech starting pitcher John Neely pitched 4 1/3 innings while allowing one run on four hits with one walk and tied a career-high with six strikeouts. Neely exited the game with the score tied at 1-1.

Both teams scored runs in the sixth as Tech took a 2-1 lead on Barrett Barnes' line-drive single to center field before Baylor scored two runs in the bottom of the frame as Towey and Vick lead off the inning with a single and double, respectively, and then both came around to score giving Baylor the lead back, 3-2.

Tech tied the game at 3-3 in the seventh inning when Midland Christian grad Reid Redman led off the inning with a walk, moved to second on a groundout to second base by catcher Bo Altobelli, moved to third base on a single to left field by fellow MCS grad Bryant Burleson and then scored on a sacrifice push bunt down the first-base line by left fielder Brennan Moore.

The three-game series concludes at 1:05 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark.

MLB

Spring Training
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Detroit	11	1	.917
Oakland	12	4	.750
Toronto	12	4	.750
Boston	8	4	.667
Seattle	11	6	.647
Los Angeles	9	6	.600
Kansas City	8	6	.571
Minnesota	9	8	.529
New York	8	8	.500
Baltimore	5	7	.417
Cleveland	4	9	.308
Tampa Bay	4	9	.308
Chicago	4	10	.286
Texas	4	10	.286

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	11	4	.733
Los Angeles	8	4	.667
Miami	7	5	.583
Colorado	8	7	.533
Houston	7	7	.500
St. Louis	6	6	.500
Philadelphia	7	8	.467
San Diego	7	8	.467
Cincinnati	7	9	.438
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429
Washington	5	7	.417
Arizona	6	9	.400
Milwaukee	6	9	.400
Chicago	6	10	.375
Atlanta	5	11	.313
New York	3	10	.231

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Saturday's Scores
Minnesota 5, Miami (ss) 2
Atlanta (ss) 5, Toronto (ss) 3
Baltimore (ss) 3, Boston (ss) 3, tie, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 6, Houston 3
Detroit 10, St. Louis 3
Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 4, Toronto (ss) 3, 10 innings
Washington 1, Miami (ss) 1, tie
Atlanta (ss) 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Boston (ss) 7, Baltimore (ss) 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 0
L.A. Angels 8, Milwaukee 1
Oakland (ss) 4, Chicago Cubs (ss) 3
Cincinnati 9, Cleveland 2
Arizona 8, Texas (ss) 6
San Francisco (ss) 7, Oakland (ss) 2
Texas (ss) 12, Chicago Cubs (ss) 7
Colorado 8, L.A. Dodgers (ss) 6
San Francisco (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., late
Kansas City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., late

Today's Games
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Texas (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Las Vegas, Nev., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

TEXAS LINESCORES
At Surprise, Ariz.
DIAMONDBACKS 8, RANGERS 6

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Arizona	000 152 000	—	8	12	1
Texas (ss)	210 012 000	—	6	15	0

J.Saunders, Jakubauskas (4), D.Hernandez (6), Demel (7), B.Lorin (8), J.Lewis (9) and Budde, H.Blanco; Feldman, Uehara (5), M.de los Santos (7), J.Brigham (8), B.Snyder (9) and Z.Zaneski, B.Nicholas, T.Mendonca. W—Jakubauskas. L—Feldman. Sv—J.Lewis. HRs—Arizona, Kubel 2 (2). Texas, Kinsler (2).

At Tampa, Fla.
YANKEES 6, ASTROS 3

			R	H	E
Houston	000 100 020	—	3	9	0
New York (A)	230 000 10x	—	6	7	1

B.Norris, X.Cedeno (4), Myers (5), R.Cruz (7), Fe.Rodriguez (8) and C.Snyder, Powell; Kuroda, Ma.Rivera (5), Wade (6), Logan (8), Betances (9) and Cervelli, J.Gil. W—Kuroda. L—B.Norris. Sv—Betances. HRs—New York (A), Cano (1), Hall (1).

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sport. Kansas City	2	0	0	6	4	0
Houston	2	0	0	6	2	0
Chicago	0	0	1	1	1	1
Montreal	0	1	1	1	1	3
Toronto FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	1	0	0	1	2
D.C.	0	1	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	1	3
Columbus	0	1	0	0	0	2
New England	0	2	0	0	0	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Portland	1	0	1	4	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	3	2
Real Salt Lake	1	0	0	3	3	1
Vancouver	1	0	0	3	2	0
Colorado	1	0	0	3	2	0
San Jose	1	1	0	3	1	1
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chivas USA	0	1	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles	0	1	0	0	1	3

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Scores
Montreal 1, Chicago 1, tie
Houston 1, San Jose 0
Sporting Kansas City 3, New England 0
FC Dallas 1, Portland 1, tie
Toronto FC at Seattle FC, late
New York at Real Salt Lake, late
Vancouver at Chivas USA, late

Today's Games
Colorado at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
D.C. United at Los Angeles, 6 p.m.

TEXAS SUMMARY
DYNAMO 1, EARTHQUAKES 0

Houston	1	0	—	1
San Jose	0	0	—	0

First half—1, Houston, Davis 1 (penalty kick), 14th minute.
Second half—None.
Goalies—Houston, Tally Hall; San Jose, Jon Busch.
Yellow Cards—Lenhart, San Jose, 50th; Taylor, Houston, 53rd; Cameron, Houston, 63rd; Hainault, Houston, 83rd.

Tennis

BNP Paribas Open
Saturday
At The Indian Wells Tennis Garden
Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: Men: $5.55 million (Masters 1000); $5.44 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Semifinals
John Isner (11), United States, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 7-6 (7), 3-6, 7-6 (5).
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles
Women
Championship
Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond (1), United States, def. Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina (2), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

NBA DL

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Canton	24	18	.571	—
Iowa	22	17	.564	1/2
Springfield	22	18	.550	1
Dakota	21	19	.525	2
Erie	21	19	.525	2
Maine	17	25	.405	7
Sioux Falls	12	29	.293	11 1/2
Fort Wayne	11	30	.268	12 1/2

West Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	30	11	.732	—
Austin	25	16	.610	5
Bakersfield	23	17	.575	6 1/2
Texas	22	19	.537	8
Rio Grande Valley	22	20	.524	8 1/2
Tulsa	21	22	.488	10
Reno	18	22	.450	11 1/2
Idaho	17	28	.395	14

Saturday's Scores
Tulsa 97, Springfield 88
Canton 124, Erie 121
Idaho at Los Angeles, late
Dakota at Reno, late
Rio Grande Valley at Bakersfield, late

Today's Games
Austin at Maine, noon
Sioux Falls at Iowa, 4 p.m.
Erie at Fort Wayne, 4 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	20	.556	—
Boston	23	21	.523	1 1/2
New York	21	24	.467	4
Toronto	15	30	.333	10
New Jersey	15	31	.326	10 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	32	11	.744	—
Orlando	29	16	.644	4
Atlanta	25	19	.568	7 1/2
Washington	10	33	.233	22
Charlotte	7	36	.163	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	37	10	.787	—
Indiana	25	18	.581	10
Milwaukee	20	24	.455	15 1/2
Cleveland	18	25	.360	18
Detroit	16	28	.364	19 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	29	14	.674	—
Memphis	24	18	.571	4 1/2
Dallas	26	20	.565	4 1/2
Houston	24	21	.533	6
New Orleans	11	34	.244	19

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	33	11	.750	—
Denver	25	20	.556	8 1/2
Minnesota	22	23	.489	11 1/2
Utah	21	22	.488	11 1/2
Portland	21	23	.477	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	28	16	.636	—
L.A. Clippers	25	18	.581	2 1/2
Phoenix	22	22	.500	6
Golden State	18	23	.439	8 1/2
Sacramento	15	29	.341	13

Saturday's Scores
L.A. Clippers 95, Houston 91
Charlotte 107, Toronto 103
New York 102, Indiana 88
Chicago 89, Philadelphia 80
New Orleans 102, New Jersey 94
Denver 98, Boston 91
Dallas 106, San Antonio 99
Golden State at Utah, late

Today's Games
Atlanta at Cleveland, 2 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 5 p.m.
Washington at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 6 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 106, SPURS 99

SAN ANTONIO (99): Leonard 2-6 0-0 5, Duncan 7-12 3-5 17, Blair 3-6 0-0 6, Parker 5-12 3-7 13, Green 6-8 2-2 17, Neal 3-7 0-0 9, Splitter 7-11 1-2 15, Ginobili 3-11 1-2 9, Bonner 1-2 0-0 3, Jackson 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 39-79 10-18 99.

DALLAS (106): Carter 3-6 3-4 10, Nowitzki 9-19 7-7 27, Mahinmi 2-4 3-4 7, Kidd 5-9 0-0 14, Beaubois 8-16 0-0 16, Terry 6-10 2-2 17, Odom 1-7 2-2 4, Cardinal 1-3 0-0 3, Wright 2-5 4-6 8. Totals 37-79 21-25 106.

San Antonio	19	25	24	31 —	99
Dallas	28	18	32	28 —	106

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 11-24 (Neal 3-4, Green 3-4, Ginobili 2-7, Jackson 1-2, Bonner 1-2, Leonard 1-4, Parker 0-1), Dallas 11-24 (Kidd 4-5, Terry 3-4, Nowitzki 2-3, Carter 1-3, Cardinal 1-3, Odom 0-2, Beaubois 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 40 (Splitter 6), Dallas 54 (Wright 9). Assists—San Antonio 24 (Parker 11), Dallas 21 (Kidd 10). Total Fouls—San Antonio 24, Dallas 15. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second 2. A—20,528 (19,200).

CLIPPERS 95, ROCKETS 91

HOUSTON (91): Budinger 8-14 1-1 19, Scola 4-14 2-5 10, Dalembert 4-5 0-0 8, Dragic 4-10 3-3 11, Lee 9-14 3-3 25, Morris 1-3 2-2 4, Patterson 5-11 4-4 14, Fortson 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-72 15-18 91.

L.A. CLIPPERS (95): Butler 4-15 2-2 11, Griffin 7-13 4-6 18, Jordan 2-5 2-3 6, Paul 7-16 8-8 23, Foye 6-17 2-2 15, Evans 0-1 1-4 1, Williams 5-11 0-0 11, Ken.Martin 3-5 0-2 7, Simmons 1-3 0-0 3, Bledsoe 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-86 19-27 95.

Houston	23	24	19	25 —	91
L.A. Clippers	19	20	30	26 —	95

3-Point Goals—Houston 6-20 (Lee 4-9, Budinger 2-6, Morris 0-2, Dragic 0-3), L.A. Clippers 6-23 (Ken.Martin 1-1, Simmons 1-3, Williams 1-3, Paul 1-4, Butler 1-6, Foye 1-6). Fouled Out—Griffin. Rebounds—Houston 43 (Scola 11), L.A. Clippers 56 (Jordan 11). Assists—Houston 25 (Dragic 14), L.A. Clippers 18 (Paul 5). Total Fouls—Houston 25, L.A. Clippers 17. Technicals—L.A. Clippers Bench. A—19,060 (19,060).

KNICKS 102, PACERS 88

NEW YORK (102): Anthony 6-13 3-7 16, Stoudemire 4-8 8-8 16, Chandler 3-5 2-2 8, Lin 6-10 7-8 19, Fields 3-7 3-4 9, Smith 4-12 0-0 11, Jeffries 1-5 4-4 6, Shumpert 1-6 4-7 6, Bibby 2-5 0-0 5, Novak 2-6 0-0 6. Totals 32-77 31-40 102.

INDIANA (88): Granger 5-15 0-0 11, West 1-4 1-2 3, Hibbert 8-13 8-9 24, Collison 6-16 3-4 15, George 6-13 4-5 18, Hansbrough 2-4 1-1 5, Hill 1-7 1-2 4, Amundson 0-0 0-0 0, Price 1-5 2-4 4, Jones 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 32-79 20-27 88.

New York	33	27	17	25 —	102
Indiana	35	16	23	14 —	88

3-Point Goals—New York 7-24 (Smith 3-8, Novak 2-6, Bibby 1-2, Anthony 1-4, Shumpert 0-1, Lin 0-1, Fields 0-2), Indiana 4-19 (George 2-5, Hill 1-5, Granger 1-6, Collison 0-1, Price 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 58 (Chandler 9), Indiana 50 (Hibbert 12). Assists—New York 16 (Lin 6), Indiana 16 (George 4). Total Fouls—New York 22, Indiana 26. Technicals—Hill, Indiana Coach Vogel. A—18,165 (18,165).

BOBCATS 107, RAPTORS 103

TORONTO (103): J.Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Bargnani 4-10 2-2 11, Gray 3-5 0-0 6, Bayless 10-16 4-5 29, DeRozan 6-12 8-12 20, Kleiza 6-9 0-0 13, A.Johnson 1-1 4-4 6, Davis 3-6 1-1 7, Forbes 4-10 0-0 9, Magloire 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-73 19-24 103.

CHARLOTTE (107): Maggette 3-11 14-14 21, Thomas 3-6 5-7 11, Biyombo 4-8 1-2 9, Augustin 6-11 9-9 23, Henderson 11-14 2-2 24, White 4-7 0-0 8, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Walker 1-7 0-0 2, Brown 1-1 0-0 2, Mullens 1-3 0-0 2, Najera 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 36-71 31-34 107.

Toronto	29	24	14	36 —	103
Charlotte	20	23	38	26 —	107

3-Point Goals—Toronto 8-18 (Bayless 5-6, Bargnani 1-2, Kleiza 1-3, Forbes 1-5, DeRozan 0-2), Charlotte 4-9 (Augustin 2-5, Najera 1-1, Maggette 1-1, Walker 0-1, Henderson 0-1). Fouled Out—Bayless, Thomas. Rebounds—Toronto 42 (Davis 12), Charlotte 36 (Biyombo 9). Assists—Toronto 20 (Bayless 6), Charlotte 25 (Augustin 11). Total Fouls—Toronto 36, Charlotte 21. Technicals—Bayless. A—15,108 (19,077).

NETS 102, HORNETS 94

NEW ORLEANS (102): Ariza 3-7 2-3 10, Ayon 4-8 0-0 8, Kaman 9-13 2-2 20, Jack 6-14 2-2 16, Belinelli 8-13 0-0 20, Ja.Smith 3-9 0-0 6, Henry 1-3 2-2 4, Vasquez 2-6 2-2 6, Aminu 1-3 0-0 2, Thomas 4-5 2-2 10. Totals 41-81 12-13 102.

NEW JERSEY (94): Wallace 3-9 4-4 11, Humphries 3-10 2-2 8, S.Williams 3-3 1-1 7, D.Williams 9-24 0-0 20, Brooks 3-7 3-5 10, Petro 0-2 0-0 0, Morrow 8-13 0-0 20, Je.Smith 1-4 0-0 2, Green 6-13 2-2 16, J.Williams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-86 12-14 94.

New Orleans	26	21	23	32 —	102
New Jersey	29	22	31	12 —	94

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 8-16 (Belinelli 4-6, Ariza 2-3, Jack 2-6, Vasquez 0-1), New Jersey 10-23 (Morrow 4-4, Green 2-4, D.Williams 2-7, Brooks 1-2, Wallace 1-5, Je.Smith 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 46 (Ayon 9), New Jersey 47 (Humphries 16). Assists—New Orleans 29 (Vasquez 9), New Jersey 23 (D.Williams 12). Total Fouls—New Orleans 14, New Jersey 13. A—11,271 (18,711).

BULLS 89, 76ERS 80

PHILADELPHIA (80): Iguodala 3-10 0-0 7, Brand 1-2 0-0 2, Hawes 5-8 0-0 10, Holiday 13-27 3-4 30, Turner 2-8 2-2 6, Vucevic 0-4 2-2 2, Williams 3-9 3-5 9, T.Young 4-8 0-0 8, Meeks 2-3 1-2 6. Totals 33-79 11-15 80.

CHICAGO (89): Deng 3-11 0-0 6, Boozer 4-10 3-3 11, Noah 3-7 7-10 13, Watson 6-15 4-5 20, Brewer 3-6 1-4 7, James 0-2 0-0 0, Gibson 4-9 3-4 11, Asik 1-2 2-3 4, Korver 4-8 1-2 11, Lucas 3-7 0-0 6, Butler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-77 21-31 89.

Philadelphia	24	20	15	21 —	80
Chicago	11	27	26	25 —	89

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 3-13 (Meeks 1-2, Iguodala 1-4, Holiday 1-5, Williams 0-2), Chicago 6-21 (Watson 4-8, Korver 2-5, Brewer 0-1, James 0-1, Lucas 0-2, Deng 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 44 (Hawes, T.Young 7), Chicago 62 (Noah 11). Assists—Philadelphia 16 (Holiday 5), Chicago 15 (Noah, Gibson 4). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 20, Chicago 11. Technicals—Hawes, Turner, Philadelphia defensive three second, Chicago Coach Thibodeau. A—22,225 (20,917).

NUGGETS 98, CELTICS 91

BOSTON (91): Pierce 8-17 3-3 22, Bass 2-9 2-2 6, Garnett 9-12 4-4 22, Rondo 6-11 0-0 12, Allen 3-10 1-1 7, Stiemsma 2-5 0-0 4, Pietrus 1-3 0-0 2, Bradley 2-4 4-4 8, Dooling 0-0 0-0 0, Daniels 3-5 2-3 8. Totals 36-76 16-17 91.

DENVER (98): Gallinari 5-11 7-8 20, Faried 5-5 8-8 18, Mozgov 4-6 0-0 8, Lawson 2-5 2-2 7, Afflalo 6-14 2-3 15, Harrington 4-12 2-4 11, Koufos 3-5 0-1 6, Miller 1-8 0-1 2, Brewer 3-5 2-4 8, Fernandez 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 34-74 23-31 98.

Boston	22	20	26	23 —	91
Denver	29	26	25	18 —	98

3-Point Goals—Boston 3-15 (Pierce 3-7, Pietrus 0-2, Allen 0-6), Denver 7-20 (Gallinari 3-5, Lawson 1-2, Fernandez 1-2, Harrington 1-5, Afflalo 1-5, Miller 0-1). Fouled Out—Pierce. Rebounds—Boston 33 (Garnett 9), Denver 56 (Faried 16). Assists—Boston 27 (Rondo 16), Denver 26 (Lawson 10). Total Fouls—Boston 21, Denver 17. Technicals—Boston Coach Rivers, Denver defensive three second 2. A—19,003 (19,155).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

National Invitation Tournament
Second Round
Saturday
UMass 77, Seton Hall 67
Today
Northern Iowa (20-13) at Drexel (28-6), 10 a.m.
Bucknell (25-9) at Nevada (27-6), 2 p.m.
Iowa (18-16) at Oregon (23-9), 4 p.m.

CollegeInsider.com Tournament
Second Round
Saturday
Robert Morris 69, Toledo 51
Oakland 84, Buffalo 76
Mercer 64, Georgia State 59
Rice 74, Drake 68
Utah State 76, Idaho 56
Today
South Carolina-Upstate (21-12) at Old Dominion (21-13), 2 p.m.
Manhattan (21-12) at Fairfield (20-14), 3 p.m.
Weber State (25-6) at Loyola Marymount (20-12), 5 p.m.
Note: Future-round matchups are determined by previous round results.

CIT TEXAS BOX
RICE 74, DRAKE 68

DRAKE (18-16): Clarke 0-4 0-0 0, Jeffers 3-11 2-2 11, Simons 7-14 4-6 21, Alexander 3-10 6-6 13, Rice 8-14 5-7 23, Hawley 0-1 0-0 0, Parker 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-54 17-21 68.

RICE (19-15): Kazemi 4-4 3-4 11, Kuipers 0-1 4-4 4, Jackson 3-7 0-0 6, DeBose 4-9 0-0 9, Ennis 4-8 7-10 17, Ibrahim 4-9 0-0 11, Herndon 0-2 0-0 0, Reischel 4-5 2-2 10, Chadwick 2-3 0-0 4, Oraby 0-0 0-2 0, Gearhart 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-49 16-22 74.

Halftime—Drake 35-32. 3-Point Goals—Drake 9-19 (Jeffers 3-6, Simons 3-7, Rice 2-4, Alexander 1-2), Rice 6-18 (Ibrahim 3-7, Ennis 2-4, DeBose 1-3, Kuipers 0-1, Reischel 0-1, Jackson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Drake 27 (Clarke 10), Rice 36 (Kazemi 13). Assists—Drake 9 (Alexander, Rice 3), Rice 21 (Ennis 6). Total Fouls—Drake 17, Rice 21. Technical—Drake Bench. A—731.

NCAA Men's Division III Basketball Tournament
Saturday
At Salem, Va.
Championship
Wisconsin-Whitewater 63, Cabrini 60

NAIA Division I Men's Basketball Quarterfinals
Saturday
Shorter 63, Rogers State 60
Concordia (Calif.) 84, LSU Shreveport 65
Oklahoma Baptist 67, Biola 56
Mountain State (W.Va.) 83, Georgetown (Ky.) 76
Semifinals
Monday
Shorter vs. Concordia (Calif.), 6 p.m.
Oklahoma Baptist vs. Mountain State (W.Va.), 8 p.m.
Championship
Tuesday, March 20
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

Women

Women's National Invitation Tournament
Second Round
Saturday
Appalachian State 66, N.C. State 62
Temple 64, Harvard 59
South Florida 77, Florida International 61
Missouri State 82, Memphis 65
Saint Mary's (Cal.) (22-10) at Oregon State (19-12), late
Today
Wake Forest (20-13) at James Madison (25-7), 1 p.m.
VCU (18-14) at Saint Joseph's (22-10), 1 p.m.
Tulane (23-10) at Texas Tech (20-13), 2 p.m.
Villanova (18-14) at Illinois State (19-12), 2:05 p.m.
Utah (16-15) at Washington (18-13), 2 p.m.
Wichita State (20-12) at Oklahoma State (17-12), 2 p.m.
Pacific (18-13) vs. San Diego (23-8), 6 p.m.

NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament
At Holland, Mich.
Saturday
Championship
Illinois Wesleyan 57, George Fox 48
Third Place
St. Thomas (Minn.) 87, Amherst 60

Women's Basketball Invitational Quarterfinals
Saturday
Northern Iowa 78, Sam Houston State 69
Today
Manhattan (17-15) at Holy Cross (19-14), 2 p.m.
Wright State (21-2) at Seattle (19-11), 7 p.m.
Bradley (18-15) at Minnesota (16-17), TBA

NAIA Division I Women's Basketball Quarterfinals
Saturday
Oklahoma City 78, Azusa Pacific 61
Lubbock Christian 66, Westmont 61
Georgetown (Ky.) 70, Rogers State 63
Union (Tenn.) 74, Biola 52
Semifinals
Monday
Oklahoma City vs. Azusa Pacific, 5 p.m.
Georgetown (Ky.) vs. Union (Tenn.), 7 p.m.
Championship
Tuesday
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	71	44	20	7	95	195	158
Pittsburgh	70	44	21	5	93	229	177
Philadelphia	71	41	22	8	90	228	202
New Jersey	72	41	26	5	87	198	187
N.Y. Islanders	72	29	32	11	69	169	216

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	71	41	27	3	85	228	178
Ottawa	73	37	26	10	84	221	213
Buffalo	71	33	29	9	75	178	201
Toronto	72	32	32	8	72	208	219
Montreal	73	28	32	13	69	191	203

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	70	34	23	13	81	177	195
Washington	71	36	29	6	78	191	200
Winnipeg	71	34	29	6	76	189	199
Tampa Bay	71	32	32	7	71	199	240
Carolina	72	28	29	15	71	190	214

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	73	46	19	8	100	189	142
Detroit	71	44	24	3	91	219	171
Nashville	70	41	21	8	90	201	181
Chicago	72	39	25	8	86	217	210
Columbus	70	22	41	7	51	161	226

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	70	42	20	8	92	219	177
Colorado	74	39	30	5	83	194	195
Calgary	72	34	26	12	80	181	197
Minnesota	71	29	32	10	68	153	199
Edmonton	71	28	36	7	63	188	210

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	72	39	28	5	83	189	192
Phoenix	72	35	26	11	81	188	186
San Jose	70	35	25	10	80	191	179
Los Angeles	71	34	25	12	80	163	156
Anaheim	72	30	31	11	71	179	200

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Scores
Boston 3, Philadelphia 2, SO
N.Y. Islanders 3, Montreal 2, SO
Florida 3, Buffalo 2, SO
Pittsburgh 5, New Jersey 2
Carolina 5, Minnesota 3
Toronto 3, Ottawa 1
Colorado 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
St. Louis 3, Tampa Bay 1
Columbus at Vancouver, late
Nashville at Los Angeles, late
Detroit at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 11:30 a.m.
Washington at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S LINESCORES
BLUES 3, LIGHTNING 1

St. Louis	2	1	0	—	3
Tampa Bay	0	0	1	—	1

First Period—1, St. Louis, Berglund 17 (Pietrangelo, Oshie), 15:00 (sh). 2, St. Louis, Schwartz 1 (Stewart, Colaiacovo), 18:24 (pp).
Second Period—3, St. Louis, Perron 15 (Oshie), 2:47.
Third Period—4, Tampa Bay, Mikkelson 1 (Hall, Wallace), 15:49.
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 13-3-5—21. Tampa Bay 6-8-9—23.
Goalies—St. Louis, Halak. Tampa Bay, Roloson. A—18,777 (19,204). T—2:19.

HURRICANES 5, WILD 3

Carolina	1	1	3	—	5
Minnesota	1	2	0	—	3

First Period—1, Carolina, Bowman 4, 1:02. 2, Minnesota, Brodziak 18 (Kampfer, Gilbert), 7:08.
Second Period—3, Minnesota, Johnson 7 (Brodziak, Scandella), 12:33. 4, Minnesota, Christensen 4 (Brodziak, Clutterbuck), 15:24 (pp). 5, Carolina, Bowman 5 (Bra.Sutter, Stewart), 17:14.
Third Period—6, Carolina, Bra.Sutter 15 (Bowman), 7:16. 7, Carolina, Brent 11 (E.Staal, Tlusty), 8:04. 8, Carolina, LaRose 16 (Jokinen), 18:45 (en).
Shots on Goal—Carolina 8-11-15—34. Minnesota 4-10-12—26.
Goalies—Carolina, Boucher. Minnesota, Hackett. A—18,394 (18,064). T—2:23.

BRUINS 3, FLYERS 2, SO

Philadelphia	0	1	1	0	—	2
Boston	2	0	0	0	—	3

Boston won shootout 3-2
First Period—1, Boston, Kelly 17 (Pouliot, Rolston), 6:23. 2, Boston, Seguin 25 (Bergeron, Marchand), 17:07.
Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Read 20 (Briere, Carle), 9:16 (pp).
Third Period—4, Philadelphia, Voracek 14 (Coburn, Read), 15:43.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Philadelphia 2 (Read G, Giroux G, Briere NG), Boston 3 (Krejci G, Seguin G, Bergeron G).
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 7-8-12-2—29. Boston 11-8-13-1—33.
Goalies—Philadelphia, Bryzgalov. Boston, Thomas. A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:37.

PENGUINS 5, DEVILS 2

Pittsburgh	1	3	1	—	5
New Jersey	1	0	1	—	2

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Neal 32 (Malkin), 1:59. 2, New Jersey, Greene 1 (Kovalchuk, Fayne), 16:57.
Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 20 (Staal, Niskanen), 10:10. 4, Pittsburgh, Cooke 15 (Crosby, Kennedy), 11:44. 5, Pittsburgh, Malkin 40 (Crosby, Kunitz), 12:42 (pp).
Third Period—6, New Jersey, Sykora 16 (Elias, Greene), 2:26. 7, Pittsburgh, Cooke 16 (Kennedy, Crosby), 5:56.
Missed Penalty Shot—Kunitz, Pit, 1:55 first.
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 14-12-18—44. New Jersey 6-4-4—14.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury. New Jersey, Brodeur. A—17,625 (17,625). T—2:29.

AVALANCHE 3, RANGERS 1

Colorado	1	1	1	—	3
N.Y. Rangers	1	0	0	—	1

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 1 (Girardi, McDonagh), 10:43. 2, Colorado, Hunwick 3 (Mueller, Duchene), 15:01.
Second Period—3, Colorado, Landeskog 21 (R.Wilson, O'Reilly), 9:51.
Third Period—4, Colorado, Stastny 18 (R.Wilson, McGinn), 19:46 (en-pp).
Shots on Goal—Colorado 6-7-7—20. N.Y. Rangers 16-10-16—42.
Goalies—Colorado, Varlamov. N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist. A—18,200 (18,200). T—2:29.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, SENATORS 1

Toronto	0	1	2	—	3
Ottawa	0	0	1	—	1

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Toronto, Connolly 11, 7:20.
Third Period—2, Toronto, Kessel 35 (Gardiner, Bozak), :53 (pp). 3, Toronto, Phaneuf 10 (Kessel, Gardiner), 12:02 (pp). 4, Ottawa, Greening 16 (Kuba, O'Brien), 18:51.
Shots on Goal—Toronto 4-8-6—18. Ottawa 7-14-9—30.
Goalies—Toronto, Reimer. Ottawa, Bishop. A—20,500 (19,153). T—2:37.

ISLANDERS 3, CANADIENS 2, SO

N.Y. Islanders	0	2	0	0	—	3
Montreal	1	0	1	0	—	2

N.Y. Islanders won shootout 3-2
First Period—1, Montreal, Palushaj 1 (Nokelainen), 2:53.
Second Period—2, N.Y. Islanders, Streit 6 (Nielsen), 2:00 (pp). 3, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 14 (Hamonic, Bailey), 16:05.
Third Period—4, Montreal, Leblanc 4 (Subban, Budaj), 3:38.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—N.Y. Islanders 3 (Nielsen G, Tavares NG, Parenteau NG, Moulson G, Okposo NG, Bailey G), Montreal 2 (Desharnais G, Plekanec NG, Pacioretty NG, Bourque G, Eller NG, Markov NG).
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 12-18-7-1—38. Montreal 10-9-7-4—30.
Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Montoya. Montreal, Budaj. A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:44.

PANTHERS 3, SABRES 2

Buffalo	1	1	0	0	—	2
Florida	2	0	0	0	—	3

Florida won shootout 2-1
First Period—1, Buffalo, Ennis 11 (Stafford, Foligno), 1:15. 2, Florida, Samuelsson 11 (Fleischmann, Weiss), 17:15 (pp). 3, Florida, Madden 2 (Jovanovski, Gudbranson), 17:53.
Second Period—4, Buffalo, Roy 15 (Pominville), 9:41 (pp).
Third Period—None.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Buffalo 1 (Vanek NG, Ennis G, Pominville NG, Hodgson NG, Boyes NG, Roy NG, Stafford NG), Florida 2 (Madden NG, Wolski G, Samuelsson NG, Weiss NG, Goc NG, Bergenheim NG, Kulikov G).
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 10-12-4-0—26. Florida 4-12-1-0—17.
Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. Florida, Theodore. A—16,827 (17,040). T—2:41.

GOLF

PGA

Transitions Championship
Saturday
At Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course)
Palm Harbor, Fla.
Purse: $5.5 million
Yardage: 7,340; Par: 71
Third Round

Retief Goosen	69-68-65 —	202
Jim Furyk	66-70-66 —	202
Sang-Moon Bae	69-66-68 —	203
Jason Dufner	66-66-71 —	203
John Mallinger	72-66-66 —	204
Ken Duke	68-67-69 —	204
Chez Reavie	68-70-67 —	205
Ernie Els	70-67-68 —	205
Luke Donald	67-68-70 —	205
Shaun Micheel	71-69-66 —	206
David Toms	67-72-67 —	206
Will Claxton	64-74-68 —	206
Kevin Streelman	68-69-69 —	206
Jamie Lovemark	70-67-69 —	206
Jeff Overton	68-69-69 —	206
Webb Simpson	68-69-69 —	206
Chris DiMarco	70-67-69 —	206
Sergio Garcia	68-68-70 —	206
John Senden	66-70-70 —	206
Padraig Harrington	61-73-72 —	206
Charley Hoffman	69-71-67 —	207
Robert Garrigus	67-72-68 —	207
Gary Woodland	68-71-68 —	207
Bo Van Pelt	70-68-69 —	207
Cameron Tringale	66-71-70 —	207
Jason Bohn	66-71-70 —	207
George McNeill	67-68-72 —	207
William McGirt	66-68-73 —	207
Brandt Snedeker	69-72-67 —	208
Jason Day	69-72-67 —	208
Arjun Atwal	71-70-67 —	208
Greg Chalmers	70-70-68 —	208
Bud Cauley	68-71-69 —	208
Kevin Na	71-68-69 —	208
Kyle Reifers	70-68-70 —	208
Jerry Kelly	69-68-71 —	208
Kenny Perry	69-70-72 —	208
Chris Couch	67-68-73 —	208
Louis Oosthuizen	73-68-68 —	209
Bill Lunde	68-73-68 —	209
Greg Owen	70-70-69 —	209
Matt Kuchar	73-67-69 —	209
Brian Davis	68-71-69 —	209
Michael Thompson	68-70-71 —	209
Robert Allenby	69-72-69 —	210
Geoff Ogilvy	72-68-70 —	210
Troy Matteson	70-69-71 —	210
Jimmy Walker	70-69-71 —	210
Scott Piercy	69-68-73 —	210
Kris Blanks	73-68-70 —	211
Nick Watney	69-72-70 —	211
Mark Wilson	71-70-70 —	211
Pat Perez	71-70-70 —	211
John Daly	69-72-70 —	211
Joe Ogilvie	67-73-71 —	211
Zach Johnson	71-68-72 —	211
Justin Leonard	69-70-72 —	211
Bryce Molder	67-71-73 —	211
Tom Gillis	72-69-71 —	212
Marc Leishman	71-70-71 —	212
Sunghoon Kang	68-73-71 —	212
Rory Sabbatini	68-72-72 —	212
Brian Gay	70-70-72 —	212
Justin Rose	67-70-75 —	212
Vijay Singh	71-70-72 —	213
Stewart Cink	67-74-72 —	213
James Driscoll	70-70-73 —	213
Andres Romero	70-68-75 —	213
Kevin Chappell	69-69-75 —	213
Charlie Wi	70-71-73 —	214
J.J. Henry	70-71-73 —	214
D.A. Points	69-72-73 —	214
K.J. Choi	71-70-73 —	214
Michael Bradley	71-70-74 —	215
Peter Hanson	70-70-75 —	215
Jesper Parnevik	69-72-75 —	216
Jonathan Byrd	72-69-76 —	217

European PGA

Open de Andalucia Costa del Sol
Saturday
At Aloha Golf Club
Marbella, Spain
Purse: $1.31 million
Yardage: 6,881; Par: 72
Third Round

Eduardo de la Riva, Spain	67-69-68 —	204
Matteo Manassero, Italy	64-73-68 —	205
Simon Khan, England	70-69-66 —	205
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	69-69-69 —	206
David Lynn, England	70-68-68 —	206
Henni Otto, South Africa	67-71-68 —	206
Phillip Price, Wales	69-72-66 —	207
Marcel Siem, Germany	69-71-67 —	207
Darren Fichardt, South Africa	69-71-67 —	207
Julien Quesne, France	68-72-67 —	207
Raphael Jacquelin, France	70-68-69 —	207
Gregory Bourdy, France	70-72-66 —	208
Borja Etchart, Spain	71-71-66 —	208
Oliver Fisher, England	71-69-68 —	208
Graeme Storm, England	70-69-69 —	208
Mark Foster, England	69-70-69 —	208
Damien McGrane, Ireland	69-68-71 —	208
Robert Rock, England	69-69-70 —	208
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	68-69-71 —	208

LPGA

Founders Cup
Saturday
At JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Wildfire Golf Club Course
Phoenix
Purse: $1.5 million
Yardage: 6,613; Par: 72
Third Round

Ai Miyazato	68-68-66 —	202
Yani Tseng	65-70-67 —	202
Na Yeon Choi	67-69-67 —	203
I.K. Kim	70-66-69 —	205
Inbee Park	68-69-69 —	206
Cristie Kerr	68-73-66 —	207
Suzann Pettersen	69-71-67 —	207
Hee-Won Han	69-70-68 —	207
So Yeon Ryu	69-71-68 —	207
Hee Kyung Seo	67-71-69 —	207
Paula Creamer	69-68-70 —	207
Karrie Webb	68-69-70 —	207
Caroline Hedwall	70-71-67 —	208
Se Ri Pak	70-69-69 —	208
Jennifer Song	69-70-69 —	208
Stacy Lewis	68-70-70 —	208
Karin Sjodin	69-68-71 —	208
Mindy Kim	68-71-70 —	209
Katherine Hull	72-66-71 —	209
Jodi Ewart	70-71-69 —	210
Morgan Pressel	70-71-69 —	210
Kristy McPherson	73-65-72 —	210
Hee Young Park	65-72-73 —	210
Meena Lee	69-67-74 —	210
Lizette Salas	74-69-68 —	211
Dewi Claire Schreefel	72-71-68 —	211
Haeji Kang	70-71-70 —	211
Katie Futcher	68-71-72 —	211
Julieta Granada	70-68-73 —	211
Mika Miyazato	69-67-75 —	211
M.J. Hur	71-71-70 —	212
Angela Oh	71-71-70 —	212
Chella Choi	71-70-71 —	212
Mina Harigae	69-72-71 —	212
Rebecca Lee-Bentham	71-70-71 —	212
Na On Min	70-70-72 —	212
Lexi Thompson	69-71-72 —	212
Pat Hurst	69-69-74 —	212
Jiyai Shin	66-71-75 —	212
Wendy Ward	74-69-70 —	213
Taylor Coutu	72-70-71 —	213
Pornanong Phatlum	72-70-71 —	213
Anna Nordqvist	72-68-73 —	213
Belen Mozo	68-71-74 —	213
Christine Song	67-72-74 —	213
Jee Young Lee	74-70-70 —	214
Beatriz Recari	72-72-70 —	214
Maria Hjorth	72-70-72 —	214
Jimin Kang	74-68-72 —	214
Azahara Munoz	68-74-72 —	214
Danielle Kang	68-71-75 —	214
Brittany Lang	74-69-72 —	215
Jane Park	70-72-73 —	215
Pernilla Lindberg	67-74-74 —	215
Irene Cho	72-72-72 —	216
Nicole Castrale	72-71-73 —	216
Jenny Shin	71-72-73 —	216
Sandra Gal	70-72-74 —	216
Sophie Gustafson	70-72-74 —	216
Karen Stupples	67-75-74 —	216
Kris Tamulis	71-70-75 —	216
Seon Hwa Lee	70-69-77 —	216
Lindsey Wright	69-75-73 —	217
Kyeong Bae	69-73-75 —	217
Paige Mackenzie	72-70-75 —	217
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	72-72-74 —	218
Sarah Jane Smith	73-71-74 —	218
Sun Young Yoo	69-75-74 —	218
Laura Davies	70-73-75 —	218
Lorie Kane	72-71-75 —	218
Ayaka Kaneko	75-69-75 —	219
Stephanie Louden	72-72-75 —	219
Ji Young Oh	72-71-76 —	219
Ryann O'Toole	71-72-76 —	219
Belley Rankin	68-73-78 —	219
Becky Morgan	71-73-78 —	222

Champions Tour

Toshiba Classic
Saturday
At Newport Beach Country Club
Newport Beach, Calif.
Purse: $1.75 million
Yardage: 6,584; Par 71
Second Round

Mark Calcavecchia	67-67 —	134
Fred Couples	67-69 —	136
Loren Roberts	66-70 —	136
Mark McNulty	67-70 —	137
David Eger	66-71 —	137
Bernhard Langer	65-72 —	137
Nick Price	70-68 —	138
Rod Spittle	70-68 —	138
John Cook	71-67 —	138
Jay Haas	69-69 —	138
Tom Purtzer	68-70 —	138
Joey Sindelar	67-71 —	138
Tom Kite	66-72 —	138
Lonnie Nielsen	70-69 —	139
Mark Wiebe	69-70 —	139
Tom Lehman	69-70 —	139
Chien Soon Lu	69-70 —	139
Mark O'Meara	68-71 —	139
Jim Carter	68-71 —	139
Mike Goodes	67-72 —	139
Larry Mize	67-72 —	139
Steve Pate	66-73 —	139
Bill Glasson	66-73 —	139
Bobby Clampett	65-74 —	139
Tommy Armour III	71-69 —	140
Ted Schulz	70-70 —	140
Curtis Strange	69-71 —	140
John Huston	69-71 —	140
Fred Funk	68-72 —	140
Russ Cochran	68-72 —	140
Michael Allen	67-73 —	140
Gary Hallberg	69-72 —	141
Stan Utley	72-69 —	141
Wayne Levi	67-74 —	141
Olin Browne	65-76 —	141
Jeff Sluman	72-70 —	142
Tom Jenkins	69-73 —	142
Greg Bruckner	68-74 —	142
Morris Hatalsky	71-72 —	143
Jeff Hart	69-74 —	143
Ben Bates	71-72 —	143
Corey Pavin	72-71 —	143
J.L. Lewis	73-70 —	143
Gary McCord	67-76 —	143
Tom Byrum	71-73 —	144
Peter Senior	70-74 —	144
Brad Faxon	69-75 —	144
Brad Bryant	72-72 —	144
Vicente Fernandez	73-71 —	144
David Frost	74-70 —	144
Bob Gilder	74-70 —	144
Gil Morgan	71-74 —	145
Jim Thorpe	70-75 —	145
Jim Gallagher, Jr.	68-77 —	145
Jay Don Blake	74-71 —	145
Fuzzy Zoeller	72-74 —	146
Doug Tewell	72-74 —	146
John Jacobs	75-71 —	146
Don Pooley	71-76 —	147
Steve Lowery	71-76 —	147
Hale Irwin	71-76 —	147
P.H. Horgan III	72-75 —	147
Scott Simpson	74-73 —	147
Dana Quigley	75-72 —	147
Bobby Wadkins	76-71 —	147
Mark Brooks	76-71 —	147
Chip Beck	77-70 —	147
D.A. Weibring	71-77 —	148
Bob Tway	74-74 —	148
Jim Rutledge	74-74 —	148
Dan Forsman	75-73 —	148

WHAT'S ON DECK

COLLEGE BASEBALL
UTPB at Lubbock Christian, 2 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Released RHP Carlos Silva.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Waived F Jason Kapono. Signed G Manny Harris for the remainder of the season.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Released G T.J. Ford.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Named Jim Todd and Darrell Walker assistant coaches.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed G Travelle Wharton.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed S Tom Zbikowski.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed OT Eric Winston. Agreed to terms with QB Brady Quinn.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed WR Anthony Gonzalez.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with G Evan Mathis on a five-year contract.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Agreed to terms with TE Randy McMichael on a two-year contract.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Agreed to terms with DT Jason Jones.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Winnipeg D Mark Stuart $2,500 for his late hit on Washington F Marcus Johansson during Friday's game.
BOSTON BRUINS — Reassigned D Zach McKelvie from Reading (ECHL) to Providence (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned G Carter Hutton to Rockford (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled D Tim Erixon from Connecticut (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled F Trevor Smith from Norfolk (AHL).

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR Nationwide
Ford EcoBoost 300
Saturday
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: .533 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (4) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 300 laps, 128.4 rating, 47 points, $54,518.
2. (12) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 300, 102.4, 0, $32,275.
3. (7) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 300, 115.8, 0, $26,225.
4. (1) Joey Logano, Toyota, 300, 128.5, 0, $32,700.
5. (16) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 300, 102.8, 0, $25,375.
6. (3) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 300, 118.3, 39, $29,268.
7. (10) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 300, 101, 37, $26,603.
8. (2) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 300, 120.7, 37, $26,463.
9. (6) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 300, 107.5, 0, $19,800.
10. (15) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 300, 90.1, 34, $26,993.
11. (21) Michael Annett, Ford, 300, 82.6, 33, $25,918.
12. (9) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 300, 90.2, 32, $20,150.
13. (23) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 300, 80.8, 31, $25,518.
14. (11) James Buescher, Chevrolet, 299, 82.8, 0, $25,468.
15. (13) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 299, 77.4, 29, $19,900.
16. (14) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 299, 78.4, 28, $25,343.
17. (8) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 299, 98.1, 0, $19,025.
18. (18) Tayler Malsam, Toyota, 298, 69.5, 26, $25,243.
19. (27) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 298, 67.6, 25, $25,168.
20. (25) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 297, 67.6, 24, $25,793.
21. (29) Erik Darnell, Chevrolet, 297, 63.2, 23, $18,575.
22. (36) Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 296, 57.1, 22, $24,993.
23. (37) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 296, 55.9, 21, $24,943.
24. (31) Benny Gordon, Chevrolet, 294, 57.5, 20, $21,025.
25. (34) Jason Bowles, Dodge, 293, 53.7, 19, $25,318.
26. (32) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, 293, 52.1, 18, $18,300.
27. (40) Eric McClure, Toyota, 292, 41.4, 17, $24,718.
28. (20) Kyle Fowler, Ford, 292, 48.6, 16, $18,175.
29. (24) Johanna Long, Chevrolet, 291, 42.7, 15, $24,593.
30. (30) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 291, 53.8, 14, $24,343.
31. (42) Kevin Lepage, Chevrolet, 291, 35.4, 13, $23,838.
32. (41) Brad Teague, Chevrolet, 284, 33.5, 12, $23,703.
33. (17) Kenny Wallace, Toyota, engine, 201, 73, 11, $23,593.
34. (33) T.J. Bell, Chevrolet, accident, 186, 42.3, 10, $23,558.
35. (5) Brian Scott, Toyota, clutch, 183, 76, 9, $23,528.
36. (38) Joey Gase, Ford, handling, 123, 39.1, 8, $23,493.
37. (39) Tim Schendel, Chevrolet, suspension, 119, 36.2, 7, $16,990.
38. (19) Blake Koch, Ford, engine, 117, 60.9, 6, $23,399.
39. (43) J.J. Yeley, Ford, brakes, 15, 38.9, 0, $16,830.
40. (26) Chase Miller, Chevrolet, brakes, 7, 34, 4, $16,805.
41. (22) Scott Speed, Chevrolet, vibration, 6, 33.1, 0, $16,775.
42. (28) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 3, 30.4, 2, $16,725.
43. (35) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, electrical, 3, 28.8, 0, $16,668.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 94.740 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 41 minutes, 16 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 1.159 seconds.
Caution Flags: 4 for 30 laps.
Lead Changes: 5 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: J.Logano 1-66; K.Busch 67-106; J.Logano 107-159; T.Bayne 160-223; R.Stenhouse Jr. 224-264; E.Sadler 265-300.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): J.Logano, 2 times for 119 laps; T.Bayne, 1 time for 64 laps; R.Stenhouse Jr., 1 time for 41 laps; K.Busch, 1 time for 40 laps; E.Sadler, 1 time for 36 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1. E.Sadler, 178; 2. R.Stenhouse Jr., 153; 3. T.Bayne, 149; 4. A.Dillon, 148; 5. C.Whitt, 137; 6. S.Hornish Jr., 129; 7. T.Malsam, 116; 8. M.Annett, 115; 9. J.Allgaier, 113; 10. M.Bliss, 92.

NASCAR
Pro Series East Results
Saturday
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: 0.533 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (1) Nelson Piquet, Jr, Brasilia, Brazil, Toyota, 127 laps, 65.402 mph.
2. (9) Ryan Blaney, High Point, NC, Toyota, 127.
3. (7) Ryan Gifford, Winchester, TN, Toyota, 127.
4. (13) Andrew Smith, Pooler, GA, Chevrolet, 127.
5. (3) Derek Ramstrom, West Boylston, MA, Chevrolet, 127.
6. (12) Ben Kennedy, Daytona Beach, FL, Chevrolet, 127.
7. (25) Chad Finchum, Knoxville, TN, Toyota, 127.
8. (4) Michael McGuire, Vinton, VA, Toyota, 127.
9. (6) Kyle Larson, Elk Grove, CA, Toyota, 127.
10. (10) Chase Elliott, Dawsonville, GA, Chevrolet, 127.
11. (14) David Mayhew, Atascadero, Calif, Chevrolet, 127.
12. (19) Travis Pastrana, Annapolis, MD, Toyota, 127.
13. (15) Jimmy Weller, Hubbard, OH, Toyota, 127.
14. (33) Bryan Ortiz, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, Toyota, 127.
15. (21) Daniel Suarez, Monterrey, Mexico, Toyota, 127.
16. (29) Scott Saunders, Brisbane, Australia, Dodge, 127.
17. (28) Spencer Gallagher, Las Vegas, NV, Chevrolet, 127.
18. (2) Darrell Wallace, Jr., Concord, NC, Toyota, 127.
19. (22) Dale Quarterley, Westfield, MA, Chevrolet, 127.
20. (16) Sergio Pena, Winchester, VA, Toyota, 127.
21. (18) Brandon Gdovic, Yorktown, VA, Dodge, 126.
22. (11) Corey LaJoie, Concord, NC, Ford, 125.
23. (20) Dylan Presnell, Sevierville, TN, Toyota, 125.
24. (32) Sam Hunt, Midlothian, VA, Dodge, 125.
25. (26) Carlos Iaconelli, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Toyota, 124.
26. (31) John Salemi, Nashua, NH, Toyota, 120.
27. (5) CJ Faison, Seaford, Del, Chevrolet, 117, accident.
28. (23) Eddie MacDonald, Rowley, MA, Chevrolet, 117, accident.
29. (27) Blake Jones, Sevierville, TN, Chevrolet, 111.
30. (24) Jorge Arteaga, Aguascalientes, Mexico, Toyota, 96.
31. (35) Ray Courtemanche Jr., Montreal, Quebec, Chevrolet, 90.
32. (8) Brett Moffitt, Grimes, IA, Toyota, 69, oil leak.
33. (34) Candace Muzny, Oklahoma City, OK, Toyota, 63, accident.
34. (17) Chad Boat, Phoenix, AZ, Chevrolet, 26, overheating.
35. (30) Jorge Contreras, Jr, Naucalpan, Mexico, Dodge, 0, dns.

Race Statistics
Time of Race: 1 hour 2 minutes 6 seconds
Margin of Victory: .479 seconds
Fastest Qualifier: N.Piquet, Jr (118.811 mph, 16.15 seconds)
Caution Flags: 6 for 33 laps.
Lead Changes: 4 among 4 drivers.
Lap Leaders: N. Piquet,Jr 1-35; C. Elliott 36-75; R. Blaney 76; C. LaJoie 77-100; N. Piquet,Jr. 101-127. Standings: 1. N. Piquet,Jr. 48; 2. R. Blaney, 43; 3. R. Gifford, 41; 4. A. Smith, 40; 5. D. Ramstrom, 39; 6. B. Kennedy, 38; 7. C. Finchum, 37; 8. M. McGuire, 36; 9. K. Larson, 35; 10. C. Elliott, 35.

Formula One
Australian GP Lineup
Saturday
At Albert Park Circuit
Melbourne, Australia
With driver, country, car, fastest lap time and laps completed
1. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, McLaren, 1 minute, 24.922 seconds, 14 laps.
2. Jenson Button, Britain, McLaren, 1:25.074, 15.
3. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 1:25.302, 21.
4. Michael Schumacher, Germany, Mercedes, 1:26.586, 18.
5. Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 1:25.651, 17.
6. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 1:25.668, 18.
7. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 1:25.686, 16.
8. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Williams, 1:25.908, 20.
9. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 1:26.451, 18.
10. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Toro Rosso, no time set, 16.
Eliminated after second session
11. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 1:26.493, 12.
12. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 1:26.688, 12.
13. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Sauber, 1:26.182, 12.
14. Bruno Senna, Brazil, Williams, 1:27.004, 16.
15. Paul di Resta, Britain, Force India, 1:27.469, 16.
16. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Ferrari, 1:27.633, 16.
17. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Sauber, no time set, 11.
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18. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Lotus, 1:27.758, 9.
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20. Vitaly Petrov, Russia, Caterham, 1:29.018, 8.
21. Timo Glock, Germany, Marussia, 1:30.923, 10.
22. Charles Pic, France, Marussia, 1:31.670, 9.
23. Pedro de la Rosa, Spain, HRT, 1:33.495, 6.
24. Narain Karthikeyan, India, HRT, 1:33.643, 6.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 4, Texas Tech 3
Houston 8, Oklahoma State 1
Texas 9, Oklahoma 5
Texas-Arlington 9, Lamar 1
Texas A&M 9, Kansas State 2
FAR WEST
Arizona St. at UCLA, ppd., rain
Ithaca at Cal Lutheran, ppd., rain
Kent St. at Pepperdine, ppd., rain
New Mexico 11, San Diego St. 2
MIDWEST
Ohio 10, IPFW 1
EAST
Bentley 4, C.W. Post 2
Chestnut Hill 1-7, Post (Conn.) 2-6
College of N.J. 4-2, Elizabethtown 3-3
Franklin Pierce 9, St. Michael's 1
Jonhson & Wales 2-6, Wentworth 0-1
LeMoyne 6-9, Philadelphia 5-2
Merrimack 4, Molloy 0
Pace 6, Stonehill 1
S. New Hampshire 5-7, St. Thomas Aquinas 1-0
UMass.-Lowell 12, Adelphi 4
SOUTH
Adrian 15, Thomas More 7
Bryan 6-15, Reinhardt 5-4
Campbellsville 8-6, Pikeville 4-1
Carson-Newman 10-1, Mars Hill 9-7
Centre 7, Rowan 2
Clemson 6, Boston College 3
Dallas Baptist 8, Charlotte 3
Emory & Henry 10-0, Hampden-Sydney 6-6
Erskine 5-6, Barton 2-3
ETSU 8, Belmont 3
Kentucky 4, South Carolina 3
King, Tenn. 2-8, St. Andrews 1-5
Louisville 14, Ball St. 5
Martin Methodist 3-2, Cumberland, Tenn. 2-7
Miami 2, Duke 1
Mobile 11-4, Loyola NO 2-0
Mount Olive 3, Coker 1
N.C. State 6, Wake Forest 2
Old Dominion 6, UMass 1
Pfeiffer 3-5, North Greenville 2-13
Quincy 8-16, N. Kentucky 6-5
Tennessee Tech 7, Cent. Michigan 4
Tenn. Wesleyan 11-5, Union, Ky. 6-4
Tusculum 7-5, Newberry 0-4
Union, Tenn. 7-2, Mid-Continent 6-1
Wake Forest 6, N.C. State 2

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday
At Pharr, Texas (ESPN2), Antwone Smith vs. Robert Garcia, 10, welterweights.
At Tucson, Ariz. (SHO), Diego Magdaleno vs. Miguel Beltran, Jr., 10, for Magdaleno's NABF super featherweight title.
Saturday
At Johannesburg, South Africa, Takalani Ndlovu vs. Jeffrey Mathebula, 12, for Ndlovu's IBF super bantamweight title.
At Aviator Sports Complex, Brooklyn, N.Y. (NBCSN), Zab Judah vs. Vernon Paris, 12, junior welterweights; Sergei Liakhovich vs. Bryant Jennings, 10, heavyweights.
At Atlantic City, N.J., Mariusz Wach vs. Tye Fields, 12, for Wach's WBC International heavyweight title; David Price vs. Josue Blocus, 12, heavyweights.
At Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Victor Cayo vs. Nate Campbell, 10, junior welterweights.
At Reliant Arena, Houston (HBO), Erik Morales vs. Danny Garcia, 12, for Morales's WBC junior welterweight title; James Kirkland Vs. Carlos Molina, 10, junior middleweights; Jose Cotto vs. Jose Luis Castillo, 10, welterweights; Jermell Charlo vs. Chris Chatman, 10, junior middleweights.
At Ciudad Obregon, Mexico, Hernan Marquez vs. Rodel Mayol, 12, for Marquez's WBA World flyweight title.
March 27
At Tokyo, Suriyan Sor Rungvisai vs. Yota Sato, 12, for Sor Rungvisai's WBC super flyweight title.
March 30
At East London, South Africa, Nkosinathi Joyi vs. Katsunari Takayama, 12, for IBF minimumweight title.
At Mahsantucket, Conn. (ESPN2), Hanky Lundy vs Dannie Williams, 10, lightweights; Elvin Ayala vs. Hector Camacho Jr., 10, middleweights.
March 31
At Los Cabos, Mexico, Hugo Ruiz vs. John Mark Apolinario, 12, for Ruiz's WBA interim bantamweight title.
At Lima, Peru, Jose Alfredo Rodriguez vs. Alberto Rossel, 12, for the interim WBA World light flyweight title.
April 4
At Yokohama, Japan, Koki Kameda vs. Noudly Manakane, 12, for Kameda's WBA bantamweight title; Tomonobu Shimizu, vs. Tepparith Singwancha, 12, for Shimizu's WBA World super flyweight title.
At Myakinino, Russia, Denis Lebedev vs. Shawn Cox, 12, for Lebedev's WBA interim cruiserweight title; Alexander Bakhtin vs. Nehomar Cermeno, 12, for the vacant WBA International super bantamweight title.

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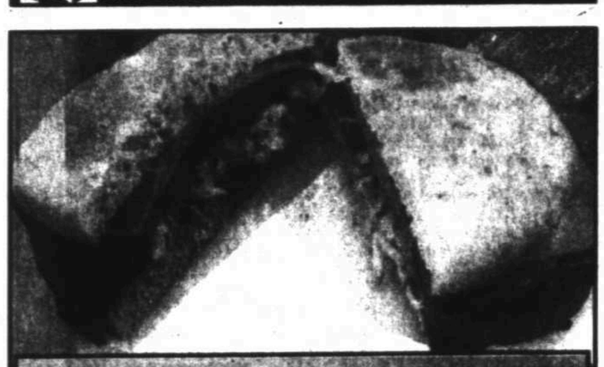
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Cowboys more patient in free agency

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Having acted swiftly during the first week of free agency to fill pressing needs, the Dallas Cowboys can now patiently bargain shop for players to bolster depth.

"We'll evaluate our needs at all positions and see who might be available, who might fit," coach Jason Garrett said last week in a teleconference.

Jones

In roughly the first 72 hours of free agency, the Cowboys signed seven unrestricted players employed last year by other clubs. It's the franchise's biggest haul since unfettered free agency began in 1993.

Former Kansas City cornerback Brandon Carr and his five-year, $50.1 million deal was the centerpiece of the aggressive out-of-the-gate effort. Touted as one of the NFL's elite cover corners by Garrett, Carr replaces Terence Newman, who was cut just before free agency began Tuesday.

With their primary target collected, the Cowboys continued to methodically follow their well-devised plan. They bagged Kyle Orton as a backup quarterback, Mackenzy Bernadeau and Nate Livings as possible starting guards, Lawrence Vickers to replace unrestricted free agent Tony Fiammetta at fullback, Brodney Pool to replace unrestricted free agent Abram Elam at safety and Dan Connor to compete with second-year player Bruce Carter at linebacker.

The Cowboys rolled out the red carpet last week.

"We showed why we think Dallas is such a special place," Garrett said. "We showed our facility, showed our stadium, talked about the tradition of the Dallas Cowboys, talked about our current team.

"It all resonated with them. It came from the heart. It's stuff we believe in. It was a very thoughtful process."

The spending spree shrunk Dallas' salary cap space, but some relief is expected soon. The team's web site reported guard Kyle Kosier will be cut in a move that will save more than $1.5 million on the 2012 salary cap.

