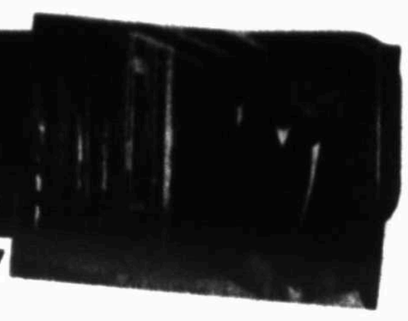
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FIRE & INVESTIGATION



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Fire Department firefighters search for hot spots Saturday afternoon after extinguishing a blaze that destroyed a balcony and caused minor damage to the roof and second floor of a residence located at 417 E. Golf Course Road.

Rescuers save baby from house fire

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Firefighters, family and neighbors were able to save a 1-month-old baby from a house fire Saturday afternoon.

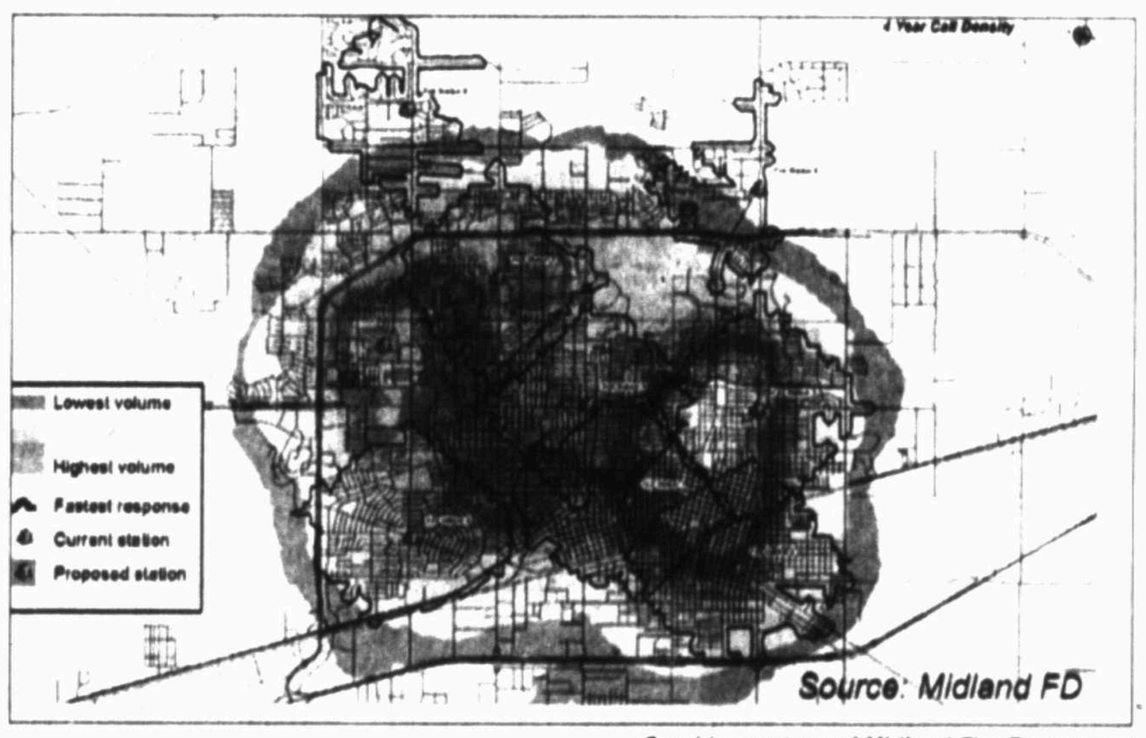
The house on the 400 block of Golf Course Road caught fire shortly after 4 p.m. but less than an hour later, the fire had been extinguished by the Midland Fire Department.

Christina Flores, her daughter and grandchildren were in the house when the fire began but were eventually all able to escape the blaze.

She said she and her daughter didn't realize there was a fire at first because they were on the ground floor, but they smelled smoke. The pair went looking for the fire and eventually spotted the blaze on the second floor balcony.

