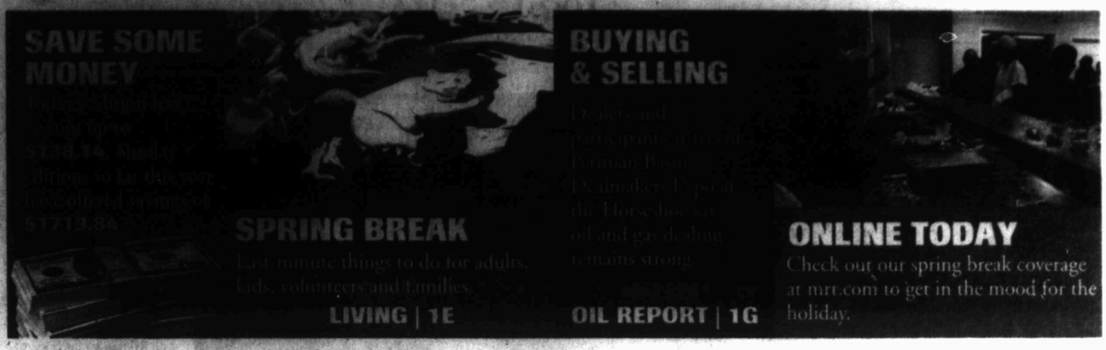

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MC faculty earn thousands for additional courses

Without overload, community college would have to cut classes

By Tessa Duvall
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There are no summers and winters off for some Midland College professors.

Midland College faculty are taking on larger-than-expected course loads in order to offer as many classes as possible to students.

The extra classes are good for the faculty's bottom line — they can earn tens of thousands of dollars picking up additional courses throughout the year. In fact, of the 20 Midland College employees who earned a gross pay that exceeded their contract by more than $10,000, 19 taught at least some additional courses during the school year.

Administrators have concerns about professors continuing to teach such large loads. They said Midland's booming economy and geographic isolation have made it difficult to recruit and retain faculty and adjunct professors, which leaves the college two options: continue with overload or reduce class offerings.

By the numbers

Instructional faculty have found spots among the top earners at the college by picking up additional courses throughout the year.

Midland College had 48 employees, including faculty and administrators, whose gross pay exceeded $80,000 in the 2012-13 school year, according to records obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Of those 48, four earned their exact contract pay, and one earned $136.42 less. The remaining 43 employees exceeded their contract pay, with overages ranging from as little as $600 to as much as $42,748.50.

Vice President of Administrative Services Rick Bender said standard nine-month faculty contracts are based on 15 course hours per semester for two semesters. Any additional courses during the semester are considered "overload" and are paid on top of contract pay.

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SCOTTISH-IRISH FAIRE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Brad Atwood, of Odessa, shows off his helmet during the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin's Scottish-Irish Faire on Saturday at Horseshoe Arena. The 12th annual celebration of Celtic heritage included Gaelic language workshops, tartan and inkle weaving sessions and beer and whiskey tasting. Celtic bands and musicians Jiggernaut, Murder The Stout, Red McWilliams and Thorn and Thistle Pipe and Drums also performed. On Saturday night, musicians and guests sang songs, shared stories and told jokes during a traditional ceilidh (sounds like kaylee). The event continues 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today.

Drilling boom creates deadly legacy

Editor's note: Following is part one of a two-part series on oilfield-related accidnets. See Monday's edition for part two.

By Lise Olsen
Houston Chronicle

The last thing Felipe Saiz saw from behind his trademark mirrored sunglasses was the vast sun-bleached vista of the Permian Basin where he'd grown up, with its scrub trees and white caliche rock.

He was standing on a platform near the top of Rig 11 at a West Texas drill site one morning in June when, hundreds of feet below, a drilling pipe got stuck and a rig superintendent increased drill power beyond normal operating limits, court documents said.

It took only seconds. The surge toppled the aging rig's mast, with Saiz held fast to it by a red nylon safety strap. The crumpled tower crashed inches from a hut where the superintendent still sat at the controls.

Saiz's son-in-law, Frankie Reyes, a rig hand, found Saiz's body under a

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City Council, staff focus on long-term goals at retreat

By Joseph Basco
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The city of Midland envisions a future in which it could be ahead of growth.

The bad symptoms of growth. Congested roads, staffing shortages and inflated housing prices from lack of supply exemplify how the city is presently behind.

"We don't want this community to get further behind," Mayor Jerry Morales said. "If the oil and gas industry and the aerospace industry are going to be major factors in our economics, we need to begin laying that foundation."

So at the City Council's annual retreat on Thursday and Friday, the council and city staff planned for the moment when the city population will reach 200,000.

It is a population count the city estimates will be reached by 2028 if the growth continues at a 3.5 percent annual rate, which is lower than the 4.6 percent growth rate the U.S. Census Bureau determined when comparing the city's 2011 and 2012 population counts. The Census Bureau's last population estimate for Midland was 119,385 in 2012.

If the population hits the 200,000 mark, the city predicts that the major roads leading to the core areas commuters go to — ClayDesta, downtown and the Scharbauer Sports Complex area — would have severe traffic problems. Loop 250, Big Spring Street, Andrews Highway, Front Street and Interstate 20 were identified as some of the roads bound for heavy traffic.

With the awareness that long-term planning needs to be done now rather than later, City Manager Courtney Sharp

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GOALS

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presented to the council a $1.5 billion vision that spans decades and includes an outer loop highway, more arterial roads and improved traffic signals.

Drawing inspiration from Lubbock's Marsha Sharp Freeway project, the new outer loop highway would convert the Nadine and Tom Craddick Highway, Fairgrounds Road and Front Street into an expressway that would provide faster access to and from North Midland, one of the few areas left within the city limits with the potential for growth. It is a proposal that is 30 to 40 years away from reality.

The major arterials mapped out in the plan would mostly lie in the north and west sides of Midland. Mockingbird Lane and Green Tree Boulevard would become major east-west arteries and the north Avalon Drive would become a major north-south road in the west.

"The key is to get people in and around Midland as effectively and efficiently as possible," Sharp said. "So when you have roads that are built to do that, then you can accommodate the number of cars we're seeing."

The city also wishes to improve traffic signals for the city's interior on roads such as Wadley Avenue, Midland Drive, Midkiff Road, Big Spring Street and Andrews Highway.

And more annexations, some one year away, some 10 years away, could increase the city limits from 73.7 square miles to 120.1 square miles. Most of the annexations would occur in the west and north sides of Midland.

Other than roads and annexations, the long-term vision would also call for updates to the city's master drainage plan, last updated in 1996; sewer master plan, last updated in 1982; and water master plan, the record of which the city has lost. These plans would then complement the city's recently completed or ongoing plans such as parks and recreation master plan and zoning code study as a guide for City Hall to develop a Midland that is ahead of the game.

"If you don't have studies that are up to date and are outdated like some of these are, it's not doing us any good," Morales said.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Mike Mowery, director of leadership development with Strategic Government Resources, speaks Thursday to Midland leaders during the City Council retreat.

"We have a water study that we can't even find, so it feels really good to start putting together this true comprehensive plan."

The sources of the funding for the comprehensive plan could be from developers, public and private partnerships and federal, state and local taxing entities. The estimated $1.5 billion would not be an upfront cost but rather an accumulated total of all various projects that could take place from the near future up to 40 or more years from now.

Being fully aware of the growing pains that exist now, some council members said they want to see faster development. District 4 Councilman J. Ross Lacy said on the first day of the retreat that he believes the city is not aggressive enough when it comes to development, adding that he believes the current population is underestimated. During the discussion on rate of development, District 1 Councilman Jeff Sparks said planning should be one year ahead of implementation, not immediately before.

It was an idea that Sharp ended his presentation with: "Vision without action is a daydream and action without vision is a nightmare."

ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE RETREAT:

■ **4B sales tax**

The fate of the 4B sales tax, a revenue source for quality-of-life projects, will be up for a vote in 2016.

The quarter-cent sales tax has been used for improvements related to the Scharbauer Sports Complex since it was introduced in 2000. Money from the city's general fund has been in use for operational purposes.

Scott Dufford, at-large councilman, proposed that the sports complex be solely funded by either 4B sales tax or the general fund, which is from property taxes.

"The more sustainable option would be to go with the 4B sales tax," Dufford said. "If property taxes took care of the depreciation, operations and maintenance for the sports complex, that would be an additional three cents that we'd have to add to the (ad valorem) tax rate. What I really don't want to see happening one day is a council having to decide whether they spend $1 million for new turf at the sports complex or for repaving Wadley Avenue."

He said because about $600,000 from the general fund is transferred to the sports complex for operations and maintenance every year, the 4B sales tax should be the sole funding source starting next fiscal year. Then in 2016, voters could decide if the 4B tax should continue to be used for the sports complex or for another quality-of-life use that the city has not yet identified.

■ **Quality of life**

Not necessarily proposing any specific use of the 4B sales tax, Lacy used the retreat forum to make known his concern for quality of life in the city.

He believes that the quality of life he had growing up in Midland is not the same quality of life of those growing up now. More amenities need to be offered for children and young professionals to make Midland an attractive place to raise a family.

"Being an individual that was born and raised here in Midland, I know what was offered to me and what I had growing up," Lacy said. "I feel obligated as a Midlander and city councilman that we offer that to current and future generations. Quality of life is a strong issue that I am always going to fight for."

District 2 Councilman John Love said that it is telling when people are boarding planes to Dallas and Houston for the weekend for entertainment purposes.

■ **Litter**

Other than parks and sports amenities, the council identified litter as an issue that impacts quality of life.

"I could voice everyone's concern that Midland has become highly littered, particularly on our heavily traveled roads where commercial traffic goes," said District 3 Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss.

Some ideas included doubling the amount of inmates used in the trash cleanup program and funding a public relations campaign specifically for trash cleanup.

Another proposal was more collaboration with Keep Midland Beautiful, a group that raises awareness for litter prevention. Sharp said the litter problem would take a community-wide effort.

"We have to start taking pride in our community," Sharp said.

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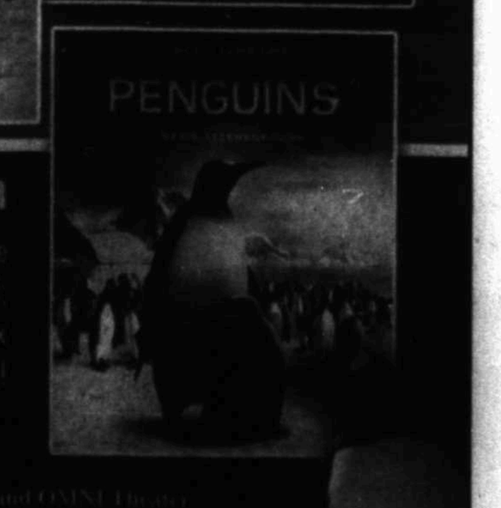

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PENGUINS

EARNINGS

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Overload pay was $1,701 per three-hour course during the fall and spring semesters for 2012-13, according to information provided by MC.

Winter and spring interim sessions, as well as summer classes, are also not included in a standard faculty contract and are paid according to credit hours and the instructor's rank. This pay ranged from $1,725 to $2,055 per three-hour course during the 2012-13 school year, according to a Midland College document.

Natasha Morgan, director of human resources and payroll, said not every faculty member will teach an overload every single semester but many do. Additionally, a large portion of faculty teach at least one summer session, Bender said.

"They have a chance to really pick up a lot extra (courses), especially if you think about it in terms of, they're just going to pick up and teach a class they've already been teaching and done the prep work," Bender said. "It's easier for them to pick one up rather than pick up a whole new prep."

The majority of the employees who received more than $10,000 over their contract were faculty whose main responsibility is teaching, although deans and program chairs also picked up additional courses where needed. A dean's major role is administrative, so these courses are taught outside of their normal administrative responsibilities, which means additional compensation, said Rebecca Bell, dean of communications and special events.

Concerns about overload

Bender said the college is constantly looking at where it can bring on new faculty, and that several new full-time faculty have joined the college over the last three or four years.

"They're starting to take a closer look to see if there are some faculty teaching too much in the way of overload, especially during the long semesters," he said. "You look at how many adjunct and overload you're teaching in an area to decide where you're going to add faculty."

Executive Vice President Richard Jolly said he would like to see overload kept at no more than two, three-hour courses per semester.

"We do have to go over sometimes, and that's not desirable," Jolly said. "It should be the exception rather than the rule, and only for justified times. We do have too many overloads, and some people teach all year round, every semester.

"While it's good for their paycheck, they may need time away so they don't get burned out or overworked."

Jolly said he is concerned about faculty continuing to teach so many overload courses semester after semester. Without this overload, however, the college would have a tough choice to make, which could mean fewer classes for students.

According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Midland College's certified fall 2012 enrollment was 5,530 students. In fall 2008, THECB listed enrollment at 5,784.

"We don't want to turn anyone away, but I think there is a point where we have to start turning people away rather than take advantage of our faculty, and I'm not going to do that (to the faculty)," Jolly said.

Midland College's faculty teach because it is what they love doing, he said. At a university, there is the expectation that professors conduct research and publish their work, but MC doesn't have that expectation as a community college.

"We are a teaching institution, first and foremost, and always will be," he said.

In an ideal situation, MC would have an additional 50 to 100 adjunct instructors and five to 10 more full-time faculty, Jolly said. The college averages about 100 adjuncts per semester, he said. According to Texas Community College Teachers Association data, Midland College employed 126 full-time faculty in 2013.

For colleges located in larger, less isolated cities, there is a larger pool of adjuncts to draw from, which alleviates overload, Jolly said.

Difficulties in hiring new faculty

Bender said the Permian Basin's economy has made it difficult to bring on new full-time faculty, especially in the past several years.

"Certain disciplines are really hard to get qualified people," Bender said. "The sciences tend to be really hard... . When you get somebody who had those kinds of credentials, most of the time they're not wanting to teach; they're wanting to go make the big bucks."

Bender said he monitors salary data from the Texas Community College Teachers Association, which tracks salaries from community colleges statewide to see how Midland College compares.

"We had really fallen way down on the scale. A few years ago we were 26th, I think, out of the 50 community colleges," he said. "Last year, the president was really trying to get faculty caught up somewhat with their peers. We have moved up a little bit over the last few years but we're outside the top 10."

According to TCCTA 2013 data, Midland College ranked 14th in average faculty salary at $57,000. Nearby Odessa College ranked third in 2013 with an average salary of $61,002.

MC gave a 5 percent raise to all faculty last year, Bender said. Non-instructional staff received 4 percent raises.

The need for employees at Midland College extends beyond just faculty and adjuncts. Bender said the college has experienced losses in clerical workers, police, maintenance and accountants, among others.

"Quite honestly, for what's going on in our economy, we're just struggling to be competitive," Bender said. "We've lost a lot of employees, and not all of them faculty."

2013 TCCTA Salary Study

College	Number of full-time faculty	Lowest actual salary	Highest actual salary	Average salary	Rank	Average years of service
Angelina College	124	$34,656	74,664	48,327	40	12
Howard College	108	$32,144	85,075	41,058	45	15
Midland College	128	$41,276	83,819	57,000	14	10
Navarro College	134	$36,642	73,992	54,485	20	15
North Central Texas College	134	$38,868	63,017	48,721	39	9
Odessa College	121	$42,601	79,403	61,002	3	14
Temple College	124	$39,205	78,944	49,506	38	8
Weatherford College	134	$33,643	66,917	50,031	36	8

Highest Pay:
1. Austin Community College District: $66,095
2. Tarrant County College District: $61,885
3. Odessa College: $61,002
4. McLennan Community College: $60,976.
5. Dallas County Community College District: $60,753

Lowest Pay:
46. Western Texas College: $40,067
47. Cisco College: $39,780
48. Ranger College: $39,680
49. Clarendon College: $38, 705
50. Texas State Technical College System: $36,021

Midland College average salary:
2007 ..... $49,279
2008 ..... $51,048
2009 ..... $51,814
2010 ..... $51,837
2011 ..... $50,902
2012 ..... $56,077
2013 ..... $57,000

Odessa College average salary:
2007 ..... $46,484
2008 ..... $51,607
2009 ..... $52,370
2010 ..... $43,992
2011 ..... $56,778
2012 ..... $52,212
2013 ..... $61,002

Source: Texas Community College Teachers Association - Salary Study

About this story

Editor's note: Today is the first in a series of reports about the high cost of paying those working in local government.

The series will take a look at Midland College, the hospital district, Midland County, the city of Midland and Midland Independent School District.

In obtaining records showing annual salaries and payments of $60,000 or more to those working in those taxing entities, the questions we asked included:

- What effect does Midland's booming population have on how much we must pay?
- How much are entities impacted by overtime issues or to those teachers forced to teach extra classes?
- How does what Midland entities pay compare to other communities?
- What is the norm when it comes to pay structure?

This series is not meant to show people are being paid too much or too little. We will present the numbers; you decide what a skilled workforce in local government should be paid.

An online element to this series is a list of those making a taxpayer-funded salary or receiving annual payments of $60,000 or more in those entities. You can find that list at mrt.com on Monday morning.

The payment information received is based on fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-14. The Reporter-Telegram wants to thank the taxing entities for their cooperation in providing us the information you see in this series.

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Support groups today

■ Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m.; Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St., Odessa; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788

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

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Possible scam

In response to a possible scam involving electric bills, Oncor does not send the monthly electric bill nor would it be collecting payment from a customer to prevent outages, according to Sue Mercer, regional customer operations manager.

Bills are sent out by retail electric providers, she said. For more information, call 888-313-6862 to talk to an Oncor representative.

Top grossing hotels in Midland-Odessa

In December
Top in Midland-Odessa
DoubleTree by Hilton: $833,594
MCM Fundome: $874,670
MCM Elegante: $671,025
Hilton Garden Inn: $500,211
Residence Inn: $465,542

Source: Texas Comptroller's website

Community calendar

■ Midland County Republican Women will meet 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Petroleum Club. Guest speakers will be Perry Pendley, president of Mountain States Legal Foundation and author of "Sagebrush Rebel," and Gary Kiehne, House of Representatives candidate from Arizona.

Luncheon tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. To make a reservation, visit www.mcrw.us or call 520-3500.

■ Midland Health and Senior Services is offering free diabetes screening services for adult residents to improve access to medical services and preventative health care in the community.

Residents older than 18 must fast for at least eight hours before receiving a free blood glucose screening, which will be available 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays at the Health Department, 3303 W. Illinois Ave., Space 22.

A grant from Midland Memorial Hospital funds the screenings. For more information, call 681-7645.

Lottery

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Cash Five: 18-20-24-29-31
Lotto Texas: 7-18-24-42-51-52
Powerball: 10-14-24-32-41 PB: 30 Power Play 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-6-9-11-14-16-18-19-20-23
All or Nothing day: 2-4-6-9-11-12-13-14-15-16-18-20
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-6-9-10-11-16-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-6-7-10-11-12-13-16-17-22-24

Today in history

Today is Sunday, March 9, the 68th day of 2014. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 9, 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, raised the standard for proving libel, unanimously ruling that public officials who charged they'd been defamed by the press concerning their official duties had to demonstrate "actual malice" on the part of the news organization in order to recover damages.

On this date:

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-communism campaign.

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debris pile that took two cranes to clear away.

"I never went back after that day," said Reyes, one of at least three crew members who quit after the June 19, 2013, accident.

The boom that has brought prosperity to Texas has left a trail of death and devastation for many of the more than 100,000 workers in oil and gas exploration-related jobs. The death toll peaked at 65 in 2012 — a 10-year high and nearly 60 percent more than in 2011. Nationwide, 663 workers in oilfield-related industries were reported killed in the drilling and hydraulic fracturing boom, from 2007 to 2012, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. About 40 percent died in Texas.

But what sets apart the accident that claimed Saiz's life from thousands of other incidents reported by Texas oilfield workers since 2008 is that any government official looked into it at all.

As part of a yearlong investigation, the Houston Chronicle analyzed 18,000 injury and illness claims and reviewed OSHA data and public records on hundreds of oil field accidents since 2007.

Among the investigation's findings:

■ The federal government has failed for 22 years to implement safety standards and procedures for onshore oil and gas drilling, even as offshore accidents such as the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico prompted officials to improve already stringent regulations governing offshore drilling.

■ At onshore oil and gas drilling sites, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to investigate only those accidents that kill workers or that cause three or more to be hospitalized. That translated to only about 150 of 18,000 work-related injuries and illnesses in the last six years in Texas.

■ When OSHA did investigate, it found safety violations in 78 percent of Texas accidents, finding that many could have been prevented with safer procedures or equipment.

Work in Texas' oil and gas fields involves long hours, extreme weather and physical contact with dangerous machinery under the best of circumstances. But the dearth of safety standards, the lack of government inspections, and shoddy practices followed by many oil and gas companies have left a toll of badly injured workers.

In 2012, 79 lost limbs, 82 were crushed, 92 suffered burns and 675 broke bones in work-related accidents reported to insurance carriers.

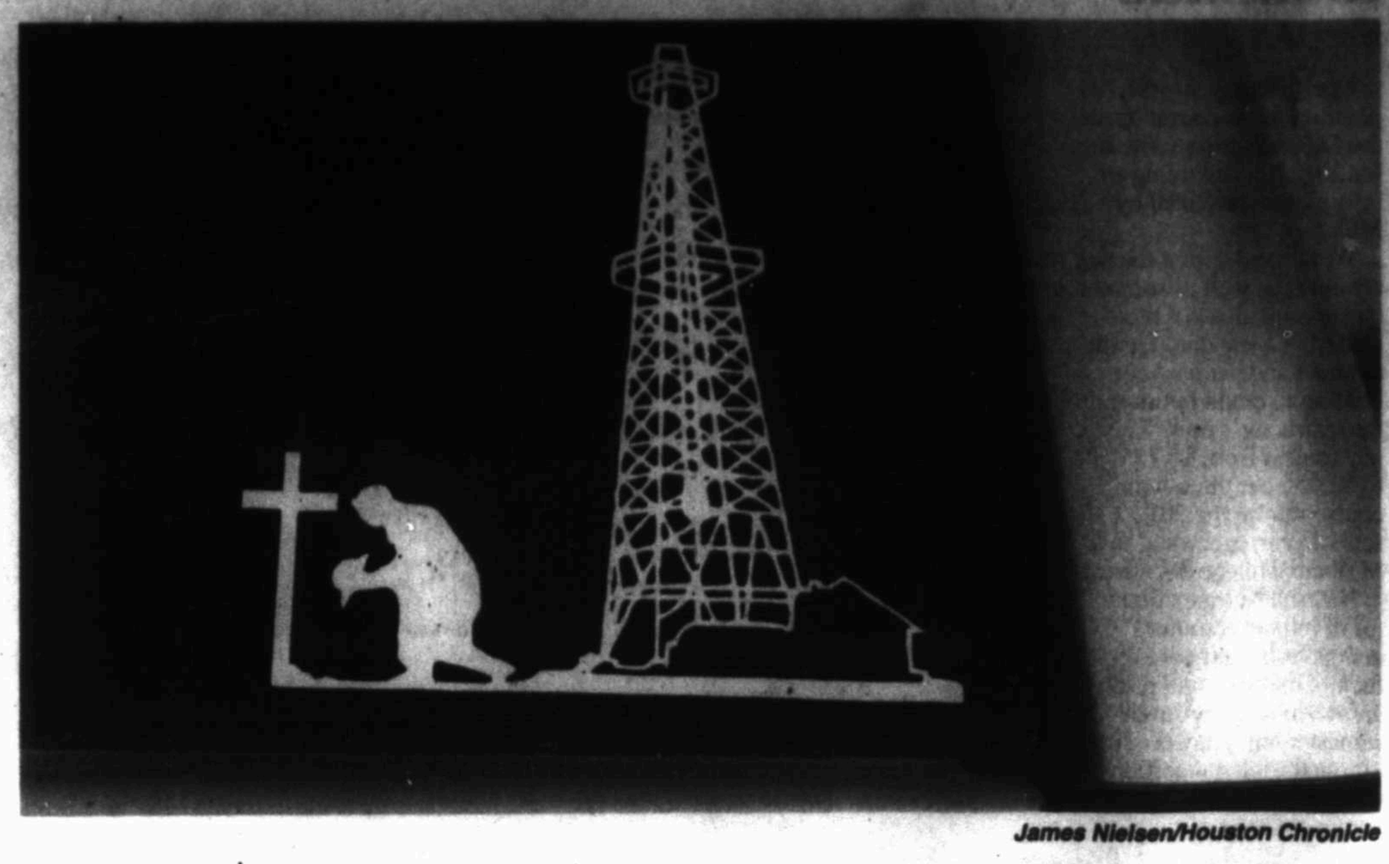
"It's like the Wild West out there," said Joseph Melugin, a Houston attorney who has represented workers disabled in oil field accidents and the families of the dead. "Some well service companies go to great lengths to appear to have strong safety programs. Others don't bother."

Rules don't cover drilling

In 1992, industry and government officials developed detailed safety rules under the so-called "process safety management" program that was launched after a series of disasters at refineries and chemical plants, including a 1989 explosion in Pasadena that claimed 23 lives. Fatalities subsequently dropped, and more information is gathered and exchanged to help prevent accidents.

But OSHA officials deliberately excluded oil and gas drilling, promising instead to issue a "separate standard" to fit the industry's "uniqueness." That promise came in the final months of the administration of President George H.W. Bush, after which the players changed, and the initiative stalled.

Drilling and well service industry leaders generally have opposed reforms in U.S. onshore operations. They insist that their mostly mobile work sites are fundamentally different from refineries, though their workers also handle hazardous substances and operate 24 hours a day.



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This Feb. 17 photo shows a window decal on the vehicle of Tina Saiz, the widow of a Felipe Saiz, in Big Spring. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration keeps a list of "the worst of the worst" employers in the nation, and drilling companies with multiple fatalities should be on it, safety experts said.

Response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon drilling disaster illustrates a double standard in U.S. offshore and onshore drilling oversight.

Nearly six times as many oil patch workers were killed in Texas in 2012 than died when the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded, killing 11 and spewing almost 5 million barrels of oil into the Gulf.

Offshore, federal law requires the Coast Guard to investigate offshore deaths and transportation-related accidents while the Interior Department's Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement sends specialized inspectors to investigate all injury-related accidents, as well as fires, explosions and spills involving oil rigs and platforms. Accident reports and safety recommendations have long been available on the Internet.

Inspectors take a top-down approach — holding major oil and gas operators accountable for the safety of their own employees, as well as for contract workers at offshore sites.

In the aftermath of that accident, even more inspectors with specialized training were deployed. Existing oil and gas safety rules were tightened.

"But when 60 workers die one at a time, no one pays any attention," said R. Dean Wingo, who retired in January 2013 as an assistant regional administrator for OSHA based in Texas.

"The truth is, offshore drilling is a lot safer than onshore. We see things in land drilling that were eliminated years ago offshore," Wingo said. "A lot of outdated equipment is still being used … and OSHA doesn't have any regulations specific to oil and gas at all."

Top OSHA officials told the Chronicle that responding to oil field fatalities is a high priority, and the agency has announced it will review the industry's exemption from process safety rules.

Meantime, OSHA has only 95 inspectors to oversee safety rules for all Texas work sites. Few have oil and gas-related experience or training and generally look for generic safety problems at many different job sites, from a fast-food restaurant to a construction site.

Warning signs ignored

For a month before Felipe Saiz was killed, there had been harbingers of disaster at the Rockhouse Road well site: failing pumps and an aging, poorly maintained oil derrick.

It's hard for his widow, Tina, and three daughters — Ashley, Marissa and Bethany — to understand now why no one had taken any action to protect him and the other workers.

Two weeks before Rig 11 collapsed near Saiz's hometown of Big Spring, OSHA inspectors had visited the site to investigate another death.

A 30-year-old floor hand, Raymond Fernandez, collapsed in triple-digit heat on June 5. A sheriff's deputy found him moaning in a shack on the rig floor. The company had hired Fernandez despite the fact he weighed more than 300 pounds and had a felony record.

After his first day on the job, he'd driven more than 100 miles home to the small town of Anson and arrived unable to breathe, his mother said.

"He said he was too hot, and they didn't furnish any water," Juanita "Janie" Fernandez said. "He went to work the next day and never came home."

OSHA officials cited Heart Land Drilling Inc. and said the company contributed to the "tragedy" by failing to protect workers from the heat. The agency proposed a $6,900 fine. Inspectors missed other potentially lethal safety problems at the site, which they uncovered only after Saiz died two weeks later, according to their own citations.

Records from the investigation of Saiz's death show how government resources are inadequate to respond quickly — OSHA dispatched an independent consultant to handle the case. The area director responsible for that sector is based 350 miles away, in El Paso.

After Saiz died, OSHA found the company failed in its basic duty to protect workers from "recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm" by using a poorly maintained derrick and by failing to move Saiz and others to safety before attempting an unusually dangerous drilling procedure, its citation shows. OSHA proposed a fine of more than $41,000.

Heart Land Drilling is contesting violations in both deaths. In its response to the Saizes' lawsuit, the company said in court records that the family has no right to recover any damages. Heart Land Drilling officials and an attorney representing them in that lawsuit did not respond to requests for comment.

Federal inspectors limited

Even when OSHA inspectors uncover life-threatening working conditions after responding to fatalities or complaints, they cannot shut down a drilling rig or a well site.

The Texas Railroad Commission monitors oilfield fires and blowouts, considered signs of life-threatening accidents offshore. The commission can and does shut down such operations if it uncovers serious problems. But it doesn't coordinate with OSHA.

Worker safety is not part of the commission's mission, spokeswoman Ramona Nye said.

When OSHA gets complaints about problematic oil patch employers, inspectors sometimes can't find the companies they're supposed to investigate. "These are mobile work sites. When an accident happens at a rig site and the person's just injured — if you take into account whatever time that person takes to recover — that rig may be gone by the time the accident's reported," Wingo said. "So it's really hard for OSHA."

Barred from drill sites

Three companies have delayed safety investigations in Texas in the last three years by keeping OSHA inspectors from entering work sites without an inspection warrant, according to OSHA spokeswoman Diana Petterson. That list includes Nabors Drilling USA, a Houston-based giant, which has reported four fatal accidents in Texas since 2007.

Dennis Smith, a spokesman for Nabors, said it is not company policy to block OSHA inspectors entry from work sites without a warrant. He said the company has cooperated with OSHA investigations involving fatal accidents, but acknowledged that Nabors has required inspectors to get warrants at drilling sites in Texas and North Dakota in other circumstances.

Some Texas oil and gas employers have been cited for failing to report accidents or for falsifying safety logs. A few failed to summon OSHA even when more than three workers were hospitalized or someone died.

"How long can we tolerate an atmosphere in which oilfield employees are being treated as if they were outdated cellphones that can be used up, discarded and replaced?" asked Mark Murray, a Houston attorney who represented a derrick man, Brady Foret, who was nearly killed in a rig collapse that sent four workers to the hospital, and that OSHA never investigated.

Foret was standing on a platform near Golden Meadow, La., around midnight on Jan. 11, 2009, when the newly repaired mobile drilling rig listed and collapsed.

Foret fell as the rig came crashing down, and three others were struck by debris, according to civil suits filed in Harris County and Louisiana.

Supervisors working for Houston-based Key Energy Services had kept drilling before the accident even though at least some workers noticed the rig lacked two of four locking pins required to secure its top — called a mast — to its base, according to allegations in court documents.

Death details locked away

Foret, 23, had been fit and active, earning $53,000 a year and awaiting the birth of his first son. He awoke from a coma an altered man. He breathed with a ventilator, his jaw broken in two places, his brain and memory permanently damaged, his spine riddled with cracks.

In a related Harris County civil case, his wife, Megan, testified he'd been one of the "most lively people" she'd ever known. After the accident, he cried over things he could no longer do. He could hold his toddler for only a few minutes at a time. Nor could he bathe his child, fearing he'd forget the boy behind in the tub.

A Houston jury found both Key Energy and Stewart & Stevenson — the Texas firm that handled the rig repair — responsible and awarded Foret $10.7 million.

Stewart & Stevenson, also based in Houston, later argued in an appeal to the First District Court of Appeals that the blame should have been shared by well operator Apache Corp. and its company man, but operator liability is limited under Texas law and the court upheld the judgment Aug. 15. The case settled in October for an undisclosed sum. Stewart & Stevenson has asked for the judgment to be vacated as part of that agreement.

OSHA has no record of the accident. Apache Corp. did its own probe, court records show. But it was the injured workers' employer's obligation to summon OSHA, said Bill Mintz, an Apache spokesman.

Key Energy Services declined comment on the accident, but emphasized federal regulations only require them to summon OSHA if three or more workers had been admitted to hospitals as in-patients.

Because OSHA investigates so few accidents, details of the vast majority of them — including information that could drive reforms — remain locked away in confidential company safety reports, insurance archives or remote courthouse files in lawsuits.

Texas-based oil executives told the Chronicle that high turnover and competing company safety standards contribute to potential dangers in an era of explosive growth.

Hiring practices vary. Some involved in recent oil field accidents employed felons or unscreened friends of friends and offered little training, records show. Others have elaborate pre-employment reviews, including hair follicle drug screens and state-of-the-art training facilities.

Rookies get riskiest jobs

Andy Hendricks is chief executive officer of Texas-based Patterson-UTI, among the nation's largest drilling concerns. Hendricks said his company has focused on hiring war veterans and others without oil field experience to fill a demand for personnel and to improve the company's accident rate, which 10 years ago was one of the nation's worst. Fresh recruits participate in a boot camp and are evaluated on how they adapt before being assigned to crews.

"We do not accept fatal accidents as part of what we do," said Hendricks, who joined Patterson-UTI in 2012 after years at competitor Schlumberger. "These are absolute tragedies that we do not want to happen again. We don't want anybody to get hurt — not one person — and that's why we've spent so much time and money to improve."

Many companies said employees have "stop work" authority if they spot hazards that should be immediately addressed. To further empower workers, Patterson-UTI issues laminated "stop work licenses" that employees can carry in their wallets and are told they can present.

But industry hierarchy puts rookies and roustabouts — mostly 20- to 30-year-olds with the most dangerous and dirty jobs — at the bottom. Under Texas laws, there's little whistle-blower protection and no guaranteed workers' compensation coverage for the injured.

More than 300 oil patch employers provide

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TODAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 61 Low: 38	High: 74 Low: 44	High: 84 Low: 41	High: 87 Low: 38	High: 82 Low: 39	High: 72 Low: 46

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 61 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 38 and east winds around 5 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

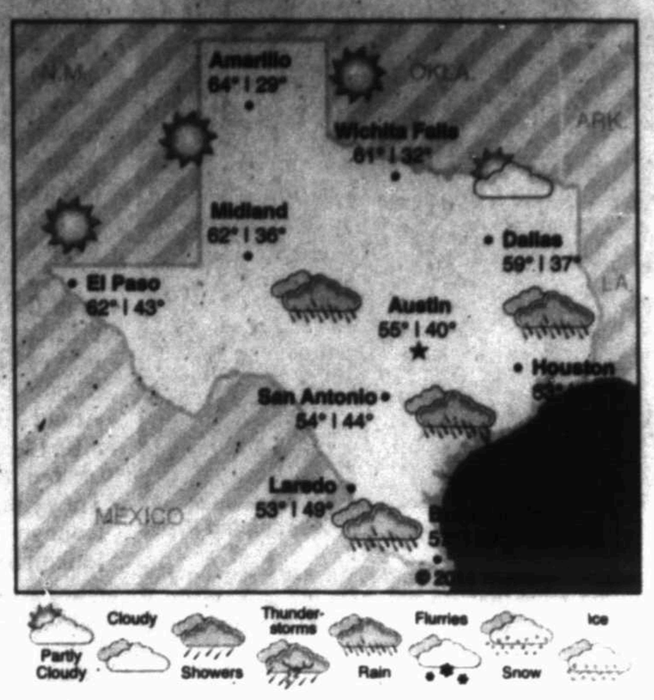
Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 74 and light southwest winds increasing to between 5 and 10 mph in the morning. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 44 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 84 and a low around 41.

The high on Saturday reached 58, while the low dropped to 42. The record high for March 8 is 86 set in 1951. The record low is 18 set in 1932.

National forecast

Dry weather extends from the Ohio Valley and into the Midwest. High pressure in the central Plains will help bring warmer air up into the Dakotas and Minnesota for the afternoon, but it will also be a bit breezy.



Precipitation

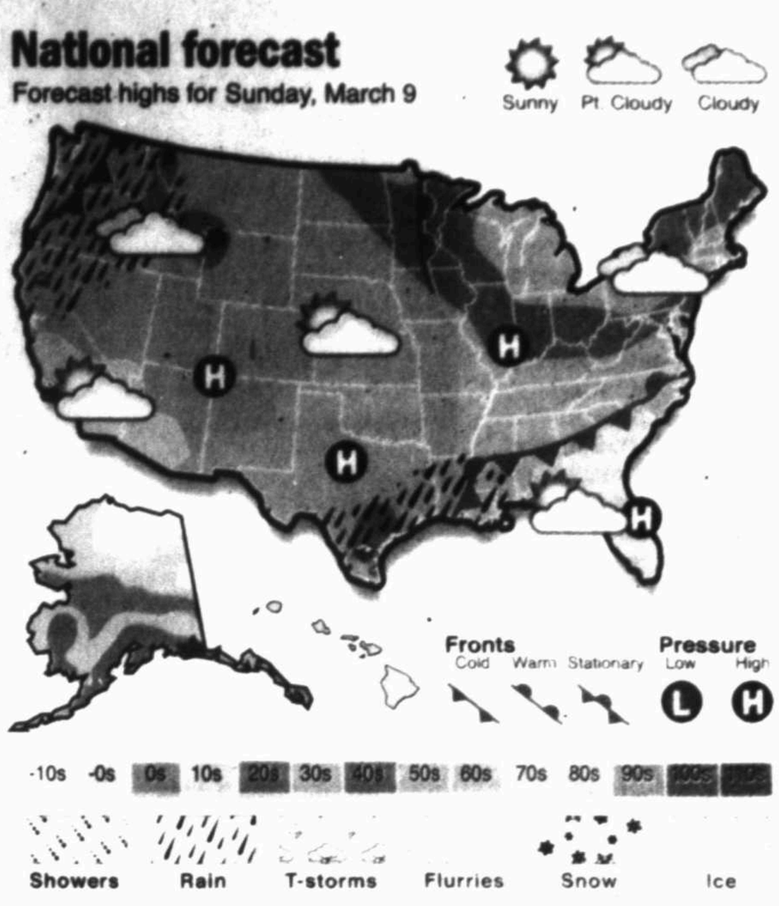
Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	0.26 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.43 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	58
Low	42
Normal high	68
Normal low	39
Sunrise	8:06 a.m.
Sunset	7:53 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, March 9



Cold weather heats up sales for some companies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The harsh winter has been rough for some businesses, but for a lucky few, the frigid weather means more cold, hard cash.

Ace Hardware is having its best winter in more than a decade for snow blower and shovel sales. Waterproof boots are on a long backorder at clothing maker L.L. Bean. And more people are staying home and ordering gooey grilled cheese sandwiches and booze from Delivery.com.

"The concept of a polar vortex doesn't feel good, but it's good for business," said Kane Calamari, a vice president at Ace Hardware Corp.

Much of the country has been in a deep freeze. Only 32 winters have been colder in the last 119 years, according to Jake Crouch, a climate scientist at the National Climatic Data Center, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration.

With more Americans stuck indoors, customers are ordering up more meals and arranging to have their laundry picked up through Delivery.com's website and smartphone app. Sales at the company, which operates in major metro areas such as New York, Chicago and Washington D.C., rose 30 percent in January and February compared with the year before. Orders for soups, wine and vodka have spiked.

People are "trying to stay warm," said Neeraj Sharma, the site's vice president of marketing. "They're hibernating."

But sooner or later, they have to dig out. Sales of shovels and snow blowers have doubled at Oak Brook, Ill.-based Ace Hardware. The company is also shipping salt and other ice melters to southern regions such as Atlanta, which rarely have to deal with severe weather. Total sales are up 20 percent so far this year compared with a year ago.

The bad weather hasn't been so kind to other companies. Businesses that rely on customers to come to them have been hit hard. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Macy's Inc. said their sales were hurt because of store closures. At one time during January, about 30 percent of Macy's total stores were closed. Whole Foods Market Inc. said shoppers are making fewer trips to its grocery stores.

When people do venture out into the cold, they stock up on products that protect against frigid temperatures. Carmex, known for its yellow jars of lip balm, said sales are up 9 percent over the past eight to 10 weeks from the same period a year ago. Pawz Dog Boots, which makes colorful rubber booties that safeguard paws from salt and snow, said its sales in North American have more than doubled.

L.L. Bean can't make its rubber and leather boots fast enough. The boots, known as Bean Boots, are made by hand in Freeport, Maine. The company hired 40 new workers, but it will take them at least six months to be fully trained.

"We're making them as fast as we can," said L.L. Bean spokeswoman Carolyn Beem. "You can't just increase production overnight."

Ridgewood, N.J.-based Xtreme Snow Pros, which provides businesses with snow-removal services including plowing, de-icing, and hauling, has enjoyed its best winter sales since the business started six years ago. Business is up 15 to 20 percent compared with last year, said Manager Matt Malyar.

"For a company like us, it's been an awesome year," Malyar said. "But it's also great for the workers," who have logged nearly three times as many hours as they did two years ago, when the winter was mild.

When snow falls in Philadelphia, more smashed cars pile into Nigro's Auto Body Repair. Icy roads, gaping potholes and the city's second-largest snowfall in more than 70 years have helped the auto shop's business triple from a year ago. "One guy was parked and a snowplow ripped his car apart," owner Domenic Nigro said.

Vehicles need so much work that the average bill has jumped to $7,500 this year, up from last year's average of $4,000. There are currently 30 cars in Nigro's garage and 20 more on a waiting list. "We try not to turn people away," he said.

A simple errand in the snow can turn costly. Chicagoan LeShele Silas-Armour had to unexpectedly spend $500 to fix damage to her car after driving through an unplowed street. To avoid rough roads, she no longer makes the 20-minute drive to cheaper supermarkets in Indiana and sticks to shops that are closer to her.

Weekly dinners out with her husband and two young children stopped about a month and a half ago. "We stay home and do arts and crafts or watch a movie on Netflix," said Silas-Armour, who oversees government grants at a nonprofit organization. "After you get home and unbundled, you don't want to go back out there."

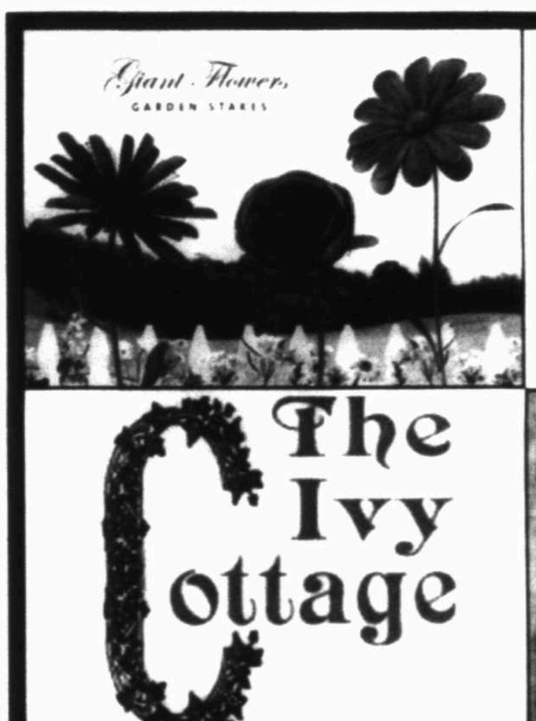
Other Chicagoans are ready to flee. Online travel company Orbitz.com said Chicago residents, who experienced the third-coldest winter since 1872, booked more trips to the Caribbean and Arizona in January and February. Jetsetter.com, whose customers are mostly on the East Coast, said bookings for the Caribbean, Mexico, Florida, California and Hawaii are up 38 percent from the previous winter.

Others have found cheaper ways to defrost. For $32.95 a ticket, guests at Sahara Sam's Oasis can lie in an inner tube and float by plastic coconut trees in the indoor water park's lazy river. The temperature inside the West Berlin, N.J., theme park is always set to a balmy 84 degrees during the cold months.

"The people over here, they're just over it," said Chris Peters, the park's marketing director. "It's beyond cabin fever." The extra business has given the company its busiest winter since it opened five years ago.

To make the most of the bigger crowds, Sahara Sam's Oasis added two new offerings to its food court. The beef chili bombed with park goers, but the newly added soft-serve ice cream machine is a hit, Peters said.

"They don't want anything that reminds them of what's happening outside."



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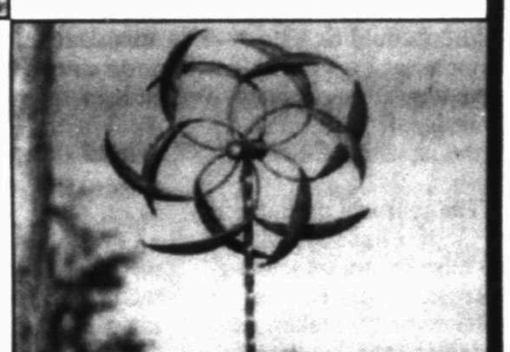
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Russia reinforces military presence in Crimea

Associated Press

SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine — Dozens of military trucks transporting heavily armed soldiers rumbled over Crimea's rutted roads Saturday as Russia reinforced its armed presence on the disputed peninsula in the Black Sea. Moscow's foreign minister ruled out any dialogue with Ukraine's new authorities, whom he dismissed as the puppets of extremists.

The Russians have denied their armed forces are active in Crimea, but an Associated Press reporter trailed one military convoy Saturday afternoon from 25 miles west of Feodosia to a military airfield at Gvardeiskoe, north of Simferopol, over which a Russian flag flew.

Some of the army green vehicles had Russian license plates and numbers indicating that they were from the Moscow region. Some towed mobile kitchens and what appeared to be mobile medical equipment.

Vladislav Seleznyov, a Crimean-based spokesman for the Ukrainian armed forces, told AP that witnesses had reported seeing amphibious military ships unloading around 200 military vehicles in eastern Crimea on Friday night after apparently having crossed the Straits of Kerch, which separates Crimea from Russian territory.

"Neither the equipment, nor the paratroopers have insignia that identify them as Russian, but we have no doubt as to their allegiance," Seleznyov said.

The amphibious operation appeared to be one of the largest movements of Russian military forces since they appeared in Crimea a week ago.

Seleznyov also said a convoy of more than 60 military trucks was spotted Saturday heading from Feodosia toward Simferopol, the regional capital. An AP reporter caught up with the convoy and trailed it to Russian-controlled airfield. In the rear of the vehicles, heavily armed soldiers could be seen, though none appeared to have identifying badges or insignia. Soldiers spat at the reporters following them.

The regional parliament in Crimea has set a March 16 referendum on leaving Ukraine to join Russia, and senior lawmakers in Moscow said they would support the move, ignoring sanctions threats and warnings from President Barack Obama that the vote would violate international law.

The strategic peninsula in southern Ukraine has become the flashpoint in the battle for Ukraine, where three months of protests sent President Viktor Yanukovych fleeing to Russia. A majority of people in Crimea identify with Russia, and Moscow's Black Sea Fleet is based in Sevastopol, as is Ukraine's.

Associated Press

Uniformed men look out of military vehicles bearing no license plates Saturday as they travel on the road from Feodosia to Simferopol in the Crimea, Ukraine. More than 60 military trucks bearing no license plate numbers were headed from the eastern city of Feodosia toward the city of Simferopol, the regional capital.

While the U.S. and the EU urged Russia to engage in dialogue with new Ukrainian authorities, the Kremlin has refused to do so, denouncing the change of power in Ukraine as an "unconstitutional coup."

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow sees no sense in having a dialogue with Ukraine's new authorities because, in his view, they kowtow to radical nationalists.

"The so-called interim government isn't independent, it depends, to our great regret, on radical nationalists who have seized power with arms," he said at a news conference. He said that nationalist groups use "intimidation and terror" to control Ukraine.

Despite that tough talk, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Grigory Karasin met Saturday with Ukrainian Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko, the first such diplomatic contact since the crisis began. In a terse statement, the ministry said only that they discussed issues related to Russian-Ukrainian ties in a "sincere atmosphere."

At a news conference in Kiev, Ukraine's new foreign minister, Andrii Deshchytsi spoke hopefully about creation of a contact group made up of foreign ministers of various countries to mediate the crisis. Forming the group was an idea discussed during meetings between Ukraine's prime minister and European Union leaders in Brussels on Thursday.

Deshchytsi said that he learned from mediators that Russia hasn't "categorically" refused the idea of permitting a contact group to help broker an end to the dispute.

"The Russians are thinking," Deshchytsi said, so there is "reason to hope." He reiterated that the new Ukrainian government understands it is vital to establish good relations with all neighbors, including Russia.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin has said that Moscow has no intention of annexing Crimea but that its people have the right to determine the region's status in a referendum.

The Crimean referendum has been denounced by Ukraine's new government, and Obama has said it would violate international law. The U.S. moved Thursday to impose its first sanctions on Russians involved in the military occupation of Crimea.

Speaking on BBC on Saturday, NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said that while there is no military response to the recent events of Crimea, the crisis was a reminder of threats to European security and stability.

"I do believe that politicians all over NATO will now rethink the whole thing about investment in security and defense," he told the BBC. "Obviously, defense comes at a cost but insecurity is much more expensive."

An international military mission composed of officers from the U.S. and 28 other nations tried again Saturday to enter Crimea, but it was turned back around the town of Armiansk by armed men.

An AP reporter traveling with the 54 observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said that after the group had stopped, the armed men fired bursts of automatic weapons fire to halt other unidentified vehicles. No injuries were reported.

In Simferopol, meanwhile, a public ceremony was held for the swearing-in of the first unit in the pro-Russia "Military Forces of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea." About 30 men armed with AK-47s, and another 20 or so unarmed, turned out. They ranged in age from teenagers to a man who looked to be about 60. They were sworn in at a park in front of an eternal flame to those killed in World War II.

Sergei Aksyonov, the Crimean prime minister, came to the ceremony and was greeted by the soldiers with shouts of "Commander!"

He said their main role, at least until the referendum, would be to "keep the peace." He said he didn't foresee any fighting with the Ukrainian soldiers still at bases in Crimea.

"We are not enemies with those soldiers who pledged loyalty to the Ukrainian state. They are not our enemies," Aksyonov said. He said they would be given the chance to go safely back to Ukraine if they want.

In the week since Russia seized control of Crimea, Russian troops have been neutralizing and disarming Ukrainian military bases here. Some Ukrainian units, however, have refused to give up. Aksyonov has said pro-Russian forces numbering more than 11,000 now control all access to the region and have blockaded all military bases that haven't yet surrendered.

On Friday evening, pro-Russia soldiers tried to take over another Ukrainian base in Sevastopol, resulting in a tense standoff ensued that lasted for several hours.

Lt. Col. Vitaly Onishchenko, deputy commander of the base, said three dozen men wearing unmarked camouflage uniforms arrived late Friday. While one group climbed over a wall on one side of the base, another crashed a heavy military truck through the gates, Onishchenko said.

He said Saturday that they turned off power, cut telephone lines and demanded that about 100 Ukrainian troops, who barricaded themselves into one of the base buildings, surrender their weapons and swear allegiance to Russia. The invaders left around midnight.

No shots were fired in and no injuries were reported.

Russia has described the troops who wear green uniforms without insignia as local "self-defense forces." But Onishchenko said the troops who tried to overrun his base were clearly Russian.

"These were Russian servicemen specially ordered," he said. "Their watches were set to Moscow time. They spoke with Russian accents and they didn't hide their allegiance to the Russian Federation."

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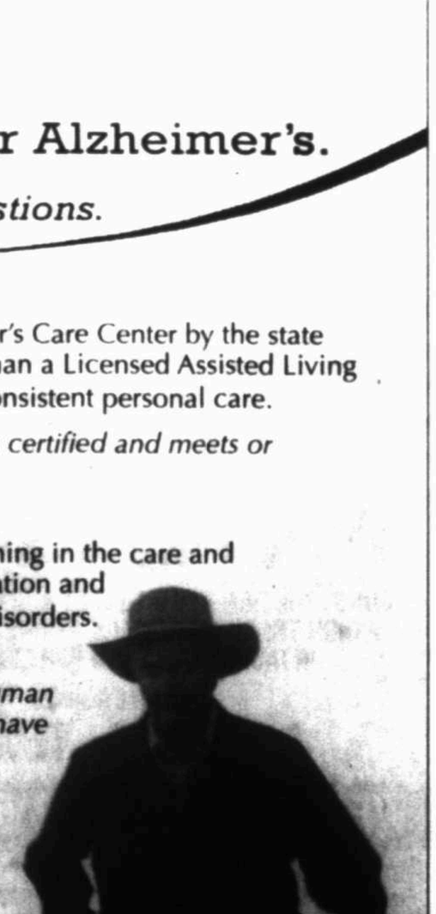

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President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama greet members of the military on the tarmac upon their arrival Friday at Homestead Air Reserve Base in Homestead, Fla.

Ukraine doesn't keep Obama from Florida vacation

Associated Press

MIAMI — The crisis in Crimea won't keep President Barack Obama from forging ahead with a weekend getaway with his wife and daughters in the Florida Keys.

But it's more than the Oval Office that will be dark as Russia's incursion into Ukraine reaches its one week mark. Vice President Joe Biden and his wife are vacationing in the Virgin Islands. And national security adviser Susan Rice is traveling in the Middle East for meetings with her counterparts.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said "there's always a chance" Obama could cut a trip short and return to Washington, but this weekend's vacation appeared solid.

"The fact of the matter is what the president's doing this weekend in Florida is essentially what the president would be doing if he stayed back at the White House," Earnest told reporters traveling with Obama. The president, he said, was looking forward to "getting a little bit of down time in the warm weather with his wife and daughters."

Obama's vacation at a private club on one of the islands off Florida's southern tip was tacked onto an afternoon visit by the president and his wife, Michelle, to a Miami high school to announce new Education Department initiatives to help more students complete the paperwork needed to qualify for federal financial aid or student loans.

Every president gets criticized for the amount of time he spends away from the White House, and Obama is no different.

Paul C. Light, who teaches public service at New York University, said Obama would have been wise to remain in Washington. Being in Florida with a still-fluid situation in Ukraine "makes the president look less interested in the issue than he clearly is," Light said. "It's just very bad optics."

Obama departed the White House one day after moving to levy financial sanctions and travel bans against those the U.S. accuses of threatening Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial borders. Officials in Crimea, a pro-Russian area of Ukraine, plan to hold a referendum on March 16 to decide whether to become part of Russia.

Obama and Biden's decision to continue with their weekend vacation plans appeared to be an indication that the White House did not expect any quick resolution to the dispute.

The Obama family vacation comes just a few weeks after the president's long weekend at the Sunnylands estate in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Obama had gone to Sunnylands to meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan. He stayed behind with a gaggle of childhood friends to play golf on the desert property's 9-hole course and on a private, 19-hole course elsewhere in the city that is owned by supporter Larry Ellison, co-founder of the Oracle software company and one of the richest men in America.

Obama will have plenty of opportunities to play golf this weekend, too.

He is checking his family into the Ocean Reef Club, a private, by-invitation-only membership club that is more of a gated, self-contained community sprawled across 2,500 acres on the northern edge of Key Largo. The property has two championship golf courses. There's also a swimming lagoon, tennis courts, a spa and fitness center, a private airport, shopping and more than a dozen restaurants among the club's varied offerings.

The Republican National Committee used Obama's visit to the high-end club to draw a contrast with Americans still grappling with a sluggish economy.

"While President Obama vacations in the Florida Keys and Vice President Biden is spending his weekend in the Virgin Islands, millions of middle-class Americans are hurting from their failed economic policies," RNC chairman Reince Priebus said.

The vacation is Obama's third of the year.

Before Sunnylands, Obama and his family followed tradition and spent Christmas and New Year's in Hawaii, where he was born. The president and his daughters returned to the White House on Jan. 5, but Mrs. Obama spent a third week on the island to begin celebrating her 50th birthday later that month.

The family will scatter in less than two weeks.

Mrs. Obama departs March 19 for a weeklong trip to China without the president, but accompanied by daughters Malia, 15, and Sasha, 12, and her mother, Marian Robinson. A few days after they leave, Obama will embark on a weeklong trip through the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Saudi Arabia.

Half of millennials more likely to lean Democratic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most of America's young adults are single, don't go to church and while half say they have no loyalty to a political party, when pushed they tend to swing further left politically than those before them.

A new Pew Research Center survey out Friday showed that half of America's young adults, ages 18 to 33, consider themselves political independents, identifying with neither party. But asked which way they lean politically, half of the so-called millennials said they lean toward the Democratic Party, the highest share for any age group over the last decade.

In addition, young adults seem to be turning away from their predecessors' proclivity for religion and marriage. Almost two-thirds don't classify themselves as "a religious person." And when it comes to tying the knot, only about 1 in 4 millennials is married. Almost half of baby boomers were married at that age.

The new survey shows how the millennial adults are "forging a distinctive path into adulthood," said Paul Taylor, Pew's executive vice president and co-author of the report.

This can especially be seen when it comes to politics. Only 27 percent said they consider themselves Democrats and 17 percent said Republicans. The half of millennials who say they are independent is an increase from 38 percent back in 2004.

"It's not that they don't have strong opinions, political opinions — they do," Taylor said. "It's simply that they choose not to identify themselves with either political party."

The number of self-described independents is lower among their predecessors. Only 39 percent of those in Generation X said they were independents, along with 37 percent of the boomers and 32 percent of the Silent Generation.

Pew describes Gen Xers as those from age 34-49, boomers as 50-68 and the Silent Generation as those 69-86.

When the self-identified Democratic millennials are combined with the self-described independents who lean Democratic, half — 50 percent — of the millennials are Democrats or Democratic-leaning, while 34 percent are Republicans or Republican-leaning.

"They don't choose to identify, but they have strong views, and their views are views that most people conventionally associate with the Democratic Party," Taylor said. "They believe in a big activist government on some of the social issues of the day — gay marriage, marijuana legalization, immigration. Their views are much more aligned with the Democratic Party."

Taylor said they don't know whether millennial voting trends will stay the same as they get older.

"People can change over the course of their lifetimes," he said. "At the same time, the behaviors, attitudes, the voting patterns and experiences that generations sort of encounter as they come of age in their late teens and early 20s are important."

Millennials also haven't bought into the idea that they should go to church or get married early.

Only 36 percent of the millennials said the phrase "a religious person" described them very well, compared with 52 percent of the Gen Xers, 55 percent of the baby boomers and 61 percent of the Silent Generation. And they're significantly less religious than their immediate predecessors, the Gen Xers. When they were the same age, almost half of the Gen Xers — 47 percent — identified themselves as religious.

The 64 percent of the millennials who say that they are not religious "is the highest for any age group we've ever measured," Taylor said.

The millennials were far less inclined toward marriage than the groups that preceded them. Only 26 percent of the millennial adults are married. When they were the same age, 36 percent of the Gen Xers, 48 percent of baby boomers and 65 percent of the Silent Generation were married.

The report also found:

■ 68 percent of young adults favor allowing gay marriage, compared with 55 percent of the Gen Xers, 48 percent of the boomers and 38 percent of those in the Silent Majority.

■ The support for legalizing marijuana is at 68 percent for millennials. The next highest percentage was the Gen Xers at 53 percent and the boomers at 52 percent.

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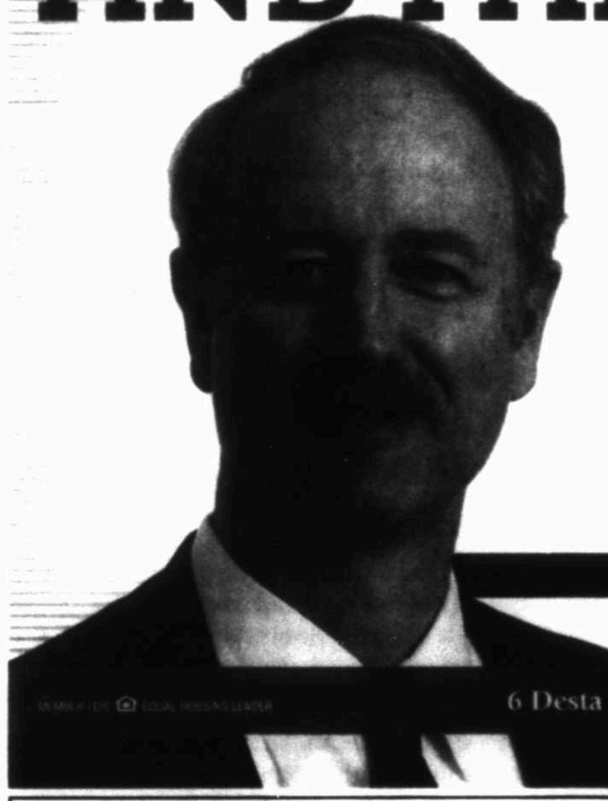

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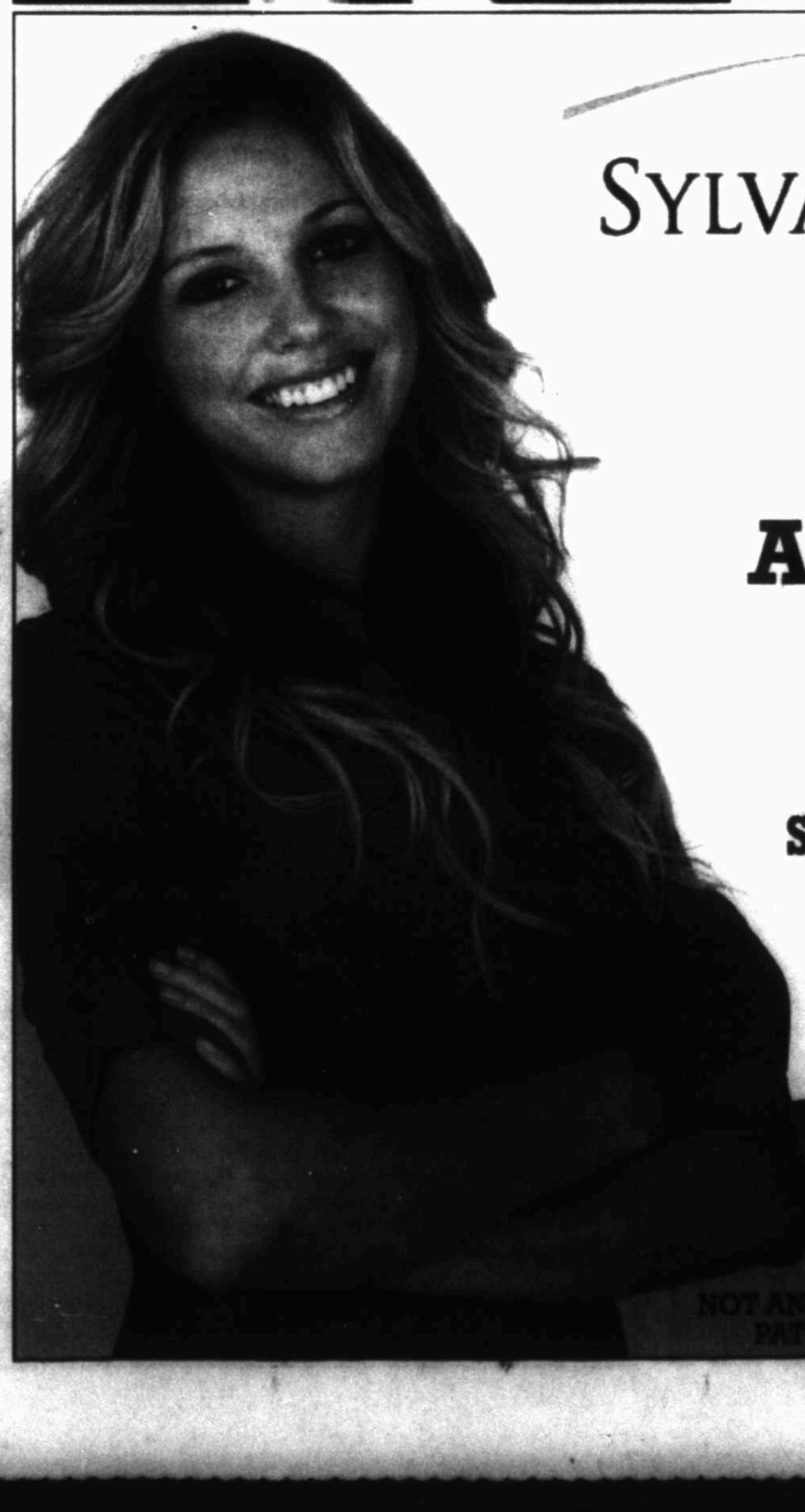

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In this image made from video and released by Simon Besner, lifeguards rescue children from a minivan that their mother drove into the Atlantic Ocean on Tuesday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

Rescued kids: 'Mom tried to kill us'

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A pregnant South Carolina woman pointed to the ocean, locked the doors and rolled up the windows, telling her three children she was "trying to take them to a better place", as she drove her minivan into the surf, authorities said.

Ebony Wilkerson even tried to call off bystanders hustling to rescue her screaming children from the water, saying "everyone was OK" as she left the van in the ocean, an affidavit said. Wilkerson, 32, is charged with three counts of attempted murder and three counts child abuse causing great bodily harm.

Volusia County Court Judge Shirley Green found probable cause for the charges during Wilkerson's first appearance in court Saturday and set her bond at $1.2 million. A date for an arraignment was not released.

The bystanders and beach safety officers, paying no attention to the mother, pulled the two girls and a boy, ages 3, 9 and 10, through the windows to safety Tuesday on Daytona Beach.

Later, Wilkerson denied trying to hurt her children, telling investigators she was driving too close to the water, "and the waves pulled her in," according to the charging affidavit.

Her children told investigators another story.

"Mom tried to kill us," they told detectives, according to the document. "Mom is crazy."

Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson said Wilkerson, of North Charleston, was in the custody of the sheriff's office after being hospitalized for a mental evaluation.

The children told authorities they had come to Florida from South Carolina earlier in the week to escape their father. They described a history of violence between their parents, and they said their mother had been "acting crazy and speaking to Jesus" since they had come to stay with Wilkerson's sister in Daytona Beach.

The sister, Jessica Harrell, didn't return a phone call from The Associated Press, but she was worried about Wilkerson's mental health and called a 911 dispatcher hours before the minivan ended up in the ocean.

When she was driving into the ocean, one of the children asked her what she was doing, and she said: "I am keeping us all safe," according to the affidavit. The boy tried to wrestle the steering wheel away from Wilkerson.

"She told them to close their eyes and go to sleep. She was trying to take them to a better place," Johnson said at a news conference.

A child also lowered the windows and the siblings yelled for help, attracting the bystanders.

"I've got to do this," Wilkerson told bystander Stacy Robinson as he attempted to intervene, according to the affidavit.

One of the rescuers, Tim Tesseneer, said Wilkerson's eyes were wide open and she looked "possessed." Wilkerson tried to prevent a beach safety officer from entering the vehicle to rescue the toddler who was the last to be removed from the minivan, Tesseneer told detectives. The children are with the Department of Children and Families.

Two days before what happened on the beach, Wilkerson told North Charleston police that she was in a violent fight with her husband of 14 years at a hotel room in Myrtle Beach and had gone to a hospital for treatment, according to an incident report. She also told police that after she packed up the car and kids at their apartment, her husband made a motion as if he was going to grab her, but she got into the car before he could, the report said.

She then went to Wal-Mart to cash in some coins so she'd have money for the trip. She reported that she felt a man was staring at her and followed her at the store and to the North Charleston City Hall where police were called. Officers said they gave her a form for a protective order. She refused being taken to a shelter since she was going to Florida.

Myrtle Beach police said they are investigating what happened at the hotel but no charges were filed. Phone numbers for Wilkerson's husband were disconnected.

Her sister told the 911 dispatcher she had tried to take Wilkerson to a hospital the day before the minivan ended up in the surf but Wilkerson had checked herself out. She said Wilkerson had been abused by her husband and that police should check on her.

"She's getting a little bit better, but she's still not all there," Harrell said.

Harrell told the dispatcher that Wilkerson was "talking about Jesus and how there are demons in my house and how I'm trying to control her, but I'm trying to keep them safe."

Harrell said she had taken Wilkerson's car keys away but her sister had found another set and driven off with the children.

After the call to dispatch, Daytona Beach officers stopped Wilkerson's black Honda Odyssey and she expressed fear that her husband would be coming to Florida to harm her and her children.

The children were sitting quietly, smiling, and showed no signs of distress, the police report said.

"It was clear during my conversation that Wilkerson was suffering from some form of mental illness, but she was lucid," the Daytona Beach police officer said in the report.

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BOSTON

Child sex abuse suspect dies after suicide attempt

A man charged with sexually abusing 13 children through his wife's unlicensed child care business died at a hospital Friday night after an apparent suicide attempt in jail several hours earlier, his lawyer said.

Defense attorney William Barabino said John Burbine, a convicted sex offender, apparently tried to hang himself in his cell in an approximately 20-minute period between his guards' regular checks on him.

"We don't know why," Barabino said. "John was a smart man and apparently took an opportune time to do what he did."

He said Burbine was receiving half-hourly checks by guards, one of whom noticed him hanging in his cell about 10 minutes before the usual 8 a.m. check.

Burbine, 50, had no pulse, but he was revived through CPR, and efforts to maintain his pulse and breathing and to stabilize him continued for hours at the hospital, the attorney said. Burbine died at 6:26 p.m. without regaining consciousness, he said.

The Middlesex sheriff's office said Burbine was found by guards making morning rounds and was "in need of emergency medical attention." The office's statement said jail medical personnel gave him emergency treatment and notified the Cambridge Fire Department and EMS, which took him to the hospital.

The death will be investigated by jail officials and state police assigned to the Middlesex district attorney's office.

Prosecutors alleged that between August 2010 and August 2012 Burbine molested children ranging from 8 days to 3 1/2 years old through his wife's business in Wakefield, a Boston suburb. Prosecutors said most were assaulted in their homes when Burbine was substituting for his wife as their caregiver.

Burbine, who was accused of recording the assaults, had pleaded not guilty in December 2012 and was being held on $1 million bail. He offered last year to undergo castration in exchange for a lenient sentence, but prosecutors rejected that.

Prosecutors don't believe his wife knew about the assaults but said she knew he was a convicted sex offender.

Burbine was convicted of indecent assault and battery on a child in 1989 and designated a Level 1 sex offender, the category considered least likely to reoffend.

WASHINGTON

US Navy sends destroyer to help in plane search

The U.S. Navy said it has dispatched a warship to aid in the search for a missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner.

The USS Pinckney, an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, is on its way from international waters in the South China Sea to the southern coast of Vietnam to assist in the search for flight MH370. The Boeing 777 with 239 people aboard was flying to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, when it fell off radar screens early Saturday.

The Pinckney carries two helicopters that can be used for search and rescue. It is expected to reach the search area within 24 hours.

Additionally, the Navy is deploying an Orion patrol and surveillance plane based in Okinawa. It will bring long-range search, radar and communications capabilities to the search mission.

BALTIMORE

Missing girl found; father charged with murder

A Maryland girl who disappeared after her mother was found dead last week has been located following a nationwide search, authorities said.

The girl, 11-year-old Caitlyn Virts, was located along with her father, Timothy Virts, in a motel in Florence, S.C., police said late Friday.

She and her father had been missing since the body of the girl's mother, Bobby Jo Cortez, was found at her home Thursday. Police have since charged Timothy Virts with first-degree murder in the slaying of Cortez, 36.

The girl was found unharmed, according to a statement by the Baltimore County Police Department.

"Detectives will be traveling to South Carolina as soon as possible to continue the investigation," said Corp. John Wachter in a statement.

Virts is in police custody and will be returned to Maryland "pending an extradition process," the statement said. Police hope to return the girl home as soon as possible.

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workers' comp, records show. But it isn't required, and even some large employers that reported multiple fatalities in recent years do not provide it.

At the top of the oilfield power structure are company men employed by well operators — often independent contractors with varying levels of experience — who sometimes emphasize speed over safety.

Mark Rankin, vice president of risk management for Texas-based Basic Energy Services, one of the nation's biggest and most diversified well service companies, said inexperienced company men, differences in employer safety standards, and pressure to work faster are factors that appear to be increasing potential oilfield dangers.

Both he and Alan Krenek, chief financial officer for Basic Energy, said their employees are well-trained and authorized to "stop work" but can't avoid hazards if improperly informed by others at the same site.

Krenek told the Chronicle that two Basic Energy employees badly burned in a 2010 flash fire made no mistakes and were harmed because employees of other companies at the natural gas well site failed to follow safety procedures. The OSHA accident report confirms another company's employee opened a valve that let gases escape into an open pit and caused the fire on Aug. 19, 2010.

Two truck drivers for Basic Energy arrived at the well site near Ackerly, and about 15 minutes later, heard a hiss as gases flowed into a pit, an OSHA accident report showed. One of the engines of their trucks was running. The consequences were horrific.

Two deaths, one citation

One driver immediately ran to turn off his engine. Abel Garcia, 38, was only a few feet from the pit when fumes from his pumper truck ignited, engulfing him and the other driver, Fernando Zamora, 28, in flames.

Others fled into a nearby cotton field as the two truck drivers, burning alive, screamed for help.

Garcia suffered second- and third-degree burns over half of his body and survived two months. Zamora, a father of three, received treatment for nearly two years before dying on June 16, 2012.

Basic Energy was cited for one safety violation because Garcia was not wearing a flame-retardant shirt, and the company paid a $5,000 penalty. OSHA confirms no one warned the drivers before another company employee allowed gases to escape. But OSHA oilfield investigations often do not focus on the causes of accidents.

No other company was fined.

Pressure to reform

The needless deaths of men like Garcia and Zamora and so many others in the oil fields have not gone unnoticed and have begun to prompt calls for reform.

OSHA called for a safety "stand down" in 2013 and again this year — asking Texas oil and gas employers to cease operations in order to discuss fatal accidents and draw attention to safety risks.

The names of companies that participated are not public, though employers all over Texas and in other states voluntarily submitted information on hazards uncovered in the exercise last year.

OSHA has announced plans to review the process safety management standard and oil field safety rules nationwide in response to an order President Barack Obama issued after the massive fertilizer plant explosion last year in West said Jordan Barab, deputy assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health. The review encompasses all work sites that handle hazardous substances, including oil and gas drilling sites.

In 2007, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, a government agency set up to investigate industrial disasters, probed a triple fatality in North Carolina and described onshore oil fields as one of America's most dangerous workplaces.

"I don't know that the picture has improved," said Daniel Horowitz, the board's managing director. "Obviously, the drilling boom has benefits for our country. But as drilling has expanded, there are potentially more new and inexperienced people coming in. Safety would always be a concern when less-experienced people are coming into a potentially dangerous sector."

Horowitz said expanding OSHA's process safety management program could help prevent many oil field accidents. That program already requires employers in refineries and chemical plants to develop and follow policies on hazard analysis, worker training, and standard operating and emergency response procedures. OSHA then can issue citations and require changes if companies lack standards, do not meet industry minimums, or fail to document that they followed safety rules, such as requiring welders to obtain hot work permits to avoid fires.

William Reilly, a former Environmental Protection Agency administrator who co-chaired the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, found Texas' oil patch death toll of 65 in 2012 particularly disturbing. But because so few land-based oilfield accidents are investigated, Reilly said it would be much harder to do the same kind of thorough evaluation he led of offshore accidents.

Caliche dust and dried blood

On the day Rig 11 collapsed, Tina Saiz got a cellphone call from her son-in-law, who'd been working at the same site. She immediately asked what had happened to her husband.

"They won't let us see. They won't tell us anything," Frankie Reyes responded.

She drove to a gate off Rockhouse Road that marked the entrance, only about a mile from her mother's house. Her mother and stepfather soon joined her vigil. No one from the company or from the sheriff's department emerged to give her any answers. She watched as a helicopter landed and guessed the worst when it took off without loading anyone.

She last saw her husband before dawn on the day he died, when she drove him, her son-in-law and co-workers in their silver Chevy Yukon to a 7-Eleven minutes from the rig site. Together, they completed the morning ritual of loading a cooler with drinks he brought to work since Heart Land didn't supply water even when temperatures topped 100 degrees.

Distracted by a passing friend, they did not exchange their ritual kiss goodbye. So she'd texted him that she loved him and had gotten no reply.

Tina Saiz does not know whether the blow to the head or the fall killed her high school sweetheart, her cheerful and muscular partner of 23 years, the father of her three children. He'd celebrated his 40th birthday only three days before. She prays the end came fast.

The undertaker refused to show her what remained of the jeans and T-shirt her husband died wearing and returned only a pair of leather work boots that had been nearly new.

The boots came back to her covered in a thick layer of caliche dust and deep red splotches of her husband's blood.

A few days later, her son-in-law retrieved a final gift from Felipe's work locker. In his cellphone, she found a text message he'd typed that had gone undelivered because of the vagaries of cellphone service in the oil fields.

"I love you too," it said.

OPINION

Obama's retreating America has consequences

■ Liberal, more democratic norms abroad require the power of the U.S. to have a chance

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

With the facts on the ground now established in Crimea — several thousand facts in the form of Russian troops — the question now becomes: Will sustained economic, political and military isolation of Russia work? Will it reverse Vladimir Putin's adventurism and deter future aggression?

Here there is a recent historical precedent. President Obama's "reset" with Russia was designed to end the economic, political and military isolation of Putin's Russia after the invasion of Georgia in 2008. Russia did not keep the terms of the cease-fire ending that conflict. But Obama was determined to unfreeze the post-Georgia relationship, particularly since Russian cooperation was needed on issues of mutual concern such as Iran and Syria.

The appropriate signals were sent. Normal diplomatic relations and military-to-military engagement with Moscow were resumed. Obama would not emphasize possible NATO membership for Georgia or Ukraine. Missile defenses were canceled in Poland, indicating that the Russian relationship was more important to America than was Eastern Europe. Putin took these signals, naturally and accurately, as American movement toward recognition of a Russian sphere of influence along its borders.

Putin has long believed that Russia is being purposely encircled and dismembered. One of his primary foreign policy goals is to relitigate the end of the Cold War. His intervention in Ukraine will press toward that objective until serious resistance is met. Like international aggressors before him, Putin would prefer the fruits of war without its costs.

Does Putin have reason to believe the resulting isolation of Russia will be sustained? The history of the "reset" says "no." The weariness of the American Congress and public with conflict — which Obama emphasizes and encourages in his own rhetoric — says "no." America's humiliating dependence on Russian influence in the Syrian crisis says "no." The desire for Russian help in the Iranian nuclear negotiations says "no." The dependence of Europe on Russian natural gas says "no." European Union vacillation and disunity say "no."

It is, perhaps, this confidence that has led Putin not only to intimidate but to humiliate. To sponsor Edward Snowden. To follow a 90-minute telephone conversation with Obama with troop movements. Many Russian goals in Crimea might have been achieved by intelligence assets and paramilitary forces. The use of Russian troops was intended as a broader message to Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East: Don't waste your hopes on the West.

Criticisms of the Obama administration's foreign policy are now coming in waves. It is improvised and feckless. Or it consists of cliches ("an interdependent world") and condescension ("19th-century behavior").

But Obama deserves more credit for good intentions and intellectual consistency. His foreign policy does have a theory. He believes that as American power retreats from the world, a variety of good things will fill the vacuum. Allies and international institutions will take more responsibility. America will be better able to promote liberal norms, unburdened by discrediting military power.

This vision gives permission for drastic defense cuts, abandoned red lines, a scramble for the exits in Afghanistan and the ceding of leadership in crises such as Syria. It dovetails with domestic political imperatives — for Obama to be the ender of wars, focused on nation-building at home. Over the years, polls have often favored Obama's global disengagement. They also reflect five years of his arguments for retrenchment.

The problem is this: When enlightened liberal norms are divorced from American power, liberal norms do not win out. The vacuum is filled by:

(1) Radical Islamist groups such as al-Qaida and Jabhat al-Nusra, which prosper in chaos. In an atmosphere like Syria, the most brutal are the most successful, and eventually become regional and global threats.

(2) Despots such as Bashar al-Assad, who still believe in military solutions — such as using chemical weapons and barrel bombs filled with oil and metal shards on civilians — because these solutions are working for them.

(3) Nationalist powers such as Russia and China, which is now throwing its military weight around East Asia. Japan is experiencing an upsurge in nationalism.

In the 20th century, the United States was both unique and irreplaceable because it exercised great power without the blood-and-soil nationalism of Russia, Germany or Japan. It stood for universal, liberal, democratic ideals. We should not expect those humane ideals to thrive in the vacuum left by a retreating America.

OUR VIEW

Voters from Midland, Odessa prevent Canon primary win

It's become really easy for people in Midland and Odessa to blame Panhandle voters that a state senator doesn't hail from the our region.

We tell ourselves that fervor for their candidates is just greater or their population is larger. The deck is just stacked against Midland or Odessa producing a state senator. That's just the way it will be.

While it is convenient to keep blaming voters in the north, it wouldn't be true, and the half-truths have nothing to do with why Mike Canon lost his bid to unseat Kel Seliger. On the contrary — while we point north, the reason for Canon's loss has everything to do with the voters in Midland and Odessa. It might be Monday morning quarterbacking, but Canon supporters are probably sick to their stomach that he lost a race he should have won.

Midland let down its hometown boy

This newspaper pointed to the 2004 special election between Seliger and Odessa's Kirk Edwards as an example of the race where Canon had to have success and where he needed to do better. We said all along Canon had to hold serve in Midland when comparing 2004 and 2014. No problem, right? Midland has grown, right? There was a rebirth in conservatism, right?

Midland was a fan of Canon to the tune of almost 70 percent. The problem was, fewer Midlanders voted for their hometown boy compared to those who cast a ballot for Edwards a decade ago (8,878 to 10,131), and more voted for Seliger this time around (3,814 to 2,983). That translates into a 2,084-vote swing in favor of Seliger. Had Midland voters treated their former mayor like Edwards, and Canon broke even in Howard and Glasscock counties — which he lost by a combined 524 votes — he would have been well on his way to making up the 3,179 votes he needed to win.

Odessa stuck it to Midland again

No matter what happened in Midland and the rest of the southern half of District 31, what happened in Odessa ultimately sunk Canon's Senate bid. Unlike 2004 when more than 11,000 Odessans cast a vote for their hometown boy Edwards, Canon received less than 4,500. It really didn't matter how well Canon did in Midland, the lack of votes from Odessa for a former Midland mayor was devastating. Was Seliger more popular in Odessa almost a decade later? Certainly, and the 1,400-plus increase in his vote total in Odessa was not a total shock. However, 5,000 fewer Odessans cast a ballot in this race compared to 2004, and Canon certainly didn't get the 90 percent Edwards got in 2004. Had he done that, it would have been game over. We said going into the race that there's no history to show Odessans could support a Midlander like Midlanders supported Edwards in 2004. Tuesday's result just proved that point.

Had Canon received 72 percent in Odessa (some 5 percentage points less than Edwards got in Midland in 2004), he wins and is looking for a place to stay in Austin. The rest of the district wouldn't have needed to change at all.

The fact is, we like Kel Seliger. He has been a strong representative for all of District 31. But the results from Tuesday night showed he was also very beatable. A better road map is in place should a candidate from the south decide to run in the future.

However, make no mistake about it. Mike Canon could have won the election, but voters in Midland, Odessa and the rest of the southern part of the district had other ideas.

And that will haunt some people for years to come.

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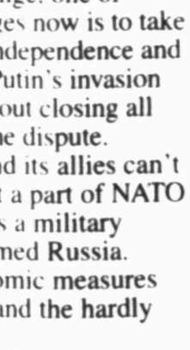
President must avoid 'chicken Kiev'

■ Obama must be clear that he supports Ukraine in its dispute with Russia



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One of the high points in President George H.W. Bush's largely successful foreign policy was his handling of that tumultuous period in the late 1980s and early 1990s when the Soviet Union collapsed and its former components emerged as independent states. His steady hand and restrained attitude helped to make it a peaceful evolution.

But his one notable exception — his confusing 1991 support for both Ukrainian independence and close ties with the Soviet Union — echoes today in Soviet President Vladimir Putin's callous, provocative challenge to Ukraine's independence that began with a weekend military takeover of its Crimea region.

It was a speech Bush gave on Aug. 1, 1991, to the Ukrainian parliament which, because of his effort to support two ultimately contradictory goals, became known as his "chicken Kiev" speech. More than a decade later, Bush said he had been misunderstood.

In his speech, Bush called the need to choose between the two goals "a false choice." But he heaped praise on the last Soviet president, noting that "President Gorbachev has achieved astonishing things and his policies of glasnost and perestroika and democratization point toward the goals of freedom, democracy and economic liberty."

Therefore, he continued, "We will maintain the strongest possible relationship with the Soviet government of President Gorbachev, but we also appreciate the new realities of life and therefore, as a federation ourselves, we want good relations, improved relations with the republics."

While supporting Ukraine's bid for independence, Bush warned that "America will not support those who seek independence in order to replace a far-off tyrant with a local despotism. They will not aid those who promote a suicidal nationalism based upon ethnic hatred."

The "suicidal nationalism" line prompted all of us in the cavernous hall to take note. Whether deliberate or not, he seemed to be denigrating independence efforts in Ukraine as a "suicidal nationalism" that was undercutting Gorbachev's efforts to hold the Soviet Union together.

If that was his message, it was ignored. Four months later, Ukrainians voted overwhelmingly for independence, giving a final push that dismembered the Soviet Union. Within weeks, Gorbachev had resigned, and a new Russia headed by Boris Yeltsin emerged to take its place.