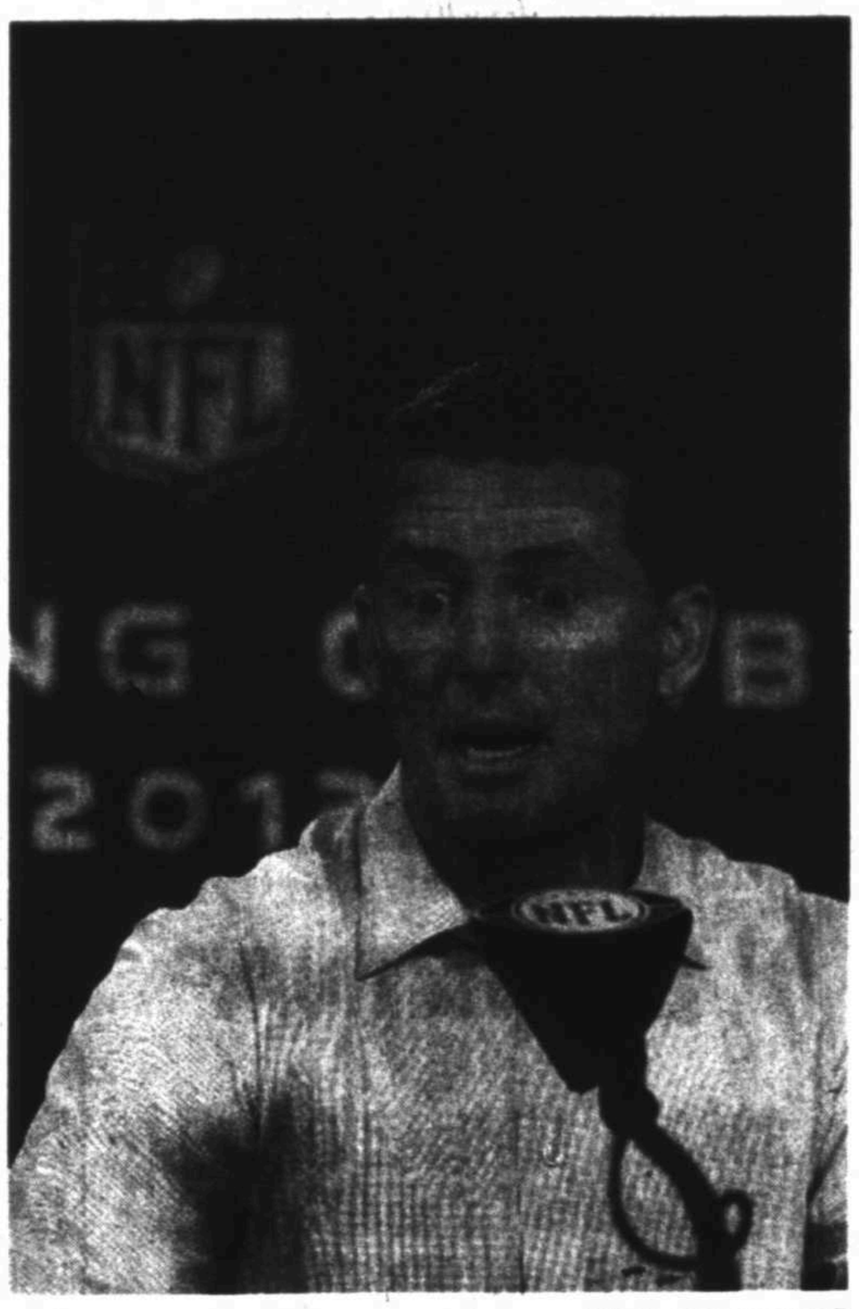
Kosier, 33, has been a starter since 2006 but is expendable after the addition of the two guards.

With the front-burner portion of the free-agency shopping list scratched off, filling secondary needs is the focus. That could include finding a No. 2 tight end after Martellus Bennett signed with the New York Giants and a No. 3 wide receiver after Laurent Robinson signed with Jacksonville.

Dallas wanted to land Kellen Davis to fill Bennett's role, but he re-signed with Chicago. Several tight ends remain on the market, but there's no rush with third-stringer John Phillips waiting in the wings.

The Cowboys re-signed receiver Kevin Ogletree to a one-year deal worth slightly more than the $610,000 league minimum, but that might not stop them from going after a more talented free agent.

Backup corners Alan Ball and Frank Walker are unrestricted free agents, so a defensive back or two could also be targeted.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Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett speaks during a news conference at the NFL scouting combine on Feb. 23 in Indianapolis.

Kubel homers twice as D-backs beat Rangers

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Arizona Diamondbacks left-hander Joe Saunders was happy to trade getting knocked around a little over being hit with a line drive.

Five days after taking a hard shot off his left shin, Saunders gave up three runs and eight hits in three innings of the Diamondbacks' 8-6 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday.

"The only thing I was a little frustrated with was my fastball command," Saunders said. "I tried not to fall too far behind in counts. When I did, they knew a fastball was coming and they jumped all over it."

Saunders lasted only two outs and ten pitches on Monday against Cleveland when he got hit. He initially looked to be in for another short outing against the Rangers, who led off the game with three straight hits to take a 2-0 lead after the first.

"I didn't get knocked out of the game with a line drive, so that was positive," he said.

Ian Kinsler doubled for the second time and scored on David Murphy's second single of the game to make it 3-0 in the second.

"I threw some good ones (fastballs) but when I didn't they hit them where we weren't," said Saunders, who has yielded six runs on 14 hits in 5 2-3 innings this spring.

Rangers starter Scott Feldman went 4 2-3 innings, allowing five runs on seven hits with five strikeouts. He retired 11 of the first 12 hitters he faced before six of his final nine reached base.

Jason Kubel had a triple and a homer off Feldman, then added a second home run off Koji Uehara in the fifth and finished 3 for 4 with three RBIs.

"I did a good job of hanging some pitches for him," Feldman said.

Kubel, who signed a two-year, $15-million deal with the Diamondbacks, entered the game with four hits in 25 at-bats.

"Clearly it's been a slow start but the last five days or so it's been coming around," Kubel said. "It's just how things have gone. I've either hit the ball too high or too low and right at somebody. It's nice to hit some balls hard and have them be hits."

Kinsler, one of a handful of regulars who did not join the Rangers split squad for a two-game weekend series in Las Vegas, was 3 for 4 with the two doubles and a sixth-inning home run.

HOLLAND PITCHES 4 SCORELESS INNINGS FOR RANGERS

LAS VEGAS — Derek Holland allowed one hit in four scoreless innings, and the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago Cubs 12-7 Saturday in a split-squad game at Cashman Field.

Holland struck out two and walked none, and Mike Adams struck out the side in the fifth.

Cubs starter Jeff Samardzija retired his first nine batters before Elvis Andrus singled leading off the fourth and scored on Josh Hamilton's single. Julio Borbon hit a two-run single in the fifth.

Texans re-sign center Chris Myers

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have re-signed free agent center Chris Myers, salvaging a week in which they lost two offensive linemen and star outside linebacker Mario Williams.

Myers confirmed in a phone interview on Friday night that he had signed a four-year deal. The 6-foot-4, 289-pound Myers made his first Pro Bowl last season after anchoring one of the NFL's top offensive lines. Houston set a franchise record for yards rushing (2,448) and ranked second in rushing offense (153 yards per game) in 2011, a key to its first playoff appearance.

Facing salary-cap restrictions, Houston cut right tackle Eric Winston on Tuesday. Williams signed a six-year deal with Buffalo on Thursday, and right guard Mike Brisiel signed a five-year contract with Oakland earlier Friday.

Myers, a sixth-round pick by Denver in the 2005 draft, has started all 64 regular-season games for the Texans since the start of the 2008 season.

The Texans were worried about losing Myers after cutting Winston and quarterback Matt Leinart on Tuesday to get under the salary cap. Owner Bob McNair wanted to keep Williams, the top overall pick in the 2006 draft, but the Texans couldn't match the big payday offered by Buffalo later in the week.

McNair said keeping Myers was another top priority. Myers said earlier this month that he wanted to return to the Texans, but that he was also ready to see what other teams might be able to offer him.

Myers thanked Houston fans on his Twitter account Friday night, after agreeing to return.

"Let me first say thank you to all of the dedicated Texans fans out there," he wrote. "I am extremely happy to stay here in Houston and be a Texan! Can't wait to get back down to work and build on last season's success!"

Houston's remaining unrestricted free agents include cornerback Jason Allen, tight end Joel Dreessen and kicker Neil Rackers.

Titans GM: Manning works out for team on Saturday

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

Peyton Manning worked out for Tennessee on Saturday in Knoxville, Titans general manager Ruston Webster said.

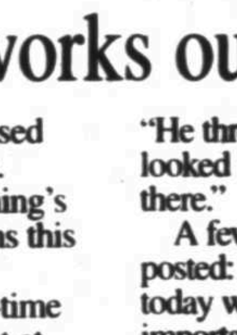
The GM said he thought Manning "looked comfortable throwing the ball and we had a good visit."

"This is another important step in the process," Webster said. Manning spent eight hours meeting with Tennessee executives on Wednesday.

Webster was joined at Saturday's workout by Titans head coach Mike Munchak, chief operating officer Mike Reinfeldt, offensive coordinator Chris Palmer, quarterbacks coach Dowell Loggains and strength coach Steve Watterson, a person familiar with the session told the Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team has not released details of the workout.

Saturday was Manning's third workout for teams this week.

On Friday, the four-time NFL MVP worked out at Duke for Denver. Tuesday night he worked out at the Blue Devils' facilities for San Francisco. Manning has been rehabbing in North Carolina following a string of neck surgeries.


Manning

And the quarterback is getting good reviews.

After throwing for Hall of Fame QB turned Broncos executive John Elway and Denver coach John Fox in a workout that lasted a little under two hours. When it was over, Elway seemed convinced that Manning is still Manning

"We enjoyed visiting with Peyton today in N.C.," Elway wrote on his Twitter account. "He threw the ball great and looked very comfortable out there."

A few minutes later, Elway posted: "Watching him throw today was the next step in this important process for our team and Peyton. It was a productive visit and went well."

Manning, who turns 36 on March 24, missed the 2011 season with the neck injury, which led to him being released by Indianapolis.

Duke football coach David Cutcliffe said Manning looks good.

Cutcliffe —Manning's offensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee — said Saturday morning that Manning has been throwing at "game pace."

After Duke's scrimmage, Cutcliffe said the quickness of Manning's release has impressed him.

"He never ceases to amaze me," Cutcliffe said.

Manning also continues to amaze NFL types.

Titans owner Bud Adams declared earlier this month he wanted the quarterback and felt Manning could be the missing piece to a championship team.

Adams has said he thought Manning would make a quick decision, and the quarterback seems to want it over quickly. He worked out Saturday even though it was his anniversary; Manning married his wife, Ashley, on St. Patrick's Day in 2001 in Memphis.

Whether San Francisco executives and coaches also felt Manning looked good during their workout, they aren't saying. But they also have shown interest in the quarterback who led Indianapolis to a Super Bowl victory in 2007. A person familiar with the situation said Manning worked out for 49ers' coach Jim Harbaugh on Tuesday night at Duke.

JACKS

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place, but we know we have to win the last five games to keep and hold onto it."

Odessa's recent winning streak began on March 3 against Corpus Christi, and in that time they have been producing when it counted.

Saturday night, the Jacks needed some more clutch play as they were down 1-0 after two periods. In the third period, though, Cornellier's goal after he redirected a shot from the point by Zach Mertes with 14:12 to play gave the Jacks the momentum they needed for the rest of the night.

"They had one on the board and we had to catch up to them," said Cornellier, who now has 11 goals this season. "We had to really win this game, and it was really key to get that first goal."

Tyler Cayemberg scored six minutes later on the power play to give the Jacks a 2-1 lead, and four minutes after that Ryan Doucet scored after Cornellier broke out of the Jacks' zone for a 3-1 Odessa lead.

"I think when you win some games you feel better about yourself, and you feel more confident," Gillis said after the game. "Cressy (assistant coach Matt Cressman) and I felt confident going into the third period that we could come back and win this game. At the beginning of the year, we might not have felt that way."

Wichita Falls added its second goal with less than a minute to play, and the Jacks handled the final few seconds with the Wildcats using an extra attacker.

Now, Odessa will hit the road for the final five games of the season, beginning with a game against Wichita Falls on Wednesday. And, they know that they have to keep winning.

"Our work's not done," Gillis said. "The ball is in our court, and I've told them that for the last two months. It's not up to anybody else, it's up to us."

ODESSA 3, WICHITA FALLS 2

Wichita Falls	0	1	1	—2
Odessa	0	0	3	—3

First Period — None. Penalties, Patrick Yudez, Wichita Falls (tripping), 9:28.

Second Period — 1, Wichita Falls, Jakob Batcha (unassisted), 8:56; Penalties, Mikko Virtanen, Odessa (roughing, double minor), 14:13; George Pagonis, Wichita Falls (roughing, double minor), 14:13.

Third Period — 2, Odessa, Lawrence Cornellier (Zach Mertes, Mikko Virtanen), 5:48; 3, Tyler Cayemberg (Jared Docken, Connor Hellebuyck)(pp), 11:33; 4, Odessa, Ryan Doucet (Lawrence Cornellier), 15:29. Penalties, Zach Pochiro, Wichita Falls (slashing), :53; Josh Obregon, Odessa (tripping), :53; Aditya Karandikar, Odessa (tripping), 2:15; Brennen Parker, Wichita Falls (holding), 2:49; Nate Myeroff, Wichita Falls (checking from behind), 10:54.

Shots on Goal — Wichita Falls 16-6-7-33; Odessa 12-10-12-36.

Power-play opportunities — Wichita Falls 0 for 1; Odessa 1 for 5

Goalies — Wichita Falls, Matt Leon (36 shots, 33 saves); Odessa, Connor Hellebuyck (33 shots, 31 saves).

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WINSTON

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about $4.5 million against the salary cap. The Texans used what they saved to ensure a long-term contract with center Chris Myers on Friday.

Winston is expected to be the Chiefs' new starting right tackle, taking over the position for Barry Richardson, who became a free agent after struggling much of last season. Chiefs general manager Scott Pioli called upgrading the offensive line a priority this offseason.

"Obviously, Mr. Pioli has a track record of substantial success in his career," Winston said. "It meant a lot to be targeted and be regarded in that way. It's flattering to be considered a part of their plan to upgrade their offense."

Winston met with the Chiefs for the first time on Saturday, and had scheduled a meeting with the Detroit Lions on Monday. However, the Chiefs made a strong enough impression on Winston to keep him in Kansas City and cancel his trip to Detroit. The only other visit Winston made was to the Miami Dolphins.

When it came down to it, Winston said a lot of different pieces seemed to fit together in Kansas City.

"I just came down here for a visit and the pieces all fit together," Winston said. "I think the situation of this team being on the cusp of being a good team helped and there was a definite need at right tackle for them. They really wanted me to be there. I can't point to just one particular thing. All those things just came together.

"Plus, it's a very nice city, much different from what I expected. All those things certainly played a part in this decision."

Winston will be working with Chiefs new offensive coordinator Brian Daboll and new offensive line coach Jack Bicknell Jr., but doesn't expect to see much difference in playing style. The Texans had the top running game in the league last season, averaging 159 yards per game.

Likewise, the Chiefs have the tools to also feature a strong ground game with dynamic running back Jamaal Charles returning from injury as well as the addition of free agent power runner Peyton Hillis.

"From talking to the coaches, I think we'll be doing in Kansas City pretty much what we did in Houston," Winston said. "I'm sure they will have their own wrinkles to it, but it will all be very similar. I'm sure we'll run some zone-blocking with the running backs we have. Jamaal Charles and Peyton Hillis are two prove running backs in this league who have had a lot of success.

"I feel this team is on the verge of being pretty good and I'm excited to be a part of it."

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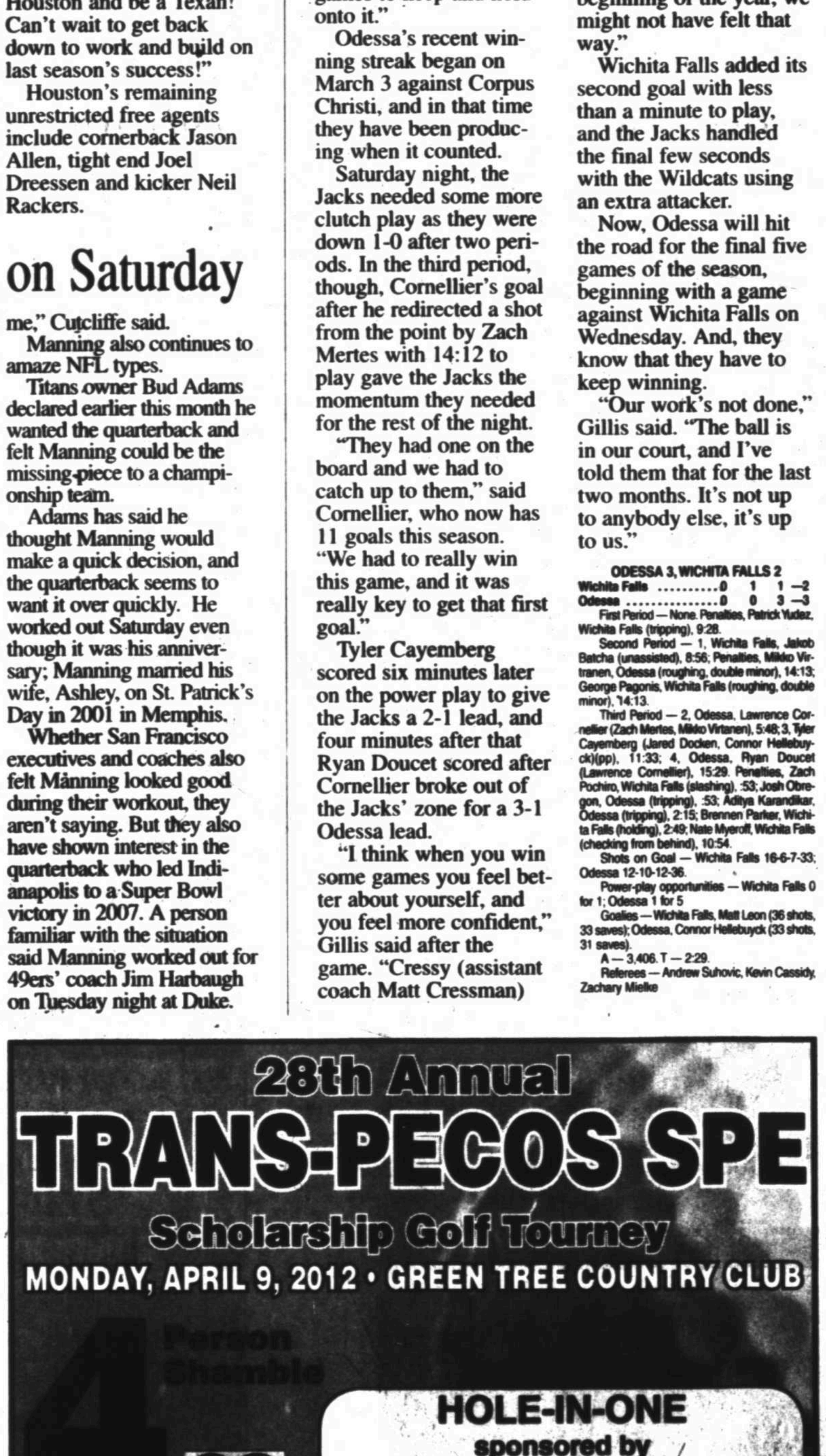

Texas' rally falls short against West Virginia in tourney

By Hank Kurz Jr.
AP Sports Writer

NORFOLK, Va. — Taylor Palmer wasn't thinking about filling a void when West Virginia center Ayana Dunning went to the bench with her fourth foul and more than 14 minutes to go Saturday.

The sharpshooting sophomore did just that, though, scoring 13 of her 18 points in the second half, including a huge 3-pointer with 3:39 to play, as West Virginia squandered most of a 15-point lead before beating Texas 68-55 in the first round of the NCAA women's tournament.

Mountaineers 68
Longhorns 55

"I think that's just how the game went," Palmer said of her scoring, which included eight straight points. "I wasn't thinking too much. If I was open, I took the shot."

The biggest one came near the end, after Texas used a 15-3 run to get within 54-51. Both teams went several possessions without scoring, then Palmer came free on the right wing and made her fourth 3-pointer, ending a drought of 5 scoreless minutes for her team.

"I think we needed that spark," she said, "I don't think we thought we were going to lose the entire game, but I think that shot gave the whole team momentum."

It also ignited a game-clinching 8-0 run for the eighth-seeded Mountaineers (24-9).

"That was really big for us," West Virginia coach Mike Carey said. "We were running set plays and we weren't scoring. That kind of opened it up a little bit."

Ashley Gayle scored 11 points and Ashleigh Fontenette 10 to lead No. 9 seed Texas (18-14), which lost its fifth consecutive tournament game. The Longhorns shot just 27.9 percent, making 19 of 68 shots, and got only 12 points off 22 offensive rebounds.

"The bottom line is we didn't make shots, and you've got to make shots to advance," coach Gail Goestenkors said. "They did a great job defensively with their physical style of play and we didn't always handle it well."

Asya Bussie added 12 points and Jessica Harlee 10 for West Virginia, which was coming off a 28-point loss to Notre Dame in the Big East tournament semifinals.

The game was billed as a matchup of Texas' guard-oriented attack and West Virginia's size and defensive intensity, and the Mountaineers made it work even after a sloppy, turnover-filled start and foul trouble that plagued Dunning.

Carey was especially pleased with the scoring, especially for a team that occasionally wins ugly. The Mountaineers beat Georgetown 39-32 in the Big East tournament.

Steve Helber/AP

Texas forward Nneka Enemkpali, left, tries to steal the ball from West Virginia forward Averee Fields, right, on Saturday during the women's NCAA Tournament in Norfolk, Va.

Going to BG

Jeff Tuttle/AP

Baylor's Brittney Griner (42) celebrates after winning the Big 12 Conference tournament on March 10 in Kansas City, Mo. The Lady Bears open NCAA Tournament play today against UC-Santa Barbara in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Griner excited to play at university with familiar initials

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Brittney Griner's pursuit of a national title begins in earnest again this weekend — in an unexpected locale.

Griner and top-seeded Baylor were sent to Bowling Green for the start of the NCAA tournament, but the 6-foot-8 star is taking the trip in stride. In fact, she has something in common with the northwest Ohio school that's hosting first- and second-round games this year.

"Brittney Griner's the most excited because she thinks the university's named after her," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "She sees 'BG' everywhere you go, so that fired her up."

Griner will be the center of attention Sunday when Baylor (34-0) opens the tournament against 16th-seeded UC Santa Barbara. The Lady Bears haven't lost since bowing out in a regional final last season. They're the No. 1 overall seed this year after outscoring opponents by 27 points per game during this undefeated run.

The season can end only two ways now. Either Baylor will win the title and become the first NCAA team to win 40 games — or the Lady Bears will fall short of their goal.

"I guess the pressure would be at the beginning of the season when you're ranked high and you haven't played any games and you've got to prove yourself," Griner said. "Right now, no. No pressure really."

Eighth-seeded Ohio State faces ninth-seeded Florida in Sunday's other game at Bowling Green.

Griner is averaging 23.3 points and 9.4 rebounds per game this season. She's also the Big 12's career leader in blocked shots despite being only a junior.

"Defense is my favorite part of the game," she said. "Blocking shots — it's my favorite thing to do, even over dunking."

The Gauchos of UCSB (17-15) are well aware of what they're up against. Guard Emilie Johnson's favorite movie is 'Miracle' — the Disney film about the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team — and she watched it again recently.

"My roommate Kelsey (Adrian) is on the team, and she was making fun of me for watching it again," Johnson said. "It's just inspiration for us, being a 16th seed."

UCSB was 8-13 at one point and finished sixth in the Big West before winning the league tournament.

As an underdog, UCSB could have some support from the crowd, especially since the game isn't anywhere near Baylor's campus. The Lady Bears played all four of their NCAA tournament games in their home state of Texas last season, but they won't be there at all this time.

"You're always surprised," Mulkey said. "I don't mind being here, I just feel for our fans. I wish that our fans could follow us, and it's just too expensive and too far for our fans to travel."

Ohio State doesn't have to leave its home state for its opener, but that doesn't mean the Buckeyes (25-6) are happy. They're upset about receiving only a No. 8 seed in the Des Moines Regional.

"At this point it doesn't really matter," guard Samantha Prahalis said. "Those were the cards we were dealt. I mean, it was disrespectful but we are here."

Prahalis, the Big Ten player of the year, is on the verge of becoming the second Division I player to reach 2,000 points and 900 assists. She needs two more assists.

"She is obviously a great player, one of the best point guards in the country," Florida guard Jordan Jones said. "I've been telling people she plays a little bit, maybe like an 'And 1' player — tries to embarrass you."

TOURNEYROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KINGSTON REGIONAL
NO. 1 CONNECTICUT 83, NO. 16 PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 47

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis scored 21 points to help top-seeded Connecticut beat Prairie View A&M 83-47 on Saturday in the opening round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

Mosqueda-Lewis matched the school record set by Jamelle Elliott in 1993 for points by a Huskies player in her first tournament game.

NO. 8 KANSAS STATE 67, NO. 9 PRINCETON 64

Branshea Brown scored a career-high 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead Kansas State past Princeton.

Janala Childs added 15 points for the Wildcats (20-13).

NO. 2 KENTUCKY 68, NO. 15 MCNEESE STATE 62

AMES, Iowa — Keyla Snowden scored 11 points, Azia Bishop added 10 and Kentucky squeaked by McNeese State in its NCAA tournament opener.

SEC Player of the Year A'dia Mathies had just six points for the Wildcats (26-6), who struggled to put away the Cowgirls until late in the second half. McNeese State got within 63-57 on two free throws by Martika Hull with 40 seconds left, but the Cowgirls couldn't get any closer.

NO. 7 GREEN BAY 71, NO. 10 IOWA STATE 57

AMES, Iowa — Lydia Bauer and Sarah Eichler each scored 16 points.

Adrian Ritchie added 15 for the Phoenix (31-1), who'll take on second-seeded Kentucky in the second round Monday night.

NO. 11 GONZAGA 86, NO. 6 RUTGERS 73

SPOKANE, Wash. — Kayla Standish scored 23 points to lift Gonzaga over Rutgers.

Playing before a big crowd on its home floor, Gonzaga (27-5) mostly handled Rutgers' press and used a 3-point barrage in the second half to hold off the Scarlet Knights. Haiden Palmer added 21 points for the Bulldogs.

NO. 3 MIAMI 70, NO. 14 IDAHO STATE 41

SPOKANE, Wash. — Shenise Johnson scored 20 points and added four assists.

Third-seeded Miami (26-5) will play Gonzaga on Monday night, with the winner advancing to the round of 16.

DES MOINES REGIONAL
NO. 2 TENNESSEE 72, NO. 15 TENNESSEE-MARTIN 49

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Meighan Simmons scored 20 points and Tennessee gave coach Pat Summitt a victory over the school where she played.

Glory Johnson added 14 points and 12 rebounds as Tennessee (25-8) pulled away in the second half. The Lady Vols set up a meeting with DePaul on Monday, hoping for their first Final Four run since winning the championship in 2008.

NO. 7 DEPAUL 59, NO. 10 BYU 55

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Anna Martin led a balanced attack with 17 points.

BYU (26-7) fought back from a late eight-point deficit and had a chance to tie with 2.8 seconds to play. But Haley Steed's 3 point try missed, DePaul (23-10) rebounded and Steed fouled Brittany Hrynko.

RALEIGH REGIONAL
NO. 3 TEXAS A&M 69, NO. 14 ALBANY 47

COLLEGE STATION — Tyra White scored 18 points in her return from injury and defending national champion Texas A&M used a big second half run to pull away from Albany.

White had missed the last three games with a left foot injury. She got going early, scoring 12 points in the first half, and added four points and a steal in a decisive second-half run.

NO. 6 ARKANSAS 72, NO. 11 DAYTON 55

COLLEGE STATION — Quistelle Williams scored 15 points, Keira Peak and Lyndsay Harris added 14 apiece and Arkansas rallied from an early double-digit deficit to defeat Dayton.

C'eira Ricketts had 13 points and five assists for the Razorbacks (24-8), who finished the game with a 20-2 run after trailing by as many as 14 in the first half.

NO. 2 MARYLAND 59, NO. 15 NAVY 44

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Alyssa Thomas had 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead No. 2 seed Maryland past in-state foe Navy.

NO. 7 LOUISVILLE 67, NO. 10 MICHIGAN STATE 55

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Becky Burke scored 14 points and Shawnta' Dyer had 13 to help Louisville beat Michigan State.

FRESNO REGIONAL
NO. 1 STANFORD 73, NO. 16 HAMPTON 51

NORFOLK, Va. — Nnemkadi Ogwumike scored 22 of her 28 points in the first half and Stanford pulled away before halftime to beat Hampton.

NO. 4 PURDUE 83, NO. 13 SOUTH DAKOTA ST. 68

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Courtney Moses scored 29 points and set a first-round NCAA women's tournament record by making nine 3-pointers, helping Purdue pull away from pesky South Dakota State.

NO. 5 SOUTH CAROLINA 80, NO. 12 EASTERN MICHIGAN 48

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Markeshia Grant scored 12 points and Charenee Stephens added 11 to lead South Carolina past Eastern Michigan.

TOURNEYSCORESANDTEXASBOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Scores

DES MOINES REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday's Scores
At Allstate Arena
Rosemont, Ill.
Tennessee 72, UT Martin 49
DePaul 59, BYU 55
Today's Games
At Stroh Center
Bowling Green, Ohio
Ohio State (25-6) vs. Florida (19-12), 11:15 a.m.
Baylor (34-0) vs. UC Santa Barbara (17-15), 30 minutes following
At Carmichael Arena
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Georgetown (22-8) vs. Fresno State (28-5), 11:20 a.m.
Georgia Tech (24-8) vs. Sacred Heart (25-7), 30 minutes following
At Jack Stephens Center
Little Rock, Ark.
Delaware (30-1) vs. UALR (20-12), 4:20 p.m.
Nebraska (24-8) vs. Kansas (19-12), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Allstate Arena
Rosemont, Ill.
DePaul (23-10) vs. Tennessee (25-8), TBA
Tuesday, March 20
At Stroh Center
Bowling Green, Ohio
Baylor-UC Santa Barbara winner vs. Ohio State-Florida winner, TBA
At Carmichael Arena
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Georgetown-Fresno State winner vs. Georgia Tech-Sacred Heart winner, TBA
At Jack Stephens Center
Little Rock, Ark.
Nebraska-Kansas winner vs. Delaware-UALR winner, TBA
Regional Semifinals
At Wells Fargo Arena
Des Moines, Iowa
Saturday, March 24
Baylor-UC Santa Barbara-Ohio State-Florida winner vs. Georgetown-Fresno State-Georgia Tech-Sacred Heart winner, TBA
Nebraska-Kansas-Delaware-UALR winner vs. DePaul-Tennessee winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, TBA

FRESNO REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday's Scores
At Ted Constant Convocation Center
Norfolk, Va.
West Virginia 68, Texas 55
Stanford 73, Hampton 51
At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.
South Carolina 80, Eastern Michigan 48
Purdue 83, South Dakota State 68
Today's Games
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
St. John's (22-9) vs. Creighton (20-12), 4:05 p.m.
Oklahoma (20-12) vs. Michigan (20-11), 30 minutes following
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (22-9) vs. Middle Tennessee (26-6), 4:10 p.m.
Duke (24-5) vs. Samford (20-12); 30 minutes following
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Ted Constant Convocation Center
Norfolk, Va.
West Virginia (24-9) vs. Stanford (32-1), TBA
At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.
South Carolina (24-9) vs. Purdue (25-8), TBA
Tuesday, March 20
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
St. John's-Creighton winner vs. Oklahoma-Michigan winner, TBA
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt-Middle Tennessee winner vs. Duke-Samford winner, TBA
Regional Semifinals
At Save Mart Center
Fresno, Calif.
Saturday, March 24
West Virginia-Stanford winner vs. South Carolina-Purdue winner, TBA
St. John's-Creighton-Oklahoma-Michigan winner vs. Vanderbilt-Middle Tennessee-Duke-Samford winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, TBA

RALEIGH REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday's Scores
At Reed Arena
College Station
Arkansas 72, Dayton 55
Texas A&M 69, Albany (NY) 47
At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.
Maryland 59, Navy 44
Louisville 67, Michigan State 55
Today's Games
At Joyce Center
Notre Dame, Ind.
California (24-9) vs. Iowa (19-11), 11:10 a.m.
Notre Dame (30-3) vs. Liberty (24-8), 30 minutes following
At Donald L. Tucker Center
Tallahassee, Fla.
Georgia (22-8) vs. Marist (25-7), 11:05 a.m.
St. Bonaventure (29-3) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (29-2), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Reed Arena
College Station
Arkansas (24-8) vs. Texas A&M (23-10), TBA
At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.
Maryland (29-4) vs. Louisville (23-9), TBA
Tuesday, March 20
At Joyce Center
Notre Dame, Ind.
California-Iowa winner vs. Notre Dame-Liberty winner, TBA
At Donald L. Tucker Center
Tallahassee, Fla.
Georgia-Marist winner vs. St. Bonaventure-Florida Gulf Coast winner, TBA
Regional Semifinals
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Sunday, March 25
Arkansas-Texas A&M winner vs. Maryland-Louisville winner, TBA
California-Iowa-Notre Dame-Liberty winner vs. Georgia-Marist-St. Bonaventure-Florida Gulf Coast winner, TBA
Tuesday, March 27
Regional Championship
Semifinal winners, TBA

KINGSTON REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday's Scores
At Webster Bank Arena
Bridgeport, Conn.
Kansas State 67, Princeton 64
UConn 83, Prairie View 47
At McCarthey Athletic Center
Spokane, Wash.
Gonzaga 86, Rutgers 73
Miami 70, Idaho State 42
At Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa
Kentucky 68, McNeese State 62
Green Bay 71, Iowa State 57
Today's Games
At Maravich Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State (24-6) vs. UTEP (29-3), 4:15 p.m.
LSU (22-10) vs. San Diego State (25-6), 30 minutes following
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Webster Bank Arena
Bridgeport, Conn.
Kansas State (20-13) vs. UConn (30-4), TBA
At McCarthey Athletic Center
Spokane, Wash.
Gonzaga (27-5) vs. Miami (26-5), TBA
At Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa
Kentucky (26-6) vs. Green Bay (31-1), TBA
Tuesday, March 20
At Maravich Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Penn State-UTEP winner vs. LSU-San Diego State winner, TBA
Regional Semifinals
At The Ryan Center
Kingston, R.I.
Sunday, March 25
Kansas State-UConn winner vs. Penn State-UTEP-LSU-San Diego State winner, TBA
Gonzaga-Miami winner vs. Kentucky-Green Bay winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Tuesday, March 27
Semifinal winners, TBA

FINAL FOUR
At Pepsi Center
Denver
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 1
Des Moines champion vs. Fresno champion, TBA
Raleigh champion vs. Kingston champion, TBA
National Championship
Tuesday, April 3
Semifinal winners, TBA

Texas Boxes

FRESNO REGIONAL
WEST VIRGINIA 68, TEXAS 55

TEXAS (18-14): Gayle 4-6 3-4 11, Reed 2-7 2-4 6, Anderson 2-13 2-6 7, Fussell 3-14 0-0 8, Fontenette 4-15 2-2 10, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0, Enemkpali 2-9 0-0 4, Bass 2-4 3-4 9. Totals 19-68 12-20 55.

WEST VIRGINIA (24-9): Harlee 3-4 4-6 10, Dunning 2-4 2-2 7, Bussie 6-8 0-0 12, Caldwell 1-6 1-2 3, Stepney 0-1 2-2 2, Palmer 7-16 0-0 18, Bethel 0-0 0-0 0, Hampton 1-4 4-4 7, Fields 4-7 1-2 9, Burton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-50 14-18 68.

Halftime—West Virginia 31-18. 3-Point Goals—Texas 5-14 (Bass 2-3, Fussell 2-5, Anderson 1-2, Fontenette 0-4), West Virginia 6-14 (Palmer 4-11, Dunning 1-1, Hampton 1-2). Fouled Out—Enemkpali. Rebounds—Texas 41 (Gayle 10), West Virginia 42 (Harlee 10). Assists—Texas 9 (Fontenette 4), West Virginia 17 (Hampton 4). Total Fouls—Texas 19, West Virginia 19. A—NA.

KINGSTON REGIONAL
UCONN 83, PRAIRIE VIEW 47

PRAIRIE VIEW (17-16): L. Scott 2-3 0-0 4, L. Williams 9-17 2-4 20, Etienne 4-15 0-0 8, J. Jackson 1-7 0-0 3, Burton 0-4 0-0 0, Washington 0-2 3-4 3, Hampton-Finch 0-0 0-0 0, J. Williams 3-6 0-0 9. Totals 19-54 5-8 47.

UCONN (30-4): Dolson 7-10 1-2 15, Hayes 1-6 5-5 7, Doty 0-2 0-0 0, Hartley 5-9 4-4 18, Faris 2-5 1-1 6, Banks 3-5 0-0 6, Mosqueda-Lewis 6-15 7-7 21, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2, Buck 1-1 0-0 2, Stokes 1-4 4-5 6. Totals 27-59 22-24 83.

Halftime—UConn 46-32. 3-Point Goals—Prairie View 4-14 (J. Williams 3-4, J. Jackson 1-3, Washington 0-1, Etienne 0-3, Burton 0-3), UConn 7-16 (Hartley 4-6, Mosqueda-Lewis 2-6, Faris 1-1, Doty 0-1, Hayes 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Prairie View 23 (L. Scott 7), UConn 45 (Mosqueda-Lewis, Stokes 7). Assists—Prairie View 7 (Washington, L. Williams 3), UConn 20 (Faris 8). Total Fouls—Prairie View 18, UConn 12. A—4,563.

RALEIGH REGIONAL
TEXAS A&M 69, ALBANY (NY) 47

ALBANY (NY) (23-10): Callaway 1-10 0-1 2, Henry 6-21 0-1 14, Forster 3-11 2-4 8, Jones 1-7 2-4 4, Craig 4-5 1-3 9, Royals 3-5 0-1 7, Lowrie 0-0 0-0 0, Cronin 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Makopondo 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 19-60 6-16 47.

TEXAS A&M (23-10): Bone 3-8 0-2 6, Carter 2-8 0-1 5, Standish 4-7 0-0 12, White 8-13 1-1 18, Elonu 6-13 1-3 13, Bellock 1-1 0-0 3, Windham 1-1 0-0 2, Grant 1-1 0-0 2, Collins 0-0 2-4 2, Pratcher 0-1 3-5 3, Gilbert 1-4 1-2 3, Assarian 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-58 8-18 69.

Halftime—Texas A&M 30-26. 3-Point Goals—Albany (NY) 3-10 (Henry 2-8, Royals 1-1, Jones 0-1), Texas A&M 7-12 (Standish 4-6, White 1-1, Bellock 1-1, Carter 1-3, Pratcher 0-1). Fouled Out—Forster. Rebounds—Albany (NY) 48 (Forster 12), Texas A&M 33 (White 7). Assists—Albany (NY) 8 (Callaway 3), Texas A&M 13 (Bone 4). Total Fouls—Albany (NY) 19, Texas A&M 15. A—6,407.

TOURNEY GLANCE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FIRST ROUND
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 13
Western Kentucky 59, MVSU 58
BYU 78, Iona 72
Wednesday, March 14
Vermont 71, Lamar 59
South Florida 65, California 54

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Kansas State 70, Southern Mississippi 64
Syracuse 72, UNC Asheville 65
Gonzaga 77, West Virginia 54
Ohio State 78, Loyola (Md.) 59
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin 73, Montana 49
Vanderbilt 79, Harvard 70
Friday, March 16
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati 65, Texas 59
Florida State 66, St. Bonaventure 63
Third Round
Saturday's Scores
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Syracuse 75, Kansas State 59
Ohio State 73, Gonzaga 66
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin 60, Vanderbilt 57
Today's Game
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Florida State (25-9) vs. Cincinnati (24-10), 8:40 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At TD Garden
Boston
Thursday, March 22
Syracuse (33-2) vs. Wisconsin (26-9)
Ohio State (29-7) vs. Florida State-Cincinnati winner
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky 81, Western Kentucky 66
Iowa State 77, UConn 64
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Baylor 68, South Dakota State 60
Colorado 68, UNLV 64
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
VCU 62, Wichita State 59
Indiana 79, New Mexico State 66
Friday, March 16
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Lehigh 75, Duke 70
Xavier 67, Notre Dame 63
Third Round
Saturday's Scores
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky 87, Iowa State 71
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Baylor 80, Colorado 63
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Indiana 63 VCU 61
Today's Games
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Lehigh (27-7) vs. Xavier (22-12), 6:40 p.m. Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Friday, March 23
Kentucky (34-2) vs. Indiana (27-8)
Baylor (29-7) vs. Lehigh-Xavier winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Friday, March 16
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Creighton 58, Alabama 57
North Carolina 77, Vermont 58
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
N.C. State 79, San Diego State 65
Georgetown 74, Belmont 59
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Ohio 65, Michigan 60
South Florida 58, Temple 44
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Purdue 72, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 69
Kansas 65, Detroit 50
Third Round
Today's Games
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
North Carolina (30-5) vs. Creighton (29-5), 4:15 p.m.
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Georgetown (24-8) vs. N.C. State (23-12), 11:15 a.m.
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Ohio (28-7) vs. South Florida (22-13), 6:10 p.m.
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Kansas (28-6) vs. Purdue (22-12), 7:40 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Friday, March 23
North Carolina-Creighton winner vs. Ohio-South Florida winner
Georgetown-N.C. State winner vs. Kansas-Purdue winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Murray State 58, Colorado State 41
Marquette 88, BYU 68
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Louisville 69, Davidson 62
New Mexico 75, Long Beach State 68
Friday, March 16
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Saint Louis 61, Memphis 54
Michigan State 89, LIU 67
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Florida 71, Virginia 45
Norfolk State 86, Missouri 84
Third Round
Saturday, March 17
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Marquette 62, Murray State 53
At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Louisville 59, New Mexico 56
Sunday, March 18
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Michigan State (28-7) vs. Saint Louis (26-7), 1:45 p.m.
At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Norfolk State (26-9) vs. Florida (24-10), 5:10 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At US Airways Center
Phoenix
Michigan State-Saint Louis winner vs. Louisville (28-9)
Marquette (27-7) vs. Norfolk State-Florida winner
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

FINAL FOUR
At The Superdome
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
East champion vs. Midwest champion
South champion vs. West champion
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners

Keith Srakocic/AP

Syracuse's Rakeem Christmas, top, grabs a rebound over Kansas State's Angel Rodriguez, right, in the second half of an NCAA Tournament game on Saturday in Pittsburgh. Syracuse won, 75-59.

Kansas State loses to top-seeded Syracuse

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

Orange	75
Wildcats	59

PITTSBURGH — Kansas State had to play a man short in its biggest game of the season. The way top-seeded Syracuse played in the second half, it really didn't matter.

A day after they found out leading rebounder Jamar Samuels would be held out because of an eligibility issue, the eighth-seeded Wildcats more than handled themselves on the boards. But they couldn't stop the Orange from scoring in the second half and lost 75-59 on Saturday in the third round of the East Regional.

"We didn't lose because we lost Jamar. Let me get that straight now. Because Syracuse is minus a very good player, too," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said, referring to Orange top rebounder Fab Melo, declared ineligible by the school this week for the NCAA tournament.

"We just lost the toughest guy on our team. He's our toughest kid. He gives us the ability to make some shots against that zone. It gives us a frontline guy who's a fifth-year senior to deal with the adjustments that you got to make during the course of the game," he said.

The Wildcats were down 25-24 at halftime, but Syracuse shot 66.7 percent from the field in the second half — including going 5 for 5 from 3-point range — to pull away to a much easier win than it had in the second round against 16th-seeded North Carolina-Asheville.

"They're too good," Martin said of the Orange. "Here is the deal with Syracuse. If you're playing from behind against them, you're in trouble because of their zone, and their guards are so good that they're not going to give it to you. They're going to get it deep in the shot clock and take hard shots."

As Syracuse was taking and making shots, the Wildcats couldn't get anything going against the Orange's 2-3 zone, finishing 21 of 67 from the field (31.3 percent) and 4 of 17 from 3-point range.

"A couple of my shots, they were able to get their hands on and deflect. When you see that happen, you become a little bit hesitant," said Will Spradling, who had 10 points on 4-of-11 shooting. "Some of our players were a little bit hesitant shooting.

We just needed to step up and knock some shots down."

Scoop Jardine had 16 points and eight assists, Dion Waiters had 18 points and James Southerland added 15 for the Orange (33-2), who had been struggling lately.

Syracuse scored fewer than 70 points — it averages 74.5 — in five of the last seven games. The Orange shot better than 46.5 percent from the field — their mark for the season — only once, and the stretch included 3-point performances of 1 for 15, 5 for 20 and 3 for 14. Against UNC-Asheville, they shot 44.6 percent overall and 5 for 23 on 3s, and that included making one of their first 13.

"We won. We won the game. It don't matter," Jardine said. "It don't matter if we played good or bad. We won and advanced. That's what this tournament's about. We saw a lot of upsets. A No. 2 lost to a No. 15 seed. That's what this tournament is about. We don't worry about how we're playing; we just worry about getting the 'W.' We're advancing to the Sweet 16. That's all that matters when we get there, too."

Syracuse plays Vanderbilt or Wisconsin in Boston on Thursday night in the regional semifinals.

Rodney McGruder had 15 points for the Wildcats (22-11).

"It was tough playing without him, especially one of our seniors. He's one of the main leaders of the team," McGruder said of Samuels. "It was just tough, you know. It's tough that he would never get to play another game in a Kansas State uniform. He missed his last game."

McGruder, who had 30 points in the second-round win over Southern Mississippi, rolled an ankle in the first half and finished 5 for 13 from the field while playing 35 minutes.

"It was tough to play on, but I just wanted the victory so I just tried to fight it through," he said.

Among those in the crowd at Consol Energy Center was Vice President Joe Biden, who went to law school at Syracuse.

This is Syracuse's 17th appearance overall and third time in four years in the round of 16. The Orange, who had already set a school record for wins in a season, were ranked No. 1 for six weeks.

TOURNEYBOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

EAST REGIONAL
SYRACUSE 75, KANSAS ST. 59

KANSAS ST. (22-11): Rodriguez 3-11 4-4 12, Henriquez 7-17 0-1 14, McGruder 5-13 5-6 15, Gipson 2-9 4-8 8, Spradling 4-11 0-0 10, Southwell 0-1 0-0 0, Irving 0-3 0-0 0, Ojeleye 0-0 0-0 0, Diaz 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-67 13-19 59.

SYRACUSE (33-2): Fair 0-3 3-6 3, Jardine 5-9 3-4 16, Triche 2-4 0-0 4, Christmas 4-7 0-0 8, Joseph 2-7 7-8 11, Waiters 5-9 7-7 18, Keita 0-0 0-0 0, Southerland 5-6 3-4 15. Totals 23-45 23-29 75.

Halftime—Syracuse 25-24. 3-Point Goals—Kansas St. 4-17 (Spradling 2-6, Rodriguez 2-7, Jones 0-1, Irving 0-1, McGruder 0-2), Syracuse 6-9 (Jardine 3-3, Southerland 2-2, Waiters 1-2, Fair 0-1, Joseph 0-1). Fouled Out—Spradling. Rebounds—Kansas St. 41 (Henriquez 17), Syracuse 32 (Christmas 11). Assists—Kansas St. 8 (Henriquez 3), Syracuse 13 (Jardine 8). Total Fouls—Kansas St. 20, Syracuse 18. A—NA.

OHIO ST. 73, GONZAGA 66

GONZAGA (26-7): Sacre 3-6 2-3 8, Pangos 3-13 2-2 10, Bell, Jr. 5-9 5-6 18, Landry Edi 1-2 2-2 4, Harris 6-14 2-4 16, Carter 0-0 0-0 0, Stockton 0-2 1-2 1, Spangler 0-0 0-0 0, Monninghoff 0-1 0-0 0, Hart 0-0 0-0 0, Dower 4-9 0-0 9. Totals 22-56 14-19 66.

OHIO ST. (29-7): Sullinger 5-9 6-7 18, Thomas 7-15 1-2 18, Craft 7-9 2-2 17, Smith, Jr. 2-6 2-2 7, Buford 4-13 3-4 13, Scott 0-1 0-0 0, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-1 0, Ravenel 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-53 14-18 73.

Halftime—Ohio St. 39-37. 3-Point Goals—Gonzaga 8-23 (Bell, Jr. 3-5, Harris 2-6, Pangos 2-8, Dower 1-1, Landry Edi 0-1, Stockton 0-1, Monninghoff 0-1), Ohio St. 9-24 (Thomas 3-7, Sullinger 2-2, Buford 2-7, Craft 1-3, Smith, Jr. 1-4, Scott 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Gonzaga 34 (Harris 7), Ohio St. 31 (Thomas 7). Assists—Gonzaga 14 (Bell, Jr., Stockton 5), Ohio St. 13 (Craft 10). Total Fouls—Gonzaga 19, Ohio St. 17. A—18,588.

SOUTH REGIONAL
BAYLOR 80, COLORADO 63

COLORADO (24-12): Roberson 4-5 4-5 13, Dufault 6-12 2-2 14, Tomlinson 0-1 0-0 0, Dinwiddie 1-3 0-0 3, Brown 6-14 1-2 13, Booker 4-12 4-7 15, Harris-Tunks 1-3 1-2 3, Chen 0-0 0-0 0, Adams 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 23-51 12-18 63.

BAYLOR (29-7): Acy 2-5 3-4 7, Miller 3-9 2-2 8, Jones III 3-8 1-1 7, Heslip 9-13 0-0 27, Jackson 6-17 2-2 15, Bello 2-3 0-0 4, Walton 1-7 2-2 4, Jones 2-2 3-7 8. Totals 28-64 13-18 80.

Halftime—Baylor 37-35. 3-Point Goals—Colorado 5-15 (Booker 3-3, Roberson 1-1, Dinwiddie 1-2, Tomlinson 0-1, Dufault 0-3, Brown 0-5), Baylor 11-20 (Heslip 9-12, Jones 1-1, Jackson 1-6, Walton 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Colorado 28 (Roberson 8), Baylor 41 (Acy 10). Assists—Colorado 13 (Harris-Tunks 4), Baylor 15 (Jackson 10). Total Fouls—Colorado 16, Baylor 12. A—12,128.

INDIANA 63, VCU 61

VCU (29-7): Reddic 4-8 0-2 8, Burgess 4-10 3-5 15, Haley 1-2 1-2 3, Theus 1-3 0-0 2, Daniels 4-13 0-0 10, Weber 2-3 0-0 4, Brandenberg 5-12 1-2 13, Graham 2-6 1-2 6. Totals 23-57 6-13 61.

INDIANA (27-8): Watford 5-10 2-2 16, Sheehey 4-6 0-0 8, Zeller 5-9 6-8 16, Hulls 2-7 0-0 5, Oladipo 4-5 1-1 9, Abell 2-6 0-0 4, Pritchard 1-1 0-0 2, Roth 1-1 0-0 3, Elston 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-46 9-11 63.

Halftime—VCU 42-41. 3-Point Goals—VCU 9-30 (Burgess 4-9, Brandenberg 2-7, Daniels 2-8, Graham 1-4, Theus 0-1, Weber 0-1), Indiana 6-13 (Watford 4-5, Roth 1-1, Hulls 1-4, Elston 0-1, Sheehey 0-1, Abell 0-1). Fouled Out—Reddic. Rebounds—VCU 23 (Burgess 7), Indiana 36 (Zeller 13). Assists—VCU 8 (Theus 5), Indiana 13 (Oladipo 6). Total Fouls—VCU 16, Indiana 13. Technical—Sheehey. A—NA.

KENTUCKY 87, IOWA ST. 71

IOWA ST. (23-11): Babb 0-2 0-0 0, Ejim 1-5 1-4 4, Allen 6-19 3-3 16, Christopherson 5-11 4-4 15, White 9-12 5-9 23, Palo 1-2 2-2 4, Booker 0-3 0-0 0, Gibson 3-4 3-3 9, McGee 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 25-61 18-25 71.

KENTUCKY (34-2): Jones 3-9 2-4 8, Kidd-Gilchrist 1-4 0-0 2, Lamb 5-8 1-2 16, Davis 4-9 7-9 15, Teague 10-14 3-5 24, Miller 7-11 2-2 19, Wiltjer 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 31-56 15-22 87.

Halftime—Kentucky 38-27. 3-Point Goals—Iowa St. 3-22 (Ejim 1-2, Christopherson 1-4, Allen 1-10, Booker 0-1, Babb 0-2, McGee 0-3), Kentucky 10-20 (Lamb 5-7, Miller 3-6, Wiltjer 1-1, Teague 1-3, Davis 0-1, Jones 0-1, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1). Fouled Out—Jones, Palo, White. Rebounds—Iowa St. 31 (Ejim, White 9), Kentucky 40 (Davis 12). Assists—Iowa St. 7 (White 4), Kentucky 19 (Teague 7). Total Fouls—Iowa St. 17, Kentucky 19. Technicals—Iowa St. Bench, Jones. A—21,757.

WEST REGIONAL
MARQUETTE 62, MURRAY ST. 53

MURRAY ST. (31-2): Daniel 3-5 0-0 6, Canaan 4-17 6-7 16, Poole 3-13 0-0 7, Long 5-8 2-2 12, Aska 3-13 1-1 7, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Mushatt 1-2 0-0 2, Jackson 1-6 0-0 3, Garrett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-64 9-10 53.

MARQUETTE (27-7): J. Wilson 1-5 0-0 2, Johnson-Odom 6-14 4-6 17, Blue 1-5 2-2 4, Cadougan 3-7 2-2 8, Crowder 6-13 4-7 17, Mayo 2-7 2-2 8, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, D. Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Gardner 2-4 2-2 6. Totals 21-55 16-21 62.

Halftime—Murray St. 28-25. 3-Point Goals—Murray St. 4-21 (Canaan 2-8, Jackson 1-2, Poole 1-9, Long 0-2), Marquette 4-15 (Mayo 2-3, Crowder 1-5, Johnson-Odom 1-6, J. Wilson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Murray St. 43 (Daniel 14), Marquette 36 (Crowder 13). Assists—Murray St. 7 (Canaan, Mushatt 2), Marquette 11 (Cadougan 4). Total Fouls—Murray St. 18, Marquette 11. A—NA.

LOUISVILLE 59, NEW MEXICO 56

NEW MEXICO (28-7): Hardeman 4-7 0-1 8, Gordon 8-15 4-5 21, Greenwood 0-4 0-0 0, Williams 5-11 0-0 11, Snell 1-5 0-0 3, Adams 0-0 0-0 0, Fenton 2-6 0-0 4, McDonald 1-3 0-0 3, Walker 2-7 0-0 5, Bairstow 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 23-58 5-8 56.

LOUISVILLE (28-9): Kuric 3-7 2-2 10, Behanan 5-7 0-2 10, Dieng 3-7 0-0 6, Siva 2-6 2-2 6, C. Smith 3-6 0-0 8, R. Smith 5-12 4-5 17, Price 0-1 0-0 0, Swopshire 0-0 0-0 0, Justice 0-0 0-1 0, Blackshear 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 22-48 8-12 59.

Halftime—Louisville 26-25. 3-Point Goals—New Mexico 5-23 (Gordon 1-1, McDonald 1-3, Walker 1-3, Williams 1-5, Snell 1-5, Greenwood 0-3, Fenton 0-3), Louisville 7-15 (R. Smith 3-3, Kuric 2-5, C. Smith 2-5, Blackshear 0-1, Dieng 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Mexico 36 (Gordon 14), Louisville 25 (Dieng 10). Assists—New Mexico 13 (Williams 5), Louisville 9 (Siva 5). Total Fouls—New Mexico 12, Louisville 14. A—18,167.

Matt York/AP

Baylor guard Brady Heslip gestures after hitting a three-point basket against Colorado on Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

BAYLOR

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halftime — the most in one half of the tournament since Butler's Shelvin Mack did it in 2010.

Heslip celebrated a few of his makes by pinching together his thumb and forefinger on each hand and lifting the other three digits in the air.

Askia Booker had 15 points for Colorado, which was on an amazing, but leg-sapping, run: Four wins in four nights last week at the Pac-12 tournament to get to March Madness, then a down-to-the-wire win over UNLV to open the South Regional.

It was quite a show for the Buffs, who made the NCAAs for only the fourth time since 1969. When Booker hit a 3 with 10:30 left, the Buffs led 57-54, and it looked like the show might move onto Atlanta.

But Colorado scored only six points the rest of the way, worn down by the adrenaline-pumping run of the last two weeks, to say nothing of the athleticism of the Bears, a team that started the season 17-0 and rose to as high as third in the Associated Press poll.

TOURNEYROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EAST REGIONAL
NO. 2 OHIO STATE 73, NO. 7 GONZAGA 66

PITTSBURGH — Jared Sullinger scored 18 points, including two big baskets in the final 3 minutes to lead Ohio State past Gonzaga and into the round of 16 for the third straight year.

DeShaun Thomas also scored 18 for the Buckeyes (29-7), while Aaron Craft added 17 points and 10 assists. Ohio State will play Florida State or Cincinnati in the East Regional semifinals Thursday in Boston.

Gary Bell Jr. led Gonzaga (26-7) with 18 points, but the Bulldogs were unable to become the third team to knock off a No. 2 seed in less than 24 hours.

Gonzaga erased a 10-point deficit to tie it at 61 on a 3-pointer by Elias Harris with 4:05 remaining, but Sullinger knocked down two pretty hook shots late while the Bulldogs went cold.

NO. 4 WISCONSIN 60, NO. 5 VANDERBILT 57

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Ryan Evans scored 11 points and grabbed a crucial rebound in the closing seconds.

John Jenkins took a 3-pointer that would have given the Commodores the lead, but it bounced high off the rim and Evans pulled down the rebound and was fouled with 2.1 seconds left.

SOUTH REGIONAL
NO. 1 KENTUCKY 87, NO. 8 IOWA STATE 71

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Freshman Marquis Teague scored a career-high 24 points and top-seeded Kentucky put together another complete performance with a dominating second-half run the third round of the NCAA tournament.

Freshman Anthony Davis had 15 points and 12 rebounds, senior Darius Miller added 19 points and Doron Lamb finished with 16. The Wildcats (34-2) move on to South Regional semifinals in Atlanta and will face fourth-seeded Indiana on Friday.

NO. 4 INDIANA 63, NO. 12 VCU 61

PORTLAND, Ore. — Indiana's Will Sheehey made a 15-footer from the baseline with 12.7 seconds left after a shot was blocked right to him.

Rob Brandenberg got a great look at a potential winning 3-pointer but it rimmed off at the buzzer, ending the Rams' bid for another surprising March run.