They tried to extinguish the fire with a garden hose while firefighters were en route. The other child, a 2-year-old, left with the pair but the baby remained in the crib while they tried to put it

Please see **BABY**/4A



Graphic courtesy of Midland Fire Department

MAPPING IT OUT This is a geo-tagged map of Midland for fire callouts for the last four years. The blue diamonds surrounding the fire stations illustrate the couple mile radius that has less than five minutes response time. The gray areas on the east and west side of town historically have the most call-outs. The gray area on the northwest part of town has no fire station servicing it as of now. The response time and service of the area is less than desired. The tenth fire station is scheduled to be built somewhere in that area.

MFD finishes analysis, preps for new station

■ Fire chief says facility in northwest would decrease the 'domino effect.'

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Midland's fire chief is confident the city will get a tenth fire station sometime within the next two years.

The Midland Fire Department's internal analysis of the previous four years show a vast hotspot without a nearby fire station in the northwest portion of the city. To remedy this, by decreasing response time and increasing coverage, the city is readying itself for a new fire station.

Fire Chief Robert Isbell said he unveiled his findings to the City Council at the April 7 retreat, and all were responsive. He added that the council said the fire station would be a "priority."

If the council were to approve the fire station and establish a method of payment for the costs, Isbell said the department could begin on the Station 10 Project in 2012. There has been no specific location chosen for the station.

When the station is completed, it will house two units — it has not been determined what mixture of ladder trucks, fire engines and ambulances will be housed there — as well as a staff of 24 firefighters. Isbell said it is standard practice to have seven men at a station for

Please see **FIRE STATION**/4A

West Texas losing its people

■ Census shows no one replaces residents who leave the area.

By Jeannie Kever
Houston Chronicle

KERMIT — Jacob Harrison did what he thought kids from rural West Texas are supposed to do. He went away to college and didn't look back. But after working in Central Texas for a while, he called home with a confession.

"There are too many trees," he said. "You can't see the sky."

Harrison, now 26, is back in Winkler County, drawn by a job in the aptly named community of Notrees.

But he is in the minority. The 2010 Census confirmed what anyone passing through the scrublands of West Texas already knew: People are leaving, and no one is taking their place, even with oil at more than $100 a barrel. The people who remain often drive an hour or more to visit a doctor, buy a pair of jeans or see a movie.

So you might wonder why anyone is still there, in this place where natural

Please see **CENSUS**/4A

Midland High hosts prom for Life Skills class

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The girls started getting ready at noon. They slipped into their white and blue and sparkly dresses and had their hair curled. Representatives with Mary Kay cosmetics did their makeup as they sat patiently and waited for the big night.

The boys donned tuxedos they had picked out a few weeks earlier, and the students climbed into the back of a stretch Hummer limo donated by Big John's. The limo driver took them around the corner out onto "A" Street and parked along Illinois Avenue in front of Midland High School.

Their parents cheered as they climbed out in pairs and walked down the red carpet. Family members gathered around and snapped picture after picture. In their gowns and suits, they felt like rock stars with a slew of paparazzi.

For one night, those students who are a part of the Life Skills program got to feel special in their own right.

Raul Madrid said he was excited his son had the opportunity to participate in the second annual Life Skills student banquet and prom Saturday.

"Being with a disability, they don't feel comfortable going to a regular prom or dances," he said.

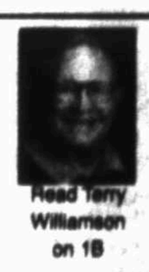
Madrid's son Lorenzo, 16, has autism

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It's happening ... *this week*

Today

■ **Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Horseshoe. Admission: $5 adults, under 12 Free. $1 off active military or NRA w/ID. Info: http://www.silverspur-tradeshows.com.**

■ **University Philharmonic Orchestra's Spring "Scholarship" Concert, 4 p.m., Lee High School Auditorium, 3500 Neely Ave. Admission: Free.**

■ **Holy Week music, 4 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas Ave. Admission: Free.**