But the historic strains between Russians and Ukrainians, exacerbated by the latter country's large proportion of ethnic Russians, have continued. It's one of the underlying factors that Putin is seeking to leverage to his advantage in the fraudulent claim by Ukraine's Russians that he is protecting their interests.

But to show how little things change, one of President Barack Obama's challenges now is to take a firm stand in favor of Ukraine's independence and territorial integrity — and against Putin's invasion — but to achieve some results without closing all doors for a peaceful resolution to the dispute.

It's obvious the United States and its allies can't intervene militarily: Ukraine is not a part of NATO and the last thing America needs is a military confrontation against a nuclear-armed Russia. But they need to take strong economic measures that will have an impact on Putin and the hardly healthy Russian economy.

Withdrawing from planning meetings for the scheduled G-8 meeting in Sochi — or even kicking Russia out of the G-8 — may seem like a small thing, and Russian officials derided it as more damaging to the West. But Russia's admission to the organization of leading industrial democracies was a major step in its effort for international recognition as one of them.

Meanwhile, a strong economic embargo would also help pressure Putin, provided the Europeans — including Germany's Angela Merkel — would for once put actions behind their words.

Secretary of State John Kerry's visit Tuesday to Kiev is an important show of support for the struggling new Ukrainian government, given questions about its legitimacy as a non-elected body the parliament created after forcing the ouster of the country's elected, pro-Moscow president. So is the presence of nearby naval power, including ironically the nuclear carrier USS George H.W. Bush.

Nearly 23 years ago, the president for whom it's named created some confusion by supporting both Ukrainian independence and Soviet primacy. Now, Putin's heavy-handed actions have made it imperative that this American president make it quite clear on which side he stands.

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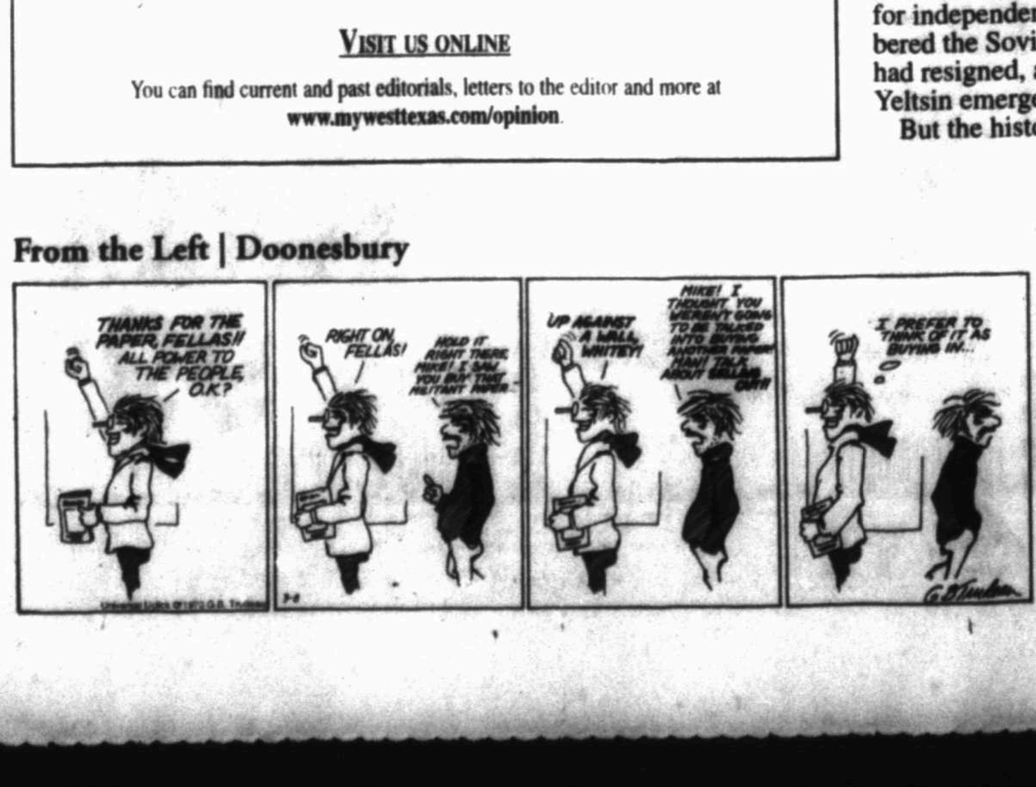

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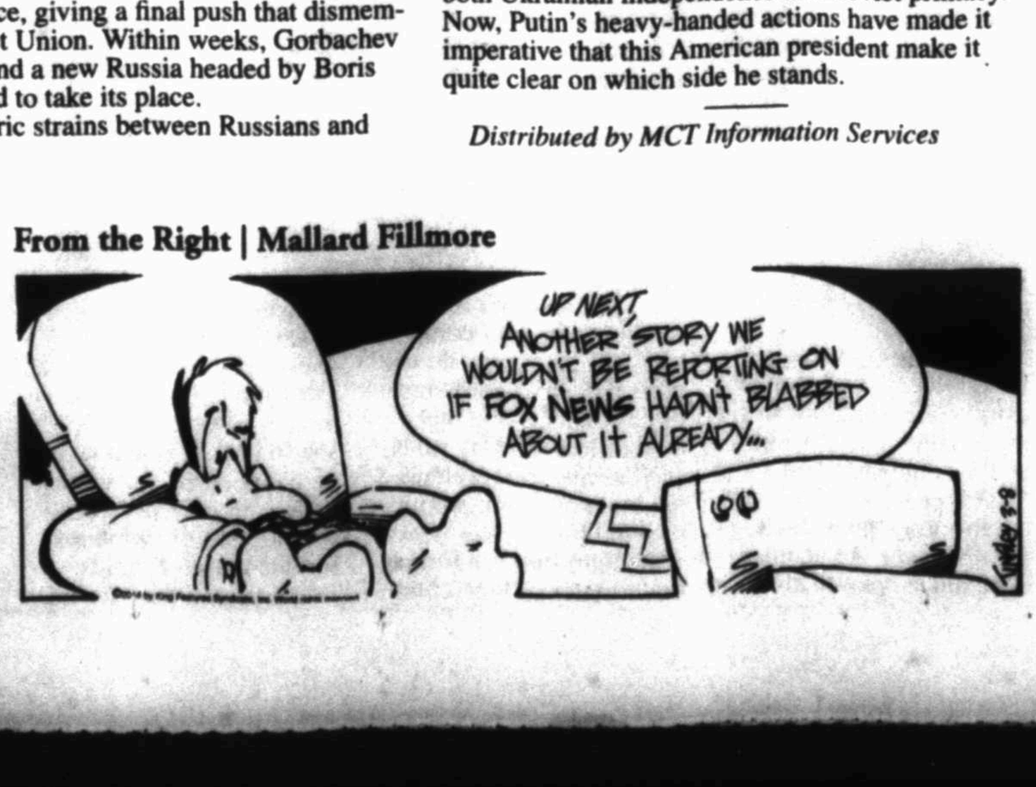

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rich are destroying city's simple lifestyle

Re: Meyers' comment in Thursday's Reporter-Telegram about "Who is Joel Rogers and what is his hidden agenda?" Joel Rogers is a concerned citizen, and his agenda is to keep local government from funding private enterprise.

Rogers is only one of many taxpayers who have lived in Midland for the majority of their lives and who do not want government bailing out big business here in Midland. If Meyers wants to destroy the simplicity of the Midland lifestyle and can afford it on his own, he has the right to do that, but not at taxpayer expense (regardless of where the taxes come from). He can start by returning the $2 million-plus the city paid the county for the old courthouse, and then constructing the building with private funds.

The right-wing conservatives yell about keeping government spending down and want to take away benefits from those who have, over a lifetime of working, paid for retirement benefits, and don't want to help those who use our emergency rooms for medical treatment, who costs us, the taxpayers. But those who pay very little taxes are at the feeding trough to get public money even before those who pay the taxes to provide that money have deposited their blood, sweat and tears in the government coffers. If the rich and powerful are so concerned about welfare for the poor, let's start with ending welfare for the rich. All one need do to see how those who want to make a buck off the work of others is drive down the streets of Midland and the roads of Midland County. They are destroying what was a wonderful way of life for those of us who have been in Midland for decades, and it's all for money. Will they stay when the bust hits and take the consequences of their actions, or will they abandon their big dream and leave it for the taxpayers once again to pay for their mistakes?

Mary Mabry

A defense of Rogers about Energy Tower

In the interest of full disclosure, let me state that I personally know Joel Rogers, and we have had several animated disagreements concerning Midland's booming development. Rogers believes that Midland is growing too fast and that local government should use its power to try and limit this growth. I fall on the side of those who, while concerned about such rapid growth, prefer to let free people operating in a free market determine the direction and scope of Midland's growth.

That said, I must register an objection to Energy Tower developer William Meyer's attempt to characterize Rogers and, by extension, anyone else who opposes the diversion of public funds into the pockets of private developers as either an inauthentic, newbie Midlander, a paid shill for some shadowy organization, or — worst of all — a hater of Chick-fil-A.

Three points:

1: If a pedigree is what you seek, I first arrived in Midland, kicking and screaming, back in September of 1959. Let me assure you that there are plenty of people who are longtime Midlanders and who favor development but still have this quaint notion that your forays into private development are just that, yours, and that the taxpayers of Midland should not be involved.

2: Please stop equating those who are against millions of dollars in public subsidies arbitrarily going into your pocket with "being against development." We are not against development. What we are against is rent seekers who arrive with big ideas and even bigger appetites ... so long as it involves other people's money.

3: Asking Rogers who his financial backers are while simultaneously lobbying public officials to force every citizen in Midland County to become one of your financial backers has pretty much used up the world's supply of irony for the next 90 days. Congratulations.

Meyer, build your building ... on your own. If your concept is sound then reap the rewards on your own. If your concept isn't sound then the penalties for failure should fall on you and you alone. There is no need for taxpayer involvement here.

Doug Heck

Readers' views on: Mall gun ban

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A sign posted outside Midland Park Mall bans a person from entering the property with a concealed handgun, even if the person has a lawfully issued permit to carry a concealed handgun. The signage is legal under Section 30.06 of Texas Penal Code, which grants property owners the right to ban concealed permit holders from entering.

Boycott is way for people to convey displeasure

Boycotts work. They are the best way for the everyday person to convey their displeasure with corporate America. Katy Perry just bowed to public pressure because of supposedly anti-Islamic content in her latest video.

Early last century, our leaders bowed to public pressure and banned alcohol. We see how well that worked. It didn't. Along came speakeasies, bathtub stills and the mob.

After the shootings at a Stockton, Calif., schoolyard, someone thought it would be a fantastic idea to ban guns at all schools. They also banned drugs.

We still have drugs in schools and more and more horrific school shootings. There are also mass killings in movie theaters, restaurants, churches and military bases. All ban guns.

These mass killers go to the places where they can do the most damage without being stopped by armed citizens or law enforcement so they can inflict the most damage on the maximum number of people before they are confronted by an armed response.

I will miss my buffalo burger, inexpensive eyeglasses and good Chinese food, but that pales in comparison to my losing my right to self-defense.

Dennis Walker

Signs are invitation to 'deranged' gunman

Midland Park Mall has just openly announced an invitation to any deranged gunman who wants to go out in a blaze of notoriety (by shooting as many innocent citizens as possible before taking his or her own life) to consider the mall for his performance. MPM has posted signs warning visitors that the only non-first-responder firearms carried on mall premises will be in the hands of criminals who may be planning on murdering mall visitors.

A Colorado paramedic and Internet columnist, Randy Cassingham (www.thisistrue.com/blog-why_people_die_in_gun_free_zones.html) believes that innocents are in real danger when they venture into a so-called "gun-free zone:

"When a restaurant, or movie theater, or other place puts signs on the doors saying 'No Guns Allowed' I go elsewhere. It's an invitation for robbers to come right in. Someone intent on committing a felony isn't going to pay attention to the sign, they'll just view it as the most opportune place to rob or murder strangers, because the only people who will obey that sign are ... honest, law-abiding citizens.

"Gunmen do specifically choose gun-free places to strike. The 2012 Colorado movie theater shooting is one clear example. There were seven theaters showing 'Batman' within 20 minutes of the killer's house, but he didn't choose the closest one. Rather, he chose the only one of the seven that had a no guns rule. I don't think that's a coincidence.

"After that shooting, economist John Lott, who is ironically from Illinois, noted, "With just one single exception — the attack on congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson in 2011 — every public shooting since at least 1950 in the U.S. in which more than three people have been killed has taken place where citizens are not allowed to carry guns." You know, like schools (and some malls).

"Simply put, gun-free zones don't protect innocent people; they put them at higher risk.

"So if you want to patronize gun-free restaurants, theaters and other establishments, by all means, do so. I won't be joining you."

Thank you, Randy; neither will I.

Joe Hathaway

Republicans recognize value of including those of shared values

Contrary to Mr. Rosen's claim on Feb. 23 that people are leaving the Republican Party in droves, my experience shows that brand new conservative Republicans are waking up and letting their voices count. And he just might be surprised where these new voices are coming from.

There is diversity in these conservative voices: They are young, they are women and they are minorities. In particular, many younger people in the Hispanic community are realizing that their values are more aligned with values associated with the Republican Party rather than the Democratic Party. For example, in my recent block walking I have met many younger Hispanics, and one issue that keeps coming up is the national debt issue. A few do not quite understand it, but they know it is important. When I explain it to them, they get it and realize that our nation's runaway national debt is a recipe for disaster for us all. And, it is not just the national debt that they are concerned about; they are concerned about the preservation of family values and they are concerned about how much they are paying in taxes to a government that does not reflect their values. These values are well-articulated in the Republican Party of Texas' state platform.

In short, Republicans, including myself, recognize the value of including any group that shares their values. That is why many of us in the Republican Party are actively working to encourage the young, the women and the minorities to get involved in the political process.

By the way, Rosen, it is your president who signed an executive order over five years ago to "promptly close detention facilities" at Gitmo. He has had enough time to do it but has not yet done so.

Nelson Spear

People believe in Davis, flock to her campaign

Boy, is Greg Abbott desperate. He comes to Midland to collect contributions, goes to the "nonpartisan" mayor's restaurant and lies about Sen. Wendy Davis' campaign. Then the Reporter-Telegram compounds the lies by repeating Abbott's inaccurate statements.

Many people have flocked to Sen. Davis' campaign because they believe in her, not because the president of the United States told them go work for her. Sen. Davis has done great work as a city council member in Fort Worth and in the state Senate. As for the Obama officials, I would like the MRT to research and tell us how many of the people working on the Davis campaign are government officials, the implication of your headline quoting Abbott.

You know the old saying: A lie makes its way around the world before the truth gets its pants on.

Leah Payne

Late drilling contractor never forgot his friends

The oilfield and the Permian Basin lost one of the best drilling contractors and friends to many people Fred Landis recently passed away in Midland after a battle with leukemia. Fred, being the fighter he was, lost the long battle but will win the war in the end. Fred was courageous until the end. He never forgot a friend and his friends never forgot him. Fred was my dear friend and we had coffee and dinner together many times.

After retiring, Fred turned to dancing and he danced with The Ballroom Dance Society, Just Dance Country, Club Dance and many of the senior dances. He had many friends at the dance clubs and met and danced with Lola Moore, the bell of the ball. Lola was Fred's biggest supporter.

Fred was a Christian, a hard-working individual who supported his family and community. He had a wonderful family and was well-respected by his family, friends and neighbors. My wife, Linda, taught Fred's daughter's Bible study class at church.

It's hard to say goodbye to such a dear friend, and I have a heavy heart and tears in my eyes with his passing. I will always remember our private joke about the International Association of Drilling Contractors in Midland. I was at a meeting with the IADC at one of the local country clubs. A gentleman there mentions the IADC Board of Directors. Well, being a member I ask who is on the board of directors. Well, I was told they couldn't give out the board of directors' names. I was confused but accepted the rule of secrecy. The next morning I got a call from Fred Landis. Fred said, "I don't know why all those guys told you we had a board of directors." Fred from then on told me, "Hey, there is no board of directors."

Fred was also honest. When I wrote a letter to the editor, Fred would call sometimes and say, "Dennis, I don't agree with you, but that was a good letter."

God bless you, and thanks again, my friend.

Dennis Wallace

Driver's selfish, rude behavior is intolerable

To the boy (and I assume you were a child because I cannot think that any man would have been this disrespectful): You were driving a maroon-colored Dodge 4x4 truck at the Chick-fil-A on Andrews Highway at about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

I wanted you to know that your rude behavior did not go unnoticed. You pulled into an illegal parking space and blocked anyone from being able to park in either of the handicapped spaces (the only two in the parking lot) next to you. And, when a woman with handicapped license plates tried to get your attention to have you move so she could park, you blew her off.

To the woman: I'm sorry for the disrespect that you were shown and even more sorry that this is all that I could do. I watched as you handled the situation with dignity and grace.

And again to the boy: I hope your boss or girlfriend or grandmother sees this letter. Your selfish behavior is one that is becoming all-too-common and is intolerable. There were other spaces where you could have parked and walked the extra few feet. Oh, and if anyone thinks that I'm making this up, I took a picture to prove it.

Audrie Palmer

American flag shouldn't be used for taunting

■ In parts of the world right now, a country's flag is seen as something greater than one's self. For five students, it's a way to pick a fight

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You have to be careful with flags. They're not just harmless pieces of cloth meant to inspire patriotism and national pride. These seemingly innocent sheets of fabric can lead to all sorts of trouble.

And sometimes, that is the idea. Let's not be naive. Flags aren't always about simply declaring one's love of country. Waving them is also a good way to express defiance, antagonize others, divide people or pick a fight.

In some places, flags are still a positive symbol. In Ukraine and Venezuela, scores of brave protesters, who are willing to stand up to oppressive governments, gain strength from waving their country's flag. It's as if they're saying: "This is what we're fighting for, something bigger than ourselves."

It's a different story in the United States, where, in the messy culture wars, flags are sometimes used as weapons. Waving them can be a sign of protest, a demonstration that you're not going to be pushed around or told where your loyalties should lie. It's as if some Americans use the flag to declare: "This is how we fight back, even if it makes us seem small."

The word "small" aptly describes the five students who — on May 5, 2010 — while attending Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill, Calif., apparently decided to use the American flag, specifically T-shirts with the flag on them, to taunt Latino students. It wasn't about being patriotic. It was about being provocative.

You see, May 5 is Cinco de Mayo, which — in truth — isn't a real holiday in Mexico. But it does seem to help bars and restaurants sell a lot of beer. No matter. The school was planning a celebration. Bigger people would have delved right in, and shown some respect for a foreign culture. Maybe they would have learned something fun and interesting.

Not these five. That would have been too easy. These students were specifically told beforehand by school administrators — who didn't want any trouble in a school that had been described by the San Francisco Chronicle as having an "ethnically charged atmosphere" and where 20 percent of the 1,300-student body were English-language learners — not to wear flag clothing on that day because it might cause a ruckus. The warning conformed to the high-school dress code, which prohibited "any clothing or decoration which detracts from the learning environment."

The five students violated that code, and disobeyed the administrators' directive, when they wore the T-shirts anyway.

I guess these five geniuses didn't consider the possibility that most of those Latino students they were trying to rile up were also Americans. In fact, many of them were probably born in the United States. So, ironically, T-shirts adorned with the American flag might not have had the intended effect. Or, they might have riled up some of the students. We'll never know. Anyway, the effect is irrelevant. The point is that the intent was malicious. Those five picked Cinco de Mayo, of all days, to show their patriotism? They were obviously up to no good.

That was the conclusion of Assistant Principal Miguel Rodriguez who, fearing that the boys' fashion choices might cause a ruckus, confronted the youths that day and told them to either turn their T-shirts inside out or go home. They chose to go home. And within hours, they went from being disobedient, disruptive and disrespectful brats to a group of patriotic martyrs for the First Amendment.

Of course, young people don't veer this far off course on their own. Their parents excused the boys' bad behavior when they hired lawyers and sued the school district, alleging a violation of the lads' constitutional right to free speech. Talk about teaching kids the wrong lesson.

Free expression is important all right. It just isn't as important as ensuring the safety of students in a climate of racial and ethnic tension. That was the finding recently of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The judges ruled that the school administrators had not violated the Constitution. In fact, they said, by enforcing the dress-code ban on the T-shirts, the school had "presciently avoided an altercation."

The parents said they're prepared to appeal this case all the way to the Supreme Court. Naturally.

It turns out that flags aren't the problem after all. The real problem is the people who misuse them — and their accomplices.

Pope's 1st year: Not yet a revolution, but perhaps a start

By Matthew Schofield
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A person holds a mock Oscar statue as Pope Francis tours St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday before the start of his weekly general audience. The pontiff said he finds the hype that is increasingly surrounding him "offensive." In an interview with Italian daily Corriere della Sera, Francis said he doesn't appreciate the myth-making that has seen him depicted as a "Superpope" who sneaks out at night to feed the poor.

ROME — Seated in one of the thousands of stacking chairs packed between the enfolding arms of St. Peter's Square, pointed at a small stage on the steps of one of the world's most recognizable places of worship, Texan Bob Boillet uses the word everybody seems to be using when talking about the head of his church, Pope Francis.

The word? "Hope." It's a big word for many Roman Catholics these days. There's hope for inclusion, for acceptance and mostly for forgiveness.

"He talks about a more open-armed church. I like that," the 48-year-old San Antonio resident said. "Actual change won't be easy, especially when that change is about some dearly held beliefs. But he talks about a more open, more accepting church, and that gives me hope."

It'll be a year ago next Thursday when a puff of white smoke from the Sistine Chapel announced that the Roman Catholic Church had a new head. The choice was a 76-year-old Argentine cardinal named Jorge Mario Bergoglio. He arrived to find a church that many thought was out of touch with the modern world.

His church was struggling most visibly with a child sex abuse crisis, but there were other problems, such as how to deal with the modern realities of marriage, divorce and contraception. The Vatican bank had been shunned by most of Europe's central bankers. There were reports of homosexual orgies that involved members of the Vatican's government, fueled by a series of leaks of secret Vatican reports.

Amid this chaos, Francis' predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, a theologian who'd once overseen the church's investigation of child sexual abuse, announced that he would retire. It was a notion, in a church where every leader had died in office since 1294, that underscored the level of crisis. Popes simply don't retire.

Another centuries-old assumption also was about to die. The new pope was from South America, the first non-European to lead the church since A.D. 741. It was a signal of a church turning from its European past to a Southern Hemisphere future.

Bergoglio was not a choice without controversy, not least because he was not a man without controversy. Immediately, old accusations resurfaced that he'd failed to stand up strongly enough against the abductions of two priests during Argentina's "dirty war," an accusation he's strongly denied.

Others wondered whether Pope Francis would be as fiery as he'd been when as the archbishop of Buenos Aires he'd once lashed out at "hypocrites" among the clergy who "drive God's people away from salvation" by refusing to baptize the children of unwed mothers.

But if his ascension created a bit of stir, his first year in office has been closer to a whirlwind. Within months, those both inside and watching the Vatican — the city-state within Rome that serves as home to the church — were talking about "the Francis revolution" and "Vatican glasnost," a reference to the period in Soviet history when Mikhail Gorbachev began coming clean about huge problems, such as the 1986 nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.

Francis quickly told the Vatican to act aggressively on child sexual abuse cases and has since set up a commission to advise him on how to deal with pedophile priests. While a change in policy remains to be seen, it was an open and very public declaration of intent, which many saw as at least the beginning of a positive change.

In addition, on a plane ride back to the Vatican from a World Youth Day in Brazil, he said: "If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"

He baptized the baby of a couple who'd been married outside the church — in the Sistine Chapel, no less — and promised an unmarried pregnant woman that he'd baptize her child as well, if she couldn't find another willing priest.

The head of an almost unimaginably wealthy church, he spoke out against financial inequality. In a November apostolic exhortation, he said, "Just as the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill' sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say 'thou shalt not' to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?"

The Rev. Professor Diarmaid N.J. MacCulloch, one of the world's most noted Vatican experts, who teaches at Saint Cross College of Oxford University, said it was difficult not to be impressed by the speed with which Francis had changed the image of a global church.

"He's not put a foot wrong so far and he's clearly a delightful and lovable man," MacCulloch told McClatchy in an email. "And the change of atmosphere he's created is remarkable … the transformation from the embattled atmosphere, particularly under Benedict, and the bits of the spectrum which John Paul II simply seemed unable to see (like the real seriousness of the child abuse scandal) is remarkable."

But, MacCulloch noted, there is a "but." In fact, he said what many have said through the centuries about attempting dramatic change at the Vatican: "Overnight, things have changed. Very dangerous for him."

There are powerful vested interests in the church status quo. As such, some Vatican watchers focus more on Pope Francis' moves with the Vatican bank than on his social programs. In his first year, he replaced four of five cardinals who sat on a bank supervisory board. Those replaced had been appointed to five-year terms in the last days of Benedict's papacy.

During Francis' first year, the Vatican has been more transparent about scandals within the bank — most notably accusations of money laundering — than a history of tightly held finances would have foreseen.

Still, how deep and broad change can be is another matter. Marco Tosatti, who writes the Vatican Insider blog for the Italian newspaper La Stampa, said that until now change had mostly been skin deep.

"It's an image change, certainly," he said. "But real change can take many years, even several popes. You don't so easily change an organization of 1 billion Catholics."

While Francis has addressed topics such as Communion for those who've divorced and offered hope for a larger role for women in the church hierarchy, Tosatti notes that any change would come against the deeply held beliefs of many around the world. Change isn't as easy as announcing it from the Vatican.

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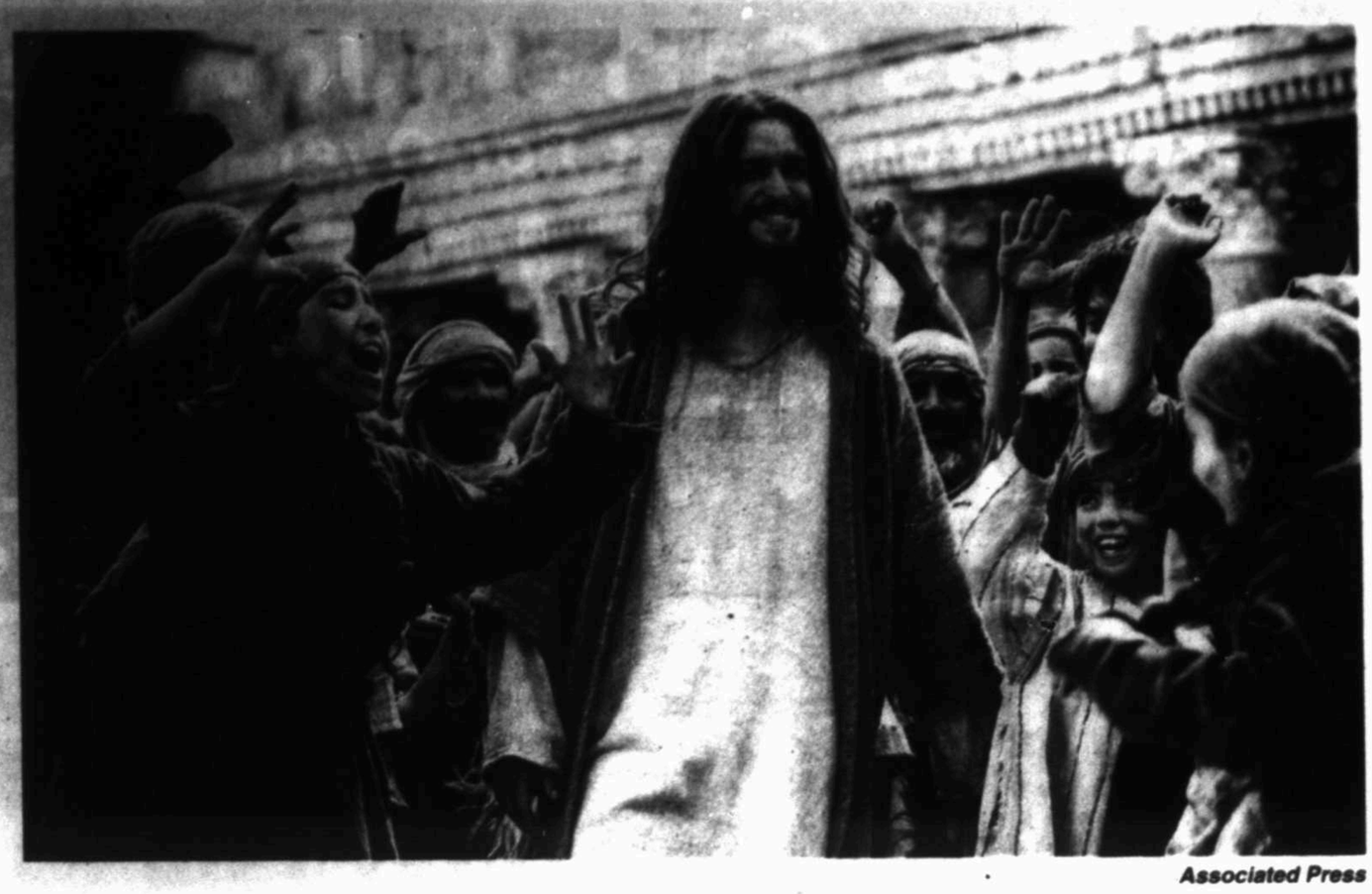
CASTING JESUS

Did he really look like Brad Pitt?



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This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Diogo Morgado in a scene from "Son of God."

By Jocelyn Noveck
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NEW YORK — They say you can never be too rich or too thin. Surely it goes without saying that you can't be too good-looking, either, right? Especially in Hollywood.

But in the popular new film "Son of God," Jesus is so, well, easy on the eyes that some are revisiting an age-old question that has vexed scholars for centuries:

Did Jesus really look like Brad Pitt, only slightly better?

OK, that exact question hasn't vexed scholars for centuries. But those who study religion as portrayed in popular culture do note that depicting Jesus on the screen has always been a tricky business, one that balances weighty theological concerns — how divine to make the son of God, and how human? —with more earthly ones, like how best to sell movie tickets?

"Listen, films are big business," said Steven Kraftchick, professor at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. "They're probably not going to cast Jonah Hill as Jesus."

Not that Hill wouldn't provide an interesting spin. But the producers of "Son of God," Roma Downey (who also plays Jesus' mother Mary) and her husband Mark Burnett, were clearly going for something different when they chose the strapping, 6-foot 3-inch Diogo Morgado, a Portuguese actor who's dabbled in modeling, for "The Bible," their History channel miniseries. ("Son of God" is culled from footage shot for the series.)

Downey won't deny her Jesus is good-looking — not that she'd get very far with that — but explains she was seeking a subtle mix of qualities. "Someone with strength, presence, charisma, tenderness, kindness, compassion and natural humility," she said. "Someone who could be both a lion and a lamb."

Casting came down to the wire. A few weeks before shooting was to begin in Morocco, there was still no Jesus. Downey fired off an email to church and business contacts with the urgent header: "Looking for Jesus."

Salvation came from an unexpected place. In Ouarzazate, Morocco, a member of an advance team remembered an actor who'd been there more than a year earlier on a different project. He searched through hotel registries and found the name.

Not surprisingly, Morgado's looks have been a big part of the conversation ever since. "We not only found Jesus, we found 'Hot Jesus,'" Oprah Winfrey told him in a TV interview, referring to a Twitter hashtag about the actor.

"A hunkier Jesus than necessary," Variety noted in its review of the movie. The Hollywood Reporter called it "Jesus as pretty boy," and noted a resemblance between Morgado and the young Marlon Brando.

But box office is booming. "Son of God" came in a close second last weekend to Liam Neeson's "Non-Stop," beating out the blockbuster "Lego" movie.

To Morgado, it's all good. "Long after I'm gone, this is going to be my legacy," he said in a telephone interview. "So why should I worry about people calling me 'Hot Jesus'? I'm really proud of this movie."

His key acting challenge, Morgado notes, was getting that balance between divine and human: "It's a really tricky thing."

That's always been a problem, said Jeffrey Mahan, professor at the Iliff school of theology in Denver. "Jesus films go back to the very beginning of cinema, and there's always that tension between human and divine."

Mahan notes that "this isn't the first sexy Jesus on film." When Jeffrey Hunter played the role in the 1961 "King of Kings," he said, people dismissively dubbed it "I Was a Teenage Jesus," a reference to Hunter's youthful good looks (though he was in his 30s).

Some films, such as the 1959 "Ben-Hur," avoided problems by not showing Jesus' face. Others, said Adele Reinhartz, author of "Jesus in Hollywood" and professor at the University of Ottawa, show a sanitized figure "that could have walked right out of a Renaissance painting." But they were always fairly good-looking: "These are marketing decisions."

The deeper problem with portraying Jesus, Reinhartz said, is that "to make a compelling movie character, you need flaws. And that doesn't fit into most conceptions of Jesus."

One exception was Martin Scorsese's 1988 "The Last Temptation of Christ," starring Willem Dafoe as a Jesus conflicted about his identity and experiencing earthly temptations, like lust. That didn't please everyone — a Christian fundamentalist group hurled Molotov cocktails at a Paris theater where it played.

Then there was Mel Gibson's 2004 "The Passion of the Christ," starring Jim Caviezel, an enormous hit which is deemed one of the most controversial films of all time, both because of its bloody depiction of the Crucifixion — Roger Ebert called it the most violent film he'd ever seen — and allegations of anti-Semitism.

Caviezel, Dafoe, Morgado — all give different interpretations, but they all look a certain way. None, for example, are dark-skinned, as some have speculated Jesus was. Others have noted that men of the time were significantly smaller than they are today.

"The fact is we just don't know how Jesus looked," said Kraftchick, at Emory. "How big was he? Did he have a speech defect?"

Downey, asked about the issue, points out that her Jesus is a Latino, and that in itself is groundbreaking. (The film is also being released in Spanish.)

What troubles Mahan is that heartthrob Jesus portrayals ignore that "Jesus was an outsider. And this 'pretty Jesus' is an attempt to make him sort of a celebrity. That isn't accurate according to the tone of the Gospels."

Morgado said he's taking the long view.

"When I was in Jerusalem, I saw a man and a 10-year-old kid praying," he said. "And I looked at the kid and thought, 'Wow. I will be his visual and spiritual reference.'"

That's what producers are hoping.

"I think people who don't know Jesus will fall in love," Downey said. "And those who do know him will fall in love all over again."

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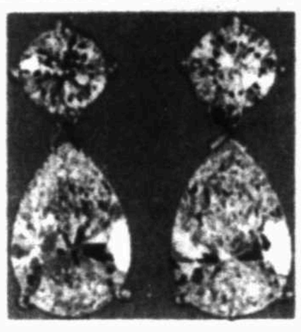
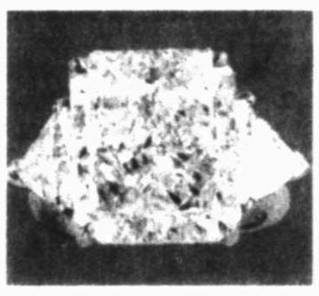
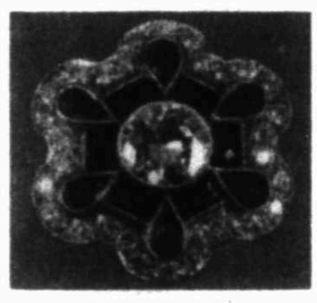


Mr. Tilly is Graduate Gemologist (GIA), dealer and expert in Vintage Estate and Antique jewelry from New York City. He is a member of American Society of Jewelry Historians and the International Watch and Jewelry Guild. He has over 25 years experience in the jewelry industry.





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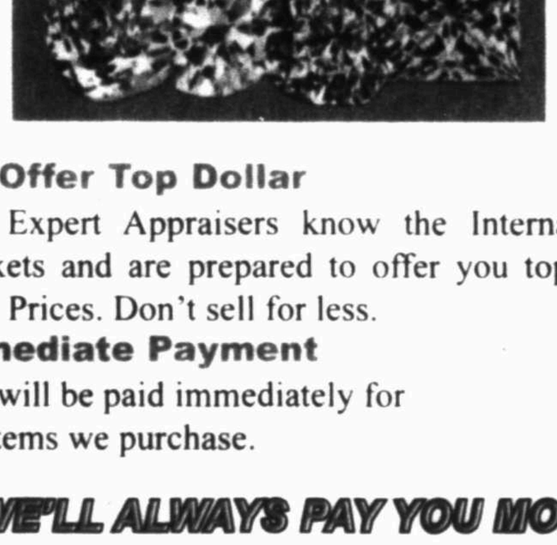

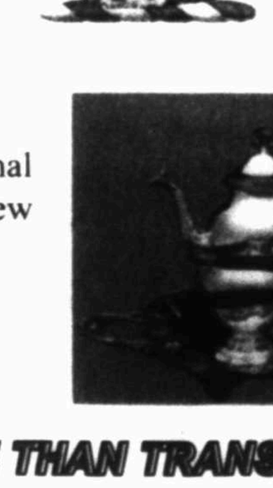

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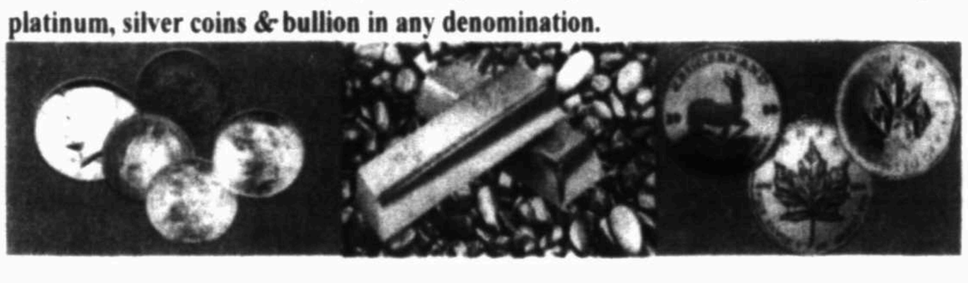

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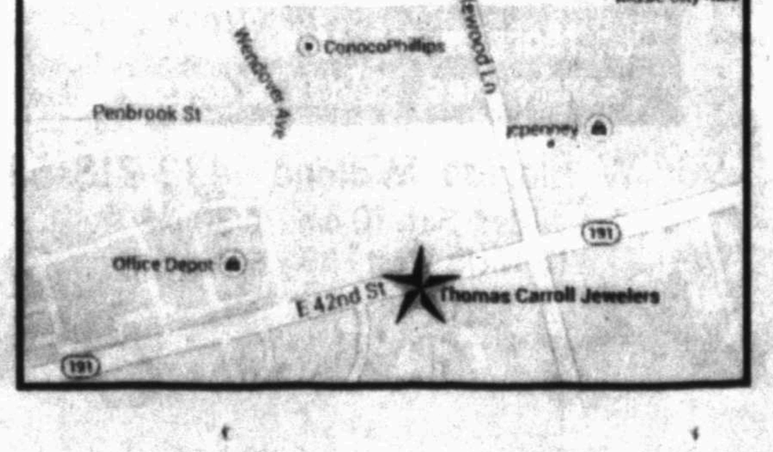

Aging conference touches on ethics, hearing loss

Local health organizations note shortage of trained professionals in field

By Rachael Gleason
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An Elvis impersonator singing "don't break your confidentiality" to the classic tune of "Blue Suede Shoes" isn't your typical presentation on ethics.

But Dancing Moose Productions provided the crowd of health care professionals with all the basics Thursday at the West Texas Conference on Aging.

"We're about to ruin every song ever written for the rest of your lives," said actor Tim Anderson before the presentation.

Midland College's annual aging conference provided a day of training and breakout sessions for area health professionals.

"It's specifically targeted for people who work with the geriatric population and issues there," said Wendy Wood Collins, Midland College's director of health sciences. "It's an opportunity for health professionals to obtain their continuing education and to network."

More than a 120 local registered nurses, vocational nurses, social workers, marriage and family therapists, nursing and assisted-living facility administrators and counselors attended the all-day conference at the Midland Center, participating in sessions about hearing loss, disaster preparedness and hospice care.

Here are takeaways from the event:

Ethics

Annual ethics training is required for all health care providers, and Thursday's musical provided the basics on obtaining proper credentials, practicing to a specialty, fostering independence and reporting unethical or illegal practices.

One chapter on greed focused on supervision and inappropriate billing practices.

"We bill for an hour, but we supervise for two minutes. That's the real world," Anderson said in the skit to show what not to do in the workplace.

The second act followed with chapters about client abandonment, discrimination, seduction, confidentiality and impaired counselors. At one point, the three actors performed Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" to warn about unprofessional client-counselor relationships.

At the end of each chapter, the actors shared quotes, tips and questions from the National Association of Social Workers, which is currently celebrating National Social Work Month, and American Counseling Association.

Shortage of health care providers

While ethics remains a top issue for the entire health care field, Wood Collins said filling a shortage of health professionals — including those who care for the elderly — in the Permian Basin region is also the focus of many partnering organizations.

The Area Health Education Center, which celebrates 10 years of recruiting students into health careers in 27

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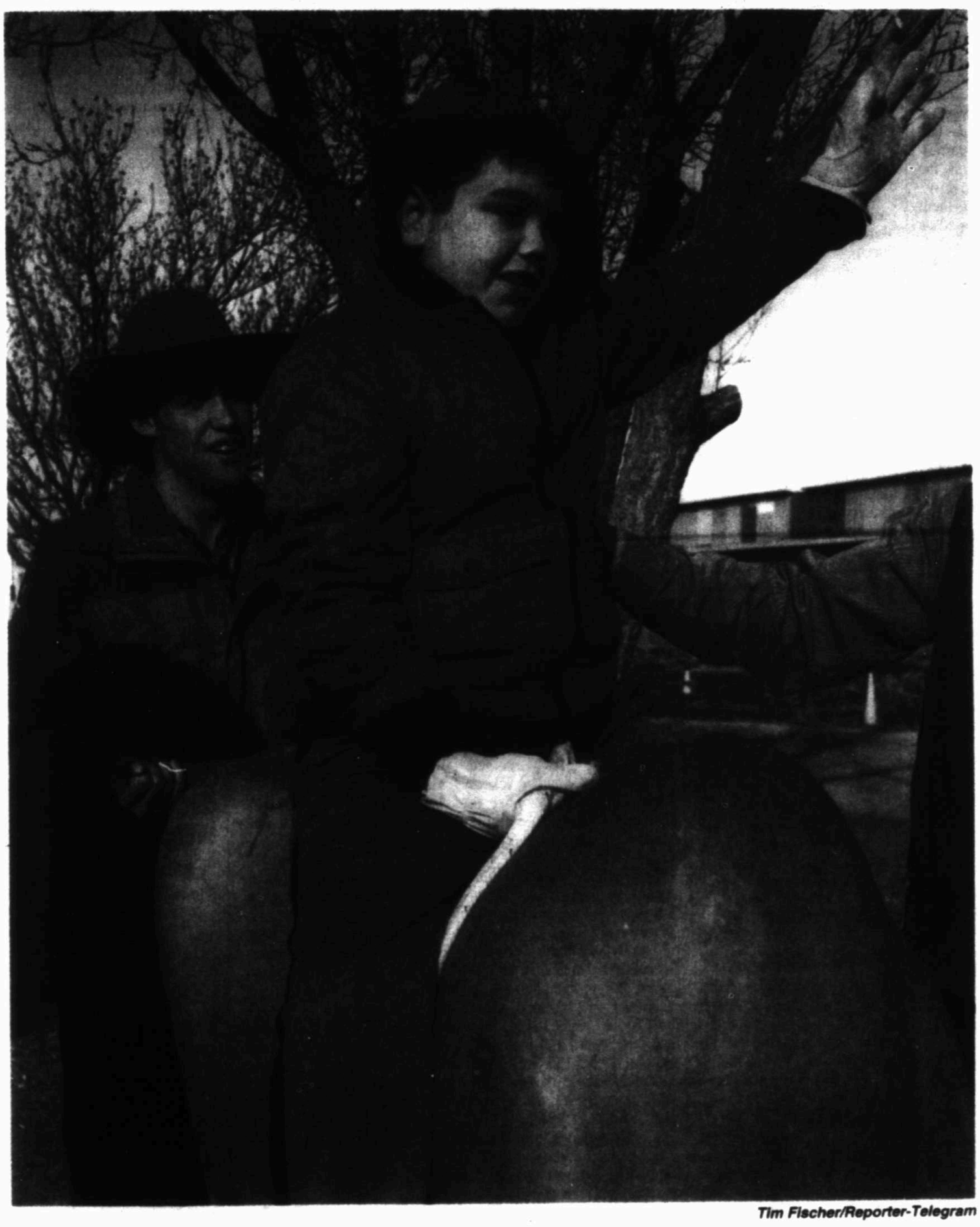
Bynum School rodeo



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The rodeo was part Bynum School's Texas Independence Day celebration on Friday. Odessa College's rodeo team brought the horses, a bucking bull machine and roping dummies. Check out Tuesday's edition for a story and more photos of this event.

It's better if the wife controls the purse strings

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Do you ever notice how much things cost these days? Well, an arm and a leg doesn't quite cover the pain anymore. Things cost so much that it's a shock to my system every time I make a purchase.

There are a couple of reasons why I suffer so much from sticker shock. First, the wife controls all the purse strings in my family. She doesn't give me money because she knows I'll just spend it on non-essential things.

It's also convenient because she doesn't have to ask me for money, and I never know what she spends on her shopping sprees. Believe me, at today's prices, I don't want to know what she spends.

But the bottom line is, I don't see the guy behind the cash register very often. And when I do, I blow a gasket. "What? You say this meal costs $22.50 for just the two of us."

I used to buy a lot of meals when I was in college. Back then I could eat a chicken fried steak for $1.25, a glass of tea for 10 cents and a nice dessert for another 45 cents. Total outlay: $1.80. It would cost $3.60 if I had a date or $3.15 if we shared the pie.

That's probably one reason I married the wife because she was into sharing, thus she was a cheap date. We still share when we date, but it's not the deal it used to be. Now, a dessert costs almost as much as the meal. It's a good thing I can't eat desserts any more.

I could have my car totally detailed at the local filling station for around five bucks when I was growing up. I bought our first new car in 1970, the same week I returned from Vietnam. It cost $4,000, and I paid cash on the barrel head. I thought I was richer than a prince because I had money left over for our first color television set.

Yep, I thought things were expensive back then. But anything is expensive when you don't have real money. Now, it takes real money just to get by.

I never will forget back in 1970 when I had a glimpse of the future. I was in Vietnam, and the Army gave me one week of R&R in Hawaii. The wife met me there, and we anxiously wanted to eat some of Oahu's seafood.

We went to Fisherman's Wharf, and the meal cost us more than $20. It was the first time in my life I ever spent that much on a meal. I couldn't enjoy the meal because of the cost.

I also remember on that same trip that a cup of coffee at the hotel cost me 50 cents. I thought they were scamming military veterans. Then the wife took me to a Starbucks the other day. I had no idea what a cup of coffee costs these days. Let's just say I don't order any extra whipped cream.

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MELANIE NICHOLAS
MRT columnist

Worrying doesn't change the outcome

The season of Lent is one of my favorite times of year, but I also find it one of the most difficult. The penitence, the suffering of Christ and the shattering sorrow Mary must have felt can make me feel overwhelmed and fragile.

But I do try to use the season as a time to grow closer to God. Many years ago, an Episcopal priest told me that we are not asked to give something up during Lent to punish ourselves. She viewed Lent as a time to use our resources to do Christ's work. For example, thinking about giving up chocolate this year? What are you going to do with the money you are saving? Could you put it to a special mission project instead? Could you give yourself another kind of reward, maybe reading a favorite Bible verse and spending a few moments in reflection?

And I will be honest.

There have been times when I gave up nothing. Two years ago, I gave up a real addiction of mine — social media. Instead I spent time reading to and playing with the kids. I won't do that again this year though; a girl's gotta make a living. But it was a valuable lesson to me — spending focused time with my children makes everyone happier.

This year, I am stealing an idea from two of my sweetest friends. I am going to try to give up worrying. That's right. I am going to attempt to release myself from the shackles of doubt and fear. I am going to try to make that leap, and actually trust that everything is going to be OK.

I know what you're thinking. I've kindof built a career on my neurotic, obsessive, can't-sleep-at-night concerns. How on earth will she be able to jump on the Idina Menzel/Disney/John Travolta bandwagon and "Let It Go?"

With determination and a lighter heart, that's how. For the next six weeks or so, I am embracing freedom. Because over the years, I have learned a few things about worrying.

■ It doesn't change the outcome. You can spend hours imagining scenarios, but all the energy you pour into fear and doubt is fruitless. I say spend that time doing something else that will do some good. One of my favorite quotes is "Worry is a misuse of imagination." My plan is to pray for peace about any anxieties that I may have.

■ Worrying makes you ugly. The next time you see me, please do me the favor of not looking at my forehead-held-in-constant-consternation crease. I could hold a pencil with that bad boy. And my son mistakes my concerned face for my mad mommy face, and that makes him anxious. Instead, I want to be the woman who has deep smiling lines etched in her face, a map that shows the time I have spent feeling joy instead of fear.

■ Worry is the opposite of trust. It is so easy to say "trust in God," but it is hard to actually do. I think the same rule applies to trusting yourself and your spouse as well. I do not worry much about material things, or that my children and I will always be provided for. The Hubs said that he would take care of us. I know what kind of man he is, and I trust in that. It seems to me that I should have the same faith in God.

■ Worrying steals your joy and it robs you of productivity. I have plenty in my life that I often choose to worry about. Are my kids happy? Will I stay healthy? Will other moms judge me if their nap mats and lunchboxes don't match? Head slap. I should be celebrating what is. My kids are happy. I am healthy (mostly),

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Sheila MacRae dies at 92

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. — Sheila MacRae starred on the Broadway stage and in films, yet it was her small-screen role as the tolerant and brassy wife of a Brooklyn bus driver for which she is most remembered.

MacRae, best known for playing Alice Kramden to Jackie Gleason's Ralph in the 1960s recreation of "The Honeymooners," died Thursday. She was 92.

The actress died at the Lillian Booth Actors Home in Englewood, MacRae's granddaughter, Allison Mullavey, told The Associated Press on Friday.

In the 1950s version of "The Honeymooners," Audrey Meadows starred with Gleason as lovebirds and sparring partners Ralph and Alice Kramden. Sheila MacRae replaced Meadows as the tolerant and brassy wife of a Brooklyn bus driver in a later version from 1966-70 on "The Jackie Gleason Show." MacRae was the last survivor from the '60s edition of the show; Jane Kean, who played Trixie Norton, died last fall.

"My mother referred to herself as the last Mrs. Kramden," said her daughter, actress Heather MacRae.

"She had a great life, my mom, she really did. She was quite a broad," Heather MacRae said.

MacRae, who suffered from dementia but was otherwise in good health, had been hospitalized for a minor surgical procedure. Her death was apparently the result of old age, Heather MacRae said.

A singer, dancer and actress, MacRae was married to "Oklahoma!" and "Carousel" star Gordon MacRae for 26 years, and they appeared together in 1964 on "The Ed Sullivan Show" when the Beatles were featured.

She had put her career on hold while she devoted herself to MacRae and their four children, Heather MacRae said. After helping her husband with his nightclub act, she decided to join him and her career took off, her daughter said. The couple appeared together in musicals including "Guys and Dolls," with Sheila MacRae taking her performance as Miss Adelaide to Broadway in 1965.

Actress Shirley Jones, who co-starred with Gordon MacRae in the 1950s film versions of "Oklahoma!" and "Carousel," in a statement released by MacRae's family, called Sheila MacRae "a great lady" with extraordinary talent who "helped me to be a better mother."

After her divorce from Gordon MacRae, she was married to Ronald Wayne, who produced Gleason's show, her daughter said. They later divorced.

Funeral services for her mother are pending, she said.

Obituaries

Donald Ray Collier

Funeral services for Donald Ray Collier, 71, of Denver City will be conducted Monday, March 10, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. in the Denver City Church of Christ with Brother Skip Rodgers officiating. Interment will follow at the Denver City Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Donald Collier passed away March 7, 2014 at the home of his daughter. He was a member of the Denver City Church of Christ. He was born September 21, 1942 to Ramon F. and Alene Collier in Roscoe, Texas.

Through out his life he lived in a number of places in Texas for most part Midland and Denver City. He served 10 years in the Army National Guard. He retired from FloCo2 in 2004. After his retirement he worked as a school bus driver for Denver City ISD and part time for the City of Denver City. Don had a deep love for the Denver City Mighty Mustangs and Fillies sports program. Watching his grandkids and "adopted" grandkids participate in their sports was the highlight of his life. He drove many miles to watch them play, and rarely missed a game.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Fred Collier; three brother-in-laws, Randy Smith, Rick Wood and Donald Kitchens; two nephews, Greg Kitchens and Sean Smith.

Don is survived by his two beautiful daughters, Angel Maxwell and her husband, Cody of Denver City; and Holly Evans and her husband, Mike of Midland. He was a full time Grandad to his four grandsons, Luke, Tate, Jaxon Maxwell and Preston Evans and his two granddaughters, Mallory Maxwell and Ariel Evans, and his many local kids that knew him as Grandad. Two sisters, Alma Kitchens and Kathy Smith of Odessa; one sister-in-law, Paula Collier of Anson; and many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews.

Memorials contributions may be made to YCH (Yoakum County Hospital) Foundation, P. O. Box 214, Denver City, TX 79323.

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Hilario Rodriguez

Hilario (Turkey) Rodriguez passed away on Wednesday March 5, 2014.

He is survived by four sons, Samuel Rodriguez, Alejandro (Alex) Rodiguez, Raul Rodriguez, and Cosme Heredia; four daughters, Alicia Bonilla, Rosa Ramirez, Gloria Martinez and Felicitas Baesa; 31 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great grandchildren; and by other family members.

Viewing will be held on Saturday and Sunday at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A rosary will be held on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Services will be on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Golf Course Street Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Resthaven North.

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LaVynda Branch Coit

LaVynda Branch Coit passed from this world on March 4, 2014 at her home in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. LaVynda was born in Abilene, Texas on January 2, 1932, the daughter of Leonard and Edna Branch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Leonard, and her husband Tom Coit of Midland.

She is survived by her sons, Michael, his wife Renae, and Bruce Coit, grandchildren, Kathrine Coit, Lindsey Coit, Taylor Coit, Zachery Coit, and great grandson Landon Coit.

A beachside memorial will be held in Los Animas, Jalisco, Mexico on March 7, 2014.

Martha Sides

Continuing a journey that began more than 80 years ago, Martha June Sides joined her Lord and Savior eternally in heaven on March 7, 2014. Martha was born September 10, 1927 in Cisco, Texas and moved to Sweetwater as a young child. Being the youngest of five children, she was always considered the spoiled child by her brothers and sisters, but learned early on how to hold her own-a trait she proudly exhibited whenever possible throughout her life. As a teenager she played accordion and competed in contests. She also played the trumpet in the Sweetwater High School band, primarily because that is where the boys were.

Martha continued her love of music at Texas Tech by playing trumpet in the marching band. She was the first in her family to go to college and majored in Business. While attending First Christian Church in Lubbock she met a skinny kid from Odessa named Jerry Sides, and the two fell in love and were married two years later in 1948. Jerry finished his senior year in 1949 and they moved to Midland where Jerry began his work with The Superior Oil Company. They were soon busy raising 4 children, and Martha spent many nights and weekends looking after the kids while Jerry w... the field well sitting. They were both active in the Lee High Band Boosters, PTA, and Martha particularly enjoyed being a score-keeper during their Little League days. She also enjoyed many years working with the Girl and Boy Scout programs.

After the last of their children entered elementary school, Martha began working at the Midland High School cafeteria collecting lunch money. She then took courses at Midland College, Odessa College and Sul Ross University to become a Teacher's aide in Remedial Reading. Martha worked for 23 years at Travis Elementary with long time friends Skippy Malone and Leann Brenner. After retiring from MISD she stayed busy volunteering with Meals on Wheels and the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She spent a lot of time teaching her grandchildren how to play cards and games, and she was a chef extraordinaire of mud pies in the back yard.

Besides her long-time love of square dancing, Martha and Jerry began vacationing at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado in 1961. That special mountain setting stole their hearts right away and they continued to vacation there annually with family and friends for 50 consecutive years. The entire family celebrated the 50th anniversary by spending a week together in Colorado in 2011, and that tradition continues on.

Martha and Jerry were charter members of Memorial Christian Church founded in 1954, and have been involved in every aspect of leadership. Martha served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon, member of Christian Womens Fellowship, and she sang in the choir for many years. Her legacy of love, care and education in the love of Jesus Christ continues to live on in the lives of many.

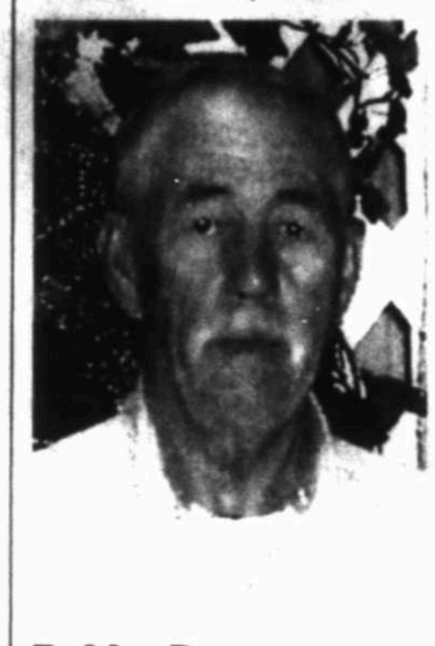
Family celebrating her life include her husband of 65 years, Jerry; daughter, Kay Clemmer and husband, Greg of Conroe; son, John Sides and wife, Martha of Houston; daughter, Jill Groves and husband, Gregg of Midland; and son, Steve Sides and wife, Julie of Cedar Park. Martha's grandchildren and great-grandchildren include April Jones and husband, Heath and their children Preston and Allison of Conroe; Casey Clemmer and his wife, Rebecca and their sons, Lucas and Liam of Houston; Matt Sides and his wife, Heather and their children, Hannah and Grant of Houston; Corrie Nickel and her husband, Jon and their children, David and Emily of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada; Jennie Jenkins and her husband, David and their children, Landon, Wyatt and Grady of Houston; Kyle Groves and his wife, Whitney and their children, Andrew and Brandon of Midland; Brian Groves and his wife, Lacy and their daughter, Aubrey of San Angelo; Chris Sides of Midland; Stephanie Sides of Cedar Park; Laurie Sides of Cedar Park; Alex Noel and her husband, Daniel of Cedar Park; Austin Sides of San Saba; Makayla Sides of Cedar Park.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar & Minnie Ford; brothers, E. C. and Arnold Ford; sisters, Noble Shaw and Joyce Neal.

A Celebration of Life service for Martha will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway, with Rev. Terry Rothermich, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701; Memorial Christian Church, or Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79707.

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



Bobby Dean Thames, Sr.

Having fought the good fight and finished the tough race, and having kept the faith, Bobby Dean Thames, Sr., 69, passed from this journey on earth to his eternal home on March 7, 2014.

He was born on October 28, 1944 to Andrew Jackson, Sr. and Eunice Hill in Oak Grove, Louisiana.

He married the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, Twyla Smith, on February 1, 1964 in Midland, Texas. Together they devoted their lives to their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Their story of love leaves a lasting example of love, sharing, forgiveness and sacrifice.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and his precious grandson, Cade Andrew Thames.

He is survived by his loving wife, Twyla Thames of Midland; son, Craig Thames and wife Angie of Midland; son, Mark Thames and wife Vickie of Midland, son, Bob Thames, Jr. and fiancée Nicole of Odessa.

He is also survived by five other precious grandkids, Wesley Davis and wife Kandis of Big Spring, Leah Schultz and husband Dillon of Dallas, Shannon Thames and JJ Hill of Odessa, Tyler Thames of Midland and Timmy Thames of Midland.

In addition, he is survived by three brothers and one sister, numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Memorial Services will be on Tuesday March 11, 2014 at The Inspiration Centre of Hospice from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 4629 Andrews Hwy Midland, Texas 79703. The family asks that donations be sent to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Midland County at 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705, in lieu of flowers.

Death Notices

Gloria Speulbeda

Gloria Sepulbeda, 49 of Midland, passed away on March 5, 2014 at her residence.

She is survived by two sons, Nathan Sanchez and Joe Sanchez; one daughter, Ezra Valverde; her mother, Maria Socorro Sosa and her father Ramon Selpubeda. She is also survived by one brother Hector Cerda; one sister Josefine Hidalgo; and six grandchildren.

A rosary will be held Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00pm at Heavenly Gate Chapel. Cremation will follow.

Louis Kincanon

Louis Kincanon of Odessa, 85, passed away on March 7, 2014 in Odessa.

Graveside service will be Monday, March 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Louis was born in Eastland, Texas to Robert and Jessie Kincanon on October 14, 1928.

Louis is survived by son, Lonnie Kincanon; daughter, Sally Creek; son, Johnny Kincanon; sister, Lavonna Sneed, and numerous grandchildren.

Saturnino Gonzalez

Saturnino Gonzalez 89, of Midland passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at his residence.

qHe is survived by his loving wife Maria G. Gonzalez; son Jorge Gonzalez; daughter Maria Trujillo; brother Epifanio Gonzalez; sister Maria G. Lopez of Chihuahua; and six grandchildren.

An evening service will take place Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00pm at Abundant Living Christian Church, 1610 W. Wall. A Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 10:00am at Abundant Living Christian Church. Interment will follow to Resthaven Memorial Park.

Wilmit Edward "Ed" Wilkerson

Wilmit Edward "Ed" Wilkerson, 85, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 6, 2014 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Monday, March 10, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Wilkerson; two sons, James E. Wilkerson and Ryan H. Wilkerson; three daughters, Brenda Chavez, Lesa Clark and Sandra Carey; and eight grandchildren.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TENNESSEE

GOP fundraiser Welch dies at 80

NASHVILLE — Ted Welch, a prolific fundraiser in Tennessee Republican politics for four decades, has died. He was 80.

Welch's wife, Colleen Conway-Welch, told The Tennessean he died due to complications from a fall. Vanderbilt Medical Center Hospital in Nashville confirmed Welch died at about 6:30 a.m. Saturday.

Welch started raising money for candidates in 1970 for Winfield Dunn's winning run for governor. His efforts covered the modern campaigns of U.S. Sen. Bob Corker and Gov. Bill Haslam. He also worked with senators Howard Baker, Bill Brock, Bill Frist and Fred Thompson, Rep. Marsha Blackburn and Republicans at the state level.

His friend, U.S. Lamar Alexander, said in a written statement that Welch raised millions for candidates, symphonies and charitable causes without seeking anything in return.

"He was tireless," Alexander said. "The most feared seven words among those who knew him were, 'Ted Welch is holding on line one.'"

Welch started out as a door-to-door Bible salesman and longtime Nashville real estate investor. He grew into the political money man of the South, helping the likes of Ronald Reagan, both Bushes, Gov. Mitt Romney and others.

He's perhaps most linked to Alexander's campaigns, teaming with him during his first failed run for governor in 1974 before he won four years later during his famed "Walk Across Tennessee" sporting his trademark plaid shirt. Welch helped with Alexander's re-election, subsequent runs for U.S. Senate and served as national finance chairman during his bid at U.S. president in a crowded GOP primary in 1996.

Doctors diagnosed Welch with Alzheimer's disease in 2012. Welch wasn't available to make fundraising phone calls for Alexander's run for a third term in the Senate that year, but instead named honorary finance chairman, and in April 2013 was honored during an Alexander fundraising event called "A Salute to Ted."

Welch lived in Belle Meade with his wife, the longtime dean of Vanderbilt University's School of Nursing and a powerhouse in her own field, who retired last spring after 29 years in that role.

In real estate, Welch was instrumental in the redevelopment of downtown Nashville, including the 1987 construction of the Nashville Convention Center. His office was atop the adjacent Renaissance Hotel.

The son of teachers at a one-room schoolhouse, Welch grew up on a farm near tiny Parsons, Tenn., in Decatur County. He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin on a football scholarship, and Indiana University for graduate school.

U.S. Sen. Bob Corker said Welch's death marks the end of an era for Tennessee Republicans.

"Not only will Ted be remembered for his energy, loyalty and drive but also for being a friend to many, admired by many and a powerhouse in Tennessee and across the country," Corker said.

NEW YORK

Martin Gottfried, Theater Critic and Author, Dies at 80

Martin Gottfried, a drama critic and the author of several biographies of entertainers and playwrights as well as two influential studies of the Broadway musical, died Thursday in Manhattan. He was 80.

The cause was complications of pneumonia, his daughter, Maya Lahr Gottfried, said.

Gottfried rose to prominence in the 1960s, when proponents of traditional theater and advocates of a more experimental approach were often at odds. As the chief drama critic for Women's Wear Daily, he supported off-Broadway and other nontraditional theater at a time when many older critics snubbed it.

The distance between the avant-garde and the old guard was the thesis for his first book of criticism, "A Theater Divided: The Postwar American Stage" (1968), which postulated that the rift led to stagnation all around.

"Virtually no single enterprise and no single person in the theater, with the possible exception of Becket, Pinter and Robbins, satisfies him," book critic Thomas Lask wrote in The New York Times.

He added, "There isn't a dull page in the book."

That book won Gottfried the George Jean Nathan Award for dramatic criticism.

He became the New York Post's drama critic in the mid-1970s and moved to Saturday Review near the end of the decade.

Bones found may be ancient remains

Associated Press

ROUND ROCK — Human bones discovered this week by construction crews in Central Texas are almost certainly ancient remains of Native Americans, according to authorities.

Round Rock Police Cmdr. Alain Babin said an FBI anthropologist saw images of the bones and was "quite certain that they are ancient remains," the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

Mariah Wade, a University of Texas anthropology professor, said determining the origin of the bones is a "tricky business." And, she added, there "shouldn't be any digging until the right people have been contacted."

Anthropologists from Texas State University were set to go Friday to the wooded area where roads for a new 225-home subdivision are being built. The area is known to locals as a good place to look for arrowheads.

If ancient American Indian remains are found on private land, the landowner must either preserve the site or have a professional, such as a licensed funeral director, a coroner or a professional archaeologist, remove them, according to state law. Remains that have been moved must be reburied in a perpetual care cemetery unless a judge, medical examiner or other official orders otherwise.

John Zinsmeyer, vice president of planning and development for KB Home, the company building the subdivision, said KB Home is willing to "work with authorities to do the right thing, and that is to be determined." Discoveries of Native American remains can delay construction projects.

Wade said that by the appearance of the bones, an anthropologist can determine roughly how long they've been buried. That, and the artifacts found at the burial site, will help determine whether they belong to a Native Americans and, if possible, narrow it down to a particular group.

If that is the case, Wade explained, any present-day members of the tribe should be contacted so the remains can be appropriately handled based on that group's customs.

Central Texas has been home to a number of Native American groups, including the Tonkawa, Apache and Comanche tribes.

Storms bring little drought relief in New Mexico

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A drought across New Mexico will like persist despite a spate of recent snow and rain and more to possibly come this weekend.

The latest U.S. Drought Monitor report indicates a few inches of snow that fell in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains last weekend still aren't bringing the state's water levels close to where they need to be, the New Mexican reported.

"It's bad," said Wayne Sleep, the state's snow surveyor with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. "We're so far behind at this point that the recent storms are helping but not bringing us anywhere near where we need to be."

Sleep said the predicted water supply for the Rio Grande between March and July is going to keep dropping.

In the Upper Rio Grande, total flows through June are likely to be at 50 percent or 70 percent of average, Sleep said. But flows past the San Marcial gauge near Elephant Butte are likely to only reach 13 percent of normal levels.

For the water year dating to October, the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range Basin was at about 77 percent of total average precipitation. The snow-water equivalent was 59 percent of normal on March 6.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the drought forecast through May 31 indicates drought conditions will only worsen.

The state currently has no areas considered in "exceptional drought conditions." But the percentage of the state living in extreme drought, the next level down, jumped from 14.8 to 23 percent in one week.

The U.S. Drought Monitor compiles data from several agencies and assesses drought conditions weekly nationwide. The agency makes assessments based on factors including moisture, snowpack and reservoir levels.

States bordering New Mexico, such as Texas and California, have also seen drought conditions.

Woman sues SMU after alleged rapist is acquitted

Associated Press

DALLAS — A Southern Methodist University student who says she was raped in a campus dorm has sued both the school and the man she accused, seeking damages of more than $1 million.

The lawsuit comes after the student and her parents were sued for defamation by Donald Cuba, the man the student had accused of raping her. Cuba was acquitted of sexual assault in May and is seeking $450,000 in damages, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Last year's jury found Cuba not guilty. The prosecution did not present physical evidence because the sheets and victim's clothing had been washed and because she did not get a rape exam. Cuba's defense questioned the victim's credibility.

The student claims she and her parents were sued as retaliation for reporting the rape to police and seeking disciplinary action through the university. The lawsuit says SMU is liable because they knew of a prior attack on another student by Cuba. The lawsuit also says Cuba was acquitted of the February 2012 attack in part because of inadequate procedures within SMU's disciplinary system.

An SMU spokesman said the university does not comment on pending litigation.

Both lawsuits are pending in federal court because the students are from different states and amount of damages requested. Court documents show Cuba's attorney is seeking to consolidate the lawsuits.

Michael Kelly, Cuba's attorney, did not respond to the newspaper's calls.

Both students say the process to address the allegation was flawed and they received little or conflicting information from university officials.

Cuba's lawsuit says SMU "failed to conduct any, much less adequate, investigation into the underlying facts" and "fabricated rules and policies" for the female student's case. Cuba said the student falsely accused him of rape after the two had consensual sex, lied to investigators and sought to get him expelled from SMU.

Cuba successfully appealed a March 2012 university disciplinary board ruling that had found him responsible of misconduct and sexual assault.

The female student's lawsuit says the university failed to give her proper guidance. Court records include letters of concern she sent to SMU administrators complaining that she could not get answers to basic procedural questions, was not notified of Cuba's appeal and was not told she could refer the case to the district attorney*s office.

The Dallas Morning News does not name victims of sexual assault.

Scrutiny by the Dallas County district attorney's office prompted SMU to appoint a task force to review sexual misconduct policies. Last spring, it issued a 41-point report recommending new efforts both in education and prevention, more sexual assault counselors and more ways for students to report campus crimes.

The university has implemented some of the recommendations and is requiring all incoming students to take a two-hour online course con sexual assault and substance abuse prevention.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Joshua C. Childs, 18, of Midland, was charged Friday with burglary of a building.

Raul A. Cortez, 46, of Midland, was charged Friday with fugitive from justice.

Perry L. Harsman, 51, of Midland, was charged Friday with burglary of a building.

Kristopher L. Hernandez, 37, of Midland, was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Ramon A. Lara, 42, of El Paso, was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and failure to appear or bail jumping.

Lawrence S. Martinez, 52, of Midland, was charged Friday with driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

Victor A. Ramirez, 23, of Midland, was charged Friday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Jesus R. Ramos, 22, of Midland, was charged Friday with burglary of a habitation.

Mayra M. Rey, 21, of Midland, was charged Friday with burglary of a habitation.

Humberto Salcido Jr., 39, of Midland, was charged Friday with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Herbert L. Stone Jr., 26, of Odessa, was charged Friday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

David L. Watkins III, 25, of Midland, was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Clayton W. Wigington, 28, of Big Spring, was charged Friday with bench warrant and driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Chamma Young, 36, of Midland, was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Crime Stoppers fugitive

RUBEN PEREZ

DOB: 10-2-1946
Height and weight: 5 feet, 8 inches; 200 pounds
Charge: Fail to Report Address Change Sex Offender — Grand Jury Indictment

- Wanted as of 3-8-2014
- Warrant #CR28692
- $250 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
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WILLIAMSON

From 1B

Back in the day we used to have what they called five-and-dime stores. Most of the items cost 5 cents or 10 cents. Well, you should be able to see the inflation scale at work. Today, we have dollar stores.

When I was a kid, I could take my date out to eat, take in a movie, have popcorn and soda and drive around the town square for an hour for less than $5.

How in the world can a kid afford to date in this day and age? The next time you see a youngster who is not married by 30, cut them some slack. They can't date or get together any more. They can't afford to date until they're 30.

You can't go out to eat these days without taking your accountant with you. It's either that or you turn your checkbook over to the wife and avoid sticker shock altogether. It won't save you any money, but it might keep you from having a heart attack.

Thought for the Week: "Inflation is when you pay $15 for the $10 haircut you used to get for $5 when you had hair." — Sam Ewing, former baseball player.

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland County Sheriff's Office need help solving a case of assault on a peace officer.

A female deputy sheriff stopped a Hispanic male inside the southside Wal-Mart at 12:50 a.m. Feb. 9.

When the man was asked for his identification, he tried to push the deputy and run. The deputy fought with the suspect, trying to pin him down. The man slipped out of his jacket and hit the deputy in the face and then ran. The suspect was seen driving a white Ford Explorer (the driver's side door doesn't work.)

(Surveillance photos the suspect can be viewed at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com).

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

How to submit a secure tip

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NICHOLAS

From 1B

and if something devastating happens, I will make a plan and move forward. I also suspect that worrying can make you physically ill. You know I know nothing about science, but it seems to me that if you bottle all that negativity up, swishing it around and around, sooner or later it is going to foam up and come spilling out the sides, manifesting itself as physical pain.

I know we all have things we can worry about, but what good does it really do to give in to it? Maybe this Lent I will accomplish great things. Write a book (and get my mom off my back), clean out my junk drawer, repaint the laundry room and prepare the patio for spring. Maybe I will be so mindful of my blessings that I will make fabulous progress on those laugh lines. And maybe I will be able to hear and trust in God, and I will have peace. There are so many things that I need to learn to have perspective about, that most of my concerns are just small things, things that won't matter in five months or five years. Things that, well, I can't change. And I will just let it go.

If you're working on the "Let It Go" process, please visit my Letting Go Pinterest board at www.pinterest.com/BathwaterBlogs. You'll find words of encouragement, scripture references and even a funny saying or two.

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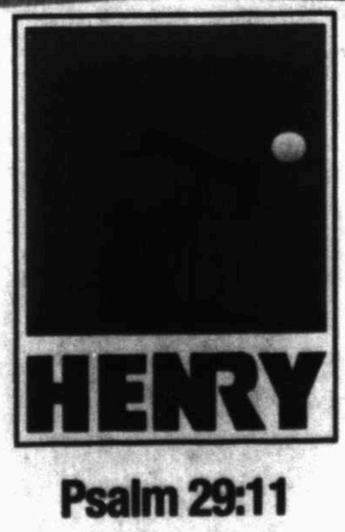

Psalm 29:11

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done in the past week:

Electricity	7 families	$ 2,044.94
Water	3 families	$ 911.66
Rent	19 families	$17,553.70
Transportation	3 families	$ 3,568.34
Medical	3 families	$ 1,618.00
TOTAL		$25,696.64

A woman came into our store asking for food and clothing. She wore a uniform from a fast food restaurant and she was very pregnant. We told her that our food pantry was open on Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. and that she would have to come back, and at that time we would be able to assist her. We always hesitate to help someone on days when our thrift store is open because when our paying customers see someone getting clothing at no charge, they many times expect the same treatment, even though they are not in need. But she said that she had come here on the bus from work and did not realize we would be unable to help her. She asked if she could just sit for a while since the bus would not be here for an hour and it was so terribly cold outside.

She said she hated to ask for help but it was all she could do with her job to pay her apartment rent and her electric bill. We asked how she was going to manage the large food box that we give on the bus in her condition, and she quietly said "I just have to do the best that I can." We knew without having to ask that she is an unmarried mother-to-be – so many of the women who come to us for assistance are. We told her that since she had an hour's wait that she might as well find some clothing in the store and we would prepare a food box for her. There was no point in making her take the long bus trip back the next day ... she had enough problems as it was. When she had found some clothing we loaded the food box into one of our vehicles and offered to drive her home. We counseled her on the need to file for child support for her child once the baby is born. So many unmarried young mothers fail to hold the father accountable, a situation we find unacceptable at Helping Hands.

On the way to her apartment she talked of the sun, and new growth and gardening. Her mother had schooled her on the joy of growing beautiful flowers and the bounty of a garden. Her mother also was a single mom and she smiled as she talked of their times together. She spoke happily of the time when she will be able to teach her own daughter to plant flowers and vegetables. She dreams of having her own little place in about 10 years where she and her little girl will be able to share the same dreams that she and her mother did.

Is this situation sad or joyful? In a way it is a little of both. It is so difficult to see these women who are barely able to care for themselves are bringing new life into the world. But in most of these cases their mothers were the same as them – single moms struggling to raise their children. She grew up with happy memories. Hopefully her daughter will do the same. The fact that the little girl will be born to a mother who already loves her deeply is cause for hope. Pray for both of them.

Solar industry opposes tax on leased panels

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Solar industry officials who spoke with lawmakers this week said they hope to stave off a property tax for leased panels in Arizona.

Supporters of the solar-rooftop leasing industry canceled a protest at the state Capitol on Wednesday after discussions with lawmakers and Gov. Jan Brewer, The Arizona Republic reported.

"There has been a lot of dialogue with the governor's office and legislative leaders, and as a result of that, everyone acknowledges the problem and has committed to good-faith efforts to resolve the problem," said Jason Rose, a spokesman for a coalition of tax opponents tied to the solar industry.

According to Arizona law, solar panels that generate power on site aren't included in property-value assessments for property-tax purposes.

But the Arizona Revenue Department ruled last year that leased panels should be subject to taxation because they aren't owned by the property owner. The department announced it would implement the ruling this fall.

Sean Laux, a department spokesman, said leased solar panels are like merchant power plants. So they should be valued and taxed, Laux said.

According to Laux, a $30,000 solar panel array leased by a homeowner would generate $140 in property taxes in its first year, but that amount would decrease every year as the system depreciates. The system owner, not the homeowner, would have to pay the tax.

State Sen. John McCormish, R-Phoenix, is backing a bill that would clarify that panels are not vulnerable to property tax no matter who owns them.

The bill has yet to move forward in the Legislature, however.

Rose said Arizona would be the only state to impose property taxes on leased rooftop panels. "It affects existing solar users, not just future users," he said.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLLEGE STATION

Person may have fatally fallen on Texas A&M campus

Authorities believe a person has died after falling from a building on the Texas A&M University campus.

Texas A&M police said officers were called to the scene of an unknown medical emergency at 6:01 a.m. Saturday next to the Mitchell Physics Building.

Upon arrival, officers discovered the body of a person between the building and the street.

The preliminary investigation indicates the person fell from the sixth floor balcony of the physics building.

An autopsy has been ordered.

Police said family members of the victim have been notified. Officials did not release the name of the victim.

SAN ANTONIO

Police: Man blames sexual assault on girl

Authorities said a San Antonio man is claiming he sexually assaulted a 6-year-old girl only after she asked him to do so.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that Fausto Abel Frias was arrested Friday night on one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child related to the December incident.

Frias was arrested after the girl's mother reported to police that her daughter had alleged she had been inappropriately touched.

In an interview with police, according to an arrest warrant affidavit, Frias initially denied assaulting the girl but eventually confessed.

"He said the victim climbed on top of him and initiated the contact," according to the affidavit.

Frias is being held on a $75,000 bond.

Court records did not list an attorney for Frias.

KELLER

Family says man on missing Malaysian plane

The family of Philip Wood says the IBM employee was on board the Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777 that went missing over the sea while en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, China.

Les Williams, a family friend, said Wood was on board the plane but declined to elaborate, saying the family will issue a statement Monday.

Perry thrills CPAC crowd with fiery address

By Stewart M. Powell
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Texas Gov. Rick Perry ignited the Republican Party's conservative faithful on Friday with a rousing anti-Washington speech, drawing roars of approval as he declared the nation's GOP governors ready to lead the party back to the White House in 2016.

In the process, Perry may have breathed new life into the political prospects of at least one of those governors — himself.

In his speech before the annual Conservative Political Action Conference, the unsuccessful 2012 presidential candidate drew a distinction between the governors and Capitol Hill lawmakers, whom he portrayed as part of the problem.

Perry did not mention Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, by name a day after the icon of the right delivered a polished speech to an early-morning crowd as participants waited in line to get into the convention hall. Cruz had laid out a 10-point plan including a balanced federal budget, as well as reiterating demands for Congress to repeal "every single word ... of Obamacare."

But Perry's celebration of "opportunity flourishing" in states led by Republican governors such as Nikki Haley (South Carolina), Bobby Jindal (Louisiana), Scott Walker (Wisconsin) and Rick Scott (Florida) was unmistakable for Republicans who have won the White House with nominees drawn from the ranks of governors such as George W. Bush in 2000 and Ronald Reagan in 1980.

The party has lost with nominees drawn from Congress, including Sen. John McCain, of Arizona, in 2008 and Sen. Robert Dole, of Kansas, in 1996. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney led the GOP ticket unsuccessfully in 2012.

"It is time for a little rebellion on the battlefield of ideas" in response to "record" national debt, "stagnant" economic recover and "weakened" U.S. power around the world, Perry said during an "oops"-free speech.

"But instead of looking to Washington to find the front lines of this battle, I ask you to look to the states, where we find the laboratories of innovation, and 50 different experiments in democracy taking place," Perry said.

Of 14 prospective White House candidates listed on CPAC's straw-poll ballot, seven are current or former governors including Perry, Walker and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie; five are serving in the Senate, including Cruz and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and two are outside politics. Then-Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, won CPAC's 2012 straw poll by busing in hundreds of supporters.

With the first 2016 presidential contest 22 months away in January 2016, none of the prospective candidates, including Perry and Cruz, has officially announced they are running, or not running.

John Hayward, an analyst with the conservative publication Human Events, said Perry had "a more surprisingly strong reception" than Cruz from a crowd that "wasn't sure about (Perry) after his 2012 campaign flameout."

But Perry "won them over," Hayward said.

"It would be "hard to imagine" Perry sitting out the 2016 race after watching his speech, Hayward said. "Perry has a terrific campaign theme for 2016, simple and powerful" — voters can weigh progress in states led by Republicans and Democrats "and decide which model of government gets better results. It's no contest, and Rick Perry is here to tell you the score."

Cruz relied on a "top-down approach" in his address, he said. "Cruz had the Washington-centric approach: here's what is wrong in D.C., and here are the specific things we can do to fix the situation," Hayward said.

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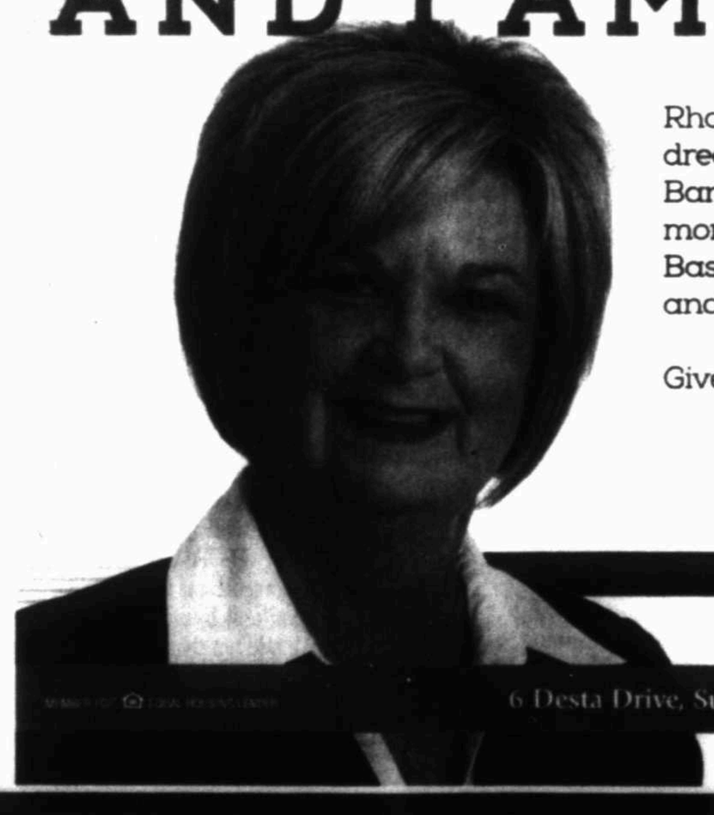

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Snowden, Assange top bill at Texas tech gathering

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

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Fugitive WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange speaks via Skype Saturday at the South By SouthWest Interactive festival in Austin. Assange's appearance underscores the increasing attention that the technology industry is paying to issues of online privacy, security and surveillance.

AUSTIN — Surveillance. Online privacy. Robots. Food processing. Wearable computers. To get a sense of what's on the minds of the tech industry's thinkers, leaders and tinkerers, it's a good idea to head to Austin, rather than Silicon Valley this time of the year.

More than 30,000 people descend on this eccentric city for the South By Southwest Interactive Festival each March. This year, NSA leaker Edward Snowden and WikiLeaks founder and secret spiller Julian Assange are topping the bill, alongside Google Chairman Eric Schmidt, Twitter co-founder Biz Stone and Anne Wojcicki, CEO of genetics testing company 23andMe.

Snowden and Assange won't be making the trip to Texas, however. They'll appear on live video, because both are living as fugitives, in Moscow and the Ecuadorian embassy in London, respectively. Their inclusion illustrates how the festival is trying to balance holding on to its independent roots even as it's flooded by a barrage of corporate sponsors and threatens to grow too big for its hometown.

"We have always said that South By Southwest is a very big tent and we have all different types of people," said Hugh Forrest, director of the interactive festival.

Still, it's clear that online privacy and government surveillance is on top of the technology set's mind this year. Snowden, the former NSA contractor who appears Monday, faces felony charges in the U.S. after revealing the agency's mass surveillance program by leaking thousands of classified documents to media outlets. He is living under temporary asylum in Russia, which has no extradition treaty with the U.S.