WEST REGIONAL
NO. 3 MARQUETTE 62, NO. 6 MURRAY STATE 53

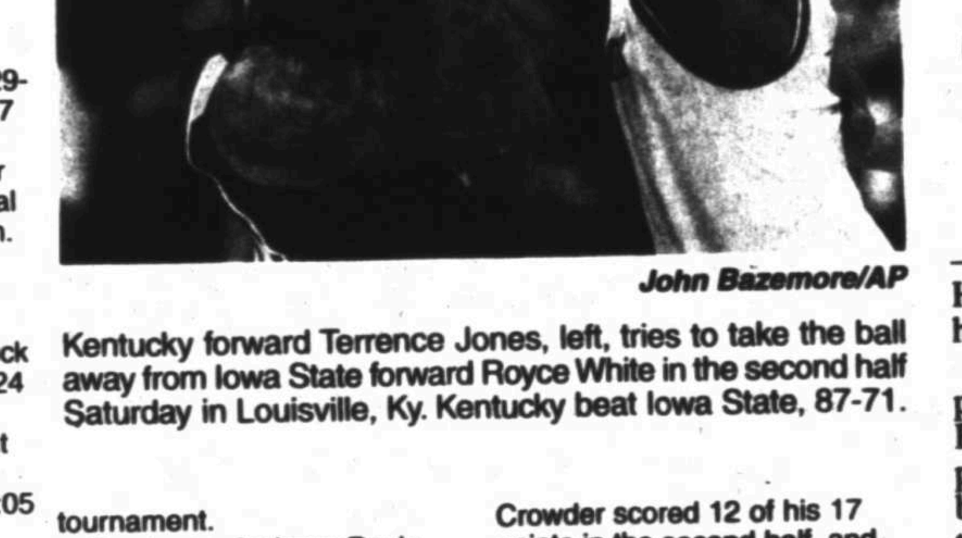
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jae Crowder scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half, and Marquette used a late run to overcome Murray State.

Trailing 46-41 with 7:43 to play, Marquette went on a 14-2 run. While Crowder and Davante Gardner took care of the offense, scoring all but two points during the spurt, the Golden Eagles used their size and strength to wear down the pesky Racers.

NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 59, NO. 5 NEW MEXICO 56

PORTLAND, Ore. — Russ Smith had 17 points as Louisville held off New Mexico 59-56 Saturday night for its sixth consecutive win to advance to the regional semifinals for the first time since 2009.

Kyle Kuric added 10 points for the Big East tournament champions, who lost their first game of the NCAA tournament the past two seasons.



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Kentucky forward Terrence Jones, left, tries to take the ball away from Iowa State forward Royce White in the second half Saturday in Louisville, Ky. Kentucky beat Iowa State, 87-71.

Lehigh insists it is not done after upsetting Duke

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The Lehigh Mountain Hawks insist their work here isn't done.

They're not ready to pack up and go home to Bethlehem, Pa., after pulling off one of the biggest upsets in NCAA tournament history by stunning national power and second-seeded Duke, 75-70, in its own backyard Friday night.

The Mountain Hawks want to stick around a little longer.

After his team's monumental upset, Lehigh coach Brett Reed asked his players in the locker room if they were satisfied and the collective response was no.

The 15th-seeded Mountain Hawks, led by speedy guard C.J. McCollum the nation's fifth-leading scorer, fully believed they could topple Duke — and they said so publicly before the game. And they believe they can do the same to 10th-seeded Xavier today at the Greensboro Coliseum.

"I'm not ready to end my career and (my teammates) aren't ready to end what we created," senior forward Jordan Hamilton said.

Hamilton said it's hard to compare this team to others from past NCAA tournaments.

"We're something that this tournament's never really seen before," Hamilton said. "I know people like to draw comparisons and try to categorize, but I really believe that we're our own unique team. "

McCollum, a two-time Patriot League player of the year, sees it a little differently.

He thinks the Mountain Hawks are a little like the 2008 Davidson Wildcats, a No. 10 seed that shocked the country when they came up one win short of a trip to the Final Four.

The Wildcats lost to eventual national champion Kansas in the regional finals.

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#1: National dealership entry and exit polls conducted by CNW Research asked consumers for the reason for visiting a dealership on a particular day. Newspaper (print and online) was the number one reason. At 56.8%, more consumers cite newspapers than all other media combined.

Primary: Local newspaper advertising (print and online) is The Primary Source of information for consumers during the critical last stages of the decision making process. 16.59% rely on newspaper advertising as the main source during the last two weeks before buying. More than any other information source.

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Where to buy: 97% of new car buyers agree that newspapers are most helpful as a source of information on where to buy.

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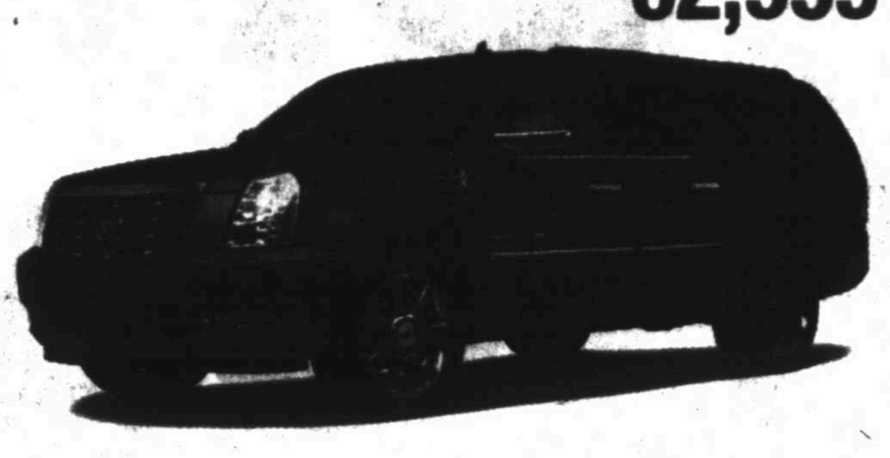

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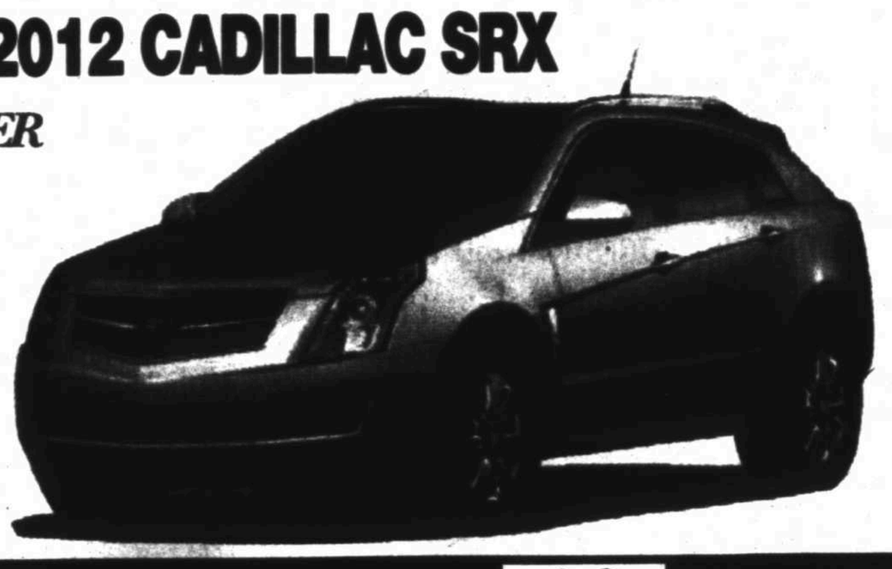

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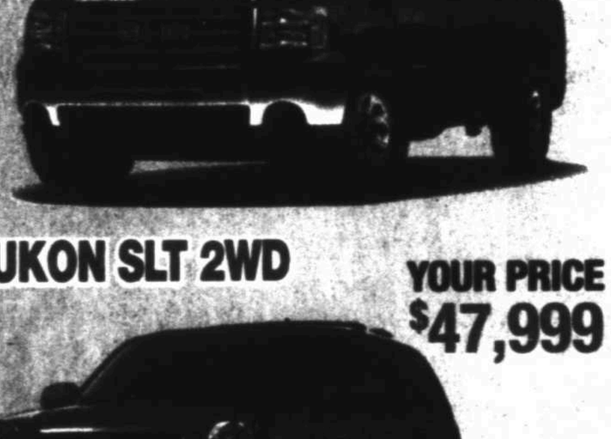

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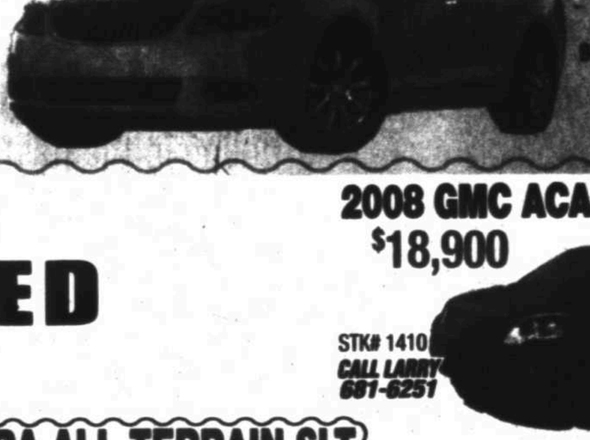

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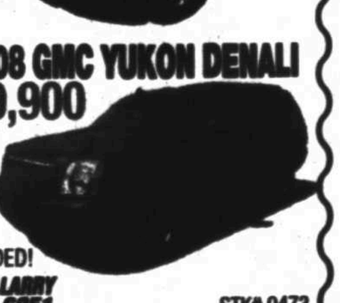

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$23,900
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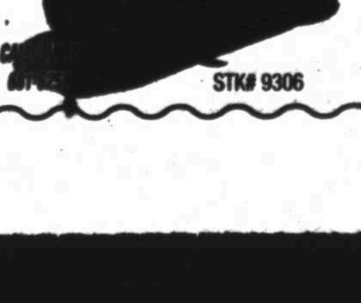

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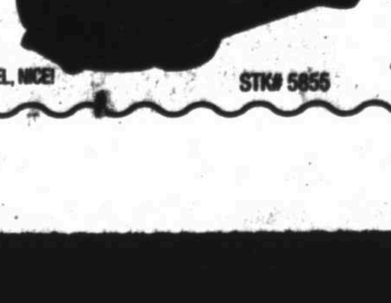

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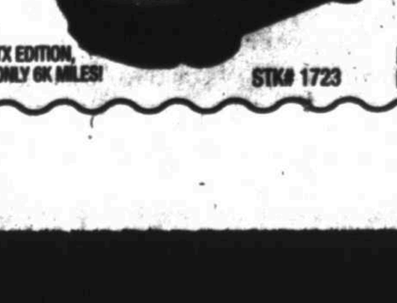

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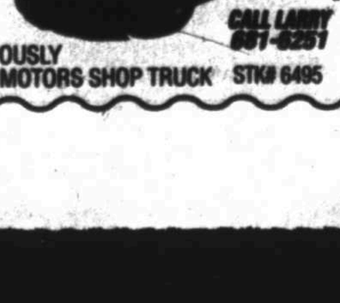

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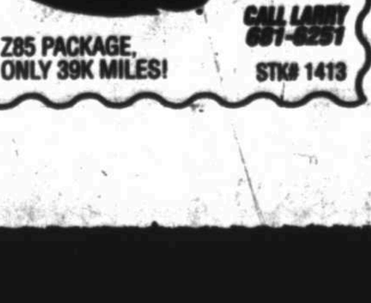

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Graduating seniors can breathe a little easier.

Last year's graduating college class received higher starting salaries than their 2010 counterparts, and the trend appears likely to continue in 2012, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

Not only are salaries going up, the employment rate of graduating seniors is also improving. NACE surveys of students soon to complete their degrees indicate they are more successful in their job hunts than last year's graduates.

"There are more seniors with jobs before graduation," says Andrea Koncz, employment information manager for NACE.

The first of NACE's data for the 2012 class will be released in early April. "We're thinking that it's going to follow through with another increase," says Koncz.

The average starting salary for graduating seniors of

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the 2011 class was $41,701, according to the NACE study. This is 2.3 percent higher than that of the 2010 class. The data for the 2011 class was positive for all fields of study, with average starting salaries increasing across the board.

In 2011, compensation for newly minted graduates in the computer field saw some of the biggest growth. Computer science majors saw the biggest increase in average salary, with a 4.1 percent jump to $60,594, second highest of the major disciplines.

The overall highest average salary offered to 2011 graduates was in engineering, where majors hit an average $61,872, an increase of 1.5 percent over 2010. Among graduating engineers, computer-engineering majors saw the biggest boost, with a 2.5 percent increase to an average starting salary of $70,400.

Business majors also moved up, with an average starting salary of $48,144, a 3.8 percent increase. Majors in economics saw a healthy 6.3 percent increase to $54,400 starting salary.

The smallest increases came in the math and sciences departments (majors such as mathematics and chemistry) and in the health sciences field (nursing majors), both at 1.1 percent. The average starting salaries were $40,204 and $44,955, respectively.

The compensation report from NACE is the first using a new methodology. The figures are based on data from government agencies and include only salaries for job offers that students actually accepted prior to graduation, not simply salaries offered, according to Koncz.

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The number of patents granted to women in 2010, a 35 percent jump from the previous year.

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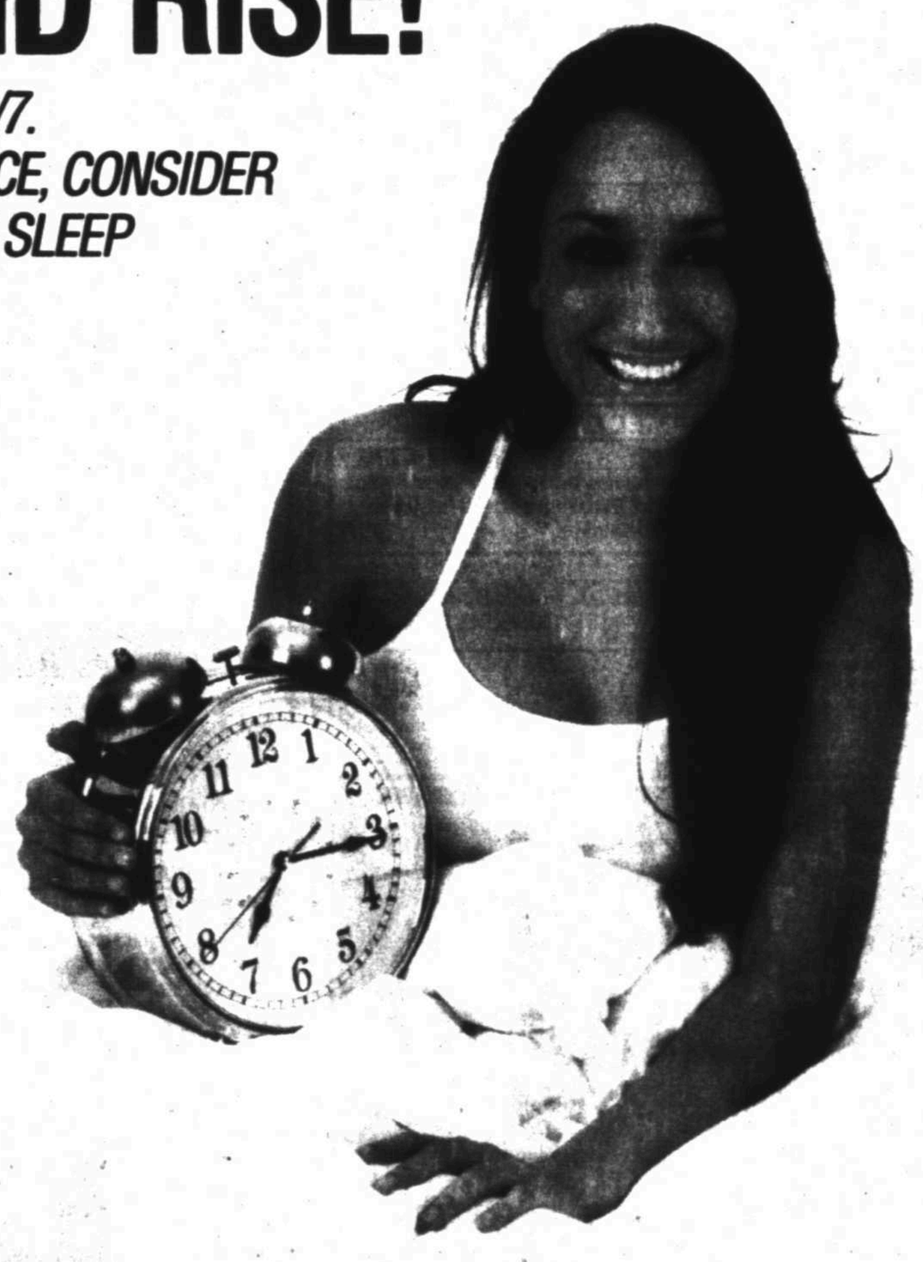

At a forum of top business leaders where she might have been expected to tell tales of unrelenting drive, Arianna Huffington talked more about her "love affair" with sleep.

She addressed a range of topics at Fortune magazine's Most Powerful Women Summit in the fall of 2011, but the founder of the online news website The Huffington Post started out by declaring that sleep is critical to her success. "I kind of came to sleep late in life. I basically came to it because I fainted from exhaustion and hit my head on my desk and broke my cheekbone and got five stitches on my right eye," said Huffington, president, AOL Huffington Post Media Group.

Americans "are paying a heavy price by being a sleep-deprived society," she said at the summit. "If we actually could up our sleep portion every day, we would become wiser."

Maybe it takes a wake-up call like Huffington's face plant to realize that sleep deprivation is not conducive to long-term success.

However, most people would sacrifice sleep for a higher salary, a Cornell University study found. In a study of 2,600 participants, researchers found that if given the choice, most people would pick a $140,000 job with long work hours and just six hours of sleep each night over an $80,000 job with reasonable work hours and seven and a half hours of sleep.

If the choice sounds Zobmondo-like, it's because researchers weren't interested in the numbers but in whether people aspire to being as happy as possible. They don't. Some people chose the higher-paying job even though they did not think it would make them happier.

The study did not ask participants to consider the possibility that sleep deprivation might eventually cause them to fail at the six-figure job.

In real life, few go-getters ever stop to consider that all those nights spent putting in hours may be doing more harm than good.

Beyond a host of health problems, "A lack of sleep can cause daytime fatigue, an inability to focus and concentrate well, irritability and low energy," says Dr. David Volpi, director, Manhattan Snoring and Sleep Center. "Not enough sleep can also affect your memory and how well you can pay attention."

Bill Clinton repeatedly said that he made the biggest mistakes of his life when he was tired. No wonder: After 17 to 19 hours without sleep, brain activity is similar to that of someone with a blood alcohol content of .05 (.08 is legally intoxicated in most states), says Cornell psychology professor James Maas, who was not involved in the happiness study but oversees the university's sleep lab.

"We have so much evidence of negative consequences of sleep deprivation, it's irrefutable," he says.

Just one extra hour of sleep each night can greatly improve a person's health, mood, alertness and productivity, he adds.

Typically, adequate sleep for an adult should be around seven to nine hours per night. That's enough time for people to enter the deep phases of sleep. In REM sleep, the previous day's events are solidified into permanent "memory traces," and sequences of learned skills, like operating a piece of equipment, become muscle memories, Maas says.

Ironically, people who count sheep may be better off than those who fall asleep as soon as their heads hit the pillow. "If you fall asleep within five minutes, you are sleep deprived," Maas says, "since the fully rested person takes about 15 to 20 minutes to fall asleep."

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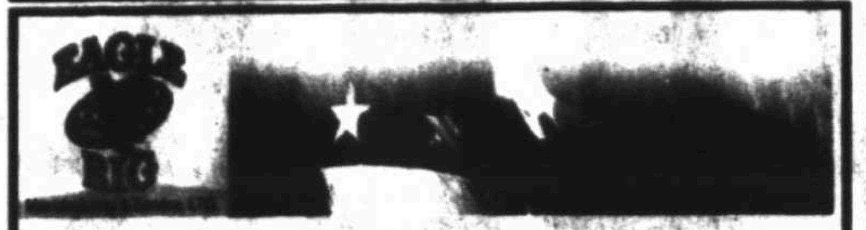

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Maintenance man needed. Must have experience in plumbing and electric. Also hiring Housekeeping. Apply at: 4300 West Wall St, Midland, Tx 79703.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™ *at the Permian Basin*

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER (TTUHSC), Odessa Campus is accepting applications for a Senior Director of Human Resources. The Senior Director is responsible for administering the day-to-day operations of the Human Resources office on the TTUHSC-Odessa campus, which includes Benefits, Employee Relations, Recruitment, and Training and Development. Advises and makes recommendations to administrators and managers, faculty and staff regarding human resources policies and procedures. Relocation package available, if needed.

Required Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and a minimum of six years progressively responsible management experience. **Preferred Qualifications:** Master's degree from an accredited institution. Four years of demonstrated experience working as an HR generalist or HR Manager. PHR/SPHR certification.

For a full position summary and to apply, log on to http://jobs.texastech.edu and refer to Requisition # 85279 or use the following quick-link: http://jobs.texastech.edu/postings/44054

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(B) BASIC ENERGY SERVICES **Now Hiring**

Sr. Human Resources Representative

A well service industry leader is currently recruiting an experienced HR Representative for our Corporate Office in Midland, TX. This position requires a Human Resources or business-related Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience. PHR or SPHR certification preferred.

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MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
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Immediate opening for male or female. Sales experience mandatory. Finance background helpful. Some national air travel. Salary plus incentives. Benefits and good working conditions. Send resume to jimgolden@americanlenders.com or apply at BIDCO Corp. 312 E. 2nd St., Odessa, TX.

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Entry Level Positions
Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have job openings in our Personalization and Production Departments. We have multiple positions available for both the morning and the night shifts. Candidates will need to pass a background check and drug test. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

Shift Supervisor
Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have a job opening in our Personalization Department. We are looking for someone who has experience in management, employee development and training, quality control, and can adhere to production schedules. Must be willing to work nights and overtime. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

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Send resume to: kcabrera@wbhq.com
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Activities Director
Local healthcare center looking for an Experienced Activities Director. Please send resume to M-22 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Bobby Cox Companies, Inc. is in immediate need of a full-time Maintenance Technician. Qualified candidate will have some refrigeration & HVAC experience as well as basic understanding of plumbing, electrical, and repair/maintenance procedures. Job includes insurance, 401k, and stable employment. Send resume with salary expectation to:

Bobby Cox Companies, Inc.
P. O. Box 60423
Midland, Texas 79711-0423
Fax 432-563-0388

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Drug Screening Required EOE

Camera Operator
CBS-7 FT
CBS7 has an opening in production for a morning Camera Operator. This is a full-time position for the early morning and midday newscasts. Interested applicants should send resumes or fill out an application at CBS7, 4101 E. 42nd St., Suite J-7, Odessa, Tx 79762 or E-Mail to djordan@cbs7.com. CBS7 is an EEO

Counter Sales
Affinity Steel FT
Local Steel Company hiring for counter sales clerk. Responsibilities include: invoicing customers, answering phones, processing orders, & general help as needed. Pay DOE. Apply in person 1809 W County Rd 114 Midland, TX. For directions call 432-617-4477.

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Carpet Tech is now taking applications for **Crew Helpers**. Required to assist crew chief while cleaning carpet. Starting hourly pay is **$10 to $15 per hour**. Apply online at **WWW.CALLCARPETTECH.COM**.

Detailer
Alderson Mercedes-Benz/ Volvo is currently looking to hire an experienced Detailer for our growing dealership. Must have experience. Apply in person @ 5801 Andrews Hwy. Midland

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Detailers
UNISEAL FT
Detailers needed for Local new car dealership. Used experience is helpful. Good pay. Please call 832-499-9574

Draftsman
Topographic Land Surveyors
Drafting position available with Topographic Land Surveyors of Midland. Candidates must have experience with Auto CAD and basic computer skills. Prefer someone with a college background but not required. Salary DOE. Interested candidates please send resumes along with references and salary requirements to: eligio.ochoa@topographic.com

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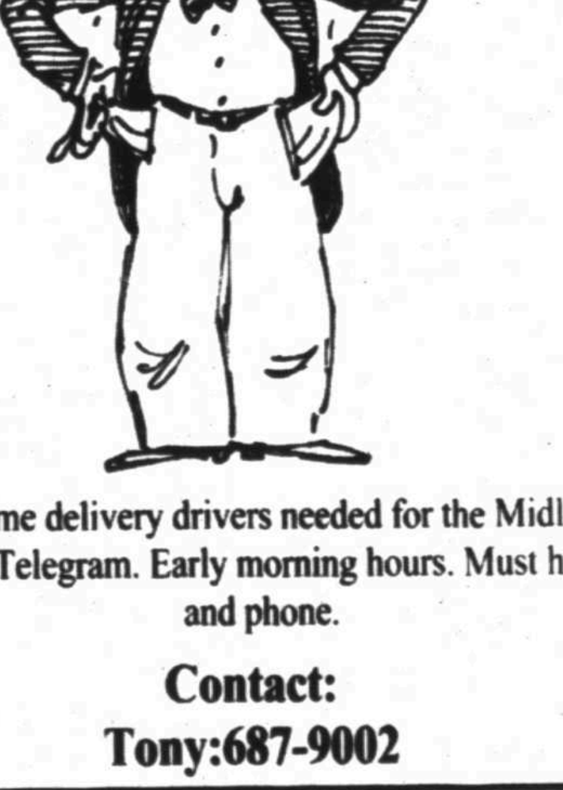

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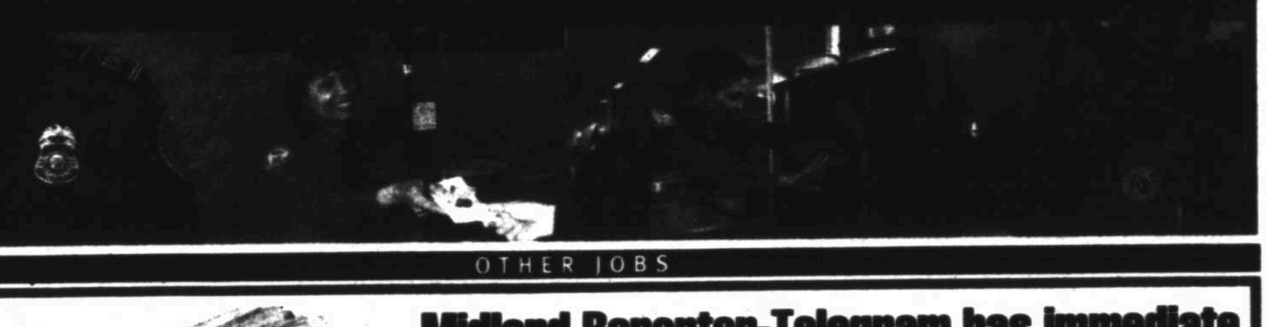

OTHER JOBS

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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 $9.50 hourly.

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at leaset 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.

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Labor FT
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Pipe yard in Midland, TX needs workers to rack pipe, clean & dope threads. $10/hour to start with potential to advance. Interviews March 20 at 1:00pm at 3610 E. Highway 158, Midland, TX 79706. Phone 432-682-0110.

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We will be hiring on-site at the **Family Dollar Distribution Center.** Earn Top Wages! Up to $13.00 for 2nd shift and up to $12.00 for 1st shift. Get paid weekly and training provided in English or Spanish! Background check and drug screen required. Must be able to work in warehouse environment and lift up to 50lbs unassisted and frequently. Apply by calling **Sarha** at **432-230-8206** or **Christine** at **432-254-1524**.

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Sam's

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Need experienced Shop Assistant to service and wash trucks, change truck tires and assist mechanics. Must be 21 years or older and have valid driver's license with clean driving history. Competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement plan, vision and dental insurance available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, fax resume to 432-683-7407, or call 432-682-0434.

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Area 18
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Texas State Low Cost Insurance is looking for a motivated sales agent to grow our local book of business. In addition to outstanding customer service, the sales agent will follow up on new leads, market, and expand the company's presence in the local community. This position offers paid training, benefit, 401(k), and the potential for revenue based income. Spanish speaking preferred. APPLY TODAY! Fax 512-458-2690 or newcareer@tdowcost.com

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MARC, Inc. is now accepting applications for a Program Manager.
Applicants must have a 4 year degree from an accredited university. Experience working with people with disabilities is a plus.
Must be organized, positive, and ready to make a difference in your community!

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Midland County has an opening for a Purchasing Agent. Please see our website www.co.midland.tx.us/hr for more details and other openings. To be considered you must send a completed application with job reference number and a background check to: Midland County Human Resources Office, 500 N Loraine St. Ste. 100 Midland, TX 79701 or hr@co.midland.tx.us. EOE

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Midland, TX
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SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The Midland Reporter-Telegram Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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SALES JOBS

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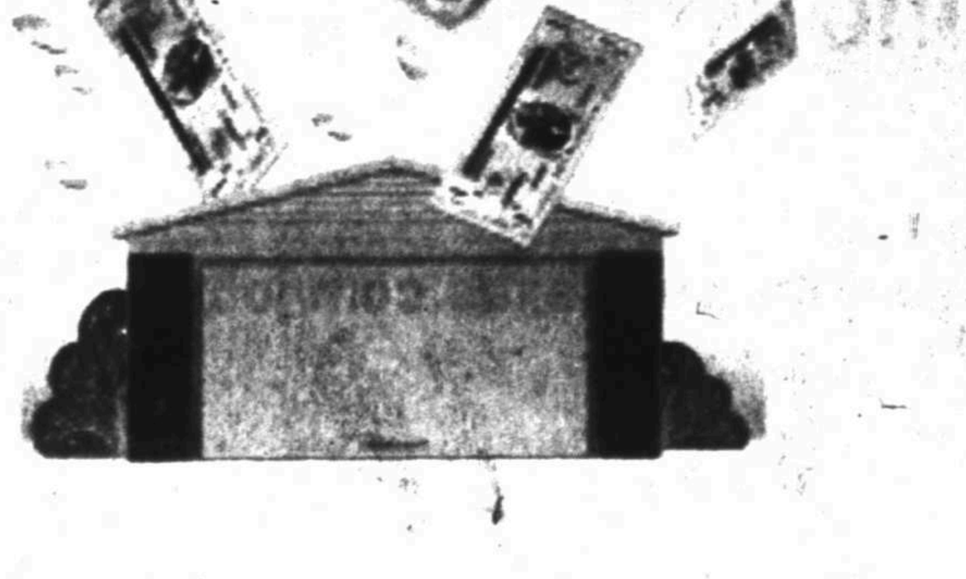

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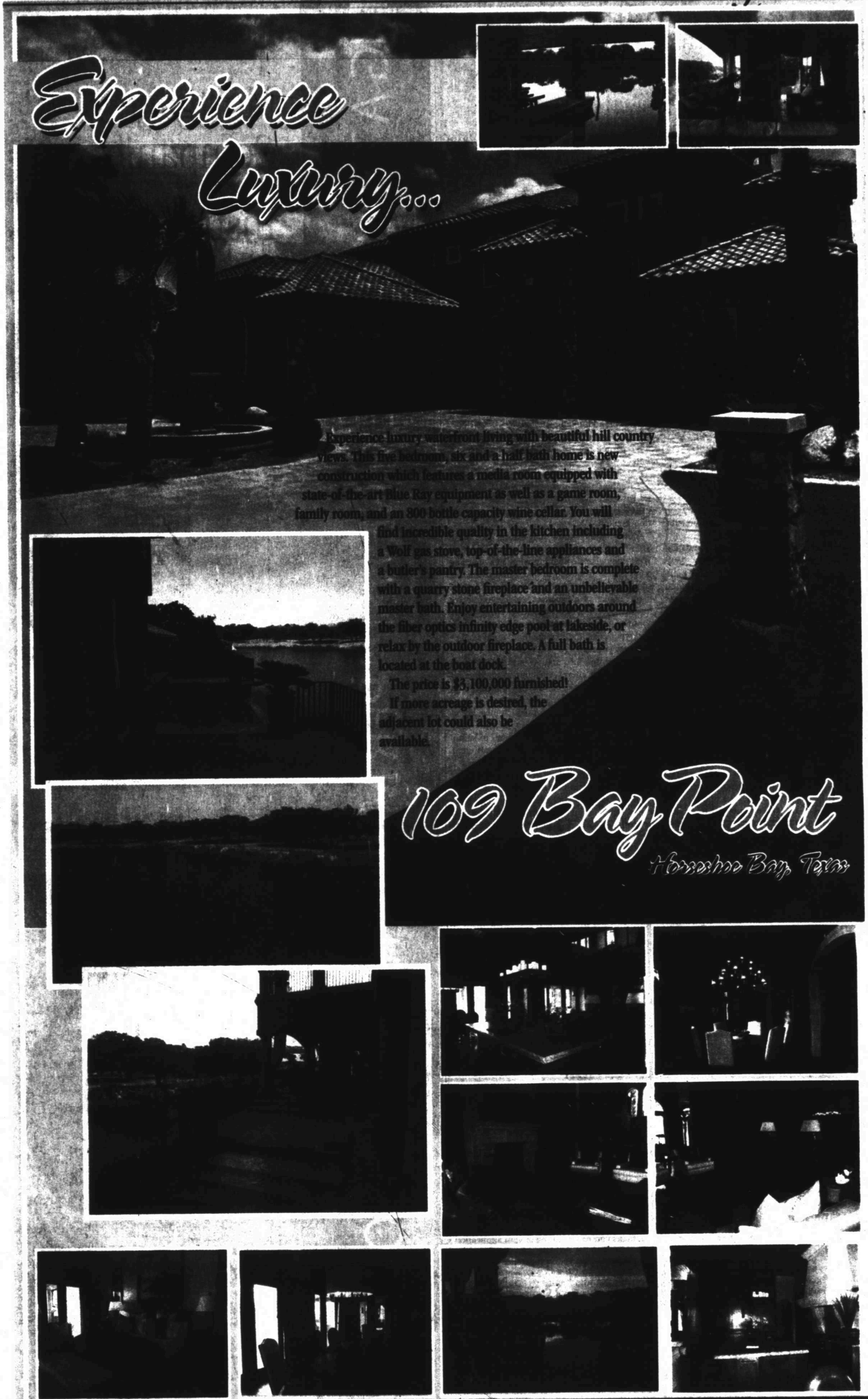

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Going green starts at home

These days, many people consider the environment when making purchases. Just look at the popularity of hybrid vehicles, alternative fuels, locally grown produce and a host of other products designed to use fewer resources and reduce pollution and waste. Well, did you know that can add housing to the list of ways to be environmentally friendly?

Which pollutes more, a car or a house?

You don't think of houses being responsible for carbon emissions, but they are—a significant amount. The energy you use for heating, cooling, appliances and lighting most likely comes from a source that produces carbon emissions. Other factors, like water use and building materials used to construct or remodel a home, also can significantly affect the environment. You might think the best way to "go green" in housing is to start from scratch. And it's true. If you're building a new, custom home, you can make decisions that will greatly increase energy and water efficiency. But you can also select the most environmentally friendly building materials and construction methods. But if you're not building a new home, there's no need to throw up your hands. There's still plenty you can do to make a difference in an existing home.

Save money and the environment

When looking to purchase an existing house, it's possible to assess some aspects of its energy use. How efficient is the air conditioning unit? Does the landscaping use native plants? You might even be able to get energy bills from the current owner to take a look at electricity and water usage, just keep in mind that your usage may vary considerably.

Whether purchasing a home or wanting to make the best of the house you have lived in for years, there are many steps you can take to improve energy efficiency. Here are a few examples:

- Install rain barrels to collect roof runoff and use that water for irrigation.
- Replace water-thirsty plants with landscaping that requires little additional irrigation.
- Replace old windows with energy-efficient windows.
- Seal air leaks around windows, doors, and other areas that may have gaps.
- Seal air ducts.
- Install additional installation.
- Replace appliances with newer models that have earned the EPA's Energy Star designation.
- Replace heating and cooling units.
- Replace the water heater with a more efficient model.
- Change out incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescents.

You probably know that efforts like these offer benefits beyond helping the environment. Well, they also save you money. Yes, you pay more on the front end to make improvements such as those listed above, but every one of them reduces your expenses and they often pay for themselves in short order. As energy costs continue to rise, the more you can do to cut back your consumption, the more it pays off.

Educate yourself

You can find information online about how to reduce your energy consumption and make wise environmental choices in housing. The EPA's Energy Star website, EnergyStar.gov, offers resources and tips for new homes, home improvements and more. Also, consult your local government or utility company to see if they provide incentives for energy-efficient upgrades.

Work with an expert

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Top 5 Tips for Securing a Loan Modification

Like many Americans, you or someone you know may be behind on your mortgage payments due to a number of possible financial troubles. You're not alone.

As a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network, I am often asked if lenders will work with homeowners to modify their mortgage loans. The answer is often yes, but it will take some effort. Here are five tips for working with your lender to expedite a loan modification from top producing broker and real estate consumer advocate Ralph Roberts of Ralph Roberts Realty in Michigan.

1. Come Clean

It can be tempting to bend the truth when you are trying to convince a lender to approve a loan modification. Some homeowners are embarrassed; others try to fudge the numbers. However, only by laying all your cards on the table and disclosing the truth can you begin to attend to the root cause of your financial hardship and then develop and implement solutions that put you back on the path to long-term financial health.

2. Understand Your Lender's Point of View

Regardless of how you ended up in the situation you're in, blaming the lender or the mortgage broker or loan officer who placed you in your current mortgage does little good, unless you can prove your point in court. Usually, you have a better chance of resolving the problem by understanding your lender's point of view, even if you don't agree with it.

Know that for lenders, it all boils down to money. If you can show them that modifying your loan cost them less than a foreclosure would, and they believe you will honor the terms of the loan modification, they are likely to approve it. If not, then they are likely to reject it. Lenders need to protect their own interests and carefully screen out ineligible applicants, which can often make the process much more difficult and frustrating for homeowners who genuinely suffer financial hardship and need a loan modification.

3. Keep a Cool Head

Understandably, homeowners often become frustrated and angry when seeking assistance from their lender. Unfortunately, anger can result in the following:

- "Accidental" disconnects: The customer service rep you're speaking with may put you on hold permanently or hang up "accidentally."
- Lost files: Your file may get "lost" or "misplaced."
- Rejection: Your lender may decide that you are unreasonable and that foreclosing would be less costly overall.
- A bad offer: Your lender may offer a workout solution that is worse than what you would get had you been nice about it.

If you doubt your own ability to remain calm, cool, and collected during the entire process, consider hiring a professional to represent you.

4. Give Them What They Need

Prior to applying for a loan modification, call your lender or visit its website to obtain an application packet or a list of items you need to submit with your application. Find out exactly which forms you need to fill out and which documents your lender needs to process your application. Label everything clearly and legibly with your name and loan number and provide a checklist of all items you're submitting in your application packet. Arrange the items in the order listed by your lender, so whoever is processing your application does not have to search for items. Include a cover page that lists your name and loan number in large print as well as an items-included list.

5. Ask For What You Want

Before discussing the terms of the loan modification with your lender, you should have a fairly clear idea of what you want and need. Answer the following questions for yourself. This will help you field questions from your lender:

- How much do you owe in late or missed payments?
- Can you catch up on the missed payments?
- Do you need additional time to catch up on missed payments?
- How much can you realistically afford to pay each month?
- Do you really want to keep your home or would you prefer to sell if you could walk away not owing anything?

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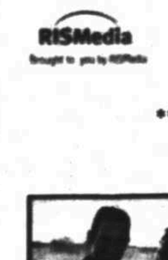

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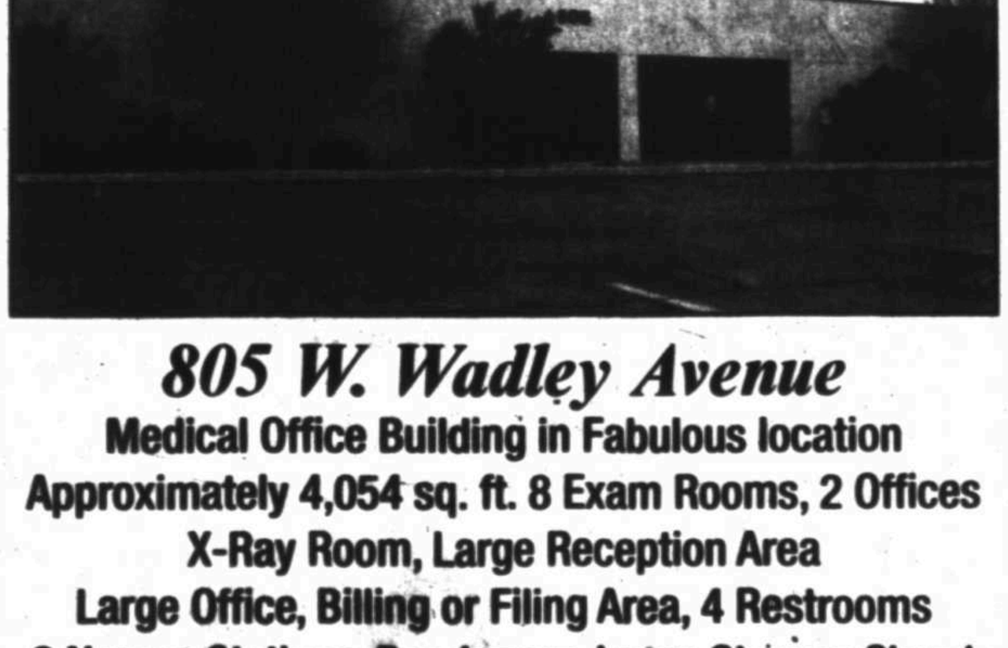

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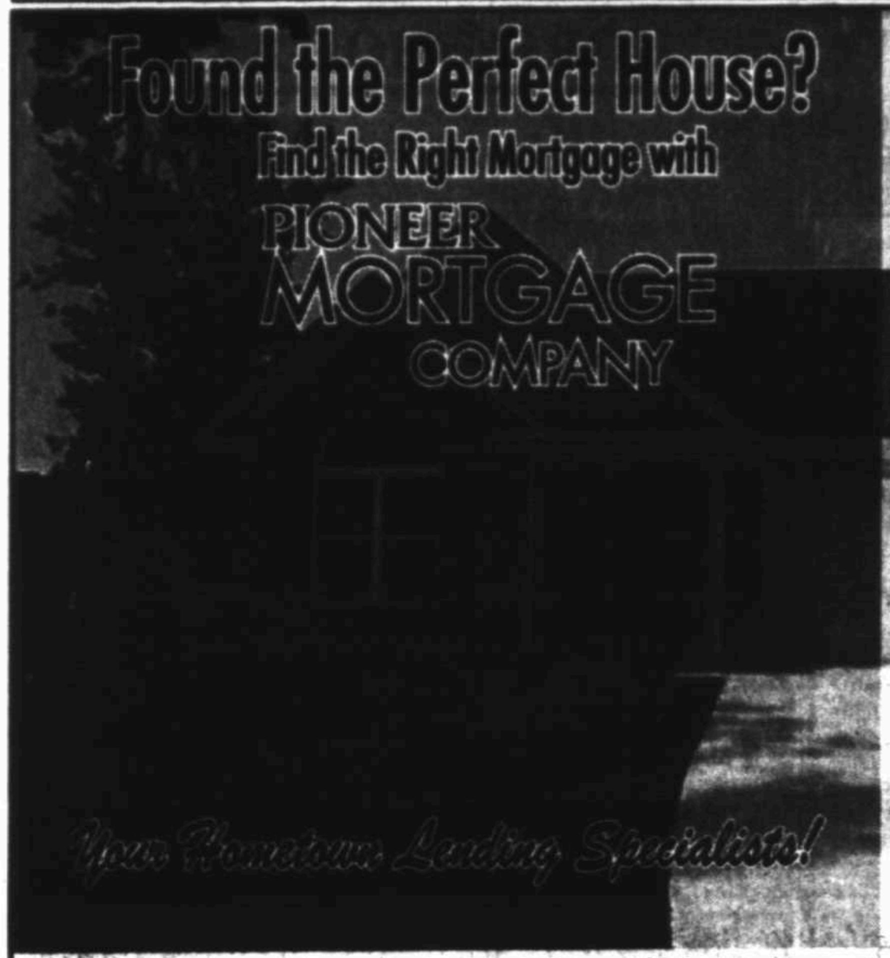

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OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:00...10801 ECR 108-NEW-Spacious 3 bedroom/2bath home sits on 1/2 acre in Greenwood! Featuring an updated kitchen with new countertops, backsplash and deep twin sink! The oversized master bath has a jetted tub, separate shower and bright skylight! This lovely home is complete with a huge backyard and storage building! ... $269,900

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16794 Dogwood-NEW-Country lover's dream property on 11.57 acres in Gardendale! 4 bed/4 bath home w/seq master suite (w/ private patio & fireplace!) gourmet kitchen w/custom appliances, oversized 3 car gar & a backyard perfect for entertaining (down to the guitar-shaped pool!) HUGE workshop/garage w/overhead doors and spacious barn w/stables! ... $1,200,000
5600 Greenridge-This absolutely stunning home, zoned both residentially and commercially, is located on a corner lot in Grassland Estates! The gourmet kitchen features an island, pantry, double ovens, & breakfast bar! The spectacular backyard is huge! ... U/C...$799,900
3002 St. Andrews-This absolutely spectacular 5 bedroom home is located on a quiet, tree-lined cul-de-sac! Gourmet kitchen w/glass tile backsplash, stainless appliances, granite countertops, & breakfast dining! Dazzling pool & gazebo, 4+ car garage! In Trinity Estates! ... $550,000
6321 Haywood-NEW-Absolutely spectacular 5 bed/3.5 bath in Grassland West! Custom granite throughout, soaring ceilings w/stacked crown molding, walls of windows w/plantation shutters & hand-scraped gleaming hardwood floors! Gourmet kitchen w/5 burner gas cook top & stainless appliances! 4 car garage and huge backyard! ... $550,000
5109 Teakwood Trace-NEW-Immaculate 4 bedroom in Green Tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, stainless steel appliances, pantry, breakfast bar & island! ... SOLD...$469,900
4505 Shady Oak-NEW-Stunning 4 bedroom/3.5 bath 2-story home in Green Tree! Granite throughout, walls of bright windows w/sweeping golf course views! Media room and a private deck off the master suite! Dazzling pool w/a swim up bar! ... U/C IN 1 DAY...$450,000
6505 Gladiola-New construction. Adorable 4 bed/2.5 bath home! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, miles of tile, gourmet kitchen, granite countertops in kitchen and baths! To be completed April 2012! ... SOLD...$310,900
4000 Woodhollow-Lovely 4 bedroom in Briarwood! Miles of tile, soaring ceilings, plantation shutters and walls of bright windows! The open floor plan makes this home perfect for entertaining! The kitchen features a breakfast bar! ... SOLD...$299,900
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3106 Metz-Spacious 4 bedroom on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home features fabulous updates, gleaming hardwood floors and towering brick fireplace! The kitchen has granite countertops, breakfast bar, island! ... SOLD...$219,900
3353 CR C 2300, Stanton-A wonderful 4 bedroom/3 bath/2 living in Stanton! Walls of bright windows and miles of tile! There is a large kitchen with a breakfast bar, island, and abundant cabinets! The sequestered master has a jetted tub, dual sinks, and separate closets! The second living area has a cozy stone fireplace! The lovely home is complete with a huge backyard! ... $180,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

10801 ECR 108-NEW-Spacious 3 bedroom/2bath home sits on 1/2 acre in Greenwood! Featuring an updated kitchen with new countertops, backsplash and deep twin sink! The oversized master bath has a jetted tub, separate shower and bright skylight! This lovely home is complete with a huge backyard and storage building! ... $269,900
5401 San Saba Ct.-This immaculate 3 bed/2.5 bath home is located on a cul-de-sac in Holiday Hill Village! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large buffet, china cabinet, breakfast bar and adjacent dining area! The spacious master bedroom has a private sitting area and the master bath has double sinks, sep shower & jetted tub and walk-in closet! ... $229,900
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2503 Melville-Charming 2 bed/2 bath w/walls of windows (plantation shutters!), bright skylights, & built-ins! Open den area w/cozy brick fireplace and direct access to the formal dining! ... SOLD...$155,000
2408 Apperson-Adorable 3 bed/2 bath with 2 living areas! Spacious master bed w/separate closets and private bath! Plenty of closets for storage! Large backyard and lush landscaping! ... SOLD...$150,000
3407 Thomas-NEW-A charming 3 bedroom/2 bath home featuring recent updates, miles of tile and bright windows! The large updated kitchen has a lovely island, and adjacent dining area! The cozy den has beautiful dark wood floors! This home is complete with huge backyard! ... $120,000
14085 ECR 104-NEW-This adorable 2 bed/1.5 bath home sits on 4.3 acres and is just minutes from Greenwood schools! The first living area is open to the spacious kitchen and the large second living area is perfect for media, music or game room! The 2 car carport has attached storage! Landscaped with mature trees! ... $110,000
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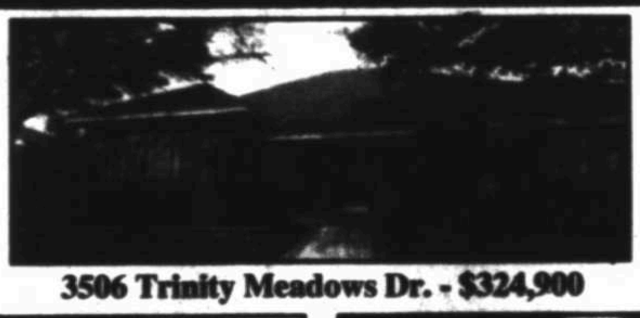
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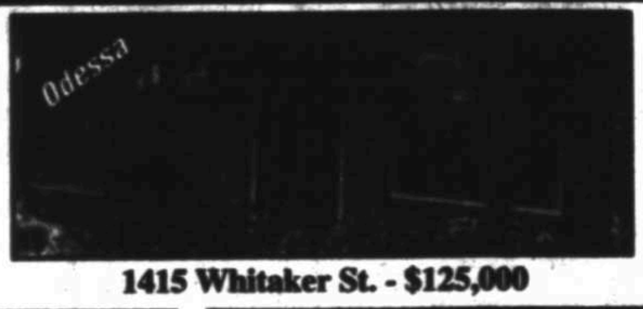

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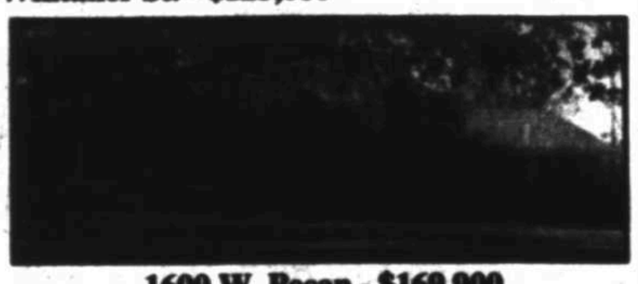
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5307 Quicksand Cove-3BR/2.5BA/2LA/3 gar, patio home, less than 1 year old ... $375,000
5524 Cypress-Beautifully remodeled 4Bd in Green Tree, new carpet, new paint, new hardwood floors, great kitchen, wonderful trees ... $359,000
3506 Trinity Meadows-Fabulous 4BR, hardwood floors, granite counters in kitchen, lovely! ... $324,900
509 Meadowpark-3BR, 2 1/2BA, 3 living areas, big yard ... $295,000
2516 Gulf-Fabulous four in Fannin w/2LV, 4BD w/seq. master, 2 large walk-in closets. This fantastic home demands your immediate attention ... $210,500
4521 Gleneagles-3bd/2bth, so much new! ... $210,000
1600 W. Pecan Ave ... $169,900

Two Bedrooms

400 Spring Meadow-Practically perfect ... SOLD..$279,500
2218 Western-Great 2br townhome with stained concrete floors ... U/C..$199,900

Three Bedrooms

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3202 Chelsea Pl-Stunning low maintenance new construction ... U/C..$228,500
4521 Gleneagles-3bd/2bth, so much new! ... $210,000
4302 Nelson-Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining, 2 garage ... U/C..$195,500
3306 Edgemont Dr ... U/C IN 1 DAY..$189,500
1901 W. Ohio Ave.-A must see 3 bd/2 bth, heavily renovated Old Midland property ... SOLD..$187,500
5300 Anella-Great home built in 2007 with 16x24 shop ... SOLD..$182,500
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3026 Edgebrook Ct.-Gorgeous 4BR, 3BA, formal living, dining/den/gameroom, 3 garage. Updated! ... U/C..$439,500

Four Bedrooms

4409 Verde Glen Ct.-Squeaky clean and loads of new! Beautiful pool, large patio & pretty landscaping - bonus room ... $429,000
2000 N. H St.-Fabulous versatile plan in Old Midland. Oversized island kitchen, large master w/fireplace, lovely yard w/pool, detached 3 car garage! ... $364,900
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4501 Woodhollow-Large beautiful kitchen, space galore! ... U/C..$350,000
10302 E. Co. Rd. 105-4/2, beautiful with acreage! RV pad, fabulous decorator colors! ... SOLD..$340,000
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous New construction ... $329,900
3506 Trinity Meadows-Fabulous 4BR, hardwood floors, granite counters in kitchen, lovely! ... $324,900
3228 Patrick-Fabulous new construction in Mayfield Place ... U/C..$304,900
1407 Daventry-Lovely home w/many updates include paint, tile, wood floors, lighting & more ... SOLD..$274,500
2801 Caldera-Pick your colors & granite! ... U/C..$234,000
2516 Gulf-Fabulous four in Fannin w/2LV, 4BD w/seq. master, 2 large walk-in closets. This fantastic home demands your immediate attention ... $210,500
2812 Purple Sage Tr.-Well maintained home ... SOLD..$200,000
1600 W. Pecan Ave ... $169,900

Five or More Bedrooms

3900 Baybrook-Fabulous versatile plan, includes guest suite, 4.5 garages, water well, more! ... $690,000
419 Eastwood-5BR/2BA, 2 story, miles of tile ... U/C..$158,000

Town Houses and Patio Homes

2604 N. Garfield-2BR, 2BA townhome, loads of new & fresh ... SOLD..$190,000

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1000 W. Texas-Good downtown lot, loads of possibilities ... $59,500
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3104 Patrick-Gorgeous home in Mayfield Place ... $329,900
3228 Patrick-Beautiful 4/3/3, now complete ... $304,900
2801 Caldera-Pick your colors & granite! ... $234,000

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3202 Chelsea Pl-Stunning low maintenance new construction ... U/C..$228,500

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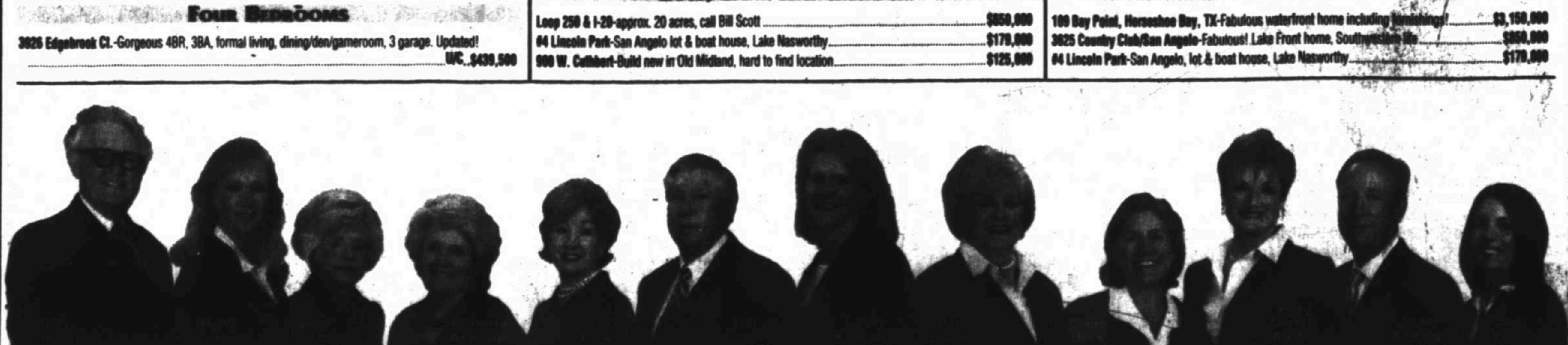

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WITH PETER G. MILLER

YOU CALL THAT AN INSPECTION?

QUESTION:

I bought a home and was told by the broker that the walk-through inspection was good. Later, I found out the inspection was done with the stove shut off, no light bulbs, cut wires and a dangling electrical box. How can an inspector approve such a property?

ANSWER:

The purpose of a "walk-through" inspection is to assure that the property at the time of closing is in materially the same condition as it was at the time the sale agreement was accepted a few weeks or months earlier.

It's important that the walk-through is not rushed – it can take several hours – that the purchaser or a buyer broker physically attends the inspection and that the inspector is selected by the purchaser.

Marvin Goldstein, president of the American Society of Home Inspectors, says an ASHI inspector who "conducts an inspection with the electricity and gas turned off, must disclose that this condition existed at the time of the inspection, as well as what wasn't able to be functionally tested during the inspection."

Goldstein adds that "since this isn't a conclusive inspection, any agreement should be contingent on the findings of a re-inspection when all utilities are turned on. Sometimes the utility companies will cooperate by turning on the utilities of a vacant house for just one day to facilitate the inspection."

All inspection clauses do not equally protect purchasers. For instance, there may be a right to an inspection – but no obligation for the owner to make any repairs. The clause may not require an inspection that must be "satisfactory" to the buyer. If properly written, such a clause can allow a dissatisfied purchaser to end the transaction without penalty. In the usual case, the buyer continues the transaction if the owner makes repairs before closing or provides a credit to the purchaser.

For specifics, please speak with a local real estate broker or attorney.

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MORTGAGES

JUST TAKE IT BACK ...

A READER JUST WANTED TO WALK AWAY FROM HIS LOAN. OTHER READERS AGREED. BUT OUR EXPERT THINKS OTHERWISE

By PETER G. MILLER
CTW FEATURES

A few weeks ago a writer wrote in describing a "strategic default" on his home:

My house has a $320,000 mortgage, and the current value is about $190,000. I have not made a payment since January 2011. I have told the lender the house is theirs and to notify me when to move out. If they're willing to give me a new mortgage based on the current appraised value, I will consider it. They refuse to deal with me. Any advice?

In my response, I questioned the logic of the lender making a new loan. Based on the reader's record, he might again walk away if property values continue to fall. Further, if borrowers can walk when home prices go down, then would it be unfair for a lender to unilaterally increase borrowers' debt if property values increased?

In closing, I added that given today's mortgage rates it likely would have been better to make payments and refinance. Such a strategy would have allowed the reader to keep the property and substantially reduce costs.

A number of readers disagreed with my response. Let's look at their views:

"The person with the mortgage can and if possible should walk away," said a reader, *"The asset value should be written down. The loan portfolio of the bank should take a charge. That's how capitalism works, for the lender and the individual. The corporation does not make decisions on some perceived notions of fairness – and neither should the individual. After all, this is a contractual agreement. The response to the reader is wrong."*

First, most likely the mortgage was originated by one lender, sold on the secondary market, packaged together with other loans to create a mortgage-backed security. Next, interests in the MBS were sold off to investors, such as insurance companies and mutual funds – maybe even a mutual fund you own. So, not paying typically hurts mortgage investors, not "banks" or the mortgage brokers or mortgage bankers who originated the loans.

Second, a mortgage is a contract. The loan is supposed to be paid back even if the value of the asset falls. Think of a new car. You buy at the dealer, finance, and a month later the car is worth less than when first purchased. Do you stop making car payments?

"How long should we continue to pay for negative equity knowing we stand a chance of losing the house at some point in the future?" asked another reader.

Unlike investments like stocks or bonds, real estate has a "use" value. It's shelter. In many markets rental rates are rising while home values are falling. You may be better off paying the loan and living in a nice house rather than being uprooted.

"The owner with the $190,000 house really should be saving his monthly payment and wait until the eviction notice, or send the keys back to the lender and walk away. Hopefully he has saved the money that would have gone to the house payments," said another email.

Is the property in a jurisdiction that allows "deficiency" claims against homeowners? If yes, the borrower may be looking at years of litigation. What about bankruptcy? The so-called Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 did away with many protections for borrowers, and it created new federal protections for creditors. In any case, credit will be ruined for years, especially with recent lender guidelines to punish walkaway borrowers.