Monday-Wednesday

■ **Free immunizations provided by the City of Midland health and Senior Services, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Midland Health and Senior Services, 3303 West Illinois Ave.**

Tuesday

■ **Classic Movie Club presents "A Letter to Three Wives," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's**

Wednesday

■ **Midland Reporter-Telegram's Career Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Horseshoe.**

■ **Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Ambassadors of Laughter, 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library. Admission: Free. Info: Special 30-minute circus story time.**

■ **Lenten Lunch Concert Series, noon-12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Admission: Free. Lunch served before and after for $6.**

Thursday

■ **Sack Lunch Concert, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 6 Desta Drive, ClayDesta Atrium. Admission: Free**

■ **Lunch and Lecture: Jim Collett "Behind the Mask," 11:30 a.m.-noon, Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame,1500 Interstate 20 West. Note: Bring your own brown bag lunch.**

■ **Laura Bush literacy program reading event, 4:30-5:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 West Ohio St. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will be read a selection of books including "The Story of the Easter Bunny". Each child will receive a free copy of the book. Call 685-1112 to reserve a space.**

Saturday

■ **Midland Downtown Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W Texas Ave., under the green.**

Meetings Schedule

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

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

Airport Planning and Development Board
10:30 a.m. Tuesday
Third floor media room, Midland International Airport
9506 LaForce Blvd.

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

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

MISD
5:30 p.m. Tuesday
Carver Center
1300 East Wall St.

Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board
Noon Wednesday
Midland–Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) board room
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

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

A MIDLAND CHRISTIAN MAESTRO



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Matthew Figel performs a solo piece — Sonata No. 5, Opus No. 1 by Beethoven on the piano Wednesday as he and the other members of Midland Christian School perform at the Lenten Lunch Series at First Presbyterian Church.

Today in History

Today is Palm Sunday, April 17, the 107th day of 2011. There are 258 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 17, 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day. More than 1,000 invaders were captured; about 100 invaders and 150 of Castro's defenders were killed.

On this date:

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

In 1991, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 3,000 for the first time, ending the day at 3,004.46.

Midland International Airport numbers for March

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
March 2011: 39,575
March 2010: 35,173
Percent difference: 12.5
Year to date: 224,390 (13.8 percent increase from 2009-10)
March 2009 total: 36,324
March 2008: 42,190
Note: This is the 10th straight increase reported by the city.

Total Passengers
March 2011: 78,355
March 2010: 70,641
Percent difference: 10.9
Year to date: 446,671 (13.6 percent increase from 2009-10)
March 2009 total: 73,206
March 2008: 84,639

Fuel Sales
(in gallons)
March 2011: 529,249
March 2010: 478,321
Percent increase: 10.6
Year to date: 3,078,082 (17 percent increase from 2009-10)
March 2009 total: 436,304
March 2008: 700,013

Parking Revenues
March 2011: $168,140
March 2010: $150,329
Percent difference: 11.8
Year to date: $951,077 (12.7 percent increase from 2009-10)
March 2009 total: $156,044
March 2008: $173,094











Upcoming nonprofit/support group meetings, events

■ Communities In Schools of the Permian Basin's fundraising event, "Celebration Luncheon with Greg Anderson" is 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at The Willows.

Anderson, a Permian High School graduate, is author of "Second Half Comeback."

The annual luncheon helps raise funds to benefit at-risk students.Tickets are $20. For more information, contact Dawn Parnell at 432-332-0757 or dparnell@cispb.org.

■ Family Caregiver Support Workshop Series is planned for 6 p.m. Thursday at Hospice Midland Inspiration Centre.

The fourth workshop offered in the series is "How to Select an In-Home Care Provider."

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 689-4663 or emailing caitlin.chapman@homeinstead.com.

■ The Newcomers Club will host a fashion show, luncheon and silent auction for the benefit of Midland Fair Havens Thursday at the Hilton Midland Plaza.

Auction bidding will start at 10:30 a.m.; lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by the fashion show.

For more information contact Allison Frey at 520-3680.