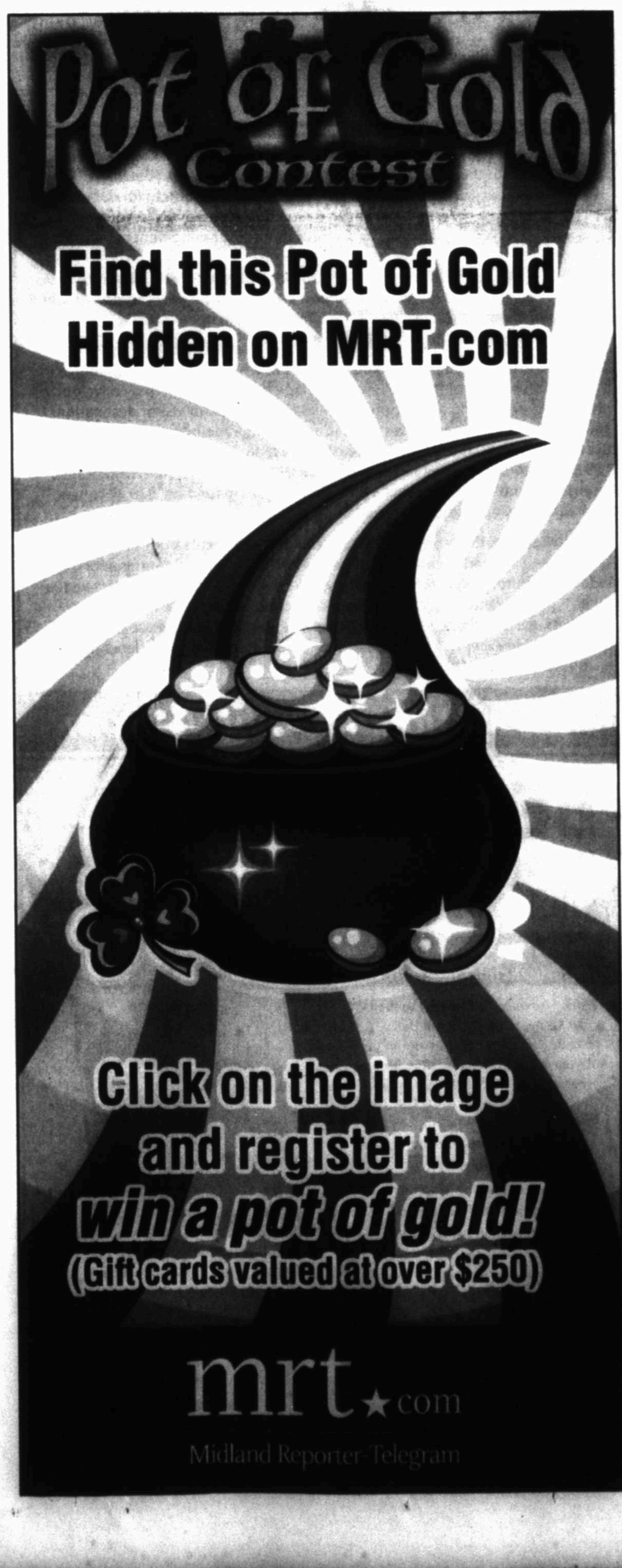
Snowden is unlikely to talk about the case against him during the session and will focus instead on "how technology enables surveillance and how technology can protect us from surveillance," said Christopher Soghoian, principal technologist at the American Civil Liberties Union. Soghoian will be speaking to Snowden along with Snowden's legal adviser, the ACLU's Ben Wizner. Snowden is being represented by the ACLU in the U.S. government's case against him.

Speaking at South By Southwest — rather than in front of Congress or at a conference of lawyers — gives Snowden a chance to talk to the technology community, "his peers," Soghoian said.

"The reason the NSA's collected as much information as it did is because of technology," he said. "Technology got us into this mess, and technology will get us out of it."

Assange, meanwhile, spoke with Benjamin Palmer, the co-founder of The Barbarian Group, a marketing agency whose clients range from Pepsi to Samsung to New York City.

Part of the larger South By Southwest festival that also includes music, film and recently education segments, SXSWi, as it's dubbed, became a separate event in 1994, when it was still called "SXSW Multimedia." Past speakers have ranged from the computer scientist and virtual reality pioneer Jaron Lanier in 1997 to investor Mark Cuban in 1999 and Friendster founder Jonathan Abrams in 2004.



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Mary Kipple speaks about preparedness in a disaster during the West Texas Conference on Aging.

El Nino could bring more rain to Texas

By Julie Chang
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — In the next few months, Texans will know if they'll be catching a break from the biggest weather plague of recent years — the drought.

The remedy in question is El Nino, a weather phenomenon that usually means a warmer and wetter fall and winter for the region. The National Oceanic Atmospheric and Administration issued an official El Nino watch Thursday.

Local forecasters said it's too early to tell if and how the event would affect Central Texas, but they're cautiously optimistic. The last time the region had such an event was in 2009, when some lakes almost filled to capacity after what was then the second year of the current drought.

"It's a favorable development," said Bob Rose, meteorologist for the Lower Colorado River Authority. "It might bring or shift more toward normal or above normal, but there's too much uncertainty."

Rose said the watch is usually issued when there's a 50 percent chance El Nino will develop in six months.

El Nino develops when the water temperature in the Pacific Ocean near the equator remains half a degree Celsius above normal, jostling rain and temperature patterns around the world. Forecasters have been watching the temperatures of the Pacific Ocean, especially in its western half, and over the past six weeks the waters have been warming at both the surface and below it, and the warmth is spreading, Rose said.

The effects can vary, but the event could mean fewer Atlantic hurricanes and milder winters in the northern United States, along with billions of dollars in losses for climate-sensitive food crops across the world, according to The Associated Press. In Texas and the rest of the southern part of the U.S. where the tropical jet stream hovers, it could mean cooler and wetter conditions.

"That's because, with more rain-producing events, there's more cloud cover and precipitation, and those elements keep the average daily temperatures lower," said Steve Smart with the National Weather Service.

He said those are general El Nino predictions, but the actual event could have a very different outcome based on other weather events. The last time an El Nino watch was issued, in 2012, the waters didn't stay warm enough and the event never developed. The one in 2009 did develop, but the amount of rain varied statewide.

In Central Texas, the precipitation brought both lakes Buchanan and Travis back to nearly full even though the western part of the state remained fairly dry, Rose said. Lake Buchanan rose 17 feet over a year starting August 2009, bringing it just 9 feet shy of being full, while Lake Travis rose to just 11 feet short of being full, according to the river authority.

As of Friday, Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis were 31 and 53 feet away from being full, respectively.

"Whether (El Nino) translates to lakes filling up or getting a whole lot higher, there are too many variables involved," Rose said. "Anything is possible."

If the event develops, it will be a moderate one and the effects won't be seen until the fall, Rose said. In 2009, 15 inches of rain fell between November 2009 and March 2010, four inches above normal at the time, according to weather service data. Typically, at least three more inches of rain falls — a month's worth — during El Nino, but flooding isn't expected, said state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon.

He said that, although it's uncertain whether El Nino will appear, La Nina — the opposite phenomenon that produces dry conditions in the South — won't be happening.

"Even if the Pacific doesn't work for us, it's not going to work against us," Nielsen-Gammon said.

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West Texas counties, offers continuing education for providers and a summer camp for high school students.

Elisa Williford, director of the center, can always recognize a budding health care professional by the way they respond to gross body parts and ailments. Still, she said competing with the oil and gas industry can be a challenge.

"The oil field pulls a lot of the students from going into college or getting some sort of training," Williford said.

Part of the challenge is educating students about how many health careers are available, said Jill Skaggs, Area Health Education Center health care coordinator. A booklet from the center provides information on expected salary and required schooling for 103 health careers.

Williford and Skaggs said workers are needed in respiratory programs and science-based clinical lab positions.

"Not all health care professions are patient hands-on," Skaggs said.

Hearing loss

A breakout session on hearing loss started with a woman's story of struggle in the workplace.

Despite being a loyal and hardworking employee, Linda Belk — a hearing loss resource specialist with Midland-based Communication Axess Ability Group — said her former company was not supportive of her growing hearing loss.

"They were presenting me with more challenges hoping I would read the writing on the wall and leave," Belk said. "It was a no-win situation."

But Belk said her situation eventually turned into a blessing; now she helps people accommodate hearing loss in the workplace, using her struggles as lessons for employers.

Hearing loss is a serious concern, she said, noting one in six people experience it during their lifetimes.

"It doesn't happen overnight; it's such a slow decline," she said, noting hearing loss can also cause an average loss of $12,000 in economic productivity.

Early hearing loss is also linked to dementia in the elderly, Belk said, adding that if someone has to focus on hearing conservation, they lose their ability to multitask.

Belk described hearing aides as a tiny microphone in your ear, but they don't give people 20-20 hearing.

"A lot of people have that false expectation," she said, demonstrating additional hearing devices that can help in the workplace.

A deafness resources specialist from Communication Axess Ability Group was also on hand to talk about the American Disability Act, which takes effect for employers with more than 15 workers.

Mark Dixon recommended people with hearing loss ask employers for help before invoking the act, which also protects employers.

Dixon also shared a story about a doctor who failed to provide an interpreter at a routine checkup, asking the hearing-impaired patient to read his lips instead. The patient died after the doctor gave him medication he was allergic to, said Dixon, who advised doctors and nurses to provide accommodations when needed.

"It's cheaper and saves lives and thousands of dollars," he said.

Disaster preparedness

A breakout session on preparing for natural and manmade disasters gave health care professionals some tips for survival for their families and patients.

Marry Kipple, who has taught nursing at New Mexico Junior College and Odessa College since 1990, shared information about disaster levels and alert systems.

Kipple advised health care professionals to make an American Red Cross 72-hour pack that includes two to three gallons of water, food, medications, radio, first-aid kit, personal documents, contact information, map, money, clothing, sanitary supplies, pet supplies and tools.

Packs should also be made for the elderly, Kipple said.

"One thing you're going to need to do is make sure they have their medications for at least seven days," she said.

Workplaces should also have a disaster plan in place, said Kipple, who works on the safety committee for nursing department at Odessa.

Conference resources

2-1-1 Texas Permian Basin: workforcepb.org/pbcd.pdf
American Red Cross survival kit: redcross.org
Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin Regional Planing Commission: aaapb.com
Ombudsman program: aaapb.com/ombudsman.htm
Communication Axess Ability Group: caag4.com
Continue Care Hospital: continuecare.org
HospiceMidland: hospicemidland.org
Midand College Health Sciences: ce.midland.edu/hs
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Permian Basin Area Health Education Center: westtexasahec.org/Region_PermianBasin/Permian-Basinhom
Permian Basin Community Centers: pbmhmr.com
St. Joseph's Home Health: stjosephshome-health.com
Texas A&M AgriLife Deptmartment of Aging & Disability Services: dads.state.tx.us
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Lesbian couples sue for equality at Panhandle gym

By Eboni Graham
Amarillo Globe-News

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Katie Roberts, left, and fiancee Amanda Parrack pose for a photo in Amarillo on Feb. 23. Inquiring about membership at Amarillo Town Club on Valentine's Day, Katie Roberts and a growing number of supporters have publicly joined the national debate pitting religious freedom against rights for same-sex couples.

AMARILLO — She didn't walk in looking for a fight. But after inquiring about membership at Amarillo Town Club on Valentine's Day, Katie Roberts and a growing number of supporters have publicly joined the national debate pitting religious freedom against rights for same-sex couples.

While touring the Town Club's southwest Amarillo gym facilities with a co-worker, Roberts asked about a couples membership plan for her and fiancee Amanda Parrack. She claims she was denied membership because of her sexual orientation.

"The guy said we had to have a marriage license for our couples membership, and it has to be from Texas," Roberts told the Amarillo Globe-News. "Well, we all know same-sex marriages are illegal in the state of Texas. I feel like he was just avoiding telling me that they didn't recognize same-sex couples, but instead, I feel like he just lied to me about the policy."

So Roberts turned to Facebook to vent her frustration over how she was treated by Town Club staff.

Comments poured in from dozens of same-sex couples who said they too were denied a Town Club couples or family membership. So Roberts started a petition Feb. 19 asking the gym and its parent company, Baptist Community Services, to "allow same-sex couples to purchase couples and family memberships and increase professionalism with policy deliveries."

About 4,800 supporters have signed Roberts' petition.

Town Club Vice President Steve Halsey wouldn't discuss Roberts' claim and said, "in light of the fact that it concerns membership services, we have no comment."

In addition to the Town Club, Baptist Community Services owns Park Central and The Arbors, both retirement communities, and 20 percent of BSA Health System.

Roberts said she was unaware of the Town Club's religious affiliation at the time of the tour.

When asked whether he was aware of the accusations made against the Town Club, Halsey said, "They are just that, accusations. No comment."

Steve Dalrymple, CEO and president of Baptist Community Services, would not say whether the Town Club has a policy concerning same-sex couples and families, or comment on any other questions regarding the accusations.

Dalrymple did explain the couples and family memberships.

"There isn't a couples membership," he said. "We have a married couples and we have a family membership, which can be a single family and a child. That's just a fact."

At the Town Club's website, amarillotownclub.com, a couples membership is listed for married couples or a parent with a minor child, and a family membership is for married couples or a parent and their children under the age of 22 years who are living in the same household.

When asked if married couples are required to show proof of their marriage, Dalrymple said he was "not going to comment on that because I can't even speak to that. I don't know."

Ashley Villegas, whose story is the motivation behind Roberts' petition, said she was infuriated after being told by a Town Club employee that she, her female fiancee and their children are not a family.

"When we told the guy that we wanted a family membership, the guy told us no," Villegas said. "He asked us who these kids belong to. We told them the kids were ours, but the guy said we could not get a family membership because we were not a family, in front of my kids."

Villegas said she and her partner were offered separate family memberships.

"I could sign up with me and my child and my partner could sign up with her child, but we couldn't be under one family membership," she said.

Jennifer Beck and her partner inquired about the same plan and were also denied membership in 2012. Beck was also told she and her partner could sign up under separate family memberships with their children.

"I just got off the phone and started crying," she said, "I'm not an activist or radical. I'm just a hard-working businesswoman with a family who has fun exercising with my family and was rejected."

Though Beck was offered an alternative membership, she said she refused to support a business that rejects her family.

"I opted to give my business and my money somewhere else," Beck said.

Dawn Escamilla, who is heterosexual and canceled her Town Club membership this month in support of Roberts, said she was not asked to show a marriage license to verify she was married.

"When I signed up, nothing was discussed about what constituted as a family," she said. "They just gave me a form to fill out."

Dalrymple said issues regarding rights for same-sex couples are important.

"I don't think this is the place to discuss those issues," Dalrymple said. "Those are important issues to the community. I just don't think this is the appropriate platform."

Escamilla disagrees.

"I'm a Christian, and I believe that we should still treat each other with dignity and respect," she said. "Being a Christian, I thought we were all loved ... we're supposed to welcome people with open arms and love on them. We can (always) find other gyms to go to, but we just wanted to bring this up because it's discrimination."

Brian T. Thompson, a counsel lawyer for Hopper Mikeska PLLC in Austin and a board member of Equality Texas, said the Town Club has been accused of discrimination, but its policies are protected under the First Amendment.

"Basically what they're doing is perfectly legal under the law, if they're doing it under religious convictions," Thompson said. "The organization that owns the gym holds themselves out as a Baptist organization. Religious groups under the First Amendment cannot be required to associate with particular individuals that may have religious objections to that."

In Texas, people can be denied membership to a gym, service in a restaurant or employment, and workers can be fired from a job because of sexual orientation, Thompson said.

He added that, while some Texas cities have non-discrimination ordinances, it still does not hold to the religion clause under the First Amendment.

"There is no remedy or legal protection for LGBT people," he said. "The best thing they can do is what's happening now — public outrage.

"A lot of times with these things, legal pressure is not as effective as economic, social and cultural pressure."

Thompson's statement referred to the actions of Arizona residents who protested and criticized a bill that would have allowed businesses to refuse service to gays.

On Wednesday, Republican Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed the bill.

"It could divide Arizona in ways we cannot even imagine and nobody could ever want," she said.

Texas has also been in the spotlight regarding same-sex couples. In 2003, lawmakers passed a bill that bans same-sex unions, and in 2005 approved a state constitutional amendment penned by then-Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa that defined marriage as being between a man and a woman.

U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia ruled Wednesday that Texas' ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional, but postponed action pending appeals in separate courts.

State officials have announced plans to appeal the ruling, in which Garcia said marriage was an individual right that a voter-approved constitutional amendment couldn't deny.

Garcia's ruling added to a tangled web of court rulings and state laws across the country that is expected to end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday that state attorneys general were not obligated to defend local laws if they thought the laws violated the U.S. Constitution.

Roberts, Villegas, Beck and Escamilla said they understand if the Town Club wants to cater to a certain group, but their employees could work on their professionalism.

"Needless to say, Amarillo Town Club has the right to not recognize same-sex couples for their couples or family membership, but the way that they're handling it is not OK," Roberts said, adding another local gym reached out to Roberts and Parrack and offered them a free membership.

Zach's Club 54 Manager Brian Lovato said his gym offers a wide-range of memberships, including couples and family membership plans.

"With our family membership, it could be three or four buddies," he said. "It doesn't have to be immediate family, it just has to be three or four people at the initial sign-in to be given all the same price, and it (the draft) has to come from the same account."

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Offense sparks MHS to run-rule victory over OHS

By Len Hayward
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The Midland High baseball team broke out of its offensive doldrums in a big way on Saturday afternoon.

Not only did the Bulldogs win by the run-rule, 11-1, against Odessa High, Midland High put up six runs in the first inning which was more runs than the Bulldogs have scored in eight games this season.

The Bulldogs pounded out 12 hits, including four in that six-run first inning along with scoring the 11 runs on a blustery cold day at Zachery Field.

"We went up there with better approaches today," said Midland High senior pitcher Lance White, who was also 1-for-4 with a two-run double. "We really picked better pitches to hit and it worked in our favor."

It was the fourth time this season, the Bulldogs (9-6, 3-0 in District 2-5A) had scored double-digit runs but it was also the second time in three 2-5A games Midland High had scored more than five.

The Bulldogs sent 10 hitters to the plate in the first inning as White slapped a two-run double to left, Braden Rushton drove in a run with a single to right, and Ethan Barker's fielder's choice with two outs scored Travis Wilbanks.

Overall, the Bulldogs had four hits in that inning.

"Our approach was way better, and that's the best hitting approach we had all year," Midland High coach Barry Russell said. "We went up there with a good idea of what was coming, and they paid attention to what was being thrown to them. They just didn't go up there and start swinging."

White, meanwhile, recorded his first pitching victory of the season as the senior was 0-2 with a 0.00 earned run average heading into the game. White pitched four innings for the victory, giving up one run on three hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

White and reliever Sean Grebeck were also helped by a trio of double plays the Bulldogs pulled off to keep the Bronchos (7-7, 1-2) from scoring more runs.

The second inning ended when second baseman Kohl Fritschen fielded a ground ball at second, and flipped it to Gilbert Sanchez who threw to Travis Wilbanks for a the standard 4-6-3 double play.

The other two were more unconventional. MHS left fielder Cory Edmondson ran down a Jakob Nunez fly ball in left-center field and then threw the ball back in where Sanchez relayed it to Fritschen at second, doubling off Matthew Montes.

Then Fritschen snagged a Ubaldo Rios line drive in the sixth and doubled off Cal Pequeno at second to end that inning.

"We turned three double plays and that was way big," Russell said.

The Bulldogs tagged on a single run in the second, two in the fourth and two in the sixth, with Fritschen's

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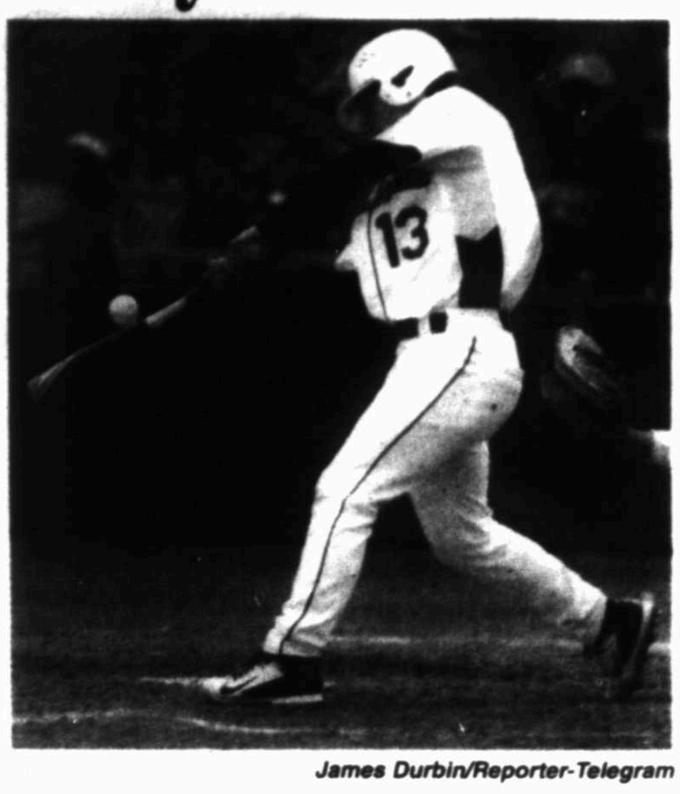

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Midland High's Browning Houser puts the ball in play against Odessa High on Saturday at Zachery Field.

Lady Dawgs edge Lee

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Stefani Baeza pitches against Lee on Saturday at Audrey Gill Sports Complex. Baeza pitched a shutout as the Lady Bulldogs ended a two-game losing streak with a 2-0 win over the Lady Rebels.

Baeza helps Midland High snap 2-game skid

By Oscar LeRoy
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Lady Bulldogs	3
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Midland High pitcher Stefani Baeza was walking on a tight rope in the sixth and seventh innings against rival Lee, which was threatening to make a comeback against the Lady Bulldogs on Saturday afternoon at the Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

The Lady Rebels loaded the bases in both innings, but Baeza worked out of those jams, keeping Lee off the scoreboard and preserving a 3-0 victory by the Lady Bulldogs, who took advantage of the opportunities they got.

It was a much-needed win for the Lady Dawgs (9-5, 2-2 in District 2-5A), who snapped a two-game losing streak. Meanwhile, Lee (2-1, 9-7) dropped its first district game after winning its first two.

The Lady Rebels made things very interesting in last two innings as they threatened each time against the senior pitcher, who got into trouble with walks.

A walk to Rosie Marquez loaded the bases in the sixth, but Baeza got Destiney Reyes to ground out to the pitcher to end that threat.

Then in the seventh, the Lady Rebels loaded the bases behind two walks and an error. But again, Baeza worked out of it and got dangerous hitter Ciara Sheppard to ground out to third base to end the game.

"It was really intense. I was just trying to keep them off the bases, but it didn't work," Baeza said. "But our team came together and we pulled it out in the end."

Other than those two innings, the only other time the Lady Rebels had a runner in scoring position was in the first when leadoff hitter Gabby Hernandez reached third. Baeza scattered five hits (two by Hernandez) and struck out three in her seven innings of work.

"I was just trying to get little popups and little dinkers, so our defense could get the easy outs," said Baeza of her strategy in the circle. "I was working really hard to get my pitches to the outside corners and get them swinging at it."

MHS coach Shawnda Vines said she was proud of the way Baeza pitched.

"I thought she did a great job in the circle," Vines said. "She's thrown two fantastic games back to back."

The Lady Dawgs also only had five

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Rebels beat Abilene High to move closer to postseason

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Eagles	0

By Justin Oaks
MRT Correspondent

The Lee boys soccer team inched one step closer to securing a playoff spot with a 2-0 win over Abilene High on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Rebels (11-4-2 overall, 7-3-2, 23 points in District 2-5A) dominated possession early, and had several opportunities to score, but the Abilene High (5-9-4, 4-7-2, 14 points) defense was tenacious and made stops at key moments to keep the ball out of the net.

Knittle

Strambler

Lee found daylight in the 12th minute as Reed Knittle scored with a header to put the Rebels on the board early. Cesar Gonzalez threw the ball in 5 yards from the corner to Darius Strambler, who passed it right back to Gonzalez at the sideline. Gonzalez then sent a pass to Knittle right in front of the net, and he was able to beat the defender and knock the ball in.

"My guys played well," Lee head coach Scott Hicks said. "Abilene played very good defense against us. We had a few opportunities that we weren't able to finish, but we've been playing better defense of late, and today was no exception."

Strambler has been a scoring powerhouse this season, and after several near-misses throughout the second half, he found the back of the net in the 78th minute to give the Rebels a 2-0 lead. That proved to be all that Lee needed to seal the victory, thanks to solid goalkeeping by John Baeza.

"We knew we really needed to get a win," Baeza said. "We just need to keep working on possession. As long as we play our tempo and play our

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Inside

The Bulldogs clinched a playoff spot and the Lady Bulldogs and Lady Rebels both played to ties.

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Crockett leads Texas Tech over Texas

By Landon Wright
Associated Press

Red Raiders	59
Longhorns	53

LUBBOCK — Jaye Crockett scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Texas Tech to a 59-53 win over Texas in a regular-season finale on Saturday.

This was the Red Raiders' (14-17, 6-12 Big 12) first win over the Longhorns (22-9, 11-7) since 2008 in Lubbock.

Jordan Tolbert added 11 points and grabbed five rebounds for the Red Raiders, and Robert Turner added nine points, five rebounds and three assists.

Martez Walker led Texas with 13 points and five rebounds, and Cameron Ridley added 12 points and five rebounds for the Longhorns.

The Red Raiders were down 44-37 with 9:23 left, but Crockett, a senior, wasn't ready to watch the last home game of his career slip away.

Tech pieced together an 18-4 run as Tolbert followed a Crockett 3-pointer with one of his own with 1:07 left to make it 55-48 and put the game out of reach.

Seniors Jamal Williams Jr. and Kader Tapsoba joined usual starters, seniors Crockett and Dejan Kravic and junior Turner, in the starting lineup for senior day.

The two teams exchanged buckets in the early minutes of the game and paced through a slow defensive battle. Tied 8-8 with 13:19 in the half, Texas worked to try to pull away, but couldn't widen the gap by more than six and took a 23-21 lead into the half.

It was the same back-and-forth battle in the opening minutes of the second half until the Red Raiders

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Zach Long/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Texas Tech's Jaye Crockett (30) and Kader Tapsoba (12) celebrate a win over Texas on Saturday in Lubbock.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Charlotte at San Antonio, 4 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

AUTO RACING

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, KOBALT 400, 2 p.m., Fox

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

UAB at East Carolina, 11 a.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Cal State-Fullerton at Baylor, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Michigan State at TCU, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

GOLF

Ladies European PGA Tour, Mission Hills World Championship, final round (same-day tape), 5 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour-WGC, Cadillac Championship, final round, Noon, TGC

PGA Tour-WGC, Cadillac Championship, final round, 2 p.m., NBC

PGA Tour, Puerto Rico Open, final round (same-day tape), 6:30 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Virginia at Maryland, 11 a.m., CBS

Big South Conference, championship, 11 a.m., ESPN2

Missouri Valley Conference, championship, 1 p.m., CBS

Atlantic Sun Conference, championship, 1 p.m., ESPN2

Colonial Athletic Association, doubleheader, semifinals, 1:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

Michigan St. at Ohio St., 3:30 p.m., CBS

Boston College at NC State, 5 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

Nebraska at Oklahoma, 4 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NBA

Miami at Chicago, Noon, ABC

Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m., ABC

Indiana at Dallas, 6:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL

Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 11 a.m., NBC

Chicago at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WINTER PARALYMPICS

At Sochi, Russia

Events TBA, 10 p.m., NBC Sports Network

Alpine Skiing - Super-G (LIVE), 1 a.m., NBC Sports Network

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big Ten Conference, championship, Noon, ESPN

Big 12 Conference, semifinal, 2 p.m., Fox Sports 1

Southeastern Conference, championship, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

Big 12 Conference, semifinal, 4:30 p.m., Fox Sports 1

Atlantic Coast Conference, championship, 6 p.m., ESPN

Pacific-12 Conference, championship, 8 p.m., ESPN

REGION V TOURNAMENT

NJCAA REGION V MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

At Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Wednesday

First round

Game 1: (W2) New Mexico Junior College 88, (N3) Temple College 58

Game 2: (N3) Hill College 77, (W3) Western Texas College 70

Game 3: (W4) Howard College 98, (N1) McLennan Community College 91

Game 4: (W1) South Plains College 85, (N4) Collin County 73

Friday

Semifinals

Game 9: (W2) New Mexico Junior College (25-5) 64, (W4) Howard College 60

Game 10: (N3) Hill College 86, (W1) South Plains College 69

Saturday

Championship

Game 13: (N3) Hill College 79, (W2) New Mexico Junior College 66

NJCAA REGION V WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

At Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Thursday

First round

Game 5: (N3) McLennan Community College 104, (W2) Odessa College 100

Game 6: (N2) Collin County 83, (W3) South Plains College 66

Game 7: (N1) Weatherford College 97, (W4) Midland College 77

Game 8: (W1) New Mexico Junior College 57, (N4) Temple College 52

Friday

Semifinals

Game 11: (N3) McLennan Community College 113, (N1) Weatherford College 108

Game 12: (W1) New Mexico Junior College 74, (N2) Collin County 67

Saturday

Championship

Game 14: (W1) New Mexico Junior College 79, (N3) McLennan Community College 75

YOUTH SPORTS

Courtesy photo

The Abell Junior High 7th grade "A" girls basketball team won the Midland-Odessa 7th grade "A" Basketball Championship Tournament in February at Ector Junior High in Odessa. The team ended the season with an 11-0 record. Abell defeated Goddard in the final 59-33 and outscored its opponents 625-169. Front row from left to right, Attison Hall, Abby Jordan, Kristyn Anderson, Gabby Martinez; middle row from left to right, Brianna Woods, Braydyn Hill; back row from left to right; Maggie Morton, Jordyn Garza, Jordan Dean, Emily Hillman, Alyson Guevara, Sabrina Cortez, manager Jasmine Espinoza, coach Michelle O'Reilly, and Jeffrey Lenard.

LOCAL SPORTS

MC-NMJC BASEBALL PUSHED BACK

The Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader between Midland College and New Mexico Junior College was pushed back a day until 2 p.m. (CDT) because of bad weather.

The Chaparrals (9-10, 0-6 in WJCAC) will look to bounce back from Friday's doubleheader sweep to NMJC (9-7, 6-0).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with INF Matt Carpenter on a six-year contract through the 2019 season.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Suspended Milwaukee G O.J. Mayo one game for forcibly striking New Orleans C Greg Stiemsma in the throat during a March 7 game.

MIAMI HEAT — Signed G DeAndre Liggins to a second 10-day contract.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed G Orlando Johnson to a second 10-day contract.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed F Drew Gooden to a second 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Agreed to terms with DT Red Bryant on a four-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS — Agreed to terms with TE Jeff Cumberland.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Agreed to terms with S Darrell Stuckey on a four-year contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Released G Davin Joseph.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled G Petr Mrazek from Grand Rapids (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled C Casey Wellman from Hershey (AHL). Agreed to terms with F Evgeny Kuznetsov on an entry-level contract.

ECHL

ECHL — Fined Idaho's Jeremy Yablonski an undisclosed amount for his actions in a March 7 game against Las Vegas.

READING ROYALS — Announced F Josh Brittain was recalled by Hershey (AHL). Placed F T.J. Syner on the reserve list. Activated F Jesse Todd from the reserve list.

Central Hockey League

RAPID CITY RUSH — Signed G Wayne Savage.

ST. CHARLES CHILL — Signed F Britt Ouelette and D Nello Ferrara.

Southern Professional Hockey League

PEORIA RIVERMEN — Agreed to terms with G Kevin Carr on a full-season contract. Announced C Chris Greene was returned by Quad City (CHL). Waived F Justin Alonzo and G Brian Hamilton.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLORADO RAPIDS — Named Pablo Mastroeni coach.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

March 15

At Coliseo Ruben Rodriguez, Bayamon, Puerto Rico (SHO), Danny Garcia vs. Mauricio Herrera, 12, for Garcia's WBA Super World and WBC super lightweight titles; Deontay Wilder vs. Malik Scott, 10, heavyweights; Juan Manuel Lopez vs. Daniel Ponce de Leon, 10, for Lopez's WBO international junior lightweight title.

At Sands Casino Resort, Bethlehem, Pa. (NBCSN), Tomasz Adamek vs. Vyacheslav Glazkov, 12, IBF heavyweight eliminator; Isaac Chilemba vs. Denis Grachev, 10, light heavyweights; Ronald Cruz vs. Kermit Cintron, 10, welterweights.

March 17

At The House of Blues, Boston (FS1), Julian Williams vs. Freddy Hernandez, 10, middleweights.

March 21

At Villa La Nata Sporting Club, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Juan Carlos Reveco vs. Manuel Vides, 12, for Reveco's WBA World flyweight title.

At Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Cabazon, Calif. (ESPN2), Vanes Martirosyan vs. Luciano Cuello, 10, super welterweights.

March 22

At Roberto Duran Arena, Panama City, Panama, Anselmo Moreno vs. Javier Nicolas Chacon, 12, for Moreno's WBA Super World bantamweight title.

March 26

At Tokyo, Denkaosen Kaovichit vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for the vacant WBA World super flyweight.

March 28

At 4 Bears Casino & Lodge, New Town, S.D. (ESPN2), "Boxcino" lightweight tournament semifinals: Chris Rudd vs. Petr Petrov; Miguel Gonzalez vs. Fernando Carcamo (8 rounds).

March 29

At Berlin, Yoan Pablo Hernandez vs. Pawel Kolodziej, 12, for Hernandez's IBF cruiserweight title.

At Newcastle, England, Stuart Hall vs. Martin Ward, 12, for Hall's IBF bantamweight title.

At the Ballroom, Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO), Sergey Kovalev vs. Cedric Agnew, 12, for Kovalev's WBO light heavyweight title; Thomas Dulorme vs. Karim Mayfield, 10, for the vacant NABF junior welterweight title; Lionell Thompson vs. Radivoje Kalajdzic, 10, cruiserweights.

April 4

At Liacouras Center (NBCSN), Philadelphia, Amir Mansour vs. Steve Cunningham, 10, for the USBA heavyweight title.

April 5

At Stadthalle, Rostock, Germany, Juergen Braehmer vs. Enzo Maccarinelli, 12, for Braehmer's WBA World light heavyweight title.

April 6

At Tokyo, Akira Yaegashi vs. Odilon Zaleta, 12, for Yaegashi's WBC flyweight title; Adrian Hernandez vs. Naoya Inoue, 12, for Hernandez's WBC junior flyweight title.

April 12

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Timothy Bradley vs. Manny Pacquiao, 12, for Bradley's WBO welterweight title; Bryan Vasquez vs. Jose Felix Jr., 12, for the interim WBA World super featherweight title.

April 19

At Moscow, Russia, Denis Lebedev vs. Guillermo Jones, 12, for Lebedev's WBA World cruiserweight title.

At Manchester, England, Scott Quigg vs. Nehomar Cermeno, 12, for Quigg's WBA junior featherweight title.

Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD

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This and that as yes it's been a week since I've filled this space:

As the spring sports season reaches its pinnacle, it's interesting to note that this winter and early spring has possibly been one of the coldest when it comes to weather in my tenure here.

I've seen years with rain and snow, but this year has been a year where the cold weather seems to be more constant.

I know it's part of the deal of living in West Texas, but when baseball and softball teams can't get out in consecutive days because of bitterly cold weather it's tough.

I can only imagine what the folks in the northern tier of the country are doing when it comes to trying to get out to play baseball or softball this time of year.

■ An email from Connie Ferguson on Saturday revealed that her husband and longtime Greenwood High School and Jal, N.M., softball coach Ken Ferguson has ALS.

Ferguson is one of the best people you will ever meet, and he was also one of the best softball coaches in this area.

"Coach Ken's Team" has been formed to participate in the Walk to Defeat ALS event on May 3 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. The event starts at 10 a.m.

For more information you can contact Ken's wife, Connie, at 432-683-4257 or email her at kcferguson74@sbcglobal.net. The team already has shirts made up and they are $15.

To find out more information on the walk go to http://webtx.alsa.org and go to events.

■ Lee senior soccer player Darius Strambler will miss a pair of games for the Rebels this week on spring break, but he won't be taking the typical trip, though. Strambler will be part of a regional team playing soccer in Argentina over the next week as part of the Olympic Development Program.

■ Speaking of soccer, this is a crucial week for both boys and girls squads in Midland ISD.

The Midland High boys have clinched a playoff spot, but is still within striking distance of district-leading Amarillo Tascosa for a district title. Meanwhile, the Rebels will travel to take on Tascosa on Tuesday, and with a win and Odessa High loss they can get in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, the Midland High girls will take on San Angelo Central at home on Tuesday in a game that could help the Lady Bulldogs seeding in the postseason.

■ A congrats goes out to longtime Andrews baseball coach Rod Gardner. Gardner won his 700th career game on Thursday night at a tournament in Lubbock.

Gardner is in his 14th season leading the Mustangs program and his 39th overall as a coach.

■ And one more kudos goes out to the Hill College men's basketball team. My father worked at Hill for more than a decade, and I took some classes there, and sports success was something that school has struggled with over the years.

But the Rebels won the NJCAA Region V men's basketball title on Saturday, beating New Mexico Junior College. Now they get to take the trip to Hutchinson, Kan., and hopefully represent Texas well.

■ And finally, Stephenville star quarterback Jarett Stidham committing to Texas Tech was big news this week. I guess a coach helping a quarterback win a Heisman Trophy has its advantages.

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Greenwood's Bell, Ortiz receive district's superlative honors

From staff reports

Bell

Ortiz

McKee

Zimmerman

Greenwood's Amanda Bell and Oriana Ortiz each received superlative honors from the District 4-3A coaches after the district's awards were recently announced.

Bell was named 4-3A's Offensive Most Valuable Player after she averaged 15.9 points and 8.7 rebounds during her junior campaign. Ortiz, a sophomore who transferred to Greenwood from New Mexico last summer, was given Newcomer of the Year honors, averaging 6.7 points and 3.7 rebounds per game.

Seniors Morgan McKee and Kali Zimmerman each were named to the first team, while seniors Jesse Weber and Grace Sunderland joined freshman Cylie Mebane on the second team.

Big Spring's lone representative on the first team was junior Julianna Rodriguez with senior Dyrshae Vanderbilt and sophomore Diamonique Mayes making the second team.

Abilene Wylie swept the other two superlative awards with sophomore Brittany Brewer being named the district's MVP and senior Punkin Mack taking the Defensive MVP honor.

2013-14 4-3A Girls Basketball All-District Team

Most Valuable Player — Brittany Brewer, Soph., Abilene Wylie

Offensive MVP — **Amanda Bell, Jr., Greenwood**

Defensive MVP — Punkin Mack, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Newcomer of the Year — **Oriana Ortiz, Soph., Greenwood**

First Team

Morgan McKee, Sr., Greenwood; Kali Zimmerman, Sr., Greenwood; McKylie Irons, Soph., Monahans; Shaneese Brown, Sr., Sweetwater; Lindsey Clemmer, Jr., Snyder; Dee Carrizales, Jr., Snyder; Peyton Sanders, Jr., Abilene Wylie; London Weilert, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Kinsey Christian, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Julianna Rodriguez, Jr., Big Spring

Second Team

Cylie Mebane, Fr., Greenwood; Jesse Weber, Sr., Greenwood; Grace Sunderland, Sr., Greenwood; Emily Poor, Sr., Monhans; Nikki Salazar, Sr., Monahans; Kayla Chowning, Sr., Sweetwater; Miccah Wesley, Sr., Snyder; Priscilla Guzman, Jr., Snyder; Chelsea Lambaren, Jr., Snyder; Makenley Lunsford, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Sr., Big Spring; Diamonique Mayes, Soph., Big Spring

HSGOLFROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEE BOYS 5TH AT SAN ANGELO TOURNEY

SAN ANGELO — The Lee boys golf team finished in fifth in the Orange Division at the San Angelo Boys Classic on Saturday at San Angelo Country Club.

The Rebels shot 322-329—651 over the two days and was 11 strokes behind fourth place Abilene Cooper. Amarillo Tascosa won the tournament, firing a 301-304—605 over the two days. Odessa Permian was second and Wolfforth Frenship was third.

Blake Roberson had the best weekend for Lee as he shot 75-84—159.

Midland High's Lucas McCubbin finished fifth in the medalist standings after shooting an even par 72 on Saturday and finished at 151 for the tournament.

In the Blue Division, Midland Christian finished third as Reagan Brown was also third in the medalist standings.

The Mustangs shot 332-327—659 over two days, with San Antonio Alamo Heights winning the title with a two-day total of 630 and Andrews was second at 635.

Brown, meanwhile, shot 81-74—155 to take third spot.

San Angelo Boys Classic

ORANGE DIVISION

San Angelo Country Club

Team standings: 1. Amarillo Tascosa, 301-304—605; 2. Permian, 308-317—625; 3. Frenship, 316-315—631; 4. Abilene Cooper, 316-324—640; 5. Midland Lee, 322-329—651; 6. San Angelo Central, 328-324—652; 7. Lubbock Coronado, 329-325—654; 8. Midland High, 340-343—683; T-9. San Angelo Central Blue, 331-364—695; T-9. San Antonio Churchill, 350-345—695; 11. El Paso Franklin, 354-344—698; 12. Abilene High, 357-371-728; 13. Odessa High, 358-370-728.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Derek Kelting, Tascosa, 71-73—144; 2. Matt Huntley, Tascosa, 73-76—149; 3. (tie) Jorey Knutson, Tascosa, 72-78—150; Parker Beaty, Permian, 76-74—150; 5. Lucas McCubbin, Midland High, 79-72—151; 6. Josh Montoya, Frenship, 76-76—152; 7. Judd Tilson, Coronado, 77-77—154; 8. Dathan Terry, Frenship, 81-74—155; 9. (tie) Dalton Anderson, Permian, 74-82—156; Tanner Montgomery, Central, 82-74—156.

District 2-5A and area teams results

Amarillo Tascosa (301-304—605): Derek Kelting, 71-73—144; Matt Huntley, 73-76—149; Jorey Knutson, 72-78—150; Brayden Cruth, 85-77—162; Ryan Whitehead, 86-90—176.

Odessa Permian (308-317—625): Parker Beaty, 76-74—150; Dalton Anderson, 74-82—156; Jas Bowling, 80-79—159; Brendon Lowrance, 78-82—160; Ryan Tessaro, 83-85—168.

Abilene Cooper (316-324—640): Riley Casey, 74-81—155; Dakota Fortune, 78-80—158; Bear Bailey, 81-81—162; Sam Membrila, 86-82—168; Landon Brackett, 83-89—172.

Lee (322-329—651): Blake Roberson, 75-84—159; Alex Krol, 83-77—160; Carson Good, 81-83—164; Blake Loyd, 83-85—168; Brinson Vitellol, 86-87—173.

San Angelo Central (328-324—652): Tanner Montgomery, 82-74—156; Jeff Maciejewski, 80-78—158; Trey Corder, 86-81—167; Daniel Madrid, 80-91—171; Braden Sprouse, 86-93—179.

Lubbock Coronado (329-325—654): Judd Tilson, 77-77—154; Nicholas Wierzba, 83-81—164; Kreg Rollo, 83-84—167; Stephen Pourla, 86-83—169; Colton Kemp, 86-86—172.

Midland High (340-343—683): Lucas McCubbin, 79-72—151; Blake Rasmussen, 83-85—168; Guy Ecktrom, 84-92—176; Caleb Douglas, 94-94—188.

San Angelo Central Blue (331-364—695): David Reyes, 72-NS-NS; Braxton Braden, 78-93—171; Graham Goodnight, 88-87—175; Carson Collins, 93-86—179; Nick Wisniewski, 98-98—196.

Abilene High (357-371-728): Wren Atherton, 78-84—162; Anthony Browning, 85-91—176; Kobi Dobbins, 92-96—188; Cole Baggett, 102-100—202; Tyler Schroder, 106-101—207.

Odessa High (358-370-728): Matthew Sparks, 86-83—169; Brandon Grant, 85-89—174; Matthew Munoz, 86-95—181; Oscar Hernandez, 101-105—206; Blake Barber, 108-103—211.

Other medalists: Carter Chaloupka, Tascosa, 87-85—172; Barron Bryant, Tascosa, 87-88—175; Jake Scruggs, Abilene High, 102-105—207.

BLUE DIVISION

Quicksand Golf Course

Team standings: 1. San Antonio Alamo Heights, 318-312—630; 2. Andrews, 311-324—635; 3. Midland Christian, 332-327—659; 4. Plainview, 337; 5. Abilene Wylie, 341-341—682; 6. Wall, 346-342—688; 7. Big Spring, 341-352—694; 8. Lubbock Monterey, 341-356—697; 9. Monahans, 363-361—724; 10. Snyder, 362-370—732; 11. (tie) Lake View, 405-370—775; Lubbock High, 386-389—775.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Matt Jolly, Plainview, 76-74—150; 2. Sutherland Stith, Alamo Heights, 77-77—154; 3. Reagan Brown, Midland Christian, 81-74—155; 4. (tie) Mitchell Meissner, Alamo Heights, 84-72—156; G.K. Morrison, Andrews, 80-76—156; 6. Levy Valdez, Alamo Heights, 75-82—157; 7. (tie) Erik Walinder, Andrews, 75-83—158; Casey Fowler, Andrews, 77-81—158; 9. (tie) Mack Meissner, Alamo Heights, 80-80—160; Sam Aycock, Monterey, 78-82—160.

Area team results

Andrews (311-324—635): G.K. Morrison, 80-76—156; Erik Walinder, 75-83—158; Casey Fowler, 77-81—158; Austin Lovato, 79-85—164; Bracston Parker, 93-84—177.

Midland Christian (332-327—659): Reagan Brown, 81-74—155; Coleman Houston, 79-84—163; Landon Ballard, 84-82—166; Braden Brunson, 88-87—175; Gunner Gault, 103-95—198.

Big Spring (341-353—694): Tate Kennedy, 82-WD-WD; Devin Roberson, 84-84—168; Mikey Papajohn, 87-84—171; Tyler Bryan, 89-94—183; Sam Harris, 96-90—186.

Monahans (363-361-724): Blane Heflin, 87-78—165; Jacob Lair, 86-91—177; Cameron Endding, 88-93—181; Tyler Smith, 102-99—201; Logan Smith, 103-99—202.

Other medalists: TD North, Midland Christian, 97-105—202; Hutt North, Midland Christian, 118-108—226.

ANDREWS GIRLS WIN OWN TOURNEY

ANDREWS — The Andrews girls golf team rolled to a victory in its home tournament, beating Wolfforth Frenship by 48 strokes on Saturday.

The Mustangs shot 316-325—646 over the two days as Frenship shot 725.

Andrews' Kalli Jennings won the medalist title with a two-day total of 175, finishing one stroke ahead of teammate Sarah Black.

Midland High finished in 14th as Kathryn McGowan led the Lady Bulldogs with an 85-99—184.

GIRLS

2014 Andrews Girls Classic

Andrews County Golf Course

Friday's results

Team standings: 1. Andrews I 316-325—646; 2. Wolfforth Frenship 344-358—702; 3. Monahans 360-365—725; 4. Seminole 360-370—730; 5. Snyder 372-363—735; 6. Andrews II 373-383—756; 7. Odessa Permian B 384-391—775; 8. El Paso Franklin Purple 381-399—780; 9. Odessa High B 422-400—822; 10. Lamesa 422-410—841; 11. Andrews III 427-416—843; 12. Plainview 415-431—846; 13. El Paso Franklin Silver 433-445—878; 14. Midland High 431-473—904; 15. Levelland 477-450—927; 16. (tie) Big Spring 373-NS; Fort Stockton 428-NS

Medalist standings: 1. Kalli Jennings, Andrews I 79-78—157; 2. Sarah Black, Andrews I 76-82—158; 3. Hailey Burgen, Andrews I 78-81—159; 4. Cassidy Rawls, Snyder 82-87—169; 5. Madison Caballero, Frenship 86-84—170; 6. (tie) Kendall Slaughter, Frenship 85-86—171; Regan Lindsey, Snyder 89-82—171; 8. Libby Wallinder, Andrews 90-84—174; 9. (tie) Lexi Lopez, Andrews I 83-92—175; Malory Hunter, Snyder 90-85—175; Gabi Cano, Monahans 88-87—175

Area Team Scores

Andrews I (316-325—646): Sarah Black 76-82—158; Hailey Burgen 78-81—159; Kalli Jennings 79-78—157; Lexi Lopez 83-82—175; Libby Walinder 90-84—174

Monahans (360-365—725): Karley Pounds 86-104—190; Gabi Cano 89-87—175; Destinee Moore 91-90—181; Landry Owens 95-84—179; Sydney Lewis 101-106—209

Andrews II (373-383—756): Madee McAlister 85-97—182; Adrianne Peralta 94-92—186; Amber Nanez 99-98—197; Savannah Pinson 95-96—191

Big Spring (373-NS): Kelsie Guinn 86-NS; Mariah McIntosh 95-98—193; Brianna Cobos 100-NS; Gabby Fair 109-110—219

Odessa Permian B (384-391—775): Jillian Acklin 91-95—186; Brooklyn Hamilton 96-98—194; Aleeha Najera 98-101—199; Jade Herrera 99-100—199; Amber Herrera 115-98—213

Andrews III (427-416—843): Katelynn Savell 96-101—197; Magi Lopez 109-95—204; Bailey McCarver 109-116—225; Taylor Lopez 113-104—217

Lamesa (422-419—841): Chelsea Rebber 98-99—197; Kaila Cox 102-101—203; Jade Rodriguez 110-115—225; Kynleigh Adams 112-104—216; Grace Gilchrest 126-120—246

Midland High (431-473—904): Kathryn McGowan 85-99—184; Alyssa McKay 113-126—239; Jaci Frazier 115-114—229; Johnnie LoSoya 118-134—252; Kaylee Pickens 124-136—260

Odessa High (422-400—822): Alisa Jackson 100-109—209; Aumbree Cox 105-99—204; Melina Cortez 107-99—206; Catlyn Thomas 110-97—207; Brianna Rodriguez 113-105—218

Other medalists

Midland High: Alexis McKay 115-NS

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

FALCONS FALL TO TAMIU IN FINALS

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Madison Turner scored a game-high 30 points for the UTPB men's basketball team but the Falcons turned the ball over 19 times in a 76-72 loss to Texas A&M International in the finals of the Heartland Conference Tournament on Saturday.

TAMIU (22-8) shot only 38.9 percent from the floor but limited its turnovers to eight.

Deonnte Breedlove led TAMIU with 23 points, Jordan Clark had 18 and Kevin Jefferson added 15.

In addition to Turner's 30, Dwayne Soders had 11 points and Anthony Dees had 10 for the Falcons (17-11).

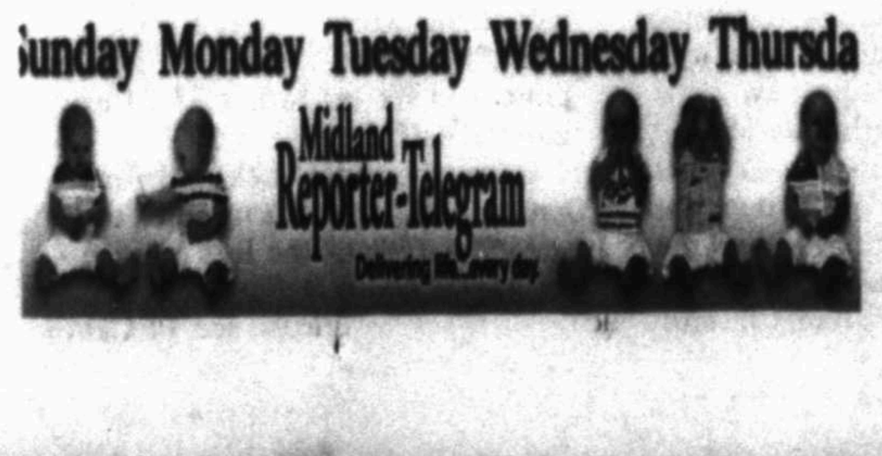
SOFTBALL

LADY FALCONS GET SHUTOUT WIN

AUSTIN — Desiree Valero scattered seven hits and the UTPB softball team was able to get the 3-0 victory over St. Edward's on Saturday at Diane Daniels Field.

UTPB (5-20, 2-4 in Heartland Conference) had six hits but Niki DeSera was able to drive in two runs with an RBI single in the third and drove in another in the two-run seventh when she was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Aurora Burks scored the other run in the seventh on a wild pitch.

Valero (2-12) picked up only her second win of the season.



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Rebels drop 3rd straight district game

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Lee baseball team suffered another come-from-behind loss on Saturday as Abilene High rallied for six runs in the fifth to beat the Rebels, 9-5, at Blackburn Field.

The Rebels (5-8, 0-3 in District 2-5A) opened up a 4-3 lead with two runs in the fourth inning, but the Eagles (7-5, 3-0) came back with six runs in the fifth to take the lead for good.

Lee added a single run in the top of the seventh,

Eagles	9
Rebels	5

but it wasn't enough as the Rebels lost their third straight district game. Lee will now head into Tuesday's game against Midland High winless in district play.

"It was back and forth and a very competitive game," Rebels coach Brian Roper said. "The bottom of the fifth is when they strung some hits together. Overall, we did some things well and we competed, and I'm not disappointed in that. We had a chance to separate ourselves again and in the top of the fifth we stranded a bunch of runners and they turn around and have a six spot."

Ray Calhoun was 2 for 4 with an RBI double as the Rebels had six hits in the game.

Lee will take on Midland High at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Christensen Stadium.

ABILENE HIGH 9, LEE 5

Lee	002	200 1	—	5	6	3
Abilene High	003	060 x	—	9	12	3

Blake Blessie, Mario Escajeda (5) and Hunter Coleman. Derek Scott and Conner Nichols. W — Scott (1-2). L — Blessie (1-2). 2B — Lee: Ray Calhoun; AHS: Scott, Payton Coffman, Matt Loftin.

Records: Lee 5-8, 0-3 in District 2-5A; Abilene High 7-5, 3-0

Rangers drop 5th-place game at Classic

From staff reports

The Greenwood baseball team finished the West Texas March Classic with a 5-2 loss to Seminole in the fifth-place game on Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark.

The Indians scored a run in the first inning, and then added two more in the second for a 3-0 lead.

Greenwood, though, cut the lead to 3-2 with a pair of runs in the second inning. But that was all the scoring the Rangers did for the game.

Greenwood had two hits, and Seminole had five.

Braydin Moreland was 1 for 3 with a run scored, and Victor Urias scored Greenwood's other run.

The Rangers (11-5) will play a pair of non-district games next week over spring break, taking on Crane on Thursday at 1 p.m. on the road and then facing Seminole again at 7 p.m. on Friday at home.

Monahans took the third-place game, defeating Forsan, 7-4, while Sweetwater won the tournament title, defeating San Angelo Lake View, 8-1.

2014 West Texas March Classic
Thursday-Saturday
Pool A: Greenwood, Forsan, Eunice, N.M. San Angelo Lake View
Pool B: Monahans, Pampa, Seminole Sweetwater
Thursday's Scores
Greenwood High School
San Angelo Lake View 10, Forsan 1
San Angelo Lake View 9, Greenwood 5
Forsan 12, Eunice, N.M. 10
Greenwood 11, Eunice, N.M. 0
Sweetwater 5, Pampa 0
Zachery Field
Sweetwater 9, Seminole 6
Monahans 5, Seminole 4
Monahans 9, Pampa 6
Friday's Scores
Security Bank Ballpark
Forsan 4, Greenwood 3
Sweetwater 16, Monahans 2
San Angelo Lake View 5, Eunice, N.M. 1
Greenwood High School
Seminole 9, Pampa 9
Saturday's Scores
Greenwood High School
Pampa 8, Eunice, N.M. 0
Security Bank Ballpark
Seminole 5, Greenwood 2
Monahans 7, Forsan 4
Sweetwater 8, San Angelo Lake View 1

HSBASEBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BASEBALL
MCA GOES 3-1 IN LAMESA

LAMESA — The Midland Classical baseball team went 3-1 during the Lamesa JV Tournament this weekend.

On Thursday, the Knights lost to Trinity (14-4) before defeating Lamesa JV (13-4).

On Friday, the Knights defeated Trinity 24-6 as Mikiah Avampato had a home run and three RBI in the game.

MCA then defeated Lamesa JV again, 14-4, as Josh Raies had two doubles to lead the Knights' offense.

MCA next plays at Lamesa, at 6 p.m., March 17.

SOFTBALL
MCS WINS BRACKET IN SNYDER

SNYDER — The Midland Christian softball team won three games during the Snyder Tournament on Saturday to capture the Silver Bracket Championship.

The Lady Mustangs (18-9) defeated Crane (9-0), Snyder JV(7-6) and Seminole (7-6) on Saturday to finish the tournament 5-1.

Maddy Garcia earned the win in all three games and pitched a three-inning no-hitter against Crane. The Lady Mustangs backed her up with seven hits and a pair of four-run innings against Crane.

The Lady Mustangs had to come from behind against both Snyder JV and Seminole and won both games in their final at-bat.

Against Snyder JV, the Lady Mustangs broke a 6-all tie with a run in the bottom of the fifth.

Then against Seminole, MCS trailed 6-4 before scoring three runs in the bottom of the fourth for the win.

Midland Christian next plays at Sweetwater at noon Monday.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 9, CRANE 0

Crane	000	—	0	0	2
MCS	144	—	9	7	0

S. Ortiz and S. Baeza. Maddy Garcia and Chelsea Cross. W — Garcia. L — Ortiz. 2B — MCS: Adriana Berzoza, Desiree Gaona.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 7, SNYDER JV 6

Snyder	004 20	—	6	8	3
MCS	400 21	—	7	8	2

James and Cruz. Garcia and Cross. W — Garcia. L — James. 2B — Snyder: Montoya; MCS Courtney Monk. 3B — Snyder: Coi; MCS: Bianca Ambrosio, Monk. HR — MCS: McKinley Walker

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 7, SEMINOLE 6

Seminole	132 0	—	6	8	4
MCS	040 3	—	7	12	1

K. Hollum and K. Mendoza. Caity Beeson, Garcia (2) and Cross. W — Garcia. L — Hollum. 2B — SHS: Sandejo; MCS: Gaona. HR — Seminole: Reimer.

Records: MCS 18-9

Next: Midland Christian at Sweetwater, noon Monday

BULLDOGS

From 1C

RBI ground out with one out ending the game in the bottom of the sixth.

Barker, who was filling in as leadoff hitter and center fielder for Austen Wade, was 3-for-4 with one run scored and an RBI.

Left fielder Braden Rushton was 3-for-3 with two runs and an RBI, and first baseman Travis Wilbanks was 2-for-3 with two RBI, including an RBI double in the fourth. Sanchez also added a pair of infield hits and scored three runs.

"We talked to them before (batting practice) about what the weather was like and what it was doing," Russell said. "Swinging from our heineys wasn't going to work today. We had a really good approach at the plate."

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District 2-5A Standings
BASEBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	3	0	9	6
Abilene High	3	0	7	5
Abilene Cooper	2	1	6	6
Amarillo Tascosa	1	1	10	3
San Angelo Central	1	1	8	5
Odessa High	1	2	7	7
Odessa Permian	1	2	1	12
Lubbock Coronado	0	2	6	6
Lee	0	3	5	8

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 11, Odessa High 1, six innings
Abilene High 9, Lee 5
Abilene Cooper 8, Odessa Permian 0
Amarillo Tascosa 1, Lubbock Coronado 0
Tuesday's Games
Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, Noon
San Angelo Central at Amarillo Tascosa, 1 p.m.
Big Spring vs. Odessa Permian, 2 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.
Lee vs. Midland High, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium

MIDLAND HIGH 11, ODESSA HIGH 1, 6 INNINGS

OHS	000	100	—	1	5	1
MHS	610	202	—	11	12	0

Raul Andrade, Zach Salcido (2), Cal Pequeno (6) and Jakob Nunez. Lance White, Sean Grebeck (5) and Braden Scrivner. W — White (1-2). L — Andrade. 2B — OHS: Jakob Nunez; MHS: Lance White. 3B — MHS: Travis Wilbanks. HR — RBI — OHS: Andrew Lara; MHS: Lance White 2, Travis Wilbanks 2, Braden Rushton, Ethan Barker.

Records: Midland High 9-6, 3-0 in District 2-5A; Odessa High 7-7, 1-2

Next: Midland High vs. Lee, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Christensen Stadium; Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, Noon Tuesday

LADY DAWGS

From 1C

hits but they were able to take advantage of some miscues.

In the second inning, Aubrie Elliott walked and later scored on a passed ball. Then later in the frame, Aubree Rowley reached on a dropped catch at first base and later scored on an RBI groundout by Aryn Flores.

The Lady Dawgs added another run in the fourth when Ashley McClellan singled and later scored on another passed ball.

"They didn't get our best game today, but I promise you they'll get our best game the next time we play them," Lee coach Wes Overton said.

While the Lady Rebels will look to regroup with a home game against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday, the Lady Dawgs got the boost they wanted out of the rivalry game and going into Tuesday's game at Abilene High.

"We needed it," Vines said. "It helps with our confidence, especially since we play about half of our district in a 10-day period."

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MIDLAND HIGH 3, LEE 0

Lee	000	000 0	—	0	5	1
MHS	020	100 x	—	3	5	2

Darby O'Grady, Tasha Lindenmuth (5) and Destiney Reyes. Stefani Baeza and Courtney Warren. W — Baeza. L — O'Grady. RBI — MHS: Aryn Flores.

Records: Midland High 2-2, 9-5 in 2-5A. Lee 2-1, 9-7

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

District 2-5A Standings
SOFTBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	3	0	16	2
San Angelo Central	3	1	7	3
Lee	2	1	9	7
Odessa High	2	2	9	2
Odessa Permian	2	2	10	5
Midland High	2	2	9	5
Abilene High	1	2	6	7
Abilene Cooper	1	3	5	8
Amarillo Tascosa	0	3	3	10

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 3, Lee 0
Abilene High 7, Odessa Permian 5
Odessa High 6, Abilene Cooper 1
San Angelo Central 15, Amarillo Tascosa 0
Tuesday's games
Midland High at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.
Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Darby O'Grady pitches against Midland High on Saturday at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

BOYSSTATEBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 5A
GALENA PARK NORTH SHORE 57
CONVERSE JUDSON 45

AUSTIN — Jarrey Foster had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Galena Park North Shore controlled Converse Judson from the start to win the Class 5A state championship 57-45 Saturday night.

Kerwin Roach scored 15 and had three dunks as former NBA all-star and four-time NBA champion Shaquille O'Neal watched from the front row.

North Shore (35-3) broke the game open in the third, outscoring Judson 10-5 in the quarter for a 39-25 lead.

Judson showed some life in the early moments of the fourth behind consecutive 3-pointers from Julian Erickson, Judson's first two from long range since the first quarter. North Shore answered the burst with seven straight points, including a steal and fastbreak dunk by Roach that pushed the lead to 48-31.

David Wacker scored 13 to lead Judson (37-2).

CLASS 4A
DALLAS KIMBALL 52
AMARILLO 37

AUSTIN — Trenton Brinkley scored 15 points and Dallas Kimball won its third Class 4A state championship in four years, beating Amarillo52-37 Saturday.

Kimball's title run is one of the most impressive in recent state tournament history. Dallas South Oak Cliff won four consecutive 4A titles from 2005-2008, but later was stripped of the 2005 and 2006 championships for using ineligible players.

Brinkley scored 11 in the second quarter as Kimball re-established control after Amarillo rallied from a 9-0 deficit in the opening minutes. Kimball (25-7) led by 13 in the fourth before Amarillo got within 43-37 when John Hood made consecutive 3-pointers.

Kimball sealed it on alley-oop dunk on a pass from Jawun Evans to Brinkley with 57 seconds left.

Hood led Amarillo (28-6) with 11 points

CLASS 3A
DALLAS MADISON 82
HOUSTON YATES 70

AUSTIN — Led by 22 points from game MVP Admon Gilder, Dallas Madison has defeated Houston Yates 82-70 to repeat as Class 3A boys state champions.

The game was a rematch of the 2013 finals when Dallas Madison also defeated Yates, 85-72.

Dallas Madison (30-3) is the first Class 3A defending champion to repeat since Sweeny in 1987-88.

Cameron Bryant added 19 points and 10 rebounds for Madison.

The teams were tied at 51-51 with 1:06 left in the third quarter when Dallas Madison went on a 12-0 scoring run, including seven unanswered points to start the fourth.

Yates (24-9) wasn't able to cut the deficit to less than eight points the rest of the game.

J.C. Washington led Yates with 20 points and six rebounds.

CLASS 2A
PONDER 66
TATUM 56

AUSTIN — Clay Morgan had 21 points and 14 rebounds and Ponder rallied from 14 down in the third quarter for 66-56 victory over Tatum to win the Class 2A state championship Saturday.

Brady Anderson scored 18 for Ponder, which trailed 40-26 before Anderson made the first of his two 3-pointers in a 19-7 Ponder run. The second pulled Ponder within a point and Cameron Sallez put Ponder ahead 48-46 in the fourth.

The teams traded the lead three times over the next 90 seconds before Ponder (32-7) slowly pulled away. Ponder made 9 of 13 free throws over the final 2:18 to win the school's first state title since a three-year championship run from 2008-2010.

Klifton Lewis scored 17 and Chaston Brooks had 10 points and nine rebounds for Tatum (35-5).

CLASS A DIVISION I
MUMFORD 64
MUENSTER 57

AUSTIN — Mumford has won the Class 1A Division 1 boys state championship by defeating Muenster 64-57.

After coming in second the past two seasons, Mumford (39-1) took the title on Saturday in Austin, led by game MVP LaKendric Hyson, who scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

The win was Mumford's 37th straight victory this season.

Mumford trailed 17-9 after one quarter but staged a 22-11 scoring run in the second quarter, to take a 31-28 halftime lead. The Mustangs extended the lead to 46-38 after three quarters.

Muenster (28-3) outrebounded Mumford 48-33 but the fast paced Mumford team drove the lane and converted 18 of 26 foul shots while Muenster was seven for seven from the charity stripe.

Lyndon Cook led Muenster with 17 points with 26 rebounds.

CLASS A, DIVISION II
WATER VALLEY 69
LANEVILLE 44

AUSTIN — Trae Hannon scored 16 points and Water Valley cruised to the Class 1A Division II championship 68-44 over Laneville.

Water Valley had four players score in double figures. Kellan Kirkland had 14 points and 11 rebounds as Water Valley outrebounded Laneville 43-25. Brock Demere and Cameron Copley each scored 13.

Water Valley (29-5) was 11 of 15 shooting in the third quarter as it stretched a 30-25 halftime lead to 55-37 by the end of the third. Water Valley made seven 3-pointers.

Kendrick Anderson scored 13 points for Laneville (33-7). Dontavious Harris, who scored 30 points and made eight 3-pointers in a semifinal victory, attempted just five against Water Valley and finished with nine points.

SCORES

UIL BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT
Frank Erwin Center
Austin
Thursday's Semifinals
Class A Division I
8:30 a.m. — Muenster 65, Grapevine 64
10 a.m. — Mumford 59, Smyer 48
Class 3A
1:30 p.m. — Dallas Madison 77, San Antonio Houston 62
3 p.m. — Houston Yates 86, Kennedale 79
Class 4A
7 p.m. — Dallas Kimball 60, Beaumont Central 56
8:30 p.m. — Amarillo 60, Schertz Clemens 46
Friday's Semifinals
Class 2A
8:30 a.m. — Ponder 51, Aransas Pass 47
10 a.m. — Tatum 58, Bushland 41
Class A Division II
1:30 p.m. — Water Valley 58, Nazareth 42
7 p.m. — Laneville 55, Cumby Miller Grove 54
Class 5A
3 p.m. — Galena Park North Shore 48, DeSoto 45
8:30 p.m. — Converse Judson 52, Allen 41
Saturday's Finals
8:30 a.m. — Class A Division I, Mumford 64, Muenster 57
10 a.m. — Class 3A, Dallas Madison 82, Houston Yates 70
1:30 p.m. — Class 2A, Ponder 66, Tatum 56
3 p.m. — Class 4A, Dallas Kimball 52, Amarillo High 37
7 p.m. — Class A Division II, Water Valley 68, Laneville 44
8:30 p.m. — Class 5A, Galena Park North Shore 57, Converse Judson 45

Shaq: Texas high school title started his dreams

By Butch Hart
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Shaquille O'Neal won four NBA championships and an Olympic gold medal in a career that likely will land him in the Hall of Fame.

O'Neal said he owes a lot of it to his 1989 state championship team and coaches at San Antonio Cole High School. They were honored at the Texas state tournament Saturday on the 25th anniversary of their title.

"We were just a little school in San Antonio. No one believed in us, but the lessons I learned at Cole carried my whole career — being humble, playing hard, working with your teammates," O'Neal said. "Cole gave me the start of my dreams."

O'Neal's military family moved to San Antonio before his junior year.

"I was just a kid from Germany," O'Neal said.

That "kid" was already nearly 6-foot-10 and still growing. One coach briefly pushed him toward football, which didn't take. As a senior, O'Neal averaged 32 points, 22 rebounds and eight blocks in leading Cole to a 36-0 record and the Class 3A state title.

On Friday, Cole retired his No. 33 high school jersey. On Saturday, University Interscholastic League director Charles Breithaupt called O'Neal the "greatest player to ever play" in the Texas state tournament. Future NBA stars such as Chris Bosh, T.J. Ford and Kendrick Perkins also won state titles.

TEXASNBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 121
MAGIC 112

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 30 points, Manu Ginobili added 24 and the San Antonio Spurs overcame a lethargic performance to beat the Orlando Magic 121-112 on Saturday night.

Kawhi Leonard added 17 points, Tiago Splitter scored 14, Danny Green 12 and Tim Duncan had 11 points and 10 rebounds as the Spurs (46-16) extended their winning streak to six games.

STANDINGS & BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	34	26	.567	—
Brooklyn	30	30	.500	4
New York	24	40	.375	12
Boston	21	41	.339	14
Philadelphia	15	47	.242	20

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	43	16	.729	—
Washington	33	29	.532	11 1/2
Charlotte	29	34	.460	16
Atlanta	26	34	.433	17 1/2
Orlando	19	45	.297	26 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	46	16	.742	—
Chicago	34	28	.548	12
Detroit	24	38	.387	22
Cleveland	24	40	.375	23
Milwaukee	12	50	.194	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	46	16	.742	—
Houston	43	19	.694	3
Dallas	37	26	.587	9 1/2
Memphis	36	26	.581	10
New Orleans	25	37	.403	21

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	46	16	.742	—
Portland	42	20	.677	4
Minnesota	31	30	.508	14 1/2
Denver	27	34	.443	18 1/2
Utah	22	41	.349	24 1/2

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	43	20	.683	—
Golden State	39	24	.619	4
Phoenix	38	25	.590	6
Sacramento	22	40	.355	20 1/2
L.A. Lakers	21	42	.333	22

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Saturday's Scores
Utah 104, Philadelphia 92
New York 107, Cleveland 97
Memphis 111, Charlotte 89
San Antonio 121, Orlando 112
Washington 114, Milwaukee 107
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Today's Games
Miami at Chicago, Noon
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 121, MAGIC 112

ORLANDO (112): Harkless 4-14 3-4 12, O'Quinn 4-8 1-2 9, Vucevic 8-16 3-4 19, Nelson 3-10 2-2 9, Afflalo 7-18 1-1 17, Harris 11-16 1-2 23, Price 1-2 0-0 2, Moore 3-4 0-0 8, Nicholson 3-4 0-0 6, Lamb 1-3 2-2 5, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Dedmon 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 46-96 13-17 112.

SAN ANTONIO (121): Leonard 5-6 6-7 17, Duncan 4-13 3-5 11, Splitter 5-9 4-5 14, Parker 11-19 7-8 30, Green 4-4 0-0 12, Ginobili 10-17 2-3 24, Diaw 3-5 2-5 8, Belinelli 0-2 0-0 0, Baynes 0-0 2-2 2, Mills 1-6 0-0 3, Joseph 0-0 0-0 0, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-81 26-35 121.

Orlando	27	34	22	29	—	112
San Antonio	31	28	29	33	—	121

3-Point Goals_Orlando 7-18 (Afflalo 2-3, Moore 2-3, Lamb 1-1, Harkless 1-4, Nelson 1-6, Price 0-1), San Antonio 9-20 (Green 4-4, Ginobili 2-7, Parker 1-2, Leonard 1-2, Mills 1-3, Diaw 0-1, Belinelli 0-1). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Orlando 52 (Vucevic 13), San Antonio 49 (Duncan 10). Assists_Orlando 24 (Nelson 5), San Antonio 26 (Parker, Ginobili 5). Total Fouls_Orlando 26, San Antonio 15. Technicals_Orlando defensive three second. A_18,581 (18,797).

WIZARDS 114, BUCKS 107

WASHINGTON (114): Ariza 9-12 5-9 28, Booker 1-2 2-4 4, Gortat 5-6 1-4 11, Wall 4-14 0-0 9, Beal 8-18 2-2 23, Webster 5-7 3-4 15, Harrington 2-7 0-0 5, Gooden 6-9 0-0 13, Miller 3-5 0-0 6, Temple 0-0 0-0 0, Porter Jr. 0-0 0-0 0, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-80 13-23 114.

MILWAUKEE (107): Middleton 7-12 0-0 15, Ilyasova 4-10 5-6 13, Pachulia 2-7 2-2 6, Knight 9-20 5-5 25, Wolters 4-10 1-2 10, Adrien 2-4 4-5 8, Antetokounmpo 1-4 2-2 4, Henson 6-8 0-0 12, Sessions 4-11 6-6 14, Mitchell 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-87 25-28 107.

Washington	36	39	10	29	—	114
Milwaukee	27	26	21	33	—	107

3-Point Goals—Washington 15-28 (Ariza 5-7, Beal 5-8, Webster 2-3, Gooden 1-2, Wall 1-4, Harrington 1-4), Milwaukee 4-16 (Knight 2-5, Middleton 1-2, Wolters 1-2, Antetokounmpo 0-1, Mitchell 0-1, Ilyasova 0-2, Sessions 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 46 (Ariza 7), Milwaukee 50 (Adrien, Ilyasova 8). Assists—Washington 25 (Wall 13), Milwaukee 14 (Wolters 4). Total Fouls—Washington 21, Milwaukee 20. Technicals—Washington delay of game. A—14,839 (18,717).

GRIZZLIES 111, BOBCATGS 89

CHARLOTTE (89): Kidd-Gilchrist 3-8 0-0 6, McRoberts 4-9 0-0 8, Jefferson 7-17 3-4 17, Walker 3-13 4-4 11, Douglas-Roberts 6-10 2-4 15, Zeller 1-5 0-0 2, Neal 3-9 0-0 7, Tolliver 4-8 1-2 10, Biyombo 3-5 0-0 6, Ridnour 1-6 0-0 2, Pargo 2-3 0-0 5, Hamilton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-93 10-14 89.

MEMPHIS (111): Prince 2-5 0-0 4, Randolph 5-7 6-8 16, Gasol 5-12 4-4 14, Conley 7-18 1-2 20, Lee 4-6 1-1 9, Miller 3-4 2-2 8, Allen 4-6 0-2 8, Koufos 5-11 2-3 12, Calathes 1-5 0-0 2, Leuer 5-8 0-0 10, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Udrih 2-4 0-0 6, Davis 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 44-87 16-22 111.

Charlotte	21	23	17	28	—	89
Memphis	25	27	27	32	—	111

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 5-21 (Pargo 1-1, Douglas-Roberts 1-3, Neal 1-3, Tolliver 1-4, Walker 1-5, Ridnour 0-2, McRoberts 0-3), Memphis 7-13 (Conley 5-7, Udrih 2-2, Leuer 0-1, Randolph 0-1, Calathes 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 46 (Zeller 9), Memphis 63 (Koufos 10). Assists—Charlotte 18 (Walker 5), Memphis 23 (Conley, Allen 4). Total Fouls—Charlotte 19, Memphis 16. A—17,298 (18,119).

KNICKS 107, CAVALIERS 97

NEW YORK (107): Anthony 10-23 2-2 26, Stoudemire 7-16 3-4 17, Chandler 5-9 5-7 15, Felton 2-6 4-4 8, Smith 6-13 0-0 17, Shumpert 3-8 0-0 7, Hardaway Jr. 2-6 0-0 5, Prigioni 3-6 2-2 11, Tyler 0-1 0-2 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Clark 0-0 0-0 0, Murry 0-0 1-2 1, Aldrich 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-88 17-23 107.

CLEVELAND (97): Deng 3-12 2-2 10, Thompson 3-8 2-2 8, Hawes 7-15 3-3 21, Irving 11-25 5-6 30, Jack 5-13 2-2 12, Waiters 3-8 2-3 8, Varejao 2-2 0-0 4, Bennett 1-1 0-0 2, Gee 1-3 0-0 2, Dellavedova 0-0 0-0 0, Zeller 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-87 16-18 97.

New York	23	35	19	30	—	107
Cleveland	19	31	26	21	—	97

3-Point Goals—New York 14-31 (Smith 5-9, Anthony 4-7, Prigioni 3-5, Shumpert 1-4, Hardaway Jr. 1-5, Felton 0-1), Cleveland 9-23 (Hawes 4-7, Irving 3-9, Deng 2-3, Jack 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 64 (Stoudemire 12), Cleveland 45 (Hawes 10). Assists—New York 26 (Felton 6), Cleveland 21 (Irving 8). Total Fouls—New York 16, Cleveland 17. A—20,562 (20,562).

JAZZ 104, 76ERS 92

UTAH (104): Jefferson 3-7 0-0 8, M.Williams 3-7 2-2 9, Favors 6-9 3-4 15, Burke 2-9 3-3 7, Hayward 7-15 7-10 22, Burks 6-10 4-7 19, Evans 0-2 0-0 0, Kanter 6-14 1-2 13, Garrett 4-7 0-0 11. Totals 37-80 20-28 104.

PHILADELPHIA (92): Thompson 1-2 2-2 4, Young 8-16 1-2 18, Sims 2-8 1-2 5, Carter-Williams 2-13 0-0 4, Anderson 5-11 4-4 16, Varnado 1-2 0-0 2, Wroten 12-15 6-8 30, E.Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Mullens 2-4 1-2 6, Maynor 1-2 0-0 3, Moultrie 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-76 15-20 92.

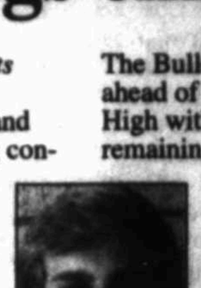
Utah	24	26	25	29	—	104
Philadelphia	22	30	18	22	—	92

3-Point Goals—Utah 10-23 (Garrett 3-4, Burks 3-5, Jefferson 2-3, M.Williams 1-3, Hayward 1-3, Kanter 0-1, Burke 0-4), Philadelphia 5-22 (Anderson 2-6, Maynor 1-2, Mullens 1-2, Young 1-6, Thompson 0-1, Wroten 0-2, Carter-Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 55 (Favors 14), Philadelphia 41 (Carter-Williams 7). Assists—Utah 25 (Hayward, Burke 8), Philadelphia 22 (Carter-Williams 9). Total Fouls—Utah 24, Philadelphia 21. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second. A—13,569 (20,328).

Bulldogs clinch playoff spot

From staff reports

ODESSA — Midland High's Will Downing converted a penalty kick in the 72nd minute to give the Bulldogs a 1-0 victory against Odessa High in District 2-5A boys soccer action on Saturday at Coleman Field.


Downing

The victory also helped Midland High clinch a playoff berth as it improved to 10-3-3 overall and 8-1-3 with 27 points in District 2-5A.

The Bulldogs are 12 points ahead of fifth place Odessa High with four games remaining, and Midland High swept the Bronchos in their two games this season. District 2-5A-leading Amarillo Tascosa also clinched a playoff spot on Saturday after its 3-3 draw with Abilene Cooper.

Both teams struggled to find the back of the net for most of the game, and Bulldog goalkeeper Quentin Dickson had a key save at one point.

Bulldogs	1
Bronchos	0

But Downing's penalty kick broke the ice.

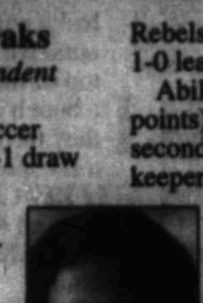
"The boys fought and scraped," Midland High coach Warren Cottle said. "It was a good win. This was one of those games that Odessa High had to win."

Midland High will take on San Angelo Central at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lady Rebels play to a tie vs. AHS

By Justin Oaks
MRT Correspondent

The Lee girls soccer team played to a 1-1 draw against Abilene High on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.


Calhoun

Lee (2-6-4, 10 points) controlled possession for much of the first half of play, and just weren't able to convert scoring opportunities into goals.

"I thought we played well enough to win the game," Lee head coach Alan Castillejos. "But we have to do a better job of finishing."

Lee got on the board first as Deonna Calhoun scored with seconds left to go in the first half. That sent the Rebels into halftime with a 1-0 lead.

Abilene (2-7-4, 10 points) attacked hard in the second half, and Lee goalkeeper Cheyenne Pearce worked to keep the ball out of the net, braving a bruised shoulder and recording several key saves against the Lady Eagles.

Caitlyn Rodriguez was able to sneak one by her, though, in the 77th minute to even the score 1-1.

"There was some miscommunication between myself and the defenders on that one," Pearce said. "But overall, I think we played well. We did a much better job of keeping possession, which is something we really worked hard on in practice this week."

Lady Rebels	1
Lady Eagles	1

Tension was high and officiating was sporadic in the final minutes of the game, so much so that Abilene head coach Brent Camp was red-carded and ejected from the game.

"Those kind of things you can't control," Castillejos said. "You can only control what you do on the field. Cheyenne made some great saves to keep the score even. But after we scored that first goal I think we got a little too relaxed, and you can't do that. You have to keep fighting for the full 80 minutes."

The Lady Rebels will take on Amarillo Tascosa at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Amarillo.

REBELS

From 1C

game the way we should, good things will happen."

Hicks, who has watched his team fight its way into playoff contention, said he knows all too well that points can make all the difference at this stage of the season.

"This was a big game, and we knew that," Hicks said. "The points we got with this game are huge. We have some big games ahead and it's all about accumulating points."

Lee will take on first-place Amarillo Tascosa at 5 p.m. on Tuesday in Amarillo.

Girls District 2-5A Standings

	District W	L	T	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
x-Odessa Permian	10	0	2	32	12	1	3
San Angelo Central	8	5	0	24	10	6	0
Midland High	7	2	3	24	8	5	3
Odessa High	7	2	3	24	8	4	5
Abilene Cooper	7	4	1	22	9	5	3
Lee	2	6	4	10	4	7	5
Abilene High	2	7	4	10	5	7	4
Amarillo Tascosa	1	7	3	6	2	9	3
Lubbock Coronado	1	11	0	3	3	13	1

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie
x-clinched a playoff spot

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 0, Odessa High 0
Abilene High 1, Lee 1
Odessa Permian 3, San Angelo Central 1
Abilene Cooper 1, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Tuesday's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa
Abilene Cooper at Odessa High
Odessa Permian at Lubbock Coronado
All games at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Boys District 2-5A Standings

	District W	L	T	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
x-Amarillo Tascosa	9	1	2	29	13	2	2
x-Midland High	8	1	3	27	10	3	3
Lee	7	3	2	23	11	4	2
Abilene Cooper	6	3	3	21	8	3	5
Odessa High	4	5	3	15	8	6	3
Abilene High	4	7	2	14	5	9	4
Odessa Permian	4	7	1	13	5	10	1
San Angelo Central	3	8	2	11	5	10	2
Lubbock Coronado	1	11	0	3	2	15	0

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie
x-clinched a playoff spot

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 1, Odessa High 0
Lee 2, Abilene High 0
San Angelo Central 3, Odessa Permian 0
Amarillo Tascosa 3, Abilene Cooper 3

Tuesday's Games

San Angelo Central at Midland High, 5:30 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa
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Lady Dawgs play to scoreless draw

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Midland High and Odessa High girls soccer teams played a scoreless draw on Saturday at Coleman Field, and neither team was able to separate from the other in the District 2-5A standings.

Dunlevy

Lady Bulldogs coach Ryan Dunlevy said he was pleased with how his squad played, saying they had some opportunities to score but just couldn't find the back of the net.

"I thought we played really well," Dunlevy said. "We came out and executed our game plan as best we could, but we couldn't quite get it in the back of the net like we had hoped. I can always find stuff to fix, but overall I thought the girls played well."

Midland High is 8-5-3 overall and 7-2-3 with 24 points in District 2-5A, and Odessa High is 8-4-5 and 7-2-3 with 24 points also in district play.

Dunlevy said one of the Midland High's best chances was by Adrienne Almodova in the first half, but it was saved by Odessa High's goalkeeper in the first half.

The Lady Bulldogs will take on San Angelo Central at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

SPRINGTRAINING

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS ROUNDUP

DODGERS (SS) 5
RANGERS 5

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Paul Maholm pitched three steady innings and Mike Baxter went 2 for 2 with two RBIs for a split squad of Los Angeles Dodgers in their 5-5 tie with the Texas Rangers on Saturday.

The game was halted after nine innings.

Adrian Gonzalez walked with the bases loaded for the Dodgers. Maholm allowed one run on three hits with four strikeouts and no walks.

Gonzalez, who is hitting .353 in seven games, drew a five-pitch walk from Tanner Scheppers in the third to bring home Justin Turner.

Baxter, claimed off waivers from the New York Mets last fall, had a double and a sacrifice fly.