"Obviously," said one reader, *"you are not on the homeowner's side but catering to the real estate bussness. But then again there is not a single newspaper writer who will dare write on behalf of owners."*

Many reporters have spoken out against toxic lending – and were largely ignored.

For instance, in 2006 – when home prices were soaring – I gave a speech regarding "non-traditional" financing at a national meeting of state real estate commissioners, saying "looming in the background is the potential for financial disaster that will impact home values nationwide, spur foreclosure rates to new highs and devalue insurance funds, pension holdings and investor accounts. The value of your home, no matter how you financed, is at stake."

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A LOOK BACK AT THE MORTGAGE MELTDOWN

We've looked at the case against "strategic walkaways"; let's now look at the central cause of the mortgage meltdown.

The failure of the mortgage system began during the period from 2000 to 2005. Most major financial institutions are regulated in part by the Federal Reserve, and at that time it adopted a hands-off oversight policy. The theory was that lenders would not make risky mortgages because risky loans produce losses, and, therefore, lenders as a matter of self-interest would not offer such financing. As a result, government regulation should be as minimal as possible. The Fed could have prevented the mess; under the Home Ownership Equity Protection Act of 1994, the Fed has the authority to stop mortgage products and practices that it considers unfair or deceptive.

Had the Federal Reserve said "no" to option ARMs, no-doc loan applications and interest-only residential financing, millions of problem mortgages would never have been originated. Today there would be far fewer foreclosures, and home values would be stronger.

So why did so many people and institutions accept the increased use of toxic loan products? Money. Increasing the pool of potential buyers through the use of nontraditional loan products meant more people could buy real estate and also that people with a given income could borrow more. The result was a quick increase in home values and millions of people suddenly seemed richer – as did lenders, brokers, appraisers, lawyers and title companies.

But home prices cannot rise eternally no matter how the system is fudged because it requires income to make payments – and incomes have been going down. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, real median household income was $49,445 in 2010, down from $52,587 in 1999.

Slow and steady long-term mortgages protected families during tough times in the past. Now millions of traditional mortgages had been replaced with toxic financing. We now face a financial crisis that was preventable. It was caused not by a lack of regulation but by the failure to use the rules we had in place. *–Peter G. Miller*

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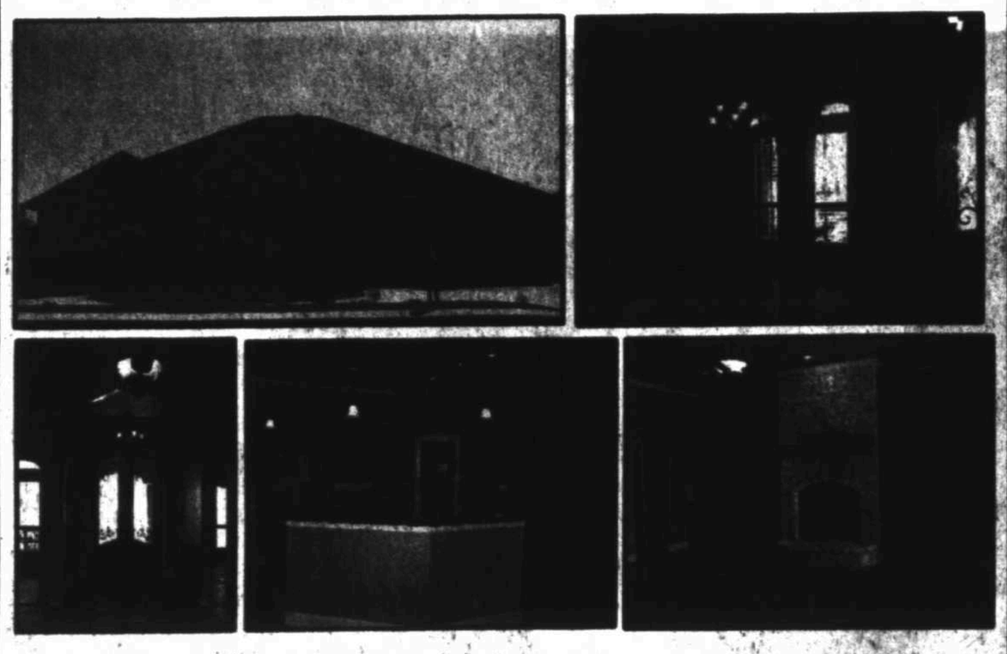

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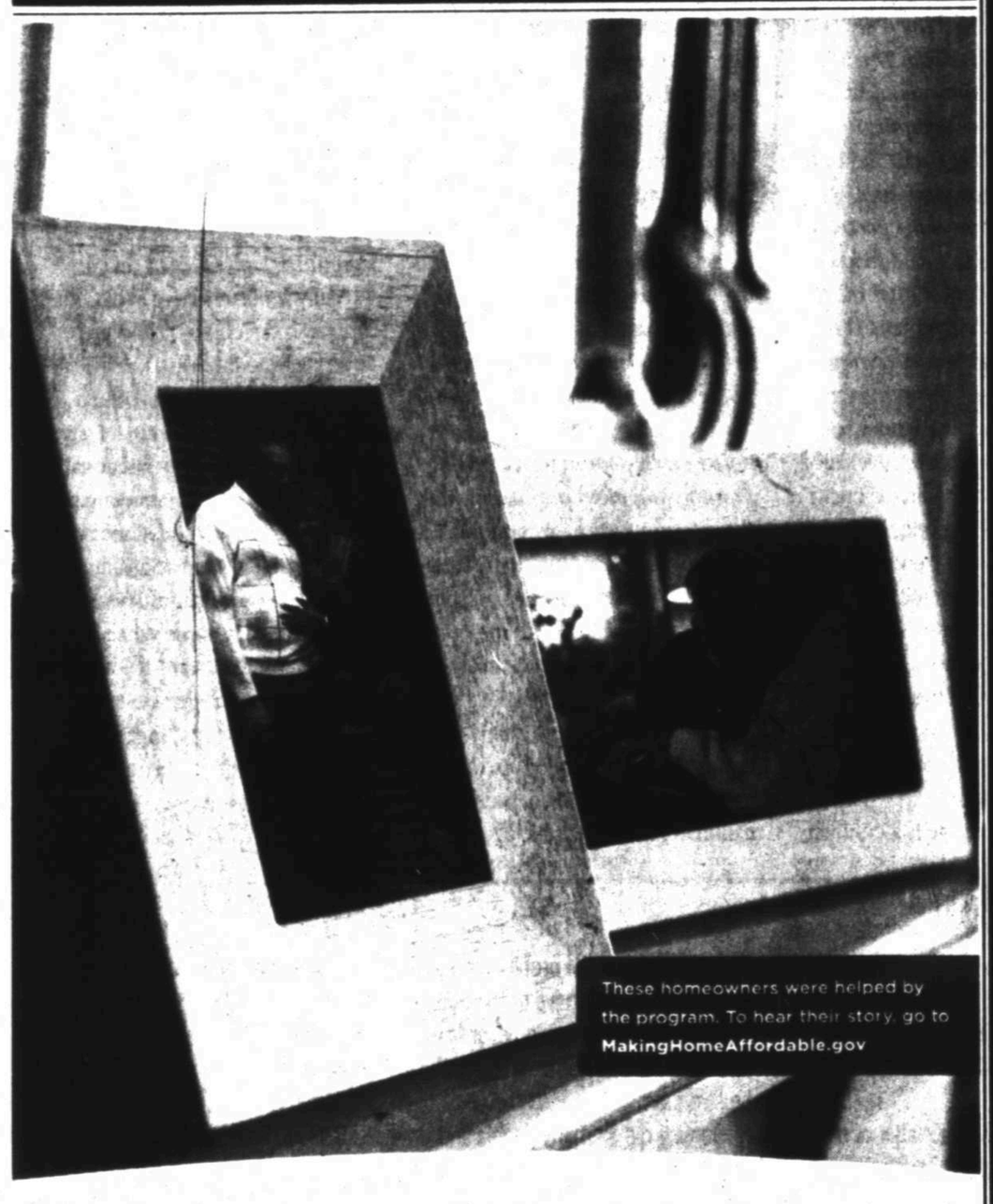

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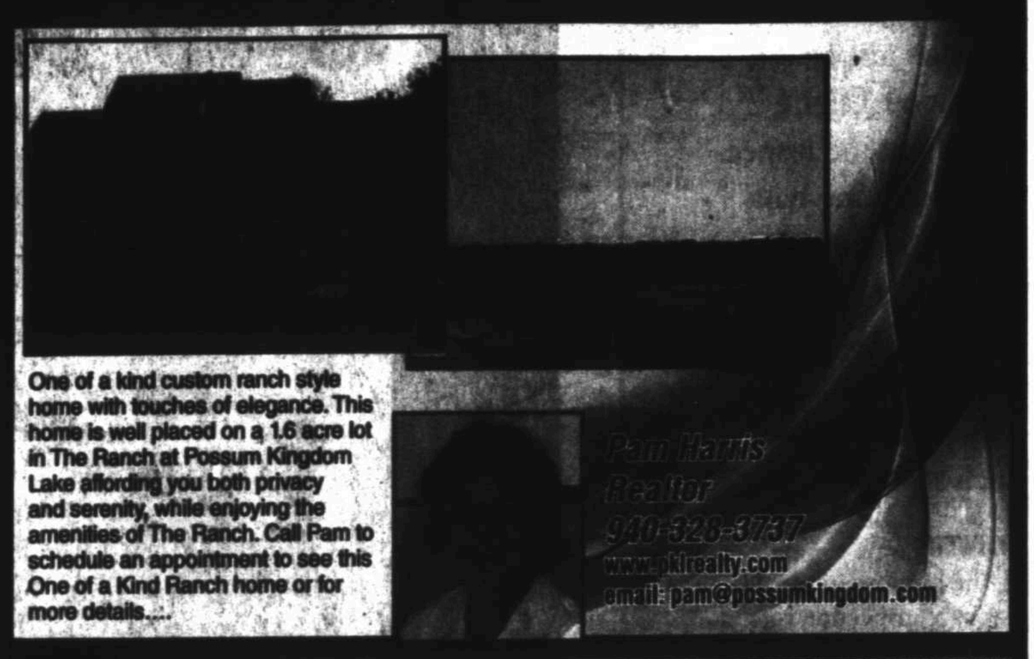

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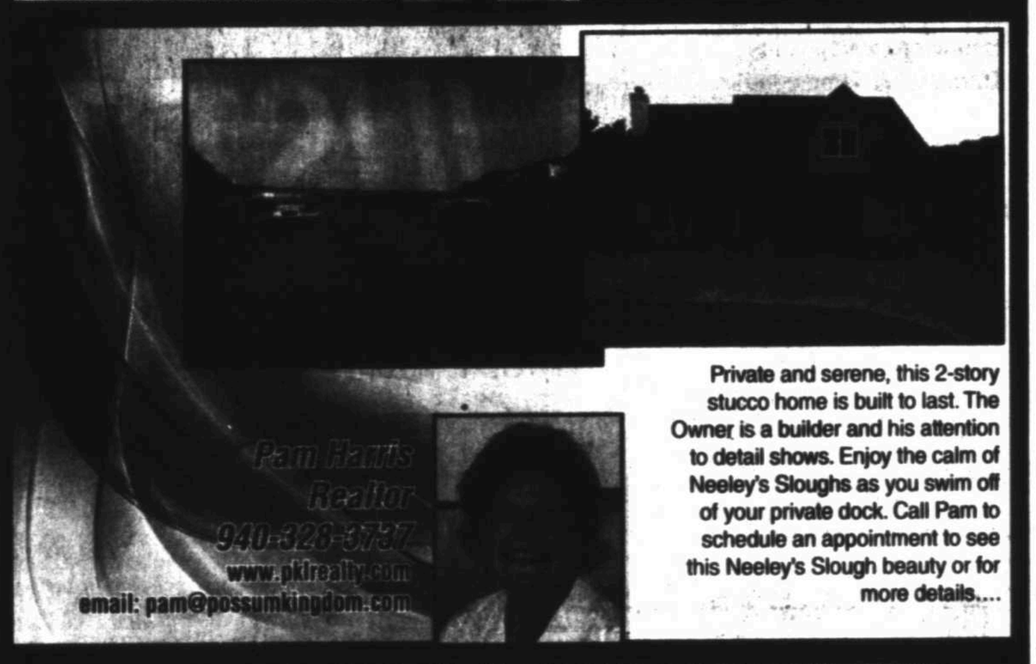

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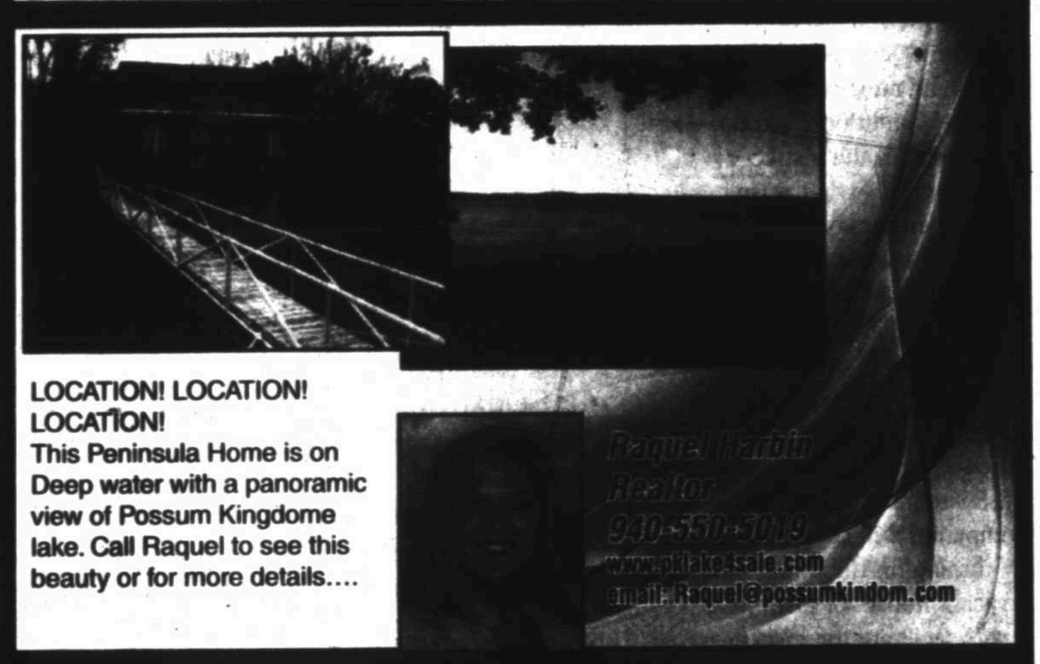

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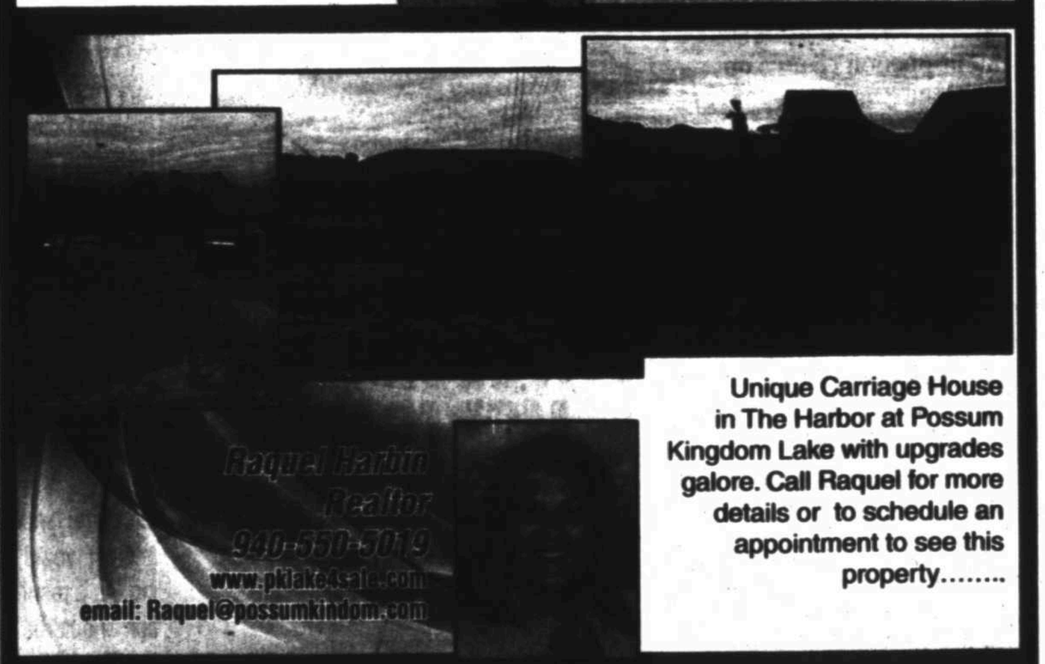

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Large 4 bedroom, 3 full bathrooms with 2 living areas each with a fireplace. Large kitchen and a large utility room plus a 3 car garage. High ceilings throughout with lots of windows, stainless steel appliances and lots of cabinets and storage space all in a great neighborhood!
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5509 Los Patios Midland, Tx.
Beautiful home in Los Patios. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, living room with fireplace. Formal dining and breakfast area. 3 car attached garages with third car garage insulated so may be made into play or game room.
Call Andy Shipman 432-638-7760

221 E Chambers, Garden City, Tx.
Property may be eligible for the FHA $100 down pymt program. Charming 4 bdrm 2 bthrm manufactured home with lots to offer. A large den/game room plus a open floor plan. 1776 sq ft of gross living area above grade-info is from the FHA Appraisal and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Disclosure: Property is a manufactured home and may result in closing delays due to title requirements.
Call Carol Caudillo 432-425-5407

3002 Vermont Midland, Tx.
Cul-de-sac street! Single story beauty with a very spacious open all tiled kitchen with easy access to the backyard. Neutral colors thru-out, open living room, utility room and sequestered Master bedroom with double closet. A MUST SEE!
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3237 RED BLUFF RD. - $530,000
OWNED LOT! This fine lake home offers almost new everything, carpet hardwood floors, tile, granite countertops w/tiled back splash.

2200 JOY RD. - $279,900
Owned lot with incredible lake view, lots of water frontage. Very well maintained home with central heat and air and numerous updates.

1812 SHADY POINT CIRCLE DR. - $265,000
Beautiful home w/3BR/2BA plus a bonus room! This home has eye catching views of the lake from the covered patio and master bedroom balcony!

2386 FISHERMANS RD. - $349,900
Beautiful secluded view from the owned lake lot. Three living areas and three bedrooms. 2 1/2 baths makes for plenty of room for easy living.

FEATURED HOMES

5508 GRASSLAND - $310,000 - FACT #1835
This lovely 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 3 car garage has 2 living areas, breakfast nook and formal dining areas, sequestered master with double sided fireplace.

5303 CANADIAN AVE. - $206,000 - FACT #1836
Rare 4 bedroom home in the Northgate subdivision! Lots of options in this wonderful home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room.

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5401 Los Patios - $325,500
Stunning 4BR, 3BA Home! Granite, Oil Bronze, Plantation Shutters!

NEW LISTING

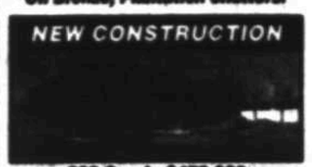
2 Bristol Ct - $229,900
3BR, 2BA in Mo Mar Heights! Many Updates! Swimming Pool!

FEATURED HOME

3405 W Golf Course - $169,500
Historical Midland Home! Incredible Location! 3BR, 2BA, 2,600+ sqft! Basement & Workshop!

NEW LISTING

16736 N Pecan Ave, Gardendale - $158,500
3BR, 2BA on 4.93 Acres! Workshop! Perfect Serene Country Setting!

NEW CONSTRUCTION

206 Carol - $479,000
4BR, 3.5BA on 0.584 Acres! Gorgeous Country Home with All the Bells & Whistles!!!

NEW CONSTRUCTION

6305 Prairie Ridge - $395,000
4BR, 3BA, Soaring Ceilings! Granite! Hardwood Floors! Oil Bronze Package!

NEW CONSTRUCTION

2116 Blackwood - $630,000
5BR, 3BA, Stunning Home by McPherson Construction! New Phase of Grasslands West

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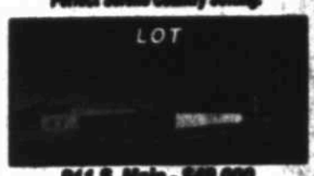
911 S. Main - $49,000
Great Opportunity! OWNER FINANCE! Zoned LR-3. Lots of Possibilities!

4+ BEDROOMS

2504 Texland Circle-4 Bedroom + Study, 3.5 Bath, 5 Car Garage. Almost 5,000 sqft. All the Amenities you could ask for! Incredible window treatments, stained concrete flooring, soaring ceilings. Gorgeous spa area w/waterfall to pool! Barn w/2 horse stalls. This is a WOW Home, perfect for entertaining! Call Norma for more details .... Grand Estate! $1,175,000
3410 Bluebird Ln - 5 Bedroom + Study, 4.5 Bath, M.R. Lary One of Kind Design! Outdoor Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres of Fenced and Improved Property! 5,600+ sqft, 5 Car Garage, Christmas Storage Closet, & So Much More!!! Call Norma for more details .... Grand Estate! $1,050,000
2116 Blackwood-5 Bedroom, 3 Bath in the NEW Phase of Grassland Estates West on 0.381 Acres. Stunning Floor Plan by McPherson Construction! 10' Double Iron Door Entry, 3 Living Areas, Granite, Hardwood, Plantation Shutters, All the Bells & Whistles!!! Still time to make color selections! Estimated completion August 2012 .... New Construction! $630,000
7706 Trenton-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining in the Main House! 4.42 Acres, 5400sqft insulated workshop, guest house, 2 water wells. Lots going on here, call Chris for more details! .... Grand Estate! $599,000
4200 E Co Rd 61-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Another Gorgeous Triple M Home! 2.3 Acres in Bonito Estates. Granite throughout, Hand Scraped Hardwood Floors, Plantation Shutters, Stainless Appliances, & So Much More!!! .... Sold! $515,000
206 Carol Ln-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Gorgeous Country Home on 0.584 Acres. All the Bells & Whistles!!! Loaded w/granite, stainless appliances, game/media room! Yard will be landscaped & have vinyl fencing. Estimated Completion May 1st. Call for more details! .... New Construction! $479,000
6515 Evergreen -4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 3 Living Areas, Rare Split Level! New Carpet & Paint! 25x30 Workshop, 1.7 Acres in Llano Esacado! .... New Price! $435,000
6305 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage! Brand New Almand Construction! Still time to customize this Gorgeous Home! Buyers can select granite, tile, carpet, colors, etc!!! .... New Construction! $395,000
4700 Azalea Ct-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, plus Study, & 2 Dining Areas. Ton of Updates! Gourmet Kitchen, Travertine Floors, Granite, Stainless Appliances, Designer Faux Paint. Too To Much To Mention!!! .... Sold! $339,000
5401 Los Patios-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Rear Entry Garage. STUNNING 2008 Christopher Construction! Gorgeous granite on oversized gourmet kitchen, plantation shutters, high ceilings, oil bronze package! Luxurious Master Suite!!! .... New Price! $325,500
3225 Marksburg, Odessa-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Another Magnificent Rosas New Home in Castleridge Estates! Granite, tumbled marble, stainless appliances, crown molding, plantation shutters, & much more! .... Sold! $310,000
4605 E Co Rd 60-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 2390 sqft. Just under 1 Acre! Brand NEW Construction!!! .... New Listing! $290,000
2808 Caldera-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Brand NEW AGA Construction! HUGE Open Floor Plan, Granite, Miles & Miles Tile, Stainles, Oil Bronze, High Ceilings & So Much More!!! .... Sale Pending! $269,000
1608 Pueblo-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Another Beauty from Summit Homes! Stainless applaince, miles of tile, loaded w/granite! Landscaping package included. In 349 Ranch Estates .... Sold! $247,900
1804 Washita-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath in 349 Ranch Estates! On 0.343 Acres, Seq. Master, Miles & Miles of Tile! Huge Open Concept! .... Sold! $219,900
3616 Baumann-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living Areas, Recent heating & cooling (2 units) recent dishwasher & microwave! Charming home in Great Shape!!! .... New Listing! $199,900
3700 Gulf-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Recent roof & exterior paint, Great curb appeal! Updated flooring, Kitchen & breakfast area open to living room. .... Sold! $158,000
110 S Dewberry-4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath, Many Updates, recent kitchen cabinetry, disfwasher, carpet, lighting, cermaic tile, furnace .... New Listing! $123,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1623 Washita-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, built in 2007, double sided fire place! In 349 Ranch Estates on 0.689 Acres. .... Sold! $235,500
2 Bristol Ct-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas! Lots of updates, Stainless Appliances, Granite is the bathrooms, tile & laminate wood flooring, & In-ground Swimming Pool! .... New Listing! $229,900
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 Fountain! .... New Listing! $219,900
100 S Eisenhower-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, HUGE Bonus Room. Inground Pool!!! Stunning Home Looks Home Owners Have Totally Updated! Stainless Appliances, Updated Kitchen & Baths! Pergo Flooring! .... ★★★★Under Contract Less Than 30 Days! $184,500
1010 Lanham-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, Nicely Updated! New cabinets & countertops, newer appliances! Laminate wood flooring & tile throughout most of home! $1,500 carpet allowance .... Sold! $179,900
10709 E Co Rd 104-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Greenwood! Charming Country Life on Half an Acre, Lots of Updates! .... New Listing! $169,900
1805 Ward-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Fannin District! Open Concept. Large workshop w/electricity! .... Sale Pending! $169,900
3405 W Golf Course-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining. Historic Midland Home! Incredible Location! Basement, Workshop, Storage Sheds! .... New Price! $169,500
16736 N. Pecan, Gardendale-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath on 4.93 Acres!!! Perfect Serene Country Setting! Home just under 1,900sqft, Workshop, & Horse Pens! .... New Listing! $158,500
610 W. Nobles-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Quaint Charming Cottage! Hardwood flooring, recent paint & texture w/rich fauxing! Apprx 1,800 sqft, plush carpeting & oversized bedrooms! $2,000 Buyer Incentive .... New Price! $142,400
602 W. 2nd St, Stanton-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Home sits on 2 lots! HUGE circle drive & extra parking pad to the side. Endless Possibilities! .... Sale Pending! $135,000
4504 Leddy-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,600+sqft, Lots of recent updates!!! New metal roof, all NEW Flooring! .... ★★★★Under Contract 48 Hours! $134,900
1308 Manor St-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Front Courtyard Entry w/extra concrete parking! Master bath has garden tub, spacious open living area. Great Price Point!!! .... Sale Pending! $129,000
1309 W. Michigan Ave.-2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Totally redone! Fresh paint throughout, new cabinets in kitchen, stainless appliances including refrigerator! .... Sale Pending! $114,000
4613 Mercedes-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 1,331 sqft. Some Interior Updating! .... Sale Pending! $114,000
3509 Park Ln-3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath, 1 Car Garage. Big open kitchen, newer windows & flooring! Perfect Starter Home! .... Sale Pending! $109,000
5308 E. Loop 250 N-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Great Potential! 2.5 Acres! Call Chris for Additional Info! Loop Frontage Property .... Sale Pending! $114,000

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

2801 S Co Rd 1180-Excellent Opportunity for Residential or Commercial Development! 115+/- Acres, Mature pecan orchard, business office/warehouse, workshop, barn, living quarters, 13 water wells & much more! Call David for more details .... New Listing! $1,295,000
1901 N. Big Spring-2 Lots, High Traffic, Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info .... New Listing! $1,250,000
520 Elliot, Odessa-Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land, Church & Warehouses Included! .... New Price! $449,000
8501 Hwy 158-Great Multiple Use Commercial Property! Total 7,600 sqft, 2 Bathrooms, three 12' overhead doors. Currently used as a feed store. Call Sabrina for more info! .... New Listing! $375,000
1902 W Illinois-8 Offices, Board Room, Kitchen, 2 Baths, Updated Interior, Plenty of Parking! Call Chris for more details .... New Listing! $250,000
3812 Tumbleweed-1.8 Acre Lot Located in North West Midland. Country Sky Subdivision. Perfect for your NEW Home! Call Ron for more details! .... Lot! $85,000
911 S. Main-Great Opportunity! Lot is currently fenced, Zoned LR-3. Owner will finance w/$10,000 down at 8%. NO CREDIT CHECK! .... Lot! $49,000

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

4301 Hookbilled Kite-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Ba in Falconhead! Awesome plan, granite + $25,000 buyer decorating allowance! WOW! .... New Price! $425,000
11912 Cascade Caverns Trail-Super REO 5 Bedrooms & over 4000sqft in Shady Hollow Area .... ★★★★Under Contract in 10 Days with 4 Offers! $262,150
138 Dove Lane-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake LBJ! .... New Price! $179,900
6214 Blarwood-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath off Westgate Blvd in Austin! Bank Owned REO! .... ★★★★Under Contract In 5 Days! $120,000
1750 Loop 165C-Bank Owned 14 Acres in Dripping Springs with easy access to 290 .... ★★★★Under Contract! $79,900
404 Emerald Way-Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4340 .... New Price! $29,900

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4+ BEDROOMS

5303 Greathouse-New construction in greathouse boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living/2 dining & 3 car gar! 4th bed is larger & opens to patio making a great media/gameroom! Spacious living w/brick fireplace & crown moulding. Gourmet kitchen opens to living and offers granite countertops, island, skylight, stone backsplash & stainless appliances. Sequestered master suite with wrap around closet. Beautiful iron front door .... U/C...$349,900
5308 Greathouse - new construction in greathouse boasts 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining & 3 car garage! 4th bed is larger & would be a perfect gameroom. Office area off utility room. Spacious living w/fireplace & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, gas cooktop, island, skylight, stone backsplash & stainless appliances! Master suite w/jetted tub, large shower & sep vanities. Covered patio for entertaining $399,900
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 $229,900
800 W Michigan-NEW-great home on corner lot close to downtown & parks! Four bedroom, two bath, two garage.Fourth bedroom could be study/office. Priced to sell as-is! Spacious living area w/granite fireplaceand built-in bookcases. Breakfast and formal dining. Hardwood floors, 13 seer trane hvac, ducts & tankless water heater installed in 2006. Covered patio, cinderblock fence & auto sprinkler .... U/C...$124,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

404 Springwood-Wonderful energy home! 3 Bed/2.5 Ba/2 gar. Open floor plan w/spacious great room. Soaring ceilings, crown molding, ceramic tile & brick fireplace. Kitchen has custom cabinets,granite, brick accent wall & custom lighting. Seq. Master w/lovely master bath, jetted tub/shower & huge walk-in closet. Formal dining w/beautiful hardwood floor! Meadowland estates w/clubhouse, pool, tennis & playground .... U/C...$285,000
5101 San Antonio-NEW-great 3 bed/2 bath/2 garage on corner lot in northgate. Tiled entry leads to large living area w/beamed ceiling & fireplace. Spacious kitchen w/recent appliances & lots of cabinets. Oversized utility room w/lots of storage & desk area. Recent paint, wood-look flooring (no carpet) spacious master w/dual sinks & closets! Backyard has mature trees, patio area & tranquil pond .... U/C IN 3 DAYS!...$165,000
44 Linda Court-Nicely maintained 3 bed/2 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac! Separate formal living & formal dining. Spacious living w/brick fireplace & beamed ceiling. Seq. Master w/2 closets, dual sinks & shower. Study office w/2 pantries! This home has great storage & built-ins! Recent carpet & paint. Sunroom, large backyard w/mature trees, storage building & extra parking! Water well for the yard .... SOLD...$194,900
3207 Apperson-wonderful 3 bedroom/2 bath home in kimber lea with lovely curb appeal! 2 Living areas with walls of windows, neutral paint and brick fireplace (wood burning). Great kitchen offers double oven, abundant cabinets (some display), breakfast bar & r/o. Master suite with private bath and his & her closets. Spacious inside utility room. Park like backyard with mature landscaping and large covered patio .... SOLD...$164,900
3502 Jordan - Adorable 3 bedroom/2 bath/ 2 garage. That is move-in ready! Spacious living room w/stone fireplace & nuetral paint. Faux blinds, wood-look flooring & tile, updated kitchen w/recent counter tops, backsplash, gas cook top & fridge. Updated hvac 2007, garage doors & roof. French doors open to patio, large yard w/storage building .... U/C IN 1 DAY!...$139,900
510 S. Bentwood -3 bed/2 bath/2 garage home w/great curb appeal is less than a block from henderson elem. Wonderful living area boasts soaring vaulted ceilings, fireplace, french doors leading to patio and lovely hardwood flooring. The kitchen offers abundant storage & separate dining area. Seq. Master suite with hardwood floors, huge closet and private bath. Large fenced yard w/mature landscaping & covered patio .... U/C IN 1 DAY!...$135,000
3302 Douglas-NEW-fabulous updated home w/circle drive nicely landscaped! 2 Bed/1 bath/1 garage. Spacious living w/wall of windows & nuetral paint. Hardwood floors thoughout! (Except ba & utility) open kitchen w/stainless appliances (gas ct) recent cabinets & counter tops. Big utility/office room. Huge backyard (.40 Acre) has covered patio & is perfect for entertaining. Water well for yard & cinderblock fence .... U/C IN 1 DAY!...$135,000

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LAND

900 E. Marigold 2.18 Acres - build your dream home! Large lot with pecan trees and 2 water wells. Needs septic, gas for area is butane. Buyer to verify gardendale water tap is available and extends to lot. Per deed restrictions - 1600 sq ft 60% masonry, no swine, no pre fab homes $35,000

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Gallery Homes

5304 Hilltop Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $369,900
Photo is representative of finished residence by Midland Gallery Homes

Ashingdon Homes

5001 Coquina Court
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $289,000

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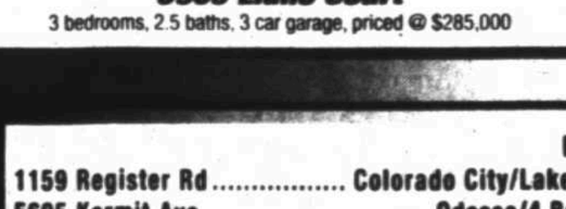
5903 Llano Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $285,000

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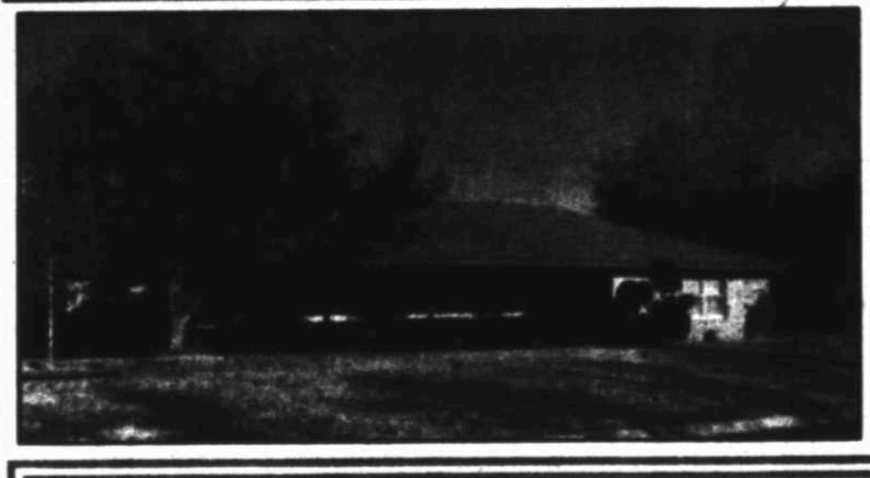
2412 Dartmouth Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths,
2 car garage,
priced @ $319,900

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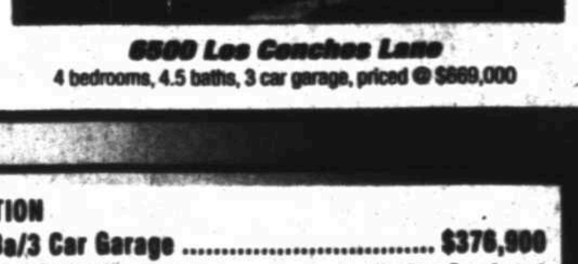
NEW CONSTRUCTION

Veatch Construction

5514 Carmel Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $285,000

Saenz Signature Homes

3201 Patrick Place
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $295,500

Carrasco Homes

6500 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $669,000

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1159 Register Rd .... Colorado City/Lake View/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/Workshop $74,900
5605 Kermit Ave .... Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage .... Under Contract
2809 Moss Ave .... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage .... Under Contract
2205 Medford Ct .... Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage .... Under Contract
4813 Spring Meadow Lane #7 .... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage .... SOLD
5311 Castle Pine Rd .... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage .... SOLD
2412 Dartmouth Dr .... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage $319,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION

4300 Wood Dr .... Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
4714 Yearwood .... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
5510 Carmel Ct .... Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
409 E. Pecan Ave .... Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage .... SOLD
4808 Yearwood .... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
5702 Los Patios .... Dozier Custom Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage .... SOLD
4806 Yearwood .... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
5511 Carmel Ct .... Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
3201 Patrick Pl .... Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage .... SOLD
5902 Oak Creek .... Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage .... SOLD
5713 Los Patios .... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage .... SOLD
5314 Mathis St .... Branson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage .... SOLD
3709 Coquina Ln .... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
5005 Coquina Ct .... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
4715 Yearwood .... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $286,300
4709 Yearwood .... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $298,200
5700 Carmel Ct .... Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $325,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

5309 Castle Pine .... Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $376,900
5312 Wimberley Spring .... Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
5308 Wimberley Spring .... Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $399,500
3121 Patrick Pl .... Henson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
403 Pinewood .... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage .... SOLD
408 Pinewood .... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
6500 Los Conchos .... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage .... Under Contract
6501 Los Conchos .... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage $689,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates .... Gardendale/New Homes .... Call Gary
14819 N. Chinaberry .... Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.914 Acres $112,000
5617 E. Goldenrod .... 2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage/1 Acre $125,000
7981 E. Goldenrod .... 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage/Gardendale/17.056 Acres .... SOLD
1303 W. Co. Rd. 118 .... 2 Bdrm/2 Ba/4 Car Garage/55.28 Acres $379,500
1905 S. Co. Rd. 1138 .... Greenwood, 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage .... Under Contract
5634 E. Marigold Dr .... 3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage/Gardendale/9.86 Acres .... Under Contract

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7707 TRENTON - $623,500
Country living at it's finest!
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909 ALMONT PLACE - $370,000
Low-maintenance beauty on quiet street in conveted Woodland Park!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

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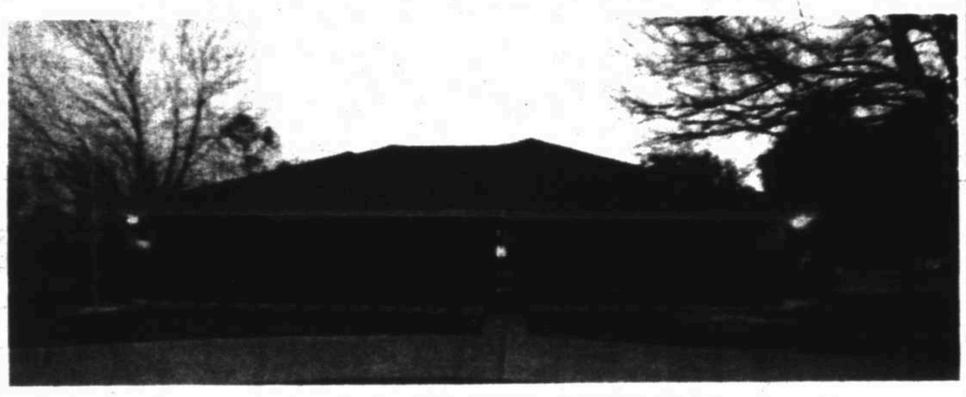

10800 E. CR 106 - $189,900
Greenwood Schools!
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2406 S. CR 1121 - $365,000
Amazing! Sooo much detail! Gorgeous!
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6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE - $399,900
Fantastic new construction!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

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5109 BRIGHTON PLACE - $270,000
Fantastic 4/3 home in Saddle Club South!
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3318 NEELY AVE. - $192,500
Fabulous pool!
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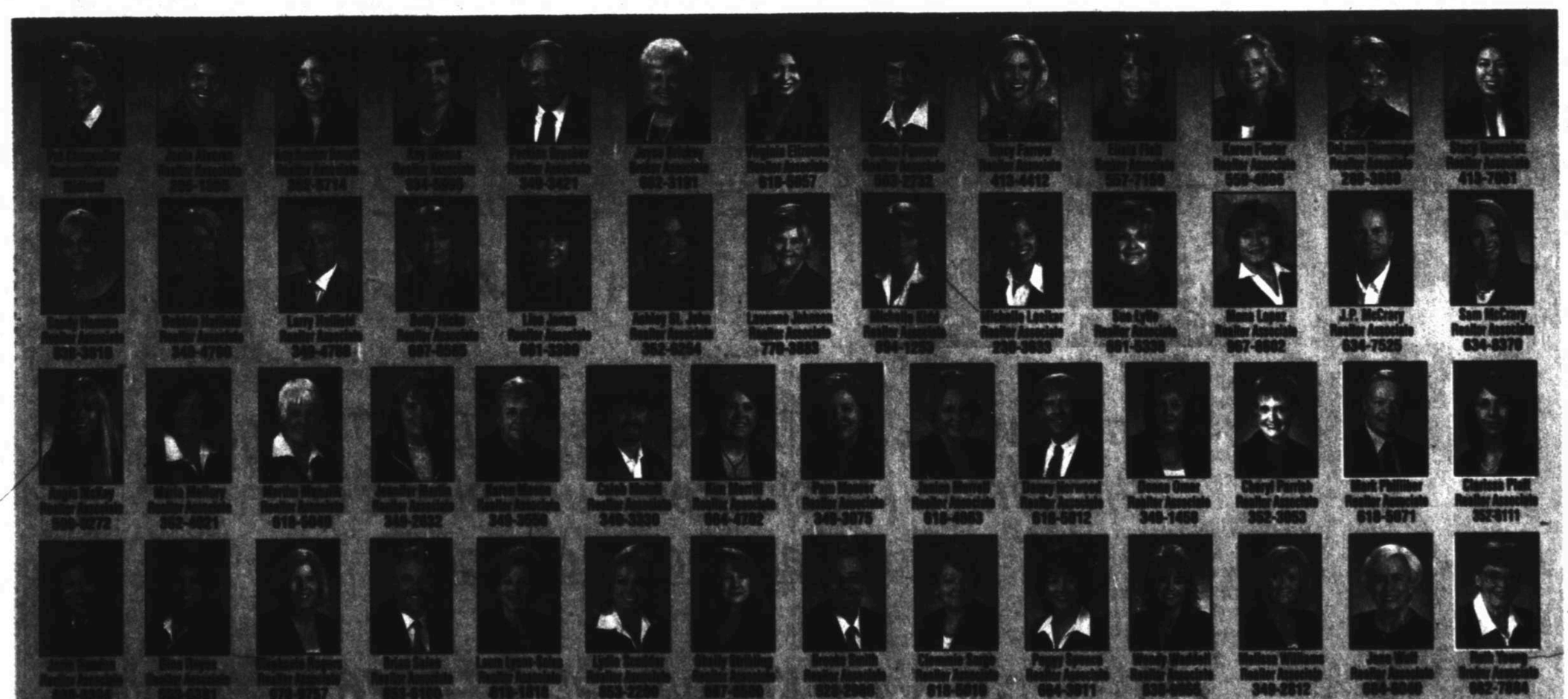

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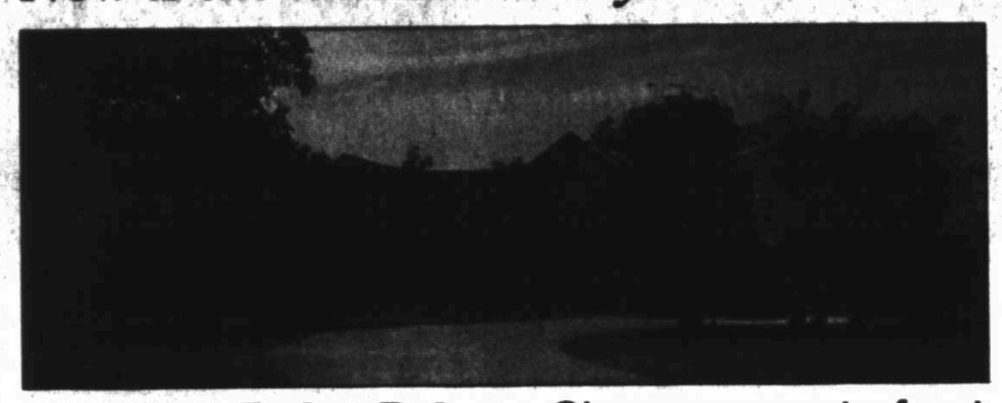

382 Oak Point Drive - Showcase waterfront home. 4 BR, 3 ½ baths, Outdoor kitchen & living space, Boat dock, – unbelievable views & good water depth.

983 Deepwater Rd. - Spectacular home on 2.97 acres in Deep Water Estates. Right at 4,000/sf., beautifully detailed. Large dock, great views!

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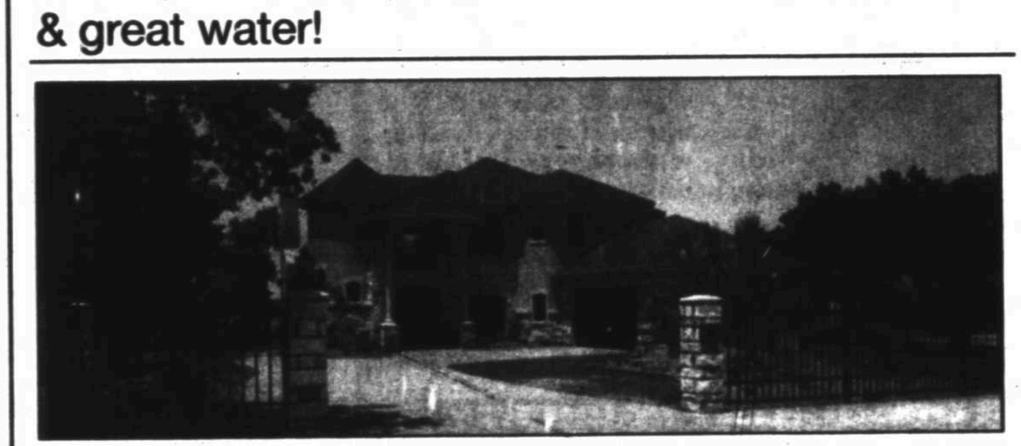

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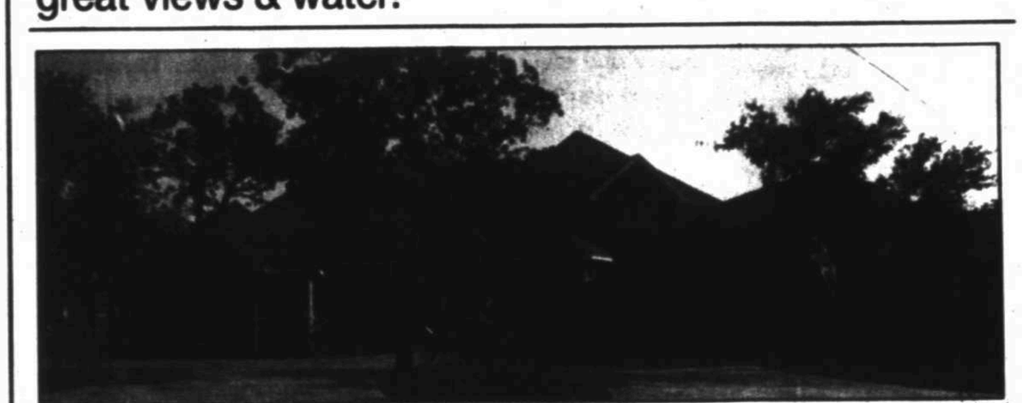

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1001 ECR 129		MLS# 89372	$329,900
4002 S. Hwy 349		MLS# 88957	$149,500
2600 Spartan	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 88931	$169,900
4900 S. Co. Rd. 1140-306 + plus acres barns, shops & pens			$ 1,500,000
3314 W. Co. Rd. 185		MLS #88559	$370,000
10515 E. Co. Rd. 109	UNDER CONTRACT OPTIONED	MLS #88359	$475,000
9177 Cevalia Drive (Odessa, Tx)	SOLD	MLS #84152	$369,900
Sunridge Ranch Estates 3+acres lotsPer Lot			$85,000
Oakridge Development 1.59 acre lots to 3.25 acre lots			$38,250 to $81,250
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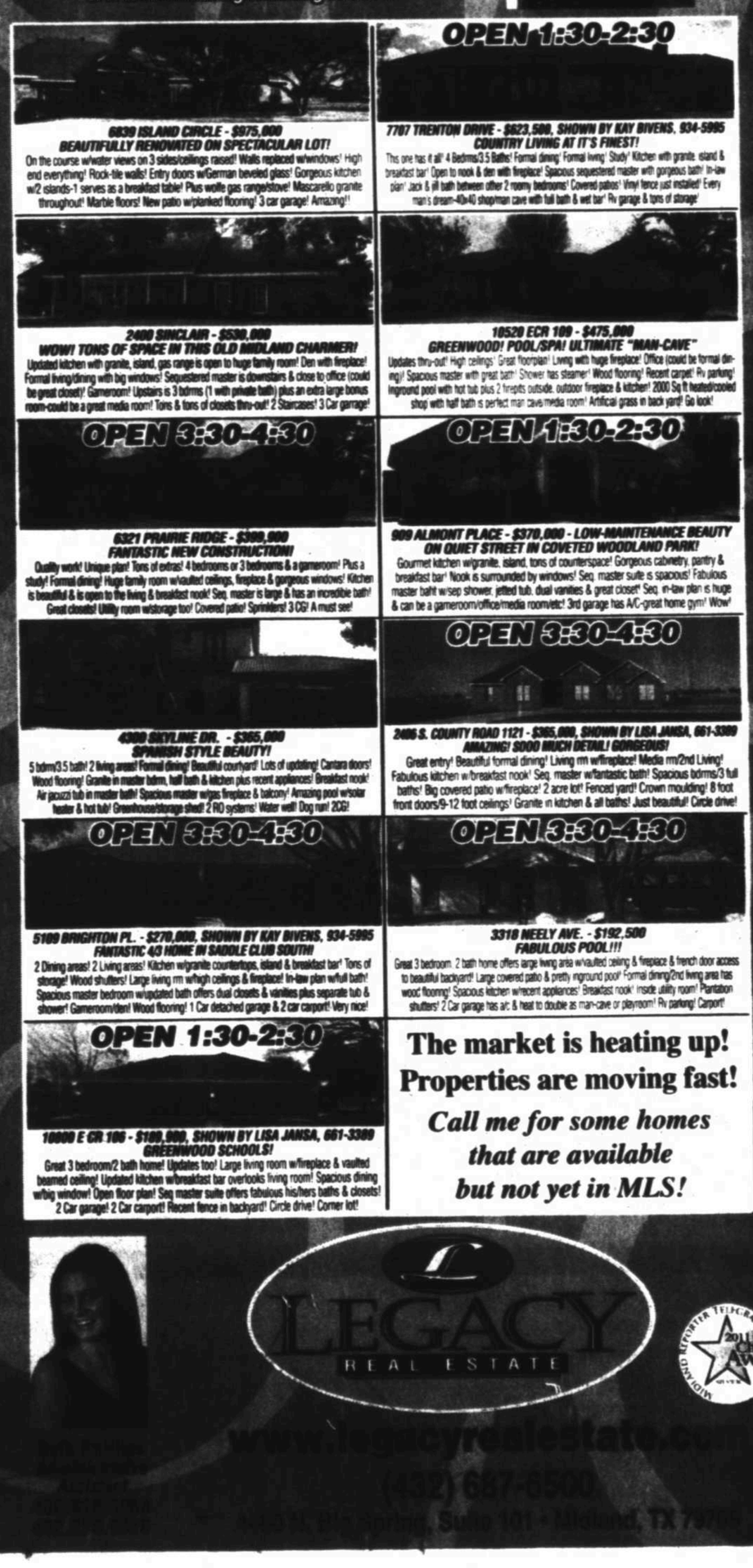

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MIDLAND'S FINEST BUILDER'S/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Listing	MLS	Price
301 S. MADISON...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #88509	$104,000
McPHERSON CONSTRUCTION		
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88677	$399,900
PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES		
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88906	$415,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89269	$411,000
10102 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89268	$316,000
JORGE CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION		
1400 BAIRD STREET...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88631	SALE PENDING
DOUBLE E CONSTRUCTION		
1404 TEJAS...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88896	SALE PENDING
1603 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #87138	SOLD
WBC CUSTOM HOMES		
10204 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89149	SALE PENDING
JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION		
3810 CEDAR SPRING...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89229	SALE PENDING
OLGIN HOMES		
1707 N. FT. WORTH...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89240	$183,700
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925 HOWARD DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89389	$189,000

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

Listing	MLS	Price
6814 CO. RD. 50...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89261	$1,675,000
6839 ISLAND CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89053	$975,000
6200 HOMESTEAD...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #89106	SALE PENDING
00 LAKES DR...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #88917	$789,000
3902 BAYBROOK CT...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89174	$720,000
6300 HOMESTEAD...Peggy Spence 618-5047	MLS #88768	$669,900
7707 TRENTON DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89031	$623,500
5207 POLO CLUB ROAD...Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #88927	$575,000
6516 FERN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88947	SALE PENDING
6401 HWY. 349...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88912	$544,999
2400 SINCLAIR AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88819	$530,000
2408 HUMBLE AVE...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89346	$465,000
1603 SEABOARD...Jane Wolf 618-5020	MLS #89387	$450,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89269	$411,000
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88677	$399,900
4600 GREEN TREE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89054	SOLD
4405 IRVIN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88391	SOLD
1202 E.CO. RD. 126...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89156	$375,000
5405 DREXEL CT...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89376	$372,850
909 ALMONT DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89251	$370,000
4300 SKYLINE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88682	$365,000
4629 HILLTOP DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89301	SALE PENDING
10204 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89149	SALE PENDING
2701 W. CO. RD. 140...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89079	$330,000
1001 CO. RD. 129...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89372	$329,900
5208 OAK VALLEY DR...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #88302	SALE PENDING
2201 PRINCETON AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87778	$325,000
10102 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89268	$316,000
4506 GREEN TREE BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88808	SALE PENDING
4817 ROSEWOOD DR...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89237	SALE PENDING
4802 YEARWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88597	SOLD
5412 BASSWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88678	SALE PENDING
3809 CRESTGATE...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #89182	SALE PENDING
2602 L ST...Sam McCrary 364-8370	MLS #89298	SALE PENDING
5109 BRIGHTON PL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89262	$270,000
2113 BRADFORD CT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #89125	SALE PENDING
5001 CASTLEFORD...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #86647	$260,000
3903 CRESTGATE...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89280	SALE PENDING
5407 SAN SABA CT...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89152	SALE PENDING
1209 GARFIELD ST...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89050	$232,900
2804 HAYNES...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89173	SALE PENDING
3206 MAXWELL...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #88982	SOLD
4207 LYNBROOK, ODESSA, TX...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #89066	SALE PENDING
6004 YORKSHIRE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89040	SOLD
4217 GREENBRIAR...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #89148	SALE PENDING
4731 W. DENGAR...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #89345	$189,900
925 HOWARD DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89389	$189,000
5403 ANETTA...Clarissa Platt 352-6111	MLS #89047	SALE PENDING
1404 TEJAS...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88896	SALE PENDING
3520 IMPERIAL AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88949	SALE PENDING
3810 CEDAR SPRING...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89229	SALE PENDING
3103 AUBURN...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #88894	SOLD
1204 KANSAS AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88461	SALE PENDING
4605 CRENSHAW...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88702	SALE PENDING
6001 CO. RD. 85...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88968	$67,500

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Listing	MLS	Price
8201 DUNBLANE DR...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #89011	$799,000
208 S. I ST...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89335	$649,900
6619 CO. RD. 105...Tracey Farrow 413-4412	MLS #89347	SALE PENDING
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88906	$415,000
2902 MARIE DR...Samantha McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88587	$323,500
3805 KNIFFEN...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #89189	$310,000
4603 MEADOWOOD CT...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89249	$289,000
5400 LA JOLLA COVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88683	SOLD
5605 LOS PATIOS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89029	SOLD
2911 CALDERA BLVD...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88272	$262,900
4807 PINE MEADOW DR...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #88733	SALE PENDING
1301 MISSOURI AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87699	SALE PENDING
5105 BRIGHTON PLACE...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88634	$254,900
3700 OAKRIDGE CT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #89199	SALE PENDING
1611 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88128	SALE PENDING
4406 S. CO. RD. 1184...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #88980	SOLD
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #87706	SALE PENDING
4309 TUMBLEWEED...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #87679	SOLD
2503 BELLECHASSE CT...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #88930	SOLD
4509 ST. ANDREWS...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #88741	SALE PENDING
3212 FANNIN AVE...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #89275	$216,900
3 VISTA CREST CT., ODESSA...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #88887	SALE PENDING
1603 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #87138	SOLD
4308 KNIFFEN...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #86828	$209,999
2804 DUSTIN DR., ODESSA, TX...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #89157	SALE PENDING
1416 FRENCH AVE., ODESSA...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #88804	$205,000
1407 BOEING DRIVE...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89342	$199,900
5325 SE CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
3318 NEELY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89303	$192,500
804 BOYD AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88964	SALE PENDING
3407 STANOLIND AVE...Kay Bivens 618-5018	MLS #88428	SOLD
4509 MATHIS ST...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #88873	SALE PENDING
10800 CO. RD. 106...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89302	$189,900
1707 N. FT. WORTH...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89240	$183,700
3231 SHANDON AVE...Kareri Mason 349-3550	MLS #86637	SALE PENDING
801 SHELL AVE...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88737	SALE PENDING
3208 LOUISIANA DR...Mark Philliber 618-5017	MLS #88565	$169,000
2915 AURORA...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89254	$166,500
3332 W. SHANDON AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #89124	SALE PENDING
6815 N. CO. RD. 1298...Larry Hatfield 684-0369	MLS #88880	SALE PENDING
10300 CO. RD. 85...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87074	SALE PENDING
2413 GODDARD...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88624	SOLD
413 NEELY...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #88364	SALE PENDING
3825 37TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #89205	SALE PENDING
2000 N. D STREET...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #87407	SALE PENDING
3622 BOYD AVE...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88762	SALE PENDING
2602 N. MIDKIFF...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89267	$149,900
4002 HWY. 349...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88957	$149,500
409 PLAYER CT...Clarissa Platt 352-6111	MLS #89001	SOLD
3705 STANOLIND...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #87016	SOLD
2603 MARIANA...Clarissa Platt 352-6111	MLS #88926	SALE PENDING
2516 CO. RD. 1058...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88933	$139,500
4809 NEELY...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #89343	SALE PENDING
4315 PASADENA DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #89236	SALE PENDING
3515 JORDAN...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #88975	SOLD
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	$135,000
1400 BAIRD STREET...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88631	SALE PENDING
4723 RIC DR...Laura Lyons Sales 681-1818	MLS #89004	SOLD
3216 W. LOUISIANA...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #87004	SALE PENDING
12309 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86979	$127,000
2406 BOYD...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89197	$125,000
3519 THOMAS AVE...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88963	$118,500
6810 CO. RD. 94E...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89377	$117,500
4305 PLEASANT DR...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89395	$115,000
705 LANHAM ST...Pamela Messer 349-3075	MLS #88588	SALE PENDING
1508 S. DALLAS...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89233	SALE PENDING
3300 HILL AVE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89042	SALE PENDING
2808 ROOSEVELT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89052	SALE PENDING
301 S. MADISON...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #88509	$104,000
215 N. DEWBERRY...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #88916	SALE PENDING
3207 ILLINOIS AVE...Gina Reyes 618-5061	MLS #86930	SALE PENDING
1405 MICHIGAN...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88453	$71,000
3913 AVONDALE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #88921	SALE PENDING
4203 PLEASANT DR...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88770	SALE PENDING
1611 WASHINGTON AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #89041	SOLD
2409 KENTUCKY...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88646	SALE PENDING

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Listing	MLS	Price
4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88081 & #88082	$425,000
3546 SHELL...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #89075	SALE PENDING
1402 TENNESSEE AVE...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #89090	SALE PENDING
3302 HWY. 158...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89337	$255,000
3710 OHIO AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88965	SOLD
4203 LIVINGSTON...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #89282	SALE PENDING
600 #80 LIDDON...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88801	$80,000
501 SCHARBAUER DR...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89070	SALE PENDING
600 #47 LIDDON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89281	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

Listing	MLS	Price
6814 CO. RD. 50...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89261	$1,675,000
6619 CO. RD. 105...Tracey Farrow 413-4412	MLS #89347	SALE PENDING
6401 HWY. 349...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88912	$544,999
10520 CO. RD. 109...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88891	$475,000
10515 CO. RD. 109...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88359	SALE PENDING
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88906	$415,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89269	$411,000
1202 E.CO. RD. 126...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89156	$375,000
3314 W. CO. RD. 185...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88559	$370,000
10204 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89149	SALE PENDING
2701 W. CO. RD. 140...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89079	$330,000
1001 CO. RD. 129...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89372	$329,900
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5325 CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
10800 CO. RD. 106...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89302	$189,900
401 E. CO. RD. 140...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #89230	$174,900
3409 W. CO. RD. 181...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88101	SALE PENDING
6815 N. CO. RD. 1298...Larry Hatfield 684-0369	MLS #88880	SALE PENDING
10300 CO. RD. 85...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87074	SALE PENDING
4808 CO. RD. 71...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88886	$165,000
4002 HWY. 349...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88957	$149,500
2516 CO. RD. 1058...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88933	$139,500
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	$135,000
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6810 CO. RD. 94E...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89377	$117,500
3203 CO. RD. 1068...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88654	SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Matott 349-3330	6 Lots Left...	3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
9206 CO. RD. 162...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88655	SOLD
2006 FM 307...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #89078	5 Acres/$75,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/Lots $75,000/EA.
6001 CO. RD. 85...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88968	$67,500
FM 2632, BROWNWOOD LAKE...Caleb Matott 349-3330		$44,000
CO. RD. 85...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #88189	2.605 Acres/$35,000

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Listing	MLS	Price
104 LAPOSADA, HORSESHOE BAY, TX...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89128	$3,475,000
7900 CO. RD. 110, GREENWOOD...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #87829	$389,900
4109 FM 818, BIG SPRING...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89206	$375,000
2206 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #87159	SALE PENDING
9177 CEVALIA DR., ODESSA, TX...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #84152	SOLD
3187 C 2150, STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	$310,000
4207 LYNBROOK, ODESSA, TX...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #89066	SALE PENDING
3 VISTA CREST CT., ODESSA...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #88887	SALE PENDING
2804 DUSTIN DR., ODESSA, TX...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #89157	SALE PENDING
1416 FRENCH AVE., ODESSA...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #88804	$205,000
5325 SE CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
704 NW 8TH ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #85205	$184,900
401 DEALY, BIG SPRING...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88040	$179,000
14030 LARIAT TR., GARDENDALE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88684	SALE PENDING
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84741	$154,000
3825 37TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #89205	SALE PENDING
7030 24TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88458	SALE PENDING
1700 E. 21ST., ODESSA, TX...Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732	MLS #83237	$150,000
6502 W. FM 846 KNOTT...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88060	SOLD
504 BROADWAY, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88271	$129,500
300 SW 11TH ST., ANDREWS, TX...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #85551	$125,000
107 1ST ST., STANTON, TX...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #89270	SALE PENDING
1317 ALPINE ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #85206	$115,500
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88348	$95,000
502 4TH ST., STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89264	$82,000
505 ST. PETER, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88553	$75,000
1000 NW 6TH ST., ANDREWS...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85011	$74,500
2101 LIVE OAK LANE, BROWNWOOD...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84003	$70,000
11460 W. 57TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #85561	$65,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

Listing	MLS	Price
2700 RANKIN HWY...Amy Barnett 349-3421	MLS #88603	$2,000,000
3600 ANDREWS HWY., ODESSA, TX...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #87818	$1,200,000
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #74975	$550,000
350 MIDLAND DR...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89013	$400,000
1611 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88128	SALE PENDING
3089 CO. RD. 137, STANTON, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89276	$318,900
4301 W. ILLINOIS...Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #86388	$229,900
1600 FRONT ST...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS 86585	$210,000
1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83958	$180,000
408 WAKEFIELD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #84320	$155,000
607-609 COLORADO...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #87483	SALE PENDING
608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS#79313	$100,000
208 BURLESON, MCCAMEY...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89404	$64,000

LANDS AND LOTS

Listing	MLS	Price
CO. RD. 60...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88932	$1,742,400
4900 CO. RD. 1140...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88899	$1,500,000
LOOP 250N...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88576	SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 1120 S...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #78101	SALE PENDING
S. FM 1788...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82050	94.4 Acres/$944,400
8310 FM RD 307, GREENWOOD...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883		66.57 Acres/$598,500
HIGHWAY 191...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87988	$437,500
SINCLAIR...Ruth Young 682-7884		5 Acres/$425,000
00 RANCH ROAD, ACKERLY...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #89131	$378,000
7107 FM 307...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89139	SALE PENDING
CR 1120...Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #88627	$305,200
AIR PARK ROAD...Amy Brasher Barnett 349-3421	MLS #89176	$325,000
0 W. CO. RD. 150...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #85592	SALE PENDING
10700 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #86600	$203,126
1135 JOHNSTON RD...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #87751	$149,000
CO. RD. 2300...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89227	$99,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Matott 349-3330	3 Lots Left...	3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
2006 FM 307...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #89078	5 Acres/$75,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819		$70,000
C2150 STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88194	10 Acres/$65,000
FM 2632, BROWNWOOD LAKE...Caleb Matott 349-3330		$44,000
ASTER DRIVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88498	SALE PENDING
BLUEBONNET DR...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88500	SALE PENDING
ASTER DRIVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88499	SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 85...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #88189	2.605 Acres/$35,000
SCOTT ROAD, VAN HORN...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88821	$29,900
FREELAND ADDITION...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		1+ Acre Lots/$25,000/PER ACRE
2651 SE CR 4001, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1488	MLS #84608	$25,000
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OAKRIDGE DEVELOPMENT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...Land & Lots $38,250 - $81,250		
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Listing	MLS	Price
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WARD COUNTY...Caleb Matott 349-3330		640 Acres/$326,000
REAGAN COUNTY...Caleb Matott 349-3330		272 Acres/$272,000
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JEFF DAVIS COUNTY...Caleb Matott 349-3330...Madera Canyon Ranch/The Best of Texas		9,461 Acres/$975/Acre
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Matott 349-3330	3 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
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100 YEARS

Generations of Girl Scouts enjoy anniversary celebration

As more than 50 Girl Scouts ran around in the Midland Girl Scout Center's courtyard Monday afternoon, Ava Jane Fuller smiled as she shared stories about her 45 years of involvement with the organization.