Shin-Soo Choo, who signed a $130 million, seven-year contract with the Rangers this offseason, went 0 for 2 with a strikeout, dropping his average to .176. Choo did drive in a run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

PHILLIES 11
ASTROS (SS) 3

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Carlos Ruiz and Cody Asche each hit a three-run homer to send the Philadelphia Phillies past a Houston Astros split squad 11-3 on Saturday.

Asche connected in the fifth inning to give the Phillies a 3-1 lead, and Ruiz's drive in the sixth made it 7-3.

Astros starter Dallas Keuchel held Philadelphia hitless for three innings. His only baserunner came on a walk, and he struck out two.

Keuchel has been solid in his first two starts this spring, giving up one hit in five shutout innings.

Phillies starter Roberto Hernandez walked four and struck out four in 3 1-3 innings. He allowed one run and two hits in his third start of the spring.

YANKEES 9
ASTROS (SS) 6

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Kelly Johnson homered after Mark Teixeira's first hit of the spring, and the New York Yankees beat a Houston Astros split squad 9-6 on Saturday.

Teixeira, playing in his second spring game after missing most of last season due to wrist surgery, led off the third inning with a long double off reliever Darin Downs. Johnson hit the next pitch for his first homer.

Chris Carter hit a three-run homer for the Astros, and Jose Altuve had two hits and scored twice.

Ivan Nova gave up three runs and eight hits in four innings in his second sprig start for the Yankees. Carter's first spring home run came off Manny Banuelos, the 23-year-old left-hander who didn't pitch last season after having elbow surgery.

Houston manager Bo Porter used his first replay challenge unsuccessfully in the second inning, disputing an out call at first base after a bunt by Jonathan Villar.

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	8	1	.889
Baltimore	7	2	.778
Seattle	8	3	.727
Tampa Bay	5	2	.714
New York	7	4	.636
Oakland	6	4	.600
Kansas City	5	4	.556
Minnesota	5	4	.556
Detroit	5	4	.500
Toronto	5	5	.500
Chicago	3	5	.375
Houston	3	6	.333
Los Angeles	3	6	.333
Texas	2	6	.250
Boston	2	7	.222

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Pittsburgh	7	2	.778
Miami	6	2	.750
Washington	6	3	.667
San Francisco	6	4	.600
Milwaukee	6	5	.545
Arizona	7	6	.538
Los Angeles	4	4	.500
Colorado	5	6	.455
Chicago	4	6	.400
New York	3	5	.375
Cincinnati	4	8	.333
San Diego	3	6	.333
St. Louis	2	4	.333
Atlanta	2	8	.200
Philadelphia	2	8	.200

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not

Saturday's Scores

N.Y Yankees 9, Houston (ss) 6
N.Y Mets 3, Detroit 2
Pittsburgh 10, Tampa Bay 5
Washington (ss) 8, Atlanta (ss) 2
Philadelphia 11, Houston (ss) 3
Toronto 4, Minnesota 3
Atlanta (ss) 6, Miami 6, tie
Baltimore (ss) 7, Boston (ss) 3
St. Louis 4, Washington (ss) 4, tie, 10 innings
San Diego 4, Cleveland 4, tie, 10 innings
Arizona (ss) 5, L.A. Angels 2
Texas 5, L.A. Dodgers (ss) 5, tie
Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 0
Seattle (ss) 18, San Francisco 3
Arizona (ss) 8, Chicago White Sox 4
Milwaukee 7, Kansas City 6
Colorado 5, Oakland 4
Baltimore (ss) 13, Boston (ss) 2
Seattle (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay vs. N.Y Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Pittsburgh (ss) at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S TEXAS SUMS

RANGERS 5, DODGERS (SS) 5
At Surprise, Ariz.

Los Angeles (N) (ss)...	001	101	002	—	5	9	2
Texas...	010	010	003	—	5	8	0

Maholm, S.Rosin (4), C.Frias (7), Demel (9) and A.Ellis. Boscan Scheppers, N.Martinez (3), R.Ross (4), A.Rodriguez (6), Feliz (7), L.Bonilla (8), R.Mendez (9) and Arencibia. B.Nicholas

YANKEES 9, ASTROS (SS) 6
At Kissimmee, Fla.

New York (A)...	022	003	200	—911	0
Houston (ss)...	210	030	000	—612	3

Nova, Banuelos (5), C.Whitley (5), Cabral (6), Herndon (7), F.Lewis (8), Leroux (9) and Cervelli. Au, Romine, Cosart, De Leon (2), D.Downs (3), Qualls (5), Cisnero (6), J.Buchanan (7), N.Tropeano (9) and J.Castro. Stassi- W—C Whitley, L—Cisnero. Sv—Leroux. HRs—New York (A): Ke.Johnson (1). Houston: Carter (1).

PHILLIES 11, ASTROS (SS) 3
At Clearwater, Fla.

Houston (ss)...	001	002	000	—3	5	2
Philadelphia...	000	034	31x	—1112	0

Keuchel, McHugh (4), J.Stoffel (6), L.Cruz (7), D.Martinez (7), Lo (8), B.Doran (8) and Corporan. R.Garcia, T.Herneman, Ro.Hernandez, K.Munson (4), Biddle (6), Bastardo (7), Diekman (8), Camp (9) and C.Ruiz. Nieves. W—Biddle. L—McHugh. HRs—Philadelphia: Asche (1), C.Ruiz (2).

NHLSTANDINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	63	41	17	5	87	199	141
Montreal	65	35	23	7	77	166	162
Toronto	65	34	23	8	76	193	198
Tampa Bay	64	34	24	6	74	183	167
Detroit	63	29	21	13	71	171	176
Ottawa	64	28	25	11	67	182	209
Florida	63	24	32	7	55	154	201
Buffalo	63	19	36	8	46	127	186

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	63	42	17	4	88	201	157
Philadelphia	64	33	24	7	73	183	188
N.Y Rangers	64	34	26	4	72	166	152
Columbus	64	33	26	5	71	186	178
Washington	65	30	25	10	70	191	197
New Jersey	65	28	24	13	69	161	167
Carolina	64	27	28	9	63	160	184
N.Y Islanders	66	24	33	9	57	181	224

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	63	43	14	6	92	208	143
Chicago	64	37	13	14	88	221	171
Colorado	64	41	18	5	87	196	170
Minnesota	63	34	22	7	75	156	154
Dallas	64	31	23	10	72	185	179
Winnipeg	65	30	28	7	67	180	189
Nashville	64	26	28	10	62	152	191

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	64	43	14	7	93	207	157
San Jose	64	40	17	7	87	195	157
Los Angeles	64	36	22	6	78	156	135
Phoenix	64	29	24	11	69	177	185
Vancouver	65	28	27	10	66	151	173
Calgary	63	25	31	7	57	149	189
Edmonton	64	22	34	8	52	160	208

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores

Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO
Ottawa 5, Winnipeg 3
St. Louis 2, Colorado 1
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
New Jersey 5, Carolina 4
Washington 3, Phoenix 2
Columbus 1, Nashville 0
Dallas 4, Minnesota 3
Calgary at Vancouver, late
Montreal at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Detroit at N.Y Rangers, 11:30 a.m.
Boston at Florida, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

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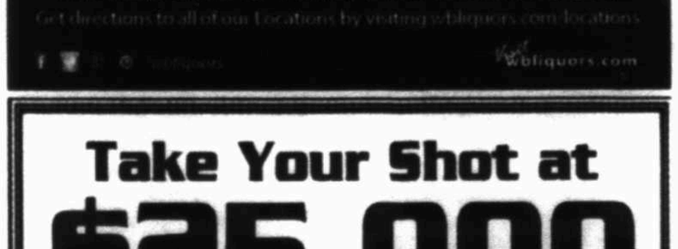
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Reed builds 2-shot lead at Doral

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. — Patrick Reed turned his game around in four holes Saturday and wound up with a 3-under 69 in much tamer conditions at Doral, giving him a two-shot lead at the Cadillac Championship going into a final round that will prominently feature Tiger Woods for the first time this year.

Reed rolled in a 40-foot eagle putt on No. 3, and started the back nine with consecutive birdies. He drove the green on the par-4 16th for a two-putt birdie and wound up with a two-shot lead over PGA champion Jason Dufner (68) and Hunter Mahan, who bogeyed his last hole for a 71.

Woods delivered the low round of the tournament and his best round of the year.

He made three birdie putts of about 15 feet or longer on the back nine, including a 35-footer down the slope on the par-5 15th, and had a 6-under 66. His goal was to get back to even par for the tournament and hope to be within five shots of the leader.

It turned out much better.

Woods was one of five players who were under par, and he goes into Sunday only three shots behind as he tries to win at Doral for the fifth time. Jamie Donaldson of Wales escaped from the palm trees right of the 18th and made par for a 71 to share fourth place with Woods.

"It was nice to get back in the tournament again," Woods said.

Reed will be going for his third win in his last 14 starts dating to the Wyndham Championship in August. He was at 4-under 212, the highest score to lead after 54 holes at Doral since a three-way tie at 212 in 1985.

Asked what it would be like to see Woods in a red shirt ahead of him on Sunday, Reed didn't seem bothered.

"That's fine. I've seen Tiger a lot on the driving range. Never had the opportunity to play with him and I still haven't been able to play with him," he said. "Whenever he's close to the lead, he's a guy you have to watch out for. But at the same time, I have to go and just play my own game."

Reed did that beautifully playing with Dustin Johnson, which he said is the reason he had his second 54-hole lead of the year. He earlier won the Humana Challenge.

The lack of big wind certainly helped with scoring and attitudes on Saturday. The average scores was 72.6, compared with 76.0 in the second round, allowing for plenty of movement on the leaderboard on a sunny afternoon in Miami.

"Now it's playing more like a normal course," Woods said.

A dozen players were within five shots of the lead going into today.

PRO GOLF SCORES

PGA

Cadillac Championship Scores
Saturday
At Trump National Doral (Blue Monster)
Doral, Fla.
Purse: $9 million
Yardage: 7,481; Par: 72
Third Round

Patrick Reed	68-75-69—212
Jason Dufner	69-77-68—214
Hunter Mahan	69-74-71—214
Tiger Woods	76-73-66—215
Jamie Donaldson	74-70-71—215
Miguel A. Jimenez	70-77-69—216
Zach Johnson	70-75-71—216
Dustin Johnson	69-74-73—216
Jimmy Walker	73-77-67—217
Richard Sterne	74-73-70—217
Bubba Watson	73-72-72—217
Graeme McDowell	73-71-73—217
Matt Kuchar	69-74-74—217
Phil Mickelson	74-75-69—218
Branden Grace	75-74-69—218
Bill Haas	73-76-69—218
Ryan Moore	70-79-69—218
Nick Watney	72-75-71—218
Joost Luiten	76-72-71—219
Rory McIlroy	70-74-75—219
Graham DeLaet	78-72-70—220
Stephen Gallacher	75-75-70—220
Hideki Matsuyama	72-77-71—220
Adam Scott	75-73-72—220
Harris English	69-77-74—220
Hyung-Sung Kim	72-74-74—220
Francesco Molinari	69-75-76—220
Justin Rose	74-77-70—221
Peter Uihlein	73-77-71—221
Louis Oosthuizen	72-78-71—221
Gary Woodland	72-78-71—221
Kevin Streelman	75-74-72—221
Scott Hend	72-76-73—221
George Coetzee	74-74-73—221
Thongchai Jaidee	73-74-74—221
Brandt Snedeker	73-73-75—221
Ian Poulter	71-78-73—222
Charl Schwartzel	70-76-76—222
Chris Kirk	75-71-76—222
Darren Fichardt	73-78-72—223
Thomas Bjorn	75-75-73—223
Sergio Garcia	74-76-73—223
Henrik Stenson	73-76-74—223
Lee Westwood	75-79-70—224
Luke Donald	70-82-72—224
Kevin Stadler	77-76-72—225
Jordan Spieth	73-79-73—225
Rickie Fowler	76-75-74—225
Keegan Bradley	74-76-75—225
Russell Henley	72-78-75—225
Billy Horschel	77-78-71—226
Steve Stricker	77-78-71—226
Ernie Els	75-78-73—226
Matteo Manassero	76-76-74—226
Jonas Blixt	79-72-75—226
Webb Simpson	80-78-70—228
Martin Kaymer	75-80-73—228
Victor Dubuisson	72-81-75—228
Boo Weekley	75-75-78—228
Jin Jeong	75-75-78—228
Brendon de Jonge	76-79-74—229
Jim Furyk	78-77-75—230
Roberto Castro	74-78-78—230
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	77-77-77—231
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Dawie van der Walt	81-83-71—235
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	74-82-79—235
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Puerto Rico Open Scores
Saturday
At Trump International Golf Club-Puerto Rico
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
Purse: $3.5 million
Yardage: 7,506; Par: 72
Third Round

Chesson Hadley	68-65-67—200
Danny Lee	67-68-66—201
Jason Gore	67-69-66—202
Jonathan Byrd	69-66-67—202
Carl Pettersson	71-66-66—203
Jerry Kelly	69-67-67—203
David Toms	72-64-67—203
George McNeill	69-67-68—204
Rafael Cabrera Bello	69-67-68—204
Andrew Loupe	70-70-65—205
Richard H. Lee	69-68-68—205
Ricky Barnes	68-68-69—205
Ben Martin	68-67-70—205
Wes Roach	69-66-70—205
Tim Petrovic	68-72-66—206
Brad Fritsch	71-68-67—206
Ted Potter, Jr.	71-70-65—206
Steven Bowditch	69-70-67—206
Eric Axley	68-66-72—206
Robert Streb	69-72-66—207
Jim Herman	69-70-68—207
Ryan Sullivan	69-70-68—207
Robert Karlsson	71-67-69—207
David Hearn	70-68-69—207
Greg Owen	69-67-71—207
James Driscoll	69-63-75—207
Ryuji Imada	73-67-68—208
Michael Thompson	71-69-68—208
Chris Stroud	73-67-68—208
Andrew Svoboda	74-66-68—208
Ryo Ishikawa	70-69-69—208
William McGirt	68-71-69—208
Bud Cauley	69-67-72—208
Brooks Koepka	72-68-69—209
Kevin Kisner	71-69-69—209
Hudson Swafford	72-68-69—209
Lee Williams	71-70-68—209
Y.E. Yang	68-70-71—209
Jamie Lovemark	73-65-71—209
Tyrone Van Aswegen	69-68-72—209
John Rollins	69-69-71—209
Trevor Immelman	74-66-70—210
Martin Flores	72-69-69—210
Peter Malnati	73-68-69—210
Alex Cejka	69-73-68—210
Brian Stuard	66-71-73—210
John Daly	74-69-67—210
Rafael Campos	74-69-67—210
Cameron Beckman	69-71-71—211
David Skinns	74-66-71—211
Edward Loar	69-70-72—211
Will Wilcox	71-71-69—211
Brady Watt	71-69-72—212
Nicolas Colsaerts	70-69-73—212
Scott Langley	72-70-70—212
Sean O'Hair	75-67-70—212
Joe Ogilvie	74-67-72—213
Bronson La'Cassie	71-70-72—213
Jesper Parnevik	69-73-71—213
Seung-Yul Noh	72-70-71—213
Jhonattan Vegas	74-68-71—213
Emiliano Grillo	71-71-71—213
Stephen Ames	70-72-71—213
Matt Bettencourt	71-71-71—213
Scott Brown	70-73-70—213
Daniel Chopra	74-66-74—214
Vaughn Taylor	72-71-71—214
Marco Dawson	70-73-71—214
Fred Funk	71-72-71—214
Harrison Frazar	72-71-71—214
Max Homa	73-70-71—214
Made cut did not finish	
Rod Pampling	70-71-74—215
Brice Garnett	70-72-73—215

AUTORACING

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NASCAR Nationwide-Boyd Gaming 300
Results
Saturday
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas, Nev.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200 laps, 150 rating, 0 points.
2. (7) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200, 122.7, 0.
3. (4) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200, 106.5, 0.
4. (3) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 200, 118.4, 0.
5. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200, 110.3, 39.
6. (6) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 200, 115.6, 0.
7. (5) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 200, 104.6, 37.
8. (17) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 200, 96.8, 36.
9. (12) Chris Buescher, Ford, 200, 86.8, 35.
10. (10) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 199, 90.4, 34.
11. (1) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 198, 96.9, 34.
12. (11) Matt Crafton, Chevrolet, 198, 87.8, 0.
13. (13) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 198, 88.3, 31.
14. (20) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 198, 78.4, 30.
15. (15) Ryan Reed, Ford, 197, 72.6, 29.
16. (16) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 197, 72.3, 28.
17. (19) David Ragan, Ford, 197, 73.2, 0.
18. (14) James Buescher, Toyota, 197, 75.4, 26.
19. (24) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 196, 63.7, 25.
20. (18) Blake Koch, Toyota, 195, 67.1, 24.
21. (25) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, 195, 82.7, 0.
22. (22) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 195, 69.2, 0.
23. (21) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 194, 54.6, 21.
24. (8) Dylan Kwasniewski, Chevrolet, 193, 73.2, 20.
25. (27) Tanner Berryhill, Dodge, 193, 55.4, 19.
26. (28) Mike Wallace, Dodge, 192, 52.3, 18.
27. (30) Eric McClure, Toyota, 192, 43, 17.
28. (38) Ryan Ellis, Toyota, 191, 44, 0.
29. (26) Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 190, 37.7, 15.
30. (37) Daryl Harr, Chevrolet, 190, 44.1, 14.
31. (39) Robert Richardson Jr., Chevrolet, 190, 38, 13.
32. (29) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 190, 48.1, 12.
33. (31) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 189, 35.9, 11.
34. (33) Kevin Lepage, Dodge, 188, 35.7, 10.
35. (35) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 178, 33.1, 9.
36. (36) Joey Gase, Toyota, engine, 133, 29.2, 8.
37. (23) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, suspension, 82, 50.8, 0.
38. (40) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, electrical, 8, 32.5, 6.
39. (34) Tommy Joe Martins, Ford, rear gear, 8, 30.2, 5.
40. (32) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 3, 29.9, 4.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 131.997 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 16 minutes, 22 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 0.348 seconds.

Caution Flags: 5 for 27 laps.

Lead Changes: 11 among 5 drivers.

Lap Leaders: T.Dillon 1-6; B.Keselowski 7; T.Dillon 8; B.Keselowski 9-68; M.Kenseth 69-74; B.Keselowski 75-119; K.Busch 120-121; K.Larson 122-130; K.Busch 131-157; M.Kenseth 158; K.Busch 159-162; B.Keselowski 163-200.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): B.Keselowski, 4 times for 144 laps; K.Busch, 3 times for 33 laps; K.Larson, 1 time for 9 laps; M.Kenseth, 2 times for 7 laps; T.Dillon, 2 times for 7 laps.

Top 10 in Points: 1. R.Smith, 117; 2. T.Bayne, 114; 3. E.Sadler, 108; 4. T.Dillon, 105; 5. C.Elliott, 103; 6. B.Scott, 97; 7. B.Gaughan, 94; 8. D.Kwasniewski, 87; 9. J.Buescher, 86; 10. M.Bliss, 81.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

NASCAR-Sprint Cup-Kobalt 400 Lineup
After Friday qualifying; race today
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas, Nev.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 193.278 mph.
2. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 193.099.
3. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 192.713.
4. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 192.678.
5. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 192.596.
6. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 192.596.
7. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 192.397.
8. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 192.335.
9. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 192.26.
10. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 191.939.
11. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 191.591.
12. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 191.51.
13. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 191.659.
14. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 191.618.
15. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 191.618.
16. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 191.598.
17. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 191.496.
18. (47) A J Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 191.489.
19. (66) Jeff Burton, Toyota, 191.435.
20. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 191.381.
21. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 190.934.
22. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 190.543.
23. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 190.503.
24. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 189.514.
25. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 190.396.
26. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 189.893.
27. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 189.767.
28. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 189.647.
29. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 189.328.
30. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 189.261.
31. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 188.851.
32. (30) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 188.838.
33. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 188.686.
34. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 188.429.
35. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 188.271.
36. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 188.166.
37. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
38. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
39. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, Owner Points.
40. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
41. (33) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
42. (32) Travis Kvapil, Ford, Owner Points.
43. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, Owner Points.

Failed to Qualify

44. (35) Blake Koch, Ford, 186.683.
45. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 186.207.
46. (77) Dave Blaney, Ford, 186.143.
47. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 182.822.
48. (44) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 181.044.

TECH

From 1C

finally broke through for their first lead in almost 17 minutes with a Tolbert dunk to put them up 29-27 with 16:35 to go.

The lead didn't last long as Walker, Ridley and Connor Lammert kept Texas within reach before a 7-0 run, capped off with a Walker 3-pointer with 12:19 left, put the Longhorns back in front 38-33.

The teams exchanged buckets for a few minutes until a Marcus Holland layup bumped the lead to seven, the Longhorns' largest of the night, 44-37, with 9:23 to go.

Tech's Kravic displayed athleticism for a 7-footer when he saved a would-be out-of-bounds ball that found its way into Randy Onwuasor's hands. Onwuasor missed an off-balance layup but Kravic answered with one and drew a foul to set up a possible 3-point play.

The shot from the line didn't fall but the fans at the United Spirit Arena began to sense that a comeback might be brewing.

Toddrick Gotcher made a pair of free throws to cap off an 8-1 run and tie it 45-45 with 6 minutes to go.

The crowd erupted when Crockett slammed down an alley-oop from Gotcher with 4:45 to go to put Tech up 49-46.

Jonathan Holmes then made a pair of free throws to cut it back to one until the home crowd and the home team took over when Crockett drained a 3-pointer with just a few seconds left on the shot clock to boost Texas Tech ahead 52-48 with 1:56 left in the game.

Tolbert followed suit with a 3-point shot that swirled through the net and secured the win with 1:07 to go as the junior became the 37th Red Raider in history to score 1,000 career points.

The two late 3-pointers were the only ones of the game for the Red Raiders, who were 2 of 12 from long range.

Texas was forced to foul but the Red Raiders' ace free-throw shooter, Dusty Hannahs, made all four in the final minute to send the seniors out in style.

Despite making obvious progress in his first year as Texas Tech coach, Tubby Smith, with a 14-17 record, is facing his first losing season in 23 years of being a head coach.

TEXAS TOURNEY ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Women

BIG 12 TOURNAMENT
NO. 9 BAYLOR 81
KANSAS 47

OKLAHOMA CITY — Nina Davis scored 20 points to help No. 9 Baylor rout Kansas 81-47 Saturday in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament.

Odyssey Sims, the nation's scoring leader and Big 12 Player of the Year, added 15 points for the top-seeded Lady Bears (27-4). Baylor, the three-time defending tournament champion, advanced to play No. 18 Oklahoma State in the semifinals on Sunday. OSU defeated Iowa State 67-57 in the opener at Chesapeake Energy Arena.

Baylor has won 13 of 14 since losing at Kansas 76-60 on Jan 19, including two victories over Oklahoma State.

Chelsea Gardner had 21 points and nine rebounds and Dakota Gonzalez added 10 points and six rebounds for No. 8 seed Kansas (13-19), which shot just 34 percent from the field and suffered its worst loss of the season. The Jayhawks were coming off an 87-84 overtime win over Kansas State the night before.

NO. 7 WEST VIRGINIA 67
TCU 59

OKLAHOMA CITY — Asya Bussie had 18 points and 13 rebounds to help No. 7 West Virginia defeat TCU 67-59 Saturday night in the Big Ten women's tournament quarterfinals.

Taylor Palmer scored 11 points and Christal Caldwell added 10 for the Mountaineers, who won their 11th consecutive game and advanced to Sunday's semifinals.

West Virginia (28-3) won all three meetings with TCU this season, but by just a combined 16 points.

Zahna Medley scored a season-high 32 points for the Horned Frogs (18-14) and missed matching her career high by three points. She made 8 of 17 field goals and 6 of 12 3-pointers. None of her teammates scored more than six points.

TCU made just 2 of 11 3-pointers in the second half after making 4 of 8 in the first.

The Mountaineers outrebounded the Horned Frogs 42-27.

TEXAS 82
OKLAHOMA 72

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chassidy Fussell scored 16 points and Nneka Enemkpali added 13 rebounds as third-seeded Texas defeated No. 6 seed Oklahoma 82-72 in the Big 12 quarterfinals on Saturday night.

Imani McGee-Stafford added 15 points and Enemkpali chipped in 10 for Texas (21-10), which will go up against second-seeded and seventh-ranked West Virginia (28-3) in the semifinals on Sunday.

Oklahoma (18-14) held a seven-point advantage at the break — despite shooting 37.9 percent from the floor — after the Sooners knocked down eight 3-pointers in the first half. The Longhorns opened up the second half on a 12-2 run, however, to take the lead for good.

The Sooners, who shot 50 percent (8 of 16) from distance at the break, cooled off in the second half, finishing with 13 3-pointers on 33 attempts. Aaryn Ellenberg scored 21 points for Oklahoma and Sharane Campbell added 12.

SEC TOURNAMENT
NO. 6 TENNESSEE 86
NO. 15 TEXAS A&M 77

DULUTH, Ga. — Isabelle Harrison had 20 points and 13 rebounds and No. 6 Tennessee held off No. 15 Texas A&M 86-77 on Saturday to earn a spot in the Southeastern Conference tournament championship game.

Tennessee (26-5) will play No. 12 Kentucky for the SEC title on Sunday. Kentucky beat No. 5 South Carolina 68-58 in Saturday's first semifinal.

Meighan Simmons had 15 points and Bashaara Graves had 14 for Tennessee.

Courtney Walker led Texas A&M with 26 points. Courtney Williams added 22, but the high-scoring sophomores were not enough to beat the Lady Vols.

Texas A&M (24-8), the defending champion, led by 10 points in the first half but couldn't match Tennessee's inside game. The Lady Vols took a 48-26 advantage in rebounds and scored 50 points in the paint.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

Men

Saturday'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Florida (29-2) beat No. 25 Kentucky 84-65. Next: SEC tournament.
2. Wichita State (33-0) beat Missouri State 67-42. Next: vs. Indiana State, Sunday.
3. Arizona (28-3) lost to Oregon 64-57. Next: Pac-12 tournament.
4. Duke (24-7) beat No. 14 North Carolina 93-81. Next: ACC tournament.
5. Virginia (25-5) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Sunday.
6. Villanova (28-3) beat Georgetown 77-59. Next: Big East tournament.
7. Syracuse (26-4) at Florida State. Next: ACC tournament.
8. Kansas (23-8) lost to West Virginia 92-86. Next: vs. Oklahoma State or Texas Tech, Thursday.
9. Wisconsin (25-5) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Sunday.
10. San Diego State (27-3) beat No. 21 New Mexico 51-48. Next: MWC tournament.
11. Louisville (26-5) beat No. 19 UConn 81-48. Next: AAC tournament.
12. Michigan (23-7) beat Indiana 84-80. Next: Big Ten tournament.
13. Creighton (24-6) beat Providence 88-73. Next: Big East tournament.
14. North Carolina (23-8) lost to No. 4 Duke 93-81. Next: ACC tournament.
15. Cincinnati (26-5) beat Rutgers 70-66. Next: vs. Temple or UCF, Thursday.
16. Iowa State (23-7) beat Oklahoma State 85-81, OT. Next: vs. Kansas State, Thursday.
17. Saint Louis (25-5) did not play. Next: at UMass, Sunday.
18. **SMU (23-8) lost to No. 20 Memphis 67-58. Next: vs. Houston, Thursday.**
19. UConn (24-7) lost to No. 11 Louisville 81-48. Next: vs. No. 20 Memphis, Thursday.
20. Memphis (23-8) beat No. 18 SMU 67-58. Next: vs. No. 19 UConn, Thursday.
21. New Mexico (24-6) lost to No. 10 San Diego State 51-48. Next: MWC tournament.
22. Michigan State (23-7) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Sunday.
23. Oklahoma (23-8) beat TCU 97-67. Next: vs. Baylor or TCU Thursday.
24. Iowa (20-11) lost to Illinois 66-63. Next: Big Ten tournament.
25. Kentucky (22-9) lost to No. 1 Florida 84-65. Next: SEC tournament.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 83, MVSU 68
Auburn 69, Texas A&M 64
Grand Canyon 79, Texas-Pan American 78, OT
Incarnate Word 59, Abilene Christian 56
Louisiana-Lafayette 77, Arkansas St. 76
Louisiana-Monroe 66, UALR 65
McNeese St. 79, Houston Baptist 77
Oklahoma 97, TCU 67
SE Louisiana 71, Lamar 62
Sam Houston St. 80, New Orleans 61
Stephen F. Austin 85, Cent. Arkansas 61
Texas A&M-CC 58, Nicholls St. 44
Texas Tech 59, Texas 53

SOUTH

Alabama 83, Arkansas 58
Alabama A&M 80, Grambling St. 63
Alabama St. 67, Jackson St. 63
Alcorn St. 64, Prairie View 62
Duke 93, North Carolina 81
Duquesne 81, George Mason 69
Florida 84, Kentucky 65
Georgia 69, LSU 61
Georgia St. 73, W. Kentucky 55
Georgia Tech 62, Virginia Tech 51
Louisville 81, UConn 48
Memphis 67, SMU 58
Miami 69, Wake Forest 56
Mississippi 65, Vanderbilt 62
Northwestern St. 88, Oral Roberts 82
Pittsburgh 83, Clemson 78, OT
South Alabama 78, Texas-Arlington 73
South Carolina 74, Mississippi St. 62
Temple 66, South Florida 65
Tennessee 72, Missouri 45
Texas Southern 67, Southern U. 64
Troy 72, Texas St. 50
VCU 86, St. Bonaventure 67

FAR WEST

Air Force 64, Boise St. 61, OT
California 66, Colorado 65, OT
Long Beach St. 74, UC Riverside 67
N. Arizona 67, Montana 47
N. Colorado 77, S. Utah 52
Oregon 64, Arizona 57
Oregon St. 78, Arizona St. 76, OT
Sacramento St. 84, Montana St. 59
Stanford 61, Utah 60
UC Irvine 74, UC Davis 46
UC Santa Barbara 71, Cal Poly 55
Washington 82, Southern Cal 75
Weber St. 82, E. Washington 78
Wyoming 83, Colorado St. 75

MIDWEST

Baylor 76, Kansas St. 74
Butler 71, Seton Hall 54
Chicago St. 67, Seattle 53
Creighton 88, Providence 73
Dayton 60, Richmond 48
Illinois 66, Iowa 63
Iowa St. 85, Oklahoma St. 81, OT
Michigan 84, Indiana 80
N. Illinois 70, Ball St. 56
Ohio 82, Miami (Ohio) 76, OT
St. John's 91, Marquette 90, 2OT
Toledo 77, E. Michigan 66

EAST

Buffalo 88, Bowling Green 65
Cincinnati 70, Rutgers 66
Dartmouth 69, Yale 61
George Washington 70, Fordham 67
Harvard 98, Brown 93, OT
Penn 69, Cornell 65
Princeton 74, Columbia 64
Villanova 77, Georgetown 59
West Virginia 92, Kansas 86

TOURNAMENT

America East Conference
First Round

Albany (NY) 86, UMBC 56
Hartford 69, Binghamton 42
Stony Brook 80, Maine 54
Vermont 77, New Hampshire 60

Big South Conference
Semifinals

Coastal Carolina 66, VMI 62
Winthrop 80, UNC Asheville 79

Colonial Athletic Association
Quarterfinals

Delaware 87, Hofstra 76
Northeastern 90, Drexel 81
Towson 80, James Madison 71
William & Mary 70, Coll. of Charleston 59

Horizon League
Semifinals

Wright St. 68, Cleveland St. 63

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals

Canisius 71, Siena 65
Iona 94, Rider 71
Manhattan 72, St. Peter's 58
Quinnipiac 89, Marist 80

Missouri Valley Conference
Semifinals

Indiana St. 62, S. Illinois 59
Wichita St. 67, Missouri St. 42

Northeast Conference
Semifinals

Mount St. Mary's 77, Wagner 72
Robert Morris 60, St. Francis (Pa.) 57

Ohio Valley Conference
Championship

E. Kentucky 79, Belmont 73

Patriot League
Semifinals

American U. 57, Holy Cross 46
Boston U. 91, Army 70

Southern Conference
Quarterfinals

Davidson 77, Samford 54
Georgia Southern 62, Chattanooga 55
W. Carolina 66, Elon 64
Wofford 68, The Citadel 51

Summit League
First Round

IPFW 85, IUPUI 47

West Coast Conference
Quarterfinals

BYU 85, Loyola Marymount 74
Gonzaga 77, Santa Clara 75
San Francisco 69, San Diego 60

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTH

Virginia at Maryland, 11 a.m.
Syracuse at Florida St., 1 p.m.
Boston College at NC State, 5 p.m.

MIDWEST

Northwestern at Purdue, 11 a.m.
Michigan St. at Ohio St., 3:30 p.m.
Penn St. at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
Wisconsin at Nebraska, 6:30 p.m.

EAST

Saint Louis at UMass, 1 p.m.
La Salle at Saint Joseph's, 3 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS

America East Conference
At SEFCU Arena
Albany, N.Y.
Semifinals

Vermont vs. Albany (N.Y.), 4 p.m.
Stony Brook vs. Hartford, 6:30 p.m.

Atlantic Sun Conference
Championship

Mercer at Florida Gulf Coast, 2 p.m.

Big South Conference
At The HTC Center
Conway, S.C.
Championship

Winthrop vs. Coastal Carolina, 11 a.m.

Colonial Athletic Association
At Baltimore Arena
Semifinals

Delaware vs. Northeastern, 1:30 p.m.
Towson vs. William & Mary, 4 p.m.

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
At MassMutual Center
Springfield, Mass.
Semifinals

Iona vs. Canisius, 3:30 p.m.
Manhattan vs. Quinnipiac-Marist winner, 6 p.m.

Missouri Valley Conference
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Championship

Wichita State vs. Indiana State, 1:05 p.m.

Southern Conference
At U.S. Cellular Center
Asheville, N.C.
Semifinals

Davidson vs. Western Carolina, 5 p.m.
Georgia Southern vs. Wofford, 7:30 p.m.

Summit League
At Sioux Falls Arena
Sioux Falls, S.D.
First Round

Denver vs. South Dakota, 6 p.m.
South Dakota State vs. Western Illinois, 8:30 p.m.

Women

SATURDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (32-0) beat Cincinnati 72-42. Next: vs. No. 24 Rutgers, Sunday.
2. Notre Dame (31-0) beat No. 14 N.C. State 83-48. Next: vs. No. 10 Duke, Sunday.
3. Louisville (29-3) beat Houston 88-43. Next: vs. South Florida, Sunday.
4. Stanford (28-3) lost to Southern Cal 72-68. Next: vs. TBA.
5. South Carolina (27-4) lost to No. 12 Kentucky 68-58. Next: TBD.
6. Tennessee (25-5) beat No. 15 Texas A&M 86-77. Next: vs. No. 12 Kentucky, Sunday.
7. West Virginia (28-3) beat TCU 67-59. Next: vs. Texas, Sunday.
8. Maryland (24-6) did not play. Next: TBA.
9. **Baylor (27-4) beat Kansas 81-47. Next: vs. No. 18 Oklahoma State, Sunday.**
10. Duke (27-5) beat No. 13 North Carolina 66-61. Next: vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, Sunday.
11. Penn State (22-7) did not play. Next: TBA.
12. Kentucky (24-7) beat No. 5 South Carolina 68-58. Next: vs. No. 6 Tennessee, Sunday.
13. North Carolina (24-9) lost to No. 10 Duke 66-61. Next: TBD.
14. N.C. State (25-7) lost to No. 2 Notre Dame 83-48. Next: TBD.
15. **Texas A&M (24-8) lost to No. 6 Tennessee 86-77. Next: TBD.**
16. Nebraska (24-6) beat No. 19 Michigan State 86-58. Next: vs. No. 23 Iowa, Sunday or TBA.
17. Purdue (21-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
18. Oklahoma State (23-7) beat Iowa State 67-57. Next: vs. No. 9 Baylor, Sunday.
19. Michigan State (22-9) lost to No. 16 Nebraska 86-58. Next: TBA.
20. California (21-9) did not play. Next: TBA.
21. Gonzaga (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Monday.
22. Middle Tennessee (26-4) did not play. Next: Conference USA quarterfinals, Thursday.
23. Iowa (25-7) beat Ohio State 77-73. Next: vs. No. 16 Nebraska, Sunday.
24. Rutgers (22-8) beat SMU 68-49. Next: vs. No. 1 UConn, Sunday.
25. DePaul (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Sunday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 90, Louisiana-Lafayette 49
Houston Baptist 77, McNeese St. 67
Lamar 92, SE Louisiana 77
MVSU 68, Ark.-Pine Bluff 67, OT
Sam Houston St. 67, New Orleans 56
Stephen F. Austin 61, Cent. Arkansas 41
Texas A&M-CC 59, Nicholls St. 55
UALR 72, Louisiana-Monroe 62

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 67, Grambling St. 66
Alcorn St. 55, Prairie View 48
Florida Gulf Coast 74, Stetson 73, OT
Jackson St. 61, Alabama St. 51
Jacksonville 67, Mercer 65
N. Kentucky 58, ETSU 50
North Florida 50, Kennesaw St. 46
Northwestern St. 71, Oral Roberts 49
SC-Upstate 91, Lipscomb 71
South Alabama 60, Texas-Arlington 57, OT
Southern U. 71, Texas Southern 66
Texas St. 85, Troy 92
W. Kentucky 79, Georgia St. 63

MIDWEST

Ball St. 69, Toledo 56
Bowling Green 77, Akron 76
Bradley 86, S. Illinois 68
Drake 67, Illinois St. 66
E. Michigan 99, Cent. Michigan 84, OT
Evansville 77, Loyola of Chicago 63
Green Bay 72, Detroit 52
Indiana St. 85, N. Iowa 72
Miami (Ohio) 68, Ohio 63
N. Illinois 59, W. Michigan 51
Oakland 79, Milwaukee 66
Wright St. 101, Valparaiso 80
Youngstown St. 94, Cleveland St. 81

FAR WEST

CS Bakersfield 66, Utah Valley 51
Cal Poly 79, UC Santa Barbara 68
Cal St.-Fullerton 61, Hawaii 42
E. Washington 68, Weber St. 60
Grand Canyon 77, Texas-Pan American 55
Idaho 70, UMKC 63
Idaho St. 79, Portland St. 64
Long Beach St. 89, UC Riverside 81
Montana 83, N. Arizona 66
Montana St. 81, Sacramento St. 63
S. Utah 63, N. Colorado 48
Seattle 75, Chicago St. 63
UC Irvine 68, UC Davis 55

EAST

Buffalo 64, Kent St. 51
Harvard 87, Brown 67
Hofstra 77, NJIT 68
Penn 50, Cornell 43
Princeton 92, Columbia 48
Yale 57, Dartmouth 41

TOURNAMENT

American Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals

Louisville 88, Houston 43
Rutgers 68, SMU 49
South Florida 72, Temple 44
UConn 72, Cincinnati 42

Atlantic 10
Conference Semifinals

Dayton 89, George Washington 68
Fordham 73, St. Bonaventure 32

Atlantic Coast Conference
Semifinals

Duke 66, North Carolina 61
Notre Dame 83, NC State 48

Big 12 Conference
Quarterfinals

Baylor 81, Kansas 47
Oklahoma St. 67, Iowa St. 57
Texas 82, Oklahoma 72
West Virginia 67, TCU 59

Big East Conference
First Round

Georgetown 56, Xavier 37
Seton Hall 88, Providence 79

Big South Conference
Semifinals

High Point 73, Campbell 69
Winthrop 65, Liberty 59

Big Ten Conference
Semifinals

Iowa 77, Ohio St. 73
Nebraska 86, Michigan St. 58

Ohio Valley Conference
Championship

UT-Martin 78, Belmont 66

Pacific-12 Conference
Semifinals

Southern Cal 72, Stanford 68

Southeastern Conference
Semifinals

Kentucky 68, South Carolina 58
Tennessee 86, Texas A&M 77

Southern Conference
Quarterfinals

Chattanooga 66, Georgia Southern 57
Davidson 55, Samford 42
Elon 59, Appalachian St. 56
W. Carolina 75, Furman 70

Summit League
First Round

IUPUI 72, N. Dakota St. 64

TODAY'S GAMES
TOURNAMENTS

Big 12 Conference
At Chesapeake Energy Arena
Oklahoma City
Semifinals

Oklahoma State vs. Baylor, 2 p.m.
West Virginia vs. Texas, 4:30 p.m.

America East Conference
At SEFCU Arena
Albany, N.Y.
Semifinals

Stony Brook vs. New Hampshire, 10 a.m.
Albany (N.Y.) vs. Hartford, 12:30 p.m.

American Athletic Conference
At Mohegan Sun Arena
Uncasville, Conn.
Semifinals

Rutgers vs. UConn, Noon
Louisville vs. South Florida, 2:30 p.m.

Atlantic Coast Conference
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Championship

Notre Dame vs. Duke, 5 p.m.

Atlantic 10 Conference
At Richmond Coliseum
Richmond, Va.
Championship

Dayton vs. Fordham, 10 a.m.

Big East Conference
Quarterfinals

St. John's vs. Seton Hall, Noon
Creighton vs. Butler, 2:30 p.m.
DePaul vs. Georgetown, 6 p.m.
Villanova vs. Marquette, 8:30 p.m.

Big South Conference
At The HTC Center
Conway, S.C.
Championship

High Point vs. Winthrop, 4 p.m.

Big Ten Conference
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Championship

Iowa vs. Nebraska, Noon

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Semifinals

Iona vs. Quinnipiac, 10 a.m.
Marist vs. Rider, 12:30 p.m.

Northeast Conference
First Round

LIU at Robert Morris, 2 p.m.
Wagner at Mount St. Mary's, 1 p.m.
Sacred Heart at St. Francis (Pa.), 2 p.m.
St. Francis (N.Y.) at Bryant, 7 p.m.

Pacific-12 Conference
At KeyArena
Seattle
Championship

Southern Cal vs. Washington St.-Oregon St. winner, 8 p.m.

Southeastern Conference
At The Arena at Gwinnett Center
Duluth, Ga.
Championship

Kentucky vs. Tennessee, 2:30 p.m.

Southern Conference
At Kimmel Arena
Semifinals

Chattanooga vs. Elon, 11 a.m.
Western Carolina vs. Davidson, 1:30 p.m.

Summit League
At Sioux Falls Arena
Sioux Falls, S.D.
First Round

South Dakota vs. Western Illinois, Noon
IPFW vs. Denver, 2:30 p.m.

MHS boys third at WT Relays

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Midland High boys track team finished third in Division I of the West Texas Relays Saturday at Ratliff Stadium.

The Bulldogs finished with 91 points, which was eight points behind Odessa Permian with 99. Cedar Hill was first with 177 points. Lee was fourth with 64 points.

MHS' Deandre Goodley came away with two golds as he won the 100 meters with a time of 10.97 seconds and also helped the 400-meter relay team with Jeremiah Sullivan, Juelion Bowers and Mazelle Justice place first with a time of 43.59. The Bulldgogs also finished third in the 800 relay and Lee was second in the 1,600 relay.

Also for MHS, Ruben Guerra won the 3,200 meters with a time of 10 minutes, 28.20 seconds, and Austin Watson won the 1,600 with a time of 4:44.16, while Guerra was third in the 1,600. The Bulldogs' Jack Youngblood was second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 42.74.

In Girls Division I, Lee's Ashley Rackow won the long jump with a leap of 16-4.5. Rackow was also third in the triple jump with a mark of 33-6.

The Midland High girls also finished second in the 400 relay and 800 relay, and the Lee girls were third in the 1,600 relay. Also, the Bulldogs' Macy Alvarez finished second in the 3,200 meters with a time of 13:21.38.

Cedar Hill also won the team crown with 154 points, followed by Odessa Permian with 126, Odessa High with 106, Midland High was fourth with 63 points, and Lee was fifth with 49.

70th West Texas Relays
Saturday, Ratliff Stadium
(Vertical jumps canceled because of high winds)
GIRLS DIVISION I

Team Totals: 1. Cedar Hill, 154 points; 2. Permian, 126; 3. Odessa High, 106; 4. Midland High, 63; 5. Midland Lee, 49; 6. Carlsbad (N.M.), 24; 7. Ozona, 21; 8. Hobbs (N.M.), 15.

Field Events

Discus: 1. Vivian Medina, Ozona, 100 feet, 5 inches (won on better second throw); 2. Amber Dominguez, Odessa High, 100-5; 3. Queen Fakunle, Cedar Hill, 97-9.5; 4. Channing Walter, Cedar Hill, 96-1; 5. Maya Wood, Odessa High, 94-6.5; 6. Kiairah Franklin, Permian, 93-9.5.

Triple jump: 1. Jasmine Brown, Odessa High, 35-1.25; 2. Kyla Glenn, Cedar Hill, 34-7.25; 3. Ashley Rackow, Lee, 33-6; 4. Akor Maywin, Permian, 33-3.5; 5. Rhianna Jones, Permian, 32-4.75; 6. Estefania Torralba, Ozona, 32-1.75.

Shot put: 1. Amber Dominguez, Odessa High, 35-0; 2. LaTasha Griffin, Permian, 34-0; 3. Carly Kantrowitz, Carlsbad, 33-1; 4. Kaylee Bodwell, Odessa High, 32-8; 5. Larissa Arenivas, Odessa High, 32-6; 6. Sjerra Haynes, Hobbs, 31-11.

Long jump: 1. Ashley Rackow, Lee, 16-4.5; 2. Shaelyn Handy, Cedar Hill, 15-11.75; 3. Dee Carden, Odessa High, 15-10.5; 4. McKenna Moses, Ozona, 15-2.5; 5. Rhianna Jones, Permian, 15-1.5; 6. Moriah Berryhill, Permian, 14-11.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Cassidy Reddell, Permian, 13 minutes, 16.95 seconds; 2. Macy Alvarez, Midland High, 13:21.38; 3. Jasmine Campos, Permian, 13:32.68; 4. Katie Alexander, Cedar Hill, 13:53.30; 5. Gabby Treto, Ozona, 14:00.66; 6. Leanna Olbera, Midland High, 14:06.17.

400 relay: 1. Cedar Hill (Nikko King, Breayna Peavie-Johnson, Jazmyn Shumaker, Holmes), 49.99; 2. Midland High, 51.01; 3. Permian, 51.04; 4. Odessa High, 52.45; 5. Midland Lee, 52.91; 6. Hobbs, 57.79.

800: 1. Miah Nelson, Permian, 2:22.16; 2. Amber Suarez, Odessa High, 2:31.18; 3. Dezirea Delao, Odessa High, 2:35.37; 4. Jayden Whitzel, Carlsbad, 2:36.19; 5. Jordyn Poindexter, Ozona, 2:39.29; 6. Kiena Allen-Singleton, Cedar Hill, 2:40.56.

100 hurdles: 1. Kyla Glenn, Cedar Hill, 15.01; 2. Porsha Parker, Permian, 16.27; 3. Matney Huber, Carlsbad, 17.09; 4. Yazmine Delao, Odessa High, 17.52; 5. Sydney Atwood, Carlsbad, 17.60; 6. Melissa Dehesa, Lee, 17.88.

100: 1. Nikko King, Cedar Hill, 13.09; 2. Jasmine Brown, Odessa High, 13.10; 3. Amber White, Hobbs, 13.40; 4. Ashley Carter, Lee, 13.46; 5. Bennajia Anderson, Midland High, 13.56; 6. Shea'teria Robinson, Midland High, 13.62.

800 relay: 1. Cedar Hill (Nikko King, Brandi Tate, Victoria Jackson, Jazmyn Shumaker), 1:44.73; 2. Midland High, 1:49.24; 3. Permian, 1:49.73; 4. Midland Lee, 1:50.96; 5. Odessa High, 1:53.05; 6. Ozona, 1:59.29.

400: 1. Miah Nelson, Permian, 1:00.81; 2. Victoria Jackson, Cedar Hill, 1:03.55; 3. Shaelyn Handy, Cedar Hill, 1:04.33; 4. Avier Guerrero, Lee, 1:04.63; 5. Amber White, Hobbs, 1:04.68; 6. Jordynn Dobson, Carlsbad, 1:05.08.

300 hurdles: 1. Porsha Parker, Permian, 48.42; 2. Kyla Glenn, Cedar Hill, 48.82; 3. Rhianna Jones, Permian, 48.91; 4. Yazmine Delao, Odessa High, 52.23; 5. Shaina Munos, Odessa High, 52.55; 6. Matney Huber, Carlsbad, 52.57.

200: 1. Alia Holmes, Cedar Hill, 25.94; 2. Jazmyn Shumaker, Cedar Hill, 26.35; 3. Jimmiriyia Goodley, Midland High, 26.65; 4. Zakymbira Lewis, Midland High, 27.19; 5. Arianna Gonzales, Permian, 27.31; 6. Brandi Tate, Cedar Hill, 27.45.

1,600: 1. Amber Suarez, Odessa High, 5:47.51; 2. Dezirea Delao, Odessa High, 5:51.48; 3. Cassidy Reddell, Permian, 6:01.27; 4. Jayden Whitzel, Carlsbad, 6:03.06; 5. Katie Alexander, Cedar Hill, 6:10.33; 6. Macy Alvarez, Midland High, 6:11.51.

1,600 relay: 1. Cedar Hill (Kyla Glenn, Victoria Jackson, Alia Holmes, Shaelyn Handy), 4:13.40; 2. Permian, 4:14.02; 3. Midland Lee, 4:18.76; 4. Midland High, 4:20.33; 5. Hobbs, 4:29.85; 6. Odessa High, 4:35.15.

BOYS DIVISION I

Team Totals: 1. Cedar Hill, 177 points; 2. Permian, 99; 3. Midland High, 91; 4. Midland Lee, 64; 5. Odessa High, 63; 6. Hobbs (N.M.), 54; 7. Carlsbad (N.M.), 10.

Field Events

Shot put: 1. Xavier Washington, Cedar Hill, 51 feet, 3 inches; 2. Clifton Coffey, Cedar Hill, 43-10; 3. Shaquille Lee, Lee, 43-4; 4. Daniel Nelson, Lee, 42-10; 5. Jordan Medrano, Permian, 42-5; 6. Eric Gonzales, Carlsbad, 40-3.

Discus: 1. Xavier Washington, Cedar Hill, 142-4; 2. Michael Whitfield, Permian, 136-2; 3. Michael Marsh, Lee, 133-6; 4. Clifton Coffey, Cedar Hill, 130-6; 5. Cameron Kemp, Hobbs, 125-2; 6. John Utsman, Midland High, 123-8.5.

Triple jump: 1. Dexter Neboh, Permian, 45-6.5; 2. Aurthur Jeffery, Cedar Hill, 44-1; 3. Ian Johnson, Lee, 43-0.25; 4. Joshua Stewart, Cedar Hill, 42-11.75; 5. Dwayne Amoyaw, Odessa High, 42-1.5; 6. Eric Haverstock, Lee, 40-5.

Long jump: 1. Dexter Neboh, Permian, 20-8.25; 2. Joshua Stewart, Cedar Hill, 20-8; 3. Darius Williams, Cedar Hill, 19-10.5; 4. Teague Runner, Carlsbad, 19-9; 5. Nick Adams, Odessa High, 19-4; 6. Nick Garcia, Midland High, 19-3.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Ruben Guerra, Midland High, 10:28.20; 2. Carlos Oregon, Hobbs, 10:30.11; 3. Manuel Porras, Hobbs, 10:32.60; 4. Aaron Ramirez, Odessa High, 10:34.80; 5. John Franco, Permian, 10:40.98; 6. Matt Tidwell, Lee, 10:45.50.

400 relay: 1. Midland High (Jeremiah Sullivan, Juleion Bowers, Mazelle Justice, Deandre Goodley), 43.59; 2. Cedar Hill, 44.13; 3. Permian, 44.87; 4. Midland Lee, 44.95; 5. Odessa High, 44.98; 6. Hobbs, 47.42.

800: 1. Samuel Carrasco, Hobbs, 2:02.36; 2. Juan Alvarado, Hobbs, 2:05.71; 3. Humberto Brito, Odessa High, 2:05.90; 4. Xavier Phillips, Cedar Hill, 2:06.05; 5. Austin Watson, Midland High, 2:07.05; 6. Kevin Johnson, Carlsbad, 2:07.74.

110 hurdles: 1. Kolton Zembas, Hobbs, 15.22; 2. Marcel Keeton, Cedar Hill, 15.28; 3. Enrique Ronquillo, Odessa High, 15.74; 4. Jack Youngblood, Midland High, 15.98; 5. Derian Galindo, Permian, 16.23; 6. Denim Rogers, Lee, 16.30.

100: 1. Deandre Goodley, Midland High, 10.97; 2. Eric Sutton, Cedar Hill, 11.26; 3. Dexter Neboh, Permian, 11.31; 4. Jaylon Jackson, Cedar Hill, 11.37; 5. Earnest Matthews, Cedar Hill, 11.39; 6. Kolby Robinson, Permian, 11.42.

800 relay: 1. Cedar Hill (Tomunci Whitfield, Darius Williams, Joshua Stewart, Josh Atkinson), 1:30.90; 2. Permian, 1:31.88; 3. Midland High, 1:33.38; 4. Midland Lee, 1:33.53; 5. Odessa High, 1:35.59; 6. Carlsbad, 1:35.78.

400: 1. Khoury Gaines, Cedar Hill, 52.72; 2. Gio Mendoza, Odessa High, 52.73; 3. Xavier Phillips, Cedar Hill, 54.08; 4. Isaiah Garza, Odessa High, 54.38; 5. Jax Welch, Permian, 54.42; 5. Anthony Rice, Cedar Hill, 54.45.

300 hurdles: 1. Marcel Keeton, Cedar Hill, 41.05; 2. Jack Youngblood, Midland High, 42.74; 3. Derian Galindo, Permian, 43.13; 4. Ty London, Permian, 43.26; 5. Blake Humble, Midland High, 43.66; 6. Enrique Ronquillo, Odessa High, 44.11.

200: 1. Malik Shinsako, Permian, 22.82; 2. Zyan Burditt, Lee, 23.13; 3. Cameron Avery, Cedar Hill, 23.19; 4. Tomunici Whitfield, Cedar Hill, 23.48; 5. Zach Stance, Permian, 23.62; 6. Tori Loud, Permian, 23.88.

1,600: 1. Austin Watson, Midland High, 4:44.16; 2. Aaron Ramirez, Odessa High, 4:44.23; 3. Ruben Guerra, Midland High, 4:46.83; 4. Chad Schmidt, Midland High, 4:48.51; 5. Humberto Brito, Odessa High, 4:52.41; 6. John Franco, Permian, 4:54.23.

1,600 relay: 1. Cedar Hill (Jaylon Jackson, Joshua Stewart, Josh Atkinson, Cameron Avery), 3:27.66; 2. Midland Lee, 3:30.85; 3. Odessa High, 3:31.51; 4. Hobbs, 3:33.76; 5. Permian, 3:33.87; 6. Carlsbad, 3:40.18.

MCS runners fare well in Brownwood

From staff reports

BROWNWOOD — Both the boys and girls Midland Christian track teams fared well during the Brownwood Bluebonnet Relay at Brownwood High School on Saturday.

The MCS boys finished second in the 3A Division with 132 points, 33 points behind host Brownwood.

Meanwhile, the MCS girls finished in a tie for third place with Lubbock Estacado in the 3A Division with 95 points. Stephenville was first with 127 points and Brownwood was second with 123.

On the boys side, the Mustang relay teams were very successful. The 400 relay team won with a time of 44.02 seconds, the 800 relay team won with a time of 1 minute, 32.91 seconds, and the 1,600 relay team won with a time of 3:34.77

Individually, Alex Causey won the 800 meters with a time of 2:06.84; and Devin Nguyen won the pole vault with a height of 14 feet, 6 inches.

For the Midland Christian girls, Kenzi McGraw won the 100 meters with a time of 12.80; the 400 relay team won with a time of 49.84; Morgan Ashton won the high jump with a leap of 5-0; and Kami Berryhill won the pole vault with a height of 12-6.

OTHERTRACKRESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GOLDEN TORNADO RELAYS
Friday, Lamesa HS
GIRLS

Team Scores: 1. Denver City, 216; 2. Greenwood, 134; 3. Abernathy, 131; 4. Lubbock Roosevelt, 65; 5. Lamesa, 55.

Individual Results
Field Events

Discus: 1. Amanda Bell, Greenwood, 103-07; 2. Allie Dewbre, Abernathy, 100-02; 3. Macey Garcia, Denver City, 89-08.

High jump: 1. Morgan McKee, Greenwood, 5-06; 2. Denisse Saenz, Denver City, 5-00; 3. (tie) Cassidee Moore, Denver City, 4-10; Kaliegh Cloyd, Greenwood, 4-10.

Long jump: 1. Nicole Cortez, Lamesa, 14-05.75; 2. Cassidee Moore, Denver City, 14-03; 3. Darby Havens, Abernathy, 14-00.

Shot put: 1. Amanda Bell, Greenwood, 33-10.50; 2. Cheyenne Deems, Denver City, 31-10; 3. Allie Bewbre, Abernathy, 30-09.

Triple jump: 1. Darby Havens, Abernathy, 31-09.50; 2. Tommie Hicks, Denver City, 31-05.75; 3. Kaitlyn Moore, Denver City, 31-04.

Pole vault: 1. Kim Miller, Abernathy, 8-00; 2. Wendy Vasquez, Denver City, 7-06; 3. Yesenia Trinidad, Denver City, 7-06.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Mireya Hernandez, Abernathy, 14:11.51; 2. Valerie Garza, Denver City, 14:35.01; 3. Paola Verdugo, Denver City, 14:35.35.

400 relay: 1. Greenwood, 50.15; 2. Denver City, 53.20; 3. Abernathy, 53.55.

800: 1. Marissa Martinez, Abernathy, 2:42.76; 2. Kimberly Dominguez, Denver City, 2:44.35; 3. Kinsasha Walton, Roosevelt, 1:08.03.

100 hurdles: 1. Katy Patterson, Denver City, 17.71; 2. Emily Vogler, Greenwood, 18.08; 3. Bailey Houston, Abernathy, 18.38.

100: 1. Kelsey DeLaRosa, Denver City, 13.01; 2. Kim Miller, Abernathy, 13.21; 3. Stormie Bennett, Lamesa, 13.27.

800 relay: 1. Greenwood, 1:51.54; 2. Denver City, 1:54.94; 3. Abernathy, 1:55.85.

400: 1. Alexus Scott, Greenwood, 1:05.14; 2. Bailey Bowles, Roosevelt, 1:06.20; 3. (tie) Veronica Dolle, Abernathy, 1:08.03; Elizabeth Moreno, Roosevelt, 1:08.03.

300 hurdles: 1. Katy Patterson, Denver City, 54.17; 2. Aubrey Burris, Denver City, 54.88; 3. Emily Vogler, Greenwood, 55.46.

200: 1. Stormie Bennett, Lamesa, 28.10; 2. (tie) Armanea Mathes, Greenwood; Bailey Bowles, Roosevelt, 28.68.

1,600: 1. Mireya Hernandez, Abernathy, 6:28.32; 2. Megan Emery, Roosevelt, 6:28.63; 3. Jasmin Frias, Greenwood, 6:30.16.

1,600 relay: 1. Denver City, 4:26.68; 2. Roosevelt, 4:34.78; 3. Abernathy, 4:35.44.

BOYS

Team Scores: 1. Greenwood, 165; 2. Denver City, 148.50; 3. Lubbock Roosevelt, 119; 4. Abernathy, 96; 5. Lamesa, 78.50.

Individual Results
Field Events

Discus: 1. Guillermo Manriquez, Greenwood, 147-01; 2. Jahlahni Edwards, Lamesa, 137-02; 3. Bransen Skelton, Greenwood, 134.02.

High jump: 1. Tirso Reyes, Greenwood, 5-08; 2. (tie) Justin Scott, Roosevelt, 5-06; Jahlahni Edwards, Lamesa, 5-06.

Long jump: 1. Garrett Royal, Abernathy, 20-00.75; 2. K.J. Hunter, Lamesa, 19-10.75; 3. Cole McLeroy, Denver City, 19-08.

Shot put: 1. Tanner Dewbre, Abernathy, 45-00.5; 2. Blake Cain, Greenwood, 42-02; 3. Joseph Villareal, Roosevelt, 40-06.

Triple jump: 1. Ramon Arguelles, Lamesa, 43-10; 2. Daniel Garcia, Denver City, 42-01.75; 3. Ty Pugh, Abernathy, 41-09.25.

Pole vault: 1. Justin Scott, Roosevelt, 13-06; 2. Kyle Mills, Abernathy, 12-06; 3. Hunter Wigington, Greenwood, 12-00.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Sammy Magallan, Greenwood, 11:16.11; 2. Luke Maxwell, Denver City, 11:16.30; 3. Anthony Madrid, Greenwood, 11:38.63.

400 relay: 1. Denver City, 43.77; 2. Abernathy, 44.91; 3. Roosevelt, 45.02.

800: 1. Neil Reid, Greenwood, 2:03.62; 2. Darius Jackson, Lamesa, 2:06.44; 3. Christian Cortez, Denver City, 2:08.41.

110 hurdles: 1. Tirso Reyes, Greenwood, 16.09; 2. Johnnie Mendoza, Roosevelt, 17.09; 3. Saul Gutierrez, Denver City, 17.29.

100: 1. Martin Hernandez, Roosevelt, 11.04; 2. (tie) Falvio Hernandez, Denver City, 11.49; Roger Martin, Lamesa, 11.49.

800 relay: 1. Denver City, 1:32.12; 2. Roosevelt, 1:34.74; 3. Abernathy, 1:35.61.

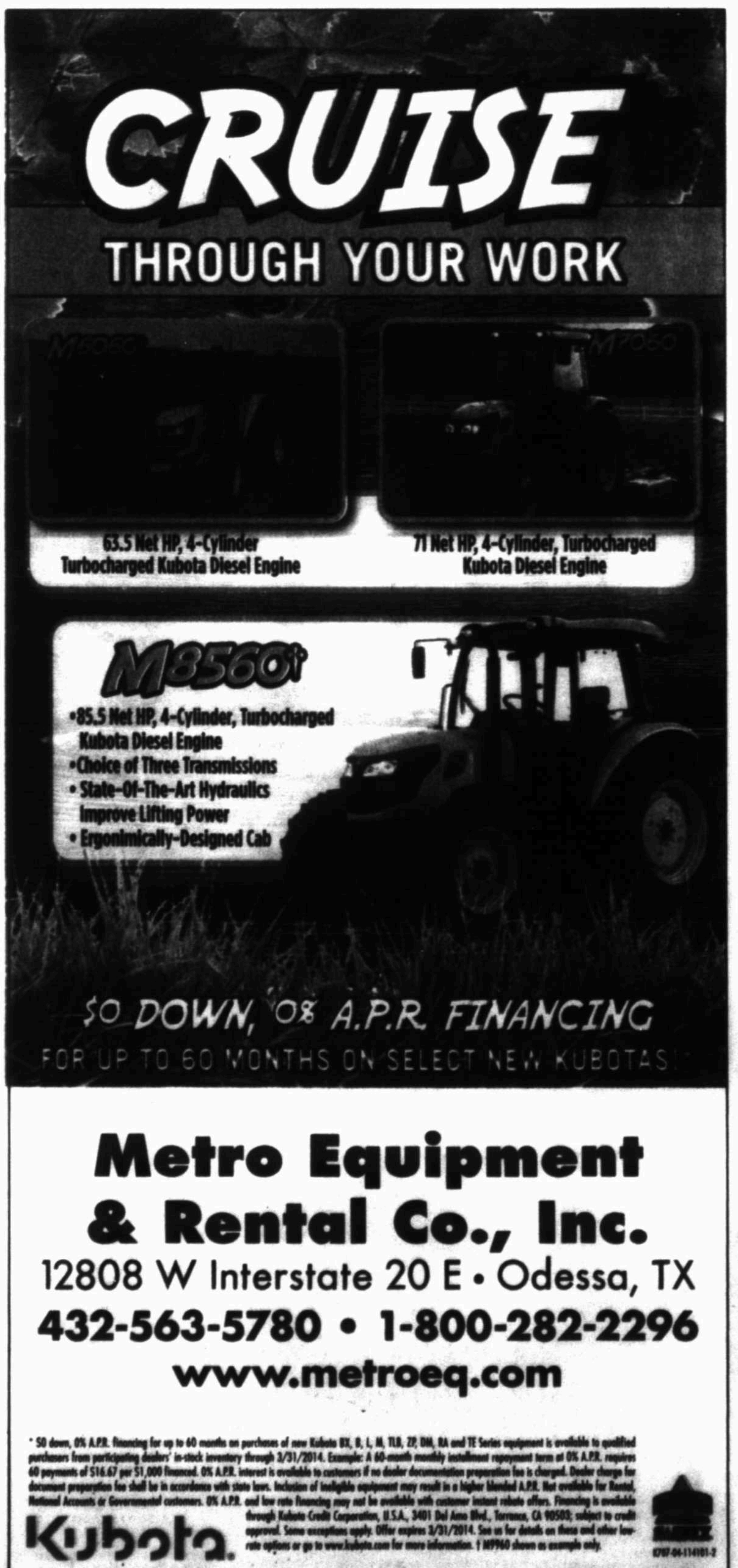
400: 1. Neil Reid, Greenwood, 52.07; 2. Christian Cortez, Denver City, 54.24; 3. Jonathan Brookshire, Greenwood, 54.78.

300 hurdles: 1. Tirso Reyes, Greenwood, 42.95; 2. Johnnie Mendoza, 44.91; 3. Devin Marion, Denver City, 45.02.

200: 1. Bryce Thompson, Greenwood, 23.74; 2. Tray Bass, Roosevelt, 24.46; 3. Martin Hernandez, Roosevelt, 54.51.

1,600: 1. Luis Macias, Abernathy, 4:54.98; 2. Luke Maxwell, Denver City, 5:04.81; 3. Abraham Morales, Lamesa, 5:05.38.

1,600 relay: 1. Denver City, 3:33.34; 2. Roosevelt, 3:37.80; 3. Greenwood, 3:38.53.



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Request For Bids
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving bids for the new construction of the Midland Independent School District Barbara Fasken Elementary School and the Southwest Elementary School.

A Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the office of Parkhill Smith & Cooper Architects, 1700 W. Wall St., Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701.

Bids are due by Thursday, March 20, 2014 on or before 3:00 pm.

Location:
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
7810 Orlando Ave
Lubbock, Texas 79423
Phone: 806-797-8400
Fax: 806-797-8492

Bid packages will be available at the following locations:
AGC Plan Rooms & Dodge Plan Rooms - Lubbock, Odessa, Midland
Lee Lewis Construction - Lubbock, Texas
Website: http://leelewis.thomasrepro.com

Lee Lewis Construction specifically invites Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled By Socially And Economically Disadvantaged Individuals to bid this project.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for **PERMIAN CARDIOLOGY OFFICE EXPANSION** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Bidders may secure bid documents at 1306 G West Wall Street Midland, Texas. Please Contact Travis Durham Architect, at 432-685-3997 (phone) or 432-685-0525 (fax) for more information. Bid Documents are available on or after Monday, March 3, 2014.

Pre-Bid conferences will be held Tuesday, March11, 2014, at 3:30 PM in the Engineering Department of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus. Attendance by all General Contractors submitting bids is encouraged and all interested Sub-Contractors are invited to attend.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) will be required for all bids. A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District.

Three (3) copies of all bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701 by **2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Under no circumstances will bids received beyond 2:00 p.m., March 18, 2014 be accepted.**

All bids must be sealed and labeled **"BID # 1123 - 030314 Enclosed."**

All bids must be price protected until **June 30, 2013.**

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids addressed to Jill Hallmark, Midland ISD, 801 South Moran, Midland, TX 79701, for Annual Moving Services, located in Midland, TX; bids will be received at the above address no later than 2:00 PM, on Monday, March 24, 2014. The bid forms and specifications may be obtained at 801 South Moran, Building #1 Midland, TX or by calling 432-689-1500.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids addressed to Jill Hallmark, Midland ISD, 801 South Moran, Midland, TX 79701, for Track Resurface & Repair at Lee Senior High School, located in Midland, TX; bids will be received at the above address no later than 3:00 PM, on Friday, March 28, 2014. The bid forms and specifications may be obtained at 801 South Moran, Building #1 Midland, TX or by calling 432-689-1500.

Legal & Public Notices

APPLICATION HAS been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit by Permian Cafe located at 2801 South CR 1180. Officers of said corporation are Edward Schreiber, Manager and Ralph Mcingvale.

Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc., Construction Manager-At-Risk, will be receiving subcontractor and supplier bids for the "Reeves County Convention Center – Phase I Buck Jackson Rodeo Arena Additions & Renovations project in Pecos, Texas.

Bids are due by Tuesday, March 18, 2014 on or before 2:00 PM.

Location:
Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc.
5206 W. Wadley Ave,
Midland, Texas 79707
Phone: (432) 697-2282
Fax: (432) 694-9627

Bid Packages may be obtained by emailing Leslie Ramirez at leslie@midtexofmidland.com

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., March 19, 2014 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 7616-14

For: Spring Seed for Spraberry Farm

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: Ector County ISD and its Construction Manager, MW Builders, are accepting bids for construction of three new elementary school campuses. Proposals are due **March 25, 2010 by 2:00 PM** to MW Builders, Inc., 1701 N. General Bruce Drive, Temple, TX 76502. Phone 254.778.4241 Fax 254.778.9492. For plan availability, contact Todd Cunningham with MW Builders.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids addressed to Jill Hallmark, Midland ISD, 801 South Moran, Midland, TX 79701, for Tennis Court Resurfacing at Midland Senior High School, located in Midland, TX; bids will be received at the above address no later than 2:00 PM, on Friday, March 28, 2014. The bid forms and specifications may be obtained at 801 South Moran, Building #1 Midland, TX or by calling 432-689-1500.

General Announcements

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0287269
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 21, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 778253
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, March 28, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. (RRC Operator No. 665748) has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 49, Blk. KING, J M Survey, A-792, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 8.5 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 13, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	KING 'D'	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	4908H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	813.2	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	100.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	24.0	
Lease Lines :	262.0 F SOUTH L	460.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	262.0 F SOUTH L	874.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

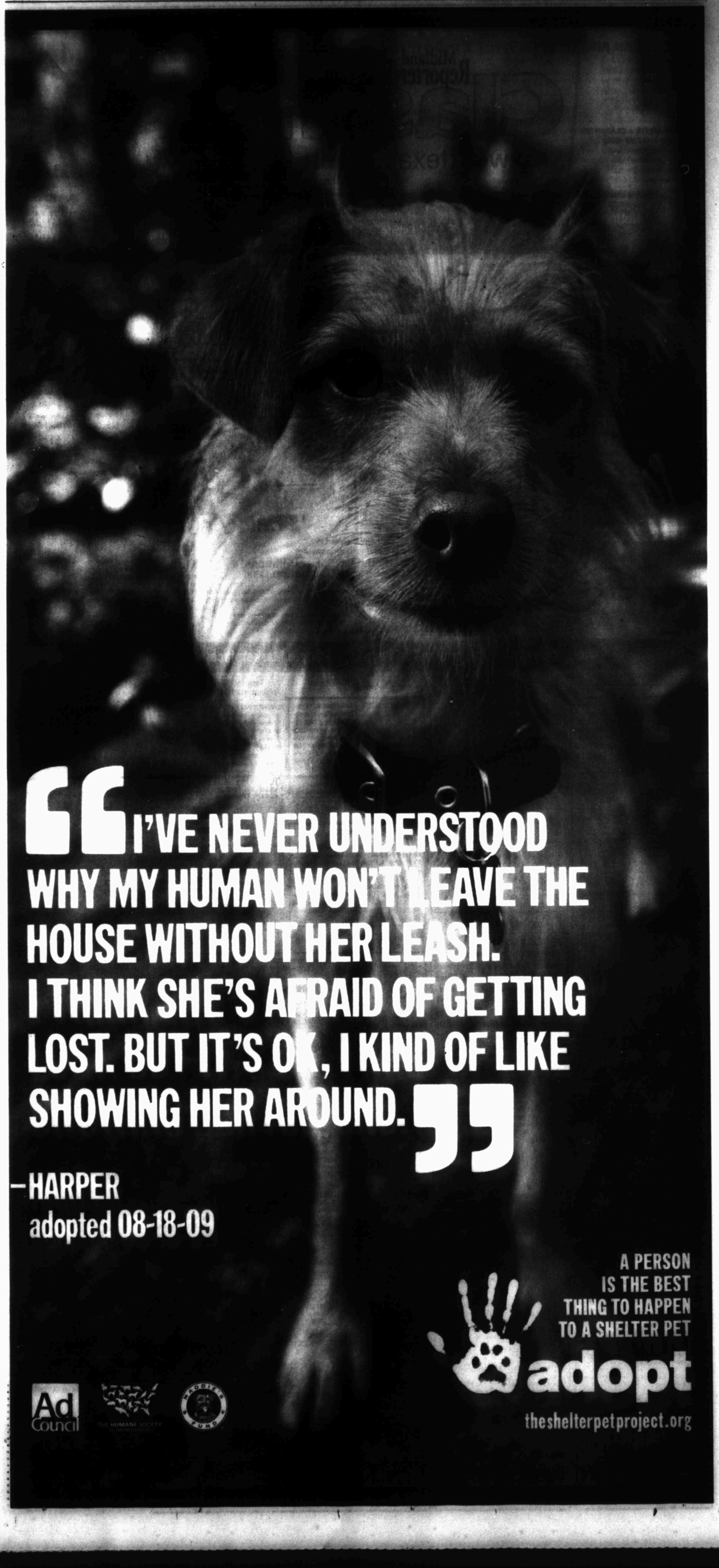
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 652.0 F WEST L
Terminus Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 773.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 773.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10700 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at **2:00 P.M.**, Thursday, **March 20, 2014**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to consider **VARIANCES** to the City Code concerning height limitations requirement in close proximity to Midland International Airport on the following properties:

Case ZBA 14-022: T&P RR Co Survey 45, A-262, Midland Co., TX (ST 4505 Well)

Case ZBA 14-023: T&P RR Co Survey 40, A-801, Midland Co., TX (ST 4016 Well)

Case ZBA 14-024: T&P RR Co Survey 43, A-261, Midland Co., TX (ST W 4308 Well)

Case ZBA 14-025: T&P RR Co Survey 5, A-49, Midland Co., TX (ST S 502 Well)

Case ZBA 14-026: T&P RR Co Survey 7, A-50, Midland Co., TX (ST W 710 ALT Well)

VARIANCES: To the City Code concerning the height limitations for temporary Oil Well Drilling Equipment.

If any further information is desired, please feel free to contact the Building Official at (432) 685-7388.

Steve Thorpe
Building Official
City of Midland

Note:
The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair ramp is located at the southeast entrance of City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired person wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Stephanie Young, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

Legal & Public Notices

AFFIMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

Midland College periodically reaffirms our policy of Equal Employment Opportunity to all recruitment sources.

It is the policy of Midland College to provide Equal Employment Opportunity to all students, employees and applicants for employment. Recruitment, hiring, promotion, training, lay-off, termination, rate of pay, and other forms of compensation; the recruitment and admission of students; the availability of student grants and scholarships; the opportunity to participate in student activities; the provision of student services; the use of college housing; and the operation of any program and activity shall be administered without regard to sex, race, color, religion, age, national origin, disability, veteran's status, genetic information or other protected category.

Midland College is in full compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 503,504); Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended; Texas Statutes 6252-14-V.A.T.S and 6252-16-V.A.T.S.; Executive Order 11246 and 11758; the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Your support and cooperation in referring qualified applicants to Midland College will help assure us of maintaining a sound Affirmative Action program. We appreciate your assistance.

Midland College periódicamente reafirma nuestra política de Igualdad en las Oportunidades de Empleo a todas las fuentes de reclutamiento.

La política de Midland College es ofrecer oportunidades de empleo, iguales para todos los estudiantes, empleados y solicitantes de empleo. La contratación, la promoción, la capacitación, el despido, la terminación, la tasa de salario y otras formas de compensación; el reclutamiento y admisión de estudiantes; la disponibilidad de becas para los estudiantes; la oportunidad de participar en actividades estudiantiles, la prestación de servicios estudiantiles, el uso de la vivienda universitaria, y el funcionamiento de cualquier programa y actividad deberán ser otorgados sin distinción de sexo, raza, color, religión, edad, nacionalidad, discapacidad, condición de veterano, información genética o cualquier otra condición.

Midland College cumple con las normativas de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, y su enmienda; la Ley de Discriminación en el Empleo por Edad de 1967, y su enmienda; la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973 (Sección 503.504); el Título IX de las Enmiendas de Educación de 1972; la Ley de Asistencia y Reajuste de los Veteranos de Vietnam de 1974, y su enmienda; los Estatutos de Texas 6252-14-V.A.T.S y 6252-16 -V.A.T.S; las Órdenes Ejecutivas 11246 y 11758; la Licencia por razones familiares o médicas de 1993; la Ley de Normas Justas de Trabajo; el Acta de la Comisión de Texas sobre los Derechos Humanos y el Acta de los Americanos con Discapacidades.

Su apoyo y cooperación al recomendar a candidatos calificados ayudará a Midland College a mantener un buen programa de Labor Positiva. Gracias por su colaboración.

Midland College District, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX 79705
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THINK BEFORE YOU HOP

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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Millennials do it more often and they're proud of it, too. But Boomers aren't excluding themselves from the pursuit.

Job-hopping, frowned upon years ago, has become more acceptable over the last two decades.

"We're several generations removed from the days that people stayed at one job and one company," says Bill Driscoll, a district president with the recruiting and placement firm Robert Half, Inc.

In fact, U.S. workers have been with their current employers for 4.6 years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The expected tenure of the youngest employees – Millennials – is about half of that.

Though job-hopping rose during the dot-com crash and economic downswing that followed, it's a tactic that should be embraced with care. Replacing workers is expensive and potential employers are less likely to take on a possible flight risk. A study conducted by the Center for American Progress notes that businesses spend about one-fifth of an employee's annual salary to replace that worker. The cost of turnover is an important economic issue because 20 percent of workers voluntarily leave their job each year and an additional 20 percent are fired or otherwise let go involuntarily.

Pursing new jobs lead to enhanced opportunities and more diversified skills sets. But passing through more than five jobs in 10 years raises red flags.

Organizations want to work with people who will be committed to growth, particularly as they work to rebuild after a weak economy. That's why the first choice should be the organization where you are already employed.

Driscoll says to identify the source of dissatisfaction if you've been a job for under two years.

"A lot of issues can be resolved with improved communication," he says.

Your current employers may have openings in other departments or even unexpected ones in the pipeline that could suit your needs. If the issue is related to work-life balance, you might want to look into a more flexible schedule.

If salary is an issue, take the time before looking elsewhere to discuss salary and career progression with your boss. Before approaching a supervisor, however, arm yourself with a report that specifically explains how you have helped the organization.

"It's important to realize that you really don't need to job hop to advance in your career," Driscoll adds.

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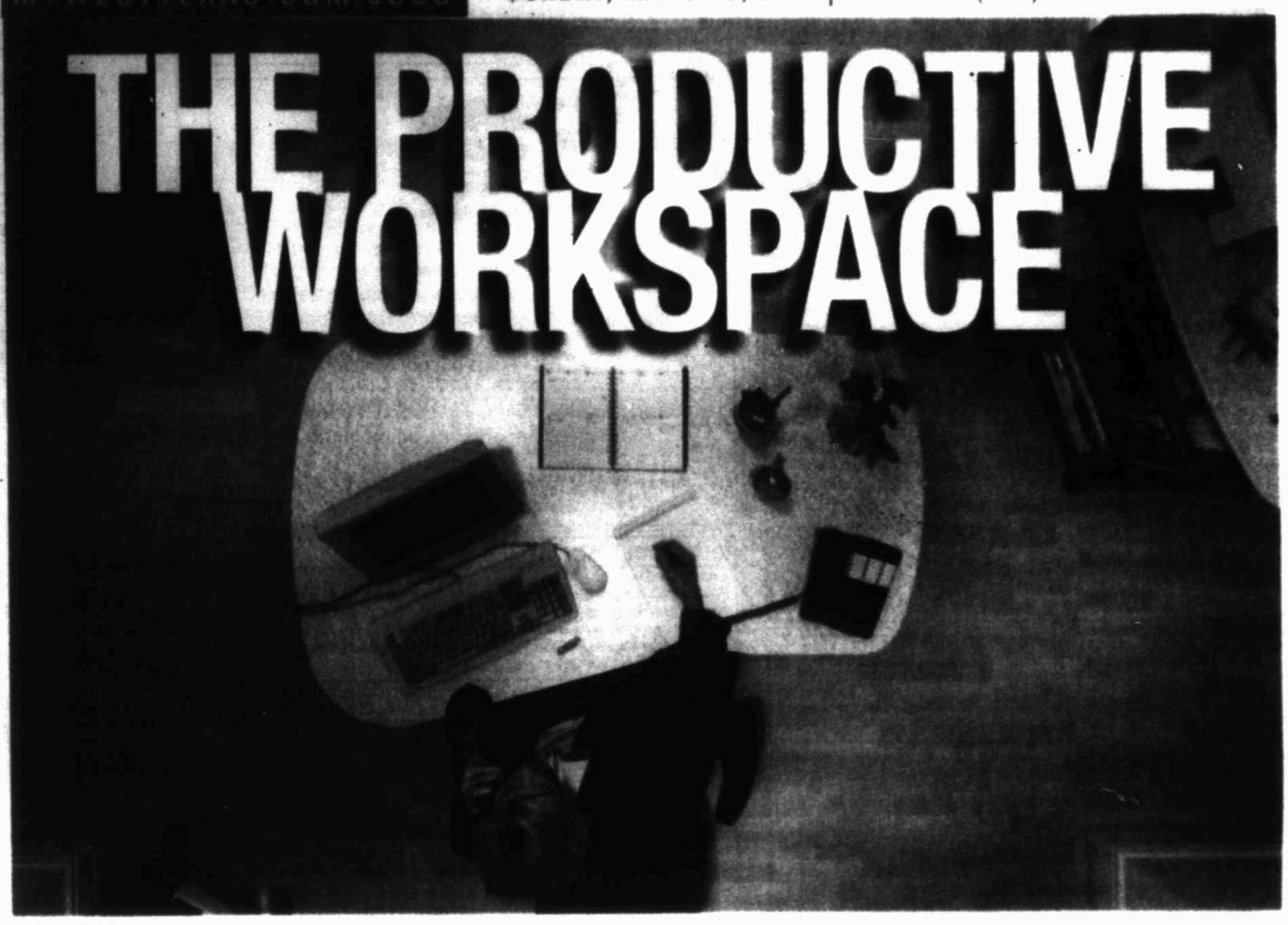

QUICK TIPS FOR A DESK WHERE MORE GETS DONE

By CHRIS GELBACH
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Office workers face a variety of obstacles to greater productivity, from workplace distractions to repetitive stress injuries. But some minor changes to the desk environment may be surprisingly effective in overcoming these hurdles.

According to Kate S. Brown, the owner of Impact Organizing in Sarasota, Fla., the scarce resource for any worker is attention. To keep that attention in the right place, she suggests viewing the desk as having a working surface and a storage component. Most people have a working surface cluttered with old papers.

"They're not really active, they're not really in play. They're just nagging," says Brown. "But if I go to a blank desk with the files I need to balance year-end accounts, I'm increasing the odds that's going to happen."

Brown suggests keeping the working surface clear and reserving the storage space of the desk for items likely to be used in the next week. Everything else should go to a back stock area out of sight where it's not a distraction. Likewise, it can be helpful to silence other potential distractions like audible email notifications.

Cloud-storage products like Evernote and Shoeboxed can also make it easier to shift to digital storage, as can smart phone cameras, which are the "poor man's document scanner," says Brown. "Take cell phone pictures of pages and email them to yourself instead of hauling them around."

Digital files can also reduce time spent filing since they just need to be retrievable through search. Big buckets are better for this purpose than tons of subfolders, and keywords can help. For instance, Brown changes the subject lines of her emails before saving them to include keywords that will be easy to find later.

A focus on proper ergonomics of the office space can also be a big boon to productivity. James Mallon, executive vice president of the ergonomics consulting firm Humantech in Ann Arbor, Mich., believes one key is finding ways to stand more throughout the day.

"It could be by having a fully functional sit-stand desk, or just standing when you're on the phone or in a meeting," Mallon says. "Standing helps keep you alert and changes your body position more frequently."

While the health hazards of sitting too much are well-documented, standing too much can lead to a greater risk of varicose veins or hardening of the arteries.

"You don't want to stand all day," says Mallon, who uses a sit-stand desk himself. "If you can get it close to 50/50, that's great."

Mallon also notes that while many people focus on chair quality, "what tends to be the problem is that people don't have their monitors at the right height." In most cases, they're too low. They should be high enough to allow a neutral neck position and should be about an arm's length away.

Since laptops don't allow for these geometries, they should be used in the office with a separate keyboard and mouse set at about the height of the resting elbow. The mouse should be as close to the body as possible.

"People who don't use that numbered keypad on the keyboard should get a keyboard that doesn't have that, or use a left-handed mouse," Mallon says. Those who wish to sit and stand during calls should get a wireless headset. A dual-monitor setup can be another productivity booster.

Beyond these options, Mallon recommends that organizations educate their people to make good choices.

"Ergonomics is relatively simple in the office," he says. "There are only so many things that can go wrong and there are known solutions to those problems. You've got to empower people to make those choices."

And, in the end, the choice to embrace better organization and ergonomics at the desk level can pay off in enhanced productivity. By creating a more pleasant and comfortable workspace, they also make the idea of getting back to work considerably more appealing.

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JOB ADVICE

MOOC BOOSTERS

It's not news to workers or job seekers: Firms want people with specific skills.