"I've just made so many wonderful friends and got to see so many girls do neat things," said Fuller, who attended a 100th birthday celebration for the national organization on Monday.

During the last 45 years, Fuller served as a troop leader for two daughters, cookie chairwoman and eventually went on to work as a program director in the Midland office for 19 years.

"I had such fun looking out the window each afternoon to see the troops coming in to meet," Fuller said. "The kids would wave and say 'Hi, Ava Jane!'"

As program director from 1978 to 1996, Fuller said "no two hours on the job were the same" and coordinating events like day camp and Thinking Day were her favorites.

Having worked with thousands of girls and hundreds of adult volunteers during her tenure, she was considered such an important figure that a meeting room was named the 'Ava Jane' room in her honor, said membership director Janice Hogan.

Fuller said Girl Scouting gives girls a purpose and creates leaders.

"We teach girls to set goals and reach for things," Fuller said.

It's that spirit that's kept Schatzie Tighe involved for more than 50 years.

"In Girl Scouts, we allow the girls to fail and then learn from that failure. There's not many places where we let people learn from mistakes," Tighe said. "For example, if a girl forgets the weenies for a cookout and doesn't get to eat them, she'll probably learn responsibility and won't forget them next time."

Tighe grew up as a scout and has lead multiple troops, including her daughter's and others in the community.

"I had fun being a leader," Tighe said with a smile. "You don't often get to slide down slides and do silly things as an adult. But when it's for the girls, you can."

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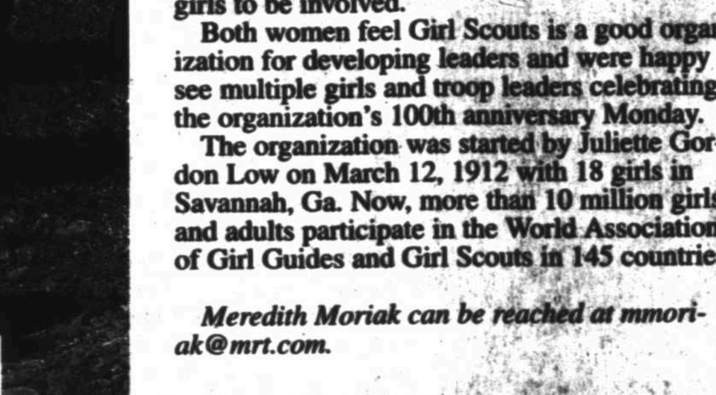
Girl Scouts honor guard, in top photo, present the flag Monday for the pledge of allegiance before the opening of the time capsule as they celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Girl Scouts. CENTER: Area Girl Scouts and Scout leaders gather around the time capsule opened Monday at the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest. The time capsule, buried in 1987, contained pictures, letters and many other items pertaining to the Girl Scouts of that time. LEFT: Joy the Clown, known as Joyce McKelvey, Troop 231 leader, shows area Girl Scouts how to make balloon animals during the festivities Monday.

Story by Meredith Moriak
Photos by Tim Fischer

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Ava Jane Fuller, above, takes a picture of the insignia painted on the time capsule buried outside the Girl Scout office in 1987. The time capsule was opened Monday during the celebrations of 100 years of Girl Scouts. RIGHT: Schatzie Tighe looks over photos of herself and others taken out of the time capsule. FAR RIGHT: Jayce Herrala, Troop 638, gets her face painted with a stencil Monday by Sarah Meissner, Troop 423 leader.

Scouts

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Tighe has held various other roles with the Girl Scouts over the years including trainer, district chairwoman, council president and board president. She currently serves on the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest's board development committee.

"You get to meet a lot of different people you wouldn't come into contact with if you weren't in scouts," Tighe said.

Tighe and Fuller both agree the organization's principles and ideals haven't changed much during the last 50 years, but the organization has evolved with technology and society.

"The ideals have not changed, but the way it's done has changed," Tighe said.

Fuller said the organization has been good about adapting to technological and societal changes over the years and calls the organization modern.

"They've all been terrific changes," Fuller said.

As she's noticed more and more moms going into the work place, Tighe said she hasn't seen a decrease in those who want to be leaders.

"There are troops out there where every mom is working and they're still incredibly active," Tighe said. "People see it as a priority for their girls to be involved."

Both women feel Girl Scouts is a good organization for developing leaders and were happy to see multiple girls and troop leaders celebrating the organization's 100th anniversary Monday.

The organization was started by Juliette Gordon Low on March 12, 1912 with 18 girls in Savannah, Ga. Now, more than 10 million girls and adults participate in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 145 countries.

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Family Matters

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In-laws go overboard with anxious calls

DEAR FAMILY: My husband's elderly parents are driving us crazy. They watch Fox News channel 24/7 and listen to Rush Limbaugh and the like and stay in a constant state of worry and anger. They used to call my husband several times a day until he put an end to it and now they "only" call him every night. Now I'm getting the calls he used to get. They call and if I don't answer they keep calling back and leaving messages until I finally call them back. Then when they have me on the phone they are both on their phones with me telling me all the bad things that just happened and are going to happen. Apparently the US is going to totally collapse and be run over by (a certain religion) any day now. I like Fox News too, but I don't make it my life.

This is making me batty. His parents used to be perfectly nice people until his dad retired and for the last two years this has become worse and worse. His mother was always a worrier but now she's off the boards with him there to give her something to worry about all the time. I don't want to be rude to them, but I have children and a household to manage, I don't have time to be listening to them for 20 (or more) minutes at a time. I know they are lonely and I want to be respectful but this is getting to me. Any suggestions short of moving would be welcome. — OVERWHELMED

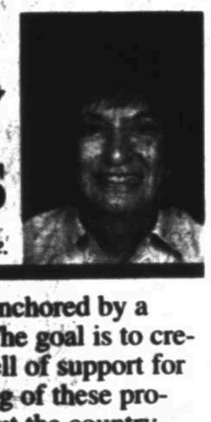
DEAR OVERWHLEMED: This is a challenging problem and I do not have any awesome sure-fire suggestions for you. When the parents, in this case your husband's parents, have been good parents to him it seems more difficult to set appropriate boundaries even when you know you should. It sounds like his parents might be experiencing some depression and anxiety — not a diagnosis just an observation — which apparently has been made much worse by his father being retired and home. Almost nothing makes depression and/or anxiety worse than having nothing to occupy a person's mind. This to some extent may explain their obsessive behaviors (thinking about bad things happening) and their compulsion to call repeatedly to share their fears with you. While there are a number of usually highly successful solutions to these problems, his parents most likely will not believe they even have a problem. The potential solution typically involves cognitive behavioral therapy and/or medication: which of course involves counseling and/or seeing a medical doctor. In my experience this is a very hard sell to the elderly especially.

Another standard suggestion is to set and maintain rigid boundaries with them. Your husband did this and it seems to have worked. Your attempt seems much more porous but understandable given your compassion for their situation. Boundary setting is typically painful for all involved when the attempt is made this late in life, so it will hurt. So much for the standard suggestions, I would encourage you to consider a non-typical approach and that is to attempt to refocus especially your father-in-law on optimism rather than pessimism. Dr. Dana Lightman, author of "Power Optimism: Enjoy the Life You Have," suggests, "… turning off the television sometimes and go into your 'influence zone' — the mind-set in which you do something or change something. This can mean investigating a charity (like the Red Cross) and/or a church and then contributing, volunteering your time (like Meals on Wheels or the Petroleum Museum or as a foster grandparent volunteer in MISD), and donating clothes, water, etc." Of course it would be great for both of them to start getting some kind of exercise, like walking at the mall daily. Because they watch so much television, Lightman encourages the pessimist to remember the three C's: "commitment, control and challenge. When you watch television, look for people showing those qualities. Look for the positive."

On the spiritual side, you are ministering to them by reasonable listening. As the Christ said, "Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of my brothers you have done it to me." Others have told me how rewarding (and challenging) this phase of life can be to the spiritual caregiver. God bless.

AARP to release questionnaire on Medicare, Social Security

Community Connections



Alex Rose is a volunteer for AARP Community Service.

AARP is unveiling a national conversation about the future viability of Medicare and Social Security. AARP wants to give everyday Americans a chance to weigh in with proposals and recommendations and simply will listen and gather information during this first phase of this multi-phased initiative.

This is what "You've Earned a Say" is all about. We will listen and learn together through questionnaires, town halls, telephone calls and gatherings in people's homes, in chapter meetings, in civic clubs and in church basements. By late summer, the effort will kick into second gear. AARP will provide feedback from its members and voters to candidates while also highlighting candidate's plans for strengthening the two programs. After the elections, we will work with the Congress and the president to take steps to safeguard these programs for generations to come.

Each phase of "You've Earned a Say" will be anchored by a questionnaire. The goal is to create a groundswell of support for the strengthening of these programs throughout the country.

You can begin by completing the questionnaire at www.aarp.org/earnedasay or calling this toll free number 1-888-OUR-AARP.

Social worker looking for best way to use her psychic gifts

Dear Abby

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Unversal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I will graduate from college in June and be a social worker. I am psychic, although I dislike that word because it conjures up visions of crystal balls, quacks and scams. For legitimate psychic individuals, it can be overwhelming to live this way.

I first noticed my ability when I was young, but I repressed it because my folks thought I was imagining things. It began to resurge in college. This school is haunted, so I have become used to daily interactions with ghosts — often in the dead of night. I also notice during client counseling sessions images will pop into my head. I once gave a classmate the "willies" by perfectly describing the garden in her backyard having never laid eyes on it. My adviser says I must never tell my clients the things I "see" in them because it will frighten them.

It's hard to separate my own thoughts and emotions from those of spirits around me. I'm concerned about my psychic ability in relation to my clients. If I pick up on abuse in the mind of a child, for example, am I obligated to report it?

Being psychic is as natural to me as my having blue eyes. It will never go away. I must now find the means to manage it. I don't want a career as a medium. I'm dedicated to the profession I have chosen. Can you offer me advice? — GIFTED IN NEW YORK

DEAR GIFTED: Instead of using your visions to form judgements about your clients, use them to guide you during interviews. If you do, you then will be better equipped to provide concrete proof of the need for an intervention than revealing you "saw" something others can't see or wasn't disclosed to you.

Many people have psychic abilities to a greater or lesser degree than you do, and those "vibes" can be invaluable. It is possible your gift will give you insight into the individuals you will serve. I wish you success.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has turned into a bona fide slug! We have been married 30 years. For half of them she stayed fit and trim, but over the past 15 she has put on 100 pounds and refuses to try to lose any of it. She also refuses to cook. I have to cook my own meals or we eat out. She no longer cleans (we pay a maid) or has sex with me.

She is obviously depressed and has taken several medications over the years to no avail. She has had lab work done, but nothing shows up. Because she doesn't have a job, she sits around in her pajamas all day playing on the computer or reading romance novels. She'll do laundry, but only after a month, when there's nothing left to wear.

The other thing my wife likes to do is travel. The more expensive the trip, the more she loves it. Does God really expect me to live like this until I die? I have tried everything I can think of to help her. I dread going home every night. Advice, please? — LIVING IN HELL IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR LIVING IN HELL: The marriage you have described isn't "living," it is existing. Insist, as a condition of staying in the marriage, that your wife have a thorough physical and psychological evaluation. She appears to be depressed, withdrawn and possibly not in touch with reality. Her physical health is also at risk.

Not every medication works on everyone. Your wife's weight gain may have made the dose she was taking ineffective — or she may need a combination of drugs and talk therapy. Clearly she isn't happy in your marriage anymore either, if she's escaping into romance novels instead of having a relationship with you. Please get her the help she appears to so desperately need.

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Wednesdays in the Reporter-Telegram's West Texas Living section

'Pink slime' critics fight ammonia-treated meat product

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — "Pink slime" just went from a simmer to a boil.

In less than a week earlier this month, the stomach-turning epithet for ammonia-treated ground beef filler suddenly became a potent rallying cry by activists fighting to ban the product from supermarket shelves and school lunch trays.

Though the term has been used pejoratively for at least several years, it wasn't until last week that social media suddenly exploded with worry and an online petition seeking its ouster from schools lit up, quickly garnering hundreds of thousands of supporters.

"It sounds disgusting," said food policy expert Marion Nestle, who notes the unappetizing nickname made it easier for the food movement to flex its muscles over this cause.

"A lot of people have been writing about it. Therefore, more people know about it, therefore more people are queasy about it, particularly when you start thinking about how this stuff turns up in school lunches," said Nestle, a professor at New York University's Department of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health.

The controversy centers on "lean finely textured beef," a low-cost ingredient in ground beef made from fatty bits of meat left over from other cuts. The bits are heated to about 100 F and spun to remove most of the fat. The lean mix then is compressed into blocks for use in ground meat. The product, made by South Dakota-based Beef Products Inc., also is exposed to "a puff of ammonium hydroxide gas" to kill bacteria, such as E. coli and salmonella.

There are no precise numbers on how prevalent the product is and it does not have to be labeled as an ingredient. Past estimates have ranged as high as 70 percent; one industry official estimates it is in at least half of the ground meat and burgers in the United States.

It has been on the market for years and federal regulators say it meets standards for food safety. But advocates for wholesome food have denounced the process as a potentially unsafe and unappetizing example of industrialized food production.

The epithet "pink slime," coined by a federal microbiologist, has appeared in the media at least since a critical 2009 New York Times report. Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver has railed against it and it made headlines after McDonald's and other major chains last year discontinued their use of ammonia-treated beef.

But "pink slime" outrage seemed to reach new heights last week amid reports by The Daily and ABC News. The Daily piece dealt with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's purchase of meat that included "pink slime" for school lunches.

The story touched a nerve with Houston resident Bettina Siegel, whose blog "The Lunch Tray" focuses on kids' food. On March 6, she started an online petition on Change.org asking Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to "put an immediate end to the use of 'pink slime' in our children's school food."

"When I put it up, I had this moment of embarrassment," she said, "What if only 10 people sign this?"

No problem there. Supporters signed on fast. By Wednesday afternoon, the electronic petition had more than 220,000 signatures. Organizers of Change.org said the explosive growth is rare among the roughly 10,000 petitions started there every month.

Meanwhile, Google searches for "pink slime" spiked dramatically. It has become the food version of Joseph Kony, the rogue African warlord virtually unknown in the United States until this month, when an online video campaign against him caught fire.

But why is "pink slime" striking a nerve now?

Issues can to go from a simmer to an explosion when content with broad interest — such as food safety — is picked up and disseminated by widely connected people, said Marc A. Smith, director of the Social Media Research Foundation. These people act like "broadcast hubs," dispersing the information to different communities.

"What's happening is that the channels whereby this flood can go down this hill have expanded," Smith said. "The more there are things like Twitter, the easier it is for these powder kegs to explode."

Pat Sullivan/AP

Bettina Siegel, center, poses with her son Asher, 9, and daughter Lily, 12, at their home March 12 in Houston. Siegel, whose blog "The Lunch Tray" focuses on kids' food, was so upset over a report of ammonia-treated meat trimmings in school lunches she started an online petition asking Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to "put an immediate end to the use of 'pink slime' in our children's school food." As of Monday she had more than 175,000 online signatures.

In this case, Siegel thinks the added element of children's school lunches could have set off this round.

"That's what upset me. This idea that children are passively sitting in a lunch room eating what the government sees fit to feed them and McDonald's has chosen not to use it, but the government is still feeding it to them," she said. "That really got my ire."

The USDA — which did not directly address Siegel's petition — buys about a fifth of the food served in schools nationwide. The agency this year is contracted to buy 111.5 million pounds of ground beef for the National School Lunch Program. About 7 million pounds of that is from Beef Products Inc., though the pink product in question never accounts for more than 15 percent of a single serving of ground beef.

"All USDA ground beef purchases must meet the highest standards for food safety. USDA has strengthened ground beef food safety standards in recent years and only allows products into commerce that we have confidence are safe," agency spokesman Aaron Lavallee said in an email.

Beef Product Inc. stresses its product is 100 percent lean beef and is approved by a series of industry experts. The company's new website, pinkslimeisamyth.com, refutes some common criticisms of the product ("Myth 4: Boneless lean beef trimmings are produced from inedible meat").

The National Meat Association also has joined the fight, refuting that the product is made from "scraps destined for pet food" and other claims. The industry group also said ammonium hydroxide is used in baked goods, puddings and other processed foods.

Association CEO Barry Carpenter, who has visited BPI plants and watched the process, said critics don't seem to have the facts.

"It's one of those things. It's the aesthetics of it that just gets people's attention," Carpenter said. "And in this case, it's not even legitimate aesthetics of it. It's a perception of what it is."

Proponents of the process stress that it is both federally regulated and safe. Though Nestle said the focus on safety misses the larger point.

"I'm not arguing that that stuff is unsafe," she said, "I'm arguing that it's the lowest common denominator."

Fear of low blood sugar hinders diabetes control

Dr. Stephen Ponder

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In many ways, our fears influence every decision we make in life. Let's face it, most of us are afraid of something. Sometimes the things we fear are real, like bugs and snakes. Other times we fear a possibility or the unknown. Fear is a basic and necessary emotion, but we can't let it control our lives in a destructive way. Diabetics harbor fears of many kinds. Some fears can be healthy whereas others can be very self-destructive.

We know poor control of diabetes results in greater risk of long-term health problems and reduced life expectancy. But tighter control of diabetes, aimed at getting blood sugar levels closer to non-diabetic levels, is associated with a higher chance of frequent episodes of low blood sugar, called hypoglycemia. And as a diabetic on insulin therapy lives longer with the disease, the possibility for more dramatic swings in their blood sugar levels becomes more likely.

A term has been created to describe a set of behaviors that arise from experiencing episodes of uncomfortable and even disabling low blood sugar. It's aptly called "fear of hypoglycemia." Persons with this condition avoid low blood sugars at all costs, either by overeating or reducing or omitting insulin injections or oral medications. Given the importance of improved blood sugar control and positive health outcomes in diabetics of all ages, frequent low blood sugar events become a barrier many diabetics must deal with in a constructive rather than self-destructive fashion.

The loss of physical and mental control that can accompany a severe low blood sugar can be disconcerting and at times publically embarrassing for the person with diabetes or those loved ones around them. According to a recent study, more than half of insulin-taking diabetics avoid regular exercise because of a fear of severe low blood sugar and loss of control or unconsciousness. The study also suggested diabetics with the greatest fear of low blood sugar had the poorest overall control of their diabetes. In adults with proven fear of hypoglycemia, one study discovered one in four also met the diagnostic criteria for a post-traumatic stress disorder.

And fear of hypoglycemia is not limited to the diabetic patient. Parents or other adult caregivers of children with diabetes who may witness repeated episodes of low blood sugar in their kids can develop this fear too. In an effort to avoid any low blood sugar, there may be excessive blood sugar checks, under-treatment with insulin and even overfeeding encouraged to keep the child's blood sugars running much higher than they should be.

Fear of hypoglycemia is real and can be very hard to change. Diabetics on insulin living alone are fearful a sudden and expected low blood sugar might happen resulting in a loss of control or even physical harm with no one nearby to help. But learning more about the how insulin, food and exercise interact with each other absolutely can help the diabetic live a more independent lifestyle.

Many diabetics are poorly educated regarding how insulin actually works. If properly empowered with that knowledge, it should not be surprising more diabetics can make better choices about their exercise options. I exercise almost daily and have had type 1 diabetes for 45 years. My diabetes self-care knowledge is my best defense against low blood sugar. Special training programs have been developed to better educate diabetics on the steps that can be taken to reduce the chances of low blood sugar and be better able to discover them early before they have the ability to impair the person or child.

Technological tools shown to buffer the daily swings in blood sugar levels include the proper use of an insulin pump, and more recently the widespread availability of continuous glucose monitoring sensor technology. These sugar sensors worn externally on the arm or abdomen can alert the user to an impending low blood sugar event which allows enough time to take corrective action before serious symptoms occur.

New tools to measure the level of fear of hypoglycemia have been developed recently and are being used in research settings to help us better understand this very real problem that undermines the blood sugar control of both children and adults with diabetes.

Robin Kingham

Robin Kingham is real estate account executive for the Reporter-Telegram.

Coaches offer advice, encouragement for half-marathons

Robin Kingham is the real estate account representative for the Reporter-Telegram. Last year she completed two half-marathons and raised more than $8,000 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America through the Team Challenge program. This year she has signed up for two more races and is serving as a mentor for both. For more information or to make a donation email Robin at rkingham@mrt.com.

Because I'm running 26.2 miles in a three-week span, I've decided to offer mile sponsorships as a way to reach my fundraising goals. In return for a donation of $250, a mile sponsor will get their name, business logo or the name of someone in whose honor they want me to run on my race-day jersey. I'll list the mile sponsors on my fundraising website. I'm considering giving text updates to the mile sponsors during the races, however, I'm not sure how that detail will work exactly. If you would like to sponsor one of my 26.2 miles, email me at rkingham@mrt.com or just give me a call at 687-8876.

Speaking of completing two half-marathons with just three short weeks between races, I should let you know I'm not worried. I haven't been worried. I'm just wondering how I'll be able to do it and live to give you all a recap afterward!

Instead of worrying, I decided the best way to find the answers to my questions was to ask the professionals — Team Challenge national walk coach, Dave McGovern and Team Challenge national run coach, Melissa Spooner. My question was, "how do I approach training for the two races?"

"If you use Virginia as your main focus you'll be shot by Kona. Three weeks is plenty of time to recover from a reasonably hard effort (Virginia) and you'll do great in Kona. Just don't taper too much for Virginia, and push it at a 'comfortably hard' pace rather than all-out and you'll be fine," McGovern said.

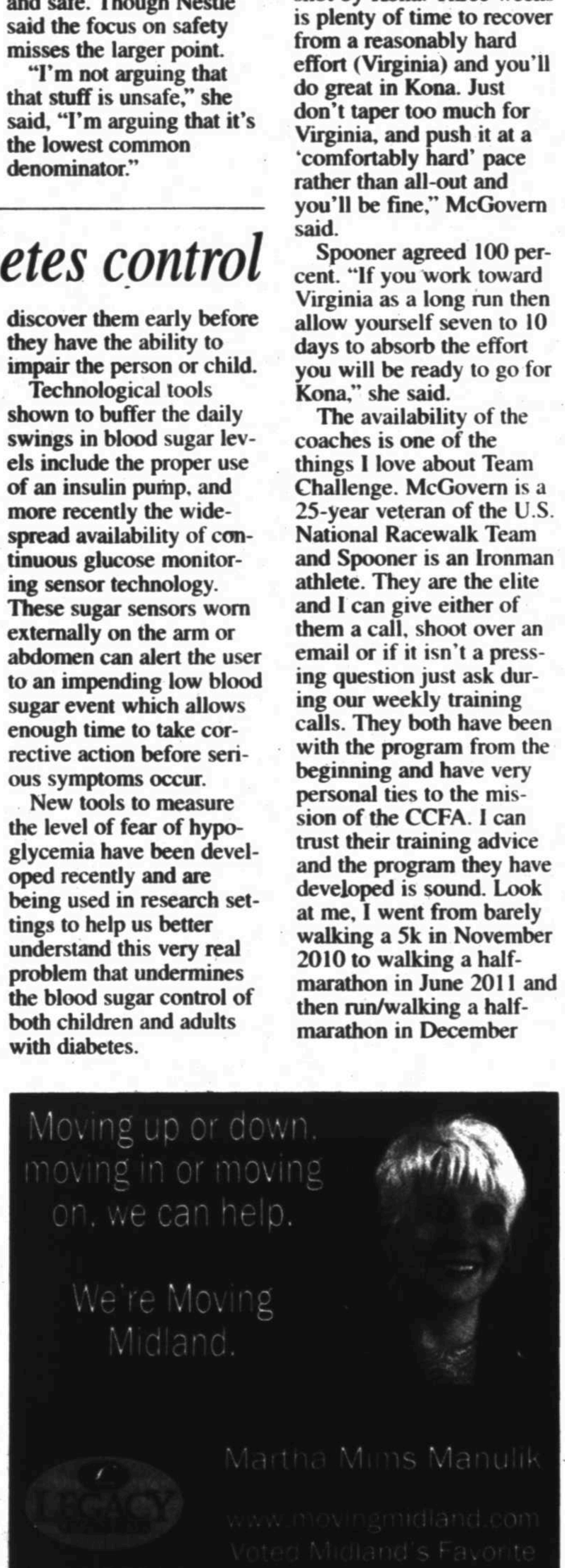
Spooner agreed 100 percent. "If you work toward Virginia as a long run then allow yourself seven to 10 days to absorb the effort you will be ready to go for Kona," she said.

The availability of the coaches is one of the things I love about Team Challenge. McGovern is a 25-year veteran of the U.S. National Racewalk Team and Spooner is an Ironman athlete. They are the elite and I can give either of them a call, shoot over an email or if it isn't a pressing question just ask during our weekly training calls. They both have been with the program from the beginning and have very personal ties to the mission of the CCFA. I can trust their training advice and the program they have developed is sound. Look at me, I went from barely walking a 5k in November 2010 to walking a half-marathon in June 2011 and then run/walking a half-marathon in December 2011 with the hopes of running two half-marathons in June. I have to give huge thanks to my coaches and I'd like to share a little bit more about them.

Although recognized world-wide as a top marathon walking athlete, author and coach, McGovern points to his work with Team Challenge as one of his proudest achievements. McGovern has been the national walk coach for Team Challenge since the program's inception, and has served as run coach for Team Long Island since 2008. His interest in Team Challenge was sparked by his personal connection to CCFA's mission — his wife, Loretta, has colitis. In 2007 Loretta raced in Miami at the US Trials for the Pan Am Cup of Race Walking to be held in Brazil the following month. She made the team, but ended up with a serious case of ischemic colitis that put her in the hospital for three days. The morning she was released they were sitting by the pool when McGovern got a call from Staci Brown, the former national events director for Team Challenge, asking if he knew about Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. By the end of the call Brown offered McGovern the national walk coach position and he enthusiastically accepted. You can visit his website at www.racewalking.org.

Spooner started out as an age-group Ironman athlete and worked up the ranks to become one of the best in the world. She has raced worldwide in more than 20 Ironman events, has claimed three Ironman Championships (IM Lanzarote 1998, IM New Zealand 1999, IM USA 2000), and finished a personal best fourth at the World Championships in Hawaii in 1998. With all of her success in sports competition, one of Spooner's most fulfilling achievements in sports is her involvement with CCFA and Team Challenge. Although she didn't realize it then, the timing was perfect. In 2006 her husband, Chris, was in the hospital undergoing his second emergency surgery because of his IBD. She phoned CCFA in New York and wanted to know what was being done to get more funds and awareness around this disease. By 2008 Team Challenge was up and running and Spooner is proud to be part of this amazing team of individuals. "Here is to a most fabulous journey where the finish line ends with a cure," she said. Visit Spooner's website at www.endurancehealthandfitness.com.

Join our efforts by making a donation today. Make your check payable to CCFA and mail to Robin Kingham C/O MRT, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, 79701.



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ENGAGEMENTS

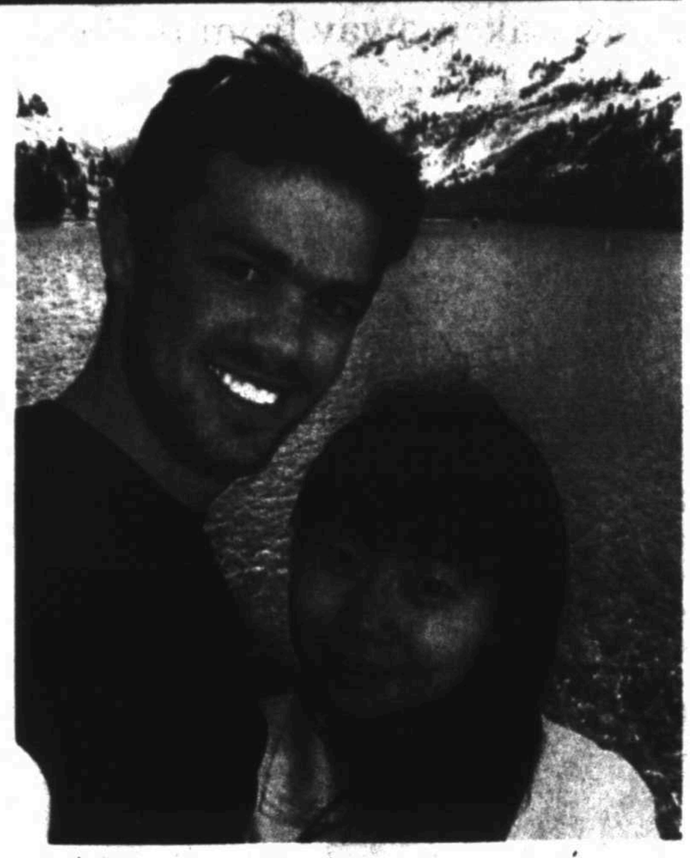
Thomas - Rothschild

Gilbert and Susan Cuadra of Whidbey Island, Washington, formerly of Midland, Texas, are delighted to announce the engagement of her daughter, Cheryl Rose Thomas, to Dr. Andrew Sloane Rothschild, son of Mrs. Sandy Rothschild of Silver Spring, Maryland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Ed Thomas of Midland, Texas. Cheryl is the granddaughter of the late John F. and Barbara Andrews of Tallahassee, Florida, and the late Ed W. and Annie Thomas of Big Spring, Texas.

Cheryl is a 1998 graduate of Midland High School in Midland, Texas. While in high school, she performed with, and is currently a life member of, Midland Festival Ballet. She is a 2003 graduate of Marymount Manhattan College in New York City, New York, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and was a member of, and performed with, MMC Dance Company. Cheryl earned a Teaching Certificate from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, in 2011. She is presently pursuing employment in dance education.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of the late Samuel and Jeanne Pemstein of Silver Spring, Maryland. Andrew is a 1987 graduate of JFK High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. He received his BS in Biology/Saxophone from Baldwin-Wallace College and Conservatory in Berea, Ohio, in 1991. He went on to earn an MS in Biophysics and Physiology from Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. in 1992. In 1998 he received a Master of Public Health in Medical Administration, and in 1999, an MD from the George Washington University School of Public Health and School of Medicine. During 2002, Dr. Rothschild completed his residency and Board Certification in Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine at the Children's Hospital at Sinai of Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland. He worked as a pediatrician until 2005, after which he became a Medical Director in Healthcare Consulting. Dr. Rothschild is currently employed by Forensic Technologies International Healthcare Consulting in addition to being a public speaker at national medical conferences and writing a book for children.

The couple, who reside in Austin, Texas, are to be wed at the Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland, on June 23, 2012.



Hannon - Kawachi

Ted and Susan Hannon of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Trevor Michael Hannon, to Rie Kawachi, daughter of Setsuko and the late Nobuhiro Kawachi of Arita, Japan.

Trevor holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech and a Master in Biomedical Engineering from Cornell University and currently works in Hayward, California as a Medical Device Engineer.

Rie earned a B.A. from Seinan Gakuin University and an M.A. in Applied Linguistics from Texas Tech and works as a Translation Production Assistant in Berkeley, California. In addition to her studies, Rie has taught Japanese at Texas Tech and Vanderbilt University.

The couple plan a summer wedding in the San Francisco Bay Area followed by receptions in Texas and Japan.

McKinney - Bayley

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bayley are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Bryan Len Bayley, to Miss Katherine Elizabeth McKinney, daughter of Jimmie Dean McKinney of Lynchburg, VA and the late Clara Elizabeth McKinney.

Bryan is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper of Midland, TX and the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bayley.

Bryan graduated from Midland Christian School in 1998 and Texas A&M (College Station, TX) in 2002 and is employed by Reel FX Creative Studios in Dallas, TX. Katie graduated from Texas State University in 2008 and is employed by Collin County MHMR in Dallas, TX.

Katie and Bryan are planning a May 5th wedding in Addison, TX.

WEDDINGS

Kounce - Luna

Congratulations to Saul and Jessica Luna. They were married March 17, 2012.

Saul is a 2005 graduate of Midland High School and works for Endura Chemical Company. Jessica is a 2006 graduate of Lee High School and works for Security Bank. She will graduate from UTPB in May with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

The couple resides in Midland after a honeymoon in San Diego.

ANNIVERSARIES

Leps 50th Anniversary

Edward and Linda Leps celebrated their 50th anniversary in January. A celebration was hosted by their children, Ed and his wife, Melissa and their children, Jack and Lee of McKinney, Texas; son, Ted Leps of Bridgeport, Texas; daughter, Johanna and her husband, Jan de Jager and their children, Artemisa, Annika, Matthew and Bennet of Houston,. Texas; daughter, Catherine and her husband, Manuel Guerrero and their children, John Edward and Michael Louis of Austin, Texas.

The renewal of vows took place at St. Stephen's Catholic Church and was celebrated by Monsignor James P. Bridges with family and friends in attendance. The Lone Star Brass, Bert Bostic and Carmina Aguilar provided music for the Mass.

The reception was held at Midland Country Club with a social, dinner and dance. The entertainment was provided by the Corner Pockets.

Edward Louis Leps and Linda Louise Thompson were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony January 13, 1962 at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Aberdeen, Mississippi. They met in Amarillo, Texas in the church choir. Edward was working as a salesman and Linda as a registered nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leps would like to thank all who attended and celebrated their 50 years of marriage as well as appreciation for the musicians, Monsignor James P. Bridges and staff at the Midland Country Club for all the hard work and excellent service provided to help make celebrating 50 years a wonderful success. Here's to 50 more!

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Saving space: Making switch to digital collections clears clutter

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Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Sometimes certain realities of physics make you take drastic steps. For Christina Gomez, it took 900 square feet, the size of the home she shares with her husband, to make her get rid of hundreds of books, DVDs and CDs — part of three storage units of stuff she was holding on to — and go almost completely digital with the music, TV shows, movies and books she consumes.

A year and a half ago, the couple, both political consultants who do work in both Austin and San Antonio, combined husband Evan's apartment goods with the items from Christina's big house.

"It really did look like an episode of 'Hoarders,'" Gomez said, "Something has to give. I Half-Priced everything," she said, referring to the chain of Dallas-based stores that buys used books and other media.

Though her husband still insists on keeping a shelf of books he loves ("He's one of those 'out of my cold, dead hands' types," Gomez jokes), she only has 15 books left and two DVDs — "The Royal Tenenbaums" and "The Eagles: Hell Freezes Over."

She listens to digital music she ripped from CDs she owned and on the digital music service Spotify. The couple watches movies and TV shows on Hulu, Netflix and Amazon with an iMac computer hooked up to their TV. And with an iPad and two Amazon Kindles in the home, Christina always has ebooks to read.

Her home is near downtown San Antonio, but she keeps an apartment in Austin for the legislative season. Because of her cramped living quarters and constant mobility, she's glad she did the Great Purge on her discs and books. "When you're a political consultant, you move all the time, for races. Clients need you. You can't really be bogged down with a humongous collection of books."

The early purgers

Gomez might be an extreme case, but she's not alone. Sales of electronic books last year surpassed sales of printed books, and sales of digital music on services such as iTunes and Amazon MP3 topped CDs and vinyl for the first time, taking 50.3 percent of the market in 2011, according to a Nielsen and Billboard report.

But as shoppers shift to digital content, that doesn't necessarily mean they're clearing their shelves of jewel-boxed CDs and heavy hardbacks in one big purge.

For one thing, the market might be getting saturated if you're trying to sell your collections. Jason Spears, owner of Cheapo Records, Austin's go-to place for selling used CDs, said his store isn't buying as much as it used to and not offering as much money for CDs and DVDs as it once did. The store already has about 70,000 CDs, 100,000 vinyl records and more than 20,000 DVDs available.

"I tell people a lot of the time that they have great stuff, but if you had brought it to me a year ago, I could have offered you $300. Now it's maybe $100," he said. "I can't pay $5 a disc like I used to because I might not be able to sell it."

Spears said he does still see sellers come in with 300 discs to get rid of because they're going digital, but most of the early adopters who were filling up their iPods four or five years ago no longer are buying or selling in the physical world. "People have purged their collections already and now they're done," Spears said. He joked, "Now would be a great time for the Great Digital Wipeout so everyone has to come in and rebuy them all over again."

Keith Gaddis, one of the founders and chief technology officer at Austin start-up PublikDemand, has been clearing out boxes of CDs since the early 2000s. He said he values the convenience of online music, quick-download ebooks and movie streaming over what he sees as cumbersome physical formats.

"I can carry hundreds of thousands of books in my backpack. I've always hated physical media because it gets scratched up," Gaddis said.

His family keeps a few DVDs in the house, like Disney movies for his young son, but even some of those movies have been converted to digital formats Gaddis can access easily on a video-streaming device connected to the TV.

He might buy a vinyl album or a collector's item once in a while to help out struggling musicians, but overall, "I haven't bought CDs in years." Even his vast collection of MP3s has been forgotten in favor of searchable music services that deliver whatever he wants instantly. "I found I was never listening to it (his music collection). I used to be a real pack rat about my life. But the clutter has been gone for so long that I don't really think about it anymore."

A more gradual shift

Lorie Marrero, a professional organizer who runs the website ClutterDiet.com, said most of us don't digitize and ditch our media collections in one fell swoop the way Gomez did. "Most people make these transitions gradually rather than all at once," she said. "They start using the new medium, convert (or) repurchase some old things they want to have for sure, and eventually they purge the things they weren't using anyway."

Marrero said one thing many don't consider when they give away or sell their old CDs or DVDs is they no longer legally own the digital copies they have ripped and kept on their computers and mobile devices. Though we've yet to see a wave of lawsuits or criminal charges for that kind of copyright violation (record companies tend to go after online file sharing instead), penalties can run from $250 to $750,000 and even involve prison time.

There are other drawbacks to going digital: Digital music often lacks the artwork and liner notes you'd find in a CD or vinyl album, and in the case of TV shows and movies, online services like Netflix and Hulu can have a spotty selection that's subject to change at any time. A digitally downloaded season of a TV show is also more difficult to lend out to a friend than, say, a DVD set of "Breaking Bad."

"I get along with the wolves. They've been in a bad situation, which I've been in most of my life. Most of them are afraid, taken away from the only thing they knew.

— Stanley McDonald
U.S. Navy veteran

Nick Ut

Center co-founder Mathew Sinmans, above, pets one of 29 rescued wolf dogs Jan. 1, at The Lockwood Animal Rescue Center in Lockwood, Calif. RIGHT: Lorin Linder, co-founder and president of the Lockwood Animal Rescue Center sits with one of the 29 rescued wolf dogs at the center in Lockwood, Calif.

Veterans tame wolf-dogs at California rescue center

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's been three months since a California animal rescue center retrieved 29 wolf-dogs from an Alaska tourist attraction that had fought the state over owning, breeding and selling the wolf-hybrids. Chains were so deeply embedded in the necks of two of the animals they had to be surgically removed. Many developed limps because they'd never used the pads of their feet.

Now the task of taming the wolf-dogs has been given to three U.S. military veterans who say they can relate to the stress of trying to transition to a normal life. The program is called "Warriors and Wolves."

"I get along with the wolves," said one of the three, Stanley McDonald, a 10-year Navy vet who has been foreman of the Lockwood Animal Rescue Center in Frazier Park, about 75 miles northwest of Los Angeles, for 4 1/2 years.

McDonald said he knows what it is like to be homeless, alone and lost. "They've been in a bad situation, which I've been in most of my life. Most of them are afraid, taken away from the only thing they knew," he said.

"A great number of people are coming back from a combat environment and that's as stressful as can be. It's difficult to transition from that to civilian life," said William "Buzz" Varley, a Lockwood volunteer and retired Navy man who works for the California Department of Transportation.

The wolf-dogs now are thriving in small packs of two to six animals after joining 12 wolf-dogs already at the shelter, according to Lorin Lindner, who founded Lockwood with her husband, Navy veteran Matthew Simmons, in 2008.

Lindner said the wolf-dogs, who normally travel up to 40 miles a day, had been tethered in Alaska. Once they had room to run at Lockwood, they went lame because their muscles were not acclimated to the exercise.

"It's taken three months, but we are just now noticing them running without limps," Lindner said.

The animals are fed high-priced, high-quality kibble made of buffalo, venison and game birds, in addition to five to 10 pounds of meat each day. As part of a landfill diversion program, markets in the area give the rescue group their expired meats "so we are not killing any additional animals to feed the wolf-dogs," Lindner said.

In Alaska, they had been fed raw moosemeat to keep them looking good so tourists could get close enough to the animals to take their pictures for a $5 fee.

Before the wolf-dogs arrived, Lindner and Simmons were running the sanctuary on $10,700 a month. But with the new arrivals, that's jumped to $15,500 a month, including salaries for the three veterans. To help pay the bills, Lindner and Simmons are inviting supporters of the sanctuary to volunteer, donate or sponsor a veteran or a wolf-dog or plant a fruit tree (it helps feed birds) in honor of a loved one.

Lindner, Simmons, the vets and volunteers built enclosures for the animals on their 20-acre sanctuary. Standing 10 feet tall, the enclosures include dig guards that are buried 5 feet deep.

Because some of the animals have bad hips and arthritis, Simmons is building soft-webbed trundle beds so they can sleep off the ground. They've put out a plea to firehouses since old fire hose makes the best webbing.

Lindner's veterinarian took the sickest wolf-dog (she has another hybrid) and four of the animals have gone to other rescues.

Eight others will be placed with other sanctuaries if those centers can build the proper enclosures.

Besides the wolf-dogs, Lockwood has four rescued horses, 16 parrots, six peacocks and a duck. "We rescued 33 koi fish from a house that was in foreclosure. My husband made a 200,000-gallon pond and now we have thousands of fish," Lindner said.

Lindner and Simmons also built a parrot sanctuary at the Greater Los Angeles Veteran's Administration Healthcare System complex, where Lindner worked as clinical director of New Directions, a program serving homeless veterans with drug or alcohol problems.

McDonald, 48, is the wolf program's biggest booster. He says he has been an alcoholic since he was 18. He spent 10 years in the Navy and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. "I wasn't a mean or angry drunk," he said. "I would just take everything we had to buy alcohol."

Lindner met McDonald at New Directions, before "Warriors and Wolves." McDonald says he's learned from the animals and knew if he could help them, he could help himself. "I made a wonderful change," he said.

Since working with the animals, he's begun reconciling with his ex-wife and reconnected with a son, now 19, whom he'd lost touch with. His son didn't trust him at first, McDonald said.

"It took some work by both of us. It took a lot of forgiving," said McDonald. "I'm back with my family doing things I love to do."

Paintings of dogs fetch high prices at art auctions

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dogs seem to be as popular on a canvas these days as they are on a leash, with paintings of dogs drawing big bucks and big crowds.

At the annual "dogs only" art auction held after the Westminster Dog Show, two price records were broken this year, said Alan Fausel, vice president and director of fine art at Bonhams, the auction house that runs the event.

"Dejeuner," a painting that shows dogs and cats eating from a large dish, set a record for the artist, William Henry Hamilton Trood (1860-1899), when it sold for $194,500, Fausel said. That record was broken an hour later when Trood's "Hounds in a Kennel," showing a half-dozen dogs staring at a bird outside their cage, sold for $212,500.

Bonhams' Dogs in Show & Field auction is the only one in the country devoted solely to dogs. It was the best auction in years, Fausel said, adding: "The dog art market is certainly turning a corner."

The William Secord Gallery in Manhattan is the only gallery in the nation dedicated exclusively to dog art. "We have had an increase in visitors over past years, but also a substantial increase in sales compared to this time last year," said Secord, widely considered the world's foremost authority on 19th century dog paintings. Through March 24, the gallery is exhibiting and selling 150 dog pieces that Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge bequeathed to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, N.J.

Secord has written six dog art books and has collected more than 2,500 works dating to 1805. He is also the founding director of the only art museum in the country dedicated to dogs, the American Kennel Club's Museum of the Dog. Secord opened his gallery because he didn't want to move when the museum relocated from New York to St. Louis.

The museum has more than 700 paintings, drawings, fine porcelains and bronzes on display, and gets about 12,000 visitors a year, a number that's been increasing steadily each year, said Barbara McNab, the museum's executive director.

The highest price ever paid for a dog painting belongs to George Stubbs (1724-1806). He painted mostly horses, but a 6-by-7-foot portrait of a Newfoundland sold for $3.6 million in 1999, Secord said.

Most of the dog art sold at the annual auctions are 19th century pieces, Fausel said, but there are a number of contemporary artists who have made names for themselves, such as Robert K. Abbett, 86, who lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Several years ago, Abbett was commissioned by dog art collector Bill Nicholson of Atlanta to paint a portrait of his beloved Beauregard, a beagle who died in 2001. "Beauregard was a soulful and loving dog," Nicholson said.

Abbett's 21-by-28-inch painting "is my most prized, most cherished. It's the one that goes over the fireplace," Nicholson said.

Nicholson has about 50 paintings. When he started collecting about 16 years ago, he spent a lot of time at antique stores and estate sales and kept an eye online. He finally decided the auction was his best bet. But he adds that he's "very disciplined" when bidding. "You can easily spend a lot more than you are planning to," he said.

"I am a collector who just buys charming things and puts them on the wall and enjoys them," he said.

Abbett, who started as an illustrator, painted hundreds of dogs through the years and has had work sell for as much as $50,000.

"Animals have always been a popular subject," Abbett said, although "you have to do what turns you on or it won't be your best work."

It always helps to meet the dog, Abbett said. Unlike early artists, contemporary painters have the advantage of cameras. "Photography was a godsend to an artist who could capture a scene and take it home and work on it at leisure," Abbett said.

American painter Cassius Marcellus Coolidge (1884-1934) was known for his whimsical, cartoonlike images of dogs playing poker. The Doyle Auction House in New York sold one of them in 2008 for $602,500. But while Coolidge's paintings and prints of gambling hounds have their devoted fans, they are not considered part of the canine art market, Secord said, because they are not realistic.

Bonhams used to include cats in its auctions, but a lack of cat paintings (and low prices) got them the boot, Fausel said.

For nearly two decades, Bonhams held its yearly auction in England, but it got "musty." About 13 years ago, the business moved it to New York, teamed up with Westminster and renamed it, Fausel said.

The bulk of the auction pieces are 19th century and feature purebred hunting dogs like setters, pointers and retrievers, Fausel said.

Contemporary artists go for what's popular. A half-century ago, because of television's "Lassie" and "Rin Tin Tin," collies and German shepherds were popular, Fausel said. Today, it's Labrador and golden retrievers. Historically, the Cavalier King Charles spaniel is the most popular dog ever painted, Secord said.

Secord sells original etchings for around $850 and oil paintings starting at $4,000. But dog art is not a good investment, he warned. "Buy it because you love it. If you want an investment, go to the stock market."

MIKE LEGGETT

Mike Leggett writes for the Austin American-Statesman.

With bow or rifle, axis deer are true trophies

UVALDE — Walking quietly on South Texas rocks is pretty much impossible.

Even with their adaptive footwear, I can hear the rattle and tink of loose limestone as they move along the hillside somewhere above my hiding spot.

Those hooves belong to axis deer that have successfully avoided Jack Brittingham and I for three days here on the Living Waters Ranch north of the Brush Country hub of Uvalde.

We came here to meet my old friend Jody Jackson and hunt for axis and blackbuck in the hills of the ranch, which runs along two miles of the Neches River.

Jackson's pre-hunt warning was prescient, not a word I'm accustomed to using with hunting and fishing guides, but one that applies here.

"We've had so much rain lately that these deer, especially the axis deer, aren't having to move very much to find something to eat," Jackson had said. "It's going to be tough to hunt them with a bow."

Bow hunters are used to the disadvantage, so we made the trip anyway. Just the scenery — wildflowers beginning to pop, giant yuccas in full bloom — would be worth the drive and maybe we'd get lucky. Rifles would swing things to our advantage, but where's the fun in that?

I am on a hillside above a dark, quiet and very green bottom along a well-used game trail.

"When those axis deer come up out of that bottom, they either come up to here and cross the fence to head over the mountain or they slide around the hill and cross on that game trail," Jackson had said.

We split up. Brittingham took the fence crossing. I took the trail.

Jackson has been guiding hunters on the Living Waters Ranch for several years now, focusing on parent-child hunts that give kids the chance to shoot something, anything. "We have axis and blackbuck, some fallow deer, red stags, oryx and mouflon rams," Jackson said.

The rams, with those tightly curled horns sweeping away from their heads and curling back down beneath their chins, are really impressive animals. Delicate and fancy in their tuxedo-like skins, the blackbucks are for sure prizes any bow hunter would love to see over one of his sight pins.

But the real prize, the one we came here for, is axis deer. Wild and wary, much tougher to hunt than a whitetail, axis are true trophies, with bow or rifle. They have those spectacular spotted coats and an ability to eat everything on the range, which means they're always fat, always healthy, rarely in need of corn at a feeder or any other special foods that hunters might throw at them.

"We have one buck that some people think might be a world record," Jackson had said. "I don't know that he is, but he's really big." Brittingham and I decide we'll try to outman him, even if we can't outwit him.

We saw him at a great distance on the first day.

On the second day, I watched a small herd of axis, with the big buck included, feeding across a flat several hundred yards away from where I sat scouting.

This morning Jackson saw a herd of axis deer slipping down into the pecan bottom. The big buck was with them.

That's when he sent me to the hillside trail and Brittingham to the fence crossing.

So here on the third day, the sounds of the herd are rolling down the hillside. Louder. I nock an arrow and prepare for a shot. I station my feet shoulder width, pull up my face mask and listen to the animals moving across the mountainside.

From his distant viewing point, Jackson can see the deer moving east to west on the hillside trail. From his position, Brittingham can see them moving east to west on the trail.

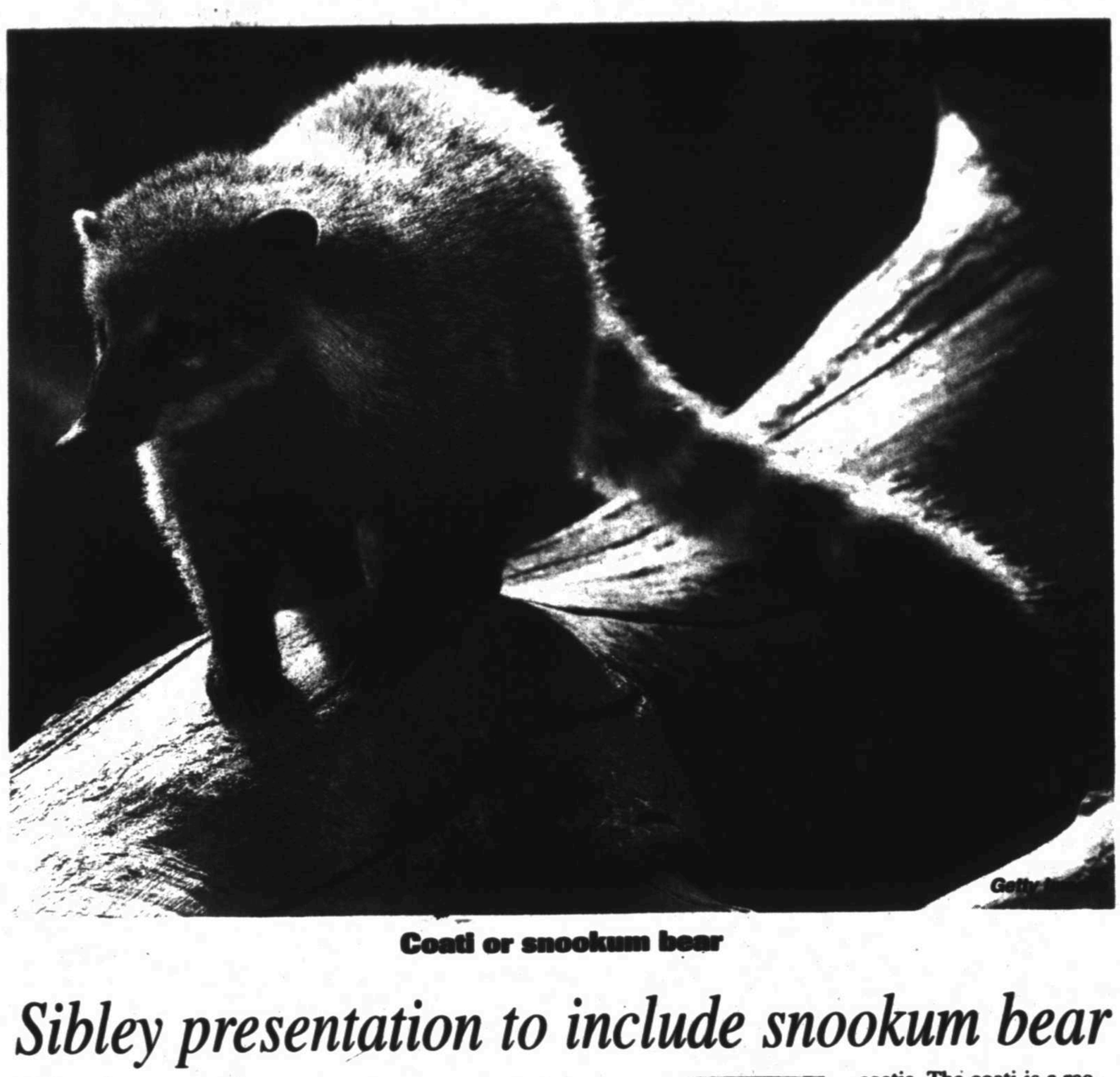
The sound begins to fade. No deer.