What is news: Employers are starting to direct workers to MOOCs to gain in-demand competencies, notes Chris Davia, chief technology officer at ConnectEDU.

"A MOOC is a 'massive open online course' that is offered on the Internet and is open to anyone with Internet access and an interest in learning," explains Anant Agarwal, president of edX, a non-profit founded by Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology to provide MOOCs.

Beside edX, there are two other main MOOC providers: Udacity and Coursera. Started as a way to bring academia to the masses, many MOOC courses don't have a specific business orientation.

"That being said," adds Davia, "it's as easy as Googling the word 'MOOC' with whatever area you're interested in to find a course that would benefit your career growth."

Currently, some popular career-related edX courses are Introduction to Credit Risk Management, Financial Analysis and Decision Making and Entrepreneurship 101: Who Is Your Customer?.

So far, MOOCs have been oriented to those who already have considerable education. For instance, Udacity reports on its website: "From a limited sample… eighty percent have an undergraduate or master's degree and are looking to explore a career transition."

In past months, however, more employers are collaborating with MOOC providers so that current and potential workers can gain and present evidence of skills. That means that MOOC students attain a certificate and verify their identity as the person who successfully completed a course.

Such verifiable certificates can cost up to $100 for the 21 edX courses currently offering credentialing, says Agarwal. "One innovative project a number of employers are embracing is Launch Code St. Louis, where students taking CS50 Introduction to Computer Science are paired with potential job opportunities.".

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Work location: Odessa, TX.
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Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at **432-687-4000**

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

TRUE OIL
ENGINEERING ANALYST

TRUE Oil Company LLC is interviewing for an Engineering Analyst in its Midland office. College graduates in engineering and information technology are preferred; however, other degree programs or relevant experience will also be considered. One to five years of applicable experience is desired; however, recent college graduates and professionals with other degrees are encouraged to apply. Proficiency with Microsoft Office as well as the ability to learn to use other technical software programs such as PI Dwights, DrillingInfo, Oilfield Manager, Petra and Aries is important. Training will be provided with a view toward long-term personal growth.

True Oil Company is a start-up oil and gas company with a seasoned management team and substantial financial backing. We offer a competitive compensation and benefits package with exposure to attractive bonuses and a pleasant working environment. True Oil Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please forward resumes in confidence to:

TRUE OIL COMPANY LLC
ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES
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Production Foreman
Established Midland independent seeking **Production Foreman** with 5 to 10 years' experience in production and field operations in the Permian Basin. All wells within 125 miles of Midland. 75% of time consists of on-site supervision of contract and company pumpers with some overnight stays needed on jobs at the edge of the territory. Company truck provided. College education a plus but not required. Good driving and work history required. Competitive salary and benefits package. Non-smoking workplace. Experienced principals only send resumé with job history, references, and salary requirements to: P-109 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

TRUE OIL
ENGINEERING / REGULATORY TECHNICIAN

True Oil Company LLC is interviewing for an Engineering / Regulatory Technician in its Midland office. College graduates in business, finance, accounting, and information technology are preferred; however, other degree programs or relevant experience will also be considered. One to five years of applicable experience is desired; however, recent college graduates and professionals with other degrees are encouraged to apply. Regulatory experience would be beneficial, but is not required. Proficiency with Microsoft Office as well as the ability to learn to use other technical software programs is important. Training will be provided with a view toward long-term personal growth.

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Entry Level Helpers
Production Lift Systems FT
Local oilfield service company seeking **Entry Level Wireline** and **Swabbing Helpers**. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at **14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701** or call **432-699-1200**.

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Sport Environmental Services FT NOW HIRING!
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Phone: 432-697-3108 • Fax: 432-689-0486
ADM.TerraceWest@daybreakventure.com

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HEALTHCARE

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Integrated Care Billing Specialist -Midland and Odessa - Perform appointment scheduling, general secretarial duties, and third party billing activities for our specialty care and primary healthcare clinics.
Medical Records Clerk - Coordinates medical records activities in our specialty care and primary healthcare clinics.

All applicants must have a valid Texas Driver's License, proof of auto liability insurance coverage, and will be subject to a criminal history background check. For additional information and qualifications for all positions, see our PDF application and current job listing available at www.pbmhmr.com. For questions or to submit a resume, contact the Human Resources Department at 432-570-3322.

RNs and LVNs

Epic Health Services is having a career fair for RNs and LVNs needed for PEDIATRIC PRIVATE DUTY NURSING in the Midland/Odessa area on Thursday and Friday, March 13th and 14th from 7a-5p. We offer paid training, direct deposit, weekly pay, access to benefits, and holiday pay. For more information, please email your resume to careers@epichealthservices.com or call toll free at 855-233-9635 to register.

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Permian Basin Community Centers

is seeking a

Clinician (LPC, LCSW, or LMFT)

PBCC has an opening for a **Clinician** in our Odessa mental health clinic. This position is responsible for service coordination duties and counseling eligible individuals using the State of Texas approved curriculum for Cognitive Behavior Therapy. Applicants should possess licensure as a LPC, LCSW, LMSW-ACP, or LMFT. Interns close to obtaining full licensure will also be considered. This is an exempt position with a competitive salary and a standard 8 to 5 workday. PBCC offers a full benefit package consisting of health coverage, retirement, life insurance, scheduled pay increases, optional cafeteria coverage and paid vacation.

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RN/LVN

Private Duty Nurses needed for FT Day and Night positions for in-home care in Midland and Odessa.
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We are looking for exceptional candidates who possess these qualities:

- parking/valet experience preferred but not required
- a valid driver's license
- a clean driving record
- experience driving manual transmission
- customer service experience
- clean cut, professional appearance
- good work ethic and integrity
- team player
- punctual and responsible
- must be able to pass drug test
- non smoker

For consideration, please call or submit resume to:
Midland Memorial Hospital
Apply online at www.midland-memorial.com
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy.
Midland, TX 79701
Human Resources: (432) 221-4682
Fax: (432) 221-6934
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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites Stanton

New Cobblestone Hotel & Suites in Stanton Texas is now accepting applications for Front Desk, Night Audit & Housekeeping Positions. Interviews are being held at the Stanton Library 200 N. St. Mary Street, Stanton TX 79782 March 19th from 9am-5pm and March 20th from 9am-7pm.Pick up application at library or apply on interview dates.

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INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

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HIRING FOR ALL POSITIONS

Big Spring Correctional Center in Big Spring, TX. The GEO Group Inc. hiring for Security and Support Staff. Call 432-264-0060 ext. 202 or 247. Apply at: www.jobs.geogroup.com Equal Opportunity Employer

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Safety Manager

Requirements & Responsibilities Include:

- **Strong Knowledge of O&G Safety Compliance**
- **CSHO Certifications Preferred**
- **Minimum 5 years' experience**
- **Traveling/Availability 24/7/365**
- **Pass Company Drug Screen**
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- **Facilitate Drug & Alcohol Testing**
- **Training & Development of Personnel**
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Compensation based on experience and benefits include health, life, disability, 401k and vacation. Submit resume to:
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Must have at least 5 years' experience working in payroll, preferably in a multi-unit setting or producing payroll for various companies within a company. Must have Knowledge of labor laws, Outlook, Work/Excel.

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Or Fax Resume to (432)682-8911
THE KENT COMPANIES

Administrative Assistant

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All Positions

The Midland RockHounds PT
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CARTER'S

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McCOY'S BUILDING SUPPLY

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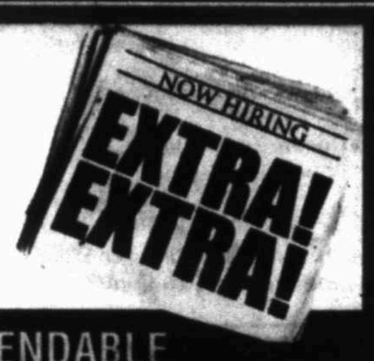
OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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Requirements include:
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Two or fewer violations in the last three years
At least two years of VERIFIABLE tractor-trailer driving experience
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Must read write and speak English and be willing to work nights and weekends

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o Dependable, punctual, safety minded
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o Must have toed boots with minimum of 6" ankle coverage that meets the ASTM standard of F2413-05
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Gym Staff Members & CDL Bus Driver
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NATIONAL SALES ASSISTANT
CBS-7 has an opening for a Full-Time National Sales Assistant. Duties will include receiving and inputting orders, maintaining files both paper and electronic and working with ordering agencies/clients and the TV traffic department. Interested applicants should send resumes or fill out an application at CBS7, 4101 E. 42nd St., Box 107, Odessa, TX 79762 or E-mail to rroberts@cbs7.com. CBS7 is an EEO Employer. Paid vacation and health benefits available.

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

- Pipe Yard Hands
- Pipe Inspection
- Experienced Winch Truck Drivers/ Operators for moving Frac Tanks
- HR Director
- Maintenance Person, must have clean background

Must have dependable transportation & phone.

Apply in person at:
4400 N. Big Spring St., Ste. C 26,
Midland, TX. 79705
432-550-4059.
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Janitorial Help Needed
Want to be part of a small crew or work part time during the day? Perfect for retired or semi retired person. Apply at **1307 N. Big Spring**

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HUMAN RESOURCES/PAYROLL CLERK
NIGHT SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR
SECURITY OFFICER (MAIN CAMPUS - NIGHTS)
WRTTC PC TECHNICIAN

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For additional information on these positions please visit our website at www.midland.edu/jobs, or go directly to the Human Resources office located at 3600 N. Garfield or call (432) 685-4532.

Resident Monitor, Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full-time, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

OTHER JOBS

SSC - Social Services Coordinator
Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time **Social Services Coordinator.** Apply at **www.dismas.com.**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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ACCOUNTANT:

Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., a publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas is seeking a Revenue Accountant. Excel proficiency a must. Experience in the following areas also helpful: Horizon operating systems and CDEX, Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico severance tax reporting. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate and reliable. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment.

Email resume to: hr@claytonwilliams.com.
or send to: Attn: Personnel,
Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.,
6 Desta Drive, Suite 6500
Midland, Texas 79705
No phone calls or agencies please.

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

Purchasing Agent
1-3 yrs. Experience, preferably with oil and gas vendors. Experience with ERP systems such as SAP or similar systems. Employee will be doing purchasing, inventory, and receiving. Salary doe. Send resume and salary requirements to: **RWI, Construction, 10700 State Hwy 191, Midland TX 79707.**

Safety/QC Technician
Natural Gas Service Group FT
NGSG has immediate opening for a **Safety/QC Technician** This person will: Inspect the shop facility and grounds daily to detect potential and existing safety/health hazards. Recommend corrective and preventative measures, solve when directed. Conduct daily, weekly and monthly safety meetings and safety training. Assist the Quality Control Department perform visual and dimensional checks of fabricated equipment. Excellent Salary and Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

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All Positions
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LOANS HARDER TO GET FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED?

QUESTION:

New mortgage regulations went into effect in January. How much harder will they make it for self-employed borrowers to get a loan?

ANSWER:

It's true that new mortgage standards were introduced in January, but in many ways the "new" standards are not new at all.

In fact, the best way to look at the new rules required under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is to go back to the 1990s. At that time, virtually all lenders required fully documented loan applications.

In the period that led up to the foreclosure meltdown, borrowers could avoid documentation requirements with "no doc" and "low doc" loan applications. Such quickie applications are largely out — but not entirely.

Now, lenders are requiring pretty much the same paperwork as the 1990s. For the self-employed borrower, that means you'll need to supply tax returns, leases, complete financial statements, etc., just as it was before the housing boom.

Not only are the new rules largely like the old ones, in many cases they are the old rules. For instance, FHA and VA loans automatically are "qualified mortgages" under the new standards, so those programs are unchanged.

Under Wall Street Reform, most lenders will make QMs that meet certain standards; however, lenders also can make loans that do not meet those standards, so-called non-QM financing. Because non-QM financing means greater risk for the lender, you might find higher costs but also a wider range of loan options, including jumbo mortgages, loans with a debt-to-income ratio of more than 43 percent and interest-only financing.

Most lenders have been following these rules for some time and are entirely ready for self-employed borrowers. One study from October 2013 found that 80 percent of the loans being originated at the time would qualify for qualified-mortgage status under the 2014 rules. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said in January that roughly 92 percent of all loans were in compliance before the rules even went into effect.

In the end, self-employed borrowers will have plenty of loan options for 2014. You'll be able to get financing under the new rules, and you will likely get it faster than under the old system.

Ellie Mae, a company that provides closing software, reports that in December 2013 it took 43 days to close a loan, compared to 55 days the year before.

No less important, lenders will want your business. Why? Loan originations are expected to fall in 2014 because of greatly reduced refinancing activity.

At the same time, self-employed borrowers are becoming a larger part of the work force. A report from Intuit estimates that there will be 40 million self-employed workers by 2020.

Simply put, the self-employed cannot be ignored by the lending system.

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THE NEW RULES OF THE GAME

RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED LAWS FROM THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT BORROWERS

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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In early January, millions of Americans made New Year's resolutions intended to improve their lives – resolutions that may or may not be fulfilled. At the same time, a consumer watchdog group implemented new rules intended to improve protection for millions of mortgage borrowing Americans – rules that are meant to stick.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – an independent federal agency responsible for regulating financial protection for consumers – instituted new laws in mid-January designed to provide greater safeguards and information to borrowers and to prevent shady loans and loan-marketing strategies that were rampant prior to the recent financial meltdown.

Under the new requirements, a borrower's ability to repay must be verified by the lender. Furthermore, loans must meet a qualified-mortgage standard based on several criteria, including:

- The borrower's debt-to-income ratio cannot exceed 43 percent.
- Fees and points must be limited to no more than 3 percent of the loan (for loans exceeding $100,000).
- The loan cannot have features like as interest-only periods, negative amortization or a loan term greater than 30 years
- Adjustable-rate mortgages have to be underwritten to the highest possible payment in the first five years. Put another way: The borrower can't get approval strictly based on the ability to afford a low initial payment that's intended to rise significantly a few years later.

Further, mortgage loan servicers now are obligated to send monthly statements, credit payments on the day they're received, and inform borrowers if they're 36 days past due on payments. Loan servicers also are not allowed to begin a foreclosure process until at least 120 days following the borrower's last payment or while they're collaborating with a homeowner who has filed a completed application for help.

Brian Koss, executive vice president with Mortgage Network in Danvers, Mass., says these rules provide greater security. They also provide more limitations for borrowers who don't fit exactly within the new guidelines.

"Now, if a lender takes liberties with a particular rule, such as qualifying a borrower, they are violating a law, which carries greater risks than before," Koss says. "Before the new rules took effect, lenders could be flexible with such borrowers. Today, they're not taking any chances.

"The most significant new rule, perhaps, is meeting the new debt-to-income ratio requirement of 43 percent. Borrowers who cannot will likely face less favorable terms to get a loan," Koss adds.

Consider, for example, a prospective buyer who earns $5,000 per month. He cannot have more than $2,150 in monthly debt (including mortgage payment, credit card bill, auto and student loans, etc.) or he won't qualify for many mortgage loan types.

"At that point, he would have to apply for an FHA loan at a cost of an extra hundred dollars or more per month," says Tim Lucas, editor of MyMortgageInsider.com. These recent regulations don't apply to FHA, VA, USDA and some conventional home loans. "The new rules could cost some home buyers serious green in the long run," Lucas says.

Catherine Blocker, senior vice president of production operations with Guild Mortgage Co. in San Diego, agrees that the CFPB laws will result in stricter documentation requirements and a longer loan process for borrowers.

"Obtaining credit, particularly for lower-income borrowers and first-time homebuyers, will become more difficult. This is because many lenders will apply very conservative underwriting analyses when considering the borrower's ability to repay out of fear of making a non-qualifying mortgage loan," says Blocker. "The new CFPB rules are complicated, complex and burdensome for lenders to implement," Blocker says. "The unintended consequence is higher lending costs and a tighter credit box."

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BUYING

WHERE THE AFFORDABLE HOMES ARE

Most of the world's affordable housing markets are in the United States. Of course, it all depends on where you look

Those seeking affordable housing in the United States are in luck — for the most part.

Out of 95 affordable markets worldwide, 84 are in the U.S. according to the 2014 Demographia International Housing Affordability Study, which ranked 360 worldwide markets on affordability based on the ratio of median income to median house price.

This means that overall odds of finding something inexpensive are higher. However, certain metropolitan markets are seeing dramatic price increases, which tend to be steepest in desirable locations.

According to the National Association of Realtors' newest quarterly report, the Bay area in California features the two most expensive metropolitan markets: San Jose and San Francisco, respectively.

Myron von Raesfeld, president of the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors in San Jose, says his area tends to attract entrepreneurs and companies, all of which are looking for both residential and commercial real estate. However, the recession hit real estate development in the area particularly hard.

"What happened during that time was that developers stopped building. While the economy in the area, in general, has continued to grow in population size, we've had an absence of new development," von Raesfeld explains. "It is a difficult time for buyers."

This isn't true across the country, however. For metropolitan areas, Toledo, Ohio, has the lowest median price for a single-family home: $80,500 in the NAR's quarterly report. But a low price isn't the only factor of affordability.

Wendell Cox, co-author of the Demographia survey, explained that the study calculated affordability by measuring the ratio of median household price to median household income.

Walter Malony, spokesman for the NAR, says that "interest rates are pretty universal across the country," making income the primary variable in determining affordability.

So what is the most affordable major metropolitan market? According to Demographia, it's Pittsburgh, with a median household price of $116,000 and a median household income of $51,400.

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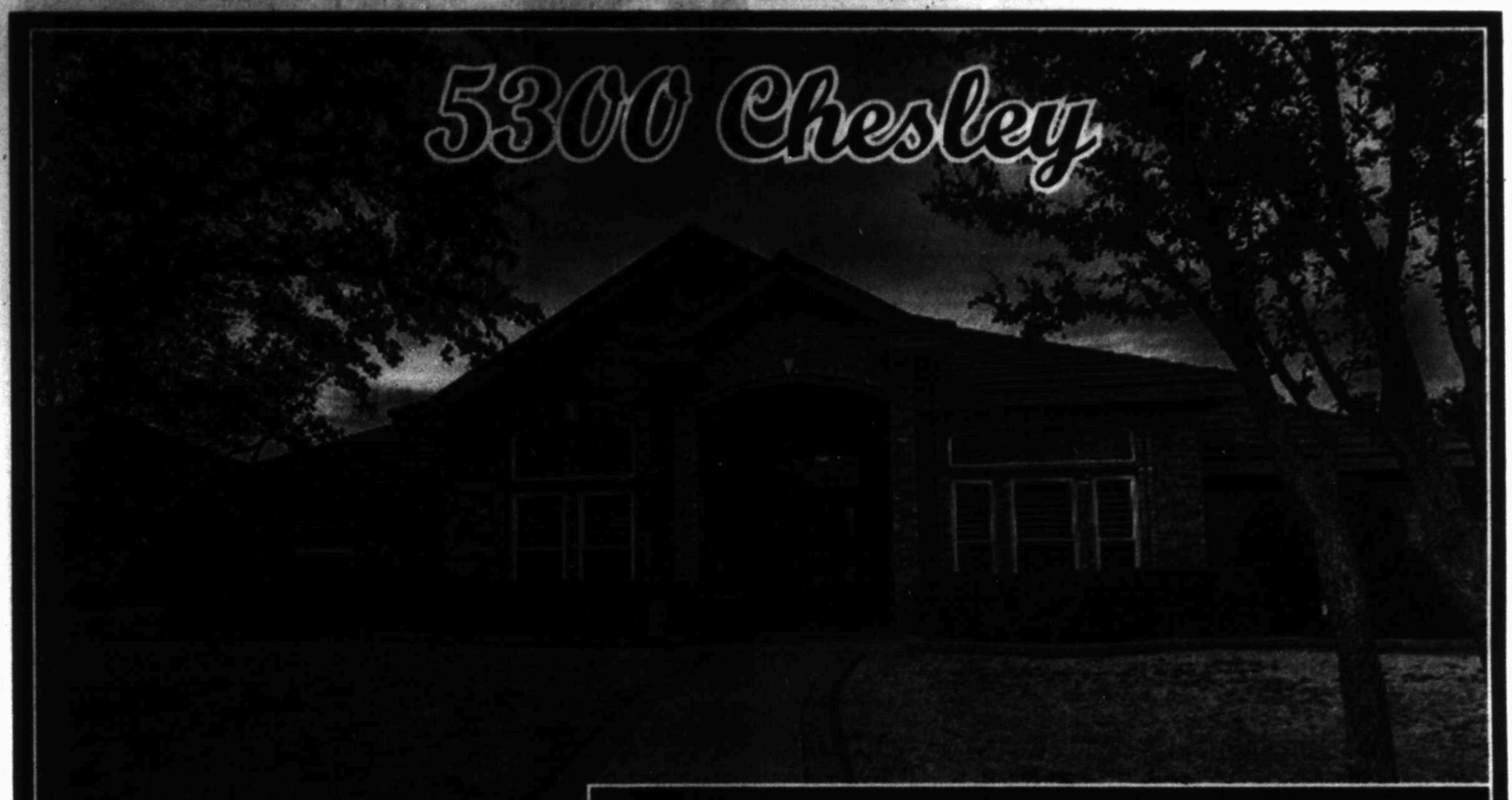

Looking for a home not on a daunting lack, but often you find one that has been meticulously cared for and tastefully updated making it appear almost brand new. It becomes an easy experience. Located on a corner lot at Green Tree North at 5300 Chesley, you will enjoy quiet surroundings as it is also on a cul-de-sac. Constructed in 1967, with 2,587 square feet (per appraiser), the home has four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, two living areas, two dining areas and a spacious three car garage. Schools for this neighborhood include Goodhouse Elementary, Abell Jr. High and Lee High.

As the front door opens, you will notice wooded flooring, oversized crown molding and baseboards, Plantation shutters and tall ceilings. Guests can be entertained in the formal living area, which is straight ahead of the entry and has a view of the covered back porch. Move to the spacious formal dining area to enjoy meals, hand-painted designs beneath the chair rail add elegance to the room.

To the right of the front door is a hallway leading to two bedrooms, each with a walk-in closet. They are connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom with separate sinks and dressing areas. Off the formal living area is the suggested master suite! An exterior door in the hallway provides access to the backyard. The master is large and inviting and features a vaulted ceiling. You will love the bathroom with two dressing areas and sinks, an oversized tub and a wrap around, walk-in closet with built-ins!

On the other side of the formal living area is a kitchen that will bring out the chef in you! Granite countertops, decorative tile backsplash, stainless KitchenAid appliances, cabinets with pull out shelving, designer pantry, and an island full of additional cabinets and shelves will have you granting your favorite recipes to enjoy this space. Wall cabinets have been beautifully stained and a matching built-in desk provides an organization center. Sit at the bar for quick meals or at the recently breakfast area.

The kitchen is open to a large den where you will love spending time with your family. The focal point is a fireplace surrounded on both sides by bookshelves. The vaulted ceiling adds even more space to the room. Through a doorway, you can see the laundry room with matching cabinetry as in the kitchen, a sink surrounded by a granite countertop and access to the three car garage.

A hallway from the kitchen leads to a warm and cozy office with a view of the front and side yards. In the hall, you will also find a full bathroom with cabinets designed to look like a piece of furniture and a one of a kind decorative sink. The fourth bedroom is also nearby, built-in entertainment center and two closets to keep items stored neatly.

Out back, take advantage of the weather and enjoy meals on the covered porch. A large side yard with a storage building will keep yard tools tucked away. This is all enclosed within a nicely stained wooden fence.

Listed at $569,000, the home has many beautiful updates which attest to the care it has been given. Some of these include recent windows and shutters, recent duct work, updated kitchen and appliances, metal roof and a water well. More information may be obtained by calling Roberta Aldridge, Real Estate One at (432) 683-3424. MLS# 97975.

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QUESTION: How important is a good-looking paint job to the value of a home?

ANSWER: Dollar for dollar, you will get more in terms of a higher selling price with new paint than with just about any other improvement you can make to your home.

Curb appeal is extremely important in attracting buyers. Old, weather-beaten paint can actually detract interest as well as buyers from a very nice home.

Many times, just painting the trim, doors, eaves and rain gutters is all that is needed to give a house a fresh look. Selecting contemporary colors that give a home that up-to-date look will also help in getting top dollar for your home.

Pruitt

Jeaneen Pruitt, Broker/Associate, Pine & Beckett Realtors.

What is A Mortgage Credit Certificate?

With the market making a rebound, buyers who had been on the fence are coming to the table to take advantage of favorable mortgage rates before they continue to rise. For those who have been having difficulty qualifying for a mortgage, it may be a good idea to try for a mortgage credit certificate.

A mortgage credit certificate, or MCC, makes it easier for eligible buyers to qualify for a mortgage loan. Offered by many city and county governments, they allow first-time buyers to take advantage of a special federal income tax write-off.

Under MCC programs, the lender can reduce the housing expense ratio – the percentage of gross monthly income applied toward housing expenses – by the amount of the tax savings. Normally, lenders reject loans if the housing expense ratio is too high.

Program requirements for MCCs vary, although most adhere to the following guidelines:

- The buyer must live in the home being purchased with an MCC-assisted mortgage.
- Total household income cannot exceed certain limits.
- The buyer cannot have owned a principal residence within the past three years. This restriction may be waived if a property is purchased within a certain targeted area.
- The purchase price must fall within an established limit.

If you are interested in applying for an MMC, call your local housing or redevelopment agency for more information, or contact your real estate agent.

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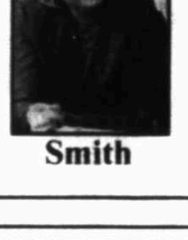
Oil Hits $100

Another effect of a long and cold winter is invariably the rising cost of energy. Energy bills get hit with a double whammy in a cold winter. First, homes use more energy for heating purposes because of the cold and because we are home more often and secondly the cost of the energy we use goes up because of higher demand. Thus after a nice respite with lower energy costs which helped the economy last year, we start this year with oil prices hitting a benchmark of $100 per barrel in the middle of February with natural gas prices rising as well. The next question is--will this hurt the economy?

When consumers spend more on energy costs, this leaves less discretionary income to spend elsewhere. So it is not surprising that we saw a weak report on retail sales released recently. We should also point out that more energy used by homes also increases economic output and this will factor in the first quarter numbers as well. However, it is the cold spurring higher energy prices--not stronger economic growth. The cold winter will end soon. This means that higher energy prices could be a temporary phenomenon.

Or, if the economy is bolstered by latent demand after the long and cold winter, these levels could be the new normal. Energy costs affect more than consumer spending -- they affect consumer trends as well. For example, higher energy costs spur housing sales closer to the center of cities versus the far out suburbs. This is part of a trend that has been occurring over the past decade. Thus, the cost of oil and gas bears watching even when we are not at the pump enjoying the better weather ahead. Meanwhile we will see economic reports this week covering consumer confidence, personal income and spending, as well as pending and new home sales as we approach another wave of jobs data next week.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Homebuyers, you have work to do

Your home buying process will likely include a team of people—a mortgage broker or banker, inspector, surveyor, seller and seller's agent are a few who may be on the list. But even with so many professionals working on your behalf, there are some tasks that will be your responsibility.

The first step you take should be to work with a REALTOR®, a real estate expert who will guide you through every step. Here are a few other ways you can actively participate in your home buying process.

Take care of your credit

You should request copies of your credit report every year—especially before you apply for a mortgage. Review the report for any issues or instances of identity theft. These won't necessarily keep you from securing financing; you'll just have to get to work clearing them up. If you aren't sure what to do to improve your credit, ask your REALTOR® for advice or resources to help you get started.

Start with a realistic budget

Before you spend too much time looking for your dream home, you should find out exactly how much you can afford to spend. Your mortgage broker or banker will help you determine how much you can afford based on your income, debts and credit history. Your job is to be ready to supply any requested information and to set a price range so your REALTOR® can find potential properties that fit your budget.

Don't let a missing signature stall the process

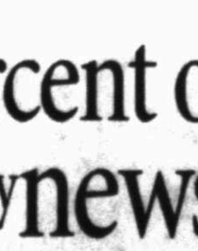
You may be asked to provide copies of your financial statements, tax records or for your signature on forms. Your job is to provide this information ASAP so the requester can move forward. Being prompt with information is especially important during the final steps leading up to closing. Once you sign a contract on a home, the clock starts ticking on your termination-option period and won't wait just because you haven't responded to an email.

Learn the difference between pre-qualification and pre-approval

Pre-qualification is an initial check of your credit based on basic information you share with a lender. Pre-approval is an in-depth look at your finances that includes verifying your income, expenses and credit history. The result is a pre-approval letter stating how much the lender is willing to let you borrow. This tells sellers that you're serious and have already taken the first steps toward seeking funding.

Communicate any concerns with your REALTOR®

If you have questions about what someone is asking of you, speak up. Your REALTOR® has the knowledge and experience to keep you informed and excited about owning your own home.



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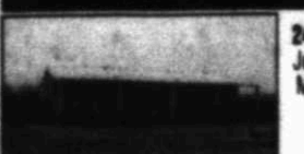

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5000 Mount Vernon Ct.-NEW!-Fabulous 4 bed/2.5 bath home with 3 car garage and 7ft electric gate and fence! .... U/C In 1 Day.. $325,000
5500 Sundance Ct.-Spectacular updated 3 bed/2.5 bath home in Grassland! .... U/C.. $300,000
3701 Crestmont-Absolutely stunning updated 3 bed/2 bath home with miles of tile and plantation shutters! .... SOLD.. $250,000
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4805 Rustic Trail-5bd,3ba, media room, pool & spa $900,000
25 Oaklawn - Stunning home in great area, nearly 5,000 sq. ft., 2 bd, 3 1/2 ba, w/ study $850,000
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1015 Ward-3bd, 2ba Town Home .... REDUCED $295,000
1700 Community Ln. - 4 bd / 3 bd, in-law plan, great location .... REDUCED $289,000
1409 Pine - 3bd, 2ba, huge office, low maint $279,900
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3105 Auburn - 3bd, 2 1/2ba, great floor plan $260,000
3709 Dentcrest Dr. 4bd, 2ba, workshop $259,000
4404 Dalton Dr. - Spacious 3 bed, 2 1/2 bath $254,900
3800 Faircircle - Spacious, 4bed, 2ba, sparkling pool $243,000
2903 Wydewood Dr. - 3 br / 2 ba, new listings, lots of updates and hot tub $235,000
3231 Whittle Way - Stunning 3bd, 2.5bath, low maintenance, w/ private patio, great windows .... REDUCED $219,000
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3600 Boyd Ave.-3br, 2ba $185,000
803 Storey - 2 story cottage, 3bd, 1liv or 2bd, 2liv, orig. wood floors, cute cute! .... REDUCED $169,900
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4821 Storey - 3bd, 2ba, 1car, remodeled completely $159,900
115 N. Glenwood Dr. 3bed, 2bath, lots of updates, workshop .... REDUCED $158,700
4605 Crockett 3bed, 2bath, 2car, New roof in 2013 .... $155,000
4411 Storey - 3 bd, 2 ba .... REDUCED $150,000
208 E. Dormard - 4 bd, 2 ba, new carpet & paint .... REDUCED $149,900
2100 W. Wadley #31 - Updated 1 story 2 bed, 2 bath $134,900
412 E. Cottonwood Ave. - 2 bd, 1 ba, total remodel & updates $129,900
3225 Travis - 2 bd, 2 ba, 2 la, remodeled .... REDUCED $126,500
4209 ECR 61 - 2.34 AC, Bonito Estates $104,130
4601 ECR 61 - 2.34 AC, Bonito Estates $104,130
3316 Caldera - condo, 2bd, 2 1/2ba, 2 storey $99,900
4201 ECR 61 - 2 AC, Bonito Estates $89,000
1802 E. California - 2 br, 1 ba, New paint & carpet $69,900
3219 Roosevelt - 2 br, 1 ba, 1 car garage. Cute & clean. New roof $69,000
N County Rd 1150-5 acre tracts, cleared, move lots available $45,000
2600 Maxwell-4br, 2ba .... FOR LEASE $2,700 month $2,700 deposit
430 W. Pine-3br, 2ba, 2ga .... FOR LEASE $2,150 month $2,150 deposit

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

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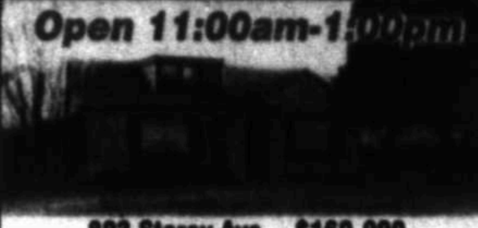

803 Storey Ave. - $169,900
Cute, cottage in town, 3 bd, 2 ba, wood floors, tons of character.
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SUNDAY FEATURED HOME

1409 Pine - $279,900
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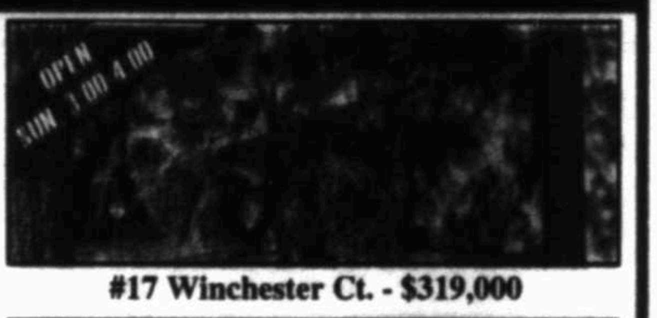
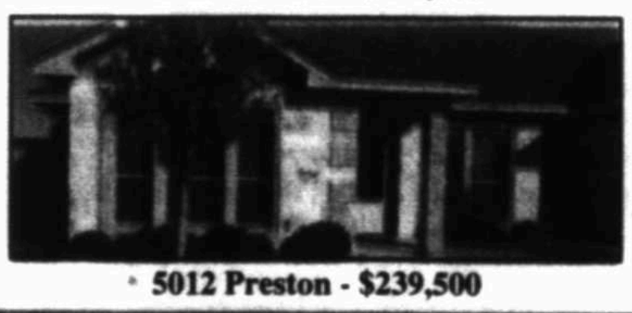
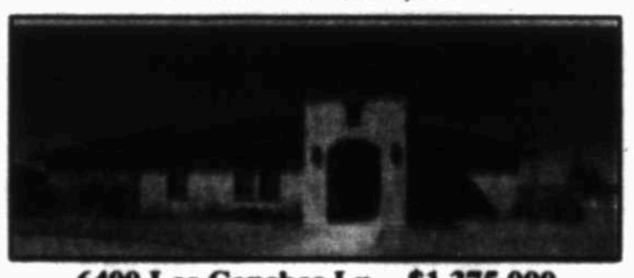
1714 Cessna - $324,900



#17 Winchester Ct. - $319,000



5012 Preston - $239,500



6400 Los Conchos Ln. - $1,375,000

5300 Chesley Ct. - $569,000

200 Cabrillo Dr. - $186,000

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

2003 Winfield-"Heart of Warwick" $1,100,000
2003 Sinclair-Fabulous 5BR in Warwick, 4LA, pool, spa, gameroom, beautifully updated $997,500
9 Hawthorne Ct.-Fabulous family home in coveted Saddle Club. Beautifully updated! $979,500
2000 Shell-Great price in prime location - move-in condition $825,000
4505 Bent Tree-Lovely 4bd/4.5 bth home in Green Tree North w/pool $799,000
8200 Edinburgh-4bdr/3.5bth on acreage! One owner custom home w/hardwood floors and granite kitchen $585,000
5300 Chesley Ct.-Lovely 4/3 in Green Tree w/recent improvements $569,000
5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $399,900
3403 Limestone Ln. - Lovely 3 BR/3bath home w/ versatile plan, pretty curb appeal and back yard $339,000
4905 Sherwood-Great floor plan, wonderful location and fantastic hot tub! $325,000
1714 Cessna Dr.- 3/2.5, 3 living patio home. Lush landscaping w/mature trees in front $324,900
17 Winchester Ct.-Bonus room, tile floors, coveted location $319,000
2206 Western-Grand Townhouse. Super sized rooms & storage $245,000
5006, 5008, 5010, 5012 Preston Dr.-Beautiful Mike Jackson patio homes with custom features. Won't last $239,500
200 Cabrillo Dr., Odessa-Move in ready! $186,000
702 Shell Ave.-Very nice 3 bdrm on large lot with detached storage and carport $159,000

TWO BEDROOMS

915 Bedford-Would you believe it has a racquetball court? Loads of custom features! $985,000
2206 Western-Grand Townhouse. Super sized rooms & storage $245,000
1503 Club Drive.-Low maintenance high efficiency, new construction, 2Bd/2BA townhomes near duck pond! .... U/C.. $199,000

THREE BEDROOMS

7108 E. Co. Rd. 110-3/2.5/3 on 155.29 Acres, totally irrigated, perfect for development "ABUNDANT WATER!!" .... U/C.. $2,750,000
2800 Passage Way-20 acres in town, gorgeous! $2,095,000
1408 W. Co. Rd. 150-This one has it all! Including extra large pool & party room - Hurry! $675,000
1905 Gladewood-Custom one owner, bonus room for office, exercise or playroom, squeaky clean! .... U/C.. $385,000
3403 Limestone Ln.-Lovely 3BR/3bath home w/versatile plan, pretty curb appeal and backyard $339,000
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17 Winchester Ct.-Bonus room, tile floors, coveted location $319,000
1101 E. County Rd. 124-3BR, 2BA, workshop, RV carport .... SOLD.. $310,000
1002 ECR 124-Gorgeous updated 3BR, 2BA, open spacious, kitchen/den, 2 car garage, 40x60 workshop, pool, 2.66 acres. Appraised for $310,000 .... SOLD.. $299,000
1423 Lanham St.-Very nice 3bdr/2.5 bths with many updates .... U/C.. $275,000
3302 Rosemont Dr.-Fantastic 3 BR/2.5 bath, Jack Cunningham custom. One owner home in Fairmont Park .... SOLD.. $289,000
5819 Pedernales .... SOLD.. $265,000
4205 Gleneagles Dr.-Fabulous floor plan and condition. Spacious entry, formal living/dining double fireplace to den. Huge sequestered master, 2BR's w/walk-in closets, great kitchen, 2 garage .... U/C.. $259,900
3407 S. Hwy. 349-Great Commercial location $225,000
3609 Wedgwood-Low maintenance and loaded - granite, stainless, plantation shutters, 3BR, 2BA, 2CG .... SOLD.. $249,900
5006, 5008, 5010, 5012 Preston Dr.-Beautiful Mike Jackson patio homes with custom features. Won't last $239,500
3103 Preston-3BR, 2BA, fresh paint, wood & tile flooring $232,000
4520 Fairbanks-Gorgeous 3BR, 2BA, spacious den, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, 2 garage .... SOLD.. $229,900
4509 Spence Dr.-Great newer home w/large open living, dining, kitchen area. Move-in ready .... SOLD.. $229,000
1006 Gehrig Ave.-Move in ready! .... U/C.. $205,000
1000 Cascade Ct.-Lots of updates in this lovely 3bdr/2bth warm inviting home. Must see! .... U/C.. $205,000
#5 Mariner Ct.-Hardwoods, great plan, squeaky clean .... U/C.. $200,000
2417 Apperson--Lovely 3bdrm/2bth home with updated tile and appliances .... U/C.. $190,000
3107 Lockheed-"Old Midland" great plan .... U/C.. $189,900
5106 Anetta Dr.-Cute, cute, cute .... U/C.. $189,900
200 Cabrillo Dr., Odessa-Move in ready! $186,000
2415 Storey Ave.-Nicely updated 3bdr/2bth home w/beautiful hardwood floors on large lot .... U/C.. $179,000
702 Shell Ave.-Very nice 3 bdrm on large lot with detached storage and carport $159,000
306 Kerth-one owner 3br/3ba/2 livig, 1 garage. Could be 4br as den has closet and bath. Washer, dryer, frig, gas range, & microwave. Two storage buildings, storm celler. Newer roof shingles, HVAC .... U/C.. $155,000
205 Nobles Ave.-Like New, inside completely renovated .... SOLD.. $153,000
101 W. Spruce-3br, 1bath, 2 living, lots of updates - open floor plan $130,000

FOUR BEDROOMS

4107 Tanforan Ave.-Perfect home in Mockingbird Heights w/4BR/3.5BA. See the many amenities, gorgeous custom decor plus pool and much more .... U/C.. $1,500,000
2003 Winfield-"Heart of Warwick" Gorgeous landscaping, great amenities $1,100,000
9 Hawthorne Ct.-Fabulous family home in coveted Saddle Club. Beautifully updated! $979,500
1602 Country Club Dr.-Beautiful 4bdr/3.5 bth in Old Midland .... U/C.. $910,000
4201 Tanforan Ave.-Fabulous custom 4BR, 4BA, (2) 1/2 baths, 3 living areas, study, 4 car garage .... U/C.. $859,900
4505 Bent Tree-Lovely home in Green Tree North with pool! $799,000
2007 Country Club Dr.-Wonderful 4bdr/4bth home .... SOLD.. $595,000
2610 Inwood-Beautifully updated 4bdr/3.5bths/3 car gar w/2LA and 2FP. A must see property .... U/C.. $594,500
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7608 Keyhaven-Beautiful Trailbridge Home! Hurry this one won't last long! 4/2 1/2/3 Trailbridge Home in Odessa! $344,250
5702 Pedernales-Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA Kahler home with open floorplan .... SOLD.. $340,000
2307 Maxwell-Terrific 4 bdrm home with great floor plan, high ceilings, updated kitchen and bathrooms in central location .... U/C.. $249,000
4603 Anetta Dr.-Built in 2012 gorgeous 4BR, 2BA or 3BR with study, spacious LA, open kitchen w/gas range, granite, 2 garage .... U/C.. $232,500
2107 College Ave.-Cottage look from the outside but big & grand inside. Wonderful open plan w/tons of space .... SOLD.. $190,000
306 Kerth-one owner 3br/3ba/2 livig, 1 garage. Could be 4br as den has closet and bath. Washer, dryer, frig, gas range, & microwave. Two storage buildings, storm celler. Newer roof shingles, HVAC .... U/C.. $155,000
3315 Cuthbert Ave.-Investor Special! Cash buyer - granite in kitchen $105,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

4 Willow Ct.-Racquet Club at its finest. Perfect location, fantastic space, gorgeous amenities. Must see! $2,090,000
5011 N. Midland Dr.-This spacious home has it all! Contemporary style great guest house, beautiful grounds, horse lovers dream includes an indoor arena! $1,950,000
6706 West Wind Ct.-Elegant, family friendly 5/6 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 4/5 living areas, 5 car garage, parking pad, gorgeous pool/spa, koi pond, plus family yard on #6 Tee Box Green Tree North $1,380,000
4224 Baybrook Place-Beautiful 4bdr/3.5 bth home with all the bells & whistles! $1,125,000
2003 Sinclair-Fabulous 5BR in Warwick, 4LA, pool, spa, gameroom, beautifully updated $997,500
6802 Island Circle-Awesome 5/4/3 home on the lake at Green Tree North. Must see! .... SOLD.. $744,000
2000 Shell-5 bedroom in the "Heart of Warwick" $825,000
5405 Heartland Ct.-Pristine 5bdrm + ofc, fab flooring, quiet Grassland cul-de-sac .... SOLD.. $439,000

TOWN HOMES AND PATIO HOMES

17 Winchester Ct.-Bonus room, tile floors, coveted location! $319,000
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FOR LEASE

3302 Haynes (B)-Large 3BR, 2BA, no pets .... LEASED.. $1,900 Month
511 S. Bentwood Dr.-3BR/2BA. Pets negotiable .... LEASED.. $1,900 Month

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

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E. I-20-660+ acres just East of Midland on Interstate 20. Call Bill Scott for details .... U/C.. $1,200,000
4800 Bluebird-20 acres in Greenbelt, ready for development! $800,000
Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott .... U/C.. $650,000
5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $399,900
64 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
Mockingbird Oaks-1 Acre lot $139,500
7600, 7602 & 7610 Keyhaven, Odessa-Very few lots left in Castle Ridge Phase 2-Hurry! .... U/C.. $62,000 ea.

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One Petroleum Center, Bldg. 4-Sublease or possible new lease, 4,069 NRSF, 10 offices, conference room, breakroom, file room and reception area .... Call Bill Scott for tour....682-1111 or 559-4249 or Brandee Noll at 230-4488
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2136 Commerce Dr.-Approximately 32,920 sq. ft. warehouse/fabrication facility with over 6,400 sq. ft. of office, easy access to I-20 or Hwy. 80. Call Bill Scott .... REDUCED.. $995,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
1702 E. New Jersey-3,000 sq. ft. warehouse or shop. Call Bill Scott 682-1111 or Brandee Noll 230-4488 .... $150,000
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $100,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

3625 Country Club, San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake front home, Southwestern Style $695,000
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3000 Woodingbird.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Cohrs Dixon 638-4321
Stunning 5,490 sq. ft. on 4.5 acres w/workshop, pool, pool house & outdoor kitchen. 3BR $995,000

2500 Colonial Oaks Ct.....Call Kay Sutton 416-8299
A 4 bedroom, 4.5 bathroom Mike Jackson Tuscan beauty. Outstanding craftsmanship throughout. Gorgeous tile, lovely built-in cabinetry. 8 foot interior doors. Quality through and through $869,500

4001 E. Cr. Rd. 71.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lenkaough 553-0786
Fabulous country property w/3 beds, 3.5 baths & workshop & RV park! $339,900

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Spectacular 3 bedroom/2 bath townhome. Open kitchen & living w/inviting stone fireplace. Stainless steel appliances, granite counters, just amazing $239,500

2100 W. Wadley #71.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lenkaough 553-0786
Spacious bright 2 bed/2 bath condo w/3 balconies! $135,000

4+ Bedrooms

501 Sir Barton Pkwy.....Call Toni Morin 272-4599
5BR/5BA. Custom home. Beautiful tile floors, fabulous great room, gourmet kitchen, outdoor kitchen, pool and spa! $1,999,500

17 LaPaz Circle, Odessa.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Cohrs Dixon 638-4321
5BR/5BA. Exquisite home with 2 view of the pond in LaPaz Ctr! 4 fireplaces and a media room @C... $1,598,000

4016 Tallaboa.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Cohrs Dixon 638-4321
Country living in the city! Barn w/5 car garage! Carport on 3.4 acres w/5 beds/5.5 baths! $967,500

2100 Breonna Lane.....Call Ann Pfaff 638-4074
5Br/3.5Ba. Spacious home and ample storage. Large bedrooms, kitchen features an island, pantry and spacious cabinets $470,000

3400 Co. Rd. 82340, Stanton.....Call Cameron Wilkinson 978-4290
4BR, 3BA in Northridge Development on 2.64 acres, with barn, bedroom & RV parking $419,900

4002 Illinois Ave.....Call Cameron Wilkinson 978-4290
4 bed/3 bath. All bathrooms remodeled and entire-house boasts of crown molding! Kitchen has granite countertops, plenty of cabinet space and covered patio ..... REDUCED...$179,900

3 Bedrooms

4111 Inola Dr.....Call Norman Heyman 894-8104
3 bedroom/2.5 bath. Two living areas w/fp, fireplace. Stunning in ground pool and outdoor kitchen. Lovely br/1ba guest house $475,000

5209 Elton Joyce Way.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lenkaough 553-0786
Fabulous new construction by Lance Friday! Open floor plan w/3 bed/2 bath & beautiful finishes thru-out! $399,900

4001 E. Cr. Rd. 71.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Cohrs Dixon 638-4321
Spacious 3 bed/3.5 bath w/30x50 shop, 10x10 basement, sunroom & 3,226 sq. ft.! $949,900

3 Bedrooms

4009 Crenshaw.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lenkaough 553-0786
Move-in ready! Open floorplan w/corner fireplace, and large game room/ 3 bedroom $298,000

2503 W. Cuthbert.....Call Cameron Wilkinson 978-4290
3/2. Great family home. Updates throughout the home. Lg. open living space & wonderful lg. covered patio $199,900

1600 N. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Tx.....Call Norman Heyman 894-8104
3BR/2BA. Singlewide trailer w/two additions. Additional bldg. on property that was previously a bar. Excellent opportunity for the person w/visions of buying a home & owning a business! $178,000

1905 Dubloon.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lenkaough 553-0786
Cute 3 bed/2 bath w/office/hobby room & spacious detached garage/workshop $175,000

1 & 2 Bedrooms

3213 Louisiana.....Call Cameron Wilkinson 978-4290
40+ all investors! 2/2. Great sized home. Master has two lg. walk-in closets. Lg. rent w/storage building $123,500

2316 W. Kansas Ave.....Call Norman Heyman 894-8104
2 bedroom/1 bath. Enclosed patio and a large workshop in the backyard $105,000

Odessa & Surrounding Areas

7141 Westbrook Ave, Odessa.....Call Kay Sutton 416-8299
Spacious 4 bedroom/3bath home. Wonderful open living space. Large workshop. Centrally located for shopping $199,900

701 E. 30th St., Odessa.....Call Kay Sutton 416-8299
3Br/2Ba. Quaint home w/hardwood floors in lrg. bedrooms and utility room. Shop/storage in back $88,900

Land & Lots

3000 Passage Way.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lenkaough 553-0786
7.2+/- Acres. Fantastic place to build your dream home! North of Loop 250 & close to shopping! Cleared lot with pine trees. Water well & electricity $250,000

5005 Dumbarton oaks Blvd.....Call Kay Sutton 416-8299
Great lot in Mockingbird Oaks, just over an acre. Ready for your custom home $167,500

2914 Passage Way.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lenkaough 553-0786
2.2+/- Acres. Fantastic place to build your dream home! North of Loop 250 & close to shopping! Cleared lot with pine trees already planted & electricity $125,000

5322 Bella Place.....Call Nathan Reeves 631-9057
A beautiful place to build your dreams! $85,000

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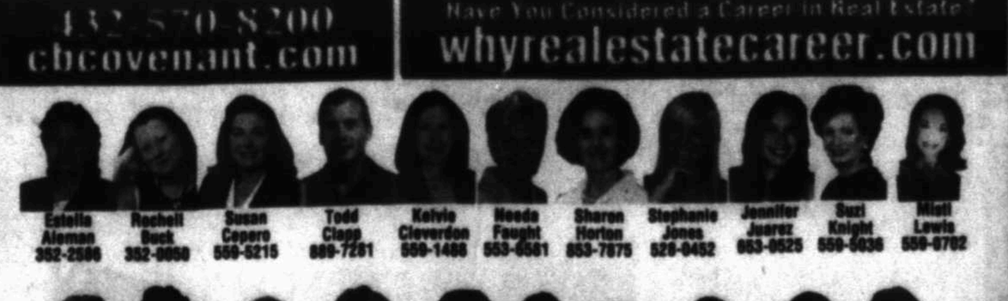

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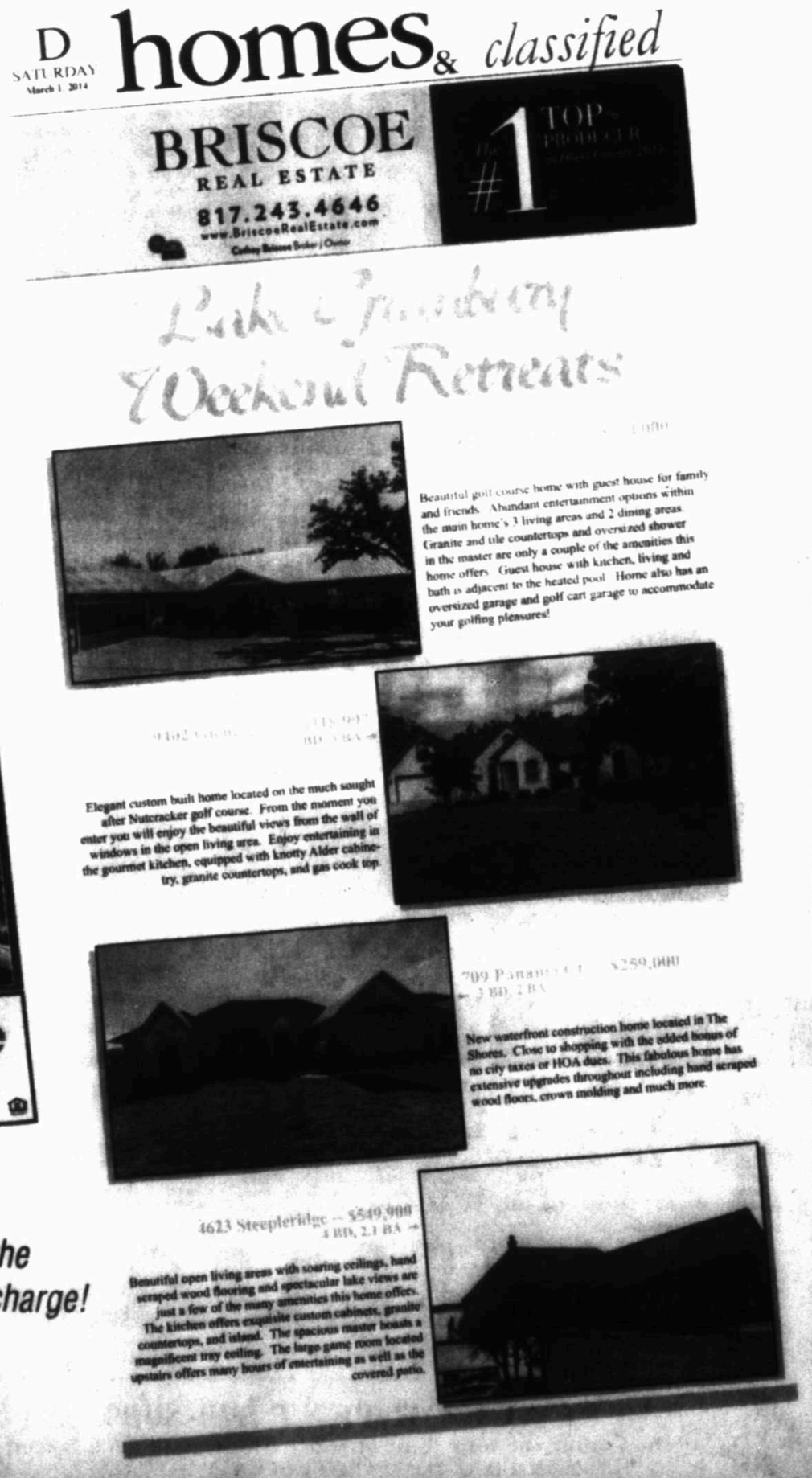

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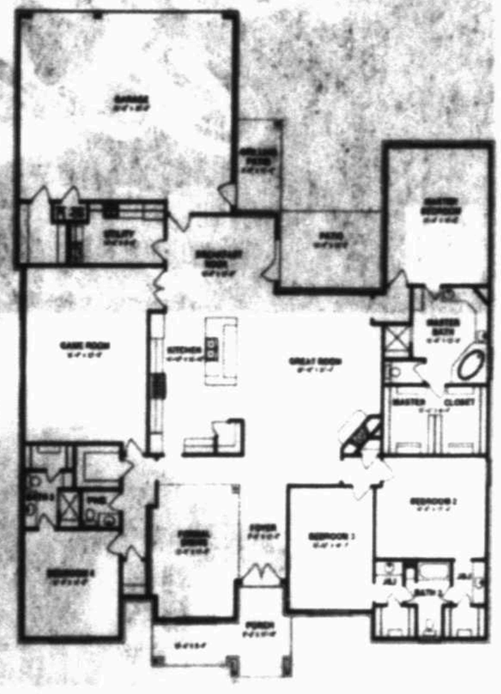

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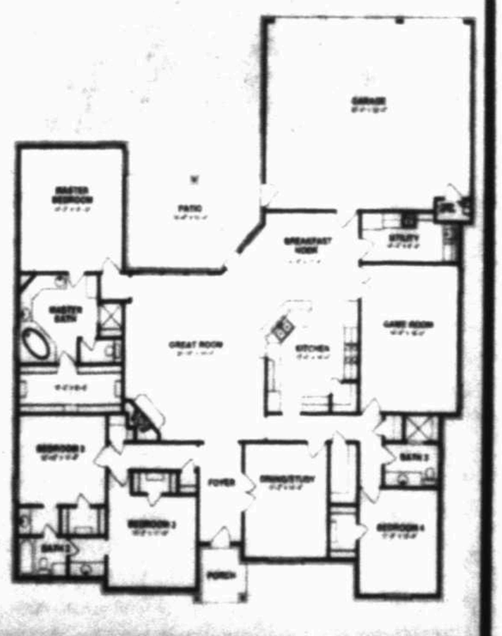

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3501 Camarie Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car garage	U/C
1307 E. Jax St	6 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Living Areas	SOLD
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5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE - $650,000
WONDERFUL PROPERTY ON THE COURSE BOASTS BEAUTIFUL OLD WORLD CHARM!
Gourmet kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, pantry, granite! Huge formal dining! Living rm w/sautillo tile, fireplace, wet bar & access to back-yard! Media room! Weight room/gym! 2 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths down-stairs! 2 Complete master suites upstairs w/balcony access! Gorgeous golf course views! Great outdoor living space! Covered patios & open patios! 3Cg!

2820 NORTHTOWN PLACE - $375,000
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED!
Wood flooring! Plantation shutters! High ceilings! Skylights! Gorgeous gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, gas range, bar & pantry! Formal dining! Breakfast nook! Living room w/fireplace & built-ins! Sun room overlooks patio! Playroom/office! Seq master w/updated bath! Den off kitchen! Open patio! Backyard w/recent sod!Playhouse/storage bldg! 2 Car rear entry garage! Quiet street w/circle drive!

3404 MARBLE LANE - $375,000
WONDERFUL CORNER LOT IN ROCKPOINT!
4 Bedrooms! 2.5 Baths! Open plan w/huuggeee island/breakfast bar combo! Tons of cabinetry, granite & large pantry! Cook's dream kitchen! Dining room w/fireplace! Living rm w/built-ins! Seq master suite w/great bath & 2 closets! Utility room! Great 3 car garage w/separated 3rd bay! Covered patio w/wet bar has sink, space for fridge & roll-up door! Corner lot!

5002 QUARTZ LANE - $295,000
NICE MORSE RESALE IN WONDERFUL ROCKPOINT!
Quite & quaint neighborhood! Large formal dining/study! Whimsi-cal kitchen w/red cabinets add a touch of color! Stainless appliances! Breakfast bar! Spacious living room w/great fireplace! Roomy master is sequestered & offers 2 closets & great bath! Wood-look tile flooring in bedrooms! No carpet! Plantation shutters! High ceilings! Covered patio! Brick privacy fence!

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3903 WESTMINISTER - $275,000
3 bed w/fantastic updates!
Shown by Ashley St. John

OPEN 3:00-4:00
11504 W. CO. RD. 54 - $395,000
11 acres, Reduced!
Shown by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2608 N. MIDKIFF - $149,500
Great home in wonderful area.
Shown by Madison Shaw

OPEN 2:00-3:00
2623 CAMBRIDGE ST. - ODESSA - $163,900
Corner lot, 3 bdrm, 2 bths, 2 living, 1 dining.
Shown by Darla Davis

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5007 SAN ANTONIO - $189,900
Adorable home in Northgate Addition.
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SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING Sunday, March 9, 2014

What's Hot in Kitchen and Bath Design

Designers at annual kitchen and bath confab say contemporary, clean – and easy-to-clean – matter most

By Maggie Flynn | CTW Features

Kohler

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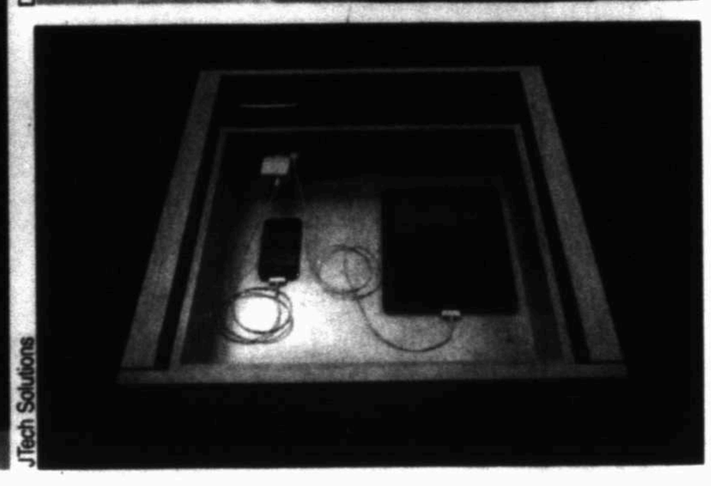
Diamond Celerity

Thermador


JTech Solutions

Smart new products for kitchen and bath: clockwise from top right: Toto's water-sipping Aero showerhead; under-counter e-cookbook holder from Diamond; JTech Solutions' kitchen docking drawer for recharging mobile devices; easy-clean Thermador induction cooktop; Kohler's wall-hung Jute bathroom vanity, a play on mid-century modern design.

When clean, contemporary styles are edging out Tuscan country looks, and practical convenience and comfort in kitchen and bath designs are top priorities among homeowners, a new survey shows.

"After years of holding purse strings tight, people are more willing to invest in their homes, according to 420 designers polled in the annual Design Trends Survey released by the National Kitchen and Bath Association at its 2014 KBIS event, a trade event that coincided with the International Builders Show in Las Vegas in early February.

"We've had a rough couple of years," says Maria Stapperfenne, a designer for 22 years and manager of Tewksbury Kitchens and Baths, a division of Huston Lumber & Supply Co. in North Plainfield, N.J. "People have needed to allocate their funds to other items."

Now, she and other designers see that changing.

"People are confident now in investing back in their home," says John Petrie, president of the National Kitchen and Bath Association. "From an economy standpoint, it's well on the rebound."

Among kitchen and bath trends on the rise for 2014, according to designers polled in the survey:

Cleaner, simple styling

Tuscan and provincial-style kitchens are on the way out in favor of contemporary styling, with its emphasis on straight lines and minimal accessories. Contemporary design has been popular for bathrooms for several years; 62 percent of designers in the survey expect it to become more prominent in kitchen design.

While granite has ruled for years as the popular choice for countertops, easy care quartz, a manufactured product that is durable and more resistant to stains and spills, is an increasingly popular choice for kitchen counters and bathroom vanities. For cabinets in both rooms, homeowners are more frequently passing up elaborate molding and trims in favor of simplicity, designers said.

Red and bronze color schemes are on the decline. Designers agreed that gray will be the fastest growing color in 2014, according to the survey.

No more tangles

Interest in convenient kitchen charging stations for the typical household's flotilla of mobile devices continues to increase, designers said. New at the Kitchen and Bath Show: a "docking drawer" to hide the tangle of cords and chargers.

The shallow drawer from JTech Solutions, of San Ramon, Calif., contains two grounded outlets and two USB outlets to recharge mobile devices, keeping counters clutter-free.

Stapperfenne favors power strips integrated into cabinets for device-charging. She often incorporates a message center into her kitchen designs, a "standup kind of a desk area where you can land your purse and briefcase and mail and have a place to charge the cell phone," she says.

Stephanie Pierce, design studio manager for MasterBrand Cabinets Inc., attributes the integration of technology to changing expectations.

"The kitchen is becoming the central workplace of the home," she says. "It's really becoming multifunctional and multi-use — it's not just where you're cooking anymore."

Comfort for all

Some 57 percent of designers said they specified accessible or universal designs in the bath, and 56 percent did the same for the kitchen. These features are becoming more popular because they provide convenience to everyone, while ensuring safe access to the very young, the very old, and folks with mobility problems.

"The trend is: I want to be comfortable," Stapperfenne says. "It's universal design for comfort's sake."

A long, narrow, decorative channel drain from Quick Drain USA, of Frisco, Colo., won plaudits as best bath product at the International Builders Show. The linear drains allow for a sleek, curbless shower.

Green a go-go

Water-saving kitchen and bath products abounded at the show.

"We as a society have taken water for granted significantly," says NKBA's Petrie, who acknowledged that water-conserving technology for toilets and faucets hasn't always lived up to the hype.

But Petrie sees hope for greener technologies among new products introduced at the show. A new high-efficiency toilet from Toto uses no more than one gallon per flush, and incorporates a self-cleaning system that uses UV light that activates when the lid is closed. Toto's new Aero Rain Shower showerhead injects air into water drops to increase their size and provide a sense of greater volume, using pulsing technology.

Technological innovation will drive more water-saving products, Petrie says. Products that "conserve water without giving up quality or style" is a trend that will grow," he says.

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Stage a Home - For Yourself

By Tanieshia Robinson | CTW Features

Staging a home — instant interior makeovers intended to help increase a home's resale value — isn't rocket science. And, it's not just for homes that have "For Sale" signs in the front yard.

Just ask Emmy-nominated "Speed" home stager Jill Vegas, who uses the Internet and weekly action plans to help homeowners learn how to put their properties in the best light. Or interior designer C.J. Knapp, creative director and lead designer for Savvy Surrounding Style, a St. Louis home store and design firm.

Here are some tips you can use to instantly and cheaply transform your home - and not just for someone else to enjoy.

Clear the clutter

Strip the room of "anything that's distracting from the architectural features in your home," says Vegas, author of "Speed Decorating" (The Taunton Press, 2009). In a kitchen, these distractions include extra appliances, cereal boxes and any out-of-place items like piles of mail.

"When it comes to staging a house, less is more," says Knapp. "A few well-placed pieces of furniture have more impact then lots of pieces." Vegas has a self-proclaimed "fierce" rule when it comes to getting rid of things: "Ask yourself, Do I love it? And listen to what pops into your head."

Clean, clean, clean

"Make sure every inch of your floor sparkles," Vegas says. Everything has to gleam, and those dust balls in the corner of your closet have to go.

Add mirrors

Mirrors instantly increase light and can make a space feel wider or deeper. "Look for windows with great views to reflect in the mirror," Knapp says. "Before placing mirrors stand with your back to the wall and look straight ahead. If you see into the bathroom, a blank wall or a stack of dirty dishes in the sink you know not to place a mirror there."

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Light your way

Natural light shining through sparkling windows makes a big statement in a staged home, so remove heavy curtains that block out natural light. "Turn on lights so your house seems warmer and brighter," Knapp says. Remove dusty shades and switch out light bulbs.

Join the color guard

Beware of too much or too little color. You don't want to overpower a room with one color or whitewash the place, either. Vegas recommends adding "color accents." Choose a palette for your throw pillows, vases, flowers, artwork and rugs.

Pull up a chair

"Place furniture on an angle," Knapp suggests. Add small stools in a dining space to suggest generous seating space. Avoid multiple chairs with backs that create a vertical line; this can make a space appear cramped and small.

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5301 N. Midland Dr.			MLS #97361	$400,000
1410 W. Missouri			MLS #97421	$349,900
3604 Storey Ave.			MLS #97683	$167,900
408 E. Pecan		UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #97125	$165,000
3104 SCR 1223			MLS #97099	$155,000
6600 FM 715	-10.32 Acres		MLS #96956	$439,900
4207 S. Co. Rd. 1135	-Commercial		MLS #96679	$250,000
FM 715-22 Acres			MLS #96888	$484,000
405 ECR 127			MLS #96749	$395,900
10310 S. Co. Rd. 1210	-Commercial		MLS #96680	$695,000
5508 SCR 1200	-5.7 Acres		MLS #96080	$389,900
2104 Evans	-New Construction	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #95808	$359,900
Sundridge Ranch Estate				3+ acre lots $135,000
10709 ECR 93	-2 Acres and Pool	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #97436	$235,000
3306 W. Ohio Ave.			MLS #97505	NEW PRICE $159,000

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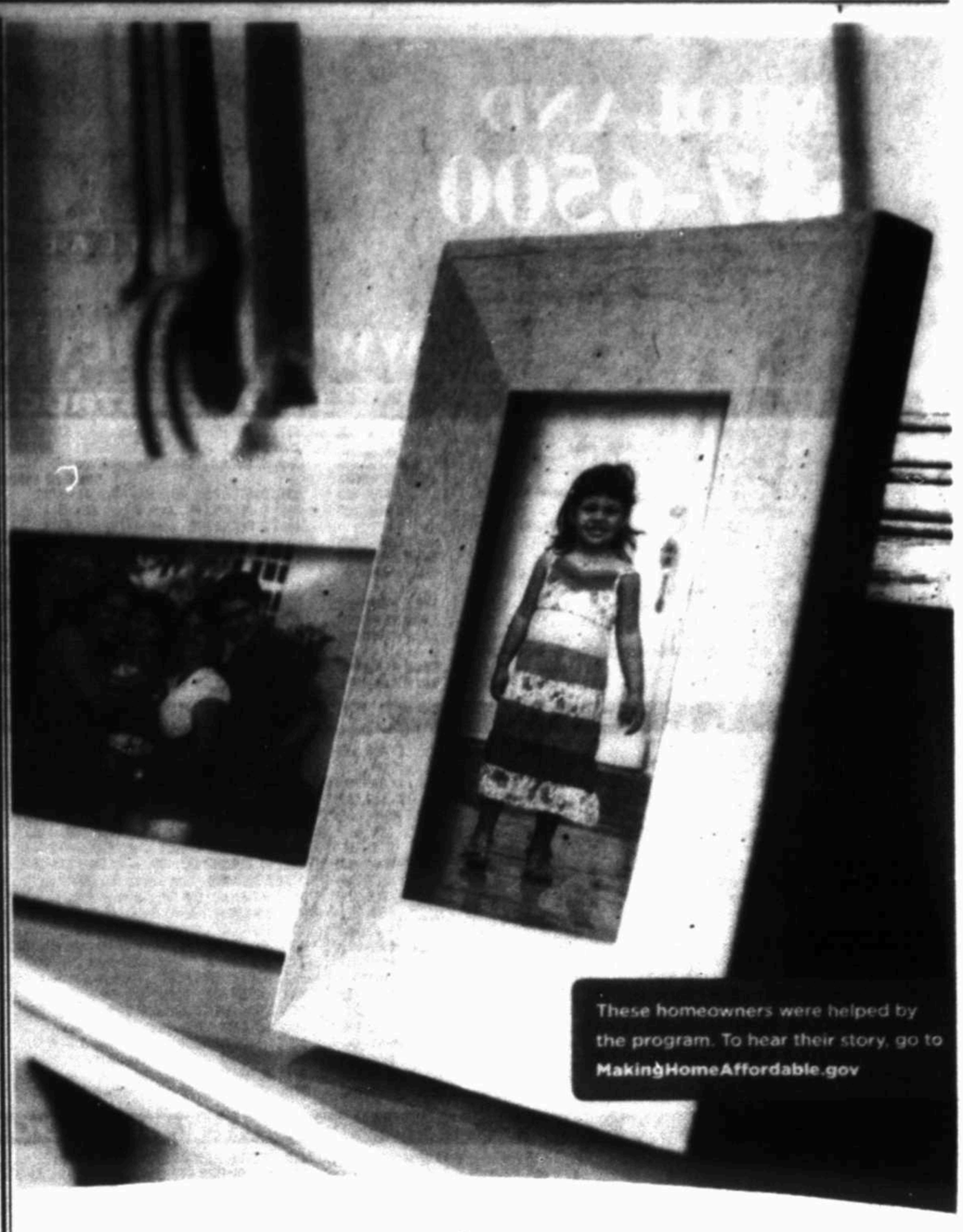

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3310 BLUEBIRD LN. - $1,200,000
HORSE PROPERTY ON 5+ ACRE LOT W/POOL!
Updated 4/3.5 Home w/huge rooms! Living w/fireplace & wet bar! Sunroom! Amazing master bedroom,bathroom & closet! Seq guest suite w/built-ins & private bath! Beautiful pool & commercial size playground! High end equestrian barn is amazing! Workshop/office/guest house w/bstio! 4 Car garage! Circle drive & separate yards! Inside city limits! Wow!

501 SIR BARTON PARKWAY - $1,150,000
FABULOUS ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN!
Another beautiful home by master builders in coveted Solomon Estates! Large living spaces inside & outside! Living room, den & media room(equipment included)! formal dining & breakfast nook! Gourmet kitchen w/island, granite & pantry! Seq master suite w/fabulous bath! Enormous covered patio w/outdoor kitchen! Wonderful backyard already plumbed for pool! Time to pick colors

1000 SILVERTON - $786,500
STUNNING MARK PAYNE HOME!
Located in the exquisite Aspens of Woodland P! Gourmet kitchen boasts custom cabinets w/professional wolf-sub-zero package! Custom work, $30,000 media package w/110-inch screen & 5.1 Surround sound! Beautiful landscape, stamped concrete patio, entertaining backyard! Includes 4br, 3.5Ba, 2 dining + gameroom! Breathtaking detail thru-out! Wow!!!

8301 GLASGOW DR. - $700,000
AMAZING ON 2.5 ACRE LOT
W/POOL & GUEST HOUSE!
Gorgeous drive on w/circle drive! Formal living/study! Formal dining! Awesome gourmet kitchen w/big island, skylight, breakfast bar, granite & tons of counterspace! Living rm is open to kitchen & brkfst nook! Seq master is huge w/fabulous bath & closet! Great bedrooms! Huge utility room! 3 Car garage! Great pool! Covered patio plus guest house! (Incompleted) 2200 sq ft!

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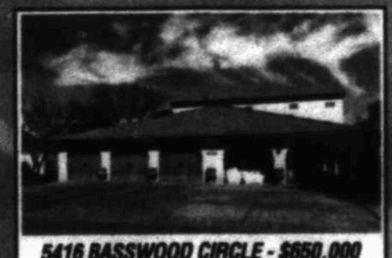
6212 ORIOLE CT. - $895,000
WONDERFUL 5 BEDROOM
ON THE COURSE AT STCC!
Tons of space here! Formal dining! Living room w/high ceilings & fireplace! Study w/tons of built-ins! Cozy den w/fireplace! Large kitchen has granite, island, tons of cabinetry! Breakfast nook w/course views! Large utility rm! Master & guest bdrm downstairs-3 bdrms up(1 w/private bath!) Hardwood floors! Courtyard off den! Flagstone patio! Beautiful views! Golf cart gar!

5312 BELLA PLACE - $950,000
REMARKABLE & BEAUTIFUL!
Builders custom home! Incredible living rm w/high ceiling, fireplace & walls of windows overlooking patio is also open to the gorgeous kitchen & dining area! Breakfast bar! Viking appliances! Marble countertops! Spectacular master suite w/amazing bathroom & closet area!In-law plan! Great utility rm! 2nd living rm upstairs! 2 Bedrooms up each w/private baths! Unbelievable storage! Wow!



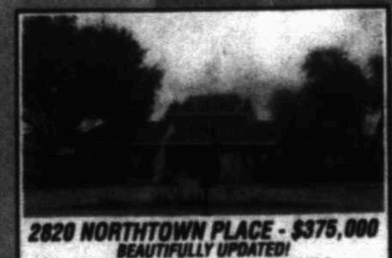
5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE - $650,000
WONDERFUL PROPERTY ON THE COURSE ROASTS
BEAUTIFUL OLD WORLD CHARM!!!
Gourmet kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, pantry, granite! Huge formal dining! Living rm w/rustic tile, fireplace, wet bar & access to backyard! Media room! Weight room/gym!2 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths downstairs! 2 Complete master suites upstairs w/balcony access! Gorgeous golf course views! Great outdoor living space! Covered patios & open patios! 3Cgr

OPEN 3:30-4:30

6200 GLASGOW DR. - $549,900
TONS OF UPDATES IN THIS SPACIOUS HOME!
4 Bedrooms/3 full baths! Formal dining! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island & tons of cabinetry! Breakfast bar & nook! Large living room w/fireplace & built-ins! Sunroom recently added! Seq master suite w/big bath & great closet! Nursery/study/gym off of master! Seq in-law plan! Office too! Huggees living space outside for outdoor entertaining! Private yard too!

3404 MARBLE LANE - $375,000
WONDERFUL CORNER LOT IN ROCKPOINT!
4 Bedrooms/ 2.5 Baths! Open plan w/huggeee island/breakfast bar combo! Tons of cabinetry, granite & large pantry! Cook's dream kitchen! Dining room w/fireplace! Living rm w/built-ins! Seq master suite w/great bath & 2 closets! Utility room! Great 3 car garage w/separated 3rd bay! Covered patio w/wet bar has sink, space for fridge & roll-up door! Corner lot!

4006 HILLSBORO CT. - $375,000
UPDATED 4 BEDROOM HOME
W/3 FULL BATHS ON CUL-DE-SAC!
Large living room w/built-ins, fireplace & high ceilings! Formal dining! Kitchen w/island, pantry, recent appliances & breakfast bar is open to the den! Spacious seq master suite w/nice bath offers dual sinks, sep tub & shower, 3 closets! Roomy bedrooms! Big utility rm! Enclosed patio is great sunroom/playroom! Pretty yard w/recent sod! Close to Comm pool!!



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5509 STERLING CT. - $310,000
GREAT SPACE! CHASELAND!
CLOSE TO SCHOOLS!
4 bedroom, 3 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac w/tree in-liner guest suite! Gourmet kitchen has dbl. ovens, pantry, breakfast dining + separate formal dining! Cozy brick fireplace in living area! Spacious master suite has soaking tub + separate shower, dbl. sinks & his & her closets! Guest bedrooms w/jack & jill bath! Auto sprinklers, covered patio & 2 car rear entry garage, great curb appeal!!!

5603 LOS PATIOS - $300,000
WONDERFUL LOW-MAINTENANCE PROPERTY!
Kahler Realty! 3 Bedrooms plus an office! Great kitchen w/granite countertops, gas range, island & pantry! Dining area is open to kitchen & living room! Vaulted ceiling & rock fireplace! Tons of tile! Office off the living room! Seq master suite w/nice bath offers jetted tub, sep shower, dual vanities & big closet! Roomy bedrooms w/high ceilings! Covered patio!

5902 QUARTZ LANE - $295,000
ROCKPOINT BEAUTY! FRESHLY PAINTED!
Quiet & quaint neighborhood! Large formal dining/study! Whimsical kitchen w/red cabinets add a touch of color! Stainless appliances! Breakfast bar! Spacious living room w/great fireplace! Roomy master is sequestered & offers 2 closets & great bath! Wood-look tile flooring in bedrooms! No carpet! Plantation shutters! High ceilings! Covered patio! Brick privacy fence!

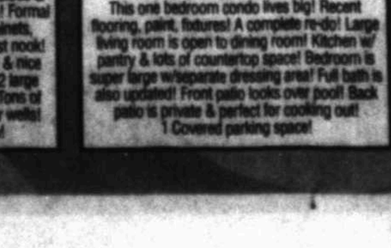
5801 ECR 110 - $295,000
FABULOUS FAMILY HOME WITH 3 ED-
ROOMS IN BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT!
Updated w/wood flooring & recent windows! Living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace! Nice dining room w/bay window! Recent countertops & appliances! Breakfast bar! Sequestered master has 2 closets! Covered patio! 3 car garage plus workshop! Storage shed too! Circle drive! 2 acre property is well maintained & ready for occupancy!

1419 TEXAS AVE. - $275,000
GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY
OFFERS 2 BUILDINGS!
Main house is 2 bedrooms/1 bath w/tons of character! Arched doorways, hardwood flooring & fireplace! Kitchen is spacious w/room for breakfast table or island! Guest house(facing N St) is updated to the max! Its 1 bed/1 bath w/bamboo floors,stainless appliances,nice bathroom & roomy bedroom! Plus covered patio, private yard & utility room! Workshop is huge w/loft & shed office!

6008 BRIARWOOD AVE., ODESSA, TX - $235,000
GREAT LIVING SPACE HERE!
Large formal dining/living area! Den w/fireplace! Nice kitchen w/breakfast nook! Roomy bedrooms! Fabulous backyard offers tons of space for animals, pool or entertaining! Water well too! Circle drive! 2 Car garage! Easy access to loop 338! Very well-maintained home!

4116 FM 307 - $185,000
COUNTRY CHARM!
Quaint house w/hardwood flooring and rustic trim adorn this nice 3 bedroom/2 bath home! Nice living room opens to the dining area! Kitchen w/concrete countertops & country cabinets! Bedroom w/private bath could be master or in-law plan! Two other roomy bedrooms share updated hall bath! Nice utility room! Open patio! One acre tract!

5213 SCR 1060 - $168,000
WELL-KEPT HOME W/MATURE TREES!
Doublewide manufactured home is spacious & open! Large living area w/vaulted ceiling! Formal dining area! Big kitchen loaded w/cabinets, tons of counterspace & island! Breakfast nook! Sequestered master suite w/large bath & nice closets! Fabulous shop is 50x24, has 2 large garage doors, electricity & insulation! Tons of driveway space! Storage bldg! 2 Water-wells! Mature trees! Call for lender info!