"Where were you?" Jackson asks later.

Yeh, says Brittingham, "They went right down that trail. I kept waiting to see the herd react when you took the shot. That big buck was right with them."

Me? I was on the wrong trail. A parallel trail. Just downhill. A trail unused.

Smelling the flowers, and holding my bow — which had become the most useless thing I brought on the trip.



Coati or snookum bear

Sibley presentation to include snookum bear

BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

Omnivores are cool. Humans are omnivores, and quite a few animals are omnivores. Foxes, coyotes and skunks will eat both plant material and meat, as will raccoons, opossums and snookum bears. (More on snookum bears in a moment.) Several folks have gotten to know their neighborhood gray fox — the Sibley Nature Center gets at least one telephone call, email, drop in or Facebook message every week from folks worrying about their cats and dogs being harmed by a fox. West Texas is the only place in the world with four species of fox — red, gray, kit and swift. Foxes eat mice, fallen fruit, some insects and pet food left outside. Gray foxes are the only canid (dog-like animal) in the world that can climb trees and telephone poles. People are often very surprised when they see a fox on the roof.

You will not see a coyote on the roof, or a skunk, thankfully! Coyotes are sometimes seen at the edge of town, but rarely in town except where prairie dogs have become established. Coyotes do pose a threat to small pets. Skunks are all over town, with their population density higher in town than in the surrounding pastureland. They are not a threat to pets, except to dogs who approach too close and get stunk up! Like foxes, skunks and coyotes feast on our garbage and pet food. Coyotes prefer larger food and skunks prefer insects, but both are ultimate opportunists.

A few people have tamed opossums but they are not the most friendly of souls, although a baby will cuddle with a human. Because they have many sharp teeth it is a poor idea to pick one up, although many possums will play dead when bothered. Possums are sometimes found in town. Their diet mainly consists of carrion and many opossums becomes roadkill. They also are known to eat insects, frogs, birds, snakes, small mammals, slugs and earthworms. They take advantage of unsecured garbage and pet food..

Raccoons also sometimes are found in town. One that learned to eat "pet" box turtles in people's backyards caused quite a stir years ago before it was trapped with a bait of anchovy paste and hauled 20 miles away from town. Young racoons sometimes are good pets, but as they age their inquisitive mind gets them into conflict with their owners. Most folks know about their habit of washing food. While their diet consists mostly of insects, worms and other animals, they eat active or large prey, preferring prey that is easier to catch, specifically fish, amphibians and crayfish. Bird nests (eggs and hatchlings) are preyed on frequently, too.

All of the above omnivores are relatively easy to find on the southern Llano Estacado. Snookum bears haven't ever been seen on the Llano Estacado, and only rarely in Texas. Old records indicate their original range included the mountains of the Trans-Pecos. Some recent anecdotal reports have come from the canyons of the Pecos and Devil's rivers, but most are from near Brownsville. Snookum bears are actually coatimundis, also known as coatis. The coati is a raccoon-like omnivore, but is more slender and possesses a longer snout. The coati is gregarious and noisy as it travel about in groups of female and young, each holding its tail almost erect and chattering with others. This mammal grows 30 to 55 inches long and stands 8 to 12 inches high at the shoulder. It can weigh from 10 to 25 pounds. Males are almost twice as large as females and usually travel alone. The coati has a long snout that is white near the tip and around the eyes, which often have dark patches above. The coati has small ears, dark feet and a long, thin tail up to two feet long with six or seven dark bands. Coatis are diurnal, spending most of the day foraging for food, which includes insects, lizards, roots, fruits, nuts and eggs. Bil Gilbert's "Chulo" a book about living with and studying coatis, is a classic.

Come see a snookums bear, an opossum and a raccoon from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday at the Sibley Nature Center. Dr. Jessica Todia and her staff not only will show off and talk about these animals, they also will have a scavenger hunt along the trail and some crafts in the building.

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Chef John DeShetler, above left, speaks to members of the Wounded Warrior Project taking part in a culinary bootcamp Feb. 15, at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. ABOVE RIGHT: Mark Engelsman, left, and Sandra Lee of the Wounded Warrior Project prepare a recipe during culinary bootcamp.

Wounded veterans regain bit of camaraderie in kitchen

Michael Hill
Associated Press

HYDE PARK, N.Y. — Julio Gerena is in a wheelchair, his long career in the U.S. Navy and Army forever behind him. But the 52-year-old recaptured some of the old military camaraderie while peeling potatoes and chopping cilantro in a crowded kitchen.

Gerena was among the first 16 wounded veterans who served during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to take part in a healthy cooking "boot camp" sponsored by the advocacy group Wounded Warrior Project. Former service members once consumed with patrols and sentry posts learned how to poach and saute at the Culinary Institute of America, the renowned cooking school on the Hudson River.

The veterans learned some kitchen tips, but seemed to enjoy even more the chance to spend four intense days with people who have faced similar hurdles.

"There are some things you can't really get into words, but the Wounded Warrior program is to me what being in uniform was before: the camaraderie, the trust," Gerena said after a long morning in the kitchen. "I met some of these people just a few days ago, but I share what they went through."

The Jacksonville, Fla.-based organization runs a range of programs for wounded veterans at locations ranging from college campuses to ski slopes. The group brought its first batch of veterans into the kitchen last month in partnership with the culinary institute. Most of the students served in the Army, but the Navy and the Marines were also represented. Their service-related wounds ranged from spinal cord injuries to post-traumatic stress disorder.

Over four days, they were lectured on the finer points of knife work or braising before heading to a classroom kitchen to turn the lesson into something edible for lunch or dinner.

One morning, the veterans scrambled to pan-sear salmon and saute chicken breasts under the guidance of Chef John DeShetler. As they clattered pans and joked about a return to kitchen patrol duty. DeShetler shouted out tips on carrot dicing and meat slicing.

"Now this is a flank steak! There's only two per animal, that's why they're so damn expensive. They used to give this away," DeShetler bellowed.

As DeShetler walked the kitchen, 24-year-old Steve Bohn carefully sautéed mushrooms for a ragout in a pan.

The Peabody, Mass., resident had cooked for a Whole Foods Market before the death of close friend in Iraq inspired him to join the Army in 2007. Bohn was severely injured the next year in Afghanistan when a dump truck packed with explosives collapsed the building he was in. He suffered severe spinal injuries and required reconstructive bladder surgery.

Bohn no longer needs a leg brace but he still had a hitch to his step as he moved through the kitchen. He knows he cannot resume his old kitchen career because he can't stand for long or lift heavy boxes. But he liked the feeling of pushing his limits and being behind a burner again.

"I lost the passion, kind of, after going to war and going through all that. I just want to get the passion back," he said.

The veterans came to the school north of New York City from around the Northeast and were assigned to one of four teams. Each team had to work together to execute a different recipe representing a balanced meal. The parallels to the military practice of assigning set teams to specified tasks was intentional, even if the mission here was to make a decent lunch.

While they want to teach veterans how to cook healthier — a particular concern for those with limited mobility — Wounded Warrior spokesman Pete Cataldo said they also want to give participants a chance to bond with each other. Like all Wounded Warrior programs, the culinary course ultimately is designed to "honor and empower" the veterans.

"They kind of draw veterans together instead of letting us kind of sink into the cracks. They're there," Gerena said. "If they don't hear from you, I always get a call, 'Hey, what's going on? How are you doing?'"

Gerena joined the Navy as a teen in 1976 and later did a stint in the Army Reserves. He was called back into active duty in 2004. He doesn't like to talk about his shoulder and back injuries. But he was hurt stateside and required surgeries before a decline that led to the wheelchair. He had been in law enforcement around New Orleans in his civilian life, but no longer could do that after his injury.

Gerena moved back to his family in New York City, where he said he can feel a sense of isolation rolling down a busy sidewalk. "Like a ghost," he said.

"Maybe because it's New York City ... I'm not that small a person in a wheelchair, but it just seems like I'm invisible to them, or sometimes maybe even a nuisance. Rush hour, wall of traffic, you get a wall of people walking at you, he's trying to get home, too. The Wounded Warrior Project stops that."

Wounded Warrior and the culinary institute will run two more boot camps at Hyde Park in March. There are hopes to expand the program to the culinary institute's campuses in northern California and San Antonio.

Kumquats: 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 lesser known but widely available ingredients.

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

There's really no way around it. Kumquats are an odd little fruit.

Visually, they resemble diminutive oranges. But they technically aren't citrus. And unlike oranges, it is the thin skin that is sweet, while the flesh is sour.

You probably won't find bushels of them at the grocer, but most stores will have a few pints (they usually are sold in the same containers as cherry tomatoes) tucked away among the "strange" produce offerings.

And they are worth looking for. Here's why:

In a tiny (about the size of a large olive), bright orange package, kumquats pack a puckeringly intense sweet-tart flavor that complements both sweet and savory dishes. They also make a mean cocktail.

Kumquats, which originated in China, are eaten whole — as in, skin and all. The seeds can be chomped, too. But that's a matter of taste.

I prefer to slice the kumquats in half and use the tip of the knife to pop out the seeds (it's easy). The halves are amazing drizzled with or dunked in a bit of honey.

Don't bother juicing them. Because the sweetness resides in the skin, you'll be disappointed. Better is to halve and seed one, then blend it into your smoothie. In general, the intensity of these flavor bombs means a little goes a long way.

Kumquat and Red Onion Salsa on Baked Haddock

Start to finish: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

2 eggs
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 cup panko breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 pounds haddock fillets, divided into 4 pieces
1 medium red onion, quartered
1/2 jalapeno pepper (with seeds if you like it hot)
2 cloves garlic
1/2 cup loosely packed fresh cilantro
1 pint kumquats, halved and seeded
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Salt and ground black pepper

Heat the oven to 400 F. Coat a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a wide, shallow bowl or pie pan, whisk together the eggs and flour. In a second similar bowl or pan, mix the breadcrumbs and salt.

One piece at a time, dip the haddock in the egg blend, turning to coat all sides, then dredge through the breadcrumbs, patting them on to cover evenly.

Arrange the haddock on the prepared baking sheet. Spritz the tops of the fish with cooking spray. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily.

Meanwhile, in a food processor combine the onion, jalapeno and garlic. Process until chopped. Add the cilantro and kumquats, then pulse to chop.

Transfer the kumquat mixture to a medium bowl. Stir in the olive oil, honey and lemon juice, then season with salt and pepper. Serve the haddock topped with the salsa.

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Ceramics grab spotlight in spring decor

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Ceramics are always a great supporting player on the home decor stage, but this season they're grabbing more of the spotlight.

Today's ceramists are exploring creative textures and finishes, and even the mass market is offering exciting new examples of the pottery arts. From velvety soft, lacy tealight holders to chunky, colorful platters, there's something for everyone.

You can choose to feature pottery prominently or enlist it as punctuation to other colors and textures in your room.

A piece with lots of pattern punch can be a conversation starter, whether it was created half a world away by a village artisan, or right in your own hometown.

Ceramics also can help tie a space together, picking up elements — a knitted motif or a color, say — that appear in artwork, throw pillows or rugs elsewhere in the room.

And ceramics are easy to change out when you tire of them.

Homegoods often has cool ceramics that resemble higher end versions. This spring, you'll find a Provence-style, rustic, mustard-hued lamp base with a honeycomb embossment, an array of chic bird-patterned plates in fine china, and several color-saturated glazed vessels in deep teal or cranberry.

Scandinavian design studio Ferm Living created an ethereal new collection for spring that includes matte white or terra cotta ceramic vases made of stacked spheres and polygons. A series of porcelain pieces, including a teapot and bowl, features a spear geometric in subtle organic tones of charcoal, pale pink, seafoam and curry.

Susan Dwyer, a sculpture major at art school in Chicago, was inspired by the clean, minimal lines of the city's industrial landscape to create a cool series of vessels evoking factory buildings, water towers and silos. All hand-formed, each piece has a unique organic look which is at odds with, yet complementary to, the manufactured structure it represents.

Amy Adams, the brains behind Brooklyn-based Perch studio, has designed a clever series of stacking cups with stenciled rosettes, flowers, garlands or triangles. Available in black and white or turquoise and white, these have a nice folk-arty look and would be versatile little repositories for drinks, flowers or trinkets.

One of the masters of ceramic art, Jonathan Adler, showed his Carnaby collection at the recent New York International Gift Fair. Pieces include the Waves tray and Acid lamp, featuring groovy '70s-inspired graphics. But Adler also has done a lovely group of nature-themed pottery pieces for which he threw the prototype and Peruvian artisans created the finished product. Motifs include leaves, seed pods and barnacles.

West Elm has Maria Moyer's pretty pierced tealight holders and stunning white orbed vases, which look like they were born in some far-off galaxy. A percentage of sales of her pieces benefit Oceana, a nonprofit marine conservation group. John Newdigate's fun blue-and-white-fish painted platters and fish-shaped serveware have a Japanese vibe.

West Elm/AP

Pierced tea lights and vases by Maria Moyer are shown at West Elm. Her collection is inspired by the ocean, and 5 percent of sales go to support Oceana, an international ocean conservation organization.

Boston artist Leah Piepgras may have created the ultimate ceramic conversation piece, however. At the New York fair, her Consumption series of porcelain plates was shown at the Model Citizens booth. For a limited edition produced by Pickard China, Piepgras uses anatomical illustrations to draw each stage of the digestive tract from mouth (the tea cup) to, well, the end of the line for food we eat (the dessert plate).

A result of her keen interest in the body and brain, Piepgras says her "map" is "a reminder of the processes that are taking place within you while you're eating, promoting an exercise in mindfulness."

Rendered in a blue-black palette that's less realistic than flesh tones, the plates are beautifully odd. At $750 a set, this would perhaps be better suited to display than dinner.

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Set realistic, inexpensive home design resolutions for this year

Melanie Warner Spencer
Houston Chronicle

From kitchen renovations to organizing and clearing out to finally painting the walls, why not resolve to get your nest looking its best in 2012?

Changes don't have to be expensive to make an impact.

"Setting realistic goals that provide immediate gratification, such as painting an accent wall or clearing the clutter with new home organization items ... can make a huge difference in your home's appearance immediately," said Jaclyn Pardini, a spokeswoman for Lowe's.

Artist Chandra Michaels of Sugarluxe art and accessories (www.sugarluxe.com) plans to spend at least part of the year pushing a paint brush. A relatively small investment in paint can provide dramatic improvements.

"As an artist I find I'm so much happier when surrounded by color," Michaels said. "I'm painting walls, the front door — in a retro aqua — love! And I have promised myself I'd finish painting our kitchen cabinets. The doors have been off the cabinet frames for 10 months."

Five Easy Updates

1. New lighting: Instantly updates a room.
2. Paint: Refresh a space or a piece of furniture.
3. Organization: Clear clutter, simplify.
4. Outdoor space: Hang a new mailbox or plant a colorful container garden.
5. Hardware: Add interest with cabinet or door hardware.

Source: Jaclyn Pardini of Lowe's

Dara Caponigro, editor-in-chief of Veranda magazine, resolved to have people over at least once per month in the new year. That will encourage her to focus on tablescapes, which she loves.

"I think setting a beautiful table can be such an expression of who you are and so satisfying because it's a little mini creative project," Caponigro said. "I understand that people are so busy, and it's difficult to find the time to entertain."

Caponigro said even if you are ordering takeout, you can wow guests with a fabulous tablescape.

"Tableware is so exquisite," Caponigro said. "I used to be the tabletop editor years ago at one of the magazines I worked for, so I guess I'm sort of a tabletop fanatic. It takes the ordinary to the extraordinary."

Freelance writer and blogger Therese McDonald Odell is setting her sites on the kitchen.

"I swear this is the year we are going to finally redo our kitchen," Odell said, then repeats herself with conviction.

But Pardini recommended a lighter approach.

"In today's economy, homeowners are thinking in terms of what needs to be done and focusing their time and money on refresh-type décor projects," Pardini said. "For example, instead of tackling a complete kitchen remodel, they may update the color and texture of their countertops and cabinets with a paint product called Cabinet and Countertop Transformations for a new look that costs less than $500. They also may update their recessed can lighting to pendant lights over a sink or kitchen island, install a tile backsplash and add new cabinet hardware for a fresh look."

Pardini advised experimenting in the kitchen with a bold hue of paint, because with limited wall space, the color won't overwhelm the room.

"Consider food-inspired paint colors," she said.

Even if you aren't particularly design-savvy, there are little things you can do to keep your home looking fresh and fabulous throughout the year.

"Keep things simple, and buy classics," Caponigro advised.

A sisal rug, a sofa that will never go out of style and white walls are a few ways to keep it clean and bright.

"Then you can change things out if you want to keep things current, change out your throw pillows, change out the little things," Caponigro said.

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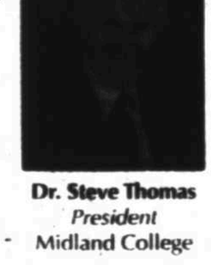

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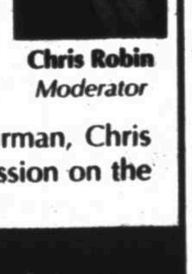

Chris Robin
Moderator

Our panel has been selected to provide a look at several facets of education in Midland - both private and public school options for elementary and secondary education as well as higher education.

The discussion will be moderated by the Chamber's Board Chairman, Chris Robin. As a local business owner, Mr. Robin will focus the discussion on the interdependence of business and education.

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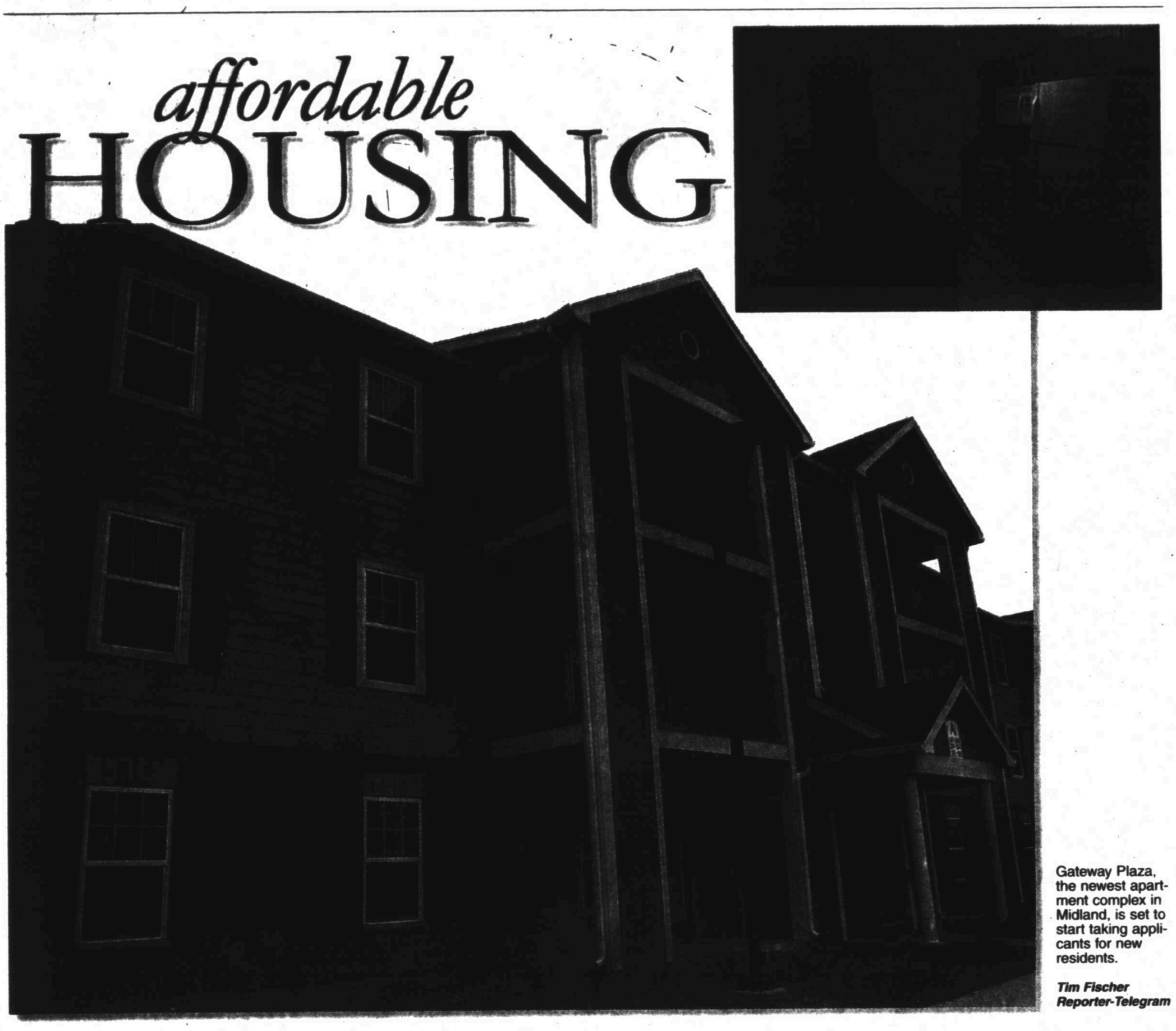

Gateway Plaza, the newest apartment complex in Midland, is set to start taking applicants for new residents.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

NAMES *in the news*

Simon Property Group Inc. has named **KURT WEBB** manager of Midland Park Mall.

As mall manager, Webb will manage all day-to-day operations, maintenance and tenant relations. Additionally, he will be responsible for overseeing the security and marketing functions of the center.

Before joining the Midland team, Webb held management roles in Austin at Simon's community and lifestyle centers. Before Webb's time in Austin, he honed his management skills at Lake Square Mall in Leesburg, Fla. Webb also was associated with Landmark Management where he focused on residential real estate supervision.

AUSTIN — Railroad Commission Executive Director **JOHN TINTERA** announced his retirement effective April 1 after 22 years of service to the Railroad Commission. Chairman Barry Smitherman and Commissioner David Porter announced that **POLLY McDONALD** will serve as interim executive director while the commission begins the search for a permanent executive director.

Tintera has been with the Railroad Commission since 1990, and was appointed executive director in February 2009.

His previous positions were deputy director of technical permitting and administrative compliance; assistant director of site remediation; manager of special response; and district office geologist in Wichita Falls. Before joining the Commission, Tintera worked for 19 years as a petroleum geologist in private industry.

Before her appointment as acting executive director, McDonald was the director of the commission's Pipeline Safety Division.

Before joining the Railroad Commission in 1992, McDonald spent 10 years at the Public Utility Commission, where she held the positions of hearings examiner, administrative law judge, assistant director of hearings, and director of hearings and secretary of the Commission.

Apartment complex works to put dent in housing need

■ Businesses say need for affordable housing still high.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Leaders at Wilhoit Properties say they hope the opening this month of its Gateway Plaza apartments will help put a dent in Midland's need for affordable housing.

The 96-unit complex that was built and will be managed by Missouri-based Wilhoit Properties aims to offer lower than market-rate rents to moderate and middle-income families, said Robert Davidson, chief financial officer and chief operating officer. Its complexes are run through Section 42 of the LIHTC Program of the Internal Revenue Code and utilize federal tax credits to provide "affordable" rental rates to qualifying families.

A two-bedroom, two bathroom apartment, for example, will go for between $225 and $625, Davidson said.

"We find the existing apartments down there to be fairly expensive," he said, of Midland. "Ours are very modern, very efficient, very nice-looking apartment complexes. We give them rent levels that normal working class people can afford."

The company has 75 properties in seven states, including complexes in nearby Big Spring, Levelland and Fort Stockton, he said.

Davidson said they've been looking at Midland for the last several years and were waiting to qualify for the rental credit program before moving in. He said the boom-bust cycle of the oil and gas industry makes the dynamic in Midland different. But, he added, for their business model it isn't a deterrent as it seems there's always a need for affordable housing.

"We've actually been looking at Midland for the last two or three years," he said. "A lot of it is just the demographics and the growth that it has had."

The first building at the complex could open for occupancy this week, said Gloria Ellington, manager at the company's Big Spring complex, who was working in Midland last week.

Even without apartments open, Ellington said their occupancy rate is nearing 100 percent.

About 76 of the 96 units were taken last week and applications were being processed for the remaining spaces. Because individuals have to qualify through their income level and family size, Ellington said it typically takes a few weeks to get through the application stage.

Thus far, she said, many of their future residents are single-parent families and elderly individuals living on fixed incomes. Most had reported to her they had few other housing options in town.

According to the Permian Basin Apartment Association, occupancy levels in Midland are at nearly 100 percent. Complexes reporting occupancy levels of below 100 percent already have pre-leased any empty units and most report having waiting lists for those wanting to move in, said Brent Lyday, association executive.

In non-subsidized apartment complexes, rent costs for a one bedroom have risen to between $700 and more than $1,000 per month.

Ellington said by keeping their prices at below average levels they aim to provide a place for moderate-income families who are working, but not necessarily making oil field wages.

The apartments also are open to certain full-time students who qualify and to adults who've just exited the foster care system, she said.

Advocates for affordable housing say the complex certainly won't solve the city's issue. But, they said, it at least will provide a place for some.

The Midland Affordable Housing Alliance is planning a June 28 conference it hopes will help to spur some ideas and possible investments in additional housing options, said Sylvester Cantu, community development administrator with the city of Midland.

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

BUSINESS SCENE

Alldredge unveils The Studio at The Gardens interior design center

Having closed Alldredge Home, David Alldredge is opening a new business, **THE STUDIO AT THE GARDENS**. The design business is located at Alldredge Gardens, 3300 Fairgrounds Road.

Manager Jan Smith and Teresa Nutt operate the design gallery and showroom and have a combined almost 50 years in the business.

They were at Chesapeake Interiors and Drexel Heritage, Smith noted, and then Alldredge Home.

"We've kept all the furniture lines," Smith said. "All the brands we used to have at Alldredge Home. Now we're a full-service design gallery and show room" with some furniture on display but mostly available by order through The Studio.

Smith said she and Nutt can assist with anything from choosing paint colors to flooring, selecting and placing furniture, accessorization, bedding. "We can do anything from the blueprint up."

MELLA McEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

She added that they serve not just Midland and Odessa but the surrounding area. "Our motto is have car, will travel," she said.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling 682-0029.

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MIDLAND PARK MALL is moving closer to completion of the renovations announced last spring.

With the shopping center's entrances renovated and new kiosks in place, mall owner Simon Property Group is now unveiling the new family restroom area in the Food Court. The new area stretches 1,531 square feet and features new sinks, updated counters, hand dryers, kid and adult-sized restrooms and changing stations as well as energy-efficient elements.

"We are excited to provide our shoppers with a sleek, updated family restroom that is double its previous size," said Kevin Church, director of marketing and business development. "This newly designed restroom is just one of many new aspects of the renovation to be unveiled in the coming months."

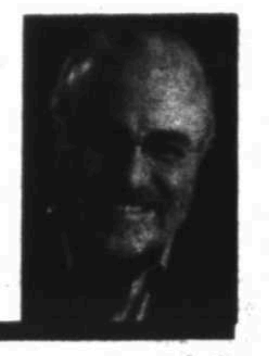
Work is also underway for new retailers headed to the mall, including Best Buy Mobile and a kiosk for Auntie Anne's Pretzels.

A grand re-opening celebration for the renovated mall is scheduled for April.

DAVE SAYS

Refresh budget monthly to handle variations in expenses

DAVE RAMSEY



Dear Dave,

I was wondering why you recommend doing a fresh budget every month. Once you've figured out your expenses and income, won't the same budget work month to month?

Kara

Dear Kara,

I understand what you're saying, but if you look closely at every month, you'll see pretty quickly they're not all created equal in terms of expenses. On top of that, if you work a commission-based job, your monthly income will fluctuate throughout the year.

Now, there are some things that will remain pretty standard. A few things like your rent or mortgage payment will probably be the same month to month. But what about things like utilities and food? Chances are your electric or gas bills will be higher during certain months as you heat and cool your home depending on the weather. What about holidays and special occasions? It's likely you'll end up spending more on food, gifts and related items around Thanksgiving and Christmas or other months when family and friends have birthdays and other events.

These are just a few of the reasons it's a good idea to customize your budget every month. A good, accurate monthly budget should always reflect your reality, Kara. Not only will this give you a more realistic idea of where your money is going, but the knowledge also helps you control your money instead of it controlling you!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

One of my husband's credit card bills was turned over to a collection agency. They've offered three different payment options. If we accept one of the options, does this mean the original creditor accepts the agreement as well?

Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,

In a situation like this, the collection agency either owns the debt outright or they're directly representing the credit card company. This is pretty much standard operating procedure when someone has defaulted on a loan.

I'd go ahead with the deal they've offered that makes the most sense for you guys. You'll have a ding on your credit report, showing settlement on a defaulted credit card, but it's really no big deal since you've already got a mark against you for having it turned over to collections.

Want another piece of advice? Never use credit cards again!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

How do you know when you've found your true calling when it comes to your job or your career?

Matt

Dear Matt,

I've met a few people who've had a spiritual experience in this area. Something has happened, almost like they were struck by lightning, and they knew what they were supposed to do with their lives. This isn't the normal way people come to realization about their futures, but it does happen from time to time.

Usually, I believe this kind of revelation starts out as a simple idea that gradually grows into a job and then into a career. Then, it evolves over time into a calling. That's how I stepped into what I'm doing today. I can't honestly tell you that when I started on radio, or began writing and teaching, that I knew it was God's purpose for my life. But I felt the weight and the drawing of it, almost like a magnetic pull.

I've been doing it for 20 years, so it definitely evolved over time into what it is today. Still, I'm positive it's the reason I'm on this planet!

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits March 3-March 9

1306 Pratt Street	MH-Single Lot	$6,500
1303 E. Golf Course Road	New Residence	$148,160
2611 Cessna Drive	Residence-Detached	$3,500
1700 N. Midland Drive	New Commercial	$300,000
17 Lafayette Place	New Residence	$121,600
18 Lafayette Place	New Residence	$128,080
4415 N. Garfield Street	Sign	$1,700
113 Corporate Drive	Sign	$3,000
4206 Kingwood Court	New Residence	$416,560
1801 Holloway Avenue	Residence-Detached	$36,000
5319 Bella Place	New Residence	$170,000
5317 Bella Place	Residence-Detached	$17,280
5200 Ellen Jayne Way	Temporary Building	$20,000
4913 Island Drive	Swimming Pool	$67,000
4703 Timber Lane	Residential Alteration	$3,000
1107 N. Lamesa Road	MH-Single Lot	$3,500
1100 E. Wadley Avenue	New Commercial	$737,000
4010 Anetta Drive	Residential Alteration	$8,700
4417 Roadrunner Trail	New Residence	$219,760
6508 Homestead	New Residence	$369,360
700 Raymond Road	Residential Alteration	$1,800
4511 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$130,000
1401 N. Main Street	Residential Alteration	$2,500
3711 Wind Chase	Residential Alteration	$3,000
6517 Mosswood	New Residence	$249,120
2300 Texland Circle	Swimming Pool	$64,554
10018 W. Highway 80	Commercial Addition	$37,000
3206 W. Shandon Avenue	Residence-Detached	$5,000
2207 Ward Street	Residential Alteration	$1,000
2613 W. Wall Street	Commercial Alteration	$150,000
407 N. Bentwood Drive	New Residence	$164,880
402 Springwood Court	New Residence	$193,760
2310 W. Michigan Avenue	Sign	$6,700
4715 W. Wadley Avenue	Sign	$10,000
708 DiMaggio Court	New Residence	$152,000
702 DiMaggio Court	New Residence	$141,000
704 DiMaggio Court	New Residence	$121,000
1011 Mays Drive	New Residence	$122,000
1013 Mays Drive	New Residence	$152,000
3403 Choate Place	Residential Addition	$75,000
4613 Pleasant Drive	Residence-Detached	$4,700
2823 Rankin Highway	Temporary Building	$3,500
5810 Stonecrest	Residential Addition	$60,000
5509 Champions Drive	New Commercial	$22,000,000

THE ECONOMIST

Investments in state, national parks pay off for economy, quality of life

RAY PERRYMAN

The Perryman Group

Miles of beaches to pristine, spring-fed pools in the middle of the desert. World-class rock climbing to renowned birding. Prehistoric sites to places where the remarkable history of Texas unfolded. State and national parks include all of these natural assets and more and are an important aspect of our heritage, recreation and economy.

The nation's first national park, Yellowstone, was established more than 140 years ago by an act signed by Ulysses S. Grant. Woodrow Wilson followed on with the act creating the National Park System in 1916. Currently, there are 397 parks covering more than 84 million acres. They are located in every state (except Delaware), and range in size from a 0.02-acre national memorial in Pennsylvania to the 13.2 million-acre Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in Alaska.

In 2011, about 279 million people visited national parks of various types, down slightly from 2010's 281 million. The National Park Service estimated park visitors spent more than $12.1 billion in the local areas within about 60 miles of parks for lodging and meals, transportation, amusements, groceries and other retail purchases, with multiplier effects on top of that. In Texas, there were almost 5.5 million visitors to national parks in 2010, with the highest volumes recorded at Amistad National Recreation Area and the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

Given its size and scope, the system is relatively cost efficient. For every full-time worker in national parks, for example, there are 10 volunteers (22,000 permanent, temporary and seasonal employees versus 221,000 volunteers). Also, budget requests recently have been pared back, with a fiscal year 2011 request of $3.14 billion (down from $3.16 billion enacted in fiscal year 2010). These are still big numbers, however, and will be scrutinized along with everything else.

In addition to the 13 national areas, Texas is home to 94 state parks and historic sites with an average of 8 million visitors per year. Totaling almost 587,000 acres, these parks, historical sites and natural areas are located in 98 counties across the state.

The drought has taken a toll on Texas state parks. Many areas feature lakes, and falling water levels have forced closure of boat ramps and docks as well as shrinking usable areas. Several parks were hit by last season's wildfires, sustaining an estimated $11 million in damage. The parched conditions, burn bans and extreme heat discouraged visitors through the summer, and people continue to stay away. Visitation revenue has fallen, down some 8.4 percent in September-December 2011, for losses of $928,000.

Maintaining and staffing these parks is costly, and a combination of state and federal budget problems and fewer visitors could threaten the financial viability of the system. However, the economic benefits of these recreation areas are substantial. In addition to the visitation revenues, spending in local areas is a notable stimulus. While a portion of these outlays would be spent in Texas even without the parks, a sizable component stems from out-of-state (or even out-of-nation) visitors and is clearly a net gain to the state economy. Studies in a number of states have found returns on park investments to be hugely positive. In Pennsylvania, a recent analysis calculated some $12.41 in value added for every dollar invested in state parks; a New York study found $5 returned to state coffers for every $1 invested. While the methods used and the scope of the studies varies, the results consistently indicate very high returns on funding for parks. In addition, parks enhance the value of nearby land; dozens of studies have documented this fact.

Visits to state and national parks are a summer ritual for many families. While the problems caused by the drought will only be solved by sufficient rainfall, it is important to ensure budgets are adequate to protect precious park resources. Investments in national and state parks pay off in economic terms as well as in quality of life.

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Fans' rite of spring: sun-seeking baseball trips

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nothing stirs the blood of baseball fans quite like "pitchers and catchers report."

A harbinger of the coming season, the words mean players are reporting for duty in Florida and Arizona and spring training is about to be in full bloom. The 30 major league teams began workouts in February and play games every day in March.

Most die-hard fans dream of making at least one late-winter pilgrimage to Florida or Arizona to watch their favorite players and top prospects.

Spring training is much more popular than it used to be, and that has its drawbacks. Crowds are the norm, it's harder to approach players and the beer is overpriced, just like in the regular season. You might even have to buy tickets from scalpers for exhibition games, for Pete (Rose's) sake.

But ballparks are newer and still cozy, more hotels have sprung up within a walk or short drive, and it's easier than ever to take in games at several nearby ballparks. There's no shortage of other attractions, from Florida's beaches and famous tourist attractions to Arizona's desert, golf and Phoenix entertainment.

Even after 30 years of heading south every February — first to Florida, now Arizona — Chicagoan Grace Zwit still gets excited about going to spring training. "I don't think it's any less an experience than it used to be," says Zwit, senior director of minor league operations for the Chicago White Sox. "It's still a great experience."

For those about to make the trek, here are some travel tips for planning a trip that doesn't strike out your savings.

BASICS

Half the 30 major-league teams practice in Florida's Grapefruit League, the

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Better Business Bureau

Scammers pretend to be from Microsoft to gain control of your computer

I have to admit, I don't know much about computers. I can turn it on, do whatever I need to do on a daily basis and, usually, safely shut it down for the evening.

That's why a new scam caught my eye. People call posing as Microsoft employees and tell consumers they have a virus on their computer. Then, for a fee, the scammers direct people to remove the virus. It sounds like a scam I could fall for.

Luckily, Pam Webster knew better. She called Better Business Bureau to report she received a phone call from a "Microsoft employee" who told her he had recognized a virus on her computer. From almost the instant the conversation started, Webster realized this call was not made with good intentions.

"The man identified himself as being from Microsoft tech support and said he had identified that my computer had a virus," Webster said. "He directed me to go to my computer and proceeded to give me directions to 'get rid of the virus.'"

Webster, who works with computers on a daily basis, realized almost immediately the directions being given were the same steps she follows when her IT department needs full, remote access to her computer.

Webster did not allow the caller to proceed any further.

According to Microsoft, once these scammers have access to the computer they can install malicious software, steal personal information, take control of the computer remotely or direct consumers to fraudulent websites where they are asked to enter their credit card information.

Microsoft's Online Safety and Security Centre states that neither Microsoft nor its partners make unsolicited phone calls.

Here are some of the organizations that cybercriminals claim to be from:

- Windows Helpdesk
- Windows Service Center
- Microsoft Tech Support
- Microsoft Support
- Windows Technical Department Support Group
- Microsoft Research and Development Team (Microsoft R & D Team)

BBB advises consumers follow these tips to protect themselves from scammers attempting to access their computer:

- Go through your service provider directly. If you are concerned your computer may be exposed to viruses or other security threats, contact your service provider directly. Some providers offer free tools that can help detect and remove viruses.
- Install virus detection. To help protect your computer from viruses make sure you have virus detection software installed on your computer. This software can also help identify if a virus appears on your computer.
- Don't trust cold calls. Never give out personal information over the phone to someone you don't know.
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BASEBALL

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other half in Arizona's Cactus League.

Go to Major League Baseball's special spring training page for an overview: http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/tickets/spring—training.jsp . It has nifty maps for both states showing at a glance where the teams are based in relation to each other, as well as a trip planner with driving directions to all spring ballparks.

You can find more hotel packages in Arizona, where all 15 teams are now based within an hour of each other in and around Phoenix. It's also a golfer's paradise with more than 300 courses in the metropolitan area.

Teams are much more spread out in Florida, so advance planning is more important, as is a rental car. With Florida's diverse tourist industry, baseball fans will find plenty of non-game offerings but not as many deals targeting them.

Find a master schedule, some spring training history and other useful information at http://springtrainingonline.com .

AIRFARES

The key to a successful spring training trip is to plan early, says Zwit, who just planned her 31st. Otherwise you can encounter really high fares.

You should still be OK for a March trip. But don't put off making reservations any longer.

For finding deals on fares, http://www.kayak.com and http://www.airfarewatchdog.com are among the best price-comparison sites. Kayak lets you look at a bunch of travel sites at once, while Airfarewatchdog is great for setting up low fare alerts to particular destinations.

For ease of booking, Expedia has a new link that shows options for the combined price of a flight and four nights at hotels near your team's stadium: http://www.expedia.com/daily/promos/deals/spring—training .

Don't forget Southwest Airlines' website, since few travel sites sell the discount carrier's tickets (BookingBuddy is an exception).

Leaving on a Saturday can help cut your airfare costs. It's a less popular travel day than Friday or Sunday so many more inexpensive options are available, according to Bill Miller, senior executive of travel booking site CheapOair.com.

Booking airfare first and hotel later is a common strategy, but not necessarily the best. Travelers who book both in one transaction save an average of $500, according to Expedia spokeswoman Sarah Keeling. That's because hotels offer bigger discounts that way.

LODGING

Target a location that's within walking distance of your team's ballpark if possible, or within a reasonable drive of several. The big travel booking sites Expedia, Orbitz and Travelocity can get you started.

For the best room rates, consider traveling at midweek. Tourist hotels generally charge less from Tuesday through Thursday. If you can fly only on weekends, look to big chain hotels that cater to business travelers, rather than resorts. The corporate hotels may have more rooms and better rates on weekends.

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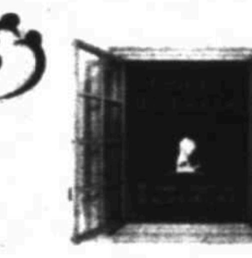

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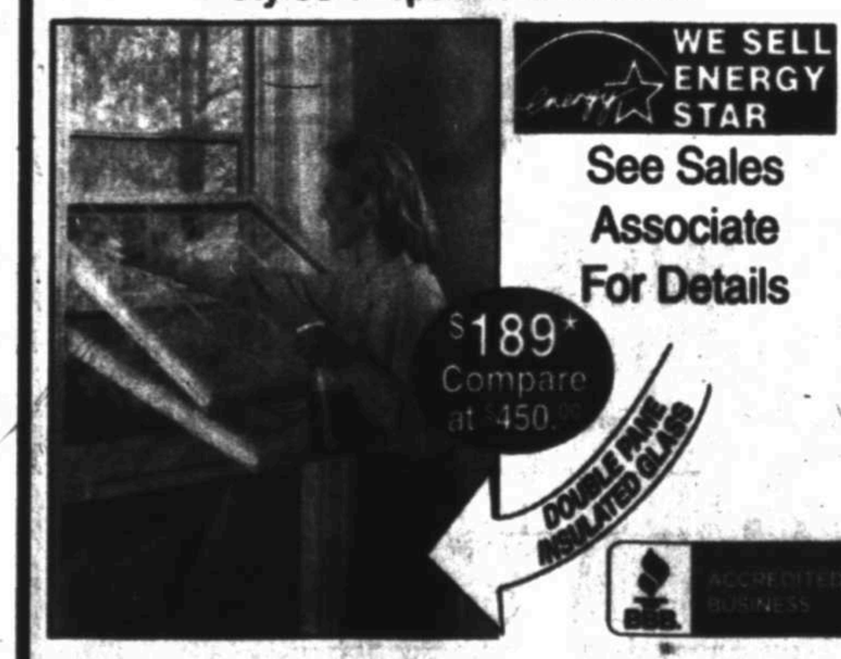

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	This Week		B. Church	Auto Racing	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Horse	Search	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		NCAA Basketball	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Paid	Paid	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries		Key David	Paid	Paid	Wild Ltd.	Hollywd.	Live Life	On Spot
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	C'nsumer	Believers	Cornerstone		Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	F.Hardin	C'nsumer	C'nsumer	Racing
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	Morris..	In Touch Ministries		Sal.	Schwarz	Heart of the City		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	W.Texas	Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		Edition	Garrett	TBA	Hockey
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/ Hat	SuperWI	DinoTrain	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	WordGirl	Company	Wild K.	Blue	Travel
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Vecinos	Nacional	Muchachitas		Al punto		Republica deportiva			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Methodis	CARS.TV	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	(:35) ★★★ Unhook the Stars				★★ I Am David			(:05) ★★ Who Killed Atlanta's Children?			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:20) Osmosis J...		The Rite ('11, Dra) Colin O'Donoghue.				Boxing WCB				Making	Bill Maher
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:45) ★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park					★ Lottery Ticket Bow Wow.			(:45) Hanna Saoirse Ronan.		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:05) Major League		(:55) ★★ Can't Hardly Wait			(:40) ★★ Picture Perfect Jennifer Aniston.				(:25) ★★ Man on the Moon		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:40) Dr. Seuss' ...		★★★★ X-Men: First Class				(:15) ★★ Hall Pass Owen Wilson.				★ Torque	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:10) ★ Yogi Bear ('10, Adv)			★★ Turner & Hooch			(:15) ★★★ The Eagle Channing Tatum.			(:10) ★★★ Fletch		
PLEX			96			(:05) ★★ The Cable Guy			(:45) ★★★ The Four Seasons Alan Alda.				(:40) ★★ The Real McCoy Kim Basinger.				Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) ★★★ Nine Daniel Day-Lewis.				The First Time			Exit Through the Gift Shop			The Twilight Sa...	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:40) ★★ Lily Dale	(:20) ★★ Snow in August Stephen Rea.					(:05) The Last Play at Shea			(:40) ★★ Prairie Fever		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	★★★★ Goodfellas ('90, Cri) Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.						The Sopranos		The Sopranos		Breakout Kings	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		The Killing "Super 8"		The Killing		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	Parkers	Parkers	Movie
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset		Bethenny Ever After		Bethenny Ever After		Interior Therapy	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNNSun	Sanjay	CNN Sunday		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	American Chopper:		Rush "Frozen Out"		Rush "Judgment Day"		Sea Gold "Paydirt"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Octonaut	Mickey M.	Movie	Stuffins	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter		NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)			
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) The Fab Five		Bassmaster		NASCAR Now (L)		OLines	Report	SportsCenter		NCAA Basketball	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Coraline ('09, Fant) Dakota Fanning.				★★ Bewitched ('05, Com) Nicole Kidman.				Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Mex.Easy	Giada	H.Made	Hungry	30 Mins	Giada	Dinners	Big Bite	King (N)	Chef (N)	Paula	Ma/ Meal
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Championship Spot.		UEFAMag.	Horse	OceanRace	Garage
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Smarter	Smarter	★★★ Night at the Museum ('06, Com) Ben Stiller.					Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Smooch ('11, Com) Kellie Martin.				Falling in Love...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Holmes	Pro Grade	Home (N)	Income	Property Brothers		Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Room Cr	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Marvels "Tailgating"		Hooked: Drugs		The Stoned Ages				Marijuana: A Chronic History			
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	I Love You to Death		★ Held Hostage ('09, Dra) Julie Benz.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Outdoors	MartinC.	H.Outdoor	Outdoor	Hot Shots	RealHunt	Quest For	Alaska	Babe W.	Fishermn	Bass Pros	Bill Dance
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Barny'd	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	T.U.F.F.	Penguins
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Twilight	★★★ The Invisible Justin Chatwin.				★★★★ Children of Men		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Browns	Browns	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ The Legend of Zorro Antonio Banderas.					Movie
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) The Human ...		★★★ Goodbye, My Lady				Susan Slade (1961, Drama)				High Society	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Shelldon	Willa	Pearlie	Wimzie's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Camara	Enfoque	Deportivo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder "Bum Card"		Law & Order "Blood"		LawOrder "Venom"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order "Zero"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Nanny	(:50) Nanny	(:25) The Nanny		Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		FLegal "Satisfaction"		In Plain Sight		★★★★ Juno ('07, Com) Ellen Page.			
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Matlock		In Heat of Night		★★ O ('00, Dra) Josh Hartnett, Julia Stiles.			

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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	(11:00) Auto Racing		Tennis BNP Paribas Open Site: Indian Wells Tennis Garden -- Indian Wells, Calif. (L)								News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(11:00) NCAA Basketball			NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)					NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)			
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Made in Hollywood		★★★ The Addams Family				★★ Addams Family Values				Queens	Queens
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:30) NASCAR Auto Racing Food City 500 Site: Bristol Motor Speedway (L)							HomeT.	Country Showdown		C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Laurie	Enarson	Alewine	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest				Bible	Super.	Calls	Denis O
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:30) NHL Hockey Pit./Pha. (L)				PGA Golf Transitions Championship (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Idea/Act	Contrary	Sew It All	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Crafting	Lawrence Welk		Nature	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Vidas paralelas		MFL Fútbol Monterrey vs. Toluca (L)				Vecinos		Dale con Ganas		F. Diez	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		★ Stonebrook ('99, Dra) Brad Rowe.				Paid	Business	AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Stargate Universe	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★★ The Italian Job Mark Wahlberg.				★★★ Unstrung Heroes			(:35) ★ Serving Sara Matthew Perry.				Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		Bill Maher	Game Change ('11, Dra) Woody Harrelson.				Conchrds	Alvin & the Chipmunks: Th...			Gulliver's Travels Jack Black.		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:40) ★ The American George Clooney.				Luck		Boxing WCB				
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:25) Making /(:40) ★★ Drumline				(:45) ★★ Good Hair ('09, Doc) Eve.				(:25) ★★ Catwoman		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	★★ Valentine's Day Kathy Bates.				(:35) ★★ Face/Off ('97, Act) John Travolta.					X-Men: First Cla...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	(:50) ★★ Fletch Lives Chevy Chase.				(:25) ★★ Thirteen			(:10) A Thin Line Between Love and Hate			
PLEX			96			(11:30) Wrongfully...		★★ Anaconda Jon Voight.			(:35) ★★ The Cable Guy			(:15) ★★ Just Between Friends			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:00) The Twili...		(:10) ★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse Kristen Stewart.					★★★ The Mask of Zorro Antonio Banderas.				
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(:05) The Prankster Devon Werkheiser.				(:05) Furry Vengeance			(:45) ★★★ Born Romantic				Buck
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal "52 Pickup"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "JJ"		C.Mind "Safe Haven"		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Dead "Chupacabra"		Dead "Secrets"		The Walking Dead		Dead "Nebraska"		Dead "Triggerfinger"		Dead "18 Miles Out"	
BET	58	26		40		(11:30) What My Husband Doesn't Know				A Mother's Prayer ('09, Dra) Jermaine Crawford.					★★ The Brothers		
BRAVO	65	63		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Shahs of Sunset		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		The Next List		Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Bering Sea Gold		Sea Gold "Suction"		Bering Sea Gold		Sea Gold "Captaincy"		Sea Gold "Eureka!"		Bering Sea Gold	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	SoRandom	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Tonight	WPBA Billiards		WPBA Billiards		WPBA Billiards		ESPN Films			SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Basketball			NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)					NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(10:00) Harry Pott...		★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ('05, Adv) Daniel Radcliffe.							Harry Potter & the Order of...		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Justice JudgeJeanine		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	BestAte	BestAte	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sports Unlimited		Championship Spot.		Sports	Sports	MLB Baseball Spring Training Chicago Cubs vs. Texas Rangers (L)					
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Role Models Seann William Scott.				★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall Jason Segel.					Step Brothers	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) Falling In ...		Chasing Leprechauns Jonathan Ryan.				★★ Always and Forever Rena Sofer.				Falling in Love...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	Property	Property	HouseH	House	For Rent	For Rent	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Marvels "Fry It"		Marvels "Soft Drinks"		Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Gone ('11, Thril) Molly Parker.				Abducted (Thriller)				Home Invasion ('11) Haylie Duff.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				FLW Outdoors		Quest For	Motorsport Hour		NHL 36	Pre-game /(:15) MLS Soccer Col/Pha (L)				Postgame	NHL Live!
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Big Time	Victori.	iCarly	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Victori.	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Movie	★★★ The Number 23 Jim Carrey.				★ Highlander: The Source (2007, Action)				★★ The Rocketeer		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:45) ★★ Blue Streak			(:45) ★★ Mission: Impossible III Tom Cruise.					(:15) ★★ Men in Black II Will Smith.			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) High Society		★★★ Elmer Gantry ('60, Dra) Burt Lancaster.					★★★ Portrait of Jennie			★★★★ Charly	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Videos	Pistolero ('95, Act) Antonio Banderas.				Blood Diamond (2006, Drama)					Camara	Confes.
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Untold "Ice Cold Mom"		Untold Stories		Untold Stories		Untold Stories		Untold Stories		Untold Stories	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift				★★ The Fast and the Furious Vin Diesel.				NCAA Tip-Off (L)		NCAA Basketball	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Ext. Makeover: Home		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		(:10) MASH	(:50) MASH	(:25) M*A*S*H	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	★★ Love Happens Jennifer Aniston.				★★ The Break Up Vince Vaughn.				SVU "Demons"		SVU "Ripped"	
WGN	19	18				★★★ A Walk to Remember				★★★ A Walk in the Clouds				Law:CI "Magnificat"		Law:CI "Silver Lining"	

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon "Heart of Darkness" (N)		Housewives "Women and Death" (N)		GCB "Love Is Patient" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Ugly Betty		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race (N)		The Good Wife "Gloves Come Off" (N)		CSI: Miami "At Risk" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Growing Pains"		★★★ A Walk in the Clouds ('95, Rom) Aitana Sanchez-Gijon, Keanu Reeves.				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Troubadour, TX		True Hollywood Story "Donald Trump"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Simpsons	Cleveland Show (N)	TheSimpsons (N)	Bob's Burger (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consumer Corner	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Marvin Wilson	Dr. R.Booker	Light of the Southwest				Alan Lee	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC (N)		Harry's Law "Les Horribles" (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice "I'm Going to Mop the Floor With You" (N)				TBA	News-West 9	Cowboys Post	Red Raider
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	The Best of Pledge Viewers' favorite programs from the pledge drive are repeated.											
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Parodiando		Nuestra Belleza Latina				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	Aggies	Office
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:30) Dirty Danc...		★★★ The Italian Job Mark Wahlberg.				★★ The Hunted			(:35) ★★★ The Green Mile		
HBO	300	68	14	14		★ Green Lantern ('11, Act) Ryan Reynolds.				Luck (N)		Down (N)	Life (N)	Luck		Down	Life Short
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		Game of Thrones		Hanna ('11, Act) Saoirse Ronan.				★ Lottery Ticket Bow Wow.			Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:15) ★ Envy ('04, Com) Ben Stiller.				Lady Gaga Presents The Monster Ball Tour				★★ Picture Perfect			B. Maher
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) X-Men: Fir...		(:15) ★★ Hall Pass Owen Wilson.				★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Denzel Washington.					Co-Ed
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★★ The Devil's Own Brad Pitt.				★★★★ The Town ('10, Act) Ben Affleck.				Femme	(:50) ★★★ The Eagle		
PLEX			96			(:10) ★★★ The Four Seasons Alan Alda.				★★ Anaconda Jon Voight.			★★ The Real McCoy			(:15) The Cable...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		Califor.	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Califor.	Shameless		Lies	Califor.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) Buck		The King's Speech ('10, Dra) Colin Firth.				Burke and Hare Bill Bailey.			(:35) The English Patient		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Breakout Kings (N)		Breakout Kings		Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	The Walking Dead		Dead "Better Angels"		Walking Dead (N)		Talking	Comic Book Men (N)		The Walking Dead		Talking
BET	58	26		40		Movie	★★ Notorious ('08, Bio) Jamal Woolard.					Game	Together	Together	Together	BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atl. (N)		Shahs of Sunset (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	'Til Debt	Wall Street	Gold	Luxary	Marijuana Inc		Best Buy		Ultimate Fighting		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		Global Lessons		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		Global Lessons		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Bering Sea Gold		Frozen Planet		To Be Announced		Unchained Reaction		Frozen Planet		To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Austin	Austin	Austin	A.N.T.	Jessie	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Shake Up	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic vs. Miami Heat (L)					NBA Basketball Portland vs Oklahoma (L)					SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)					Score.	Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		Gameday Score (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) Harry Potter & the Or...			★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09, Adv) Daniel Radcliffe.							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	WorstCooks		Cupcake Wars (N)		WorstCooks (N)		Iron Chef America		Restaurant Stakeout		WorstCooks	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sports Unlimited		WPT Poker		WPT Poker		UFC Unleashed		Game365	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) Step Brothers		★★★ Superbad ('07, Com) Michael Cera, Jonah Hill.					★★★ Superbad ('07, Com) Michael Cera, Jonah Hill.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) Falling In ...		Chasing Leprechauns Jonathan Ryan.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men (N)		MetalJousting (N)		Top Shot		Ax Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★ Cries in the Dark Eva LaRue.				Army Wives		Coming Home		★★ Cries in the Dark Eva LaRue.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		CaughtCamera (N)		Conviction (N)		Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves		To Catch a Predator	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Hockey Washington vs Chicago (L)					NHL Live!	Overtime	★★★ Brian's Song			NHL 36	Movie
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
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The 5 Browns are delivering on their dream to wake up classical music by introducing it to the widest, largest and most excited audiences they can find. Midlanders will have a chance to hear their five-piano arrangements on Thursday evening at the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center.

The 5 Browns – Ryan, Melody, Gregory, Deondra and Desirae – all attended New York's Juilliard School. In fact, they became the first family of five siblings ever accepted simultaneously. The quintet enjoyed their first wave of critical attention in February 2002 when *People* magazine dubbed them the "Fab Five," and at about the same time they were featured on "Oprah" and "60 Minutes." The 5 Browns have released 3 CDs that each went to #1 on *Billboard* magazine's Classical Album Chart. The *New York Post* has proclaimed: "One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music sensation in years…When these kids do Rachmaninoff, they'll make you forget about Marshall amps."

The quintet has garnered extensive coverage from media outlets ranging from "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Good Morning America," Today," and "The View" to "The Martha Stewart Show," Public Radio's "Performance Today," as well as *The New York Times, Parade, People*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Sunday London Telegraph. Entertainment Weekly* called them "…five young Mormons who all play scorching piano. Thundering down on five Steinways together, they're button-down cute and somewhat otherworldly."

The 5 Browns tour extensively and have performed in numerous venues including The Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, Symphony Hall in Chicago and Alice Tully Hall in New York City. Internationally, their concerts have been seen at Grand National Theater in China and Suntory Hall in Japan.

The 5 Browns

The 5 Browns are exclusive Steinway Artists.

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THE GIRLS OF SPRING

Photos by Brenda Hernandez

The Midland College Lady Chaps softball team is looking good this spring, and so is their home field. On Thursday, February 16, the new Midland College (MC) softball field was the site of the first spring season home game as the Lady Chaps defeated the Coastal Bend Lady Cougars. MC won the game 10-8 in front of a tremendous group of supporters.

To dedicate the new field, the Midland Chamber of Commerce M Squad joined MC President Dr. Steve Thomas in an official ribbon cutting, and then Thomas threw the opening pitch joined by MC mascot "Pépe." The dedication was the culmination of several years of planning, construction and delays due to the severe, drought-related watering restrictions throughout Texas and budget cuts in the two most recent state legislative appropriations (school funding).

"Pépe" and MC President Dr. Steve Thomas approach field for opening pitch

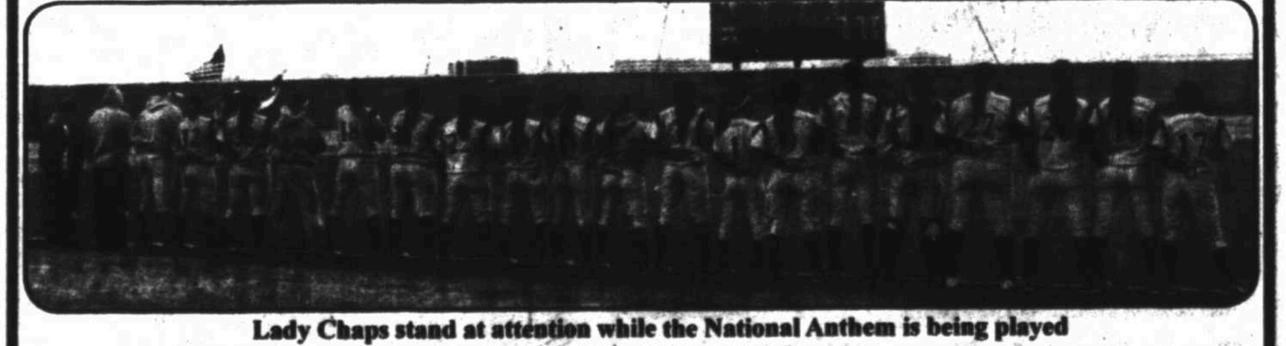
So far, the Lady Chaps softball team is enjoying an outstanding year, and Coach Tommy Ramos celebrated his 600th career win on Saturday, February 4, in a 9-0 victory over Cisco Junior College. Ramos, who is in his 14th year as head coach of the Lady Chaps, started the program and is the only head coach the program has ever known.

Ramos has led the Midland College softball team to nine Western Junior College Athletic Conference championships, eleven NJCAA Region V Tournament appearances, four NJCAA Region V championships and four appearances in the NJCAA Division I Fastpitch National Championship Tournament.

The new MC softball field is located behind the Fox Science Building on the northeast side of the MC campus. Coach Ramos and the Lady Chaps invite the community to attend any of their games.

Upcoming Lady Chaps home softball games

March 21, 1:00 p.m.—Seminole State College
March 23, 1:00 p.m. —(Conference Opener) Clarendon College
March 24, 11:00 a.m.—Frank Phillips College
March 30, 1:00 p.m.—Howard College
April 5, 1:00 p.m.—Odessa College



Lady Chaps stand at attention while the National Anthem is being played during the MC softball field dedication

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Your guide to the Permian Basin oil & gas industry

BUNKING on site

Mobile living quarters follow company's crews to job sites

■ Titan PetroServices sees living quarters as morale booster, safety tool.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Before becoming general manager and partner in Titan PetroServices, Marselo Barriga remembers the nights spent at a well site trying to get some sleep in the front seat of his pickup, a coworker beside him also trying to sleep.

"I went to work as a rig hand, working from the ground up, and now I'm part owner of a company," said the Midland native. "I've witnessed the pros and cons of the job. Back in the day, we couldn't say we needed some sleeping quarters."

That experience prompted him to purchase what is known as the Coil Shack, a custom-built 48-foot trailer equipped with five individual bunk rooms and a common area containing a full kitchen with work or play space. Each bunk room contains a bed, storage space, flat-screen satellite television and individual temperature controls. An on-board satellite provides not only television but Wi-Fi service and constant communication with the doghouse. The mobile unit can be brought to any job site.

Titan specializes in six service lines involving coiled tubing: Coiled tubing, nitrogen, fluid pumping, thru tubing, flowback equipment and completion plugs, work performed by five-man crews. The jobs, he said, are often unpredictable and his crews never know when they'll be on standby at a job site. If they're to be there any length of time, he said, they can call in the Coil Shack.

"The guys love it," he said. "What's nice about it is everyone knows all of a sudden a job could turn out to be an around-the-clock job." With the Coil Shack, they can have their own bunk room to get some sleep or watch television, they can have privacy while they utilize today's technology to communicate with their families or surf the Internet. They may be technically off the clock, he said, but they're still getting paid for time spent relaxing in the Coil Shack.

It's a morale-booster and crew retention tool in that it convinces the crews, Barriga said, that Titan is a company that cares about its crews and is worth working for.

"I've walked in their shoes," Barriga said, adding, "I'm a firm believer in family."

It also increases safety, he said, because the crews that utilize the Coil Shack are better rested and do better work.

"This is nothing I can make a profit off of," he said. "It's for my employees."

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Titan PetroServices' Coil Shack, above, features five individual bunk rooms with individual access and a common area. TOP RIGHT The common area features work space, dining space and a full kitchen. ABOVE LEFT The bunk rooms each have beds, a chair, storage, a television and individual climate control

Photos courtesy of Titan PetroServices

DCP kickstarts West Texas portion of Sand Hills Pipeline with buy from Odessa Fuels

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Though DCP Midstream LLC is focusing on completing the Eagle Ford portion of its new Sand Hills Pipeline project later this year, the company recently took a major step in serving its West Texas market.

DCP's subsidiary DCP Sand Hills Pipeline LLC has acquired 60 miles of existing 20-inch pipeline in Andrews and Ector counties from Odessa Fuels LLC. The pipeline will be connected to the Sand Hills Pipeline, providing natural gas liquids transportation to the Mont Belvieu market. This new segment is expected to carry natural gas liquids through the Sand Hills Pipeline in the second quarter of 2013.

"It's a kickstart on construction around and through Odessa to our gas plants south of Odessa," explained Patrick Brierley, DCP's vice president, growth projects, by phone from his Denver office. He added that it will "look and feel like part of the Sand Hills Pipeline and extends our reach to a bigger part of the Permian Basin."

The reason DCP is focusing on the Eagle Ford portion of the pipeline, Brierley explained, is that, unlike the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, the Permian Basin has existing infrastructure and cited DCP gas plants south of Midland and Odessa that will be connected to the new pipeline by the summer of 2012.

"We have to build methodically," he said, citing the logistics of a 720-mile, 20-inch pipeline crossing Texas. "We have to methodically and respectfully move through wetlands and various hunting leases in East Texas. West Texas is simpler."

In addition to the Sand Hills Pipeline, DCP also has announced plans for a 75 MMcfd natural gas processing plant in Glasscock County and associated low-pressure gathering system to serve producers focused on Wolfberry production. As part of this project, DCP will expand its high-pressure gathering system, linking its Goldsmith/Fullerton super system with its Triad super system. The Rawhide Plant, which will augment DCP's existing 17 processing plants, and gathering systems will be in commercial operation by the middle of 2013. DCP's current 17 processing plants have a capacity of 1.25 billion cubic feet a day and produces in excess of 135 million barrels a day of NGLs.

Investment in these projects, Brierley said, is because "ultimately we would rather control our own destiny."

Midstream companies such as DCP, a joint venture of ConocoPhillips and Spectrum, don't normally do such projects.

"Midstream was born out of the major exploration and production companies," he said. "Midstream companies are now taking control of our own destinies."

He continued, "For us, this is

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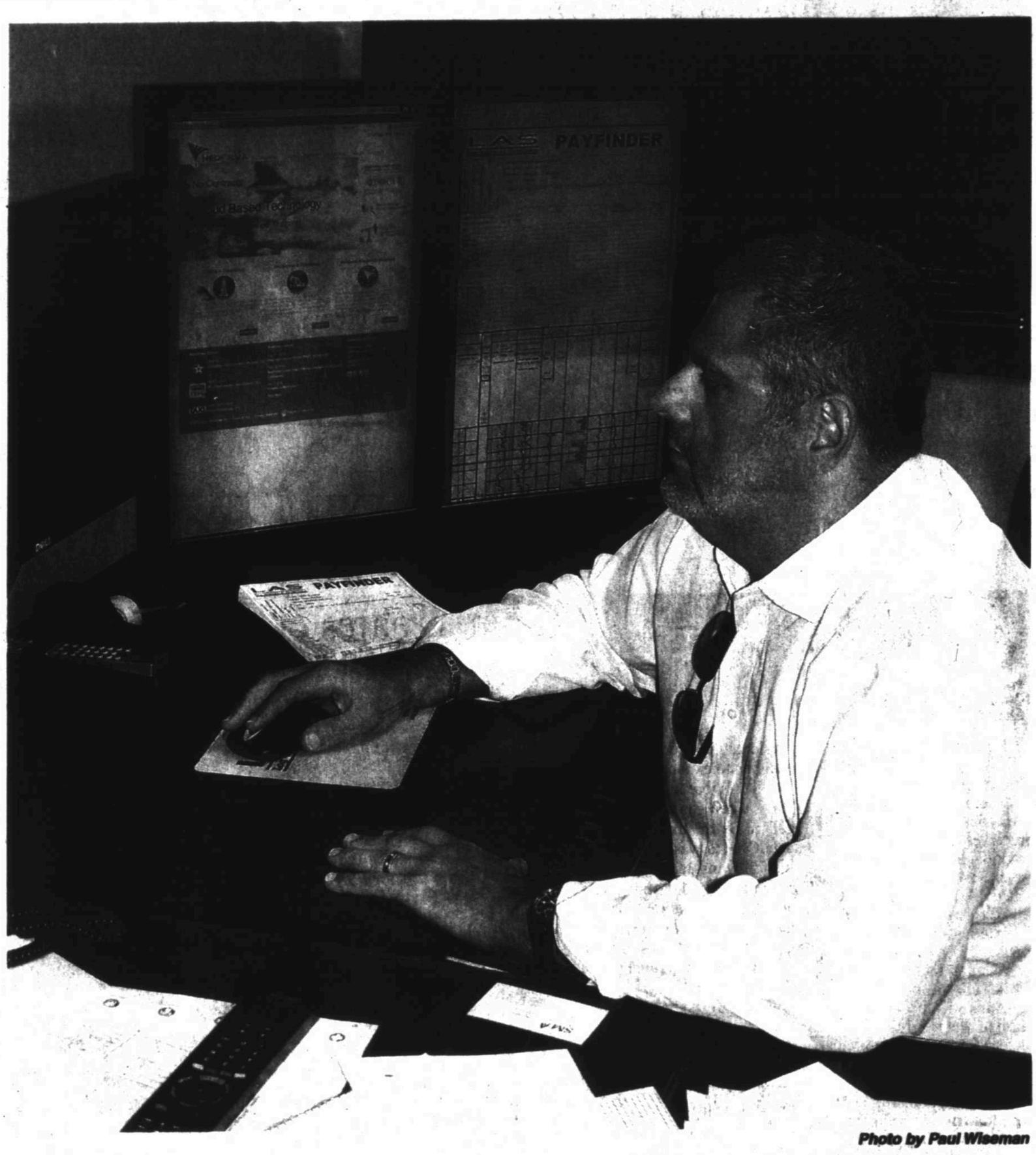

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Nick Maschas of Log Analysis Solutions in Midland pulls up NeoFirma E & P software on his computer. NeoFirma's version 7 is being released over the first six months of 2012.

NeoFirma releases new version of E & P software

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

The newest release of Dallas-based NeoFirma's oil and gas software, version 7, promises to make the software extremely flexible for users and to provide NeoFirma with economies of scale.

NeoFirma president Steve Haglund said the software has been cloud-based since its inception in 2003, meaning users have not had to host it themselves.

"What's new about version seven is that we're truly multi-tenant, in that we're able to run one instance of our software, and yet it's been written such that, based on who's using it, it's partitioned by company, by user, in a very secure way," he said. Information is partitioned according to company and user. The advantage for the company is that it achieves economies of scale by having just one instance running, no matter how many clients are using it.

"The advantage for clients is the ability to enhance and evolve the platform much, much faster than traditional software," Haglund explained. This gives NeoFirma the opportunity to make updates and adjustments on a daily basis — many of which, because they involve the behind-the-scenes workings of the software, are invisible to the client other than in possibly improved speed or functionality.

It also means each client gets essentially a custom version of the software because they can pay for just the modules they need — with the option to easily expand later as appropriate. Often, he noted, a client will suggest a new report that NeoFirma will make available to everyone, finding that a report that benefits one company likely will help others.

Haglund touted this one-instance-for-all software, or Software as a Service (SaaS) as the wave of the future. In this model clients do not need any information technology (IT) staff because both the software and the data are hosted by NeoFirma. The end user just needs one or more computers that can connect to the Internet. "The majority of our clients are small to medium exploration and production companies that do not have an IT department," Haglund said. "They may get some IT help to set up email, so this really reduces that burden on them -- and it's really the future of where all software is going to go."

The economy of SaaS, in Haglund's view, is that companies pay for what they use rather than having to pay for a set amount of software whether they use all of it, part of it or none at all.

One small-to-medium company using NeoFirma's software is Midland-based Manhattan Petroleum. Consultant Nick Maschas, now owner of Log Analysis Solutions, was a Manhattan employee when they began using NeoFirma. Maschas still works as a consultant for Manhattan Petroleum. Before beginning to use NeoFirma software about four years ago, Manhattan was using email and physical file folders to manage their well data. No one was inputting data into a computer at all during those days, so Maschas recalls the move to NeoFirma as "a couple of steps up."

NeoFirma "has simplified our ability to go back in history and see what actually occurred on wells; it has streamlined our production reporting; we get, basically, real-time production reporting from the field, then we put it into the office." Drilling and completion data also goes into reports and is stored in the database, "so we have no chance of losing them," he said.

Because Manhattan was among NeoFirma's first clients in Midland, the software company input all the printed data history for Manhattan, amounting to approximately three years of data on 80 wells and three drilling rigs. "We were very fortunate," Maschas recalled. "I'm not sure they do that any more."

Software provides a daily executive summary allowing management to quickly determine the previous day's status and to decide what areas need extra focus at that time.

NeoFirma software supports E & P companies in three primary areas: drilling and completion, production and operations and business integration. The production and operations module is the first of the new platform to be released, with the others to be made available by the middle of 2012.

Originally the company worked with vertically integrated oil and gas companies, switching to upstream-only in 2005. They have approximately 60 clients, mostly in the southwestern states of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, along with Mississippi, Colorado, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Canada.

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There is a recipe for a stable energy future

Houston Chronicle

It's quiz time: How many of you remember gas wars? Raise your hands.

How many of you recall when a driver could cruise around town and see regular leaded gas (there was no unleaded in those prehistoric days) that could be pumped for as little as 15.9 cents a gallon while the gas wars were on, and ethyl (as premium was called) that could be had for, oh, a nickel more?

Only a few hands up, we're guessing.

Americans under the age of 55, and that's most of us, have grown up in the certain knowledge that this country has scarce and depleting petroleum reserves and is destined to rely eternally on ever larger foreign sources for its oil needs. And at ever higher prices beyond our control.

In 2006, the Energy Information Administration put the nation's proven oil reserves at about 21 billion barrels, down nearly half from 39 billion barrels in 1970. The level of imports has grown steadily since the 1970s. Or at least that dependence was growing until recently. Then came horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing and oil and gas extracted from shale formations. As this is being written, the script for our nation's energy future is being rewritten in a quite remarkable - and hopeful - way. But only if we as a people will get out of our own way.

A recent Chronicle story reintroduced the "I word" in discussing America's energy future. That is "I" as in independence - energy independence. The story quoted energy experts projecting that this country could be producing more oil and gas than Saudi Arabia within the next decade.

For those Americans who lived through the original gas lines during the Arab oil embargo in 1973, and again in 1979, and who have watched gasoline prices rise and fall seemingly at omnipotent OPEC's whim or that of a few speculators, the notion of energy independence sounds like fantasy.

Except that it is not. There is a quiet revolution going on in this country, one not well understood by the Obama administration.

Fortunately, most Texans do get it. We've heard about fracking and horizontal drilling, and in Houston, we know a lot of our neighbors are off to good-paying jobs in places like Carrizo Springs, in South Texas, or maybe up in Pennsylvania or even New York state. We know about Eagle Ford and Haynesville and Barnett. We are familiar with the Marcellus and the Utica shale formations up east. Oh, yes, and we've gotten the word about the Bakken formation in the Dakotas and Wyoming, extending into Canada. It seems like the U.S. Geological Service is updating its estimates of oil reserves there almost daily - and always upward.

What we're finding out is nothing short of amazing. Thanks to improvements in technology, enormous oil and gas resources have become accessible in ways that are both economic and environmental-

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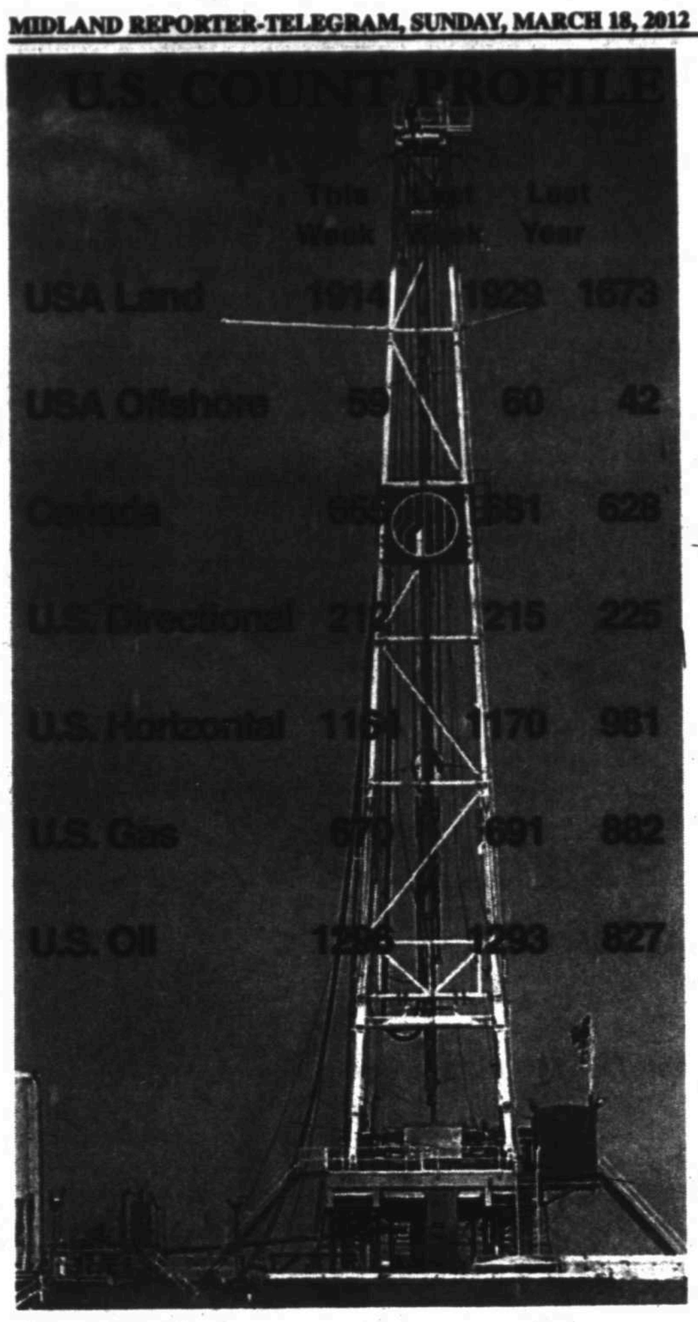

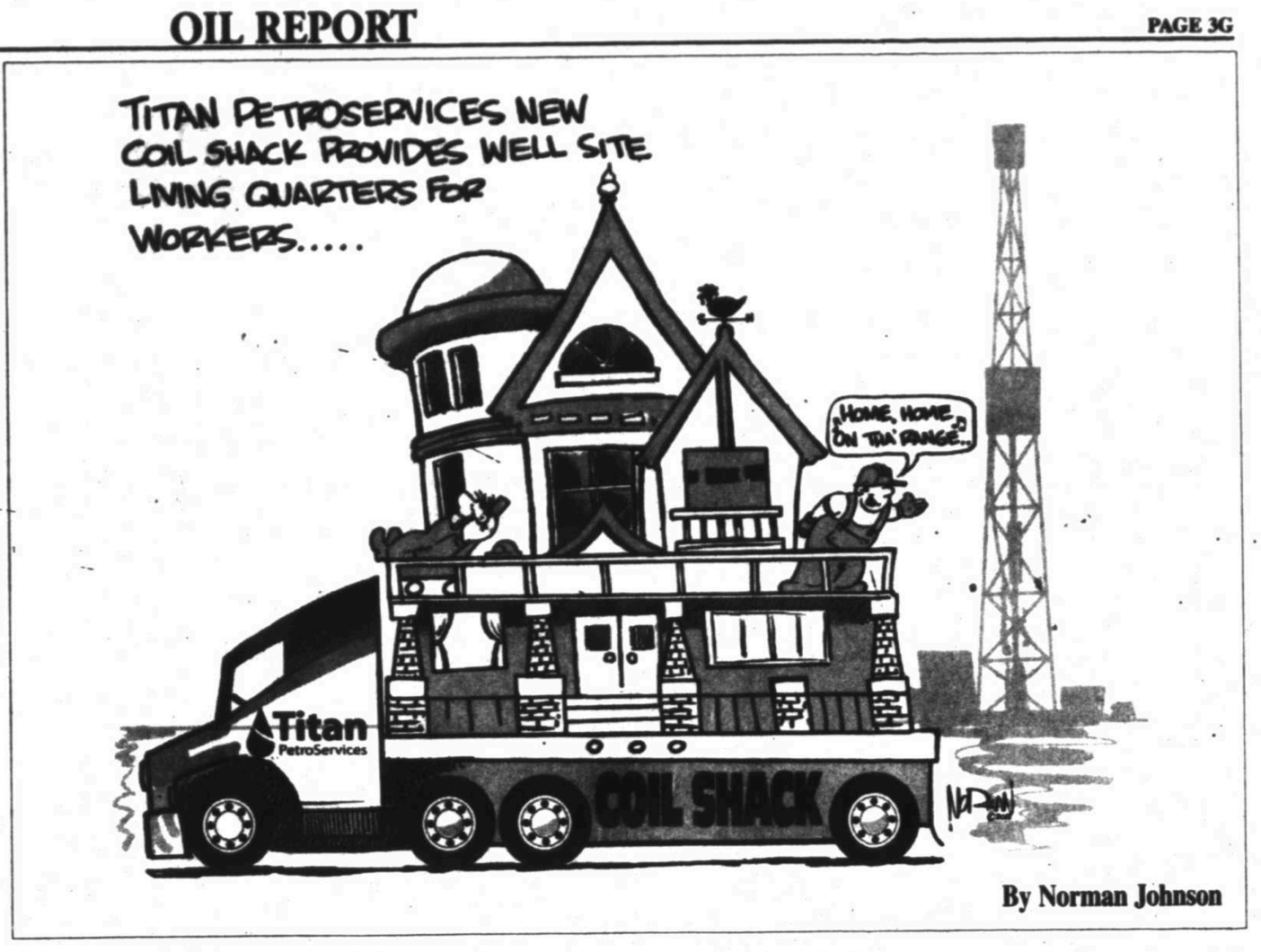

By Norman Johnson

EXECUTIVE OIL CONFERENCE

Conference speaker: Massive worldwide debt binge creates challenges for oil and gas financing

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

"(The developed world) went through a debt binge starting in about 1980 that culminated in 2008, where the world accumulated more debt than it's ever accumulated before," said Wil VanLoh, president and CEO of Quantum Energy Partners. Quantum is a sponsor of the 18th annual Executive Oil Conference scheduled for April 2-3 at the Midland Center. At the conference VanLoh will be part of a panel discussing global economics and energy fundamentals at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Much of the huge increase in debt VanLoh spoke of has occurred in this century. "From 2000 to 2008, over that eight-year period, the world added $100 trillion of debt," VanLoh related, repeating the amount for emphasis.

Having been involved in oil industry finance, specifically venture capital, since the early 1990s, VanLoh realized the economic meltdown of 2008 was not just a blip, but rather signified a sea change in world economics. He resolved at that point to understand how to navigate that change.

VanLoh summed up the workings of debt this way: "When you think about it, when you borrow money, all you've done is you've accelerated consumption. You've consumed something you couldn't afford to pay for today by borrowing money from the future. All that really does, is, at some point in the future cause you to lessen your consumption so you can pay off that debt." Most borrowers do not actually intend to pay off debt, hoping rather to simply pay the interest indefinitely.

The ultra-low interest rates of recent years have exacerbated this thinking. Today's rates stand in marked contrast to the 15-20 percent rates instituted by then-Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker in the early Reagan years in order to "break the back of inflation," as VanLoh termed it.

"Over that 30-year period of time, interest rates went from about 20 percent down to basically zero," he said for effect, noting the actual rate is now in the neighborhood of 2 percent. Over a 30-year trend line interest rates dipped lower and lower so nations could borrow more and more every year because they generally focused only on paying the interest. As recently as five years ago interest rates were closer to 5 percent, VanLoh said, explaining that a 60 percent drop in interest rates since then has fueled the U.S. government's ability to keep borrowing, "to spend money we don't have to buy things we don't need or can't afford.'

Stressing that he is not a fear monger, VanLoh pointed out the world enters a phase of what he termed "deleveraging" every 70-80 years, where its huge debt bubble is dissipated through an economic crash, a cycle that has continued for seven to eight centuries. "The last time we did this was in the 1930s," he stated, adding, "We're back there again." These cycles usually take 10-15 years to get through. VanLoh feels Europe is already entering a period of economic shrinkage even though their governments are still running deficits. "They're still spending more than they're taking in, just 'less-more' than they were."

Japan is headed toward even worse trouble, VanLoh thinks, having spent 100 million yen on tax receipts of only 40 million yen in 2011. "How long can that go on?" he asked.

At his Tuesday conference session VanLoh will be joined by longtime friend and associate Kyle Bass, principal at Hayman Capital Management, L.P. VanLoh said Bass was able to make money during the economic meltdown of 2008, and that the two of them would share their experience and knowledge with attendees in that session.

"Neither Kyle nor I are end-of-the world guys — we're going to get through this — but it's going to be very painful. We're going to go into a lot more detail (at the conference). We're going to talk about the emerging markets — China, India, Russia, Brazil, the Middle East — candidly, where all the growth is right now."

VanLoh, along with two partners, founded Quantum Energy Partners in 1998 to fund medium and smaller oil companies, a segment he felt was being overlooked by the larger venture capital funds of the day, one of which he was then associated with. Many of the venture capitalists were so focused on returns that they would discourage their associated oil companies from drilling because they considered that activity to be too risky.

Quantum became interested in the Executive Oil Conference through associations with conference founder and host Petroleum Strategies.

The conference's Monday activities include a golf tournament at Green-Tree Country Club and at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Tuesday's events will consist of conferences and panel discussions, including VanLoh's, at the Midland Center. The schedule of events can be found at www.petroleumstrategies.com.

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ENERGY

From 2G

ly acceptable.

There is now talk that America's petroleum reserves could be the world's largest, perhaps even several times those of Saudi Arabia.

Alas, what's lacking is strong national political leadership and bipartisan agreement that would help make full use of this gift of resources as the sturdy bridge that can bring America to an energy future based on sustainable sources.

Lack of leadership and accurate information: Those are our nominees for the two biggest clouds in what is otherwise a silver-lined energy future. Too many Americans don't know about our prospects. Too many of our leaders apparently don't quite believe it.

Starting with the president. The Obama administration is busily claiming that domestic oil and natural gas production has expanded during this president's term, even as he ridicules "Drill, baby, drill!" as a bumper sticker rather than a policy while on the stump. But the wrangling over a silly slogan boils down to partisan posturing — on both sides.

Drilling deserves better than sloganeering and sniping. It's more complicated than that, and more important, as well. People in this town know drilling can and must be a large part of an effective national energy policy.

Oil production has expanded during this president's term for a couple of specific reasons that have everything to do with drilling: 1) Horizontal drilling and fracking on mostly private lands; and 2) President George W. Bush's decision to expand exploration offshore in July 2008, when gas was at $4 a gallon. By the time President Obama was sworn in the following January, the pump price had dropped to about $1.80 a gallon, due largely to the economic collapse, but also thanks to the signal sent to markets by Bush's order.

For their part, the Republican presidential candidates do get it. But they need to do a better job of creating a narrative that communicates the urgency of this issue. It requires more than a throwaway catchphrase or two.

Boasting and bumper stickers are no substitute for informed leadership and bipartisan cooperation. A couple of high hurdles stand between this country and a new, brighter day in energy. Clearing those will require:

- Telling Americans the new truth about domestic energy resources rather than the same old scare stories. Our resources are plentiful and accessible; not scarce. That fact hasn't yet penetrated the public mind-set. That's the job of leaders.
- Rejecting the destructive notion that simply because an idea or a strategy won't give us an instant fix, it's not worth doing. Acceptance of that argument over the past 40 years is what has us in this mess. Enough!

This country is poised to change course in ways undreamed of even a few years ago — if only we have political will to reach agreement on a way forward, and eyes to see the new path ahead.

PIPELINE

From 1G

an expansion of reliability and growth. It lets us have more plants, lets others build more plants. The Permian Basin is booming because of natural gas liquids. We've operated plants but we've never controlled the pipeline. This will let us be more reliable, lets producers know we have a plant to process their gas."

It is, Brierley acknowledged, a game changer for the company, a "strategic change for our leadership" to spend the money DCP is spending on pipelines. Still, he said, "we're excited but we have reformed the entire engineering and construction."

The Sand Hills Pipeline, which eventually will stretch from West Texas through South Texas to Mont Belvieu, initially will carry 200,000 barrels of natural gas liquids per day and DCP expects that capacity to grow to 350,000 million barrels per day with the addition of pumping stations.

It will operate as a common carrier pipeline with DCP providing interconnects with strategically located natural gas liquids through a strategic alliance with West Texas LPG Pipeline operated by Chevron in the Permian Basin and, on the Gulf Coast through multiple planned and existing fractionation and storage facilities in and around Mont Belvieu.

MEETINGS

Drilling engineers

The Permian Basin chapter, American Association of Drilling Engineers, will meet Tuesday, March 20 in the Carrasco Room at Midland College beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Jerry Cummings with NOV will present "Fishing Jars and Fishing Jar Placement and Impact Analysis."

SIPES

Members of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists will meet Wednesday, March 21 at Midland Country Club. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.

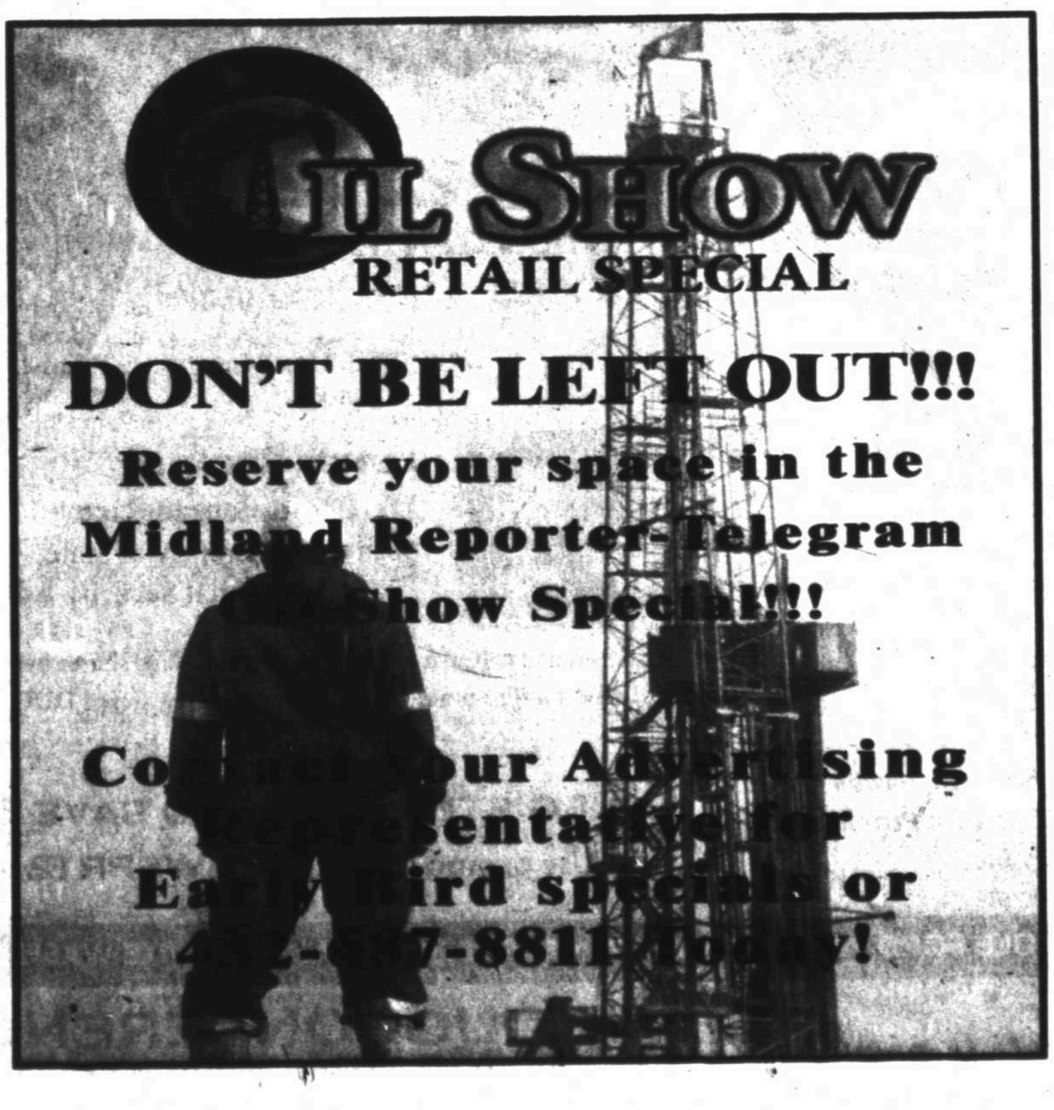
Midland Independent Geophysicist Jasha Cultreri will speak on "Using Seismic Inversion to Map Sand Porosity/Quality in the Delaware Mountain Group, Eddy County, New Mexico."

Geophysicists

The March meeting of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society will be Wednesday, March 21 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Steve Cole with Fugro Seismic Imaging will give a talk entitled "5D Interpolation, Azimuthal Anisotropy, and Implications for Fracture Mapping." He will describe Fugro's P-wave seismic processing method for estimating anisotropic parameters associated with fracturing.

Cost is $15. Reservations should be made by noon Monday, March 19 by e-mail to pbgs@pinnacleseismic.com.



The Bottom Line

76 percent of adults have read a daily newspaper in the past five days.

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He estimates the longest the Coil Shack has been on a job site is seven days.

So popular is the Coil Shack that Barriga has ordered a second one, with some new features. The new Coil Shack will be a 60-foot trailer and, in addition to the five bunk rooms and common area, this will include a sixth bedroom for the company man who, he noted, frequently has to do paperwork and try to sleep in the cab of his truck just as Barriga did early in his career.

The Houston company he hired to build the trailer had never built anything like it and were "ecstatic. This is a new line for them."

Another reason he is purchasing the second trailer is that Titan is so busy there has been strong demand for the original Coil Shack. And with some experts saying the Permian Basin could be producing up to two million barrels of oil for the foreseeable future, expectations are Titan and its one-stop-shop of coil tubing services will stay busy.

The only thing he asks of his crews regarding the Coil Shack is "Use it, don't abuse it."

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'Presentations were top notch' say previous DUG conferences attendees

This year's DUG *The Original* conference, overflowing with insight, practical help and networking opportunities for those involved in unconventional production, is quickly approaching. Scheduled for April 23-25 at the Ft. Worth Convention Center, this year's event will feature speakers Condoleezza Rice, Scott Sheffield and Floyd Wilson.

With more than 2,800 attendees expected, this is the conference that is not to be missed, say previous years' attendees. "The presentations were top notch and useful in tracking current technology and trends. In addition, we were able to make an industry contact that will be most beneficial to us in helping better serve the industry," says the Technical Director of Oil & Gas, for U.S. Silica Company.

The operations manager for Atmos Energy concurs, adding, "The amount of information available at a DUG conference is invaluable to anyone in the natural gas industry."

This year's sponsors include some of the top companies in the business. EnCap Investments L. P. bills itself as the leading provider of private equity to independent oil and gas companies. EnCap has a proven track record having successfully invested with approximately 175 upstream and midstream oil and gas companies. Throughout its 23 year history, EnCap has moved with the market to meet the changing capital needs of its clients.

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With sponsors like these and speakers like the ones previously listed, it is easy to see why DUG *The Original* is the must-attend conference of the year. Another attendee from previous conferences said this: "DUG conferences are the best events to attend or exhibit. My company is exhibiting at every event in 2011, and we have plans to do the same in 2012. DUG conferences are the best to attend because it attracts the real players in the industry. I've attended oil and gas conferences for over 30 years, and DUG is without a doubt the best."

Make plans now to attend this year's DUG conference in Ft. Worth.

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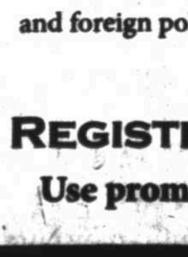

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Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$2.420	$2.018	$3.635
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$2.357	$1.920	$3.513
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$2.390	$2.009	$3.582
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$2.390	$1.996	$3.575
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$2.363	$1.927	$3.638
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$2.409	$2.040	$3.736

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 8

Howard County

Laredo Pet., Inc.
Hall 43 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-424, Blk 34, T1S, Sec 43; 2559 FWL 467 FNL of lse; 2559 FWL 2181 FSL of survey; 8.9 miles SW of Elbow; obj:11000; permit #733856; API #227-36899

Element Pet. Oper., LLC
Hamlin 26 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Stephens, G H; A-1099, Blk 33, T2N, Sec 26; 538 FSL 1980 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 11 miles NW of Big Spring; obj:11000; permit #733877; API #227-36901

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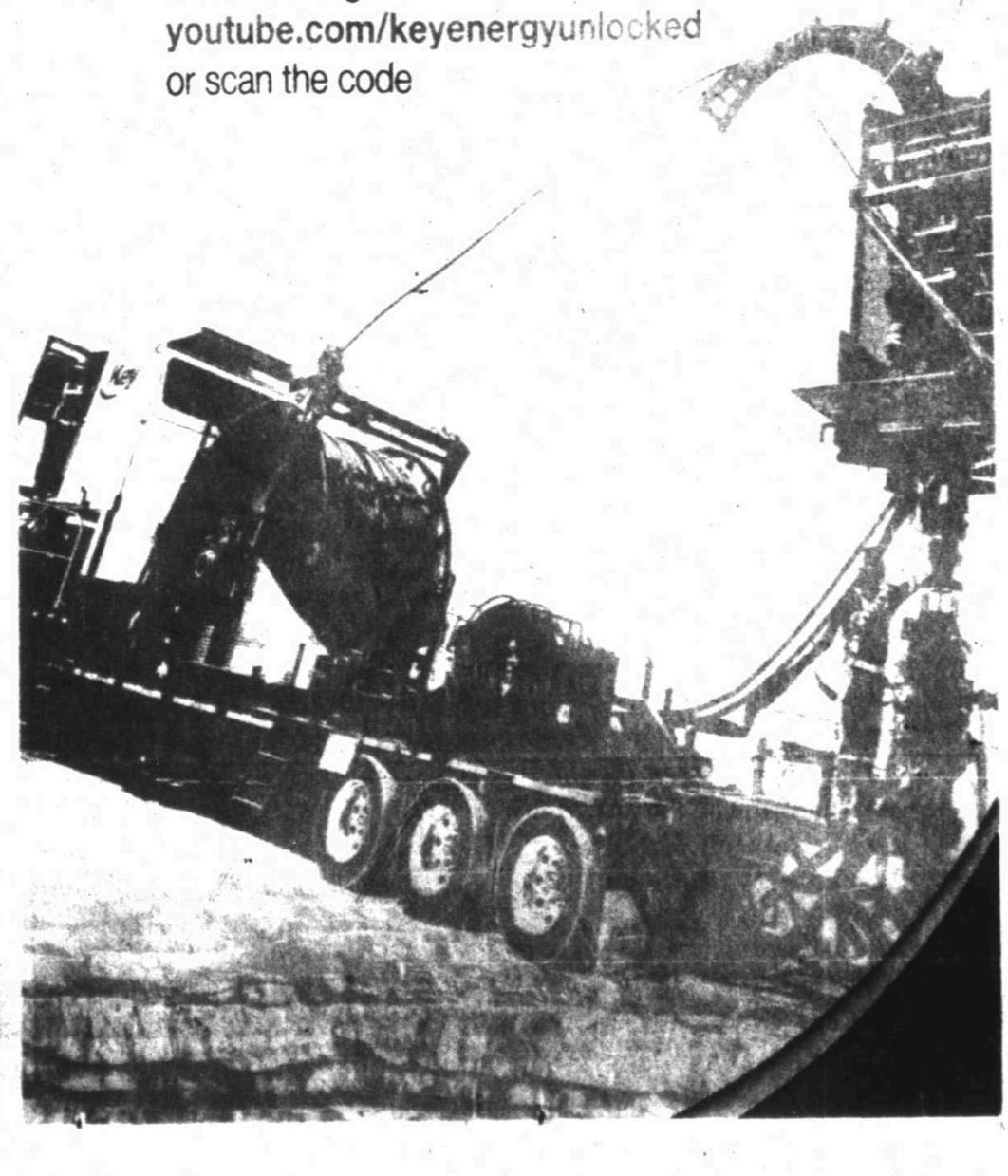


COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Coke County

Lane Operating Company
W.C. Blanks #H7
Jameson (Strawn); 1,850 fsl, 1,880 fwl, Sec 78, Blk 2, Abst. 1977, H&TC RR, 18 nw Robert Lee; TD 6,736; Comp 11-21-11; producing from 6,558-6,577, treated with 25,000# sand; pump 32 BO, 125 MCF, 41.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-081-31999

Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC
Baker "A" #125
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 1,410 fnl, 1,250 fel, Abst. 2830, Runnels CSL, 13 n Ozona; TD 8,025; Comp 9-21-11; producing from 7,714-7,790, treated with 1,237 bbls. fluid, 190 tons CO2, 177,161# sand; pump 13 BO, 167 MCF, 27 BW, 35.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41291

Approach Operating LLC
University "45 B" #2401H
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 2,640 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 24, Blk 45, ULS, 16 nw Ozona; TD 6,429 TVD; Comp 10-19-11; producing from 6,616 BO, 763 MCF, 838 BW on 40/64 inch choke, 38.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41306

Approach Operating LLC
Baker "A" #124
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 3,960 fsl, 3,270 fel, Abst. 2830, Runnels CSL, 13 n Ozona; TD 8,025; Comp 8-19-11; producing from 7,660-7,798, treated with 1,152 bbls. fluid, 169 tons CO2, 125,781# sand; pump 31 BO, 101 MCF, 9 BW, 38.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41278

Approach Operating LLC
Baker "A" #123
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 6,580 fsl, 4,620 fel, Abst. 2830, Runnels CSL, 13 n Ozona; TD 8,000; Comp 11-12-11; producing from 7,648-7,810, treated with 190 tons CO2, 1,249 bbls. fluid, 144,120# sand; pump 74 BO, 153 MCF, 39 BW, 41.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41277

Approach Operating LLC
West "A" #2209
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 1,320 fnl, 206 fel, Sec 22, Blk AB, Abst. 4467, GC&SF RR, 12 ne Ozona; TD 8,003; Comp 9-2-11; producing from 7,664-7,760, treated with 750 gals. 10 percent acetic acid, 236,520# sand, 234 tons CO2; pump 31 BO, 599 MCF, 3 BW, 40.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41292

EOG Resources Inc.
University "38" #0601H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 600 fel, 467 fsl, Sec 6, Blk 38, ULS, 26.4 ne Ozona; TD 6,138 TVD; Comp 11-18-11; producing from 5,990-15,420 MD, treated with 936 bbls. 7.5 percent HCL, 271,690 bbls. fluid, 10,902,610# sand; gas lift 780 BO, 1,104 MCF, 1,141 BW on 48/64 inch choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41303

Irion County

El Paso Exploration & Production LP
University "43-23" #1H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2,148 fsl, 600 fel, Sec 23, Blk 43, ULS, 5.7 sw Barnhart; TD 6,600 TVD; Comp 12-6-11; producing from 6,930-11,460 MD, treated with acid and fractured; pump 504 BO, 1,928 BW on open choke, 37.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34817

EOG Resources Inc.
University "40" #1305H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2,000 fnl, 2,629 fel, Sec 13, Blk 40, ULS, 3.8 sw Barnhart; TD 6,537 TVD; Comp 10-20-11; producing from 7,120-14,270 MD, treated with 912 bbls. 7.5 percent acid, 226,954 bbls. water, 8,517,890# sand; gas lift 412 BO, 316 MCF, 2,717 BW on 26/64 inch choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34732

EOG Resources Inc.
Mayer #5001H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2,430 fnl, 600 fwl, Sec 50, Abst. 1222, WC RR, 2.3 nw Barnhart; TD 6735 TVD; Comp 10-1-11; producing from 7,11-14,290 MD, treated with 10,462 bbls. 7.5 percent HCL acid, 205,922 bbls. fluid, 7,906,440# sand; gas lift 616 BO, 1,692 MCF, 1,704 BW on open choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34667

EOG Resources Inc.
University "40" #1309H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 500 fwl, 2,314 fsl, Sec 13, Blk 40, ULS, 3.9 sw Barnhart; TD 6,645 TVD; Comp 11-30-11; producing from 6,935-14,287 MD, treated with 7,373 bbls. 7.5 percent HCL acid, 190,192 bbls. fluid, 7,929,788# sand; flow 1,002 BO, 1,423 MCF, 960 BW on open choke, FTP 380 psi, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34704

EOG Resources Inc.
University "40" #1304H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2,000 fnl, 1,839 fel, Sec 13, Blk 40, ULS, 4 sw Barnhart; TD 6,486 TVD; Comp 10-20-11; producing from 6,785-14,727 MD, treated with 13,882 bbls. 7.5 percent acid, 12,910 bbls. water, 9,507,925# sand; gas lift 981 BO, 545 MCF, 994 BW on 40/64 inch choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34831

EOG Resources Inc.
Linthicum I #4H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1,811 fel, Sec 1147, Abst. 7, A.D. Anderson, 5.4 se Barnhart; TD 6,319 TVD; Comp 6,320-13,050 MD, treated with 9,937 bbls. 7.5 percent acid, 10,928 bbls. water, 8,138,060# sand; gas lift 396 BO, 1,228 MCF, 687 BW on open choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34735

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Concho #1938A
Spraberry (Trend Area); 701 fnl, 540 fel, Sec 1938, Abst. 1194, A.F. Kupfer, 29 nw Mertzon; TD 8,768; Comp 11-16-11; producing from 5,006-8,298, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 945,588 gals. gel fluid, 1,031,971# sand; pump 42 BO, 69 MCF, 67 BW, 40.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34707

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Rocker "B" #10GG
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 139, Blk 1, Abst. 625, T&P RR, 25.8 w Mertzon; TD 9,074; Comp 10-7-11; producing from 5,008-8,915, treated with 5,104 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,326,707 gals. gel, 1,392,295# sand; pump 31 BO, 76 MCF, 126 BW, 38.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34800

Menard County

Paint Rock Operating LLC
Espy "A" #6
Danny Mac (Lower Cisco "A"); 616 fel, 363 fnl, Sec 1468, Abst. 376, J. Hering, 10 nw Menard; TD 2,013; Comp 11-16-11; producing from 1,863-1,873; pump 44 BO, 7 MCF, 22 Oil Gravity; API #42-327-31139

Reagan County

Apache Corp.
SRH "17" #1710
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,334 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 17, Blk A, Abst. 439, Mrs. S. Taylor, 17 nw Big Lake; TD 9,827; Comp 10-14-11; producing from 5,785-9,606, fracture stimulated; pump 28 BO, 8 MCF, 198 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37110

BC Operating Inc.
Playa University "9-15" #1R
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,080 fwl, 2,030 fnl, Sec 15, Blk 9, ULS, 12 nw Big Lake; TD 11,019; Comp 11-4-11; producing from 7,057-10,908, treated with 745,000# sand, 23,600 gals. linear gel, 85 BO, 50 MCF, 237 BW on one-inch choke, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37449

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
University "9-30" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,030 fsl, 2,180 fel, Sec 30, Blk 9, ULS, 7.5 nw Big Lake; TD 11,005; Comp 2-15-11; producing from 6,881-10,751, treated with 67,042 bbls. fluid, 1,154,694# proppant; pum 55 BO, 70 MCF, 214 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-36898

EOG Resources Inc.
University "9" #2804H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 730 fwl, 2,184 fsl, Sec 77, Blk 2, Abst. 608, T&P RR, 4.6 ne Texon; TD 8,263 TVD; Comp 11-1-11; producing from 8,391-15,823 MD, treated with 7.5 percent acid, 212,574 bbls. water, 8,227,320# sand; gas lift 467 BO, 253 MCF, 856 BW on open choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37425

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Mustang Draw #2D
Spraberry (Trend Area); 655 fnl, 655 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 1, Abst. 420, T&P RR, 19 ne Big Lake; TD 8,985; Comp 11-20-11; producing from 5,131-8,438, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,262,982 gals. gel fluid, 1,326,000# sand; pump 41 BO, 165 MCF, 88 BW, 41.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37248

FIML Natural Resources LLC
North Creek "B" #43K
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,960 fsl, 2,147 fwl, Sec 43, Blk 1, Abst. 494, T&P RR, 13.08 n Big Lake; TD 9,392; Comp 11-16-11; producing from 5,539-9,041, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 950,418 gals. gel fluid, 1,005,565# sand; pump 36 BO, 51 MCF, 66 BW, 40.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37319

FIML Natural Resources LLC
North Creek "B" #43J
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,949 fsl, 1,833 fel, Sec 43, Blk 1, Abst. 494, T&P RR, 13.1 n Big Lake; TD 9,391; Comp 11-15-11; producing from 5,514-8,956, treated with 1,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 916,104 gals. gel fluid, 959,105# sand; pump 33 BO, 100 MCF, 19 BW, 40.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37318

Laredo Petroleum-Dallas Inc.
Debbie Lee McMaster -B- #156K
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,007 fsl, 1,908 fwl, Sec 156, Blk 2, Abst. 729, T&P RR, 30 n Big Lake; TD 8,144; Comp 8-14-11; producing from 5,811-7,849, treated with HCL and proppant; pump 21 BO, 98 MCF, 22 BW on open choke, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37322

Laredo Petroleum-Dallas Inc.
Sugg -B- #111M
Spraberry (Trend Area); 860 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 111, Blk 2, Abst. 628, T&P RR, 24 ne Big Lake; TD 8,195; Comp 8-19-11; producing from 5,501-7,970, treated with HCL and proppant; pump 61 BO, 89 MCF, 123 BW on open choke, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37309

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Arnett "4A" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 1,989 fel, Sec 44, Blk Y, Abst. 778, MK&TE RR, 21 nw Big Lake; TD 10,543; Comp 10-19-11; producing from 7,368-10,414, treated with 26,609 bbls. fluid, 1,213,800# sand; pump 70 BO, 85 MCF, 230 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37018

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Jameson "50" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 2,183 fnl, Sec 50, Blk Y, Abst. 777, TC RR, 20.9 Big Lake; TD 10,975; Comp 9-16-11; producing from 7,125-10,922, treated with 28,037 bbls. fluid, 1,299,980# sand; pump 75 BO, 85 MCF, 280 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37097

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
B. Rocker -A- #20
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,035 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 1, Abst. 36, T&P RR, 17.4 ne Big Lake; TD 9,154; Comp 9-28-11; producing from 5,139-9,035, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 723,721 gals. crosslink assist, 281,785 gals. crosslink, 1,101,550# sand; pump 30 BO, 78 MCF, 97 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37352

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "2-33" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 2,228 fwl, Sec 33, Blk 2, ULS, 17.1 nw Big Lake; TD 10,384; Comp 9-14-11; producing from 6,459-10,252, treated with 15 percent acid, 1,178,983 gals. gel, 1,263,169# sand; pump 75 BO, 88 MCF, 142 BW, 43.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37217

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Rocker B -E- #12
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 3050, Blk 24, Abst. 49, H&TC RR, 28.3 nw Mertzon; TD 9,210; Comp 9-21-11; producing from 5,133-8,913, treated with 955,578 gals. gel, 1,135,832# sand; pump 72 BO, 102 MCF, 75 BW, 40.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37250

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "2-22A" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 530 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 2, ULS, 11.9 nw Big Lake; TD 10,305; Comp 10-5-11; producing from 6,371-10,169, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,340,676 gals. crosslink, 1,441,788# sand; pump 35 BO, 17 MCF, 122 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37261

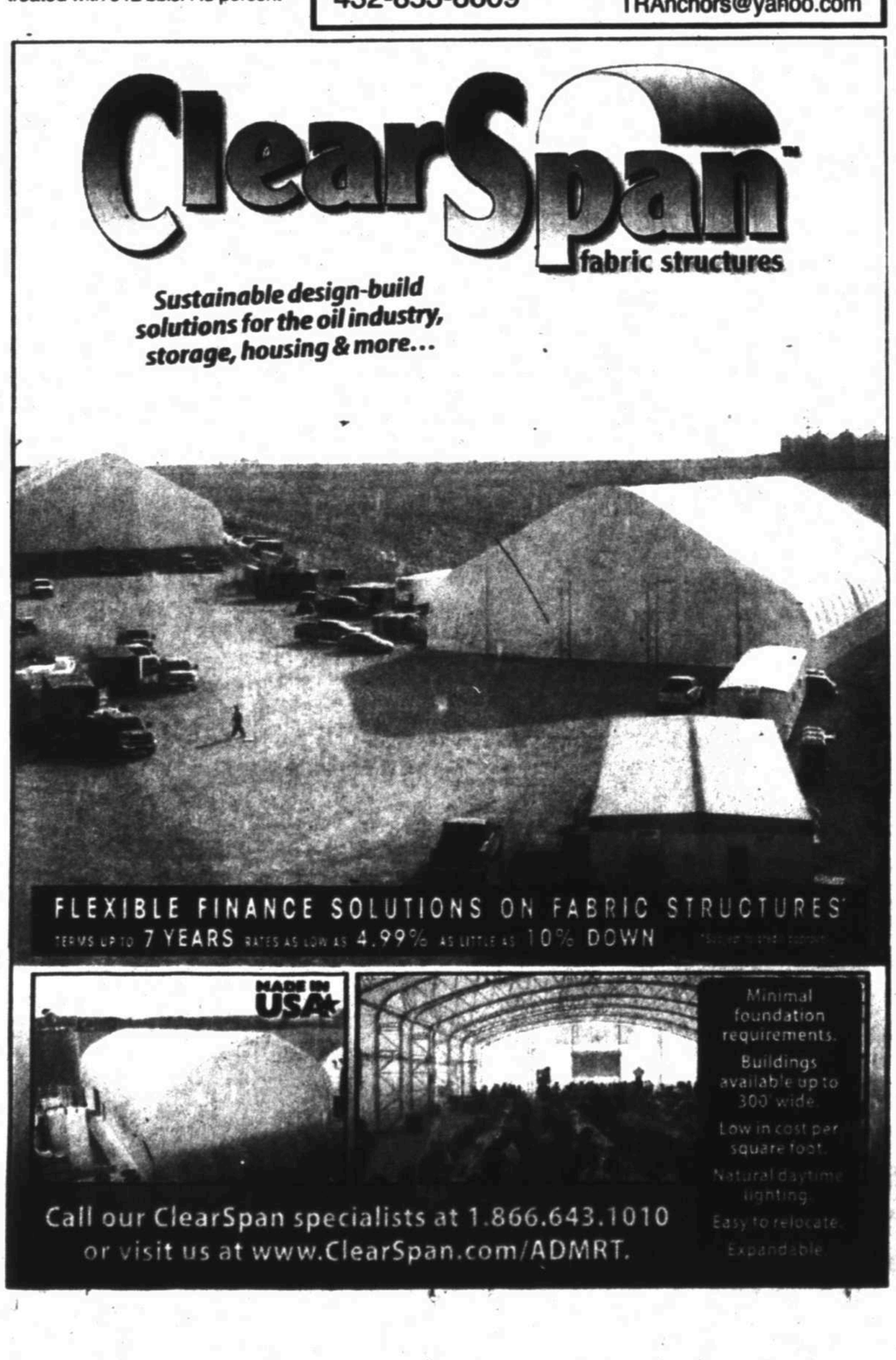
Prime Operating Company
Weatherby "1219" #12
Spraberry (Trend Area); 515 fnl, 2,250 fwl, Sec 1219, Abst. 119, D&SE RR, 4.4 s Stiles; TD 10,832; Comp 11-4-11; producing from 5,974-10,700, treated with HCL and fractured; pump 40 BO, 229 MCF, 109 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37410

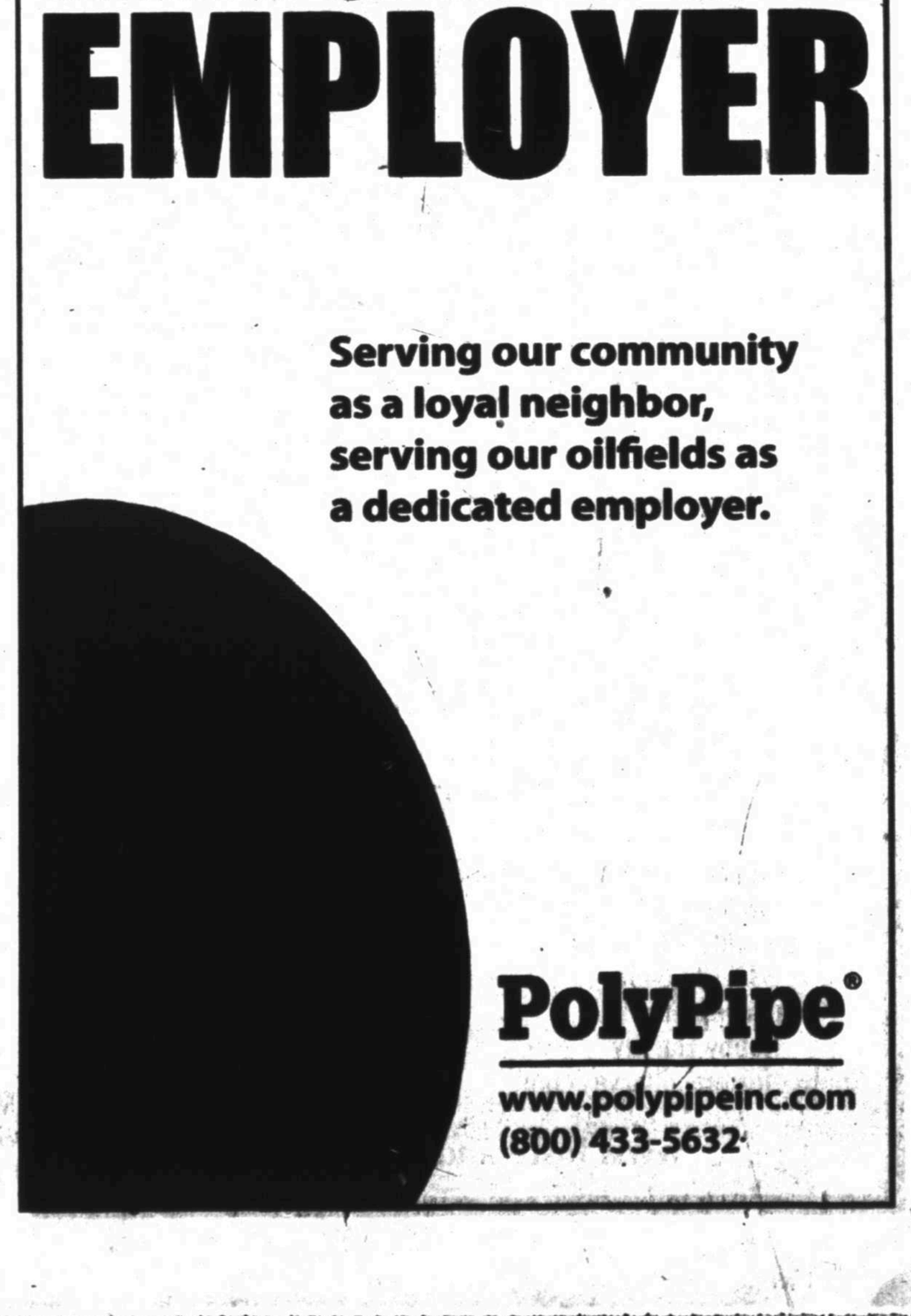
Schleicher County

Approach Operating LLC
University "54-16" #3
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 1,980 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 16, Blk 54, ULS, 20 nw Eldorado; TD 8,400; Comp 10-5-11; producing from 4,896-7,336, treated with 7,441 bbls. fluid, 322,748# sand; gas lift 92 BO, 581 MCF, 477 BW on 48/64 inch choke, 38.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32762

Approach Operating LLC
University "54-19" #3
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 19, Blk 54, ULS, 17 nw Eldorado; TD 8,200; Comp 10-30-11; producing from 4,738-6,446, treated with 2,016 gals. 15 percent HCL, 8,225 bbls. fluid, 298,867# sand; gas lift 33 BO, 126 MCF, 235 BW on 48/64 inch choke, 36.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32763

Highmount Exploration & Production Texas LLC
University "54-24" #9H
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 20 fnl, 1,650 fel, Sec 24, Blk 54, ULS, 20 nw Eldorado; TD 5,644 TVD; Comp 11-1-11; producing from 5,770-10,202 MD, treated with 25,000 gals. acid, 3,991,377 gals. gel, 3,349,200# sand; gas lift 84 BO, 684 MCF, 313 BW on 48/64 inch choke, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32770





EXECUTIVE OIL CONFERENCE

Oxy Permian expects significant boost in Basin capital spending for 2012

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

Already the Permian Basin's largest producer, Oxy Permian expects to increase its capital spending here by 15-20 percent compared to its 2011 budget. Vicki Hollub, president and general manager of Oxy Permian CO2 said, "Our capital spend in 2012 (in the Permian Basin) will be about 20 percent of Oxy's capital worldwide, and Oxy's capital worldwide is $8.3 billion. We're getting aggressive, not just in the Permian, but everywhere else." She noted high oil prices help that scenario, but the company has many opportunities that would be profitable at lower prices.