501 SCHARBAUER #5 - $94,300
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1110 HICKORY "B". Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97345	3/BD$169,000
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2601 S. CO. RD. 1089. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #94463	SALE PENDING
TREES M PROPERTIES, INC.		
5300 CASTLE PINE RD. Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #95660	$429,500
1409 E. PECAN AVE. Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #95404	SALE PENDING
1407 E. PECAN AVE. Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #95348	SALE PENDING
KEA HOMES		
2104 EVANS LANE. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #95808	4BD/$350,900
WESCON SERVICES, LLC		
5313 ELLEN JAYNE WAY. Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #2360	3 BD/$379,000
TRIPLE M CUSTOM HOMES		
11618 W. CO. RD. 54. Elisia Flatt 557-7159	MLS #96478	SALE PENDING
CASE HOMES		
2601 S. COUNTY ROAD 1087. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #96716	$305,000
MICHAEL FRIDAY HOMES		
5313 ELLEN JAYNE WAY	MLS #96147	$379,000
TRI CENTURY MANAGEMENT		
LANCE FRIDAY HOMES		
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY. Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97704	$449,000
MICHAEL DAVIS HOMES		
12301 E. CO. RD. 111. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97581	4BD/$329,000
3105 S. CO. RD. 1087. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97023	4BD/$322,000
12102 E. CO. RD. 111. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97582	3BD/$295,000
RENE LEYVA		
1213 E. OAK. Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #97159	$193,000
TONY E. HAM CONSTRUCTION, LLC		
1000 W. CO. RD. 1095. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97272	$313,000
1500 S. CO. RD. 1095. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97300	$311,000
TONI WOODRUFF		
1204 BRECKENRIDGE-Woodland Park. Lavonne Johnson	MLS #00000	$525,000

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4528 CORSAIR CT. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #95233	$1,400,000
2504 TEXLAND CIRCLE. Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #97394	$1,250,000
3310 BLUEBIRD. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97312	$1,200,000
501 SIR BARTON PKWY. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97675	$1,150,000
910 HARVARD. Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #97761	SALE PENDING
6020 HOMESTEAD BLVD. Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #96570	$850,000
1110 SILVERTON. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96624	$780,500
1703 COUNTRY CLUB. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #96164	SALE PENDING
8301 GLASGOW. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96896	$700,000
4700 RUSTIC TRAIL. Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #98032	$699,900
6212 ORIOLE CT. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97621	$695,000
4915 TATTENHAM CORNER. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #95834	$680,000
5312 BELLA PL. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96858	$650,000
5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97814	$650,000
6827 ISLAND CIRCLE. Danny Norwood 618-5012		$639,900
1501 W. SCHARBAUER DR. Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #97180	$575,000
5109 TEAKWOOD TR. Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #96512	$575,000
8200 GLASGOW DR. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97719	$549,900
2000 NEELY AVE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96859	SALE PENDING
1210 BRECKENRIDGE DR. Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #98015	$525,000
1204 BRECKENRIDGE-WOODLAND. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #00000	SALE PENDING
10300 E. CO. RD. 103. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97882	SALE PENDING
4634 RUSTIC TRAIL. Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #96543	SALE PENDING
4300 TUMBLEWEED TRAIL. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #95481	SALE PENDING
5300 CASTLE PINE. Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #95666	SALE PENDING
5100 TEAKWOOD TRACE. Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #96115	$450,000
1207 W. KANSAS. Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98239	$415,000
5000 BRIARPATH. Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #97980	$409,000
5606 DUNBARTON OAKS. Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #96818	SALE PENDING
3322 W. COUNTY RD. 185. Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97471	SALE PENDING
3100 SEABOARD. Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #96256	SALE PENDING
4509 WOODHOLLOW DR. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #93875	SALE PENDING
4107 BOULDER. Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #95225	SALE PENDING
2803 DOUGLAS. Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #95865	SALE PENDING
4806 HILLSBORO CT. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97651	$375,000
3404 MARBLE LN. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97995	$375,000
2820 NORTHTOWN PLACE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97966	$375,000
402 DENGAR AVE. Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #95439	$320,000
5509 STERLING CT. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97448	$310,000
2808 KESWICK COVE. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #96010	SALE PENDING
3005 MEADOWBROOK. Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #96094	$299,900
5801 E. CO. RD. 110. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97902	$295,000
3414 ROSEMONT. Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #95940	$290,000
5701 CROWLEY BLVD. Larry Hatfield 349-4790	MLS #97051	
3205 RED. Larry Hatfield 618-5012	MLS #97607	SALE PENDING
3501 LOCKHEED. Larry Hatfield 618-5012	MLS #97658	$279,500
2900 CIMMARON. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #96802	$259,000
2818 FANNIN. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #96308	SOLD
2800 STANOLIND. Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97943	SALE PENDING
800 SINCLAIR. Gina Reyes	MLS #97234	SOLD
3000 VERMONT. Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97849	SALE PENDING
1208 STANOLIND AVE. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #96226	$236,900
2506 EMERSON. Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #96516	SALE PENDING
2104 WHITNEY DR. Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #94725	SALE PENDING
3500 BAUMANN AVE. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #95537	$229,000
3802 GODFREY CT. Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #97765	$225,000
3210 STUTZ DRIVE. Madison Shaw 528-4640	MLS #97468	SALE PENDING
6115 BLUE HAVEN. Larry Hatfield 349-4790	MLS #97445	SALE PENDING
3200 MARK LANE. Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #96247	$210,000
2811 W. LOUISIANA AVE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97464	SALE PENDING
2000 CIMMARON. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #96802	$175,000
4418 FAIRGATE. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #95633	$172,500
2401 NORTHTOWN COURT. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #94902	SALE PENDING
3418 TANNER. Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #96179	$139,900
2811 W. CO. RD. 116. Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93896	$122,500
1414 E. PARKER. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #96973	SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3302 BLUEBIRD LANE. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #94206	5.13 Acres/$550,000
5333 BELLA PL. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96861	SALE PENDING
6516 GLADIOLA. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #95989	SALE PENDING
3905 CARDINAL LANE. Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97280	3 Acres/$499,999
1800 N. I ST. Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #97320	$499,900
1705 CUTHBERT. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #96293	$498,500
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY. Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97704	$449,000
6017 CLAREWOOD DR. Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #96459	SOLD
4910 KINGSBORO CT. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96081	SALE PENDING
2708 SAVOY. Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #95610	$350,000
2407 GOLF COURSE ROAD. Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #96863	SALE PENDING
5315 BELLA PLACE. Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #96775	$349,900
5205 ELLEN JAYNE WAY. Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #96838	$335,000
5616 GRASSLAND BLVD. Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #97371	$330,000
206 E. CO. RD. 127-ROPING ARENA. Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95768	7.97 Acres/$325,000
2514 QUAIL PT. Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #97890	$325,000
2403 STUTZ PLACE. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #96309	$324,900
2501 WCR 130. Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	$325,000
5616 GRASSLAND BLVD. Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #97371	$320,000
4902 HILLSBORO CT. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #97286	$315,000
5002 QUARTZ LN. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97678	$295,000
4821 ROSEWOOD. Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #96466	SALE PENDING
1604 WINFIELD. Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #96119	$295,000
2600 FRONTIER. Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #97318	$279,900
3903 WESTMINISTER. Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #96250	$275,000
1410 W. TEXAS AVE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97044	$275,000
3212 DURANT. Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #97456	SALE PENDING
2103 MARCIE CT. Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #98008	$268,000
3205 HIGHSKY DR. Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #97618	$265,000
4500 TREVINO. Betty Hicks 553-8194	MLS #97331	$249,000
1800 COLLEGE AVE. Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #96922	$246,500
4010 ANGELINA DR. Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #96890	SALE PENDING
1300 W. LOUISIANA AVE. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #97043	SALE PENDING
5010 BRUNSWICK. Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97257	SALE PENDING
5208 LAVACA. Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #96280	$239,900
1800 RANGER ROAD. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #95544	SALE PENDING
2818 MOSS. Karen Foster 559-4806	MLS #96251	$239,500
4404 TREVINO. Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #96717	$239,000
6000 BRIARWOOD AVE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97723	$235,000
3808 STANOLIND. Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #96862	$229,900
4215 ST. ANDREWS. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97673	$229,900
2518 FAULKNER. Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #98024	$225,000
5118 ASHDOWN PLACE. Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #94819	$225,000
4501 ST. ANDREWS DR. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #95680	$220,000
3325 PROVIDENCE DR. Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97126	SALE PENDING
2824 DENGAR. Danny Norwood 618-5012		$214,900
3406 STANOLIND. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #97801	$210,000
3209 SHANDON. Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #96414	$210,000
4603 BISHOPS CASTLE. Barbara McWilliams 230-2034	MLS #97010	$209,000
722 W. KANSAS AVE. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #97046	$209,000
2819 EMERSON PL. Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #97584	$208,000
1113 PORTERFIELD. Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #97846	SALE PENDING
2106 W. MISSOURI. Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97387	SALE PENDING
3201 W. SHANDON-Tri-Level. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #00000	$199,900
4115 FM 307. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97831	$195,000
4526 LEDDY DR. Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #97979	$194,000
2903 AURORA LANE. Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97756	SALE PENDING
5007 SAN ANTONIO AVE. Tracy Farrow 413-4412		$189,900
1509 GARDEN LANE. Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97681	$187,480
5110 ANETTA. Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS#95882	SALE PENDING
4307 FERNCLIFF. Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #95558	SALE PENDING
6204 CHICKASAW. Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #94466	SALE PENDING
3507 CRESTMONT DR. Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95289	SALE PENDING
1002 ALPINE ST. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #95210	SALE PENDING
3603 W. WADLEY AVE. Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #94288	SALE PENDING
3802 PERMIAN CT. Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #95664	SOLD
4718 COUNTRY CLUB DR. Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #96314	$180,000
110 W. SPRUCE. Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #97840	$179,000
3705 W. MICHIGAN AVE. Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #97210	SALE PENDING
2500 CIMMARON AVE. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97317	$173,900
3205 WHITTLE WAY. Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #97898	$172,500
4326 GREENBRIAR. Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #96555	$172,000
1328 E. PINE. Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #96302	$169,900
1110 HICKORY "A". Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97345	$169,000
1110 HICKORY "B". Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97345	3/BD$169,000
3213 S. CO. RD. 1069. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96612	$168,000
3604 STOREY AVE. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #97683	SALE PENDING
4727 CUTHBERT. Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #97405	$159,500
4600 WILSHIRE-Furn. Included. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #97431	$159,000
6001 S. CO. RD. 1285. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97559	SALE PENDING
2314 HAYNES. Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #96851	SALE PENDING
4016 MONTY DR. Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #95704	SALE PENDING
4600 ANETTA DR. Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #95494	SALE PENDING
5116 SUNNYSIDE DR. Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95307	SALE PENDING
3614 STOREY AVE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97839	SALE PENDING
2513 N. CUTHBERT AVE. Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #96523	$149,900
3320 CIMMARON AVE. Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95111	SALE PENDING
111 R. GLENWOOD AVE. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #95689	$149,900
4613 CUTHBERT. Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #97847	SALE PENDING
2608 N. MIDKIFF. Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #97024	$149,500
909 WAVERLY. Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97414	$149,000
3216 OHIO AVE. Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #94377	$147,500
2513 N. CUTHBERT AVE. Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #96523	SALE PENDING
3708 AVONDALE. Randy Peets 889-8296	MLS #96401	$144,900
406 W. ESTES AVE. Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97789	$138,000
2203 HOLLOWAY. Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97424	SALE PENDING
125 S. BENTWOOD DR. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #95178	SALE PENDING
4607 McKNIGHT DR. Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #95674	$129,900
3311 W. LOUISIANA. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #96967	$129,900
4207 ANETTA DR. Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #95057	$119,000
1941 ENGLISH DR. Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #97008	$118,000
1205 CENTURY. Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96047	$118,000
803 SPRUCE AVE. Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #91025	SALE PENDING
410 N. FORT WORTH. Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732	MLS #91785	SALE PENDING
1208 BURCHILL DR. Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #95144	$97,500
4512 BROOKDALE DR. Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #95551	SALE PENDING
1813 E. OAK. Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #94686	SALE PENDING
1204 GARDEN LANE. Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97511	$79,900
1009 SHIRLEY LANE. Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #97526	$2,800/MONTH

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY. Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #94450/94453	$425,000
3608 WEDGEWOOD. Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #96196	$275,000
2100 W. WADLEY #68. Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #94465	$205,000
1207 W. LOUISIANA AVE. Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #95730	$185,000
5007 BELLE GROVE. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #95761	$175,900
3816 NASSAU DR. Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97568	SALE PENDING
4418 FAIRGATE. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS# 95633	SALE PENDING
3709 CEDAR SPRING. Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #95795	$120,000
3914 ANETTA DR. Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #96923	$109,000
4209 HARLOWE DR. Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #95335	SALE PENDING
1106 E. SPRUCE AVE. Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97808	$95,000
501 SCHARBAUER DR. #5. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97054	$84,380
3304 TRAVIS AVE. Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #97983	$82,500
1603 W. WASHINGTON AVE. Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #94729	$79,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

901 E. CO. RD. 125. Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #95539	4BD/$649,900
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284. Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #95058	4BD/$595,000
6516 GLADIOLA. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #95989	SALE PENDING
1312 E. CO. RD. 128. Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #95538	4BD/$539,000
3905 CARDINAL LANE. Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97280	3 Acres/$499,999
10508 E. CO. RD. 103. Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #95069	4BD/$488,000
8605 W. CO. RD. 170, BARNDOMINIUM. Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95103	200 Acres/$460,000
6600 FM 715. Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96956	3BD/$439,900
6402 FM 307. Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #95995	SALE PENDING
3322 W. COUNTY RD. 185. Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97471	SALE PENDING
5508 S. CO. RD. 1200. Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96080	4BD/$399,900
405 E. CO. RD. 127. Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96749	$395,900
11504 WCR 54. Tracey Farrow 432-413-4412	MLS #97485	11.26 Acres/$395,000
2501 W. CO. RD. 130. Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	3BD/$375,000
10300 E. CO. RD. 105. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #95313	3BD/$369,900
1207 N. CO. RD. 1084. Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #95433	4BD/$359,500
206 E. CO. RD. 127-ROPING ARENA. Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95768	7.97 Acres/$325,000
2800 S. CO. RD. 1066. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #97573	4BD/$325,000
2501 W. CO. RD. 130. Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	3BD/$325,000
4206 N. CO. RD. 1130, GREENWOOD. Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #96528	1.5 Acres/$305,000
3900 S. CO. RD. 1187. Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #95547	3BD/$259,900
607 E. CO. RD. 132. Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #95355	3BD/$255,000
6109 S. CO. RD. 1178. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #95812	$241,900
4100 N. CO. RD. 1133. Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #95169	SOLD
10709 E. CO. RD. 93. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #97436	3BD/$235,000
7212 N. CO. RD. 1298. Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #95021	4BD/$235,000
10701 E. CO. RD. 1067. Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #98017	4BD/$199,900
3213 S. CO. RD. 1069. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96612	3BD/$168,000
14905 E. CO. RD. 104. Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94961	3BD/$150,000
2811 W. CO. RD. 116. Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93898	4BD/$122,500
5001 S. CO. RD. 1137. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #97679	$120,000
2906 S. CO. RD. 1220. Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #94391	3BD/$120,000

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

12278 W. HIGHWAY 158, GARDENDALE. Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #94739	3BD/16+ Acres/$1,100,000
29 LA PROMESA CIRCLE. Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #97894	5BD/$985,000
10 WOODHAVEN DR., ODESSA. Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #94737	5BD/$467,500
4456 SE 1000, ANDREWS. Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97578	25 Acres/$400,000
105 OASIS, HORSESHOE BAY. Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #123919	4BD/$399,000
16121 HORSESHOE DR., GARDENDALE. Caleb Matott 349-3330		1+ Acres/$349,900
1202 S. NELSON, MONAHANS. Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95441	3BD/$275,000
607 E. CO. RD. 132. Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #95355	3BD/$267,900
3008 SAN PEDRO- ODESSA. Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #90804	4BD/$263,000
ESTATES OF SHILOH, LOT 3. Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #97772	$250,000
503 W. 3RD ST., STANTON. Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94551	4BD/$240,000
1129 GOLF COURSE, ANDREWS. Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #97961	4BD/$225,000
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON. Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	SOLD
707 GRAY ST., STANTON. Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #97322	$195,000
302 9TH ST., IRAAN. Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92308	5BD/$179,000
9609 HAWTHORNE CT, ODESSA. Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #91563	SALE PENDING
2875 SE CO. RD. 5501, ANDREWS. Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89268	3BD/$169,900
2906 REDBUD, ODESSA. Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97905	3BD/$169,000
2623 CAMBRIDGE ST., ODESSA. Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #91092, 97166	3BD/$163,900
404 SANTA ROSA AVE., ODESSA. Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94765	SALE PENDING
1120 KATHERINE, CRANE. Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #97616	3BD/$155,000
900 NE 2ND, ANDREWS. Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #90362	3BD/$140,000
1211 NW 4TH ST., ANDREWS. Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89898	SALE PENDING
708 COLLIE WAY, ANDREWS. Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89681	SALE PENDING
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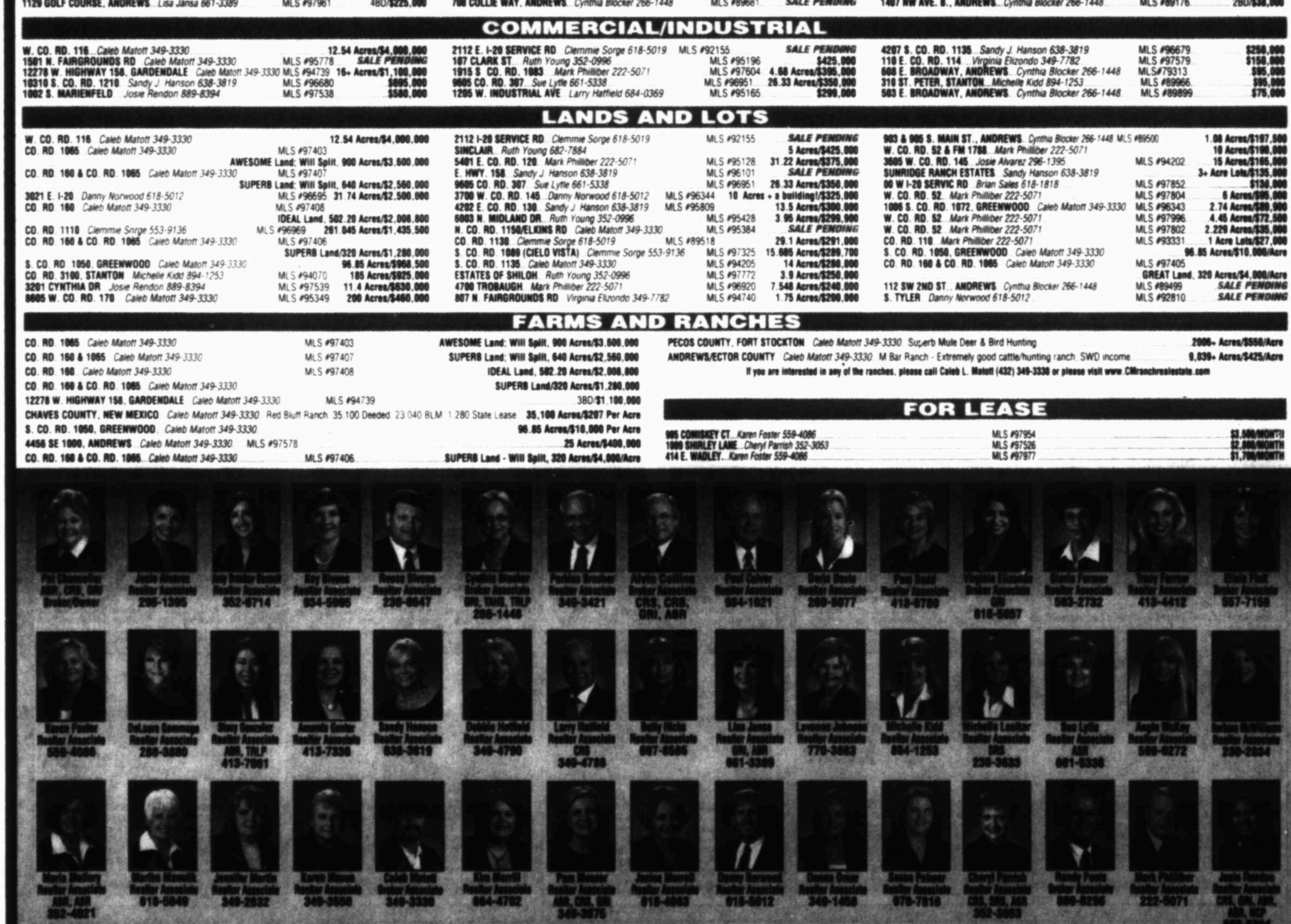

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SPRING BREAK

LAST-MINUTE THINGS TO DO

Staying in Midland for spring break? While it may not have the sunny beaches or crazy nights of Padre, there's plenty to do this week in the Tall City. Whether you love food, museums, volunteering or even the occasional rap concert, check out this list of our last-minute spring break picks. And don't worry about digging out your winter coat after last week's frightening cold front — temperatures are expected to be in the upper 60s and lower 70s.

By Ragini Venkatasubban

For the family:

The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., will offer food, shows and themed activities for all ages this week. The museum opens from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Basin PBS will screen a different, family-friendly show at 11 a.m. every day at the museum, ranging from "The Cat in the Hat" to "Arthur." Food vendors will offer lunch options every day. Visitors can make crafts from 1-3 p.m., including Mexican lucha libre masks and solar prints. The afternoon dome show will be held at 4:15 p.m. at the Marian Blakemore Planetarium. All of this is available to visitors for the regular admission price of $5 for adults and $3 for children. Visit www.museumsw.org for more information.

For the adult:

Quench your thirst for risqué comedy at Thirsty Thursdays, the monthly improv show by Midland Community Theatre held on the second Thursday of every month at the historic Yucca Theatre. This month's show is at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. Tickets are $12 for house seats and $15 for pit seats. There's no intermission, and the bar closes at 9 p.m. The show does include quite a bit of adult content, so it's recommended for ages 18 and up. For tickets, visit www.mctmidland.org.

For the children:

We all wanted an American Girl doll growing up. Use your child as an excuse to relive your own childhood at the American Girl party, 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Bring your real or desperately-wished-for American Girl doll and partake in crafts, activities and cupcakes. The event is presented in partnership with Barnes & Noble.

For the volunteer:

Give back to the community this spring break and volunteer your time at one of the numerous nonprofits around town. Breaking Bread Kitchen, 410 E. Florida Ave., serves nearly 100 people every weeknight and is always looking for volunteers for the serving line. Email trishaweatherford@live.com or call 689-2339 to sign up. For other volunteer opportunities, check out Midland Habitat for Humanity, West Texas Food Bank, Area Missions Outreach Services, places of worship or other nonprofits.

For the music enthusiast:

Tauheed Epps, better known by his stage name "2 Chainz," will visit the mean streets of Midland this spring break. The show will be held Wednesday at La Hacienda, 12600 Texas 191 Frontage Road. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are $65. Visit www.2chainz.com/tour for more information.

Former Midlander releases young adult mystery

By Megan Lea Buck
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Fishman

The first page of Seth Fishman's debut novel will conjure memories for Midlanders. The 1999 Midland High School graduate pulls readers into his young adult mystery with the childhood trauma of main character Mia Kish. At 16 she still endures being called "Baby Mia" and she has broken memories and deep-seeded fears from a childhood trauma — falling into a well.

"I had no intention of sort of intruding on Jessica McClure herself in this, but when I was younger and this happened it was the first time the whole world knew about our hometown, and I remember clearly when I heard she had been pulled from the well. I was in the car and heard it on the radio, and we started honking and everyone started honking," he said. "Over the years I wondered what became of her."

Using a similar event as a back story for Kish allowed him to explore the repercussions of such an isolated, yet very public trauma.

"This is something that happened only to her that caused this very specific set of fears and emotions she's had to battle to overcome," he said of Kish. "It was really in some ways interesting and fun to explore her from that point on. Just thinking of that event and what it would be like handling that fame and fear was just something I was very curious about."

Fishman's "The Well's End" was released Feb. 25 by Putnam Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Random House.

After his time at MHS, Fishman moved on to Princeton University and then to University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, where

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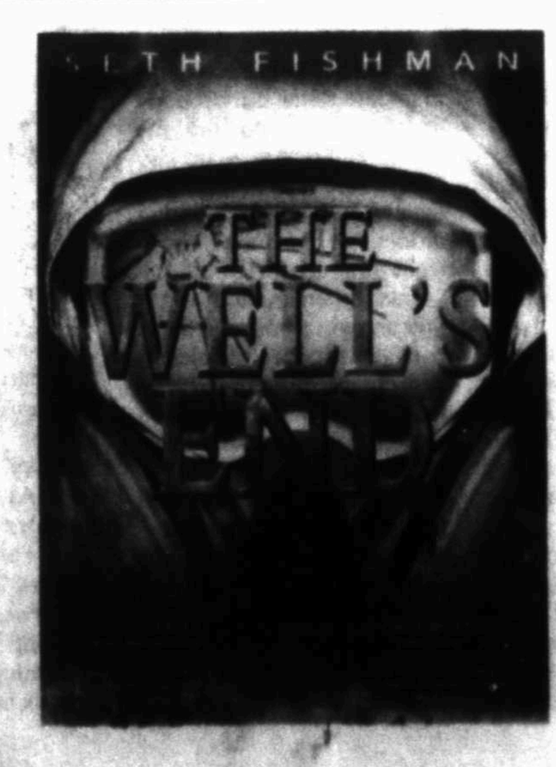

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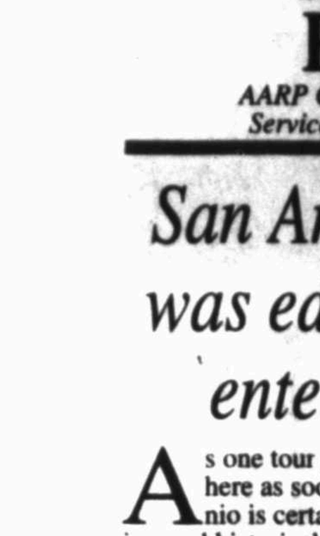


ALEX ROSE
AARP Community Service volunteer

San Antonio trip was educational, entertaining

As one tour guide exclaimed, "I got here as soon as I could," San Antonio is certainly an exciting, interesting and historical place to visit.

Road Scholar, a not-for-profit educational travel promotion company, put together a seven-day journey including all the high points of this amazing city during the month of February.

Our trip included the wonderful River Walk, the newly constructed nature trails along the River Walk and the historic Mission complex where we discovered the beauty of Mission San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo, the Queen of the Missions, restored by the Works Progess Administration in the 1930s and, of course, the story and history of the Alamo. There are five missions in all to visit and reflect upon.

Along the River Walk visitors have many choices of first-class hotels, but the choice of the Road Scholar program was the Drury Plaza Hotel, where we enjoyed historical elegance and spectacular views along the river. We took a boat tour on the river the first night we were there.

Because this program promotes learning as well as sight seeing, we had many interesting and informative speakers in the mornings and in the evenings after our daily trips. One big surprise was Shannon Walker, a Houston native who served as mission control flight controller for several space shuttle missions and as flight engineer on a long duration mission to the International Space Station. I learned that she knows my niece, who also works for NASA.

In addition to Walker, we had a storyteller, a cowboy and a wonderful presentation on water conservation in San Antonio.

We took a one-day bus trip to Fredericksburg, a quaint German town featuring the Nimitz Museum of the Pacific and the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park along the Perdernales River. I can see why the Johnsons fell in love with the tranquility and peace of this ranch. Before returning to our hotel we had to step back in time with a visit to historic Kendalia Halle, built by German settlers in 1903 for entertainment, community gatherings and, of course, dancing. We ate barbecue and danced to the music of the Bill Smallwood Band.

We had some free time to explore on our own during the week and we chose our own places to eat at night, but most of the meals were furnished, and the restaurants selected were 4- and 5-star eating establishments.

Of course San Antonio has many magnificent and historic churches, and we explored St. Mary's Church near the hotel and the San Fernando Cathedral built in 1738.

Our closing night was spent at the Institute of Texan Cultures where we had our farewell dinner. We met wonderful people and had outstanding and very knowledgeable tour guides every day.

Road Scholar programs include trips all over the United States and beyond.

Barking can bite at relationships among neighbors

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Many neighborhood feuds in the U.S. are caused by barking and parking. When it comes to barking, animal trainers say dogs are usually bored, scared or anxious, so they shouldn't be blamed for fights that involve their masters.

Incessant barking has stirred neighborhood violence and bred an industry of shock and sound devices decried as hurtful by some but hailed as solutions by their makers. Ultimately, owners need to take responsibility for devoting enough time to pet care, experts said. They urge people to get to the root of the problem before boredom, anxiety or fear turn into shredded bedspreads, puddles in the house or escape attempts. Make sure bored animals get plenty of exercise and find out what's upsetting them — maybe it's just a car's backfire.

"Barking definitely affects people's lives," said Sgt. Dustin Delridge, an officer for the Missoula, Mont., Police Department who deals with quality-of-life issues, such as barking. By the time he gets involved, bad feelings usually are brewing. Sometimes solutions are as simple as moving a kennel to the other side of a yard or asking an owner to keep a dog inside.

"Most of the time, we can come up with a solution," he said. "Once in a while, we can't make anybody happy."

So far, that includes Gary Garrett, who's losing sleep as three Rottweilers howl through the night in his neighborhood in Visalia, about 200 miles north of Los Angeles. He said the sound penetrates his walls like "blow horns or subwoofers." He visited his neighbor when it started six months ago, and she told him to get earplugs.

Garrett is also upset with animal control and the city. Animal control needs to hear the barking to take action, but he said representatives come during the day and the barking happens at night.

His neighbors "are being inconsiderate and the city is not doing anything about it. I don't want a battle here. I just want to sleep at night," Garrett said.

Many municipalities post online instructions on filing complaints or petitions.

Garrett has completed paperwork, but even if a citation is issued, "it's no guarantee the barking will stop," said Tami Crawford, executive director of the Valley Oak Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which the city contracts to provide animal control services.

Lori Weise, founder of Downtown Dog Rescue in South Gate, a city just south of Los Angeles, knows barking can be an adoption deal-breaker. So, she's training her rescue's 17 dogs to bark and go silent on command.

It's important, because simple feuds can quickly escalate to violence:

■ In December, a Detroit man was accused of killing a neighbor who complained about his dog's barking. He's facing murder and firearms charges.

■ Last April, an Oregon father reportedly paid his 30-year-old son $500 to shoot and kill a neighbor's barking Lab. The father pleaded no contest, and the son pleaded guilty.

While barking can grate on neighbors' nerves, it can also be rough on animals, said Mychelle Blake, CEO of the South Carolina-based Association of Professional Dog Trainers.

They can get hurt misbehaving, by jumping over fences or barking themselves hoarse, she said.

If a dog is bored, increase its exercise. "If you don't give them something to do, they will find something, and it's not always what you want," Blake said.

If it stays out all day, sprinkle its kibble around so it has to hunt for food, she suggested.

Anxiety and fear are harder to deal with, and the problems get worse the longer they go on, Blake said. Sometimes they require vet care and medication.

There are also sound, shock and scent devices that promise to curb barking. Sound devices, the most popular, include whistles, collars and remotes that emit high-pitched, ultrasonic tones only dogs can hear.

Manufacturer First Alert for Pets makes devices that are harmless and disrupt unwanted behavior, spokesman Ryan Brooks said. "It is a safe sound that won't hurt the dog's ears and is undetectable by humans," he said.

But Blake said the collars teach dogs not to bark at all and warned that they can make anxiety and fear worse.

Book offers tips for safeguarding marriage

ELIZABETH BUCHANAN
Centers for Children and Families

Sometimes husbands and wives, in the busy pace of life, take their partner for granted. In his book, "Love Busters," Willard F. Harley Jr. talks about "the love bank." Just as we deposit money in a bank account that would earn interest, when a partner does something that results in a positive feeling, "... love units are deposited" in the person's love bank. When a partner does something resulting in a negative feeling, love units are withdrawn. Here are some tips for safeguarding your marriage.

Show honor and respect

We demonstrate honor and respect by showing appreciation and affirmation, speaking with respect, giving compliments, being courteous and thoughtful, talking with our partners before making important decisions that affect them, showing interest in their life with their work, other activities and interests and valuing their opinion.

Work together to handle conflict

Most couples have to work on communication. Active listening is an important ingredient in good communication. During a discussion, make eye contact, listen for what is actually being said and ask questions to clarify. Try to look from your partner's perspective instead of formulating your comebacks to get across your own point. Stick to the subject at hand. Some stumbling blocks to avoid are filtering through your own perspective, assuming you know what your partner means, judging, advising, having to be right, changing the subject and half-listening.

Ask for and extend forgiveness

When we hurt our spouse with unkind words, call names, demean, ignore, dismiss his or her opinions or ignore his or her feelings, we make withdrawals from the love bank. Blaming, being critical and being inconsiderate can deplete our partner's love bank. Sometimes pride keeps us from voicing our apology. We show respect by taking steps to admit our wrongdoings and changing unhealthy behaviors. In the same way, extending forgiveness to our spouse is imperative if we hope to receive forgiveness from our spouse.

Set aside time for fun

Spouses often allow life to take over, forgetting to set aside time for fun. Partners often say they are too busy, their focus is only on work and children or allow conflicts in marriage to keep them from scheduling time together. We cannot expect to build a relationship without working on it. Plan ahead. Make time together fun, not a discussion about problems or your children. Talk about each other and your interests. Each person should have input in determining time together. Arrange for a babysitter, or if money is tight, plan a candlelight dinner after the children are in bed. Do this on a regular basis, such as a date night.

Do your part and be responsible

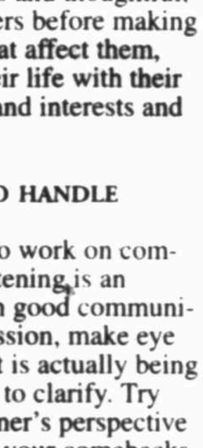
Dividing household duties and responsibilities is important so that one partner does not feel as if his or her love bank is being depleted carrying too much of the load. Independent behavior — where one partner is not following through on his or her part of the responsibilities — makes withdrawals from the love bank.

Strengthening your marriage

In order to have a strong marriage, remember to continuously work on honoring and respecting your spouse, handle conflict together in a positive manner, ask for forgiveness and extend forgiveness as appropriate, set aside time to build on your relationship and do your part being responsible. These actions will boost your spouse's love bank and safeguard your marriage.

Elizabeth Buchanan has been with Centers since 2006. She enjoys working with children, teens and adults in individual, family and marital therapy.

Parents disagree in discipline technique for strong-willed son



FAMILY MATTERS
Jim May, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center

DEAR FAMILY: Our 6-year-old son is very headstrong and my husband and I are disagreeing over how to punish him. When my husband was growing up, his father "busted their butts" when he or his brother misbehaved. He insists it didn't do anything weird to them. It hurt them and they didn't do that one again. He quotes the Bible where it says, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." I still don't agree with him so sometimes our son gets a paddling, and when I'm involved he gets the time-out chair. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. I have to admit he minds my husband a lot better than me, but I still don't like it.

Most of the parenting books I read and all the experts I ever see on TV recommend against spanking children. They give a lot of good reasons, but when I tell my husband he just says they're a bunch of liberals and no discipline is exactly what's wrong with kids today. That's another good point in his favor. I want to raise our son to be a good Christian boy. His sister is very well-behaved and time out works great with her when we have to discipline her. But I put my foot down there and my husband has agreed not to spank her. I need some ideas. — DO NOT WANT TO SPANK

DEAR DO NOT: Actually Proverbs 13:24 says: "Those who spare the rod hate their children, but those who love them are diligent to discipline them." I believe the truly operative phrase is: "those who love them are diligent to discipline them." While corporal punishment has long been an accepted way to punish children we need to remember that for centuries (and in some cultures today) if the child was too disobedient the father had the right to kill the child. Some theologians suggest considering "the rod" as the staff used by shepherds to guide and to tend their sheep. The shepherds use the curved part of the staff to guide, not to hit the sheep.

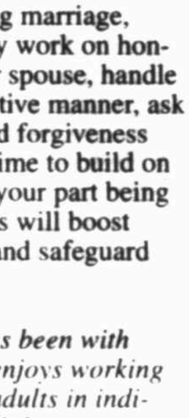
I encourage parents to think in terms of discipline as Proverbs actually suggests rather than punishment. When parents spank or hit children as a form of punishment it tends to communicate to the children that they did something wrong and that they are bad. While it does teach the children what is wrong, it does not teach them the right thing to do.

I would encourage you and your husband to consider the idea of rules, consequences and rewards for your children. The basic idea is that the family establishes a list of rules, consequences and rewards for specific behaviors and actions. To the extent possible, the consequences and rewards are logically tied to the behavior. The basic idea of a consequence is the least possible action you can take to change an undesirable behavior. Whenever you cannot identify a consequence that is logically tied to the undesirable behavior then you would use time out.

Is your time-out chair located in a part of the house where there is limited activity? Time out is a sensory deprivation technique wherein the child sits in a chair in a room without any stimulation for one minute per year of age. Be certain to time the time out and then when it is over, ask the child why he or she was placed in time out. Reinforce a correct answer and correct an incorrect answer. Explain to him how you expect him to act next time (the right thing to do). This will apply equally to boys and girls so your son will not see his sister being treated differently. You might note that with strong-willed children it may be necessary to do repeated time outs.

You might also consider reading "Positive Discipline A-Z" by Jane Nelson, Lynn Lott and H. Stephen Glenn for more detailed suggestions. Parenting courses such as "Active Parenting" and "Parent Effectiveness Training" are very helpful in developing a purposeful approach to parenting.

High energy 3-year-old is hard to handle in public



DEAR ABBY
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DEAR ABBY: My son is almost 3. He is the light of my life. I love him more than I can describe, but sometimes I can't handle his energy. We carefully monitor how much sugar he eats and we are sure his diet is not what's causing the problem. Mostly I think he is just a rowdy little boy.

The problem is, we can't take him out without dreading that he will act up. His refusal to listen to our requests — or listen to us when we speak to him at all — has put a strain on our marriage and we both feel like "failure" parents.

What are some things we can do to help our son channel his energy in a positive way, while getting some relief from his nonstop go-go attitude? — NEEDS RELIEF IN KANSAS

DEAR NEEDS RELIEF: This may be a phase your son is going through; however, it would be a good idea to discuss this with his pediatrician to make sure. While little children can be human "Energizer bunnies," I am concerned that you say the boy doesn't listen when you talk to him. Tell the doctor and ask if a hearing check is in order.

As to your son's acting up when you take him out — he should be told the rules and the penalties for not following them before you leave the house. If he doesn't obey the rules, it is important that you follow through, whether that means he will be taken outside for a talk or taken home. Remember, consistency is the key. That's the way children learn.

If you are older parents and not active, consider enrolling the boy in sports activities, such as swimming or kiddie gym. I am told there are even karate classes for children your son's age.

I read a book recently that could be helpful to you and your spouse. The title is "Raising Children That Other People Like to Be Around" by Richard Greenberg. It was written last year (2013) and published by New Generation Publishing. The price is $14, and the advice the author offers is worth every penny.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago I fell in love, but never told the man how I felt. We spent a lot of time together back then, but I was always afraid to confess my feelings because we were both married to other people. Time went by and we went our separate ways, but I have thought about him many times. A month ago I looked him up on Facebook, and we have reconnected.

Should I tell him how I feel about him? I'm afraid he may not feel the same way. My question is, should you always tell people how you feel, even if it may hurt someone else — such as his wife and my husband? — IN A QUANDARY IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR IN A QUANDARY: My answer is NO. If this man is attracted to you or might like a fling, it could spark an affair in which two innocent people would be devastated. And if the feelings AREN'T mutual, you will look like a home-wrecking fool, so keep it to yourself and back off.

DEAR ABBY: My husband thinks it is fine to use his cellphone while he is in the bathroom, no matter who is on the other end. The noises must be obvious to anyone he's talking to because he makes no effort to be quiet about his "business," including flushing the toilet.

He won't listen to me about how unacceptable this is. When I mention anything about it, he accuses me of being "sensitive" and "uptight." Maybe he'll listen to you and any of your readers who care to respond. Any comments? — CRINGING IN DALLAS

DEAR CRINGING: Clearly your husband enjoys what he's doing. If the people he's talking to don't mind — and apparently they don't or they'd say, "I'll talk to ya later!" — you should butt out.

BEST SELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Hardcover fiction

1. "Concealed in Death" by J.D. Robb (Putnam Adult)
2. "Private L.A." by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan (Little, Brown)
3. "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd (Viking Adult)
4. "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown)
5. "Killer" by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine)
6. "Still Life with Bread Crumbs" by Anna Quindlen (Random House)
7. "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
8. "Like a Mighty Army" by David Weber (Tor)
9. "One More Thing" by B.J. Novak (Knopf)
10. "First Love" by James Patterson and Emily Raymond (Little, Brown)
11. "The First Phone Call from Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Harper)
12. "Moving Target" by J.A. Jance (S&S/ Touchstone)
13. "The Museum of Extraordinary Things" by Alice Hoffman (Scribner)
14. "The Martian" by Andy Weir (Crown)
15. "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "Super Shred" by Ian K. Smith (St. Martin's Press)
2. "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt)
3. "Duty" by Robert M. Gates (Knopf)
4. "David and Goliath" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
5. "Things That Matter" by Charles Krauthammer (Crown Forum)
6. "Grain Brain" by David Perlmutter (Little, Brown)
7. "The Body Book" by Cameron Diaz (Harper Wave)
8. "The Virgin Diet Cookbook" by J.J. Virgin (Grand Central Publishing)
9. "The Daniel Plan" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
10. "The Daniel Plan Cookbook" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
11. "George Washington's Secret Six" by Brian Kilmeade (Sentinel)
12. "The Sixth Extinction" by Elizabeth Kolbert (Henry Holt)
13. "I Am a Church Member" by Thom S. Rainer (B&H)
14. "Glitter and Glue" by Kelly Corrigan (Ballantine)
15. "The Doctor's Diet" by Travis Stork (Bird Street Books

Mass market paperbacks

1. "Six Years" by Harlan Coben (Signet)
2. "The Hit" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
3. "The Witness" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
4. "Until the End of Time" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
5. "The Hit" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
6. "One Heart to Win" by Johanna Lindsey (Pocket)
7. "A Man's Heart" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
8. "The Eye of God" by James Rollins (Harper)
9. "NYPD Red" by James Patterson and Marshall Karp (Vision)
10. "Home to Seaview Key" by Sherryl Woods (Harlequin MIRA)
11. "The Morning After" by Lisa Jackson (Zebra)
12. "The English Girl" by Daniel Silva (Harper)
13. "Walking On Air" by Catherine Anderson (Signet)
14. "Silencing Eve" by Iris Johansen (St. Martin's Press)
15. "Lone Survivor" by Marcus Luttrell (Back Bay Books)

Trade paperbacks

1. "Second Honeymoon" by James Patterson and Howard Roughan (Grand Central Publishing)
2. "The Monuments Men" by Robert M. Edsel (Back Bay Books)
3. "Winter's Tale" by Mark Helprin (HMH/Mariner)
4. "Four Blood Moons" by John Hagee (Worthy)
5. "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline (William Morrow Paperbacks)
6. "Lone Survivor" by Marcus Luttrell (Back Bay Books)
7. "Deadline" by Sandra Brown (Grand Central Publishing)
8. "Cockroaches" by Jo Nesbo (Vintage)
9. "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy (Anchor)
10. "Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson (Back Bay Books)
11. "Black Rose" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
12. "Letting Go" by Maya Banks (Berkley)
13. "Twelve Years a Slave" by Solomon Northup (HarperPerrenial)
14. "The Power of Habit" by Charles Duhigg (Random House)
15. "Philomena" by Martin Sixsmith (Penguin)

Source: Publishers Weekly

Hinojosa-Smith to receive Ivan Sandrof Lifetime Achievement Award

By Maggie Galehouse
Houston Chronicle

Born in 1929 in the Rio Grande Valley, Rolando Hinojosa-Smith has devoted his career to the border — to capturing the place and its people in words.

"You start off writing about what you know," said the author, who grew up bilingual, with a Texas Mexican father and a Texas Anglo mother. "Faulkner wrote about Yoknapatawpha. I decided to write about the Valley because no one had written about it, and that's what I knew best. Being a borderer, you see both countries at the same time. The different histories and the different people telling the histories."

Fueled by irony and satire, Hinojosa-Smith's stories explore class, culture, history, myth, crime, war and families.

Perhaps best known for his Klail City Death Trip series — 15 volumes (and counting) about multiple generations of Anglos and Mexicans — Hinojosa-Smith determined early on to experiment.

"The word novel means something new," said the author by phone from his office at the University of Texas at Austin, where has taught for almost 30 years. "I wanted to do as many things as I could, in part to let younger writers see that they didn't have to write 19th century novels. That they could write 20th and now 21st century novels. Short novels. Big novels. Detective novels. Verse. Epistolary novels."

On Thursday, Hinojosa-Smith will be recognized for this rich body of work when he travels to New York to receive the Ivan Sandrof Lifetime Achievement Award, given by the National Book Critics Circle. It's a big deal. The annual award goes to an individual or institution that has made a significant and lasting contribution to American letters.

"I must confess, I'm not over it yet," said the 85-year-old author, who learned of the honor several weeks ago. "I'm still in a state of happy shock."

Four decades ago, though, Hinojosa-Smith earned two major awards that secured the foundation of a long career. In 1972, he won a national Chicano literature award, Premio Quinto Sol, for "Estampas del Valle/ Sketches of the Valley," the first in the Klail City cycle. Four years later, he won the highest award for the novel in Latin America, the Premio Casas de las Americas.

Works by Hinojosa-Smith

1 "Estampas del Valle" (1972)
1 "Korean Love Songs" (1978)
1 "Rites and Witnesses" (1982)
1 "Dear Rafe/Mi Querido Rafe" (1985)
1 "A Voice of My Own: Essays and Stories" (2011)

Hinojosa-Smith, Tomas Rivera and a handful of other authors and activists fought for the Chicano canon.

"This was back when Chicano meant politicized Mexican-American," said Nick Kanellos, founder and president of the University of Houston-based Arte Pzblico Press, which has been publishing Hinojosa-Smith for decades. "This was the civil rights movement of Mexican-Americans, people who promoted themselves as bilingual Chicanos, though we all became Latinos in the end. Rolando was one of the first to get published and have his work used in college classrooms."

But it wasn't easy bringing Chicano lit to the masses.

"We would propose sessions and panels at conferences to discuss Chicano literature and its future," Kanellos said. "When we succeeded in getting into a program, they'd put us on at 8 a.m. Saturday or 9 p.m. Saturday night. Maybe two people would show up. But still, we'd discuss and strategize."

And they had — and still have — a lot of fun.

"We always search out the best barbecue place in town," said Kanellos, who has traveled with Hinojosa-Smith in Europe and the U.S. "He has always got to have with his meal one or two bottles of good beer. A good beer caps off a good conversation, and Rolando inevitably starts telling stories. He has an elephantine memory."

Arte Pzblico, the oldest and largest publisher of U.S. Hispanic Literature, will release the first bilingual edition of "Estampas del Valle" in April. In 2011, the press published Hinojosa-Smith's most recent title: "A Voice of My Own: Essays and Stories."

Hinojosa-Smith, who writes in Spanish and English, isn't much for tooting his own horn.

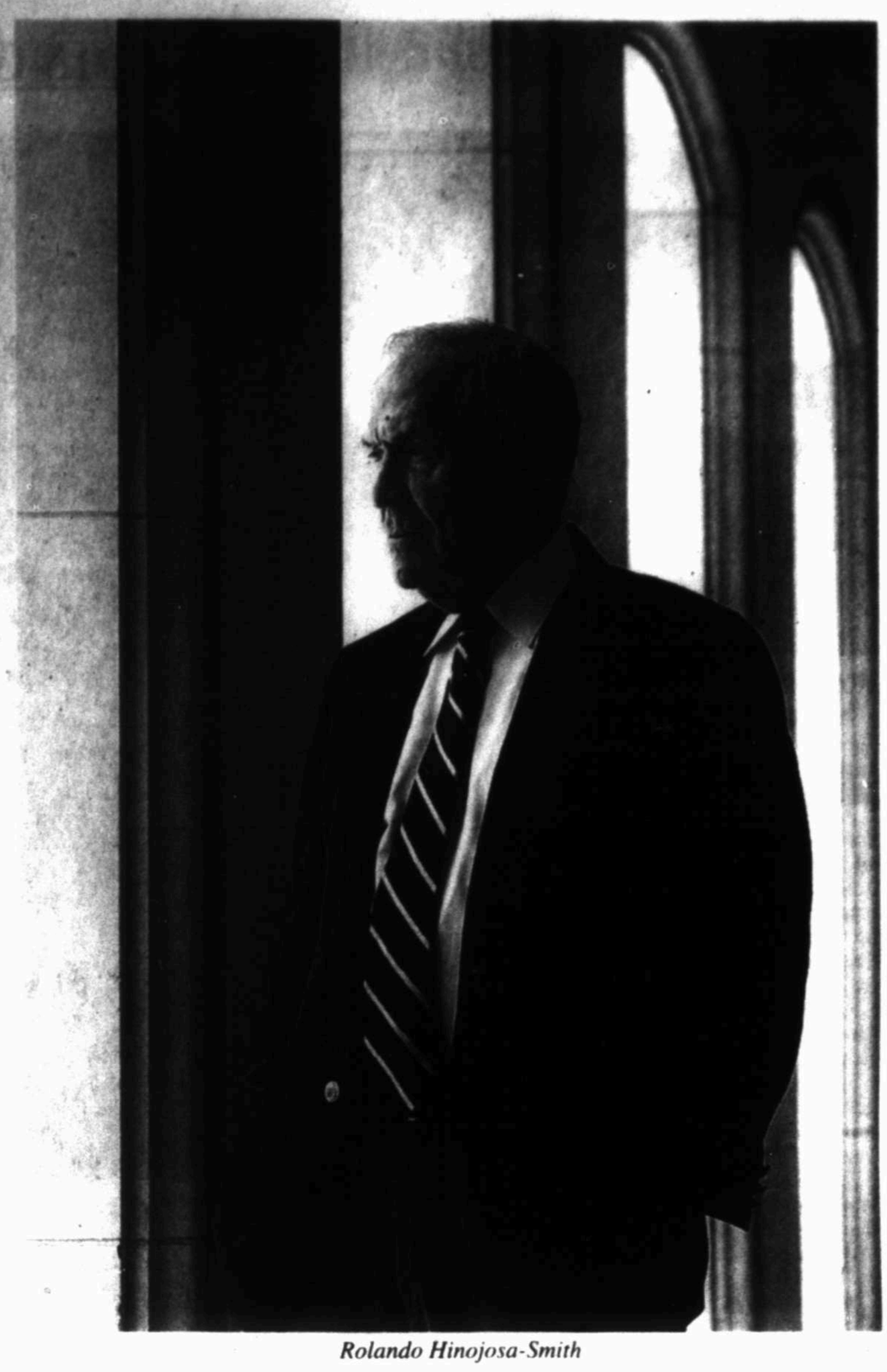
"I want to keep a low profile, and I do," said the author. "Most writers are private, anyway."

His wife died 20 years ago, and he spends some of his free time with his children: a daughter in Austin, a daughter in Houston and a son in Virginia.

He doesn't have an agent — never has. "They charge a lot of money," he said.

And when he wants to go home to the South Texas border, which he often does, he drives.

"I recently gave the convocation at Mercedes High School, my old school," he said.



Rolando Hinojosa-Smith

Like Faulkner, Hinojosa-Smith devised a fictional locale for his books — Belkin County, on the South Texas border. At the moment, he is working on another procedural set there.

"Some of the wrongdoings are happening on the north side of the border," the author said. "It's not just Mexicans exporting drugs. Someone has to be distributing them."

Hinojosa-Smith credits his writing with a love of reading: "I am now convinced that I am a reader who decides to write until the opportunity to read again becomes available," he concluded in a 1982 essay.

The author, who has four siblings, said he comes from a family of readers.

"When I was 4 or 5, I attended a Mexican school operated by a teacher in exile from the Mexican Revolution," he said. "My mom was completely bilingual. We spoke English and Spanish at home. No restrictions. We'd start a sentence in one language and then switch to the other in the middle of a thought."

Hinojosa-Smith's father, who fought in the Mexican Revolution, was a great storyteller. It wasn't until he wrote his master's thesis on Cervantes that he realized where some of those stories came from.

"I found out he was really telling me 'Don Quixote,'" said the author, with a chuckle.

"We have a saying here in the Rio Grande Valley: Es el agua: it's the water. the Rio Grande water. It claims you, you understand? It's yours and you belong to it, too. No matter where we work, we always come back. To the border, to the Valley."

— Rolando Hinojosa-Smith, from the short story "Es el agua"

AUTHOR

From 1E

he earned an MFA. He now works as a literary agent for Gernet Co. in New York.

His West Texas roots are subtlety imbedded in the book that pits a group of prep-school teenagers against a deadly virus. One of the characters is named Odessa. He drew from his own high school experience and his time working with teenagers at summer camp when developing the characters and imagining what happens after class at a prep school.

While "The Well's End" is his debut release, it's not the first book Fishman has written.

"This is my fourth novel I've written; my first three were books in a drawer," he said. The idea for this novel came about after his literary agent suggested he try a young adult novel.

"I brainstormed and came up with this idea for 'The Well's End' and really hadn't had that much fun writing a book in a long time," he said.

In the short time since the book's release, Fishman has been busy with launch parties and book promotions — events he's used to attending for other authors.

"As a literary agent I've been to a lot of these events, but it's very weird to be on the other side," he said. "I've been going to bookstores my whole life but to see my book there is really amazing."

Fishman completed the book in his spare time. After a full day of reading and editing other writers' work, he would come home to his own manuscript.

"It's sort of all books all the time," he said. "The good news is, I'm reading a lot of good and bad things and really have a strong understanding of what's working, and I think that kind of helps my writing."

The bad news?

"When it comes to editing, coming home and editing my own book is exhausting," he said, noting the writing process is easier. "When it comes to sitting down at the computer and writing something — if I'm really into what I'm writing then it's great and it's no big deal."

Knowing "The Well's End" leaves readers wanting more, Fishman said another book is in the works.

"The book ends on a cliff-hanger and there will definitely be a next book," he said, noting he's already turned the second book in to his editor and it should be released in a year. "There are some plans for other books, but I'm not sure if I will be writing them immediately."

BOOKBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Finalists announced for PEN/Faulkner prize

NEW YORK — Karen Jay Fowler, best known for her novel "The Jane Austen Book Club," is a finalist for the prestigious PEN/Faulkner award for fiction.

The PEN/Faulkner Foundation announced Wednesday that Fowler has been nominated for "We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves," the story of a Midwestern family's travails. The other four finalists are Daniel Alarcon's "At Night We Walk In Circles," Percival Everett's "Percival Everett By Virgil Russell" and a pair of short story collections, Joan Silber's "Fools" and Valerie Trueblood's "Search Party." The winner, to be announced April 2, will receive $15,000. Finalists receive $5,000.

Previous winners include Philip Roth, Ann Patchett and Sherman Alexie.

George Saunders wins $20,000 short-story prize

NEW YORK — George Saunders' acclaimed story collection "Tenth of December" has won a $20,000 prize for short fiction.

Saunders is known for his dark humor and class consciousness. He won the 10th annual Story Prize. The award's sponsors announced it Wednesday night.

The two runners-up were Andrea Barrett's "Archangel" and Rebecca Lee's "Bobcat." The finalists each received $5,000.

Previous winners of the Story Prize include Tobias Wolff and Mary Gordon.

GLEN AARON

Glen Aaron writes about West Texas writers at www.glenaaron.com

Tales of lost treasure are harmless fun

What goes through your mind when you hear a story of lost treasure? Could that be true? Where did that story come from? Who told it first? The controversial author W.C. Jameson, in his book "Treasure Hunter: Caches, Cures and Deadly Confrontations," takes readers on several of his adventures over the past 50 years. Together with his trusted companions James Poet, Mungo Slade and Dr. Trenton Stanley, Jameson writes that they have researched and explored hidden caches in Mexico and the southwestern United States.

Texans tell tall tales, and most are proud of it. After all, if a tale can't be tall, how interesting could it be? Some claim this book is a cleverly crafted work of fiction, written as a memoir. It matters not. The tales are neither provable nor disprovable. They hurt no one; they are just fun to read.

Jameson states in the beginning of the book, "There are not many left, we dreamers and wanderers ... We are a breed of men addicted to danger, adventure and the quest."

As a teenage camp hand, he is part of a crew that finds a cache of gold ingots in the Guadalupe mountains of West Texas, not far from where he grew up and went to school.

The author describes his wanderlust at age 19, when he filled a small pack with some dry biscuits, jerked meat and a denim jacket. "Without telling anyone, I crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico and walked nearly 300 miles into the Sierra Madres." There he got caught up in a civil war between "the indigenes and the wealthy hacendados." A year later, he returned to Texas deeply scarred and saddened.

The tales of treasure hunts that follow are spellbinding, and even if only empathetically, stimulates the wanderlust in the reader. Whether embellished or straight-on, Jamison is a premier storyteller. He will be an instructor at this spring's Texas Mountain Trail Writers' 23rd annual writing round-up April 11-13 in Alpine and Fort Davis.

"Treasure Hunter" can be purchased through Amazon.com (Kindle) or Barnes and Noble, BN.com, (Nook).

WEDDINGS

Huston - Himelfarb

Randall and Ann Huston of Round Rock, Texas happily announce a spring wedding for their daughter, Amy Elizabeth Huston, to Adam Barret Himelfarb, son of Molly Moore and John and Regina Himelfarb, all of Dallas.

Amy is the granddaughter of Ronald and Doreen Huston, and the late Major Paul E. Lewis and the late Hortense Lewis, all of San Antonio.

She is a 2003 graduate of Lee High School in Midland and graduated in 2007 from The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business, earning a degree in Finance. She is a Senior Financial Advisor for Spectra Energy in Houston.

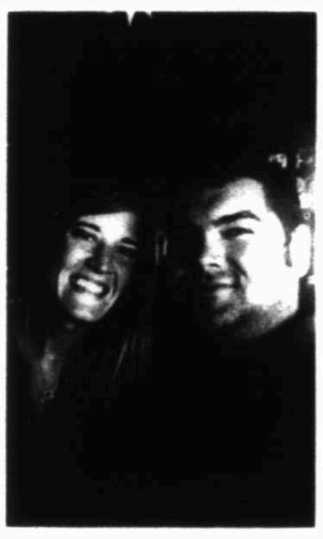
Adam is the grandson of the late Eleanor and Robert C. Moore of Caldwell, Ohio and the late Mary and Irving Himelfarb of New York City.

He is a 2003 graduate of the Episcopal School of Dallas and graduated in 2007 from Tulane University School of Science and Engineering, earning a degree in Geology. He is a Reservoir Staff Geologist for Occidental Petroleum in Houston.

The couple's paths first crossed in Dallas in early 2009 when they shared an elevator. On vacation with his family during the 2012 Christmas holiday, Adam popped the question inside the beautiful Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

The wedding will take place in New Orleans at the Christ Church Cathedral, followed by a reception at the Riverview Room in Jackson Square.

Snook - McCurry

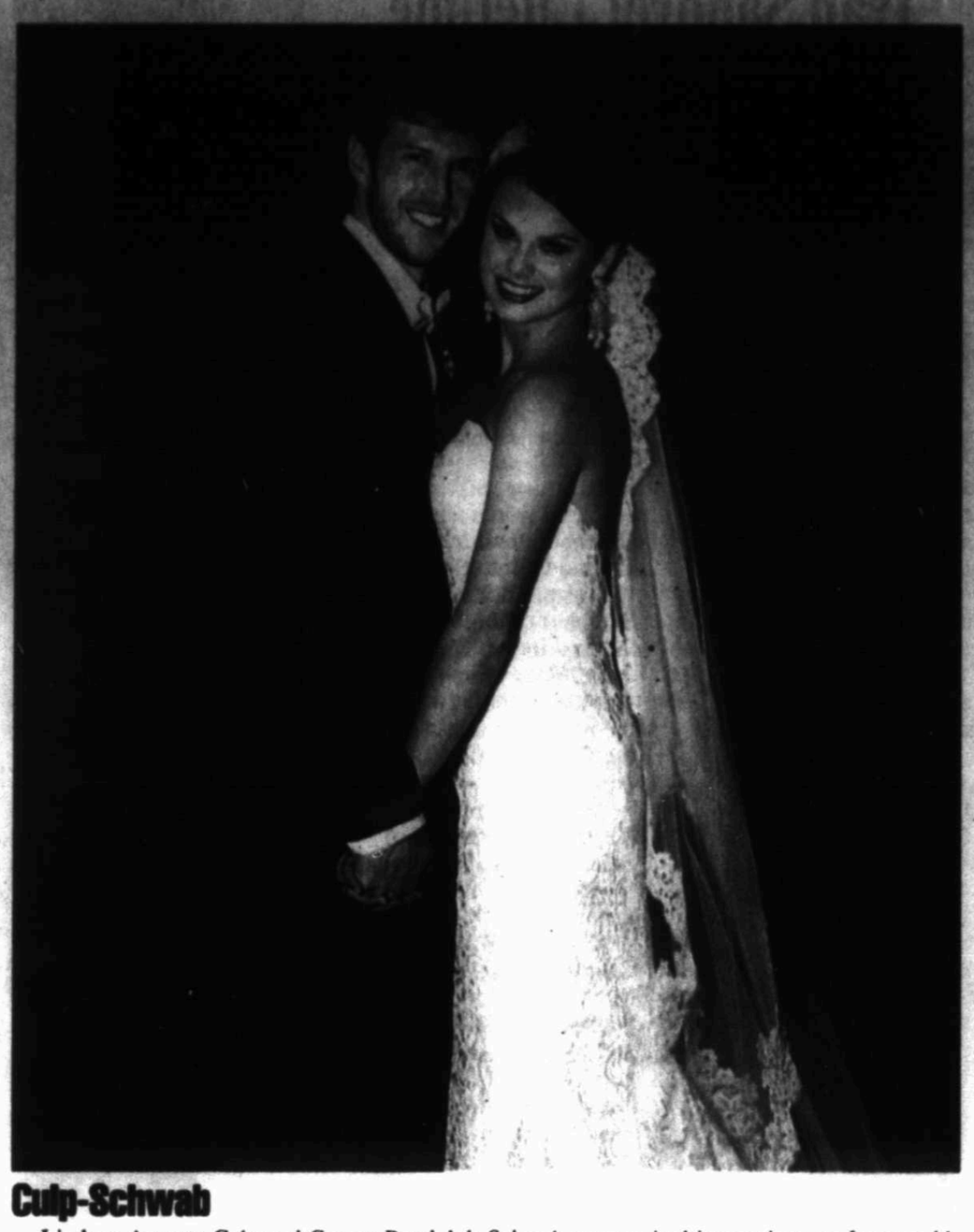


Mr. & Mrs. Brian McCurry of Odessa, Texas, announce the engagement of their son, Cody Garrett McCurry, to Lauren Elizabeth Snook, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Snook of Ft. Worth, Texas.

The bride elect is a 2006 graduate of Jacksboro High School, and a 2010 University of Texas/Arlington graduate with a bachelor's degree in Public Relations. She is currently employed with XTO Energy as a Production Technician in Tyler, Texas.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of Permian High School, received a Petroleum Engineering degree from Texas Tech University in 2010. He is an Operations Engineer for XTO Energy in Tyler, Texas.

The couple plan an April, 2015 wedding, and will reside in Tyler.



Culp-Schwab

Lindsay Annette Culp and Garrett Randolph Schwab were united in marriage on January 11, 2014 at six o'clock in the evening. The ceremony was held at First United Methodist Church in Midland with the Reverend Jay Gage officiating. Music was provided at the ceremony by the Permian Basin String Quartet, organist Joan Lucas and soloist Ashley Tims. A surprise recessional of "Oh Happy Day" was sung from the balcony by Bronda Goates, Roc'C Semmelbeck and Shilah DeShazo.

On the eve of the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Café at the Gardens. The reception, hosted by the bride's parents, followed the ceremony at the Petroleum Club of Midland, where guests enjoyed an evening of dancing to the music of The Project Band of Dallas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Graham Culp of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Brookie Harcrow of Fairview, Texas; Dr. and Mrs. Claude Odell Harcrow of Buffalo, Texas; Mrs. Patsy Arlene Hoermann of Andrews, Texas; and the late F. William Hoermann and the late Joe Ray Culp.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randolph Schwab of Edmond, Oklahoma. He is the grandson of Mrs. Lecta Gardner of Edmond; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gardner of San Antonio, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson of Ardmore, Oklahoma; and the late Charles Schwab.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. Lindsay wore a stunning gown by designer Elizabeth Fillmore. The strapless trumpet gown featured an all-over "baroque" style laser cut satin in a lustrous pearl tone. The intricate laser cut design of the gown was incorporated into the reception décor and cake design.

A piece of lace from the bride's mother's wedding dress was embroidered in blue with Lindsay's initials, the wedding date and a favorite Bible verse. It was sewn onto the underskirt of the gown as her "something blue." The Mantilla style cathedral length veil featured a French Alencon lace with a soft scalloped edge. Scripture from Proverbs 31 was read by Noralea Jordan O'Meilia and Casey Jarma Prater, college friends and mentors of the bride, prior to the bride's entrance.

Serving as Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Kristin Brooke Culp of Dallas. Attending as bridesmaids were Caroline Carter Allen of Norman, Oklahoma; Nicole Danielle Brown of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Claire Lindsay Crain of Plano, Texas; Michelle Carol Dodds of Dallas; Natalie Spencer Guinn of Midland; Christine Carrie Hursh of Dallas; Alison Lauren Huskey of Dallas; Victoria (Tori) Lynn Moore of Dallas; Emily Paige Schwab, sister of the groom, of Fort Worth; Ashley Gayle Tims of Houston and Kristin Kelly Whittenberg of Dallas.

Also attending and members of the house party were, Jessica Lauren Bachrodt of Edmond, Oklahoma; Victoria Rutledge Lucas of Dallas; Brittany Denee Malone of Edmond, Oklahoma; Elizabeth Shahan Roberts of Thornton, Colorado and Madison Peeler Shaw of Midland. The flower girl was Anna Claire Orr of Norman, Oklahoma.

Serving as Best Man was childhood friend of the groom, Ryan Martin Moore of Oklahoma City. Attending as groomsmen were Corey Logan Culp, brother of the bride, of Asheboro, North Carolina; Tanner Patrick Culp, brother of the bride, of Midland; Taylor Drew Griffin of Los Angeles, California; Jason Garner Kuhlman of Austin, Texas; Benjamin David Lynch of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Benjamin Joe McKinney, future brother-in-law of the groom, of Oklahoma City; Colin Jeffrey Morgan of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Ryan David O'Meilia of Oklahoma City; Jacob Daniel Potter of Norman, Oklahoma; Courtlyn Bryce Shoate of Norman, Oklahoma and Kyle Hunter Smith of Oklahoma City.

Also attending as ushers were Lance Matthew Bradt of Temple, Texas; Gregory Aaron Hightower of Wichita, Kansas and Anthony Dewayne Sanders of Norman, Oklahoma. The ring bearer was Gabriel Ryan Gardner, cousin of the groom, of San Antonio, Texas.

Lindsay is a 2008 graduate of Midland High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Oklahoma in Norman where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Women's Health and Psychology. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and recently completed her employment with Campus Crusade for Christ in Norman.

Garrett is a 2005 graduate of Oklahoma Christian School in Edmond and a 2009 graduate of the University of Oklahoma where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology and premedicine and a 2013 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and is currently working on his medical residency at Via Christi Hospital in Wichita, Kansas.

Dr. and Mrs. Garrett Schwab honeymooned in La Fortuna, Costa Rica and now reside in Wichita, Kansas.

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Updated florals return to decor

By Melissa Rayworth
Associated Press

After years of simple solids and geometric prints, the lowly flower is making a comeback in decor. Floral patterns have been blooming all over fashion runways in recent months, and they are slowly finding their way back into the world of home decorating, too.

It wasn't long ago that any mention of floral upholstery or wallpaper brought back memories of 1980s cabbage roses, flowery Shabby Chic borders stenciled high on bedroom walls, and suburban homes designed to feel like precious cottages swathed in pink and green.

But today's new patterns aren't your grandmother's florals. And they can be a refreshing antidote to the minimalist patterns that have dominated home decorating in recent years.

"It's what we're all craving," said New York-based designer Jon Call, founder of Mr. Call Designs. "It's romance, it's a softness ... and it feels fresh again, because no one has defined it for our generation."

While brands such as Laura Ashley delineated the floral look of a generation ago, the new florals have no rules. Which makes them more fun — and more challenging — to use successfully.

Here, Call and two other interior designers — Betsy Burnham of Los Angeles' Burnham Design, and Brian Patrick Flynn, executive producer of HGTV.com's Spring House series — offer advice on working with this fresh crop of floral patterns.

WHAT SIZE?

"Scale is the most important factor in modernizing the look and feel of florals," said Flynn. He suggests avoiding flowers that are depicted at their actual size. Instead, pick patterns where the flowers are bigger — between 50 percent and 200 percent larger than life-size.

Call agreed: He's a fan of using vintage prints in "the largest scale you can find," so that the print's eye-popping size contrasts with its traditional style.

But Call and Burnham also think floral prints can look modern if they're printed on a very small scale, especially if they're used on smaller items such as throw pillows.

WHICH PATTERN?

Find a floral print that really appeals to you personally, Burnham suggested. "Nothing corny, nothing ordinary," she said. You want "something really special."

You might try "chinoiseries that include figures and florals," Burnham said, "or flora and fauna... That's a way to do it if you're kind of scared of just flowers."

"Homeowners with aversions to super-girly florals featuring rosebuds or elaborate petals may find botanicals a better fit," said Flynn. "While floral prints include shapes and silhouettes of actual flowers, botanicals rely more on stems and leaves."

Call points out that designers such as Vivienne Westwood have created digitized, pixilated floral prints that mix traditional and modern style. But, he said, even the most classic chintz fabrics can look great in a modern home if they're handmade and high quality.

WHAT COLORS?

A great pattern can look dated if you pick the wrong color palette, said Flynn. "Florals with mustard yellow and burgundy palettes instantly feel old and stuffy. To make them fresh and fun, look for those with unexpected color palettes, such as black and violet or springy greens and punchy pinks. The pattern will keep its classic appeal, but with a youthful update."

Burnham said floral patterns done in just two colors (or in two shades of the same color) can look more modern than florals that include several colors. And "if you go for something on a crisp white background," she said, it "might read more current than something on a tea-dye that's more muted."

Kids' art adds personal touch

By Melissa Dutton
Associated Press

It's a conundrum many parents face: what to do with the steady flow of drawings, paintings, collages and more that children bring home from school and camp? Which are the keepers and — besides sticking them up on the refrigerator with magnets — how can you display them creatively?

"They caught me throwing some away, and they were not happy about it," Mandy Rose of Carterville, Ill., said of her three children.

Rose, who loves to decorate her house and writes about it at houseofroseblog.com, decided to combine some of her kids' work with professional pieces and family photos in a montage on her dining room wall. She even commissioned one of the kids to create a finger painting for an eye-catching frame she had bought.

"People always ask, 'Did your kids make that?'" she said. "It's a real conversation starter."

Children's art absolutely has a place in home dicor and can add a welcome personal touch, said Esther Sadowsky, owner of Charm & Whimsy, an interior design firm in Jersey City, N.J.

"Sometimes my jaw drops when I see the work of my customers' children," she said. "Children's art displayed in a house — it's a home then."

Like Rose, she suggests displaying kids' works in art groupings. She often lays out the pieces on the floor so she and her client can visualize how they fit together. "You can make a beautiful arrangement," said Sadowsky, who has a painting she made as a 12-year-old hanging in her own living room.

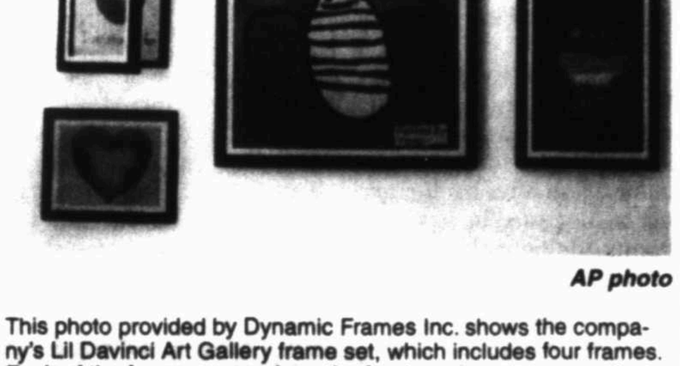
Rose laid out the items for her "gallery wall" on the floor as well. She snapped photos of various arrangements so she could compare them, and went through her house to find frames in the same color palette to create cohesion in the grouping.

Sadowsky has sent parents to big box stores or craft stores to buy inexpensive frames. It's possible to find frames with precut mats for a more professional look. Do-it-yourselfers also can use construction paper or foam core to create mats for artwork, she said.

In her children's playroom, Rose strung wire between two hooks and allows the kids to pick and choose what they want to hang up. The setup allows them to highlight favorite paintings and projects until they make something they like better.

Finding a temporary place like that to display work makes sense, agreed Jeffry Cudlin, a professor of curatorial studies and practice at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. He routinely highlights the work of his 4-year-old son, Miles, at home to show him that the family values handmade art.

Cudlin uses binder clips to hang Miles' art in an ornate frame that usually hangs in his dining room; the clips mean he can rotate different pieces through the frame for an ever-changing display.



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This photo provided by Dynamic Frames Inc. shows the company's Lil Davinci Art Gallery frame set, which includes four frames. Each of the frames opens from the front so parents can easily change out their children's artwork.

Deciding which pieces to keep long-term can be a challenge, Cudlin said. He looks for work that includes loved ones or commemorates a special event. He routinely frames Miles' work and gives it to family members who are represented in the drawing.

He also finds that he appreciates many of his son's drawings more after he asks questions about them. The art provides insights into how the preschooler views the world, and helps preserve his thoughts, Cudlin said.

"His way of thinking about things — the way he experiences the world — you're not going to get that back," he said.

Cali Sanker, education coordinator of the Ohio State University Urban Arts Space in Columbus, recommends saving a child's pieces from various ages to create an artistic record of his or her growth.

"It is not only a special way to reminisce about your child's younger years, but a special way of embracing how much they have grown," she said.

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This undated photo provided by Kristen Alligood shows a pond designed by Sonny Alansky for the backyard of his home in Rockledge, Fla. It measures roughly 37 feet in diameter, has three waterfalls and 14 koi fish. Backyard ponds, which range from small and simple to meandering and ornate, can become a passion for many gardeners.

ABOVE
A koi fish swims in Alansky's backyard pond.

BACKYARD PONDS

Ponds now easier, more economical to build than ever

By Michelle Spitzer
Associated Press

About this time of year, Lee Neiman walks outside to his backyard every morning and impatiently counts the days.

It's not until late March or early April that the backyard paradise at his Pittsburgh home usually returns to life. The cascading waterfall starts running again and the pond catching it thaws. The fish that went dormant below a sheet of ice during the winter swim back into view.

"I'm looking forward to that first cup of coffee by the pond," said Neiman, a doctor practicing internal medicine. "What I really like is at night when I can open the windows and hear the waterfall."

Backyard ponds, which range from the simple to the elaborate, can become a passion for many gardeners. And technological improvements over the past 15 years have made it easier and more economical than ever to build one.

"The pumps today are much more energy-efficient and last a lot longer," said Randy Stewart, division manager for Pondliner.com, a Shawnee, Okla.- based company that has been selling such supplies since 1998. "As for the filtration systems, some can clean with minimal maintenance. You can now maintain your pond wearing dress clothes instead of standing in the pond, pulling out the system and getting dirty."

Neiman was introduced to backyard ponds about 15 years ago when several of his friends had them.

"I was envious of what I saw and decided to proceed and do it myself with the help of my son," Neiman said.

Three years ago, he hired someone to expand the original pond. It now stands 6 feet wide and 12 feet long, and has 16 fish — koi, goldfish and one catfish. The larger pond is more practical and beneficial for fish and plants, Neiman said. Plus, it looks nicer.

Many people who build backyard ponds end up expanding them, said Bob Dorrance, founder and operator of www.backyard-pond-guide.com , a website devoted to amateur pond enthusiasts.

"The first one never seems big enough," Dorrance said. "You're always adding something little to it — lights, flowers, bushes, whatever your taste is. You can probably look at 100 ponds and they are all different. You can make it your own according to whatever you like."

Getting started, he said, is the most daunting step.

"The hardest part is digging the hole," he said. "If you get a couple strong people to get out there and build the hole, you're in good shape."

Before you dig, design the pond, taking into consideration the surrounding trees and vegetation, he said. Be sure to follow any homeowner's association or other regulations for the property.

Once the hole is dug, Dorrance said, line it with a quality, thick liner. Investing a little more will be worth it to avoid holes or tears.

It's a myth that backyard ponds do best in warm climates, he said. They can thrive pretty much anywhere.

Northern ponds just need a little extra preparation for winter.

"All you have to do is get a lightweight net and put it over the top of the pond to keep leaves and debris out of it," Dorrance said. "Also, make sure you pull any accessories out of the water, like filters or UV lights, so they don't freeze."

Those who live in colder climates may lose some vegetation each winter, but if you plan you can minimize the loss.

And winter should not hurt the fish that call your backyard pond home.

"All the fish will go to the very bottom of the pond and go dormant for the winter," Dorrance said. "You do need to have a small hole to allow any gases to escape."

Algae buildup is usually the biggest problem pond owners face wherever they live, he said. The solution is a water pump and an ultraviolet clarifier, a small device that exposes algae to UV light and kills it. They can run anywhere from $100 to nearly $2,000.

Living in warm, central Florida, Sonny Alansky gets to enjoy his pond year-round. Just off his backyard porch, the pond measures 37 feet in diameter, and includes three waterfalls, 14 koi, and a plethora of tropical vegetation such as palm trees, hibiscus and birds of paradise.

Alansky, a retired electrician, designed the pond about three years ago when he moved into his Rockledge, Fla. home.

"I'm out here every day enjoying it," Alansky said. "I love coming out and feeding the fish. They see me coming and they swim right up to me."

He's always adding something new, whether it's more decorative stones or more devices to deter predators; he's already lost one fish to a heron. Fake alligators and owls and even a motion-detector sprinkler help protect the fish.

He has spent roughly $20,000 on the pond so far. It has three pumps, which run constantly, resulting in a $100 per month increase to Alansky's electric bill. He said the extra expense is worth the enjoyment he and his wife get out of the pond. Friends and neighbors also admire the view and enjoy the murmur of the waterfalls.

"Nothing relaxes us more than watching the koi fish swimming among the lily pads with the brightly colored lily flowers," Alansky said.

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Sonny Alansky feeds the 14 koi fish in his backyard pond in Rockledge, Fla.

High-tech toilet seats: no hands or paper required

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Every so often a revolution transforms something truly basic, rendering the status quo somewhat, well, primitive.

First came covered sewers, then indoor plumbing and flush toilets. Now, one bathroom at a time, another major shift in toilet hygiene is quietly underway. A new generation of toilets may one day make toilet paper — and the need to put one's hands anywhere near the unspeakable — seem like chamber pots and outhouses: outdated and somewhat messy throwbacks reserved for camping trips.

Unlike traditional toilets, the high-tech version washes from behind and — if desired — in front with water. Better models allow for temperature, direction and pressure control, and have retractable spritzing wands and automatic driers as well. The best feature warm seats, automatic motion sensors to raise the lid, buttons to raise the seat, nightlights, self-cleaning mechanisms, music to mask unpleasant sounds, deodorizer spritzers and other conveniences.

"Paper just distributes the problem," said Lenora Campos, a spokeswoman for Georgia-based Toto USA. Toto, the Japanese company that pioneered the modern electronic toilet seat, has sold 34 million of them globally. "We wash most things with water and wouldn't dream of wiping a dish or anything else with a piece of paper and calling it clean. So why should personal hygiene be any different?"

Toto began marketing the Washlet in Japan in 1980. Now 74 percent of Japanese households have toilets of the high-tech persuasion, making them more common there than home computers.

The concept of electronic toilets that cleanse with water — widely known as bidet toilets or Washlets — has spread internationally over time, and dozens of companies around the world, including Inax, Brondell and Kohler, are producing them.

Although most popular in Asia, basic versions are becoming standard in much of the Middle East and South America, where cleansing with water has long been preferred to paper. They are finally becoming more popular in Europe, where "boudoir paper" was introduced in the 19th century, and in equally paper-centric North America.

They have been a long-time coming.

In the U.S., "bidets were always seen as European, and an oddity of the French," said Rose George, author of "The Big Necessity: The Unmentionable World of Human Waste and Why It Matters" (Metropolitan Books, 2008).

In addition to general squeamishness about discussing the way we clean ourselves, some in the U.S. worried about the high-tech toilets' requirement that a grounded electrical outlet be nearby, or thought the early control panels made the toilets look clumsy.

That said, the predecessor to modern high-tech toilets was actually invented in the United States, by Arnold Cohen of Brooklyn, who patented a pedal-operated seat he'd designed as a sort of sophisticated sitz-bath to help his ailing father. He founded the American Bidet Company in 1964, marketing his product as an "American way to bidet" and "the first wash and dry toilet." But the subject was considered too vulgar for ads.

"I installed thousands of my seats all over the suburbs of New York, and we had offices all across the country," said Cohen, whose company still exists. "But advertising was a next-to-impossible challenge. Nobody wants to hear about Tushy Washing 101."

The place where his invention really took off was Japan. "I licensed to the Toto company and sent container after container to Japan," said Cohen, whose patent later expired.

Toto came up with a more sophisticated version and by 1980 had trademarked the Washlet. Sleek, electronic and no longer marketed as primarily a bidet, it became available in the U.S. in 1989. But it took another 20 years for mainstream American vendors such as Home Depot and Lowes to embrace the technology and for prices to come down enough for average consumers.

"We bugged Home Depot and other stores for seven or eight years before they finally agreed to carry bidet toilets," said Steve Scheer, president of Brondell, a San Francisco-based company that has been making high-tech models such as the Swash toilet seat since 2003.

Toto's top-of-the-line Neorest toilet, a tankless wonder with all the gizmos, comes out this fall priced at around $10,000. Most high-tech seats with important features such as a retractable wand and a drier cost between $450 and $1,800, and some basic water-cleansing models made by lesser-known companies now sell for under $40.

"It's a very experience-driven product, and is hard to explain to someone who's never tried a high-tech toilet. But the taboo is definitely beginning to lift," Scheer said. "People used to giggle and make jokes when I explained our products. Now a lot of people have heard about them or tried them and are more interested."

There are roughly 1.5 million high-tech seats in use in the United States, and millions more featuring more basic, non-electric, water-cleansing methods such as attachments and sprayers. Although high-tech toilets still account for a scant 1 percent of toilets in the U.S., Brondell and Toto both estimate growth in the high-tech segment at around 15 percent or more per year, and significantly higher than that in the last two years. And this despite minimal advertising.

Toilets at Google's California campus have been equipped with high-tech Toto seats, according to the company. And Brondell's Swash 1000 will be a standard option on Gulfstream's new G650 jets, Scheer said.

"A lot of times it starts when somebody buys one and then has some friends over for a dinner party. Their guests give it a try and then ask, 'Where in the world did you get that?'" said David Krakoff, head of sales for America of Toto USA.

So far, the seats seem most popular in larger cities on the East and West coasts, and in areas with large Hispanic populations. They seem to be gaining ground quickly among baby boomers and those who care for the elderly, as well as those interested in high-tech and environmentally friendly products.

Scheer said the new type of toilet uses much less water and electricity than is required to produce toilet paper. Because the water stream is small and aerated, each "use" of a high-tech seat requires under one- to two-tenths of a gallon of water, he said.

One high-tech seat adds around $50 to $60 to the average household's annual electric bill, but saves much more than that on the cost of toilet paper, the companies said.

Still, Krakoff warned that it is too soon to say goodbye to toilet paper.

"As much as I love these things, I would never say, 'Don't put paper next to your toilet,'" he said. "But if a roll used to last you two days, it will last you two weeks or so."

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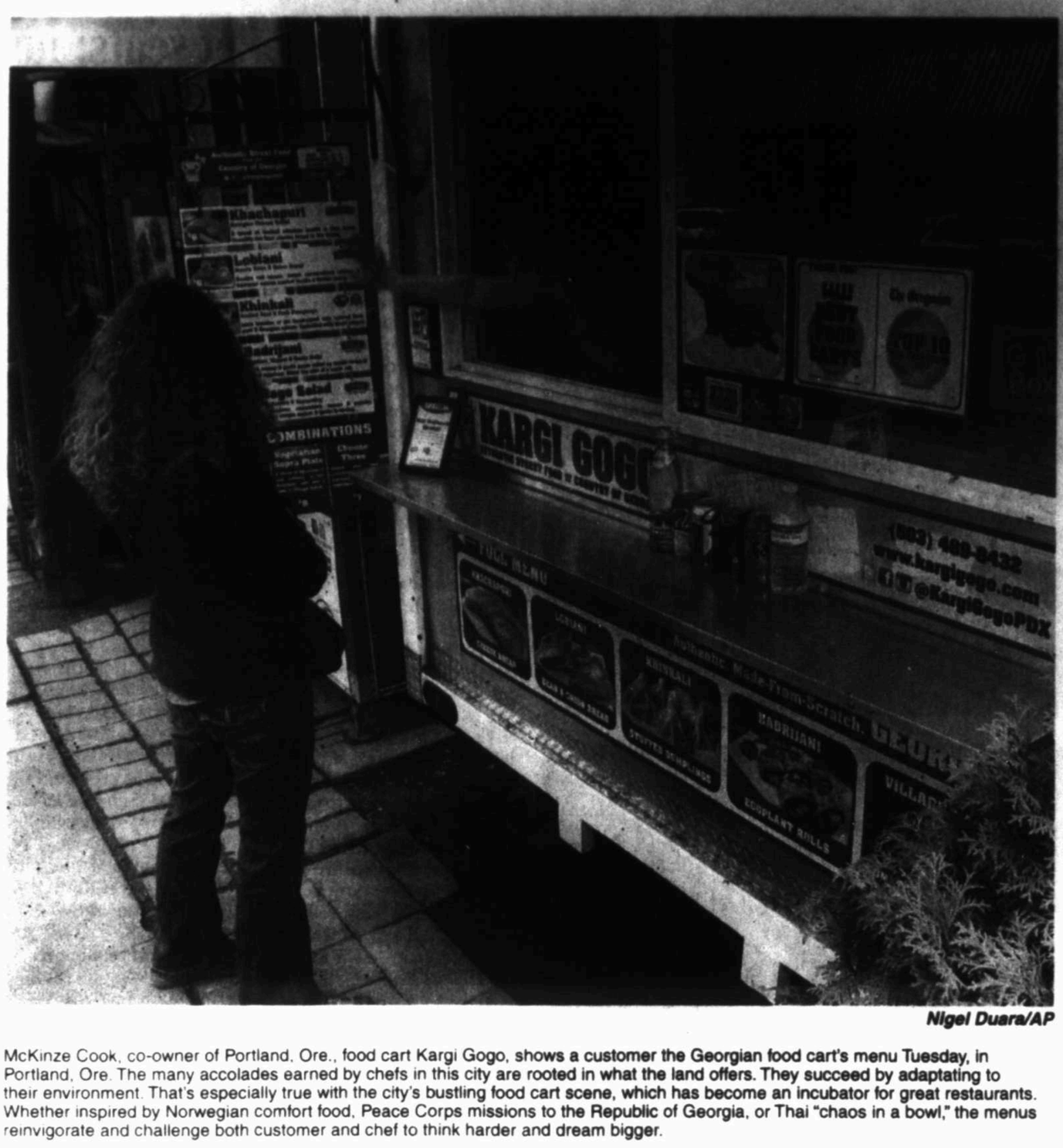

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McKinze Cook, co-owner of Portland, Ore., food cart Kargi Gogo, shows a customer the Georgian food cart's menu Tuesday, in Portland, Ore. The many accolades earned by chefs in this city are rooted in what the land offers. They succeed by adaptating to their environment. That's especially true with the city's bustling food cart scene, which has become an incubator for great restaurants. Whether inspired by Norwegian comfort food, Peace Corps missions to the Republic of Georgia, or Thai "chaos in a bowl," the menus reinvigorate and challenge both customer and chef to think harder and dream bigger.

FOOD CARTS

Portland boasts bustling food cart scene

By Nigel Duara
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The many accolades earned by chefs in this city are rooted in what the land offers. They succeed by adaptating to their environment.

That's especially true with the city's bustling food cart scene, which has become an incubator for great restaurants. Whether inspired by Norwegian comfort food, Peace Corps missions to the Republic of Georgia, or Thai "chaos in a bowl," the menus reinvigorate and challenge both customer and chef to think harder and dream bigger.

The culture of Portland food carts — cheaper than restaurants and meriting just a couple-dollars tip (and sales-tax free, to boot) — allows diners to assemble their own multicourse tasting menu, provided they don't mind a moderate walk or a quick bike ride. Luckily, most food trucks are assembled in pods scattered across the city, making it easy to visit multiple trucks at each stop.

Start in southeast Portland, where Viking Soul Food does one thing and does it well. The simple, steel-bodied trailer is adorned only with a red umbrella. A sign promises "marvelous handcrafted edibles," and the menu is as stripped down as the cart itself.

Here you will find lefse, and not much else.

Like crepes without the milk and eggs, these Norwegian potato-flatbread wraps serve as a versatile bed for sweet and savory entrees that co-owner Megan Walhood's great-grandmother put on the Christmas table every year. The fillings can include heavy-duty pork-and-beef meatballs or a local grab of mushrooms and Oregon-grown hazelnut patties.

The seasonal winter lefse presented a well-balanced mix of goat cheese, pears and walnuts under sherry-sugar reduction — fresh, elegant and simple. Another lefse of house- (er, cart)-cured salmon with pickled shallots and crunchy watercress presented a slightly lighter take.

The real star, though, may be the $3 appetizer of pickled herring and onions, meaty fillets that manage to be bright and salty without overbearing fishiness.

As a bonus, pop by the Brazilian House cart next door for the coxinha, a ball of shredded chicken and spices fried in dough into the shape of a drumstick.

Then walk (or hop on a rental bike) to a rising star of the culinary scene, Carte Blanche, where "Supreme Dictator for Life" Jessie Aron is willing admit to Thai influences from her days in the kitchen at the bicoastal sensation Pok Pok, but said her chief culinary driver is avoiding repetition.

"Usually when I explain the cart, the looks I get back are confusion," Aron said. "We've gotten used to confusing the customer. Until they try the food. Then they're just happy."

Here you'll get mysteriously-named bowls like "Mischief" and "Rum Tum Tugger." Layered in a way that makes each bite genuinely different from the last are a fruit salad with diced pineapples, snap peas and corn in a sesame-miso crema, and a small heap of prawns.