Oxy Permian is one of the sponsors of the 18th annual Executive Oil Conference, to be held April 2-3 at the Midland Center. This year's conference theme is "Navigating the Hurdles."

In 2011 Oxy averaged producing 198,000 Boe/day, which was 15 percent of the area's total. The company is also the largest oil producer in the state of Texas, a position Hollub expects the company to continue to hold. "We have about 1.2 billion Boe of proven reserves in the Permian and, in addition to that, we have 2.5 billion Boe in likely recoverable reserves."

Oxy plans to concentrate its capital spending in a small number of large enhanced recovery (EOR) projects in order to maximize its efficiency. One of the largest EOR projects will involve building a new plant in East Seminole. "We're doing some work in our Bennett Ranch unit in the Denver City area," Hollub said. "Then we're doing a bigger waterflood project — infill development — in Goldsmith." This GLDU, or Goldsmith Landreth Deep Unit, will be the site of Oxy's greatest spending this year.

Near Denver City the company will do some infill drilling in one of their larger fields, along with some CO2 enhancements. Plus, in the Snyder area, Oxy plans to expand its Sharon Ridge CO2 project.

Hollub said Oxy had increased its rig count from 10 at the beginning of 2011 to 23 by the end of the year. They plan to add four more rigs by the end of 2012.

Oxy actually is finding it easier to find rigs now, as low gas prices drive rigs away from gas-heavy formations such as the Barnett Shale and some areas in the Rocky Mountains. Finding fracturing crews also has become easier because Oxy has signed contracts with two fracturing companies in order to ensure long-term availability. Hollub said Oxy also plans their completions significantly in advance in order to allow completion crews to be ready for them. "We lock up the days," she said. "We're talking months in advance, not days or weeks." This also allows the fracturing crews to have the sand and other materials on hand for the job.

Hollub indicated she and a number of other Oxy representatives plan to be at this year's Executive Oil Conference. "At the conference, not only do you get the valuable information from the presentations, but it's good to connect with the people from other companies and an opportunity for us to share some ideas around how to address some of the issues we're having in the Permian." Among those issues she listed the challenge with getting enough services due to the great leap in activity over the last two years. "I think all of us want each other to be successful, so in terms of having the opportunity to talk with other people and share ideas about how to deal with things, the conference is very helpful." She suggested discussions about ways of bringing new service companies to the area in order to reduce competition among producers for those services.

The conference's Monday activities include a golf tournament at GreenTree Country Club and Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Tuesday's events will consist of conferences and panel discussions at the Midland Center. The schedule of events can be found at www.petroleumstrategies.com.

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Crockett County

MWS Producing, Inc.
University 3N #4
Farmer. (San Andres)-D; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 46, Sec 3; 1010 FSL 1821 FWL of lse; 1821 FWL 1663 FNL of survey; 22 miles NW of Ozona; obj:2500; permit #733591; API #105-41420

EOG Res., Inc.
University 40 #1407H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 40, Sec 14; 11776 FSL 6465 FWL of lse; 900 FSL 1175 FWL of survey; 25.4 miles N of Ozona; obj:6520; permit #739626; API #105-41423

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
University Unit #203H
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 56, Sec 2; 8581 FNL 4390 FWL of lse; 2300 FSL 960 FEL of survey; 19 miles NW of Ozona; obj:12900; permit #733772; API #105-41428

Irion County

EOG Res., Inc.
University 40-A #0403H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 40, Sec 4; 250 FNL 330 FEL of lse; 250 FNL 2330 FWL of survey; 1.3 miles SE of Barnhart; obj:8550; permit #724273; API #235-34859

EOG Res., Inc.
Mayer #5011H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; WC RR Co./Holmes, P G; A-1222, Blk N/A, Sec 50; 7835 FNL 4588 FWL of lse; 2430 FNL 780 FEL of survey; 2 miles NW of Barnhart; obj:6800; permit #733645; API #235-34979

EOG Res., Inc.
Mayer #4501H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; WC RR Co.; A-686, Blk N/A, Sec 45; 5489 FWL 7809 FNL of lse; 2430 FNL 120 FWL of survey; 2 miles NW of Barnhart; obj:6750; permit #733758; API #235-34980

Reagan County

Laredo Pet. - Dallas, Inc.
SRH -C- #13F
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Roble Grande (Strawn-woodford)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-479, Blk 1, Sec 13; 521 FSL 2130 FWL of lse; 2130 FNL 2130 FWL of survey; 17 miles NE of Big Lake; obj:10500; permit #731938; API #383-37640

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Ricker -G- Enron #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; L & SV RR Co.; A-282, Blk A, Sec 45; 467 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 2173 FWL of survey; 13.2 miles S of Lawrence; obj:12000; permit #728952; API #383-37584

Enduring Res., LLC
University 49-09 #1H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 49, Sec 9; 1650 FWL 8109.8 FSL of lse; 1650 FWL 2610 FSL of survey; 5.94 miles SE of Big Lake; obj:7582; permit #733317; API #383-37681

Schleicher County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Moore 29 #1
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-97, Blk A, Sec 29; 500 FSL 500 FEL of lse; 500 FSL 500 FEL of survey; 14 miles W of Eldorado; obj:8200; permit #733846; API #413-32827

Upton County

Opal Res. Oper. Co., LLC
University 4-14 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Blue Danube (Clearfork)-D; UL; A-U50, Blk 4, Sec 14; 467 FWL 509.5 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 509.5 FSL of survey; 4 miles SE of Rankin; obj:13000; permit #724723; API #461-37665

Summit Pet. LLC
Nancy #2609X
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Odessa Ranch Co.; A-1480, Blk 42, T5S, Sec 26; 717 FNL 853 FEL of lse; 717 FNL 853 FEL of survey; 26.8 miles NW of Rankin; obj:11150; permit #733614; API #461-37913

Summit Pet. LLC
Cindy B #1307
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-523, Blk 42, T5S, Sec 13; 467 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 28.2 miles NW of Rankin; obj:11125; permit #733618; API #461-37914

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc
Funkhouser '20' #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./Burkes, M & W M; A-1570, Blk B, Sec 20; 660 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 14.3 miles NE of Rankin; obj:11000; permit #730893; API #461-37817

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Cox '19' #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-20, Blk B, Sec 19; 467 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 15.2 miles NE of Rankin; obj:11000; permit #730955; API #461-37822

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Andrews County

Henry Res. LLC
Bohannon24 #15
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Betty Sue (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Hanks, T E; A-952, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 24; 660 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 21.1 miles SE of Andrews; obj:12500; permit #705302; API #003-42251

Saber Oil & Gas Ventures, LLC
State University 'BC' #7
Andrews, South (Devonian)&(Leonard)-D; UL; A-U24, Blk 1, Sec 24; 673.5 FSL 512 FEL of lse; 512 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 10 miles S of Andrews; obj:11500; permit #733489; API #003-43959

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
Strip 3 #4
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; PSL/Means, J S; A-517, Blk A19, Sec 3; 467 FWL 752 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 9454 FNL of survey; 5.7 miles NE of Andrews; obj:13500; permit #733474; API #003-43964

Energen Res. Corp.
West Fuhrman-Mascho Unit #2318
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Thornberry, M A; A-2214, Blk A42, Sec 23; 3940 FSL 379 FEL of lse; 1691 FNL 379 FEL of survey; 10.1 miles SW of Andrews; obj:4900; permit #733392; API #003-43999

Crane County

Henry Res. LLC
UnivTaylor #1913
Wildca-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 31, Sec 19; 1940 FEL 1980 FNL of lse; 1940 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 9.4 miles NW of Crane; obj:11000; permit #733883; API #103-35964

Ector County

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
Malcolm A #1
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Robertson, C A; A-787, Blk 42, T3S, Sec 38; 677 FNL 434 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 11.2 miles SE of Odessa; obj:10450; permit #728757; API #135-41420

RSP Permian, LLC
Chivas Regal #205
Spraberry (Trend Area) & STA (Atoka)-D; T & P RR Co. Survey; A-N/A, Blk 41, T1S, Sec 2; 2525.2 FNL 445.1 FEL of lse; 2525.2 FNL 445.1 FEL of survey; 14.6 miles NE of Odessa; obj:12000; permit #733515; API #135-41564

Occidental Permian LTD
Goldsmith-Landreth/Deep/Unit #494
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; PSL/Meador, J W; A-1055, Blk A, Sec 7; 2670 FNL 731 FWL of lse; 2628 FSL 1932 FEL of survey; 5.4 miles NW of Goldsmith; obj:6600; permit #732965; API #135-41568

Occidental Permian LTD.
Goldsmith-Landreth/Deep/Unit #499
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; PSL/Meador, Mrs. A; A-1053, Blk A, Sec 12; 1324 FSL 3345 FWL of lse; 1317 FNL 1968 FEL of survey; 4.7 miles NW of Goldsmith; obj:6600; permit #733104; API# 135-41579

Glasscock County

Laredo Pet., Inc.
Lacy Creek 24 #2
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Turner, J S; A-905, Blk 33, T5S, Sec 24; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 12.2 miles SE of Garden City; obj:11000; permit #732452; API #173-34748

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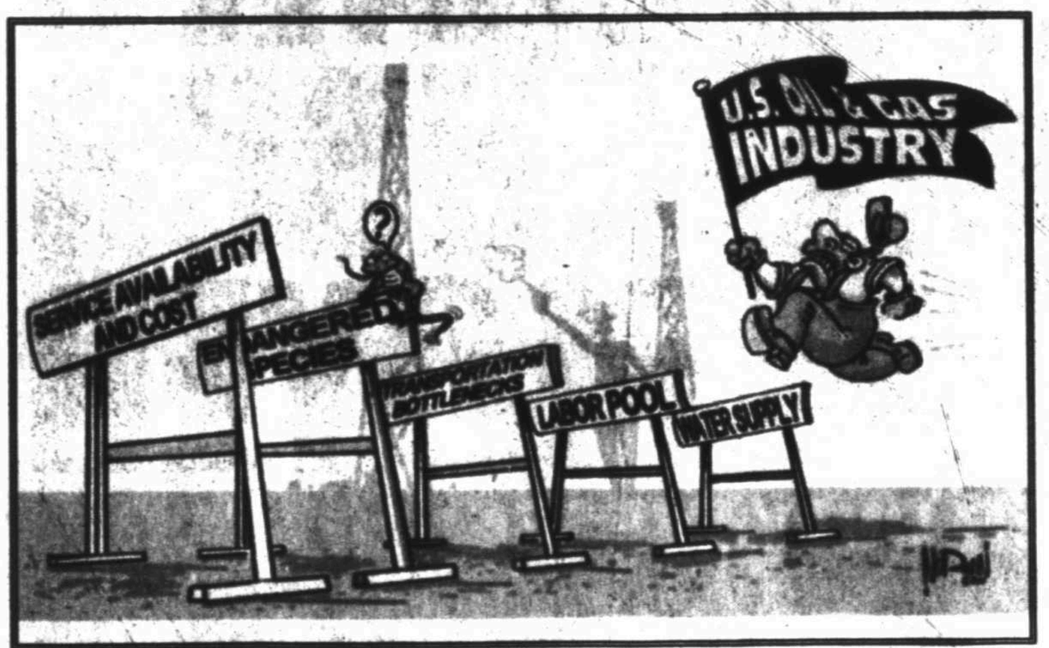

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Monday - 5:30 - 7:30 PM
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Announcement of Hearst Energy Awards - 6:30 PM
Heavy Hor D'oeuvres, along with beverages, will be served at the reception giving time for networking and exhibitor contact.

Full catered breakfast served from 6:45 - 7:30

Sponsored by IPAA/PBPA - 7:15 am
Susan W. Ginsberg, Vice President
Crude Oil & Natural Gas Regulatory Affairs
"Legislative and Regulatory Outlook for 2012"

Session 1 - 8:30 am
"Congressman Joe Barton, Sixth District of Texas

Session 3 - 11:00 am
"The Future of Domestic Oil Production"
Jerry Schuyler, President & COO, Laredo Petroleum, Inc.

Session 4 - 12:00 pm
"Pioneering the Permian
Scott Sheffield, Chairman and CEO
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Session 6 - 3:30 pm
"A & D Market Overview"
Ward Polzin, CFA Managing Director & Head of A&D
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Session 2 - "Industry Observers Panel"
"Digging in: The stories from those in the trenches, sharing what strategies and structures have worked in this market."
Moderator: Joe Wright, SVP and COO, Concho Resources; *Panelists* - Ron Gasser, Engineering Manager, Clayton Williams Energy, Matthew Thompson, Manager of Government Affairs, Apache Corporation

Session 5 - "Global Economic Landscape and Energy Fundamentals Driving Today's Investment Environment"
Facing one hurdle after another, industry observers present a macro overview of oil prices, North American supply, world supply, and data to back up investment dollars.
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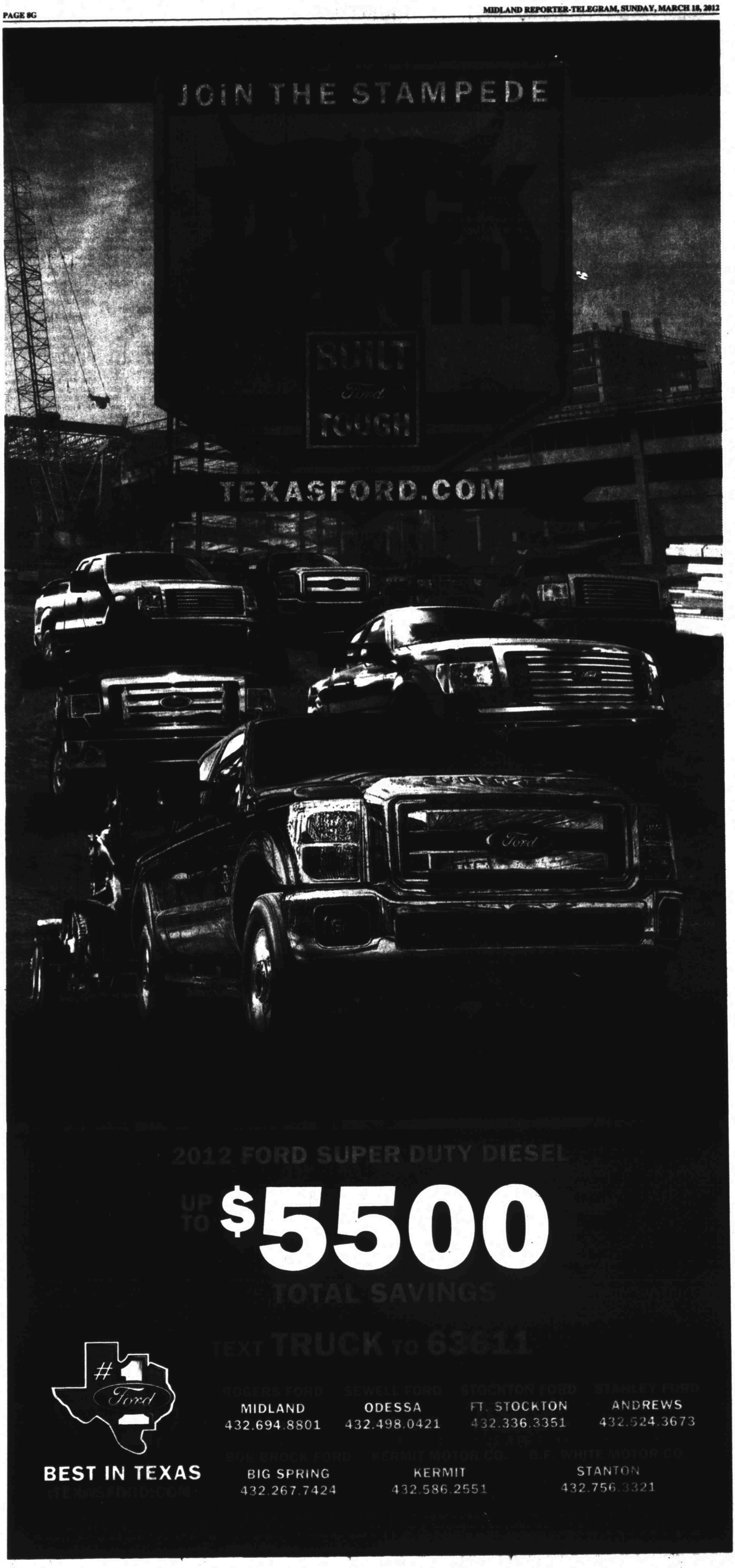
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THE EXHIBITION "A VISUAL FEAST: NARRATIVE STITCHING BY CINDY HICKOK"

When: Friday through June 10

Event: Hickok will present a gallery talk and artist demonstration at noon Friday

Where: Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa

Cost: Free. Public invited.

Museum hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday

Info: Cindy Hickok creates art using free-motion machine embroidery

For the uninitiated:

"Free motion machine embroidery is achieved by dropping the feed dogs and fitting an appropriate foot — darning/free motion embroidery — to the machine," said www.coatsandclark.com. "By dropping the feed dogs the machine loses the ability to move the fabric under the foot, and the stitch length setting is of no consequence.

"Free machine embroidery involves producing a stitch by simultaneously running the machine and moving the work around. Imagine the work surface to be a piece of paper and the machine needle to be a pencil. Instead of moving the pencil to draw, move the 'paper' allowing the needle to draw on the fabric surface. The foot leaves a gap between the plate and the foot through which the work can move easily.

"The length of the stitch is determined by how quickly, or slowly, the work is moved, combined with how fast the machine is run. Running the machine quickly and moving the work slowly results in small stitches. Running the machine slowly and moving the work quickly results in longer stitches. The direction in which the stitches run can also give texture to a piece of work."

Artist incorporates humor in her stitch work

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

ODESSA — Artist Cindy Hickok paints with thread. Using her sewing machine to embroider layers upon layers of stitches, she creates designs with color and shape that often have a humorous twist.

"My embroideries are intended to provide the viewer a look at everyday situations with a tinge of humor." Hickok told Fiberarts magazine in 2010. "My aim is not to make a political statement; rather, it is to produce work that will inspire a smile, a memory, an appreciation of the world we share."

An exhibition of her work, entitled "A Visual Feast: Narrative Stitching by Cindy Hickok" opens Friday at the Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.

"Hickok's sense of humor is present in each work she creates," said Jessica Smith, publicist for the Ellen Noël Art Museum. "She illustrates everyday situations. In 'She Said, He Said,' the viewer quickly recognizes the contrasting views in male and female expectations and dreams. He dreams of a vacation fishing, she of a cruise. He thinks of a racy red convertible, while she thinks of a practical blue sedan. A cultural event on TV provides entertainment for her, while he prefers a heated sports event."

Hickok stresses the importance of a sense of humor in everyday life.

"One must be able to laugh at oneself," Hickok has said. "Frustrations can be fodder for a later enjoyment, when we have the ability to laugh at our personal situations."

Hickok will present a free gallery talk and artist demonstration to the public at noon Friday.

Her work has been shown in museums throughout North America, Europe and Asia and is in the permanent collection of numerous museums in this country and abroad. Her work also has appeared in numerous art books. Recently she has had major solo exhibitions: "Texas Master: Cindy Hickok" at the Houston Museum for Contemporary Art; and "Art of the Stitch" showing in London, England, Dublin, Ireland, Paris, France and Horst, The Netherlands.

Most of the work in the exhibition is framed; however, there are 3-dimensional pieces which incorporate stitched fabric surrounding an actual object.

"I have a special bond with my sewing machine," said Hickok. "It is like an extension of my arm. Each day I stitch, mix threads, create, play. My wall of brilliantly colored thread is beside me, beckoning to try new combinations. My needle is my paintbrush, the thread my paint. I create narrative art."

In the limelight
Jazz Ambassadors

By Graham Dixon

Traditionally seen as an improvisational art form with few rules and a decidedly non-hierarchical structure, jazz might seem a strange choice to embody the virtues of the US Army, but the Jazz Ambassadors — who performed in the Lee High School auditorium last Saturday — showed otherwise. They were, as might be expected when one can choose the best few dozen among hundreds of thousands, all consummate musicians.

Starting with a traditional standard, "Come Fly With Me," they soon moved into more unusual territory with "Jumpin' Punkins," and then into a moving, elegiac piece called "Widow's Walk." This featured SFC Pat Shook on tenor saxophone. He varied from blistering runs to quiet, almost hesitant passages in which he used the deeper resonances of his instrument excellently. As in the rest of this concert, the various parts of the band were in perfect synchronization without any need of a leader.

The titular conductor of the group is CWO William S. McCulloch, but he stands to the side during actual playing and only takes part as he ends the pieces with a fairly casual swipe of his hand. It seems obvious his presence at the end of numbers is demanded politeness rather than necessity. That most disciplined of human organizations — the armed forces — produces musicians who can play the most complex pieces led by a shared, invisible muse rather than a person.

In "The Eternal Triangle" it was jazz guitarist SSG Jonathan Epley who shone. Epley is virtuosic on this normally rather subdued instrument, fingers flying up and down the neck yet never allowing

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MIDLAND MARQUEE

THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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Arts Council of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 687-1149.

Arts Council of Midland is now accepting applications from Merchants to participate in the Merchant Bazaar, a brand new component of our 29th Annual Celebration of the Arts, to be held May 19-20. Interested Merchants may submit an application with a CD that is representative of their work. Postmark deadline for entries is March 30, 2012. For an application, please contact: Arts Council of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702, call 687-1149, or email lorri@acmidland.org for more information.

SUNDAY

Basin PBS: LAWRENCE WELK: Grammy-winning songs, including "Little Green Apples," "Catch a Falling Star," "Moon River," "(I Never Promised You a) Rose Garden," "Cabaret" and "Mack the Knife." 4 p.m. PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: The Mike and Linda Tilton Collection of contemporary art, through April 8. EXHIBIT: Downstream: Paintings by Joyce Howell, through March 11. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two presidents, two governors, and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery: EXHIBIT: "He Got Marks" featuring the works of Gordon and Dagan Sherman, through March 30. Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 432-685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mccormick. No admission charged.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-5447. Open by appointment.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHBIT: Lasting Light: 125 Years of Grand Canyon Photography, through June 10 in the Southwing Gallery. EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series 2012: "Tribal Stories": Linda Vallejo Opening, through March 18 in the Here and Now Gallery. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations Welcome.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 432-684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: Nancy Fyfe Cordozier Gallery presents paintings and silverpoint by Donna M. Meeks, through April 15.4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "After School Fine Arts Program" A free Fine Arts program for first-through seventh-graders. Students will learn basic rhythm, musical chords, instruments, and construct musical equipment, instructor, Mary Lou McDonald. 1101 East Garden Lane. For enrollment, contact Youth Education Coordinator Chris Stonedale at 682-9701.

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana Ave. 432-682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Sara Drescher Braswell, artist for the month of March, 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 County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Ave. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Mary Tucci, artist for the month of March, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall St. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Putt-Putt Around the World: Nine-hole game of miniature golf. Each hole represents a different culture and provides fun facts about each country. Permanent exhibits include "My Town", "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound". Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged.

Midland Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-noon, 907 West Wadley Ave. For more information call 352-8297.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: LECTURE SERIES: The Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series presents National Geographic Speaker Mireya Mayor, female Indiana Jones. A scientist, explorer, wildlife correspondent, anthropologist and inspirational speaker Dr. Mayor has reported on wildlife and habitat issues to worldwide audiences. For more than a decade she has dedicated her life to unlocking the mysteries of the natural world. She ventures into previously unexplored parts of the planet to study rare creatures, working closely with indigenous people in the process. 7 p.m. This is free event with 250 available seats. Please contact Museum for your tickets. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

WEDNESDAY

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First Presbyterian Church: CONCERT: 2012 Lenten Lunch Concert Series: Midland High School Band with Brian Collins, director. Lunch is available for a fee in Lynn Hall 30 minutes before and after each concert. Noon-12:30 p.m. 800 West Texas Ave. For more information call 684-7821. Free and open to the public.

Midland College Foundation: CONCERT: The Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series presents: The 5 Browns, one family, five pianos, 50 fingers. 7:30 p.m. Al G. Langford Chaparral Center. Free to the public. Tickets are not required for general admission seating. For more information call 685-4526 or visit www.midlandcollegefoundation.org.

Midland Opera Theater: OPERA 101: Come to prepare for performance of Cosi Fan Tutte. 2-4 p.m. Manor Park Cowden Clubhouse. For more information call 269-0389. Open to the public.

The Museum of the Southwest: ART SOCIAL: Sculpture Garden. Fill your morning with a guided tour of the Museum's sculpture garden, a featured film on Allan Houser and inspiring discussions over coffee and breakfast treats. Drop in any time between 10 a.m. and noon.1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. No Cost.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

ClayDesta Center Presents: CONCERT: Midland Odessa Symphony Sack Lunch Concert, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 6 Desta Drive, ClayDesta Atrium. For more information call 688-3000. Free to the public.

The Haggard Gallery: EXHIBITION: Photography Exhibition by Guy McCrary, through April 30. The Martin County Library, 110 West School Street at St. Mary Street, Stanton, Texas. For information call 432-756-2472.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: LUNCH AND LECTURE SERIES: "spOILed": a documentary film by Mark Mathis. For nearly 10 years, journalist-turned-media analyst has studied our use of oil. What he found shocked him so thoroughly that he produced a movie about the misinformation, distortions and even outright lies about oil. We do have an "oil problem" in America (and the world), but it's not what you have been told. So, it is time to Fill Up on Truth…for a change. "spOILed" is about us, the people, our lives and how petroleum is imbedded into everything we do. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (90 minute film) Dessert and Drinks Provided, bring a brown bag lunch. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

FRIDAY

Basin PBS: WOMEN WHO ROCK: A documentary that charts the female influence on rock 'n' roll, from its blues roots in the 1920s and 1930s to the present pop scene, which is ruled to a large extent by women. Included: Bessie Smith; Ma Rainey; Mother Maybelle Carter; Mahalia Jackson; Darlene Love; Heart's Ann and Nancy Wilson; Bonnie Raitt; Cyndi Lauper; Wanda Jackson; Mavis Staples; Blondie's Deborah Harry; and Kathleen Hanna of Bikini Kill and Le Tigre. Cyndi Lauper hosts. 8 p.m. PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT OPENING: A Visual Feast: Narrative Stitching by Cindy Hickok. Ms. Hickock will present a Gallery Talk and artist demonstration to the public at noon. All are welcome and the event is free. 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "Red, White and Tuna". 8 p.m. Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 570-4111. Admission charged. No Late Seating.

SATURDAY

Basin PBS: LAWRENCE WELK: "Beer Barrel Polka," "Warsaw Concerto," "Runnin' Wild," "Walkin' on New Grass" and "Walkin' Happy" 6 p.m. PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

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Basin PBS: AUSTIN CITY LIMITS: The British rock band Coldplay perform. Included: selections from the 2011 album "Mylo Xyloto." 10 p.m. PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "Red, White and Tuna." 8 p.m. Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley Ave. For more information call 570-4111. Admission charged. No late seating.

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"HOW TO FINISH THIS PUZZLE" By JOHN LAMPKIN

ACROSS
1 Bestows on, with "to"
8 Forgoes scissors
13 Captivates
20 Fashionista's field
21 Bring to the mix
22 "Sorry, Charlie"
23 Start to finish, e.g.?
24 Persevere, like a teamster?
26 It may be abstract or concrete
27 Stopwatch users
29 Intent
30 "Gladiator" composer Zimmer
31 Examines closely
33 Raise a glass to
36 Clerical residence
37 Really boring
39 Persevere, like a stand-up comic?
42 Lang. of Jamaica
43 Dora the Explorer, for one
45 Cartoonist Keane
46 Ready
50 Place for a plunger in Plymouth
51 It's wet in Oaxaca
52 Infatuated, old-style
54 Display irritation
55 Sea debris
57 Warmup for college hopefuls, briefly
58 Diamond strategy
59 Morning hrs.
60 "Voilà!"
61 Hand-on-chest words
63 Careerbuilder.com listing
64 Contingency phrase
66 Writer Lebowitz
68 Persevere, like a frequent flier?
70 Challenging
71 Impose fraudulently
73 Rams' city: Abbr.
74 Musician awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011
76 Julio's yesterday
79 Neighbor of Uru.
80 Isaac's eldest
82 Aussie runners
83 Nonnegotiable, as a plan
85 Queequeg crewmate
87 Suds
88 Utah state flower
89 Aussie college
90 Do routine tire maintenance
91 Inspired mixture
92 Strands at a chalet, maybe
94 Carpet
95 Persevere, like a very loud organist?
98 Bean or noodle
100 Leipzig legwear
103 Where glasses may be raised?
104 Strove to attain
106 Dip __ in: test the water
107 Manage moguls
108 Full of school spirit
110 Wealthy "Wind in the Willows" character
113 Persevere, like a golfer?
117 Longtime CBS golf analyst Ken
119 Nintendo game with Pikachu
120 Nasty smile
121 Hall of talk
122 Scaredy-cats
123 Surfer wannabe
124 Hero's hero

DOWN
1 "If __ make it there …": "New York, New York" lyric
2 Like old records
3 Persevere, like a boxing promoter?
4 Set things right
5 Make tracks
6 Persevere, like a judge?
7 Weigh station visitors
8 Grab a coffee, say
9 Central German river
10 "__ Fideles"
11 Forgo scissors
12 Cat lead-in
13 Sum of all parts
14 Cliff's pal on "Cheers"
15 Sun Devils' sch.
16 "Where Creativity Happens" retail chain
17 Mork, by birth
18 Harness straps
19 Get the feeling
25 Nosy?
28 Craze
32 Fitzgerald et al.
34 Planetary path
35 "__ turns out …"
36 Revolutionary army
37 Dutch city in many Vermeer paintings
38 First name in bombers
40 Poughkeepsie college
41 "Nerts!"
44 Antacid choice
47 Persevere, like a lightning rod installer?
48 Pal of Grover
49 Examination
53 Proposal with a nice ring?
54 Buster
56 Works on the road
57 Ring out
58 One-named rocker
62 Carrie Nation's org.
63 High points
65 Kegger locale
67 Pigged out
69 "Oh, I give up!"
70 Persevere, like a museum curator?
71 Susceptible to sunburn, probably
72 Roughly
73 "Exodus" actor Mineo
75 Architect __ van der Rohe
77 The blahs
78 Rule
81 Beheld
82 Computer message
84 Arabic : ibn :: English : __
86 Flirted with, with "at"
87 Calamine target
88 Thread puller
91 Gelatin garnish
93 Branding iron wielder
96 Mementos
97 Nearly birdied
99 Understood
100 Hinged fasteners
101 10th-century Roman emperor
102 Drenches
105 Involving warships
107 Dealer's dispenser
109 No longer in port
111 Soul singer India.__
112 Poison and Pure Poison creator
114 "OMG! Spare me!"
115 Kyrgyzstan city
116 Card game shout
118 DOD division

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Let the opponents help you

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 8 4
♡ 4
◇ A Q 4
♣ A J 9 8 3 2

WEST
♠ Q 7 2
♡ Q 5 3 2
◇ J 9 8 2
♣ 10 4

EAST
♠ K J 6 5 3
♡ A 9 8 6
◇ K 7 5
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A 9
♡ K J 10 7
◇ 10 6 3
♣ K Q 7 5

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Dbl	1♡	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♠	Dbl
Pass	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Two of ♠

Those players sitting to your right and left might be your friends, but they are trying to do you harm. However, there are times when, much as they hate the idea, they have to help you. Consider this deal.

West led low in his partner's suit, East rises with the king, and you duck. You win the spade continuation but the defender to your left unblocks the queen. Now you have to run eight more tricks because if you let the opponents in early they will bank three more spades to go with the two they will have already banked.

However, you do have an undisclosed weapon — your solid six-card minor. Don't even consider the diamond finesse — the bidding strongly suggests that that can't win. Instead, run your six-card club suit, discarding one card from each red suit from hand, and reducing everyone to five cards.

Look at poor East. He must hold king and one diamond, the ace of hearts and three spades. Now you exit with a heart and he can take his two spades, but then must lead away from his king of diamonds into your major tenace.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 18, 2012:
This year a lot goes on behind closed doors. The less said, the better. You often seem to be coming from out of left field with others as you become spontaneous. Be careful when handling funds. You could suddenly win a large amount of money or lose the same just as easily. AQUARIUS understands you better than maybe even you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are a friend above all else right now. You see a situation far differently because of your willingness to respond and act. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Touch base with a parent or older relative. Your ability to relate to this person comes out. Your optimism is contagious. Tonight: Up late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Your instincts pay off as he or she guides you in making plans. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Make time for a fun afternoon with a partner. Dedicating time just for the two of you keeps your bond close. Tonight: Continue the theme.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★
You might understand a lot more if you were more receptive. What you hear could knock your socks off. Tonight: Go with someone else's idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your vision of what you can accomplish might be different from reality. Make time for friends. Tonight: Easy works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Make time for a loved one or partner. A child also might want to put in his or her request for more of your time. Tonight: Opt for something fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ How you handle a personal matter and the decisions you make could change. Sudden news puts a different perspective on your initial plans. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Stop standing on ceremony. Pick up the phone and make the call you have been wanting to. Tonight: Catch up on email and calls.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Honor your own sensitivity. You cannot keep giving and giving like you have been. A personal matter earmarks your decisions. Tonight: Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your energy is great, yet it could cause a problem if a friend feels the need to keep up with you. Tonight: What you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Indulge yourself, and know when you need to take a break or do something in a totally different way. Tonight: Get some sleep.

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BORN TODAY
Actress Queen Latifah (1970), novelist John Updike (1932), singer Adam Levine (1979)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

IMPARTS TEARS ENAMORS
COUTURE ADDIN NOSIREE
ANTONYM KEEPONTRUCKIN
NOUN TIMERS AIM HANS
PEERSAT TOAST MANSE
DEADLY NEVERSAYDIE
ENG LATINA BIL ALLSET
LOO AGUA SMIT BRISTLE
FLOTSAM PSAT BUNT AMS
TADA ISWEAR JOB IFNOT
FRAN CARRYON HARD
FOIST STL YOYOMA AYER
ARG ESAU EMUS INSTONE
ISHMAEL BREW SEGO UNI
ROTATE AIR ICESIN RUG
DONTSTOPNOW NOGGIN
HOSEN OPERA WENTFOR
ATOE SKI RAHRAH TOAD
STAYTHECOURSE VENTURI
POKEMON SNEER ARSENIO
SISSIES HODAD LEANDER

THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin March 18-24

TODAY

Deadline coming

Arts Council of Midland is accepting applications from merchants to participate in the Merchant Bazaar, a new component of the 29th annual Celebration of the Arts, being held downtown in May.

Postmark deadline for entries is Friday. Submit an application with a CD that is representative of your work.

Contact the Arts Council of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, 79702, call 687-1149, or email lorri@acmidland.org for more information.

Concert

MESCALERO, N.M. — Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas will bring its Paper Airplane Tour 2012 to Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino on June 19.

Tickets are on sale and may be purchased by visiting www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com or calling 888-262-0478.

THURSDAY

Concert

The 5 Browns will perform 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, Midland College campus.

The classical piano musical group consists of five siblings whose repertoire includes mostly popular classical tunes, such as George Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue," Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee" and Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King."

Tickets are free and not required for general admission seating. The performance is presented by the Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and the Midland College Foundation.

FRIDAY

Comedy

"Red, White and Tuna," a comedy by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard, is on stage in Mabee Theatre II at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., through March 31.

The show, co-produced by Concho Resources, features Mike Harrell and David Odom portraying around 10 different characters each.

Tickets for "Red, White and Tuna" are $18 for adults, $15 for seniors and $12 for children. Additional ticket processing fees applied for all non-member ticket purchases. For tickets call MCT's box office, 570-4111.

UPCOMING

Country concerts

Country superstar Charley Pride, the music of Country Legend Johnny Cash and Country Music Hall of Famer Don Williams are all part of the Country Music Combo at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

On April 24, Pride will perform many of his classic hits. He remains one of the top 20 best-selling country artists of all time.

On June 9, "The Man in Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash" comes to the Wagner Noël. Through Shawn Barker's talent the life of Johnny Cash unfolds on stage. While offering the retro look of a younger Cash, the show still features more than 30 hit songs that span Cash's career.

On June 23, Williams will perform many of his No. 1 hits.

Prices range from $90-$200 based on seat location.

Series tickets

Tickets are still available for Hal Holbrook's Mark Twain Tonight on Friday, April 13, and The Rat Pack is Back on Friday, May 4. Both are part of the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center inaugural Broadway in the Basin Series.

The center is located off of Highway 191 and FM 1788. For ticket information, contact the Wagner Noël staff at 432-552-4430 or order online at www.wagnernoel.com.

Art show and sale

The Midland Palette Club's Fourth Annual Art Show and Sale entitled "Arts of the Heart" is set for April 20-22 at the Midland Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave.

Works by 38 area artists will be on display and for sale. Artist Kay Smith has donated an original painting for the event. Tickets can be purchased for a chance to win this original piece of artwork at the door.

Prices on the artwork will range from $50 to $4,000 for original work. There will be a wide range of mediums and styles of art. Expect to see acrylics, oils, pastels, watercolors, mixed media, photography and bronze sculpture.

The public is invited to attend the free event.

LIMELIGHT

From 1H

sheer speed to replace accuracy. Throughout the evening he exhibited one of the more interesting stage personas — his face wearing a slightly quizzical expression as he practiced chords silently between numbers. Once he leaves the army, Epley should be someone to look out for.

In the middle of the show singer MSG Marva Lewis took the stage. She possesses a smooth, emotion-filled voice that is ideal for storytelling. In "Do Nothing 'til You Hear From Me," she captured the quiet desire of a person who has left her lover but is not quite ready to move on. In "The Good Life" she explored a vocal-instrumental duet with pianist Tim Young, and it seemed we were transported to some smoky Las Vegas bar in the middle of the night.

Lewis also highlighted the most unusual moment of the night in a pastiche-like interpretation of the pop song "Ain't Nobody" made famous by Chaka Khan. A fascinating, near-surreal version of this song. Hints of "Take Five" resounded through the intriguingly named "Ology," followed by "April in Paris," in which several Lee High School band students joined the Ambassadors.

A funny interlude then occurred in which the audience decided what to call the New Orleans jazz quintet that is contained within the full band. McCulloch asked what the "nearest body of water" was to the auditorium — suggestions included the Lee High School swimming pool, the Duck Pond and finally, the Pecos River. It is perhaps a trifle optimistic to call any of those a "body" of water, but the newly named Pecos River Ramblers led us on a brief, but foot-stomping foray into the purest form of jazz.

The evening ended with the Armed Forces Salute in which many of what is justifiably called the greatest generation stood and received a salute from the stage as well as the audience's applause. And with a spirited rendition of "God Bless America" and an encore of "Gave Birth to the Blues," we were sent into the night.

The auditorium was about half-full for the concert, but those who came to Lee High School on that cold and drizzly night had a fine time courtesy of the some of the best-sounding — and most smartly dressed — musicians to be found.

GRAHAM DIXON

Arts, volunteer community lose friend

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Francine Weaver will be remembered for her determination, dedication and "the hottest dip this side of the Pecos."

The "hottest dip" reference above comes from Doreen Womack, executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful, who, in speaking at Weaver's memorial service Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, said the longtime volunteer's dip was often spoken of by those who first tried it as "Oh, my gosh that is hot." Special emphasis on each word.

"I loved it," said Womack, referring to the dip. She went on to describe Weaver as someone "who loved the outdoors, was dedicated to litter prevention and cleanup and believed in reuse and recycling. Francine's dry wit, her knowledge of parliamentary procedures, her friendship, all that and more will definitely be missed."

Weaver, a graduate of Midland High School and Texas Christian University, taught at a number of Midland schools during her 32-year teaching career and was a Sunday School teacher at her church, First UMC. She held offices in the Altrusa Club of Midland, Keep Midland Beautiful, Retired Teachers Association and Community Concerts, which evolved into Live on Stage.

"Francine was the absolute backbone of Community Concerts for so many years," wrote Mary Lou Cassidy, attorney, actor and founder of the Maverick Players, in her email that notified the arts and volunteer communities that Weaver had died.

Cherie Lawson, Mid South and Mid Central area representative for Live on Stage, also spoke at the memorial service. She described Weaver as "generous of heart and spirit" and said, "Francine loved the arts."

Lawson read a personal message from Matt Davenport of Matt Davenport Productions, owner of Live on Stage, Inc.

"I first met Francine when I was touring as a singer in the mid-'80s," said Davenport. "She met us at the venue, and at the end of the evening personally took us to find some authentic Texas food and libations, both of which were needed desperately late that evening. Francine's enthusiasm and smile were as big as Texas. Within minutes of meeting her you knew you had a friend for life, and that certainly proved true.

"As Live on Stage came into fruition in 2002, that year we held our first national conference. Francine, of course, came to this embarkment, attended the showcases and was there when I made my final remarks of the weekend. At the end of the speech, she came from the back of the room and marched straight to me and kissed me on the cheek and said, 'This is a great thing you are doing. Midland and I are behind you all the way.'

"She meant what she said, and indeed Francine and Midland have been stalwart supporters of Live on Stage as we have grown over the past 10 years. That was Francine — resolute, supportive and there by your side. We at Live on Stage will greatly miss Francine by our side at our 10th anniversary conference this season.

"Personally, I will miss that smile and passion, but I know she is smiling down on us. I will miss my friend."

In closing her comments at the memorial service, Lawson quoted Irving Berlin (1927 hit with words by Beda Loehner): "The Song is Ended but the Melody Lingers on."

Following Wednesday's memorial service, it was discovered that the recipe for Weaver's dip may be lost forever.

"I wish I would have asked for it, but I just figured I'd see her at our next party," said Womack, upon hearing the news. "I wouldn't mind being known as the person who makes the hottest dip this side of the Pecos."

Singer to bring blend of country, jazz, pop to Midland for Live on Stage concert

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Vocalist Anna Wilson grew up in a home filled with the sound of jazz.

"I moved to Nashville to be a songwriter and a country artist, I thought," Wilson said in a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram. "And by being around that world and doing it for a while, I realized that wasn't what suited me best, so I pursued rock and roll and pop.

"And I had record deals in all those genres. It didn't work out. The music I loved the most is all that stuff I grew up with — jazz and big band type songs. I wondered what would happen if I tried a song like that, and I did, and I never looked back."

Wilson will bring her blend of country, jazz and pop here for a 2:30 p.m. performance March 25 at Midland High School Auditorium as part of the Live on Stage concert series. The performance will feature songs from her albums as well jazz standards. She is backed by a rhythm section led by her guitarist and husband, producer/songwriter, Monty Powell.

She has described her current release, "Countrypolitan Duets," as "country music and jazz music shaking hands because it's a real fusion of two great American musical art forms."

The album features duets with some of the best known vocalists in Nashville, such as Ray Price, Kenny Rogers, Connie Smith, Keith Urban, Rascal Flatts and Lady Antebellum. In addition to her own albums, she has penned songs for Reba McEntire, Brooks & Dunn, Billy Ray Cyrus, Lee Ann Womack and Chris Cagle.

"The second reason for choosing jazz is one of the main things I wanted to do since I was a little girl," said Wilson. "I wanted to perform live. Jazz was the format I could do that well into my golden years and still be relevant. I'd like to be 70 years old and singing on a stage."

ALL THE DETAILS

JAZZ VOCALIST ANNA WILSON
When: 2:30 p.m. March 25
Where: Midland High School Auditorium, downtown.
Tickets: Part of the Live on Stage concert series. Go to www.liveonstage-pb.com or call 789-1249 for tickets information. See Thursday's Pulse for the rest of the interview with Anna Wilson.

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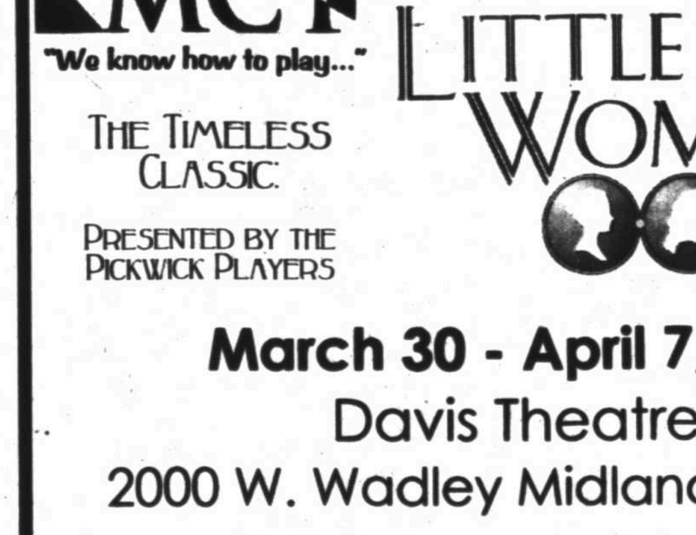

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Reviews of recent CDs

THE DECEMBERISTS
"We All Raise Our Voices to the Air (Live Songs 04.11-08.11)"

If anyone ever needed proof that live albums have worth, they should check the marketplace: The Who's "Live at Leeds (Super Deluxe Edition)" now fetches $300 on the Internet. Still, despite the many classic live albums that have been released, they're often a mixed bag, and that's the case with the Decemberists' new 20-track collection from their 2011 tour.

PRO: The performances showcase a band with a remarkably broad vocabulary, even on stage. Arrangements include brass, saxes, guitars, organ, electric piano, pedal steel, violin, accordion, mandolin, harmonica and bouzouki. Lyrics include the words parapet, penitent, palanquin, moribund, rhapsodical and fontanelle.

CON: With nearly every song, the studio version is superior.

PRO: Frontman Colin Meloy makes amusing references to Keith Urban and Christopher Cross.

CON: He also indulges in you-had-to-be-there patter.

PRO: There are no drum solos.

CON: There's a glockenspiel solo.

PRO: It lasts only eight bars.

CON: Meloy invites audience participation. Then he does it again. And again.

PRO: The album ends on a good note — actually all 12 notes — as the band concludes "I Was Meant for the Stage" with blatty, squealing, liberating cacophony.

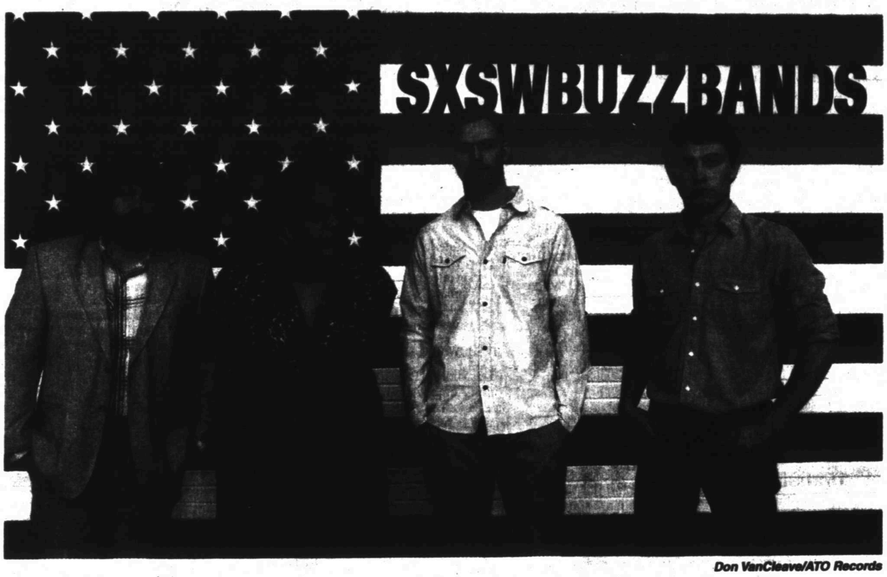
CHECK THIS TRACK OUT: The Decemberists aren't much for jamming, but on "All Arise!" they do get loose, with several band members swapping solos. These cerebral chamber rockers also enjoy a good hoedown.

— Jon Carmanica
New York Times

THE TING TINGS
"Songs From Nowheresville"

At least the Ting Tings don't play it safe. The British duo's new "Sounds From Nowheresville" tries on all sorts of genres, connecting at times, though never as strongly as "That's Not My Name." "Hang It Up" is a stunning, in-your-face homage to Debbie Harry, with Katie White delivering a brash rap and Jules de Martino offering some snarling guitar lines. The Ting Tings do strike out, though, especially on the oddly sprawling "Day to Day" and the bizarre, '90s alt-rock of "Silence." They need to work on their batting average.

— Glenn Gamboa
MCT News Services



Don VanCleave/ATO Records

Members of Alabama Shakes, from left, Zac Cockrell, Brittany Howard, Steve Johnson and Heath Fogg are shown. Alabama Shakes began playing in packed houses for enthusiastic fans after putting out a hastily released EP just six months ago. The Athens, Ala., foursome had a jam-packed schedule over five days at the South By Southwest Music Conference and Festival last week.

New bands seek to cut through chaos of Austin scene

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Members of the ascendant rock band Alabama Shakes can tell you all about buzz in the 21st century.

They first read about themselves on the Internet about nine months ago. They began playing in packed houses for enthusiastic fans after putting out a hastily released EP just six months ago. And last week the Athens, Ala., foursome reached the pinnacle of their exposure — so far — with a jam-packed schedule over five days at the South By Southwest Music Conference and Festival.

With thousands of reporters, bloggers, fans and members of the music industry jostling to see them and with the immediate "thumbs up, thumbs down" nature of the Internet culture, they'll be judged and judged often, and they haven't even released their first official album yet (that comes next month).

Still, drummer Steve Johnson thinks the band is ready for their moment in the spotlight.

"I think we play well under pressure," Johnson said. "Sometimes, if we feel a little pressure, the heat is on, and sometimes it pushes us to play in ways we haven't before, maybe a little bit tighter or something. So I don't mind that pressure."

Justin Gage, a blogger for the music website Aquarium Drunkard, which hosted a showcase this year featuring the band, says the Shakes are the sort of band the conference has touted since its start.

"South By Southwest is kind of the ultimate public showcase/coming-out party for a band, especially a band like Alabama Shakes, which has had so much attention over the last six months," said Gage, a 15-year attendee. "Anyone that has anything to do with the music industry as it is, they're pretty much going to be at South By Southwest. It's a prime opportunity for a band like them that are already superbuzzed about. This is a great time for all these people who have been hearing about the buzz for the past year to see it in the flesh."

They're not the only act tagged with the "one to watch" label. Austin bluesman Gary Clark Jr., British soul singer Michael Kiwanuka, Brooklyn punk rockers the Men and Philadelphia psych rockers the War on Drugs are all generating attention.

But even buzzworthy acts are having a harder time standing out with more and more chart-toppers and musical icons descending on what used to be primarily a venue for emerging acts.

This year, SXSW may have landed their biggest name yet with Bruce Springsteen serving as the conference's keynote speaker and performing to promote his latest album, "Wrecking Ball," released earlier this month. Jay-Z kicked off the week with a hit-filled, 80-minute performance Monday night (though the music portion of the SXSW Festival, which also includes film and interactive, actually starts Tuesday).

The Boss and Hova represent just the tip of the VIP list. Lil Wayne, 50 Cent, Nas, T.I., B.o.B. and several other hip-hop acts performed and there were persistent rumors that Eminem would appear. Multiplatinum Grammy winner Norah Jones performed, as did Jack White, Fiona Apple and critically acclaimed singer-songwriter Santigold, who will debut new songs.

That means these days new bands need buzz even before they arrive.

"I think anything is possible, I'll say that," Gage said. "But I do agree that in 2012, unless you have kind of all the different pieces in place for initial buzz, I do think it's much more difficult to be that breakout band unless you've had those kind of collective rumbling before arriving in town."

Clark, another rising performer, is in Stage 2 of that process. He grew up in Austin and played sporadically at the festival over the years. But he stepped it up last year, playing nine times before heading to Bonnaroo and releasing an EP. He parlayed those successes into an opening spot for Eric Clapton in front of 70,000 fans in Brazil and playing for President Barack Obama, a run he says is "dreamlike, actually, and kind of surreal."

This year he's even more visible at South By Southwest with eight shows, including a performance slot on MTV's Woodie Awards, as he prepares to release his major label debut in September. The ride has been interesting and the buzz palpable.

"I've definitely felt it over the years," Clark said. "It's pretty cool."

It's that cool stars and advertisers seek when they come to Austin, and their presence has changed things for both good and ill, longtime visitors say. Charles Aaron, SPIN's editorial director, believes the new acts are getting lost in the busy shuffle that SXSW has become in recent years: "I think when the Internet happened it just went completely kaplooie, and then after that it was like you couldn't move anywhere. It was just like a giant mob scene."

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March

18 **Ivy League, Black Lantern, TS & the Past Haunts** @ Pine Box
18 **Stevie Tombstone, Trixie, Lucias** @ New Blue Max
18 **Goodtimers, Samuel Zachary, Tucker Binkley, Cozetta Baker, Richard Jaquez, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
19 **Sawyer Family, Viva Le Fox, Rachel Brooke** @ New Blue Max
19 **Stick to Your Guns, Silver Snakes, Aficionado** @ Pine Box
20 **Hero's Last Mission** @ TJ Rabbit's
22 **The 5 Browns** @ Chaparral Center
22 **Cory Morrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
22 **Gentlemen Prefer Blood, Dirty Filthy Mugs** @ New Blue Max
23 Guitar Fest featuring **Bobby Broom** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
23 **Midnight Express** @ The Detour
23 **Stoney LaRue** @ Dos Amigos
23 **Nitelife, Chiquasta Hines, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
23 **Cory Yeager** @ Cigar Frog's
23-24 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
23-24 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
24 Guitar Fest featuring **Ana Vidovic** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
24 **Abolishment of Flesh, Shackled to the Grave, Trail of a Bloodstained God** @ Fast Freddy's
24 **Alberto Madrid** @ Cigar Frog's
24 **Gary Kyle and the No Standards Band** @ Lone Star Bar
24 Benefit for Magoo's Cotton Patch Lounge featuring **Barkin Spiders** @ Boomerz
24 **Allstars, Benito Ramos, Chiquasta Hines, Luis Ramirez, Ariosa Strings, Ty Miller, Jessie Thomas** @ Music City Mall
24 **Loudfinger** @ Corky's
24-25 **Creed Fisher** @ Flash's Cantina
25 **It Lies Within, As They Sleep, Nightshade** @ Pine Box
25 **Anna Wilson** @ MHS auditorium
25 **Lone Star Brass** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center (2 p.m.)
25 **Technical Jazz, Tucker Binkley, King/Hillard, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
28 **Three Bad Jacks, The Sticks, Black Eye Shiner** @ New Blue Max
30 **Jason Tarelton and the Unsweet T's** @ Cigar Frog's
30 **Tyree Johnson, Ashley Smith, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
30 **Loudfinger** @ The Detour
30 **Horse Opera** @ New Blue Max
30-31 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Riley's
30-31 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Hot Shots
31 **Rain, Swing For the Fences** @ Fast Freddy's
31 **Creed Fisher** @ Corky's
31 **Robert Clairborne** @ Cigar Frog's
31 **Jeff Williams, Mike Leonard, Michael Walker, Alan Childs, Ernest Calderon, Andres & Justin, Jessie Thomas** @ Music City Mall
31 **Continental** @ New Blue Max

April

1 **Love's Stricken Demise, Loudfinger** @ New Blue Max
2 **The Reller's Doomtown** @ New Blue Max
3 **All Shall Perish, The Contortionist, Carnifex, Conducting From the Grave** @ Dos Amigos
5 **Willie Nelson** @ Dos Amigos
6 **No Dry County** @ The Detour
7 **800 Mile Monday** @ New Blue Max
7 **Todd Agnew** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
11 **La Dispute, All Get Out, Sainthood Reps, Balance & Composure** @ Pine Box
13 **Creed Fisher** @ The Detour
13 **Casting Crowns, Royal Tailor, Matthew West, Lindsay McCaul** @ Ector County Coliseum
13 **Chelsea Grin, Attila, Chunk! No, Captain Chunk!, For the Fallen Dreams, Vanna, Crimson Armada** @ Dos Amigos
14 **Outlash** @ Fast Freddy's
16 **Mustard Plug, Left Alone** @ Blue Max
20 **Shane Rogers** @ The Detour
21 **William Clark Green** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Switchfoot** @ Grande Stadium
24 **Charley Pride** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
26 **Dusty Smith** @ New Blue Max
27 **Bobby Champion Band** @ The Detour
27 **Take Me Home** — Music of John Denver @ MHS auditorium
27-28 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Hot Shots
28 **B.J. Thomas** @ CAF Hangar

LUBBOCK

March

19 **Letlive, The World Alive, Oh Sleeper** @ Jake's
24 **Huntress** @ Jake's

April

21 **Dead Sara** @ Amphitheatre Lone Star Event Center
21 **Godsmack, Staind, HaleStorm** @ Amphitheatre Lone Star Event Center
25 **Cannibal Corpse, Exhumed, Abysmal Dawn, Arkaik** @ Jake's

NEW MEXICO

March

29 **LeAnn Rimes** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods (IOMG)
31 **REO Speedwagon** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

March

21 **Fun** @ House of Blues
22 **William Shatner** @ Majestic Theatre
23-24 **Kool & the Gang** @ Meyerson Symphony Center
25 **Skillet, NewSong, Sanctus Real, Peter Furler, Karl Jobe, Building 429, Group 1 Crew, Dara Macken, For King and Country, We As Human, Nick Hall, Brock Gill** @ American Airlines Center