Oh! The prawns! Crusted with coconut, cashew and kaffir lime, they are a revelation — sweet and citrusy, firm but yielding, the combination balances perfectly against a bed of jasmine rice. The eggplant in the vegetarian version was similarly impressive, glazed in a Thai lime-chili reduction and crisped to a satisfying crunch.

Before your next stop, consider one of Aron's compost cookies. Don't worry, this isn't "Portlandia" gone rogue; it's just the compilation of what they had hanging around. One winter evening, potato chips and raisins joined pretzels and chocolate chips in a salty-sweet, straight-from-the-oven collaboration.

Have you had enough yet? You have not. Because across the river is a slightly different take on international cuisine, borne of two former Peace Corps volunteers who met in the Republic of Georgia and decided to bring what they ate there back with them.

Behold, Kargi Gogo (roughly translated to "good girl") and a carb-laden end to one night in town. Here you can go vegetarian and not miss the meat.

Start with the $8 pick-three combination, from which you can sample dumplings, a garlic-walnut puree wrapped in eggplant and khachapuri, a gooey blend of feta and a local sour pickled curd called sulguni inside a thin crust that doubles as perhaps the best grilled cheese in town.

The dumplings, khinkali, come with a brief introduction from co-owner McKinze Cook, who advises diners to lift them from the doughy knot at the top, flip them and eat them from the bottom. It's an elegant solution to keeping the juices evenly layered over the filling. Eating the dough knot, she said, is optional.

Whether you take it all in one go or parcel it out over a couple of days, Portland's international cuisine remains on the fringes while the sun shines brightly on the stuff of more traditional childhood comforts: carts starring grilled peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches, homemade marshmallows and gourmet BLTs.

So you'll have to look. But for those with an open mind and a curious palate, an exciting reward awaits.

If You Go...

VIKING SOUL FOOD: 4262 SE Belmont St, Portland, Ore., www.vikingsoulfood.com , 503-704-5481

CARTE BLANCHE: 3207 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, Ore., www.carteblanchefoodcart.com , 971-258-2895.

KARGI GOGO: 950 SW Washington St, Portland, Ore., www.kargigogo.com , 503-489-8432.

Smoked fish lends big flavor to light soup

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

With St. Patrick's Day nearly upon us, our minds often turn to corned beef and cabbage. This recipe was inspired by that tradition, but swaps out the corned beef in favor of smoked fish (also incredibly popular in Ireland) in a richly satisfying savory broth.

Smoked fish happens to be one of my favorite "cheating" ingredients. Like bacon, it is a single ingredient that adds outsized oomph to any dish. Unlike bacon, smoked fish has no saturated fat. Add even a little bit of it and suddenly the dish becomes the essence of comfort food and your guests think you're a culinary genius.

In Ireland, they like to smoke mackerel, whitefish, salmon and haddock. Smoked haddock actually originates in Scotland, not Ireland, but the Irish have pulled it into the family circle. Me, too. As the child of New Englanders, I grew up with it, which is probably why it's my favorite smoked fish.

My cabbage of choice here is either Napa or savoy. Both are relatively light with a delicate texture. Of course, regular green cabbage also works, as will red cabbage (assuming you don't mind a pink soup), but you want to be careful not to overcook whichever cabbage is in the pot. Otherwise, things tend to get very funky very quickly.

Now on to the potatoes and the leeks. Easy and cheap to grow, high in minerals and vitamins, and delicious no matter how they're cooked, potatoes have been a staple in Ireland for hundreds of years. In this recipe, the potatoes absorb the smokiness of the fish and also provide bulk. The leeks add a distinct and subtle flavor all their own, but you can swap in onions — the leek's ubiquitous cousin — if you have trouble finding leeks.

The liquid is a combination of low-fat milk and chicken stock. Why use chicken stock in a fish soup? Because I've never found a commercial fish stock to my taste. Likewise, I'm no fan of commercial clam juices, which are too high in sodium. In any case, the liquid required some kind of stock because those soups made only with dairy are too rich for me. Then again, I don't like a soup that's too thin either, which is why this one is thickened into creaminess the old-fashioned way — with just a touch of flour.

In the end all of the ingredients come together beautifully, if I do say so myself. Add a tossed green salad and a pint of Guinness, and you can call it a meal.

HEARTY POTATO, CABBAGE AND SMOKED FISH SOUP
Start to finish: 50 minutes (25 minutes active)
Servings: 4

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 large leek, white and green parts, medium chopped (about 2 cups)
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 pound Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
2 cups 1 percent milk
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
4 cups shredded Napa or savoy cabbage
1/2 pound smoked fish fillets (trout, whitefish, haddock or mackerel), skin discarded, fish coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Kosher salt and ground black pepper
Thinly sliced scallions, to garnish
Smoked paprika, to garnish

In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the butter. Add the leek and cook, stirring, until very soft but not colored, about 10 minutes. Add the flour and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Increase the heat to high, add the broth in a stream, whisking, and bring to a boil.

Add the potatoes, milk and thyme, then bring the mixture to a simmer. Cover partially and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the potatoes are just tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in the cabbage and simmer until tender, about 3 minutes. Add the fish and lemon juice and cook just until the fish is heated through. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle into bowls and garnish with scallions and a sprinkle of paprika.

Nutrition information per serving: 360 calories; 100 calories from fat (28 percent of total calories); 11 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 70 mg cholesterol; 38 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 9 g sugar; 26 g protein; 380 mg sodium.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sara Moulton was executive chef at Gourmet magazine for nearly 25 years, and spent a decade hosting several Food Network shows. She currently stars in public television's "Sara's Weeknight Meals" and has written three cookbooks, including "Sara Moulton's Everyday Family Dinners."

Frozen watermelon may lose sweetness, texture

Dear Heloise: Can you freeze cut-up watermelon and have it still taste yummy when you take it out? — Mercy W. in Texas

Yes, you can freeze watermelon! The texture and taste may be a little different than fresh. It won't be quite as sweet-tasting, unless you eat the frozen watermelon while it is still slightly frozen, and the texture may not be as firm, but the taste is still there.

You can freeze the watermelon cubed or in balls, or puree it and add some sugar for a sweeter flavor, if needed. Remove seeds and rind. Freeze the pieces in a tray, and when frozen, transfer to a freezer bag or container, removing as much air as possible. If you don't have a vacuum sealer, place the watermelon in a freezer bag and use a straw to remove the air. — Heloise

SPONGE SAVER

Dear Heloise: I have a love-hate relationship with sponges. They are convenient, but hold so many germs. I came up with this hint: When I am finished, I squeeze out all the excess water and prop it up using a binder clip. I clip it on the shortest side of the sponge, and the sponge sits up and doesn't touch the sink or counters directly. It gives me peace of mind. — C.K. in Illinois

Love it, love it, love it! Germs away! — Heloise

COOKED CHICKEN

Dear Heloise: To save time for a quick dinner, I often keep a cooked rotisserie chicken from the store in the refrigerator. I can't tell you how many times a recipe called for cooked chicken or turkey, and I was able to make it because I had the chicken already in the refrigerator. It's also great for making chicken-salad sandwiches. — Stephanie L. in New Mexico

This is a great hint for busy families! You also can add the meat to any soup or casserole dish. Cooking can be a lot of fun if you experiment and substitute items you like for items you are not so fond of. For more hints on food substitutions, I wrote my pamphlet Heloise's Seasonings, Sauces and Substitutes. To order one, send $3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/SSS, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Instead of celery, try adding chopped coleslaw or water chestnuts to your ham, tuna or chicken salad for that added crunch! — Heloise

SPREAD WITH A SPOON

Dear Heloise: Want to stop shredding your bread when making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches? Use the back of a spoon instead of a knife. Works great with other condiments and spreads as well. — Mike W., via email

Have you been peeking into my kitchen? I do the same, and it's so easy! — Heloise

NONSTICK SPRAY

Dear Heloise: For easy cleanup, before I start grating cheese, I spray my grater with nonstick cooking spray. Nothing sticks, and washing the grater is a no longer a chore, but an easy task. — Melanie R. in Oregon

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HINTS FROM HELOISE
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DAVE RAMSEY

Losing hard-earned money gambling is not entertainment

DEAR DAVE: How do you feel about gambling at a casino, as long as you limit your spending and don't expect to win big money? — Brian

DEAR BRIAN: I don't really have a moral problem with it, but I don't understand the concept. Call me crazy, but I do not get a thrill from losing money I've worked hard to earn. That's not my idea of entertainment.

When someone tells me they gamble for fun or recreation, my first thought is they're delusional enough to believe that they'll actually win — that they think they're the exception to the rule. Otherwise, there would be no thrill. You may see a news story once in a while about someone winning big money in a casino, but that rarely happens. Think, too, about how much money those people had flushed down the toilet previously while gambling. There's a really good chance they didn't really "win" anything. In most cases, they probably just recouped a small portion of their previous, substantial losses.

My advice is don't waste your time and money on that stuff. One way or another, the house always wins. That's how they're able to build those giant, billion dollar places called casinos. Did you know that some of those companies are so big and expansive that they're publicly traded entities? And guess what? The profits they make off people who are foolish enough to gamble their money away inside their fancy halls — and call that entertainment — drive their stock prices!

Think about it, Brian. Why do all the folks sitting at slot machines and card tables look like they can't afford to lose money? Most of them look like sad, broken, lonely people. Maybe they change when they sit down. Maybe they were winners in life and with money before they walked through the doors, and their slumped body language and the look of stress and hopelessness they carry is just a coincidence or the indoor lighting. But I don't think so.

DEAR DAVE: What happens to the money in an ESA if the child gets a scholarship and no longer needs the money? — Jonathan

DEAR JONATHAN: In an Educational Savings Account (ESA), and in a 529 Plan, you are allowed to pull out money tax free in the amount of the scholarship. But very rarely do you find someone going to college completely free and clear. Often tuition is covered, and even tuition and a dorm room in some cases, but zero-cost college is almost unheard of. There are always living expenses, books and other miscellaneous items, and you can use the money in an ESA for any education-related expenses.

The chances of your money getting trapped and you as parents winding up in a situation where you've actually saved too much and a child has leftover money just doesn't happen. This is a bunch of drama found only in the nightmares of nerds. Real human beings don't have this problem, Jonathan, because nobody ever saves enough!

Do lightbulbs do what the packages claim?

By Susan Salisbury
Cox Newspapers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — If you typically purchase light bulbs marked "long-life" on the package, you may have wondered whether the claim about how many hours the bulbs will last is true and what's backing it up.

Manufacturers often do their own in-house testing or pay a testing firm to verify that bulbs live up to their packaging and marketing claims. The Department of Energy also randomly purchases bulbs and tests them.

After thousands of consumer complaints about Los Angeles, Calif.-based Lights of America's LED bulbs, the Federal Trade Commission charged the company with violating federal law by overstating the bulbs' light output and life expectancy and for falsely comparing how bright they were compared to other bulbs.

A federal court agreed and in January ordered Lights of America Inc. to ante up $21 million for refunds to consumers who bought more than 3 million of its LED bulbs. LED, or light-emitting diode bulbs, are an alternative to other types of bulbs, such as halogen incandescents and compact fluorescent bulbs, but are the most expensive.

FTC spokesman Frank Dorman said it's expected a refund program will begin next year. To read the court order, go to ftc.gov/system/files/documents/cases/140220lightsorder.pdf.

LEDs present many advantages over incandescent light sources including lower energy consumption, longer life, smaller size and faster switching, the FTC said.

At the other end of the spectrum is Durham, N.C.-based Cree Inc., whose LED bulbs launched a year ago and are gaining consumer acceptance. Cree's LED bulb looks similar to the familiar incandescent bulb that's been a fixture in households for decades. Sold exclusively at Home Depot, the Cree LED bulbs are now Home Depot's top-selling bulbs. The bulbs have a 10-year warranty.

Mike Watson, Cree's vice president of product strategy, said the company saw an opportunity to make an LED bulb that consumers would accept.

"We wanted to make a bulb that looks like a light bulb and gives the light you expect," Watson said.

In 2012 the Department of Energy began requiring everyday light bulbs to meet new energy standards. Those that don't are being phased out. Once stocks of common incandescent bulbs are sold out, they'll be gone forever, leaving consumers with halogen, CFL and LED lights to choose from.

Before launching into consumer bulbs, Cree learned that the compact fluorescent bulb, or CFL, often referred to as the "squiggly" or "twisty" bulb because of its shape, was not filling the need for an alternative to incandescents. It saves energy but has other drawbacks.

"It uses mercury to generate light. It actually produces ugly, dull-looking light, which is what has turned off consumers," Watson said of the CFL.

The industry was making LED bulbs in unfamiliar shapes that Watson said were "Franken bulbs or robot-looking bulbs" that were also expensive.

"Cree was a company that was not intentionally trying to get into the consumer market, but when we saw the rest of the industry was not doing the right thing, we decided to do it ourselves," Watson said.

With an estimated 5 billion light bulbs in use in the United States and 4 billion of them incandescent, the potential for growth is huge.

The Cree LED bulbs, designed to replace the 40-, 60- and 75-watt incandescent bulbs, have a life expectancy of 25,000 hours, Watson said. They don't burn out at that point, but reach 70 percent of their initial output.

"The reason is at 70 percent is when th[illegible] small percentage of human eyes can tell the difference between two levels of brightness," Watson said.

The 40-watt equivalent bulb is $9.97, the 60-watt equivalent is $12.97 and the 75-watt is $19.97. The bulbs use 84 percent less energy than incandescents and last 25 times longer.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Avoid big problems by finding trustworthy contractors

As cold weather passes, you may start to evaluate home improvements or repairs before the summer heat sets in. Your Better Business Bureau is here to give some tips for finding a trustworthy contractor as part of National Consumer Protection Week.

BBB receives hundreds of complaints every year concerning subpar work performed by contractors, and encourages consumers to take the time to properly research contractors to avoid a potentially bigger problem.

Last year, home builders, roofing contractors, construction and remodeling services, plumbers and general contractors made the top 10 list of most inquired about industries with your BBB.

Some things to remember when searching for a trustworthy contractor:

■ Use BBB.org to find trustworthy businesses. Start your search with BBB Member Pages to find BBB accredited contractors in your area. If you are referred to a business through friends, family or an advertisement, verify the business is in good standing at bbb.org before contacting them.

■ Compare costs. Get at least three bids from prospective contractors based on the same specifications, materials, labor and time needed to complete the project. BBB's Request-a-Quote service is free to use and will allow BBB Accredited Businesses to send you quotes via email. Understand variations in price may be associated with higher quality of materials.

■ Call for references. Ask all contractors to provide local references and find out if those customers were satisfied with the work performed. If possible, visit a completed project to inspect the quality of the workmanship.

■ Check licensing. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires a license for plumbers, HVAC technicians and electricians; however, other contractors may require registration or licensing to do work in specific counties or cities.

■ Beware of high upfront fees. Contractors may require a down payment before work begins, but it should not be a significant portion of the total cost. Instead, make payments that align with the progress of the work completed. Make sure you are satisfied with the work before making a final payment.

■ Review your contract thoroughly. Make sure it includes all the materials needed to complete the job, an itemized list of all costs involved, any subcontracted labor and a warranty for all work performed.

■ Verify insurance coverage. Find out if the company is insured against claims covering worker's compensation, property damage and personal liability in case of accidents. Verify coverage directly with the business' insurance company if possible.

For help finding a reliable contractor, check out local BBB Business Reviews at BBB-dot-org.

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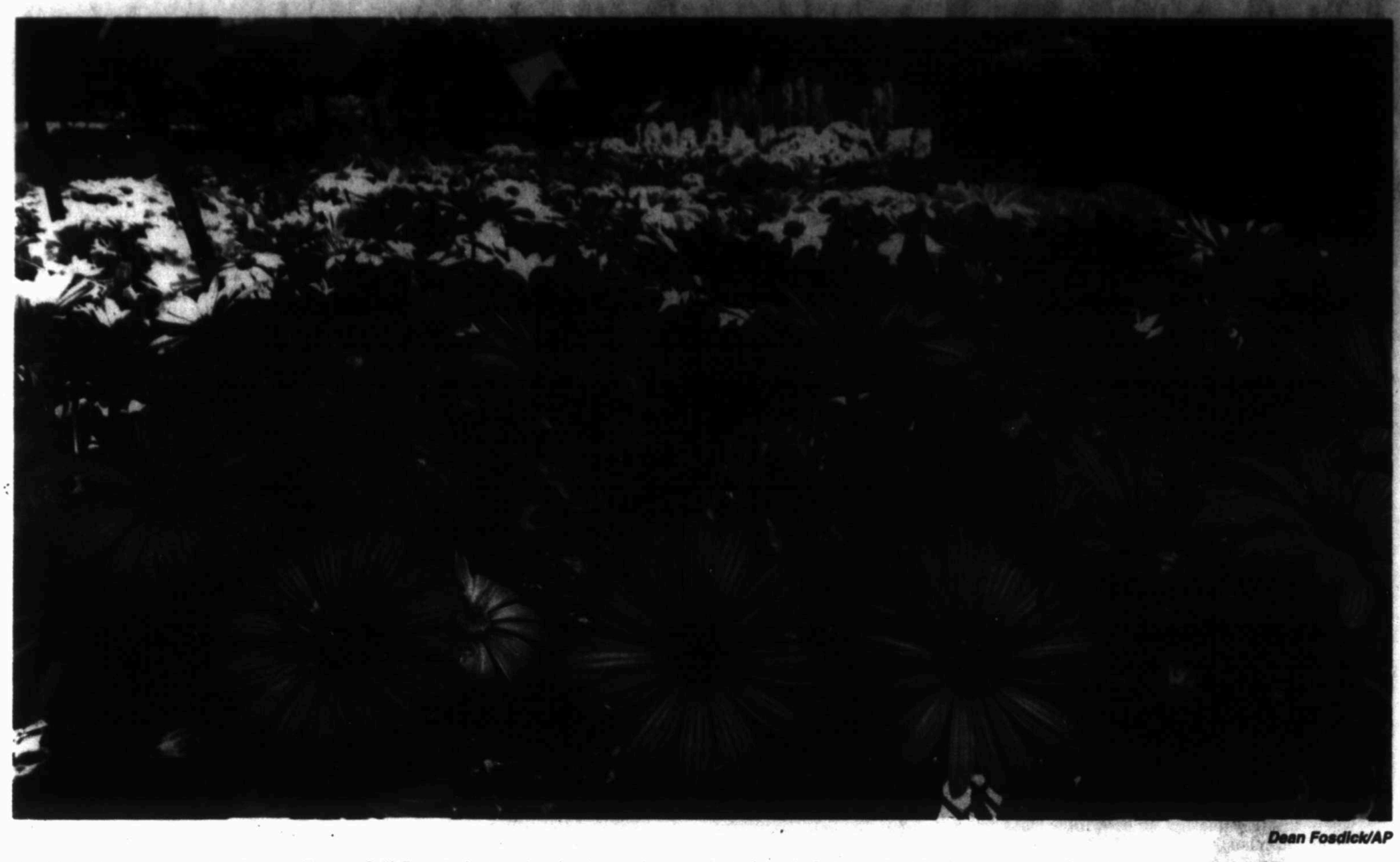

Dean Fosdick/AP

This 2013 photo shows a trial garden near Ventura, Calif. Even the best garden planning can be second-rate if you don't choose the right plant assortment. Garden centers with their vast collections of plant colors, sizes and shapes can be intimidating places for inexperienced buyers, so work from a list and ensure you're buying only healthy plants.

Fast route to successful gardening? Buy smart

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press

Garden centers, with their vast collections of plant colors, sizes and shapes, can be intimidating to inexperienced buyers. But you can become a discerning purchaser with a little homework and by quizzing the sales people as you shop.

"Usually, when shopping, I go early before the crowds and also before the staff are worn out," said Jack McKinnon, a garden coach from the San Francisco Bay area. "I like asking questions like, 'What are you getting in next?' 'What is new?' and 'What is the most popular now?' If it is early (in the season), you may learn a lot that puts you ahead of the masses in designs and trends."

The most important factor in plant shopping, however, is the health of the plant, McKinnon said.

"As one nurseryman I trust says: 'Don't accept ugly plants.' And he doesn't give refunds."

How can you tell if a plant is diseased, pest-ridden or beyond its prime?

"Look for any unusual brown, black or gray spotting on the foliage," said Rizanino (Riz) Reyes, a landscape designer and owner of RHR Horticulture in Shoreline, Wash., a Seattle suburb.

"Any dead sections that are beyond just grooming to make it look good should be avoided," he said. Also avoid plants "that may be unusually red or sickly yellow looking."

It's a good idea to check plant roots at the nursery. It's risky to buy plants that are root-bound, too wet or too dry, although that may mean removing them from the pot to examine them.

"If you politely ask a garden center staff member, any reputable retail center should stand by their product and allow you to do it, or they may do it for you," Reyes said.

Other plant-buying-like-a-pro tips:

■ Shop by price and shop the sales. Find out when new plants are usually delivered and displayed. "Try to have a relationship with the nursery owner or staff," McKinnon said.

■ Bare-root, container grown, or balled and burlapped? "Bare-root plants have not had a chance to get root-bound in a pot, and you can see what you're buying," McKinnon said. "Both are definite advantages."

■ Work from a plan. "I recommend having a general list so you avoid too many impulse buys on plants that may not end up getting planted or worse, get forgotten," Reyes said.

■ Annuals vs. perennials: "Perennials come back and can look great the year-'round," Reyes said. "Annuals provide traffic-stopping impact and remarkable color. You save and have the most incredible garden by integrating both."

■ Buying tropicals and houseplants: "Take care in transporting these from the store to your vehicle as some may be very sensitive to the cold," Reyes said. "Plant them right away or keep them cool but not frozen. Keep them watered and moist."

■ Choosing bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes: "Look for plump, firm bulbs," Reyes said. "Usually, the bigger the better. Hardy bulbs like lilies are ready to plant as soon as possible. For dahlias and other tender bulbs, wait until after frost to plant or pot them up and start indoors."

Online:
For more about buying healthy plants, see suggestions from Colorado State University Cooperative Extension: http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/4DMG/Garden/choosing.htm

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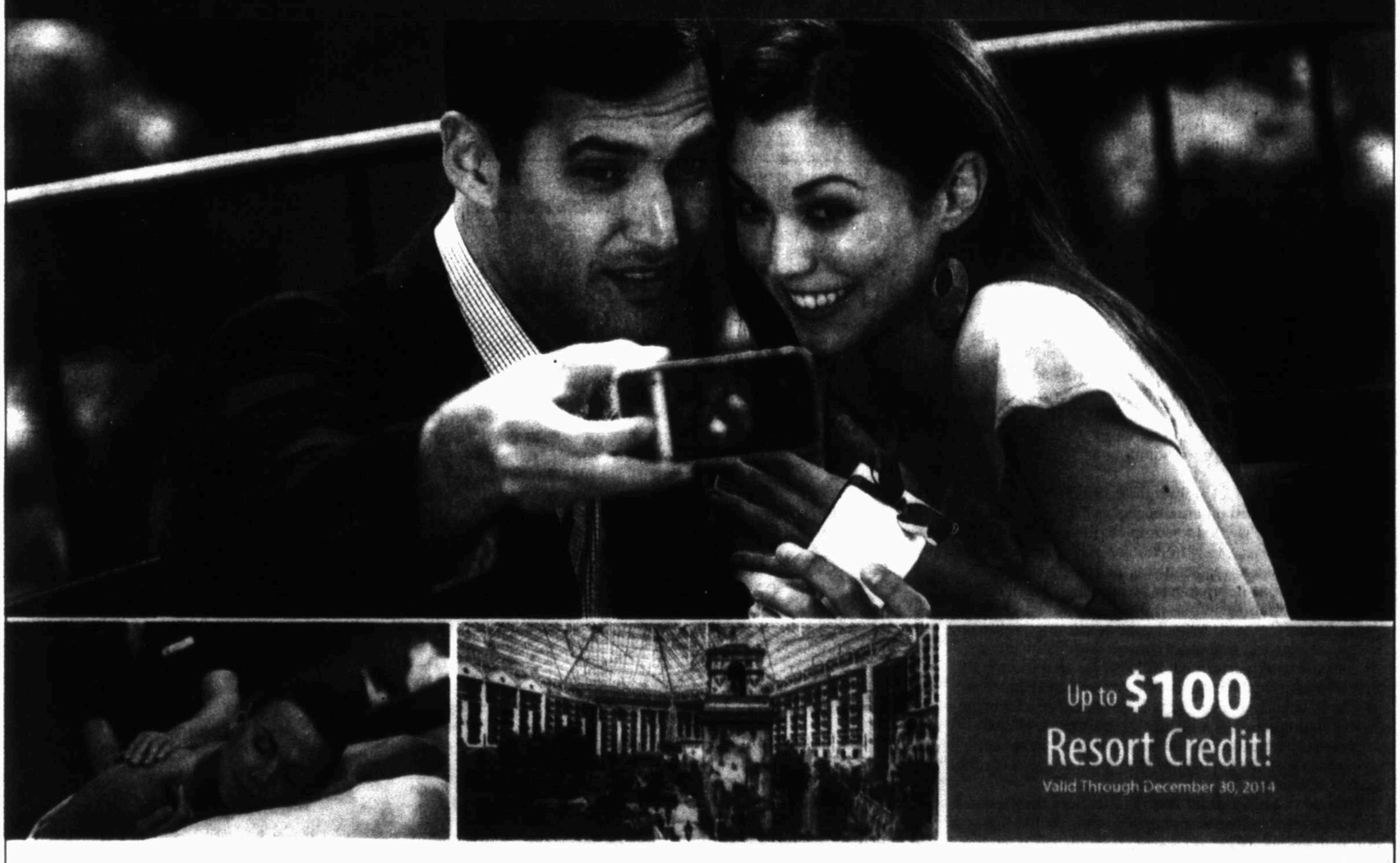

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WINE & CANVAS

Angela Hinojos, at top, brushes blue paint across her canvas Feb. 4 during a Wine & Canvas event held at The Bar in downtown Midland. Left Instructor Samantha Graham shows the wine & canvas participants how to properly blend colors. Above Anna Stark blends shades of blue in her painting.

Photos by Tyler White

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Leadership team for EnLink Midstream announced

DALLAS — Crosstex Energy, L.P. announced the members of the boards of directors and the executive leadership team of EnLink Midstream that are expected to be appointed upon completion of Crosstex's previously announced transaction with Devon Energy Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries.

Crosstex expects that the following individuals will be appointed to the board of EnLink Midstream GP, LLC., the general partner of EnLink Midstream Partners LP and EnLink Midstream Manager LLC, the managing member of EnLink Midstream LLC.

John Richels, president and chief executive officer of Devon, will serve as chairman of both of EnLink Midstream's boards.

Barry E. Davis, president and chief executive officer of Crosstex, will be the president and chief executive officer of EnLink Midstream and will serve on both of EnLink Midstream's boards.

David A. Hager will serve as a director on both of EnLink Midstream's boards and will be a member of the Compensation Committee of the Board of EnLink Midstream GP, LLC and the Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board of EnLink Midstream Manager, LLC.

Darryl G. Smette will serve as a director on both of the EnLink Midstream boards.

Thomas L. Mitchell will serve as a director on both of the EnLink Midstream boards.

Mary P. Ricciardello will serve as a director on both of EnLink Midstream's boards and will be a member of both audit committees.

Leldon E. Echols will serve as a director on both of EnLink Midstream's boards and will act as chairman of both audit committees.

Scott A. Griffiths will serve as a director on the board of EnLink Midstream GP, LLC, where he will be a member of the Conflicts Committee and act as chairman of the Compensation Committee.

Kyle D. Vann will serve as a director on the board of EnLink Midstream GP, LLC, where he will be a member of the Audit Committee and act as Chairman of the Conflicts Committee.

Crosstex expects that Richels, Davis, Echols, Hager, Mitchell, Ricciardello and Smette will be joined by the following on EnLink Midstream manager, LLC's Board of Directors and certain committees thereof.

James C. Crain will serve as a director on the Board of EnLink Midstream Manager, LLC, where he will be a member of the Audit Committee and act as Chairman of the Conflicts

Please see NAMES/2F

New business offers the chance to drink and be merry with art

By Audrie Palmer
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

The patio was packed on a recent Tuesday night at The Bar in downtown Midland.

Friends and new friends sat next to each other, armed with a paint brush in one hand and many with a glass of wine in the other. A teacher milled about the room giving instruction and helping her students one-on-one with their painting. It's part of a new business that's taken off in the Permian Basin over the past few months and one that's become a popular new favorite among many.

Wine and Canvas, a new social art lesson, has had sold out shows recently as instructors book rooms at homes and offices for private parties and at local restaurants in Midland and Odessa.

The business, started locally by Jennifer Ventris, is part of a national franchise that stretches as far as Hawaii and Seattle to Texas and the East Coast. While some franchises meet in studio spaces, for now, the Midland and Odessa franchise is utilizing public areas and parties to get the word out and to interact with the community. And it's a success.

"It's something different and fun to do and something that you get to take home with you," she said.

Each party or event can hold up to 36 people depending on the size of the venue. Each Tuesday night, a Wine and Canvas party is held on the patio at The Bar. In Odessa, the event is held at Carino's and Harrigan's Prime Grill and on some nights, events are held both in Midland and Odessa simultaneously depending on the availability of the artists.

Public events are held five nights a week with private parties available on the weekends for bookings.

The cost to participate is $35 per person for a two to three-hour-long class and the fee includes the art lesson, painting supplies, canvas, easel and apron. Because the events are held in restaurants, participants have the option to purchase appetizers or entrees and drinks as well.

Ventris was first involved in the Wine and Canvas in Oklahoma and saw firsthand how popular the event was and how it took off there. When she moved to Midland two years ago with her husband

Please see BUSINESS/2F

Local Gold's Gym facilities now Heroes Fitness Centers

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

The exercise facilities known as Gold's Gym are now doing business as Heroes Fitness Centers.

Area Manager Liz Stanford explained that the rebranding was made because franchise owners Stephen and DorothyLangdon wanted to expand their territory, which includes Midland, Odessa and San Angelo, and build more gyms. She said Gold's Gym wanted to possibly open corporate clubs, though there are no current plans to do so, so the Langdons decided to strike out on their own as Heroes Fitness.

Stanford stressed that the locations still have the same owers and management team. The facilities still offer the same free weights, cardiovascular equipment and group exercise classes.

"The biggest change beyond branding is to offer lower monthly dues and free tanning to all members in addition to free child care, which has always been available to members," she said.

The Odessa location, under construction at 2423 N. County Road West is still under construction but due to open soon, and will offer a three-lane lap pool, something new for Heroes, she added.

In addition to the Odessa location, Heroes Fitness can be found in Midland at 4400 N. Midland Drive in the Cornerstone Shopping Center and at 3 Meta Drive and in San Angelo at 4110 Sunset Drive.

The website, www.heroes-fitness.com, should soon be available.

Making a transition is Dress-Ups at 302 S. Marienfeld across from the new home of Susie's South Forty factory.

Now known as Dress-Ups Mini-Mall, the business has reopened after converting from a consignment store to renting booths.

Owner Beverly Stroope said she has 22 booths available for rent to anyone wanting to sell items, from clothing to jewelry to crafts to "whatever."

Rental is $2 per square foot and 5 percent of total monthly sales.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

More information is available by calling Beverly at 682-7061.

THE ECONOMIST

West Texas wind power reaches its markets

M. RAY PERRYMAN

Texas has immense capacity for energy production from wind as well as solar and biomass fuel. About 15 years ago, the state demonstrated its commitment to increase clean energy through legislation as well as government funding. Our market-driven system with electric competition, incentives for renewables, and other factors in Texas has led to increased generation capacity and impressive growth in clean energy. Customers also have more choices, and prices are lower than they would be otherwise. Progress in this arena continues, and we recently passed an important milestone in the ongoing development of Texas' renewable energy resources.

In 1999, Senate Bill 7 (SB7) opened the doors of electric power competition in Texas. One of the goals of this legislation was to encourage the addition of clean energy into the Texas power grid. The Bill promoted the growth of renewable energy by establishing the Texas Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).

The RPS is the amount of power sold in the state that must be generated using renewable sources. In essence, the RPS created a market for renewable power by requiring the state's electric providers to either construct renewable generation facilities themselves or buy from other firms that did so.

Texas energy providers have far exceeded these standards. The original RPS goal was 2,000 megawatts (MW) of additional, new renewable resource generation capacity by 2009. That level was surpassed in 2006. In 2005, the Legislature upped the goal by passing Senate Bill 20, which increased the target to 5,880 MW of renewable energy by 2015 and 10,000 by 2025 (including 500 MW from non-wind renewable sources). Texas capacity topped the 2025 goal in 2010.

The Lone Star State leads the way in wind capacity among all states by a large margin, with 12,214 MW installed as of June 2013 (according to the American Wind Energy Association). That's more than twice as much as any other state. We also ranked first in new installations in 2012, with an addition of almost 1,826 MW. Wind provided 7.4 percent of the state's electricity in 2012.

Wind farms require not only a lot of wind, but also a lot of space. The best areas for placement are generally in West Texas, the Panhandle and some coastal areas. The problem facing the state when these assets began to be developed was getting the power from the windy areas to the populous regions of Texas where it was needed. A visionary plan embodied in SB20 identified Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) with high wind potential and called for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to come up with the optimal way to link these areas to the population centers where electric power was needed.

After reviewing potential routes and options, ERCOT initiated a plan in about 2008. Transmission projects involving billions of dollars in investment and years of construction have been ongoing since that time. These lines originate in windy areas around Amarillo and the High Plains, the Permian Basin, Abilene and west of San Angelo. From there, they generally go east to serve the large metropolitan areas along the I-35 corridor.

It was a massive undertaking. Finalizing the routes to try to avoid sensitive areas and attempting to satisfy landowners was a huge project in and of itself, which had to be completed before the first shovel moved the first dirt. If you happened to drive along one of these lines as it was going up, you may have seen not only cranes and trucks, but also helicopters and other specialized equipment. The final tab on the investment is approaching $6.9 billion, with 3,588 miles of lines. The cost has been borne by transmission utilities, which are regulated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. These companies will recover their expense through fees paid by retail providers of electricity. Our firm was pleased to conduct the related impact studies that helped to quantify the effects of both construction and the added power in a market setting.

As of the end of last year, the dots were connected, and all of the major transmission projects in the plan were completed. The enormous resource of wind power can now be utilized where it is needed, thanks to the added transmission capability. It was a visionary plan, and I applaud the many people who dedicated countless hours to make it a reality.

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MARKET WATCH

Low interest rates keeping retirees' buying power out of economy

SCOTT WREN
Wells Fargo

My parents are not stock market people. My grandparents were not stock market people. They grew up in the wake of and during the Great Depression, respectively. They have never trusted the equity markets. The bulk of their money has always been "invested" in certificates of deposit (CDs). For decades, CDs paid what most considered a reasonable interest rate. Of course, the market determined the appropriate rate for a given maturity. Like many of their generation, upon retirement, my parents and grandparents lived on a combination of savings, pensions and Social Security.

It has been five years since the Federal Reserve (Fed) moved to a zero-interest rate policy, and retirees are earning very little on their cash balances. By now, most of their longer-term CDs have reached maturity and have been rolled over. Those who counted on receiving monthly income from interest earned on their CDs have been quite distressed by how little they receive at these new, dramatically lower rates.

Not everyone is a sophisticated investor — or even an investor, period, for that matter. For many retirees in the United States, jumping into the stock market for the first time because CD rates are low is simply not an option. The Fed may have wanted to encourage more risk-taking in the stock market by reducing interest rates to nearly zero, but many people are not taking the risk. They are not moving money into stocks. They are keeping their cash in very low-yielding instruments like CDs.

Instead, retirees like my parents have reduced their spending in a meaningful way. I can remember when my mom retired. She travelled the world for the first time in her life. The interest she was earning on her cash balances — representing her savings from a lifetime of work — was funding much of these travels. But that all came to a screeching halt as interest rates plunged and rollover rates on CDs dropped to miniscule levels. She stayed at home.

With approximately 13 percent of the U.S. population over the age of 65, the current interest rate environment is affecting the overall level of consumer spending in a noticeable way. The attitude of many retired Americans, especially those who grew up in the wake of the Great Depression, is that when times are tough, you cut back. You curtail spending because the last thing you want to do is "hit the principal." And when 40 million people are potentially reducing their discretionary spending due to low interest rates, you better take notice. This is a different view on life than most baby boomers' "you can't take it with you" mentality.

The post-Depression generation in America does represent a large amount of potential buying power in today's economy. Just take a stroll down 5th Avenue in Naples, Fla. any evening during "The Season," and you will see what I mean. While these folks do not represent the biggest spending age group, they do have the buying power to help push the economy ahead.

Unfortunately, right now, a good deal of that buying power has been sucked out of the economy because of lower interest rates on CD balances. And many retirees, like my parents, have chosen to respond by just hunkering down and cutting back on their spending.

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Staples to close 225 stores as sales move online

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

Staples has become the second major chain to announce the mass closing of stores last week, providing the latest evidence of how the retail landscape is being remade by shifts in American shopping habits.

The nation's largest office-supply company said Thursday that nearly half of its sales are now generated online, and it is working aggressively to cut costs and become more efficient. It aims to close more than 10 percent of its North American stores by the end of next year, up to 225 stores, as part of a plan to save about $500 million.

Staples Chairman and CEO Ron Sargent said his company's stores have fallen short of expectations over the past three years, and the company launched a plan last year to "fundamentally reinvent" Staples.

"This is essential," he told analysts. "Our customers are using less office supplies, shopping less often in our stores and more online, and the focus on value has made the marketplace even more competitive."

Two days ago, RadioShack, which is fighting to update its image, announced plans to close up to 1,100 stores, about a fifth of its U.S. locations, after its losses widened during a dismal holiday season.

The recession did heavy damage to chains like Staples, and competition from discount stores also hurts. But online sales are affecting brick-and-mortar stores across the retail sector, no matter if the company is selling clothes, books or electronics.

Shoppers are buying online more, and they're also window shopping virtually, so they are making fewer store visits, said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak, which tracks data at about 40,000 U.S. stores. He said that's part of the reason the number of stores is contracting even though overall sales are growing, albeit at a slower pace.

BUSINESS

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for his oil-related job, she purchased the Wine and Canvas franchise and got the ball rolling to start her own business here.

"I saw firsthand how quickly it took off with there not really being anything else to do here," she said.

She launched Wine and Canvas Midland and Odessa in late September and since then, the business has grown mostly by word-of-mouth and through social media like Facebook.

While events range from everything from birthday parties to bridal showers; office get-togethers and date nights, there are some clients who come out simply to try their hand at painting or to bring their friends for a night out.

On Valentine's Day, the company hosted a special event where couples could each create their own painting on two separate canvases but that the pieces would be joined together later to complete a full picture.

On their website, the paintings are listed for each day and those looking to join can sign up and pay for what they would like to paint. For March, there are lessons in painting crosses (one of the most popular, according to Ventris), a pumpjack in the sunset and a St. Patrick's Day themed "Love" painting.

The calendar goes live on the 20th of each month for the following month and some of the more popular designs sell out almost immediately, Ventris said.

The artists who teach the classes range from local teachers to those who have a love for the field. Ventris found many of the artists after they submitted their portfolios. The painting designs vary from those that are picked from the Wine and Canvas company collection to those that the artists have designed or edited themselves.

And while the teachers present a painting and sketch of the picture of the night that can be duplicated along with step-by-step instruction, students can also alter or vary their own painting, which adds to the fun of the class.

"That's my favorite part of the night is how they end up. I really enjoy watching the people have fun. Everybody's (painting) is unique and has a different twist to it," she said.

To view a calendar of upcoming events or for more information on how you can participate, visit www.wineandcanvas.com.

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2304 W. Michigan Ave.	Sign	$1,600
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Committee.

Rolf A. Gafvert will serve as a director on the Board of EnLink Midstream Manager, LLC, where he will be a member of the Conflicts Committee and act as chairman of the Governance and Compensation Committee.

Upon the closing of the transaction, Crosstex expects that Bryan H. Lawrence, Cecil E. Martin, Robert F. Murchison, Dwight D. Scott and Rhys J. Best will retire from their positions on Crosstex Energy's boards of directors.

Crosstex expects that Barry E. Davis will be appointed as president and CEO of EnLink Midstream and Michael J. Garberding will be appointed as executive vice president and CFO following the closing of the transaction. In addition, Crosstex expects that the following will be appointed as officers of EnLink Midstream following the closing of the transaction:

Joe A. Davis will serve as executive vice president and general counsel.

Steve J. Hoppe will serve as executive vice president and president of Gas Gathering, Processing and Transmission.

McMillan (Mac) Hummel will serve as executive vice president and president of Natural Gas Liquids and Crude.

William W. Davis, Crosstex's current executive vice president and chief operating officer, will retire from Crosstex, upon the closing of the transaction.

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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 (N)		Church	Paid	Count
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Kingdom	In Search	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries		Key David	Paid	Paid	Animal	Stanton	Live Life	Hollywd.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumer	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Consumer	Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Southwest		Walking	LifeBynd	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	DoorwaytoWisdom		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Havas	Secrets	Mercury	W.America	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		First Baptist Church		NHL Hockey (L)	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	The Cat in the Hat		Peg Cat	D.Tiger	SuperWl	Sid	Wild K.	Arthur	Speaks	WordGirl	Company
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Conexion	Mercury	Para volver a amar		La hora pico		Al punto		Republica deportiva			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Bob Vila	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Game	NCAA Basketball (L)	
FLIX	340	65		165		(:05) ★★ Promised Land Meg Ryan.				★★★ Happy Accidents Marisa Tomei.				★★ Two Family House Kelly Macdonald.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★★ Dream House			★★★ Fantastic Four Ioan Gruffudd.				Kings	★★ Red Eye			Bill Maher
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	50 Children		(:05) Conch.	(:35) ★★ Here on Earth			(:15) Real Sports		(:15) ★★ Now You See Me			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Mom and Dad Save the World			Making	(:50) ★★ Woman on Top			(:25) The Watch Ben Stiller.			(:10) Leaving Las...	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★★ Presumed Innocent Harrison Ford.				(:10) Rise of the Guardians			MaxSet	(:05) Trance James McAvoy.			Banshee
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★★ The Lovely Bones ('09, Dra)				MaxSet	(:40) ★★★ She's the Man Amanda Bynes.				★★★ The Hurricane		
PLEX			96			Movie	★★ The Medallion			★★★ Gleason Brad Garrett.			(:35) ★★★ Dante's Peak Pierce Brosnan.				Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) Captain Ron		★★★ The Muse			(:45) ★★ Kindergarten Cop				(:45) ★★★ Nixon		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(:25) Peter and Vandy			The Words Bradley Cooper.			(:40) The Twilight Saga: Breaking Daw...				Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Minds "Alchemy"		Criminal Minds		ThoseWhoKill "Pilot"		Bates Motel	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		★★ The Core ('03, Sci-Fi) Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank.						Snakes on a Pla...	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Lift Voice	★★ He's Mine Not Yours Andrew Alexander.				
BRAVO	65	63		41		Blood, Sweat, Heels		FashionQ.	Wives	Flipping Out		Southern Charm		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	NewDay	Sanjay	New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Gold Rush		Game of Stones		Epic Homes		Epic Homes	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Callie	McStuffins	Jake	Sofia 1st	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Austin	Liv/Mad	Good Luck Charlie		Austin	Austin
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Fishing Bassmaster Classic				SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsC Featured		NCAA Basketball	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Prom ('11, Com/Dra) Aimee Teegarden.				Ramona and Beezus ('10, Adv) Joey King.				★★★ Sydney White Amanda Bynes.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	Media Buzz		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's Week in		Rules	InTheBag	Pioneer	Southern	Big Bite	King (N)	Giada	Barefoot	The Kitchen	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Fishing	Outdoors	NCAA Gymnastics		Paid	Paid	Mavricks	Thunder	Courtside	Dodgeb.	NCAA Softball (L)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Ellen	★ Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star			★★ Hall Pass ('11, Com) Jason Sudeikis, Owen Wilson.						Forgetting Sara...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	G. Girls	C. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	A Ring by Spring	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Property Brothers		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Mountain Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Wife Swap		To Be Announced			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				(5:30) EPL Soccer			EPL Soccer				EPL Soccer				MatchDay
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Mega	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	SanjayCr	Ninja	Rabbids	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Res. "In a Pinch"		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Face Off		Carvers "Pilot"		★ Final Destination 2 Ali Larter.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Married	Married	Men/Work	Cougar T	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Nashville Wives		Home Alone	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★★★ Deep in My Heart			★★ Let's Be Happy ('57, Mus) Vera Ellen.				★★★★ Red Dust			The Age of Inn...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Raggs	Noodle	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Op. Repo	Enfoque	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order "Coma"		Law & Order		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) Golden Girls		Roseanne	(:35) Rose.	(:10) Rose.	(:50) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Cosby	(:35) Cosby
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Sirens	Sirens	Suits "Buried Secrets"		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA "Predator"	
WGN	19	18				Zacharia	Facts	Key David	Beyond	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		★★ Spy Kids 3D: Game Over			

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 9, 2014

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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	NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Chicago Bulls (L)				NBA Basketball Oklahoma vs Los Angeles (L)						News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NCAA Basketball (L)		NCAA Basketball MVC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Big-10 Wild Card Mich. St./Ohio St. (L)					News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Browns	Browns	★★ Weather Girl Tricia O'Kelley.				★★ Kids in America Julie Bowen.				Good Luck Chuck	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	A.A. Short Films		HomeT.	NASCAR Auto Racing Kobalt Tools 400 Site: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (L)							Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	Dr. Will	Sal.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				J.McGee	Dollars	House Call	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:00) NHL Hockey Detroit vs N.Y. Rangers (L)				PGA Golf Cadillac Championship Site: Doral Golf Resort and Spa -- Miami, Fla. (L)							
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Travel Kids	Getaways	BioCent	Art	Beads	Sewing	Knitting	Nova		News.	W.Week
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Yuri: Mi Tributo al Festival				Tras la Verdad		El Chavo Animado		Desconocida		Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Legends	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	The FBI Files		RedCarpe	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65		165		Margot at the Wedding			(:35) Career Opportunities			★★★★ Amelie ('01, Com) Audrey Tautou.				(:05) ★★ Powder	
HBO	300	68	14	14		BillMaher	★★ Dark Shadows Johnny Depp.				Taken 2 Liam Neeson.			★★★ Fantastic Four Ioan Gruffudd.			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:15) Darwin		(:20) ★★★ Match Point ('05, Rom) Scarlett Johansson.				True Detective		Vehicle 19 Paul Walker.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(11:10) Leaving L...		(:05) Seeking a Friend for th...			(:50) ★★ Sliding Doors Gwyneth Paltrow.				(:35) One Day Anne Hathaway.		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Banshee	(:45) ★★ Snow White and the Huntsman					★ Let's Go to Prison			★★★ Lethal Weapon 3		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(10:30) The Hurri...		★★★ The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.				(:15) ★★★ Erin Brockovich ('00, True) Julia Roberts.					Movie
PLEX			96			(11:25) ★★ Buddy		(:55) Son of the Pink Panther		★★★ Gleason Brad Garrett.				(:05) ★★ The Medallion			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(10:45) ★★★ Nixon Sir Anthony Hopkins.				★★ Out of Sight George Clooney.				(:15) The Cold Light of Day Henry Cavill.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:40) The Twilight Saga: Br...			(:40) ★★★★ 50/ 50			(:20) The Words ('12, Dra) Bradley Cooper.				The Twilight Sa...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Bates	First 48	The First 48		First 48 "Fatal Call"		The First 48		The First 48		Duck Dy	Duck Dy
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:00) Snakes on...		★★ Machete ('10, Act) Robert De Niro, Danny Trejo.					★★★ Dawn of the Dead ('04, Hor) Sarah Polley.				
BET	58	26		40		To Be Announced					★★ Love Jones ('97, Rom) Larenz Tate, Nia Long.					Meet the Browns	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Blood, Sweat, Heels		Blood, Sweat, Heels		Blood, Sweat, Heels		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
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		CNN Newsroom		Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Epic Homes		Ozarks "Blood Land"		Clash of the Ozarks		Inside the Gangster		Inside the Gangster		Amish "He Has Risen"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Austin	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Win, Lose	Dog Blog	Dog Blog
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Big Ten Tournament (L)				Basketb.	NCAA Basketball SEC Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball A-Sun Tournament (L)				Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ John Tucker Must Die Jesse Metcalf.				★★ Miss Congeniality Sandra Bullock.				★★ Monster-in-Law Jennifer Lopez.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News		Journal E.	News HQ	Healthy	Housecall	Media Buzz		Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Southern	Pioneer	WorstCooks		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(11:00) NCAA Softball		NCAA Baseball Cal-State Fullerton vs. Baylor (L)						NCAA Gymnastics Nebraska vs. Oklahoma (L)			
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:00) Forgetting Sarah Ma...			★★★ The Other Guys ('10, Com) Will Ferrell.					★★ Step Brothers ('08, Com) Will Ferrell.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) A Ring by ...		Chance at Romance Ryan McPartlin.				★★ Back to You and Me Lisa Hartman.				Honeymoon for...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	The Deal	The Deal	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men "Log Jam"		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men "Ax Is Back"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Preacher "Raising Hell"		Bring It!		To Be Announced				★★ Madea's Family Reunion Tyler Perry.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Taking the Hill		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		Disrupt		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				(11:30) Match of the Day			NCAA Basketball CAA Tournament Semifinal (L)								
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Sam & Cat	Hathaway	Hathaway	SanjayCr	Rabbids	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sam, Cat	Sam, Cat
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Drive Angry ('11, Act) Nicolas Cage.				★★ Resident Evil Milla Jovovich.				★★ Resident Evil: Apocalypse			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:00) Home Alone		★★★ The Pacifier ('05, Com) Vin Diesel.				★★ You, Me and Dupree Owen Wilson.				The Change-Up	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) The Age of Innocence			★★ Where the Boys Are Dolores Hart.				★★★ Heidi Shirley Temple.			(:15) Stowaway	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(11:30) Nowhere ...		★★ Justicia Urbana			Una Niñera a prueba de balas Vin Diesel.				Op. Repo	Colombiana	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Little "Zoey Makes 4"		Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Long Island Medium	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order		★★ Ransom ('96, Susp) Rene Russo, Mel Gibson.					★★★ Ocean's Eleven		
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Cosby	(:50) Cosby	(:25) The Cosby Show		BradyB.	BradyB.	BradyB.	BradyB.	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS "Hide and Seek"		NCIS "Jack Knife"		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
WGN	19	18				Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos	

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Once Upon a Time "Wicked Is Coming" (N)		OnceUpon "New York City Serenade" (N)		Resurrection "The Returned" (P) (N)		Revenge "Payback" (N)		KMID News	(:35) White Collar		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Race "Welcome to the Jungle" (N)		The Good Wife (N)		The Mentalist "Black Helicopters" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	(5:00) ★★ Good Luck Chuck		★★★ The Spiderwick Chronicles ('08, Fant) Mary-Louise Parker, Freddie Highmore.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King of Queens	King of Queens	'Til Death	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Bob's Burger (N)	Simpsons "Diggs" (N)	TheSimpsons (N)	Family Guy (N)	Cosmos "Standing Up in the Milky Way" (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern "Flip Flop"	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC				The Voice "The Blind Auditions Continue"				News-West 9	Country Reporter	Paid Program	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Art & Create	Great Performances "The Phantom of the Opera at the Royal Albert Hall" The 25th anniversary performances of Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'The Phantom of the Opera.'							Austin City Limits "Bon Iver"		Woodsongs "2Cellos & Sarah Morgan"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Nuestra Belleza Latina				Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	Tras la Verdad	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Burn Notice		The Closer		Private Practice		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Trobador
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:05) ★★ Powder		★★★ Buffalo Soldiers			(:40) ★★★ Return to Paradise				(:35) Halloween: Resurrection		
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★★ Snitch ('13, Act) Dwayne Johnson.				True Detective (N)		Girls (N)	Looking	True Detective		Girls	Looking
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		True Detective		★★ Now You See Me Jesse Eisenberg.				★★★ Heat ('95, Cri) Al Pacino.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:25) The Three Stooges			The Watch Ben Stiller.			Making	Seeking a Friend for the En...			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:35) ★★★ Lethal Weapon 4 Mel Gibson.				MaxSet	★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.				(:55) Co-Ed Confident	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:30) The Appari...		Banshee	(:50) ★★ Armageddon ('98, Adv) Liv Tyler, Bruce Willis.					(:20) Banshee		(:15) Constantine	
PLEX			96			(5:35) ★★ Buddy		★★★ Dante's Peak			(:50) ★★★ Gleason Brad Garrett.				(:25) Son of the Pink Panther		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		Episodes	Lies	Shameless		Lies (N)	Episodes	Shameless		Lies	Episodes
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) The Twiligh...		The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pa...				★★★★ 50/ 50			(:40) A Little Help Jenna Fisher.		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dynasty		ThoseWhoKill "Pilot"		Duck Dy	Duck Dy
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Dead "Claimed"		Walking Dead "Still"		Dead "Alone" (N)		The Talking Dead (N)		Dead "Alone"		Comic Bo	GmeArms
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) ★★ Meet the Browns			★★ King's Ransom ('05, Com) Anthony Anderson.					Being "Uber Love"		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atl. (N)		Blood, Sweat (N)		Online Dating (N)		Watch (N)	Queens	Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	'Til Debt	Money	The Costco Craze		Supermarkets Inc		Coca-Cola		Pepsi's Challenge		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		Dr. Gupta "Weed"		Death Row (N)		Chicagoland		Dr. Gupta "Weed"		Death Row Stories	
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Nursing student recruitment aims to meet increasing basin needs

Iris Foster
Communication and Special Projects

To meet the Permian Basin's expanding needs for healthcare, UTPB is now recruiting nursing students at the freshman level for a bachelor's degree. That's a departure from most nursing schools which only accept upper level students. According to Dr. Dorothy Jackson, founding director of UTPB's program, "It is so nice to have young students to mold into quality nurses during four years, but we also welcome those with associate degrees and other registered nurses who want to continue their studies." The first cohort of 20 students began last fall, and the second cohort of 21, this spring.

The brand new program at UTPB has been two years in the making. Dr. Jackson arrived on campus in mid-2011 from leadership positions in nursing at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and Odessa College as well as experience in the field as a nurse practitioner. She developed a curriculum which gained acceptance by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on January 24, 2013 and by the Board of Nursing in April of 2013 after a site visit. She also helped design renovations to the third floor of the Mesa Building turning much of it into a state-of-the-art simulation and training center. During this time, she was also recruiting faculty.

Along the way, Dr. Jackson received support from all of the area hospitals; in fact, Medical Center Hospital has set up a $1 million endowment for the program. The Davidson Foundation in Midland funded the nursery in the simulation center as well as furniture in the clinic area. Midland's Moore Foundation donated the Anatomage table.

Earlier this year, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board awarded UTPB a two-year grant paying $138,597 each year to assist with graduation rates.

The faculty pledged innovations to help keep students motivated including a computer lab, software to track their success, ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) training in helping students prepare for state board exams, and workshops or conferences to enhance faculty classroom and clinical teaching strategies.

The new faculty members have been an inspiration to Dr. Jackson as well as to the students. "I currently have six faculty with master's or doctoral degrees who are excited to be founding educators for this program. Among them are a pharmacist who assists us in teaching pharmacology, a dietician who helps integrate nutrition throughout the curriculum, and a nurse educator who teaches Spanish for health professionals," Jackson reported. She has future plans to expand online offerings for an RN-BSN program.

The program has been approved for 80 students per year and eight core faculty appointments. Although women outnumber men 4:1 at the present time, Dr. Jackson hopes that ratio will eventually even out. The demographic composition of the two current classes is predominantly Hispanic, and she is interested in enrolling more bilingual students. She also wants to raise funds for nursing scholarships so that her students can devote all of their energies to their studies.

As Dr. Jackson reviews potential nursing candidates for fall 2014, she explains, "We're not in competition with other nursing schools; we're just adding to the competence of nurses in this area. Economist Dr. Ray Perryman and Texas Workforce Commission's Willie Taylor provided us with supply and demand data which showed a need for more BSN nurses in the Permian Basin."

For more information about nursing at UTPB, call Clarice Kimbriel, RN, at 432.552.2560 or e-mail Kimbriel_e@utpb.edu.

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BUYING & SELLING

Dealmakers participants say oil and gas dealing remains strong

By Mella McEwen
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At booths located throughout the Midland Horseshoe arena, exhibitors displayed their wares. But these wares weren't crafts or jewelry or homemade foods.

The booths were manned by oil and gas operators, capital providers and related service companies to market oil and gas prospects and properties at the first Permian Basin Dealmakers Expo held by PLS.

Those in attendance at the event said they see the oil and natural gas industry continuing to enjoy a healthy market for acquisitions and divestitures. They added that the Permian Basin still attracts considerable interest.

"The Permian Basin has always been a good market," said, R. Scott Abel, managing partner with BlueRock Energy Capital, citing its low risk, mature fields and prevalent well control. He quoted the old oil field adage that "The best place to find oil is where it's already been found."

He said he was seeing a good mix of buyers and sellers.

"A lot of companies are selling projects to finance other projects," he said.

His Houston-based company is an independent company offering financing to oil and gas producers, providing growth capital ranging from $1 to $20 million to independents.

His company has done deals with Permian Basin operators and is looking to do more.

New technology, funded by $100 oil, is helping operators find ways to produce more of the oil in place, Abel said.

"We're confident in the people here and their projects," he said.

Rex McPhail, vice president, acquisitions and divestitures at Mid-Con Energy Partners, said he was looking to purchase waterfloods or properties with the possibility of having waterfloods installed. "We prefer putting in new floods," he said.

Big Star Oil & Gas LLC was offering Wolfcamp Shale and Wolfberry acreage anchored by 15 producing Wolfberry vertical wells with net production of about 1,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, 67 percent oil. Stella Swanson, a partner in Big Star, said 19 wells have been drilled since November, four haven't yet been completed and two are drilling. There are additional partner-owned properties within the project area consisting of 38 vertical wells producing 230 net boed and 1,189 net acres in two separate additional packages. Combined the package being offered at the expo consisted of 51 gross Wolfberry wells producing more than 1,200 net boed and 10,400 net acres.

Swanson said the company is selling 90 percent of its production because the mezzanine financing market has been good.

Two companies, she said, expressed interest in the packages and one company asked if she and her partner, Brad Cross, would sell 50 percent of the package and operate the wells. "We said yes, if the price was right," she said.

Kyle Biery, vice president, business development with Black Mountain Exploration in Fort Worth, explained that his company puts together acreage to sell. He didn't have any Permian Basin acreage to market but was offering acreage in Louisiana's Tuscaloosa play, Colorado's Denver-Julesburg Basin and the Eagle Ford in South Texas. He estimated about 150,000 net acres were offered.

New credit facility will let Lucid expand Midland Basin midstream infrastructure

By Mella McEwen
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Companies continue to invest in expanding midstream infrastructure as Permian Basin operators continue to increase crude and natural gas production.

Lucid Energy Group of Dallas has just finalized a $200 million revolving credit facility to help fund projects in the Permian Basin. Combined with private equity commitment from EnCap Flatrodk Midstream and Lucid management, the company has $25 million in available financing.

The company just commissioned a third cryogenic processing plant and nitrogen rejection plant in Sterling County, and Mike Latchem, managing director and chief executive officer of Lucid, said a fourth will be purchased and installed by the end of the year. He said it should be in operation by the first quarter of 2015. Other expansion plans include pipeline expansions into new areas, which he said will commence immediately and continue over the next 18 months.

Takeaway capacity, or what he calls transmission pipes, are sufficient to carry rising Permian Basin production, he said. The system, he said, is constrained in taking the production from the production sites to processing facilities.

"Our first priority is to get processing plants built and pipelines and then moving closer to the production sites," he said.

The company is "singularly focused" on the Midland Basin and production from its multi-stage Wolfcamp and Cline Shale formations. The Permian Basin, Latchem said, has tremendous potential for multi-stacked intervals. There are, he said, a plethora of intervals that have been drilled vertically over the years and may have potential for being produced horizontally.

As to the Cline Shale, which garnered some attention a year ago when some reports said it could hold as much as 30 billion barrels of oil, he said Lucid has connected to "quite a few Cline wells." He doesn't doubt the formation could hold that much production, he said, but the secret will be unlocking completions. He added he has seen some dramatic differences in the most recent three or four wells connected to Lucid's system. "I'm cautiously optimistic producers are turning a corner in the Cline," he said.

The company has been in the Permian Basin since early 2012, when it executed its first contract and began construction of its first facilities. Today Lucid's system includes more than 300 miles of high- and low-pressure pipeline delivering liquids-rich natural gas to cryogenic processing complexes in Sterling and Irion counties. With the addition of the third plant, Lucid now has total processing capac-

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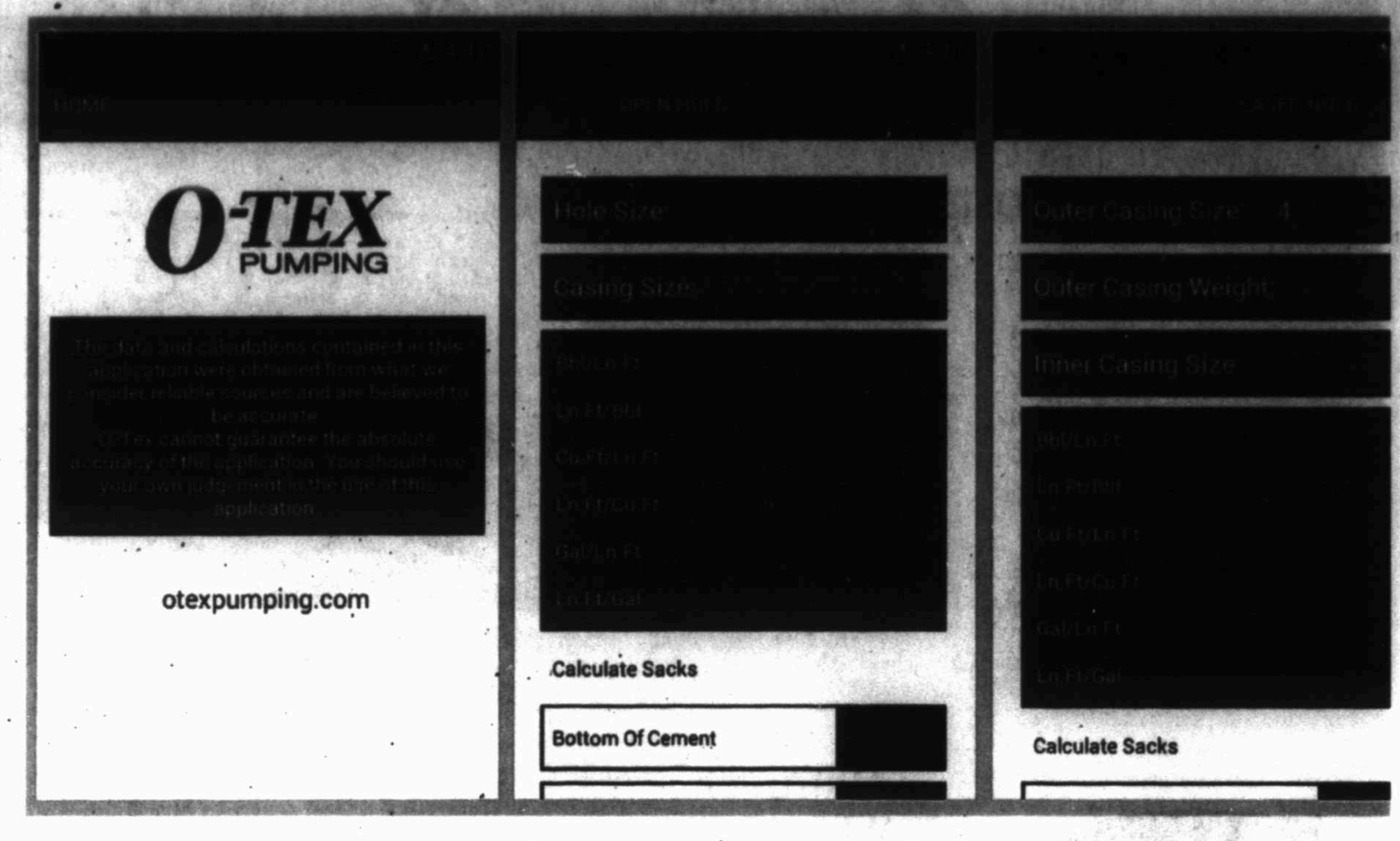

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APP FOR THAT

New app helps guide cementing jobs

■ O-Tex Pumping already working on updated version

By Mella McEwen
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There are smartphone apps for playing games, or getting news, checking the weather or ordering food.

Now there are apps to help with oil and gas operations.

Midland's O-Tex Pumping has just released its new Cement Tools App for both Apple and Android devices.

Designed as a quick reference tool, the app helps users calculate cement volume, displacement figures or capacity calculations.

"Technology," said Jarred Barbour, information technology specialist at O-Tex said, "is already an integral part of our lives. It's perfectly natural to reach for our phone and Google something or say, 'Let me put your number in my phone.'"

While there are already some apps for the industry, Barbour predicted that "as the oil industry embraces technology, it will grow. We'll see more and more applications."

Part of it, he said, is the convenience of being able to pull out a smartphone or tablet and be able to do the calculations on-site. Another reason, he said, is the growing focus on making sure well completion and cementing jobs are done correctly, the subject of new Railroad Commission regulations.

To keep the user interface as simple as possible and allow it to be utilized discreetly if necessary, the Cement Tools calculator works with one slurry at a time in one section at a time. It is divided into two sections: "Open Hole" casing inside an open hole annulus and "Cased Hole" casing inside a cased hole annulus or pipe in pipe. Each of these asks for the bottom of the cement, top of the cement, percent excess and slurry yield in order to calculate the total sack volume needed to fill the specified annular section.

The Cement Tools calculator also displays the annular volume conversion factor of the specified annulus for the quick reference of anyone who may need them. It will display barrels per linear foot, linear feet per barrel, cubic feet per linear feet, linear feet per cubic feet, gallons per linear foot and linear feet per gallon.

By selecting the casing size, the calculator will return the capacity of the hole size or outer casing specified. For example, in the "Open Hole" section, selecting a hole size of 17 1/2 and then selecting Open Hole for the casing, it will return the annular conversion factors needed to calculate the capacity of the hole, as would be needed if setting a whip stock plug.

The displacement section calculates the needed displacement for a given tubular size. Entering a tubular size and tubular weight, the calculator will return the annular volume conversion in barrels. By entering a depth or length of tubular to displace, it will calculate the total number of barrels needed to complete the operation.

Barbour said response to the new app has been so strong the company is already working on its next version.

The O-Tex Pumping Cement Tools App version 1.0 app is now available in the iTunes and the Google Play Stores.

Despite its contributions, people love to hate oil industry

Alex Mills
Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

What is it about the oil and gas industry that people love to hate?

It is an industry that gives us a very good standard of living. It provides us with fuel for transportation, electricity and thousands of other products from plastics to heart valves. Oil and natural gas can stimulate economic growth and provide for our national security. Taxes paid by the oil and gas industry fund our schools, hospitals, state and federal governments.

Even though it is one of the most regulated industries in the nation, some citizens seek even more restrictions. Opponents want to prohibit hydraulic fracturing (HF), and reduce the production and use of oil and gas in the U.S. to zero.

The most outspoken critics have been a group of environmental extremists who have used HF as a major source of raising money. The nine leading environmental groups, all of which have been granted non-profit tax-exempt status by the federal government, have more than $600 million in assets, according to their 2010 federal tax returns.

Their ability to raise money by scaring the pants off the public has enabled them to become a real political power at the local level and throughout the nation, especially in the nation's capital.

Environmental extremists have infiltrated virtually every bureaucratic agency in Washington, and have had a significant role in re-writing and implementing regulations.

The news media has been a culprit, too. Even the most respected journalists can fall prey to the temptation to take a free swing at the oil and gas industry. A recent case in point came about when The Wall Street Journal did a story about ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson protesting the building of a water tower near his ranch north of DFW Airport. The headline stated: "Exxon Chief Joins Lawsuit Raising Ruckus Over Fracking." The story quoted Tillerson's lawyer as saying that Tillerson never mentioned fracking, or potential increase in noise or traffic problems as the reasons he joined his neighbors in the lawsuit. "Mr. Whitten (Tillerson's lawyer) said Mr. Tillerson's primary concern is that his property value would be harmed," the story stated. Why then did "Ruckus over Fracking" get into the headline? The answer probably has something to do with the fact that the editors thought that it would be ironic if the top dog at the biggest oil company in the world sued to stop fracking practically in his backyard? It really doesn't matter that the facts clearly show that Tillerson never said anything about fracking being a reason that he is involved in this lawsuit. In other words, don't let the facts get in the way of a good headline.

And, what's with these cities that have passed ordinances that limit or prohibit HF? Voters in three cities in Colorado and one in Ohio passed moratoriums on HF. In Texas, Dallas is being sued over leasing land for exploration and then backing out under the pressure of environmental extremists. Denton is collecting signatures on a petition that would ban HF if passed by voters.

There's nothing new about HF. The industry has fractured more than a million wells nationwide since the technology was introduced just after World War II. That's somewhere around 70 years. New technology developments in HF and horizontal drilling in the last 20 years have revolutionized exploration and production.

Not one state or federal regulator knows of even one instance where groundwater has been contaminated during HF. "I'm not aware of any proven case where the fracking process itself has affected water," immediate-past EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson testified before a Senate committee. There are others, both state and federal, who have testified under oath that they know of no contamination.

The debate over development of our natural resources seems to get louder every day.

Alex Mills is president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. The opinions expressed are solely of the author.

MEETINGS

WTGS to discuss Arbuckle geology

Members of the West Texas Geological Society will meet Tuesday, March 11 at Midland Center at 11:30 a.m.

Rick Fritz, senior exploration geologist for SM Energy in Tulsa, and former executive director of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, will speak on "The Geology of the Arbuckle Group."

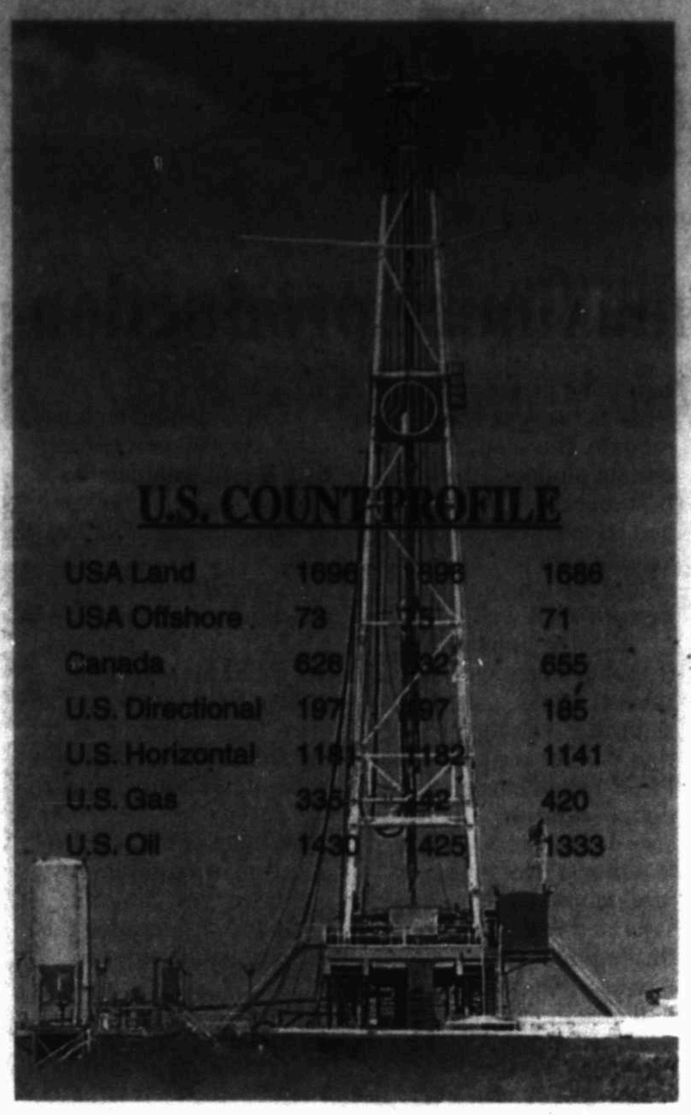
Cost is $15, including lunch. Additional information may be found at www.wtgs.org under 'upcoming events.' Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 683-1573 or by e-mail at wtgs@wtgs.org.

Petroleum Museum director to address NGSPB

Kathy Shannon, executive director of the Petroleum Museum, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, March 11 meeting of the Natural Gas Society of the Permian Basin. The luncheon will be at the Petroleum Club at 11:30 a.m.

Shannon will speak on Midland's oil and gas history and upcoming renovations to the museum.

Cost is $25 per person in advance, $30 at the door. Reservations should be made by 5 p.m. Monday, March 10. They can be made by calling 620-4049 or by email at ydelao@dcpmidstream.com.



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MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$99.45
Flint Hills Resources*	$98.00
Phillips 66*	$98.07
Plains*	$98.00
Shell Trading	$98.10
Sun*	$98.00
NYMEX futures	$102.94

*Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of March 5, 2014

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 3/5/14	Same period one year ago
NYMEX future price	$5.557	$4.523	$3.529
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$4.890	$7.405	$3.425
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$4.890	$7.128	$3.440
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$4.780	$7.160	$3.408
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$4.870	$7.105	$3.405
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent	$5.145	$8.173	$3.454
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$5.470	$7.842	$3.501

PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas

DIST. #7C

Coke	2
Concho	0
Crockett	7
Irion	14
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	27
Runnels	1
Schleicher	1
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	33

DIST. #8

Andrews	24
Brewster	0
Crane	3
Culberson	9
Ector	20
Glasscock	30
Howard	24
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	22
Martin	38
Midland	33
Mitchell	3
Pecos	11
Presidio	0
Reeves	47
Sterling	2
Ward	19
Winkler	5

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	3
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	5
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	6
Garza	0
Hale	0
Hockley	0
Kent	1
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	4
Terry	2
Yoakum	5
TEXAS TOTAL	405

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	40
Lea	38
Roosevelt	0
N.M. TOTAL	78

Feds detail tests for crude moved by rail

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Federal regulators offered more details on testing requirements for oil transported by rail on Thursday and warned companies against skirting the rules after a spate of explosions caused by crude train derailments in the U.S. and Canada.

The new order from the U.S. Department of Transportation builds on a Feb. 25 declaration that the industry's unsafe handling practices have made crude shipments an imminent hazard to public safety and the environment.

Testing already was broadly required to gauge the volatility of oil, one of hundreds of hazardous materials subject to federal oversight. But there were no standards on how frequently that testing had to be done or on what parameters companies must follow.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in Thursday's order that within the "reasonable, recent past" companies must have tested the flash point and boiling point of crude. Such tests help determine how likely the fuel is to ignite and dictates what type of rail car can be used for shipments.

Officials also warned companies not to re-label crude as a more generic category of flammable liquid in an attempt to get around the testing.

What constitutes "reasonable" would depend on the circumstances, according to the Transportation Department's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. For example, if a company could show that its product consistently displayed the same characteristics over time, then that would be considered as reasonable, agency spokeswoman Jeannie Shiffer said.

Regulators did not define what time period was covered by "recent past."

There's been intense political and public pressure to make oil trains safer since a runaway train with 72 tank cars of North Dakota oil derailed and exploded in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, near the Maine border in July. Forty-seven people were killed and 30 buildings destroyed. Oil trains also have exploded and burned in Alabama, North Dakota and New Brunswick in recent months.

Unlike most hazardous materials that come from chemical plants or other manufacturing sources, crude oil is not refined before being loaded onto trains and its properties can vary greatly among shipments.

Larry Bierlein, a Washington, D.C. attorney specializing in hazardous materials regulations and general counsel for the Association of Hazmat Shippers, says that creates a "shifting target" for how to properly handle the fuel.

But Bierlein added that regulators were setting up companies for failure with the recent orders on testing, by leaving them too vague.

"They've weaseled out of this by saying it's your job to classify this (oil) properly and if you have an incident then the vast amount of time you must have violated the rules," Bierlein said.

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ity of 120 million cubic feet per day.

Lucid's gathering and processing facilities are supported by long-term acreage dedications and volume commitments from more than a dozen oil and gas producers including, Apache Corporation, Devon Energy and EP ENERGY. Acreage dedications to Lucid exceed 800,000 acres across an eight-county area of the Midland Basin and include Wolfcamp Shale production centered in Irion, Reagan and Crockett counties and Cline Shale production centered in Sterling County.

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Upton County

OGX OPERATING, LLC WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 K BIRD 8, 467 FNL 2173 FWL, SEC 8 BLK D, D&W/ JW DEARING SUR., A-550 12500', 12 SE MIDKIFF

Texas RRCD 8

Crane County

DAKOTA RESOURCES, INC. (I) WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 UNIVERSITY KATELYN, 550 FWL 760 FNL, SEC 6 BLK 30, UL SUR., A-U6 9200', 10 NW CRANE

Culberson County

ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS OP, LLC WILDCAT DRILL (CP) Well# 1CP CATHODIC PROTECTION #RG115CP, 1425 FWL 1950 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 63 T2S, T&P SUR, A-3117 400', 44 E DELL CITY

Texas RRCD 8A

Dickens County

SCHALK OIL COMPANY, INC. WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 PITCHFORK 35, 2000 FEL 2013 FSL, SEC 35 BLK AS, JS CALLAWAY SUR., A-460 4400', 14 NE SPUR

COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

J. Cleo Thompson
West Means Grayburg-San Andres Unit #8014R
Means; 5301 fsl, 184 fel, Sec 24, Blk A-35, Abst. 512, PSL; 6 nw Andrews; TD 4772; Comp 2/14/2014; producing from 4448-4581, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 5 BO, 338 BW on 12/64 inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45649

Crane County

Henry Resources LLC
Univbrianna #4713
University 31 West (Upper Devonian); 659 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 31, Abst. 95U, ULS, 4.75 nw Crane; TD 9185; Comp 2/11/2014; producing from 7354-8980, fracture stimulated; pump 19 BO, 18 MCF, 280 BW, 44.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36278

Henry Resources LLC
Univkristin #3014
University 31 West (Upper Devonian); 660 fwl, 1980 fnl, Sec 30, Blk 31, ULS, 10 nw Crane; TD 10020; Comp 2/15/2014; producing from 7730-10020, fracture stimulated; pump 14 BO, 1 MCF, 147 BW, 42.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36252

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
M.B. McKnight #286H
Sand Hills (Tubb)-Horizontal; 5084 fnl, 3518 fwl, Sec 25, Blk B-17, Abst. 1106, PSL; 22.95 nw Crane; TD 4845 TVD, 9807 MD; Comp 2/6/2014; producing from 4986-9561, fracture stimulated; pump 116 BO, 66 MCF, 780 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36268

Ector County

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al #2334
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 11871 fnl, 2040 fel, Sec 15, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 277, T&P RR, 2.3 s Goldsmith; TD 6468; Comp 2/12/2014; producing from 5342-6154, fracture stimulated; pump 233 BO, 348 MCF, 1669 BW, 36.65 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-42754

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al #2332
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 12684 fnl, 6709 fel, Sec 16, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 687, T&P RR, 2.7 s Goldsmith; TD 6508; Comp 2/14/2014; producing from 5355-6217, fracture stimulated; pump 106 BW, 267 MCF, 2156 BW, 37.82 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-42752

Midland County

Henry Resources LLC
Gwendolyn #2305
Parks (Consolidated); 4475 fwl, 2580 fnl, Sec 23, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 72, T&P RR, 7.8 e Odessa; TD 11100; Comp 2/22/2014; producing from 8596-11018, fracture stimulated; pump 25 BO, 137 MCF, 826 BW, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-38905

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #1717
Ward-Estes North; 2810 fnl, 909 fwl, Sec 6, Blk O, Abst. 124, G&MMB&A, 6 se Monahans; TD 3454; Comp 2/14/2014; producing from 2944-3130, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 0.50 BO, 1 MCF, 300 BW on open choke, FTP 175 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36137

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #1716
Ward-Estes North; 2773 fnl, 2221 fwl, Sec 6, Blk O, Abst. 124, G&MMB&A, 6 se Monahans; TD 3455; Comp 2/14/2014; producing from 2981-3134, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 1 BO, 1 MCF, 350 BW on open choke, FTP 180 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36135

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
A State #66
Artesia; Sec 26 T17S R28E; 2260/N & 1750/W; EL 3667 GL, TD 5920, PBTD 5875, Spud 6-13-13, Comp 8-9-13; production is through treated perfs: 3467-3898, 3905-4878, 4943-5695. Treat: 613,190 gals 20#, 745,544# sd. 11,464 gals acid, 12,222 gals 10# gel. IP: 9-15-13 Pump 24 hrs 83 BO, 282 BW, 185 MCF, GOR 2228, Gty 38, Csg: 8 5/8 @ 422 w/420 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5920 w/1020 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5798; API #30-015-41126

Apache Corp.
A State #73
Artesia; Sec 26 T17S R28E; 2410/N & 330/W; EL 3667 GL, TD 5920, PBTD 5898; Spud 7-13-13, Comp 8-29-13; production is through treated perfs: 3545-3990, 4050-4790, 4850-5722. Treat: 623,070 gals 20#, 782,300# sd, 11,676 gals acid, 11,988 gals 10# gel. IP: 9-12-13 Pump 24 hrs 25 BO, 345 BW, 270 MCF, GOPR 10800, Gty 39, Csg: 8 5/8 @ 424 w/330 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5920 w/1020 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5822; API #30-015-41053

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Production Lift technicians are trained and ready to answer any plunger lift questions you have, to repair any plunger lift system and to help you maximize production. Call PLSI at 432-699-1200.

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Victaulic pipe joining systems are easier to install and safer than welding, flanging or threading

If there were a system that joined pipe 5-6 times faster than your current method and also had the advantages of being safer, less likely to leak and easier to adapt when changes were needed, that would save you a lot of time and money. It would be well worth looking into.

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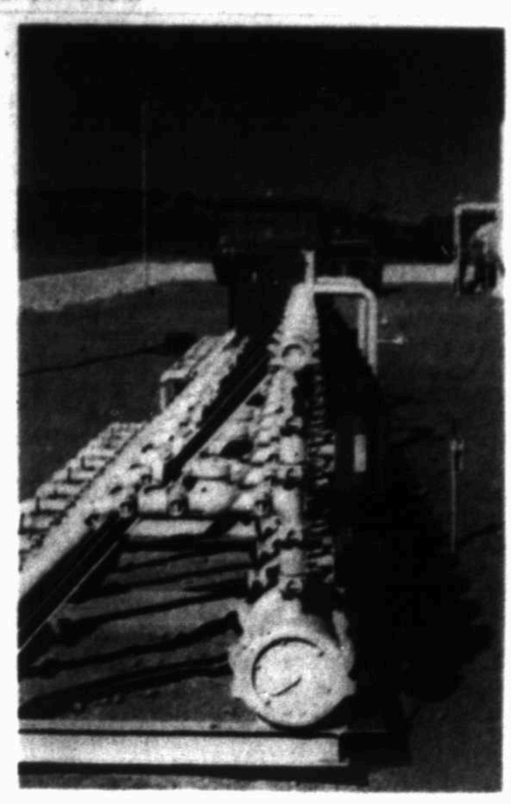

Above: Fast to install and secure to operate, Victaulic pipe joining systems, including joints, valves and fittings save time and money throughout their long life. Call 432-332-1489 to learn more.

Left: With installation times five to six times less than with other connections, Victaulic saves time and money when pipe needs to be installed or moved.

While Victaulic couplings are well suited to the most common pipe sizes—2-6 inch OD—there are plenty of options for any size pipe from ¼" to 60" OD. In addition to couplings, Victaulic supplies valves and fittings for any diameter pipe.

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The reasons to use this system are many and varied—and they all make perfect economic sense. For anyone still thinking, "We've never done it that way before—I don't know if we should change," Victaulic offers full support for first-time clients. Although the system is simple enough that help is often not necessary, that extra service gives new clients confidence that the transition will be smooth and flawless.

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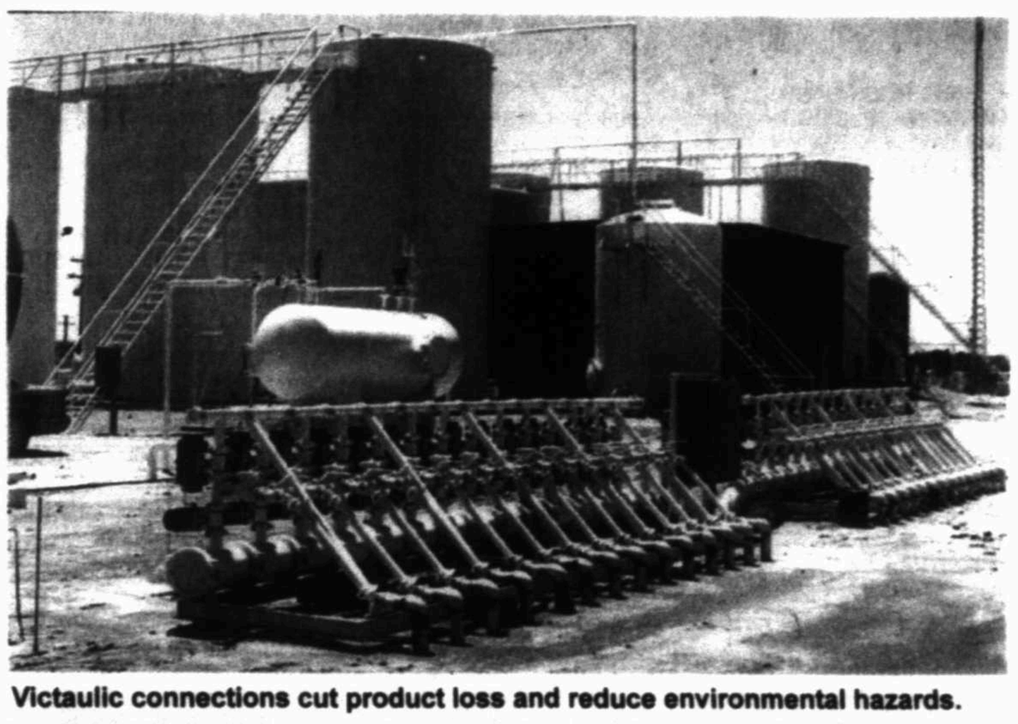

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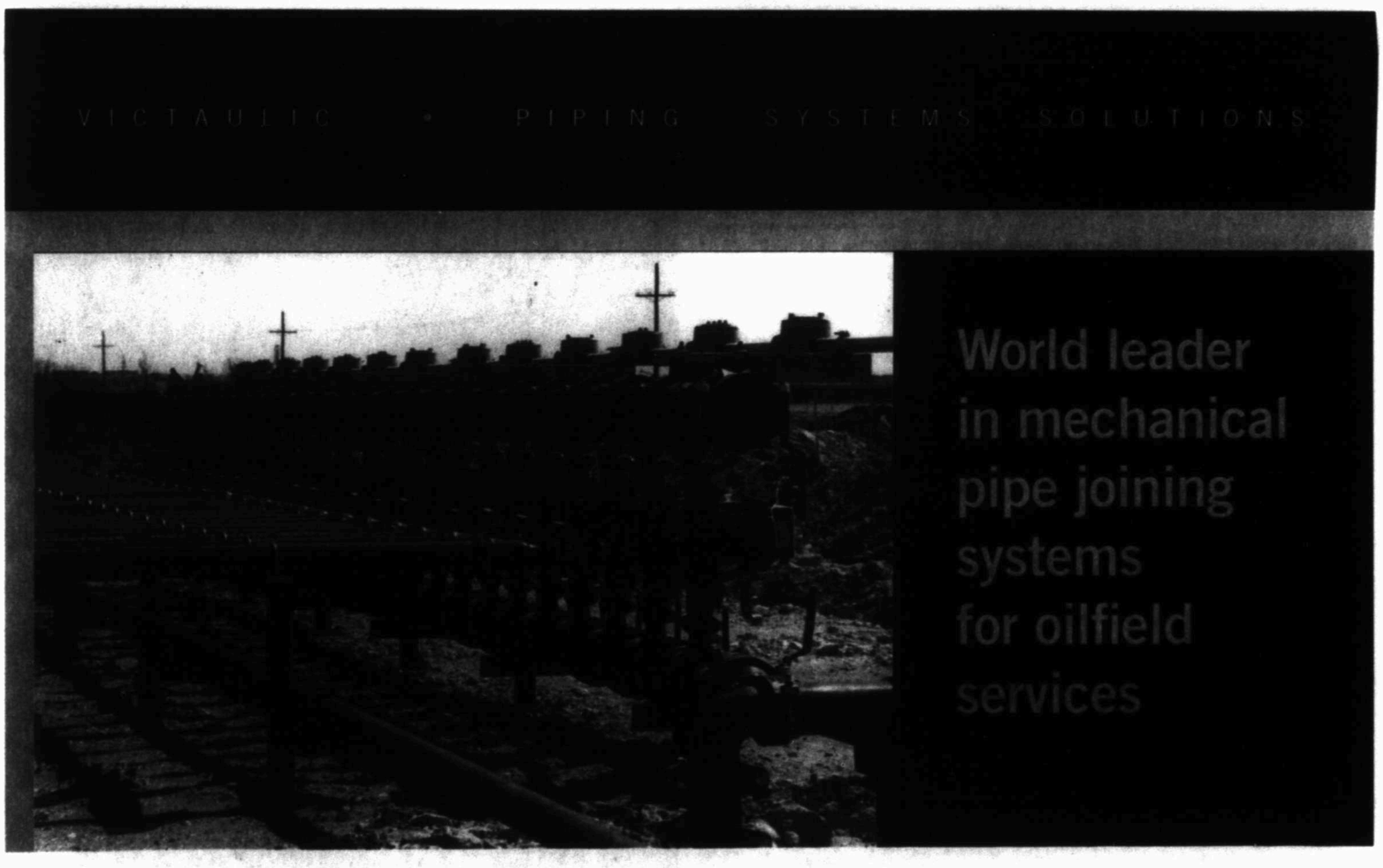

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Coke County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 21 PRICE, 2640 FSL 895 FWL, SEC 160 BLK 2, H&TC/JW WOOD SUR., A-1672 15000', 14 NW ROBERT LEE

Irion County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H FRANKIE, 362 FSL 1696 FEL, SEC 2, JP PITTMAN SUR., A-859 9000', 25 SW MERTZON

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H FRANKIE, 362 FSL 1655 FEL, SEC 2, JP PITTMAN SUR., A-859 9000', 25 SW MERTZON

EXCO/HGI JV ASSETS, LLC ANDREW A (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 COX 60A, 660 FSL 1935 FWL, SEC 60 BLK 14, H&TC/H REESE SUR., A-997 9000', 18 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3044N TEPEE DRAW, 390 FSL 1627 FWL, SEC 3044 BLK 24, H&TC/ GB SHERWOOD SUR., A-581 10000', 27 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3044D TEPEE DRAW, 899 FNL 942 FWL, SEC 3044 BLK 24, H&TC/ GB SHERWOOD SUR., A-581 10000', 26 NW MERTZON

Menard County

PAINT ROCK OPER., LLC DANNY MAE(L CISCO A) (O) DRILL Well# 33 ESPY A, 1662 FNL 258 FEL, SEC 1466, J REHBE SUR., A-663 3600', 10 NW MENARD

Reagan County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2W RINGO 14, 1899 FNL 1150 FEL, SEC 14 BLK H, L&SV/RE RINGO SUR., A-790 4700', 11 W STILES

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H AKATOR, 1468 FSL 2711 FWL, SEC 4, MC KOONCE SUR., A-785 9000', 11 SE BIG LAKE

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DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H AKATOR, 1469 FSL 2671 FWL, SEC 4, MC KOONCE SUR., A-785 9000', 11 SE BIG LAKE

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ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1820H UNIVERSITY 09, 1631 FNL 1633 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 9, UNIV LANDS SUR. 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1823H UNIVERSITY 09, 1881 FNL 1628 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 9, UNIV LANDS SUR. 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D WAVLE 1205, 1799 FSL 849 FWL, SEC 1205, GC&SF SUR., A-168 4800', 14 NW BIG LAKE

Runnels County

TEXAS INTERNATIONAL RES. LLC LOCO RICO (GARDNER A) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 ROBBINS, 1155 FNL 717 FWL, SEC 140, ET/S BROOKSHIRE SUR., A-747 5000', 3 W TALPA

Schleicher County

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC NE OZONA (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 803H UNIVERISTY SOUTH, 545 FSL 952 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 57, UNIV LAND SUR. 6600', 17 NW ELDORADO

Sutton County

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 7 MAYER 36, 2000 FNL 779 FWL, SEC 36 BLK D, GC&SF/S MAYER SUR., A-1496 8500', 10 W SONORA

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2A MCELROY RANCH CO D, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 119 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-70 10500', 12 NE CRANE

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 THOMAS, 1900 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 37 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-29 11000', 10 N RANKIN

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 THOMAS, 1100 FNL 1400 FEL, SEC 37 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-29 11000', 10 N RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 30H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 2600 FNL 1157 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 3, UNIV LANDS SUR. 8895', 10 NE RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 31H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 2600 FNL 1187 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 3, UNIV LANDS SUR. 10590', 10 NE RANKIN

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Andrews County

COG OPERATING, LLC MAGUTEX (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 1703 MIRANDA, 467 FWL 1811 FSL, SEC 17 BLK 3, PSL/RM MEANS SUR., A-331 12000', 5 NE ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 249 UNIVERSITY ANDREWS, 330 FSL 2540 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 10, UL SUR. 9000', 18 SW ANDREWS

DISCOVERY OPERATING, INC. MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 10 UNIVERSITY 11, 1350 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U330 7999', 16 S FRANKEL CITY

FORGE ENERGY, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1W FISHER 8, 775 FNL 880 FEL, SEC 8 BLK A36, PSL/MRS M HENSON SUR., A-1954 6200', 8 NW ANDREWS

FORGE ENERGY, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2410H MILAN, 200 FSL 2525 FWL, SEC 16 BLK A33, PSL/WJ UNDERWOOD SUR., A-831 4800', 14 NW ANDREWS

FORGE ENERGY, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H FISHER 9, 285 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A36, PSL/MRS M HENSON SUR., A-1956 4600', 9 NW ANDREWS

J. CLEO THOMPSON MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1217A WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 2596 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A35, PSL/E BUSTIN SUR., A-470 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 6 PRICHARD, 990 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 1 BLK A41, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1993 5200', 12 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 7 SAM, 660 FSL 1880 FWL, SEC 11 BLK A41, PSL/JC BURKETT SUR., A-860 9000', 13 W ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5 UNIVERSITY 13-33, 499 FWL 2219 FNL, SEC 33 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 26 ERNESTEEN, 1504 FSL 322 FEL, SEC 20 BLK A41, PSL/ JW WOOLDRIDGE SUR., A-1654 5200', 15 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 5 LEONA E, 160 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 20 BLK A41, PSL/ JW WOOLDRIDGE SUR., A-1654 4900', 15 W ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 4 UNIVERSITY 13-33, 990 FWL 1650 FNL, SEC 33 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 5730 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1726 FSL 492 FWL, SEC 3 BLK A32, PSL/JW HARPER SUR., A-589 7700', 19 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 4476 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 42 FSL 2034 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 13, UL SUR. 7750', 14 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6334 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1223 FNL 2140 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A32, PSL SUR., A-613 7750', 17 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6836 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2640 FNL 1855 FEL, SEC 18 BLK A32, PSL/ BM IRWIN SUR., A-614 7750', 16 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 5934 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1122 FNL 1931 FWL, SEC 8 BLK A32, PSL/ JW HARPER SUR., A-690 7750', 18 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 6426 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2464 FSL 2230 FWL, SEC 14 BLK A32, PSL/BM IRWIN SUR., A-956 7700', 18 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 4468 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 236 FSL 1888 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 13, UL SUR. 7700', 15 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6928 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1143 FSL 2150 FEL, SEC 17 BLK A32, PSL/ BM IRWIN SUR., A-616 7650', 17 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 8120 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1443 FSL 2125 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 13, UL SUR. 8000', 16 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7124 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1311 FNL 501 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 13, UL SUR. 7650', 17 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY, INC. FULLERTON (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 7128 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1581 FNL 1873 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U397 7700', 16 NW ANDREWS

Crane County

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND SD HILLS (SAN ANGELO U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1499 WN WADDELL ET AL, 1200 FSL 1925 FEL, SEC 17 BLK B26, PSL/ WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1264 4973', 18 NW CRANE

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND SAND HILLS (WLFCMP) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1082 WN WADDELL ET AL, 2230 FSL 1010 FEL, SEC 13 BLK B21, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1245 6200', 18 NW CRANE

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP RUNNING W (WICHALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 482LH MB MCKNIGHT, 377 FSL 858 FWL, SEC 25 BLK B17, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1106 9000', 23 NW CRANE

LRE OPERATING, LLC LEA (SAN ANDRES) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 COWDEN RANCH 58, 1650 FNL 1900 FWL, SEC 58 BLK X, CCSD&RGNG/ JD MCGEE SUR., A-817 8100', 7 W CRANE

WILLIAMS OIL CO. CRAWAR (GLORIETA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3 EDWARDS A, 467 FNL 2173 FWL, SEC 2 BLK B20, PSL/MRS R THOMASON SUR., A-310 6611', 11 SE MONAHANS

Ector County

BC OPERATING, INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 ADAM, 1650 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/O CAIN SUR., A-700 7250', 2 NE GOLDSMITH

BC OPERATING, INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 ABIGAIL, 1650 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 43 T1S, T&P SUR., A-179 7250', 4 NE GOLDSMITH

BC OPERATING, INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 ADAM, 2310 FSL 990 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/O CAIN SUR., A-700 7250', 2 NE GOLDSMITH

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 23 TATIA, 660 FSL 2115 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-161 11000', 13 SE ODESSA

LINN OPERATING, INC. BETTY SUE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3707 TYLER, 1815 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 37 BLK 42 T2S, T&P SUR., A-126 10210', 4 SE ODESSA

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 653 GOLDSMITH-LANDRETH / DEEP/ UNIT, 1966 FSL 1301 FWL, SEC 11 BLK A, PSL/AQ COOPER SUR., A-1031 6800', 5 NW GOLDSMITH

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. FOSTER (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 224 SOUTH FOSTER UNIT, 666 FSL 383 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 42 T2S, T&P SUR., A-117 4850', 4 W ODESSA

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2331 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 2545 FNL 1895 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JC BEATY SUR., A-683 6750', 4 S GOLDSMITH

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2330 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 1270 FNL 823 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JC BEATY SUR., A-683 6750', 3 S GOLDSMITH

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9004 SQUIRE, 1016 FSL 1261 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-127 10600', 8 E GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION JAILHOUSE (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 3717 RILEY, 1285 FSL 1513 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-235 10800', 2 W GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 MACK 5, 771 FNL 792 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-125 10700', 9 W GARDEN CITY

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC SPRA (TREND STRAWN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3R CALVERLEY, 627 FNL 503 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-233 10200', 5 NW GARDEN CITY

J. CLEO THOMPSON SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 15 ABEL, 1920 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-301 12000', 15 NW GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3309HU JE COX-YELLOW ROSE 40 (ALLOC), 2542 FNL 825 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-281 11000', 13 S GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 197 HOWARD W GLASSCOCK (G-S) UNIT, 1719 FSL 1879 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/ H PHILLIPS SUR., A-720 3000', 15 N GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 1816 HOWARD W GLASSCOCK (G-S) UNIT, 1566 FNL 1097 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 33 T2S, T&P SUR., A-110 3000', 15 N GARDEN CITY

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 WF HECHLER, 2173 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 27, H&TC SUR., A-756 7800', 16 NW COAHOMA

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 WF HECHLER, 2173 FNL 2173 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 27, H&TC SUR., A-756 7700', 16 NW COAHOMA

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 HOLDEN 20, 542 FNL 1088 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 31 T1N, T&P/ JW WALKER SUR., A-1509 9600', 9 NE BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4 HUGHES 20, 1709 FNL 1088 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 32 T1N, T&P/ JC SMITH SUR., A-1199 9600', 4 N BIG SPRING

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL ell# 1 TORREY PINES 20, 2183 FWL 2192 FSL, SEC 20 BLK 33 T1N, T&P/ CA MERRICK SUR., A-1473 12000', 3 NE BIG SPRING

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 ALLAR 1, 850 FSL 1674 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR., A-522 12000', 7 SW KNOTT

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP BETTY SUE (DEVONAIN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 QUINN 16, 467 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 34 T1S, T&P/JT QUINN SUR., A-1444 12000', 7 NW ELBOW

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 1WS POWELL 36, 81 FNL 2357 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ZT JOYNER SUR., A-1410 2000', 6 NW KNOTT

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9HN HAMMERHEAD 54-2-1, 300 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 54 T2, T&P SUR., A-68 14000', 11 NW MENTONE

GREAT WESTERN DRILLING CO. NW TWOFREDS (DEL) (O) DRILL Well# 6 GASKILL, 1980 FNWL 1980 FNEL, SEC 45 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-177 5000', 8 SE MENTONE

RKI E&P, LLC SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H LINDSAY 10, 200 FNL 1417 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 55 T1, T&P/ MRS M KYLE SUR., A-1155 16000', 15 NE ORLA

RKI E&P, LLC SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H LINDSAY 10, 175 FNL 645 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 55 T1, T&P/ MRS M KYLE SUR., A-1155 16000', 15 NE ORLA

Martin County

CHOLLA PETR., INC. BIZCO (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BARRY BRADFORD, 660 FNL 660 FEL, BORDEN CSL LGE 260 LAB 19 SUR., A-591 11999', 29 NW STANTON

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 GORMAN 29, 720 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 36 T3N, T&P SUR., A-189 12000', 6 S FLOWER GROVE

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP J.L.M. (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 HOLCOMB 40, 610 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 35 T3N, T&P/ RE SIMPSON SUR., A-818 12000', 6 S FLOWER GROVE

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 1WS ACKERLY LANGHAM 24, 101 FSL 2050 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 35 T3N, T&P/HG RUSHING SUR., A-812 2000', 6 SW ACKERLY

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 191 BILLINGSLEY, 467 FEL 2176 FSL, SEC 19 BLK 35 T2N, T&P SUR., A-74 11500', 21 NW BIG SPRING

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2102 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 475 FNL 2117 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-307 12500', 10 N MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SMITH 46, 2181 FSL 2409 FEL, SEC 46 BLK 36 T1N, T&P SUR., A-1166 11200', 3 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 GREEMAN GRISHAM, 2170 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 36 T1N, T&P/ M ROBERTSON SUR., A-806 11400', 8 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GLASSCOCK A5, 1838 FEL 260 FSL, SEC 5 BLK 37 T1S, T&P SUR., A-258 9050', 9 SW STANTON

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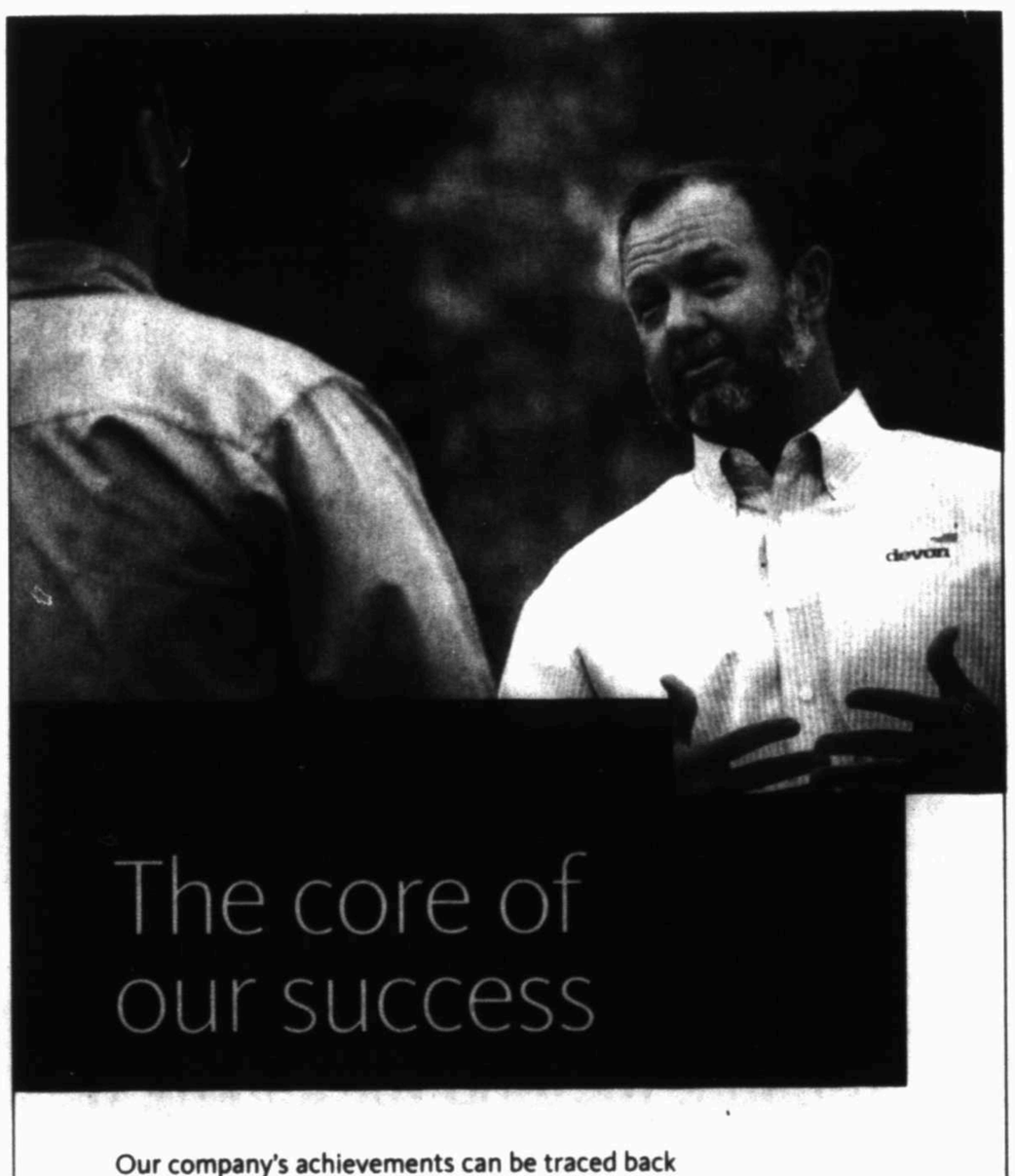

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LRE Operating LLC
Staley State #25
NE Red Lake; Sec 30 T17S R28E; 2310/S & 965/E; EL 3597 GL, TD 4920, PBTD 4856; Spud 8-22-13, Comp 9-11-13; production is through treated perfs: 3314-3486, 3552-3798, 3900-4229, 4296-4606. Treat: 11,065 gals 15% HCL. Frac w/291,582# 16/30 & 76,129# 16/30 resin coated sd in 20# xlink gel. IP: 10-7-13 Pump 24 hrs 137 BO, 46 BW, 275 MCF, Csg: 8 5/8 @ 445 w/225 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4909 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4710; API #30-015-41066

Oxy USA WTP LP
Tigger 9 State #6
East Empire; Sec 9 T17S R29E; 2260/S & 925/E; EL 3568 GL, TD 5245, PBTD 5198; Spud 8-9-13, Comp 9-10-13; production is through treated perfs: 4001-5083. Treat: 110,751 gals linear gel, 408,798 gals crosslinked gel, 10,000 gals 15% HCL, 17,560# 100 mesh, 891,609# 16/30 brown sd. IP: 10-1-13 Pump 24 hrs 26 BO, 564 BW, 63 MCF, GOR 2423, Gty 39. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 440 w/390 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5245 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4364; API #30-015-40939

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #96
Loco Hills; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 2510/N & 2310/W; EL 3721 GL, TD 6088, PBTD 6041; Spud 7-3-13, Comp 8-9-13; production is through treated perfs: 5644-5953. Treat: Frac w/1,054,998 gals slickwater, 30,000 100 mesh, 312,810 40/70 sd. IP: 8-23-13 Pump 24 hrs 144 BO, 561 BW, 249 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 394 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6088 w/2550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5497; API #30-015-41367

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson A #48
Cedar Lake; Sec 12 T17S R30E; 1650/S & 480/E; EL 3749 GL, TD 6094, PBTD 6021; Spud 5-19-13, Comp 8-12-13; production is through treated perfs: 5523-5912. Treat: Acdz w/2500 gals 15% NEFE & 66 BS, Frac w/1,096,368 gals slickwater, 30,100# 100 mesh, 331,780# 40/70 Sd. IP: Pump 24 hrs 126 BO, 1119 BW, 230 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 512 w/500 sx, 7 @ 6094 w/1500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5390; API #30-015-41280

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #60
Cedar Lake; Sec 12 T17S R30E; 1650/S & 990/E; EL 3717 GL, TD 6084, PBTD 6037; Spud 6-23-13, Comp 8-5-13; production is through treated perfs: 5482-5840. Treat: Acdz w/5000 gals 15% NEFE & 138 BS, Frac w/1,223,670 gals slickwater, 29,935# 100 mesh, 378,646# 40/70 Sd. IP: Pump 24 hrs 171 BO, 830 BW, 159 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 443 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6084 w/4400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5351; API #30-015-41365

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Bradley 36 State Com #1
Santo Nino; Sec 36 T18S R29E; 380/S & 330/E. BHL: 383/S & 340/W; EL 3431 GL, TD 12435, PBTD 12401; Spud 8-9-13, Comp 10-3-13; production is through treated perfs: 8592-12401. Treat: Frac w/357,894 gals slickwater, 206,554 gals 20# linear gel, 911,290 20# XL gel carrying 100,060# 100 mesh, 1,672,700# 20/40 sd, 372,620# 20/40 SB excel sd. IP: 10-5-13 Pump 24 hrs 497 BO, 1437 BW, 621 MCF, GOR 1250, Gty 42. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 287 w/550 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1537 w/550 sx, 7 @ 8530 w/1000 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8274-12412, 2 7/8 @ 7800; API #30-015-40089

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Emerald PWU 20 #8
Scanlon Draw; Sec 21 T19S R29E; 180/S & 50/W. BHL: 380/S & 314/W; EL 3325 GL, TD 11,684 MD, PBTD 10,791 MD; Spud 4-21-13, Comp 7-13-13; production is through treated perfs: 7060-11666. Treat: 10 stage Frac: 115894# 40/70 WS, 5348# 100 mesh WS, 30,000 gals 7.5% HCL, 355,360# Super LC 20/40. IP: 7-26-13 Flow 24 hrs 57 BO, 540 BW, 1160 MCF, TP 100, CP 160. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 323 w/420 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3212 w/1060 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11684 w/1940 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6735; API #30-015-40513

SM Energy Co.
Parkway 35 Federal Com #5
Parkway; Sec 34 T19S R29E; 530/S & 15/E. BHL: 534/S & 342/E; EL 3326 GL, TD 11963 MD, 7319 TVD, PBTD 11943 MD, 7316 TVD; Spud 6-23-13, Comp 9-6-13; production is through treated perfs: 7682-11940. Treat: 32113 bbls gel fluid, 1,250,319# 20/40 white sd, 355,788# 20/40 RCS. IP: 9-14-13 Pump 24 hrs 232 BO, 905 BW, 859 MCF, GOR 270, Gty 40.9. Csg: 20 @ 396 w/1101 sx, 13 1/2 @ 1126 w/1195 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1503 w/1135 sx, 7 @ 3275-7478 w/710 sx, 4 1/2 @ 6713-11953, 2 7/8 @ 6654; API #30-015-41377

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Hackberry 23 Federal Com #1
Hackberry;Sec 24 T19S R30E; 1980/N & 180/W. BHL: 1842/N & 341/W; EL 3255 GL, TD 13355 MD, 8485 TVD, PBTD 13352; Spud 2-23-13, Comp 5-6-13; production is through treated perfs: 8748-13327. Treat: 1776,902 gals total fluid, 2759003# total sd. IP: 5-28-13 Pump 24 hrs 465 BO, 1238 BW, 700 MCF, GOR 1505, Gty 41.8. Csg: 16 @ 320 w/495 sx, 11 1/2 @ 1772 w/950 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3475 w/980 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13355 w/2290 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7914; API #30-015-41115

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Apache 25 Federal #17
Los Medanos; Sec 25 T22S R30E; 1450/S & 730/E. BHL: 654/S & 340/W; EL 3341 GL, TD 15,154 MD, 10,897 TVD, PBTD 14,585 MD; Spud 4-14-13, Comp 7-16-13; prodction is through treated perfs: 11265-15062. Treat: Frac 16 stages w/total: 947,857# 100 mesh, 990,376# 40/70 WS, 52,347 gals 15% HCL, 364,375# 40/70 oil plus. IP: 7-3-12 Flow 24 hrs 573 BO, 178 BW, 240 MCF, GOR 418.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 443 w/485 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3891 w/1600 sx, 7 @ 13638 w/1856 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8979-15154 w/940 sx; API #30-015-41116

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Cotton Draw Unit #125
Paduca; Sec 35 T24S R31E; 160/N & 1345/E; EL 3502 GL, TD 14950 MD, 10394 TVD, PBTD 14889; Spud 5-1-13, Comp 6-28-13; production is through treated perfs: 10755-14852. Treat: 54k gel 7.5% HCL, 3644k gals slick water, 926k# 100 mesh sd, 447k# 40/70 white sd, 300k# 40/70 resin coated sd. IP: 7-14-13 Pump 24 hrs 809 BO, 1059 BW, 478 MCF, GOR 590,8529. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 795 w/930 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4305 w/1575 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14835 w/2257 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10195; API #30-015-38608

COG Operating LLC
MYOX 32 Fee #2
Delaware River; Sec 32 T25S R28E; 190/N & 1980/W. BHL: 330/S & 1965/W; EL 2975 GL, TD 12446, PBTD 12443; Spud 8-21-13, Comp 9-25-13; production is through perfs: 8072-12393. IP: 10-14-13 Flow 24 hrs 766 BO, 2341 BW, 250 MCF, TP 280. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 350 w/350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2300 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12446 w/2350 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8017; API #30-015-41521

COG Operating LLC
Honey Graham State Com #4
Hay Hollow; Sec 29 T26S R28E; 330/N & 1980/E. BHL: 331/S & 1940/E; EL 3001 GL, TD 14393, PBTD 14350; Spud 8-3-13, Comp 9-20-13; production is through treated perfs: 8002-14239. Treat: Acdz w/45396 gals 7.5%, Frac w/4512671# sd & 3552486 gal fluid. IP: 10-9-13 Flow 24 hrs 891 BO, 2558 BW, 1689 MCF, TP 230, CP 980. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 350 w/415 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2348 w/820 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14393 w/2300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7960; API #30-015-41379

Lea County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Triste Draw 36 State #5
Triste Draw; Sec 36 T23S R32E; 330/N & 2110/W. BHL: 4667/N & 2137/W; EL 3686 GL, TD 13910, PBTD 13889; Spud 1-19-13, Comp 3-23-13; production is through treated perfs: 9734-13882. Treat: 7,069,211 gals total fluid & 6,882,975# sd. IP: 4-10-13 Pump 24 hrs 369 BO, 1680 BW, 1911 MCF, GOR 5178.86, Gty 45. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1258 w/920 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4913 w/520 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13910 w/1700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9332; API #30-025-40667

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Red Hills West Unit #5
Wildcat; Sec 10 T26S R32E; 330/N & 500/W. BHL: 4793/S & 450/W; EL 3251 GL, TD 15650 MD, 10648 TVD, PBTD 15610 MD, 10648 TVD; Spud 6-1-13, Comp 7-21-13; production is through treated perfs: 11053-15610 MD, 10655-10649 TVD. Treat: Frac w/333,646 gals slickwater, 202,454 gals 20# linear gel, 900,646 gals 20# X-Link gel carrying 114,520# 100 mesh & 2,026,800# 20/40 OptiProp sd. IP: 7-28-13 Pump 24 hrs 306 BO, 435 BW, 799 MCF, GOR 2611, Gty 47.9 Csg; 13 3/8 @ 1045 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4528 w/1450 sx, 7 @ 10988 w/1000 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10736-15620; API #30-025-41136

CML Exploration LLC
Paddy 23 State #1
Leamex; Sec 23 T17S R33E; 330/S & 1650/W; EL 4147 GL, TD 7500, PBTD 7010; Spud 10-6-12, Comp 1-29-13; production is through treated perfs: 6516-6571. Treat: 3.7 gals 15% HCL, 1k gals 10% HCL, 55k gals 15# gel & 58k# 20/40 sd. IP: 2-4-13 Pump 24 hrs 36 BO, 159 BW, 18 MCF, GOR 500, Gty 40. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1554 w/900 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7400 w/840 sx, 2 3/8 @ 6502 API #30-025-40728

Mack Energy Corp
Oregon State #1
Arkansas Junction; Sec 18 T18S R37E; 330/S & 330/W. EL 3758 GR, TD 5630, PBTD 5584; Spud 4-29-13, Comp 7-23-13; production is through treated perfs: 4851-4989.5 Treat: Acdz w/40 bbls 15% acid, Frac w/11,792 bbls slickwater, 10,412# 100 mesh, 146,854# white sd 40/70. IP: 8-13-13 Pump 24 hrs 8 BO, 375 BW, 17 MCF, GOR 2125, Gty 37.2. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 1694 w/910 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5630 w/750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5018; API #30-025-40882

Oxy USA WTP LP
East Eumont Unit #204
Eumont; Sec 3 T19S R37E. 10/S & 1420/W; EL 3659 GL, TD 4176, PBTD 4132; Spud 5-3-13, Comp 6-26-13; production is through treated perfs: 3916-3926. Treat: 5736 gals trt wtr + 15115 gals SS LT R30, 1000060# sd. IP: 7-10-13 Pump 24 hrs 29 BO, 48 BW, 60 MCF, GOR 2069, Gty 40. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1608 w/650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4176 w/670 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3853; API #30-025-40940

Cimarex Energy Co.
Hanson 26 Federal Com #2
South Lea; Sec 26 T20S R34E; 530/N & 1930/W. BHL 4935/N & 1995/W; EL 3688 GL, TD 15289, PBTD 15277. Spud 1-19-13, Comp 3-14-13 production is through treated perfs: 11100-15262. IP: 2-17-13 Flow 24 hrs 720 BO, 777 BW, 1149 MCF, 17 Ch, TP 1850. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1685 w/1450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5502 w/2947 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15289 w/2650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10548; API #30-025-40819

COG Operating LLC
Ben Lilly State Com #2
North Berry; Sec 2 T21S R33E; 330/S & 1980/E. BHL 350/N & 2079/E; EL 3808 GL, TD 18640, PBTD 18593. Spud 1-17-13, Comp 4-40-13, production is through treated perfs: 11742-18583. Treat: Acdz w/54230 gals 7.5%, Frac w/5417487# sd & 4192665 gals fluid. IP: 5-12-13 Flow 24 hrs 975 BO, 1195 BW, 750 MCF, 16/64" Ch, TP 1275# Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1897 w/1350 sx. 9 5/8 @ 5260 w/2250 sx. 5 1/2 @ 18640 w/2650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10977; API #30-025-40794

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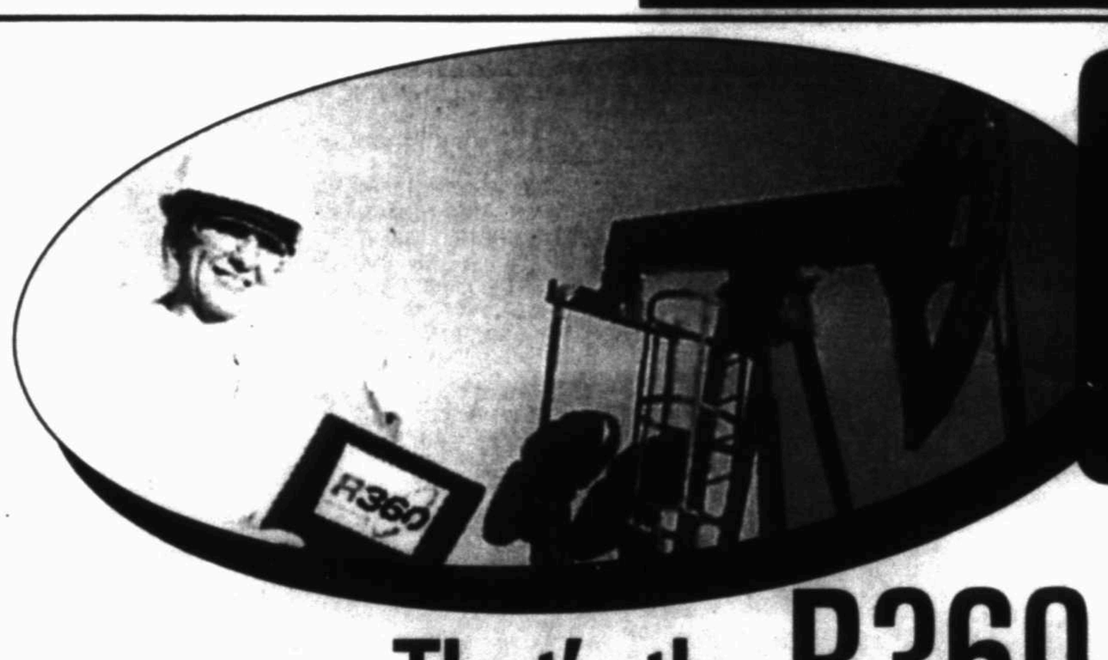

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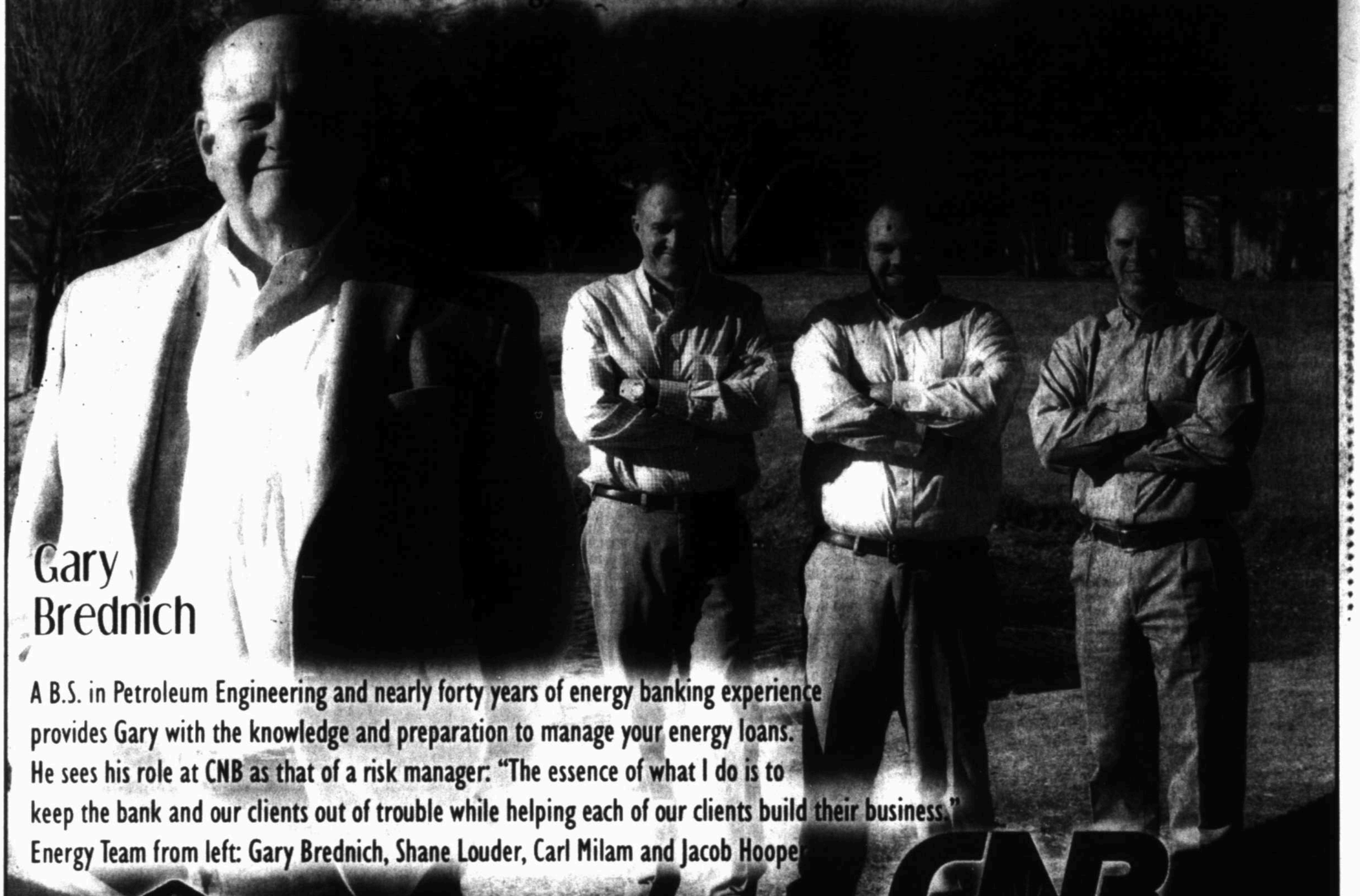

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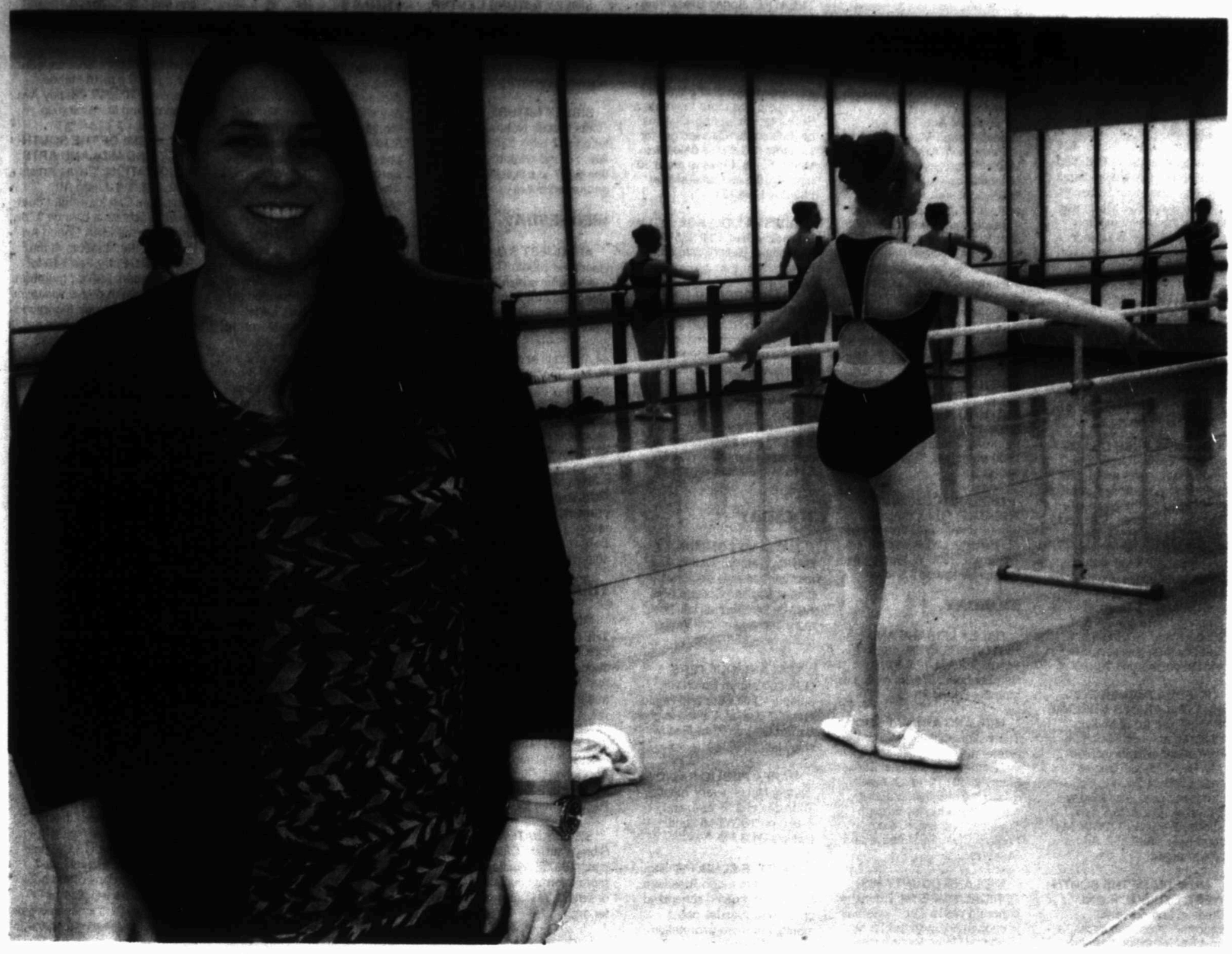

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Rachel Kerr, former student and now executive director of Midland Festival Ballet.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS
DANCE

Midland Festival Ballet dancer returns as executive director

By **Ragini Venkatasubban**
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Editor's note: March is Women's History Month, and to celebrate, the Reporter-Telegram is highlighting a handful of Midland women who are making significant contributions to the local arts and entertainment scene. Women in the Arts stories will run every Sunday in the Arts section.

Whenever Rachel Kerr hears the opening music of "The Nutcracker," memories of her years dancing in the holiday ballet come rushing back.

"I spent so many hours rehearsing that ballet, I think I could probably hum every line of the music," the executive director of the Midland Festival Ballet recalled with a smile. "It's definitely the ballet that I danced the most times and had the most roles in. I played almost every part."

From a little girl with dreams of becoming a professional ballerina to a young woman running the same ballet company she grew up in, Kerr's life has truly come full circle. The native Midlander began her dance career at the tender age of 5, taking ballet classes under Judy Coleman and Susan Clark, founding director and artistic director of the Midland Festival Ballet, respectively.

"She was very disciplined, and I really enjoyed teaching her," Clark said, recalling the many hours she spent with her students in the studio. "It is a big commitment. By the time we rehearse and they take class, it's 20 hours a week more than just school. Usually, the ones that end up sticking it out through high school — they're really very special kids. I do become very attached to them."

Around the age of 12, Kerr became a member of the ballet's company, giving up all of her other activities to focus on dance. Most of her evenings and weekends were spent in the studio, rehearsing or taking class.

"It really was a huge commitment," she said. "I think you really have to accept that you're not going to have the same type of social life that your friends have. Definitely, your ballet friends become some of your closest friends because you spend so much time with them."

Until she was 17, Kerr centered her life around ballet, leaving Midland nearly every summer for intensive programs with the Milwaukee Ballet and Princeton Ballet School. Then, the unthinkable happened.

The summer before her senior year of high school, Kerr suffered a major hip injury, tearing all of the cartilage in her hip joint. She underwent surgery, and though she recovered, she was left with doubts about sustaining a professional ballet career.

"It was kind of a devastating time for me," she said. "The injury I had — people come back from it and keep dancing, but it was just like, can I even do this anymore? It's a hard mental thing to get through, more than anything."

Looking back, Kerr said that difficult time in her life helped her realize the reality of becoming a professional dancer.

"There are so many people who want to be ballet dancers, and the likelihood that everyone who loves ballet is going to be a professional ballet dancer is really slim," she said. "So, in a sense, it was a good thing for me because that likelihood was small, and I had the opportunity to then go to college and pursue other things. Although I was devastated at the time."

Setting her sights on a new dream, Kerr headed to Wellesley College near Boston to study English literature. She performed with a dance group on campus.

Please see **DANCE**/3H

Dragonflies take local artist on an ethereal journey

By **Rich Lopez**
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Info

For more information about Susan May's work, email her at dragonflyjourneys@yahoo.com.

For Susan May, when science and art meet, beauty stems from it in the image of a dragonfly.

The scientist turned artist has always painted animals such as sea turtles and wolves, but dragonflies have really struck a chord with her. And perhaps that's because it connects both sides of her brain.

"I taught chemistry and astronomy; I have a master's in geology. Teaching is what defined me for many years," she said. "But I needed something else that is creative yet related to science. I feel like that's what this is."

Retirement from teaching is on the horizon, which means May will have more time for her art. She teaches online courses for New Mexico State University, but she will be done by the fall.

Her focus is directly on her art and the emotions that come with it. May has a very "zen aura" about her, which translates into her watercolors. The insects are fantastical in color but realistic in conception. This is where the right and left sides of her brain meet in harmony.

"When I started painting them I just felt no stress. I'm still trying to find myself as an artist but doing these is the most relaxing and joyful thing for me. It allows me to work out my problems and it brings up euphoria when I do them. Plus, people respond well to them," she said.

May and her husband, Brent, moved here from Artesia, N.M., three years ago for his work. She had already been painting, but upon coming here, she discovered an arts scene that fostered her own work. She said Midland's thriving arts community is a far cry from the small scene in Artesia and the welcoming environment has encouraged her painting.

Working with ArtQuest and joining area groups, she developed — and continues to — her artistic sense of self. Although she's been persuaded to do a series and has shown her work at the Palette Club of Midland, May said the intention of her work is purely for artistic reasons.

"I don't know that they're commercial. They may never sell, but they've led me into meeting wonderful people and have great opportunities. As an artist that's what I want. I only want it to take me places and better myself and it brings me back to sharing both art and science with other people," she said.

While she's not opposed to selling her work, May prefers not to overly show her work or post it on Facebook or the web. She gives paintings to her friends and donates her handmade jewelry (also with a dragonfly motif) to Midland College's Geology Club to raise money.

She said her work connects

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Artist Susan May poses with some of her dragonfly artwork.

Rich Lopez Reporter-Telegram

MIDLAND MARQUEE

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, email: info@acmidland.org. Arts Council of Midland's mission is enriching lives with the arts through communitywide advocacy, education, outreach and promotion. www.acmidland.org

SUNDAY

THE ELLEN NOËL ART MUSEUM is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information visit www.noelartmuseum.org or call 550-9696.

GEORGE BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME: Tour unique landmark home to two presidents, two governors and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home. Gift shop features 1950s toys, books, clothing and patriotic items. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: "Print It! The Art of Making Multiples" through March 23. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST: EXHIBIT: "Pulled, Pressed and Screened: Important American Prints," a traveling exhibition from the Syracuse University Art Collection, is open at the Museum of the Southwest through April 20. This exhibition explores the evolution of American art over a 60-year period with numerous notable artists including Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns and Roy Lichtenstein. Visitors who want a deeper look into this exhibition can drop by the Museum on Thursday, April 17 between 10 a.m. and noon and join guest speaker Michael Hubbard, working artist and instructor for Midland College, to navigate the timeline of this crucial decade in American art history and to discuss Pop era artists and their interpersonal relationships.

Barnaby Fitzgerald's "Moments, Still Lives and Figures" — first featured artist of the Contemporary Series 2014. Here and Now Gallery through March 23.

"Estamos Aqui (We are Here)" through March 16.

Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. Art Museum, Children's Museum and Planetarium all located on the campus at 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. General admission: $5 adults, $3 children.

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM, LIBRARY AND HALL OF FAME: Museum hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE: "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged" 2 p.m. in Mabee Theatre II, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Recommend for 12 and up.

MONDAY

HALEY LIBRARY AND HISTORY CENTER: 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free.

MIDLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION: Artist display: Richard Reese will display his artwork in the Community National Bank Lobby at 401 W. Texas Ave. during the month of March. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Open 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447. Open by appointment.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE: Spring Break Fine Arts Camp, Seuss on the Loose: Join MCT's Pickwick Players and education directors, Bill Williams and Judith Giebler, for a week of fun and excitement combining drama, art, music and more to create a Seuss-tacular spring. Classes begin Monday. Classes are for students K-6. Class dates are March 10-15. Classes are 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Call Judith at 682-2544 ext 121.

ODESSA COLLEGE: 201 W. University Blvd. Call 335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

SCARBOROUGH-LINEBERRY HOUSE: Historic home: 802 S. Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

TALL CITY CLOGGERS: Dances every Monday at M-Squarena. Information about clogging can be obtained by contacting Lynn Myers, 697-6416 or danznfool@grande-com.net

TUESDAY

MIDLAND COMMUNITY BAND: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

MIDLAND QUILTERS GUILD: Kathryn Burch will present "Quilt Care and Restoration" 7 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

MARFA PUBLIC RADIO: "Nature Notes" every Tuesday-Thursday at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.: KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

PALETTE CLUB: Painting time at 9 a.m.-noon Tuesdays. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. For more information contact Diane K. Browne at 664-3197. Palette Club members offering art class are Ken Rowland, kenrowland6@gmail.com; Judy Tartt, jjtartt@suddenlink.net; Fritzi Heron, heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net; and Ginger Witte, artpourvous1@gmail.com.

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB: Live country-western band every Tuesday, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephens Ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. Members $5, non-members $6. Alcohol- and smoke-free environment. 520-4343 or 218-8215.

SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: Midland Bee Keeping Club Meeting at 6 p.m. 1307 E. Wadley Ave. For more information call 684-6827 or email info@sibleynaturecenter.org.

SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: Texas Master Naturalist Presentation at 7 p.m., 1307 E. Wadley Ave. For more information call 684-6827 or email info@sibleynaturecenter.org.

WEDNESDAY

ARTQUEST STUDIOS: Reserved Studio Time. Artists can reserve space to work alongside other artists. Because no instruction is being given, work done can be entered in competitions. Space limited to eight artists at a time. $35 per month. Space is reserved on a monthly basis. 700 Andrews Highway. For more information, email heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net, call 553-0420 or go to www.artquesttx.com.

THE MIDLAND QUILTERS GUILD: Kathryn Burch will present "Quilt Care and Restoration" 1 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE: Improv at the Yucca's Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m. at Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Recommended for mature audiences.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE: "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged," 7:30 p.m. in Mabee Theatre II, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Recommend for 12 and up.

SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: Sibley Camera Club Meeting, 6 p.m., 1307 E. Wadley Ave. For more information call 684-6827 or email info@sibleynaturecenter.org.

LIVE ON STAGE: "Back On Broadway," 7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Single tickets $35. Season tickets for the six-concert series $80. For more information call 789-1249 or 552-4430, or go to www.liveonstage-pb.com.

WEST TEXAS DANCE CLUB: Now dancing at 301 E. 61st St. Live country-western music 7:30-10 p.m. Members $5, non-members and guest $6. Alcohol- and smoke-free environment. Call 697-0281 or 631-6125. This week is Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Company.

FRIDAY

BLAKEMORE PLANETARIUM: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. For more information call 683-2882.

MAVERICK PLAYERS: "Dearly Beloved" by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. Through March 30 at the VFW Hall located at 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. Production dates are March 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 with matinee showings at 2 p.m. and evening showings at 8 p.m. Opening night reception beginning at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets: $10 Thursdays and Sundays, $15 Fridays and Saturdays. For reservations or more information call 522-5225.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE: "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged" 8 p.m. in Mabee Theatre II 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Recommend for 12 and up.

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST: Star Party through March 16. Join the West Texas Astronomers in Haley Park, behind the Marian Blakemore Planetarium, for an up-close view of the stars in the night sky. Parties begin at dusk. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. For more information, call 683-2882.

NANCY FYFE CARDOZIER GALLERY, UTPB: Constituents work by Rebecca Hermann through April 13. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

SATURDAY

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MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST AND MIDLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION: "Texas Artists Today" Spring Juried Art Exhibition: Call for entries from Texas artists for a chance to be juried into the MAA Spring Art Exhibit at the Museum of the Southwest. Entry Fee $45 for non-members $30 for members. $4,000 given in prizes. Deadline for entry is Saturday. Download prospectus at www.maatx.org. For more information, email sara@artbysaradb.com

SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: Texas Master Naturalist Class. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 1307 E. Wadley Ave. For more information, call 684-6827 or email info@sibleynaturecenter.org

SAVE THE DATE

THE MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE: Vintage Harmony Fundraiser featuring the art of Baron Batch 7 p.m. March 29 at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. Batch, West Texas-born artist, Texas Tech alum and NFL player, will create an original piece of art while MOSC's Permian Basin String Quartet performs movements from Vivaldi's Four Seasons. www.mosc.org

GEORGE W. BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME: Third Thursday Reading Program, 4:30-5:30 p.m. March 20. Free reading event for children of all ages in the visitor center. Children will be read books including "Flat Stanley: US Capital Commotion" and each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will also be served. Space is limited so call 685-1112 to reserve a space for your child.

ARTS COUNCIL OF MIDLAND'S 31st annual Celebration of the Arts is April 4-5.

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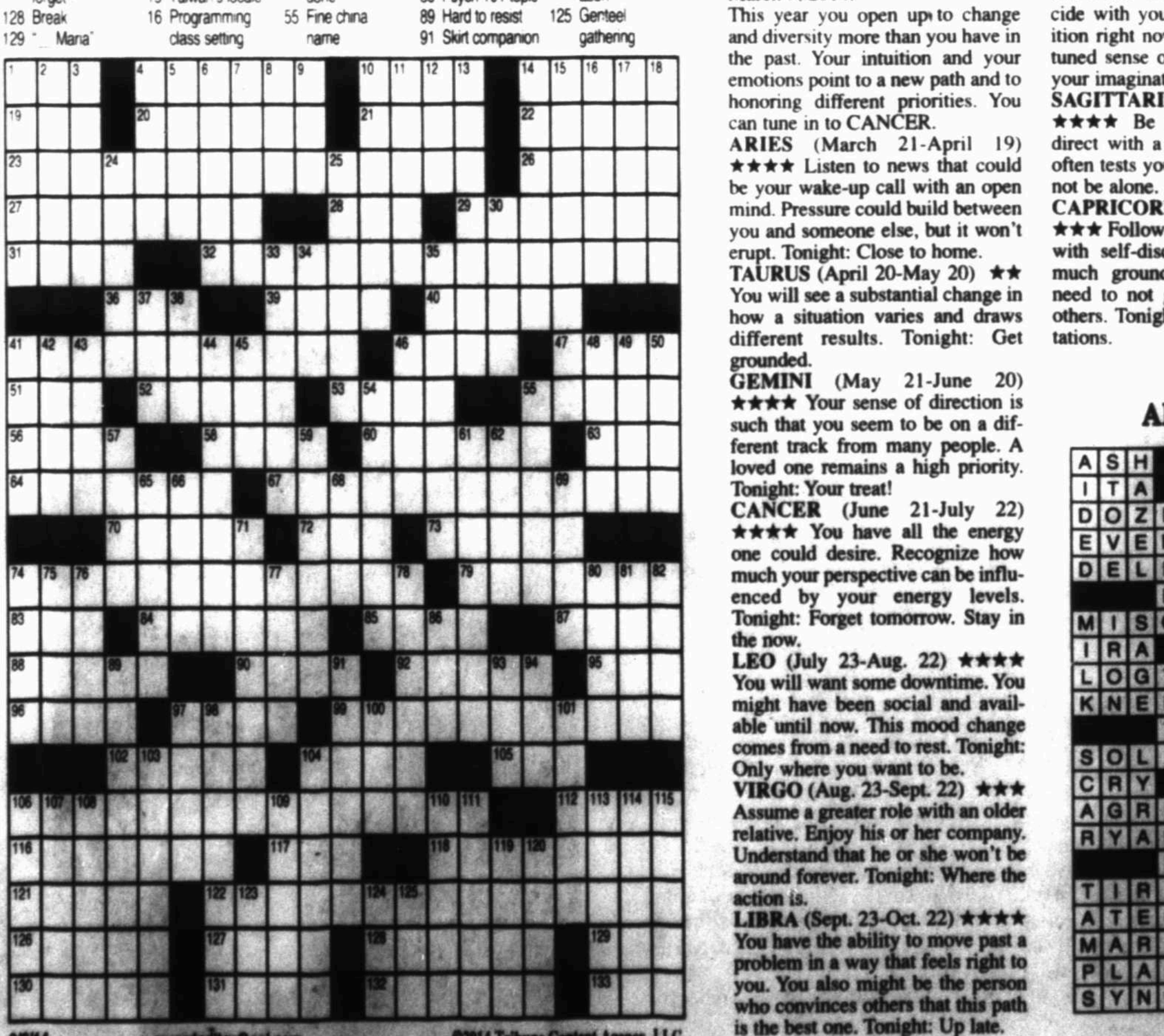
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"INCIDENTAL MUSIC" By DOUG PETERSON

ACROSS
1 Campfire residue
4 Volkswagen sedan
10 Speak for yourself?
14 Office Staples rival
19 Suffix with señor
20 Outfielder who had a single-season record 262 hits in 2004
21 Four-ring logo company
22 Hidden repository
23 Donut lover's discipline?
26 C.S. Lewis lion
27 Symbol of steadiness
28 School-wk. start
29 Shell lobbers
31 Copy editor's mark
32 Kicking back with the drones?
36 Emulate Eminem
39 "CSI" actor George
40 Literature Nobelist Canetti
41 Japanese soup, apparently?
46 Gander, e.g.
47 Player with earbuds
51 Lyricist Gershwin
52 Dustin's "Midnight Cowboy" role
53 One of a hotel room pair
55 Medina native
56 Feeling sluggish
58 Defunct '80s gridiron gp.
60 Recipe quantity
63 Missile stabilizer
64 Shinbone neighbor
67 So-so joe?
70 Forbidden
72 Honoree on the third 28-Across in Jan.
73 Squiggly diacritic
74 Bangle, often?
79 Julius and Augustus, e.g.
83 Blubber
84 Haile Selassie followers
85 De Matteo of "The Sopranos"
87 Many a Royal Troon golfer
88 Be on the same page
90 State secrets?
92 Longhorn rival
95 Baton Rouge sch.
96 Romney's 2012 running mate
97 1/640 of a square mile
99 Snorkeling area patrol unit?
102 __ cotta
104 Singer Tennille
105 The "t" in Crete?
106 Broadcaster who goes on and on and on?
112 Farm Belt state
116 Swallowed one's pride
117 MD workplaces
118 Item kept near brushes
121 Name on many video games
122 "Water that poor plant before all the leaves dry up!"?
126 Fallback option
127 "And don't forget ..."
128 Break
129 "__ Maria"
130 "The Playboy of the Western World" dramatist
131 Scrabble two-pointers
132 Enthusiastic
133 Folk hero Kelly

DOWN
1 Gave a ride, say
2 Log cabin warmer
3 Eye color
4 Best of health, figuratively
5 Climber's goal
6 Hosiery variety
7 Move furtively
8 D-backs, on a sports ticker
9 Typical "Yo Gabba Gabba!" viewer
10 Relay sticks
11 Feeling sorry about
12 Stir
13 Cheap saloon
14 Beltway region, briefly
15 Taiwan's locale
16 Programming class setting
17 Orchard Field, today
18 Keyed up
24 Año opener
25 In the thick of
30 Great Depression migrant
33 Take to the airport, say
34 Floppy topper
35 Most pleasing to Jack Sprat
37 Bubble filler
38 Sch. meeting group
41 Cereal go-with
42 Weights, when pumped
43 Judicious
44 Zombie-like states
45 Suffix with lion
46 Skimpy skirt
48 Powder
49 Patient of Dr. Luz
50 Enjoy a meal
54 Got the job done
55 Fine china name
57 High-elevation enigma
59 San Diego suburb whose name means "the table"
61 Loop site
62 Pac-12 school
65 Core group
66 "Take a Chance on Me" quartet
68 Down with something
69 Come clean, with "up"
71 Muffin stuff
74 Dueling memento
75 Unrestrained party
76 Constellation named for an instrument
77 NASCAR Hall of Famer Yarborough
78 Like some flaws
80 Scopes Trial gp.
81 Historic Parks
82 Simple earning
86 Psych 101 topic
89 Hard to resist
91 Skirt companion
93 Mtge. feature
94 Panamanian pronoun
97 2012 Best Picture
98 Crustacean used in Cajun cuisine
100 "Barbara __": 1960s hit
101 Bails
103 Dress like a justice
104 Statue subjects
106 Packs down
107 Land of the Apennines
108 Showed again
109 Futile
110 Period in history
111 More valuable, possibly
113 Giant squid's home
114 Give up
115 Paid to play
119 Rick's flame
120 Light bite
123 Ringside cheer
124 Clearance rack abbr.
125 Genteel gathering



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

See a good play? Find a better one!

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 8 7
♥ A
♦ A 9 2
♣ A K 9 5

WEST
♠ 2
♥ K Q J 10 7 6 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ 3
♥ 9 8 5 4
♦ 10 7 5 3
♣ Q J 7 6

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 6 5 4
♥ 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 10 4 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♥	Dbl	4♥	4♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: King of ♥

North was surprised and delighted that South had enough for a free bid of four spades. He was sure they would have a good play for slam and leaped to six. Can South make it?

A strong line of play is to draw the trumps before playing the ace, king and another club. This succeeds whenever clubs split 3-3 or there is a singleton or doubleton club honor in either opponents' hand, or the diamond finesse works. South found an even stronger line!

After drawing trumps, South cashed the ace of clubs before leading a low club toward dummy's 10. East won his jack, but was forced to break the diamond suit — a return in either hearts or clubs concedes the contract immediately. South played low from hand and dummy's nine forced the queen from West. Had West played the 10 of diamonds instead of the queen, declarer would have a couple of different ways to get home — the simplest being to take the diamond finesse.

This line will only lose when East has four or more clubs to the queen and jack and West holds both the queen and 10 of diamonds. Should West win the second club with a doubleton honor, he will be end-played immediately. Should West hold four clubs to the queen and jack, that leaves him with a singleton diamond — he has shown seven hearts in the auction — and a winning diamond finesse will be a sure thing.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 9, 2014:
This year you open up to change and diversity more than you have in the past. Your intuition and your emotions point to a new path and to honoring different priorities. You can tune in to CANCER.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Listen to news that could be your wake-up call with an open mind. Pressure could build between you and someone else, but it won't erupt. Tonight: Close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★
You will see a substantial change in how a situation varies and draws different results. Tonight: Get grounded.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your sense of direction is such that you seem to be on a different track from many people. A loved one remains a high priority. Tonight: Your treat!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have all the energy one could desire. Recognize how much your perspective can be influenced by your energy levels. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Stay in the now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★
You will want some downtime. You might have been social and available until now. This mood change comes from a need to rest. Tonight: Only where you want to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★
Assume a greater role with an older relative. Enjoy his or her company. Understand that he or she won't be around forever. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★
You have the ability to move past a problem in a way that feels right to you. You also might be the person who convinces others that this path is the best one. Tonight: Up late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Logic might not coincide with your emotions and intuition right now. Follow that highly tuned sense of yours Tonight: Use your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be more forthright and direct with a family member who often tests your limits. Tonight: Do not be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Follow your mental schedule with self-discipline. You have so much ground to cover that you need to not get too distracted by others. Tonight: Enjoy all the invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You know what to do. You might go from frolicking around to feeling exhausted. You could opt to spend some time catnapping. Tonight: Snooze all you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You function on an intuitive level. Later, you will notice how well everything fell into place when you listened to your feelings. Tonight: Do only what feels right.

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BORN TODAY
Former governor of California Leland Stanford (1824), chess player Bobby Fischer (1943), cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (1934)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

ASH PASSAT BRAG DEPOT
ITA ICHIRO AUDI CACHE
DOZENMEDITATION ASLAN
EVENKEEL MON MORTARS
DELE RESTINGLIKEABEE
RAP EADS ELIAS
MISOITSEEMS MALE IPOD
IRA RATSO TWIN SAUDI
LOGY USFL ONECUP FIN
KNEECAP FAIRISHCOFFEE
TABOO MLK TILDE
SOLIDBRACELET CAESARS
CRY RASTAS DREA SCOT
AGREE BLAB AGGIE LSU
RYAN ACRE LAGOONSQUAD
TERRA TONI TAU
TIRINGANNOUNCER IOWA
ATECROW ORS PAINTCAN
MARIO DOUSEITORLOSEIT
PLANB ALSO RECESS AVE
SYNGE DEES RAHRAH NED

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becoming exposed to contemporary and jazz dance, which she hadn't often encountered in her classical ballet training. After college, she worked in higher education fundraising for Wellesley, then spent a brief stint in Los Angeles.

It was then that West Texas began to tug on her.

"I'd been gone for eight years at that point, and I realized that I was coming home every vacation to see my family," Kerr said. "I never thought I would end up moving back to Midland. I really love traveling, and I just thought I would move around from place to place, but I have to say, Midland is a special place. After living in Boston and Los Angeles, the atmosphere here is so philanthropic and community-focused. I moved back to be closer to family, and I just got lucky that this dream job for me opened up."

Around the same time Kerr returned to town, the Midland Festival Ballet was looking for a new staff member. Kerr was one of the first people Clark thought of.

"I thought, this could be really perfect because she knows where the organization came from," Clark said. "I try to tell the students that even if you don't become a professional ballet dancer, you're going to learn lifelong lessons just from your time management, your dedication. I feel like she's a really perfect fit for us to grow."

Kerr became the ballet's business manager last August and was quickly promoted to executive director in November. She's in charge of grant writing, fundraising, operations and organizing all of the marketing for both the ballet school and company. Though she loves the work, it's sometimes difficult to be a young, female executive director, she said.

"I think age has a bigger impact, almost, than being a woman," she said. "Making sure to come across as mature and professional instead of youthful is sometimes a challenge. I think there are a lot more young people in the arts right now in Midland, which kind of helps, but being a woman in the arts is always hard. Being a woman anywhere is always hard. Sometimes, people just don't take you seriously or think that you have as much professionalism or as much to offer. Although I have to say, being a woman in the arts is probably a lot easier than being a woman in many other professions — engineering, or anything business-related. I think that would just be a lot harder."

Clark said it's heartwarming to see her old students return to the studio.

"I remember when they were little mice and soldiers in 'The Nutcracker,'" she said with a laugh. "It's funny to me — I've known them for a long time now — to see them grow up. All of them have done a lot for the arts and have really been successful at what they've accomplished."

Will Kerr return to dance class with her old teacher, though? The executive director laughed and said she'd like to.

"Susan keeps telling me that one day I should come to take class with her," she said. "I think she's ready to torture me a little bit because I haven't taken class in, like, six years."

Dance was her life growing up, and Kerr said it's truly a dream to return to the school that fueled her passion.

"It's a lot to oversee, but it's really exciting because I love it," she said. "I feel pretty strongly about this company. It kind of shaped my young life."

ARTIST

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her to nature, which she enjoys whether hiking or kayaking. And the challenge is to capture that in her work.

"I just think about when I look up and watch them fly, it's like music on air. The scientific part of me likes detailing how intricate the wings are which look delicate but are quite strong. I admire that strength and beauty," she said.

Museum to exhibit religious icons from Imperial Russia

GEORGE JACOB
executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin

March 17 marks the death anniversary of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The day is honored as a day of feasting marked on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church and venerated in several other churches around the world. Never formally canonized by the Pope, St. Patrick (Irish Padraig) was a 5th century Romano-British Christian missionary and the first bishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland. Captured from Great Britain and enslaved in Ireland for six years, he returned to become an ordained bishop.

According to an ancient legend he taught the doctrine of the Holy Trinity by showing people the shamrock, a three-leafed plant, to illustrate the Christian teachings of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This made the shamrock a central symbol for St. Patrick's Day. The shamrock was sacred in the pre-Christian days in Ireland as well. Because of its green color and clover-shaped leaves, many viewed it as representing rebirth and eternal life. Three was a sacred number in the Celtic pagan religion and there were a number of triple goddesses in ancient Ireland, including Brigid, Ériu and the Morrigan. Celtic druids — the keepers of lore and ceremonial rites — were believed to have supervised construction of the Stonehenge and other stone circles in the region. As Christianity spread through Great Britain by the 4th century, Celtic culture and the druids were eventually overwhelmed. Many of these stories and artifacts are preserved in the Celtic Museum and the St. Patrick's Centre in northern Ireland.

Interestingly, Permian Basin is home to a Stonehenge of its own at the UTPB campus and on this St. Patrick's Day, a different set of patron saints from 15th through 17th centuries will be on display not too far from it.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum will unveil an exhibit on Saints, Apostles and the Holy Trinity painted in prayer as part of sacred iconography from imperial Russia exhibited through more than 150 stunning Christian icons. With opening keynote address by the Rev. Griffin Jones from Crossroads Fellowship Church, the museum will be hosting the UTPB Allegro Chorale performing portions of Rachmaninoff's Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Church Slavic under Artistic Director Dr. Cory Alexander.

It is the first time in Texas that a collection of 173 rich and varied exquisite works of Christian iconography from Imperial Russia will be on display collectively.

Beginning with the catacomb frescoes in the early centuries of the Christian era, the history of iconography deals with the perils faced by the human soul on earth in its journey toward eternal salvation. Figures from the Old Testament, episodes from the life and passion of Christ — from the Nativity, Crucifixion, Ascension from the cross, the Pietà, the Sacred Conversation of Mary and the Angelic Visitations are depicted in paintings, overlays and gilded icons. Vignettes from the lives of the saints including St. George slaying the Dragon, St. Francis receiving the Stigmata, St. Jerome in the Wilderness, the Martyrdom of St. Agatha and symbolic scenes of ultimate Beatitude depicting the Majesty, the Savior of the World, the Coronation of the Virgin, et al reveal the same purpose — to repeat in many forms and inculcate in every mind the moral aims and fundamental tenets of Christianity.

George Jacob is a Canadian Commonwealth Fellow and the executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin.

This image released by CNN shows Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel in a scene from the CNN documentary, "Chicagoland." The 8-episode series that debuted Thursday on CNN.

AP Photo

CNN takes on stark drama that's found in real life

By Allesandra Stanley
N.Y. Times News Service

Vladimir V. Pozner, the Russian talk-show host who more than two decades ago spun the Cold War, is back on American television, warning CNN viewers not to believe everything they hear about Ukraine in the American news media.

This is a tense time in East-West relations, which should be good for CNN. That cable news network's stars - Wolf Blitzer, Jake Tapper, Anderson Cooper, Christiane Amanpour - and an army of reporters on the ground are once again providing no-nonsense guidance through a complicated, fast-changing and scary story. Even "New Day," CNN's loosey-goosey morning show, is sitting up straighter; Co-host Chris Cuomo gave Pozner a tough time Tuesday.

Now is probably not the best moment for CNN to change the subject and introduce two documentary series, "Chicagoland," which premiered Thursday and "Death Row Stories" today.

Both are part of a network makeover by CNN's newest boss, Jeff Zucker, who wants to provide programs for fallow news periods, when viewers relax and turn away from the talking heads on CNN. (Some of those heads are rolling: The network recently canceled the talk show of Piers Morgan.)

The timing is not ideal, but it's not a bad strategy. Last year, "Blackfish," an expose of SeaWorld and the killer whale that dismembered a trainer in 2010, won CNN — and the issue — a lot of attention, deservedly so. But these latest offerings are not as good.

"Chicagoland," which is told in eight episodes, seems in promos almost like the NBC drama "Chicago P.D." It is an artfully cinematic real-life look at gang violence and the public school crisis in that city. The problem is serious: In one meeting, a public school administrator surprises her colleagues by announcing, "Knock on wood, we have not had a student shot this week." She adds a cautionary note: "It's only Thursday."

The topic is commendable, and there are some compelling characters, including Elizabeth Dozier, an energetic principal of an at-risk school, But Mayor Rahm Emanuel keeps taking center stage. When he climbs into an SUV, it's shown in slow motion, as in "Rocky."

Robert Redford is an executive producer of both shows. "Chicagoland" was made by the same filmmakers behind "Brick City," a documentary series about Newark, N.J., and its then-mayor, Cory A. Booker, which was shown on the Sundance Channel beginning in 2009. The new show about another troubled city and its leader looks more like an ad campaign than a documentary.

Emanuel's abilities and noble intentions are laid out, over and over, by a gruff-talking narrator, Mark Konkol, a Chicago journalist, who says that the mayor's vision "can be boiled down to a simple phrase: building a better Chicago."

"Death Row Stories" is also an eight-episode series, made by a different team of producers and stylistically quite different as well. It's a true-crime show similar to those on Investigation Discovery ("Stalked: Someone's Watching," "Blood, Lies, & Alibis") with many of the cheesy tricks of the genre: spooky music, re-enactments, slamming doors and freeze frames. The main distinction is that this show focuses on people wrongly condemned to death, and the narrator is actress and activist Susan Sarandon, who won an Oscar for the capital-punishment movie "Dead Man Walking."

CNN acquired these programs, it didn't produce them. But it could be that the network is by nature so anchor-centric that it instinctively chooses projects that impose an assertive narrator, even on a documentary like "Chicagoland," which would be more powerful if the material spoke for itself.

Sarandon's famous voice, softer and more persuasive than most gravelly true-crime narrators, is a little more useful. Her participation reminds viewers who might be confused by the evidence that the convicted prisoner was not given a fair trial.

CNN is a public service that is beholden to ratings, and that's a tricky mandate. Watching it try to adapt to a changing market can be painful, but also reassuring. It's a little like watching a beloved historic building be recarpeted and its rooms rented out to cover operating costs.

Change is necessary, and in some cases brings improvement.

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

RICK ROSS
"Mastermind"

All of the songs on Rick Ross' sixth album are built with strong production and the rapper's normal shoot-from-the-hip approach. However, the performer is unable to move the needle on "Mastermind" like he did on previous releases, including 2012's top-notch "God Forgives, I Don't."

Ross' 16-track set doesn't transcend his message as a man of growth, wanting to expect more out of life than money, women and luxury cars. It comes as a surprise because the new album was co-executive produced by Diddy, who has helped mold albums for the Notorious B.I.G., Jay-Z, the Lox, Mary J. Blige and others.

But the Miami rapper is certainly not a bore. Ross taps some of the top beat makers in hip-hop from Kanye West, Scott Storch, the Weeknd and production group J.U.S.T.I.C.E. League for his latest effort. Some songs entertain with introductions: Diddy is full of himself — in a serious tone — on "Nobody," comedian Katt Williams is silly when he talks about staying in a home with 109 rooms on "Supreme," and Ross boasts about having more than $92 million in his bank account on "Drug Dealers Dream."

The West and Big Sean-assisted "Sanctified" is one of the album's best tracks, as each rapper talks about how the fast-paced lifestyle has impacted them. Ross also raps about beating the odds as a young man on "Thug Cry," which co-stars Lil Wayne. While these are bright spots, most of "Mastermind" is Ross middling.

Jonathan Landrum/AP

DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS
"English Oceans"

The often-prolific roots rockers Drive-By Truckers took a four-year break from the studio before recording "English Oceans," and the stockpile of songs pays off throughout the band's 12th album.

Stripping away the R&B influences and musical explorations of their last few albums, DBT focuses on guitars and a garage-band stomp on the new album — which also adds to the collection's consistency.

The band has always shared songwriting chores between singer-guitarists Patterson Hood and Mike Cooley, usually augmented by contributions by other band members (most notably onetime band mate Jason Isbell in the early 2000s). This time out, Cooley is an equal partner, and he and Hood are the only songwriters — another beneficial change.

The album's opening guitar chords recall an old Replacements riff and would've fit nicely on the Rolling Stones' "Exile On Main Street." It's a strong kick off to the rawest Truckers album since their early days. But it's the storytelling that gives the band a new dimension. The colorful twists of "Till He's Dead Or Rises" and "Primer Coat," the desperation of "Hanging On" and the poignant "Grand Canyon" show that this veteran band can still equal its past.

Michael McCall/AP

Steve Martin, Edie Brickell partnership thrives

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Steve Martin has found a lot of inspiration from very talented people over the years: actors such as Diane Keaton and Martin Short, and writers like David Mamet and Dennis Potter, for instance.

Edie Brickell fires his imagination in much the same way.

"A collaboration like with Edie is where you need something from them and they confound your expectations," Martin said. "That's what I get from Edie — where you go, 'I'm so grateful for these surprising lyrics.' We're working on a musical and what I get from that is something that I couldn't have done that's better than what I expected... You're always grateful when someone else comes up with something wonderful when you're working with them."

It's a special time for Martin and Brickell. They just won a surprising Grammy Award for American roots recording. Their "Great Performances" concert, "Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers featuring Edie Brickell Live," is set to air on KOCV on Thursday at 7 p.m. A companion CD/DVD set that includes two hours of comedy and music with four previously unrecorded songs will be released, as well. And they will start a tour later this month that includes a stop in Midland July 30 at the Wagner Noel Performiing Arts Center.

Martin spoke with The Associated Press by phone recently to discuss his friendship with Brickell, his unexpected second career as a musician and a new musical he hopes will make it to Broadway.

AP: This musical odyssey you're on seems to have brought you a lot of joy in an unexpected way ...

Martin: It's truly unexpected because it got me back live performing and I had removed myself from live performing for almost 30 years. So that's really unexpected.

AP: Why did you decide to stop live performance?

Martin: It's just very difficult. Doing an hour, hour and a half of live standup is an endurance test. You almost have to do it every day to stay up on it. And when I went to movies I really didn't want to travel around and do it anymore. But performing music is a way to do comedy also, but without the obligation to do a solid hour, hour and half of it. I could intersperse it with music, so it became a really good format for me.

AP: The "Great Performances" concert is your first concert recorded for broadcast. Are you happy with it?

Martin: When I look back and see that our second performance, almost our first performance together, was at Carnegie Hall, I almost cringe because the show has grown so much, and I'm really happy to get this iteration of it on videotape. I think we're just about to change it, and I don't mean deliberately, you can just tell it's about to evolve into a new form. So I'm happy to have this version of it recorded so we can move on and get some new material and kind of feel like we're not leaving behind something that wasn't preserved.

AP: What is it about your relationship with Brickell that makes it so fruitful?

Martin: You have to be able to get along with someone, though I think a lot of collaborators don't get along — I've heard stories about that. I think our sensibility is we don't want a war with someone, a personal war. We both like to get along with the people we work with, and most of the people I work with like that kind of partnership. Right now, we're in the middle of this musical, and that's mostly on my mind, and we are both at a very free state in our creativity, meaning we work quickly and without inhibition. That is perfect for what we're doing.

AP: What can you share with us? Will this be a traditional musical or will there be some twist?

Martin: Well, let's put it this way: There's a new type of musical out there. I don't mean like a rock 'n' roll musical. There's sort of a new sound of a musical that's different from the big orchestra. It's got more of a pared-down orchestra with stringed instruments —in this case there will be the banjo, fiddle, cello, piano, maybe seven instruments. And the musicians will be on stage, integrated into the show. It has a beginning, middle and end and a strong story. The story's very strong.

AP: Music has offered you a new creative outlet you didn't expect. What do you think might be next?

Martin: I don't know, I really don't know. This musical is taking most of my time right now, and that'll be in place within the next nine or 10 months, I think, or at least a year. Then we'll look and see what I'm doing. You can't stay on the road forever, so I just don't know.

Coming to Midland

Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers with Edie Brickell will be performing in Midland on July 30 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets are expected to go on sale April 11.

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

MARCH

9 **Murder the Stout, Jiggernaut, Jed Marum, Don Gabbert, Red McWilliams, Thorn and Thistle Pipe and Drums** @ Horseshoe (Midland Scottish Irish Faire)
9 **Peach Kelli Pop, Queens** @ Pine Box
9 **Tommy, Jean & Jerry Band** @ Midland Park Mall
9 'Experience Hendrix' with **Jonny Lang, Billy Cox, Rich Robinson, Zakk Wylde, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Eric Johnson, Brad Whitford of Aerosmith, Chris Layton of Stevie Ray Vaughan's Double Trouble, Doyle Bramhill II, Ana Popovic** @ Wagner Noel
10 **Run Forever, Narrowed, Moving Forward, Cursed Graves, Oakwood** @ Pine Box
11 **J.D. Wilkes and The Dirt Daubers** @ Blue Max
11 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
12 **Dead Last** @ Pine Box
12 **2 Chainz, Pusha T** @ La Hacienda
12 **Los Traques** @ Blue Max
12 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
13 **Jason Boland & The Stragglers** @ Rockin Rodeo
13 **John D. Hale Band** @ Basin Burger House
13 **Tommy., Jean, Jerry and Company** @ West Texas Dance Club
14 **Banda Sinaloense MS, Pepe Tovar y Los Chacales, Massore** @ La Hacienda
14 **Tommy, Jean & Jerry Band** @ Midland Senior Center
14 **Bobby Champion** @ Detour
14 **Willie Watson** @ ArtiZen
14 **The Band McGraw** @ Redneck's
14 **Whiskey Skyline, Dolly Shine** @ Lone Star Bar
14 **The Electric Cowboys** @ The Bar
14-15 **Texas Buckin' Heat Band** @ Your Place
15 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
15 **Ringworm, Sabertooth, Hollow Breath, New Spirit** @ Industrial Skate Park
15 **Jim Ed Brown, Helen Cornelius, T.G. Sheppard, Jimmy Fortune, Leroy Van Dyke** @ Wagner Noel
15 **Hundredth, Counterparts, Rescuer, Betrayel Souls, Astreas** @ Pine Box
15 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
15 **Aces Over Eights** @ Redneck's
16 **Alesana, Hearts & Hands, Farewell My Love, Get Scared** @ Club Patron
16 **Lone Star Brass** @ Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall
16 **Bring It On The Musical** @ Wagner Noel
16 **Brent Loveday and the Dirty Dollars, The Vitals, Cruz** @ Blue Max
17 **Cruz, The Vitals** @ Blue Max
17 **Goodtimers** @ Andrews Senior Center
18 **"Bring It On the Musical"** @ Wagner Noel
18 **The Devil Wears Prada, The Ghost Inside, I Killed The Prom Queen, Dangerkids** @ Club Patron
18 **Traveling Broke & Out of Gas** @ Blue Max
18 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Company** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
20 **Curtis Grimes** @ Permian Playhouse
20 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
20 **Whiskey Myers** @ Rockin Rodeo
20 **Hard Fall Hearts** @ Blue Max
20 **Sansletch** @ Cigar Frog's
21 **Stevie Ochos and the Brokedown Low Riders** @ Detour
21 **Shinyribs, Lincoln Durham** @ Yucca Theatre
21 **Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys** @ Lone Star Bar
21 **Wade Bowen** @ Graham Central Station
21 **Whiskey Dick, Walker and the Texas Dangers** @ Blue Max
21-22 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
21 **Thieving Birds** @ Basin Burger House
21-22 **Jerry Johnson** @ Your Place
22 **Desire, Faith** @ MCM Elegante
22 **Phil Walker** @ Redneck's
22 **Danny Cadre** @ Lone Star Bar

LUBBOCK

MARCH

15 **Asking Alexandra, August Burns Red, We Came as Romans, Crown the Empire, Born of Osiris** @ Lone Star Events Center

NEW MEXICO

APRIL

4 **Volbeat, Trivium, Digital Summer** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

MARCH

9 **Stephen Malkmus and The Jicks, Purling Hiss** @ Granada Theater
12 **Miley Cyrus, Icona Pop** @ American Airlines Center
13 **Elton John** @ American Airlines Center
13 **The Fleshtones, Split Squad** @ Double Wide
15 **Ludacris** @ Energy Square Parking Lot
19 **Against Me!, Laura Stevenson, Cheap Girls** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill

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