■ The Midland A&M Club's Aggie Muster is 6 p.m. Thursday at the Horseshoe.

For more information, contact midlandaggiemuster@gmail.com.

■ George W. Bush Childhood Home is hosting its third annual "Petals & Pearls" 11:30 a.m. May 3 at Alldredge Gardens.

Featured speaker at the luncheon is Susan G. Baker, author of "Passing it on, An Autobiography with Spirit," and wife of former Secretary of State James A. Baker III. She is co-leader of Parent Music Resource Center and co-founder of the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

In addition, there will be plant sales featuring geraniums and roses.

For more information, call 685-1112.

■ First Christian Church is sponsoring Easter Egg-Stravaganza 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Hill Park.

There will be refreshments and activities for kids and adults.

T. Boone Pickens to speak at UTPB

ODESSA — Oilman, energy expert and philanthropist T. Boone Pickens is to speak at 7 p.m. April 28 in the gymnasium at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

His visit, which will include discussions with UTPB students, is sponsored by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute as part of its Shepperd Distinguished Lecture Series.

The founder of Mesa Petroleum, Pickens led that company from 1956 until it became one of the country's largest and most well-known independent exploration and production companies. More recently, he founded BP Capital.

Over the past few years, Pickens has been a vocal advocate for reducing the country's dependence on foreign oil.

Admission is free, and no tickets are required. For more information, call 552-2850.

Wildfire relief agencies

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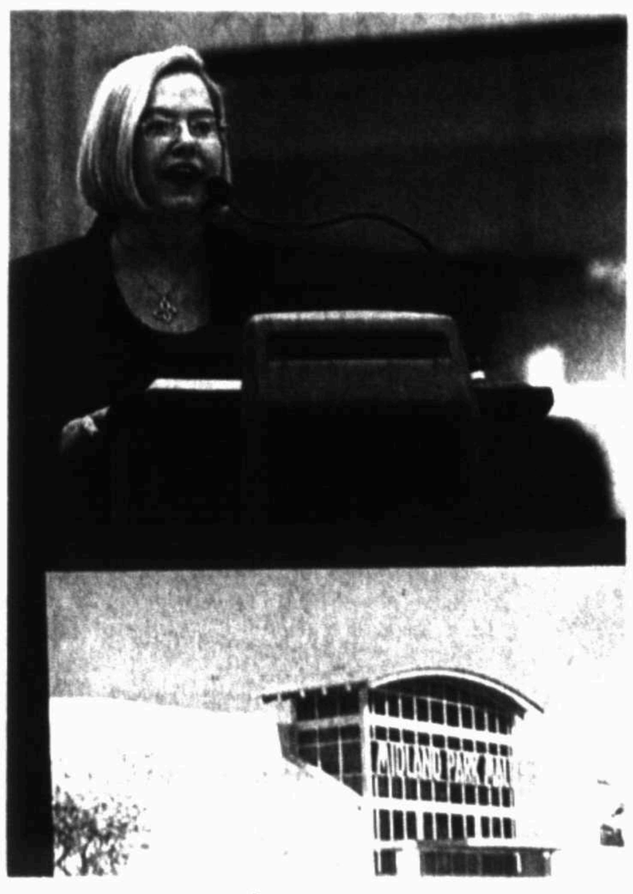
2010 traffic statistics

Total accidents
2010: 2,963
2009: 3,144
2008: 3,331
2007: 3,452

Fatalities
2010: 16
2009: 17
2008: 13
2007: 12

High accident intersections
Briarwood Avenue and Midland Drive: 14
Midkiff Road and Wall Street: 14
Andrews Highway and Midland Drive: 11
Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue: 10
Front Street and Lamesa Road: 9
Andrews Highway and Midkiff Road: 8
Big Spring Street and Florida Avenue: 8
Big Spring Street and Scharbauer Drive: 8
Courtyard Drive and Midkiff Road: 8
Cuthbert Avenue and Midkiff Road: 8
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MAKING CHANGES TO THE MALL

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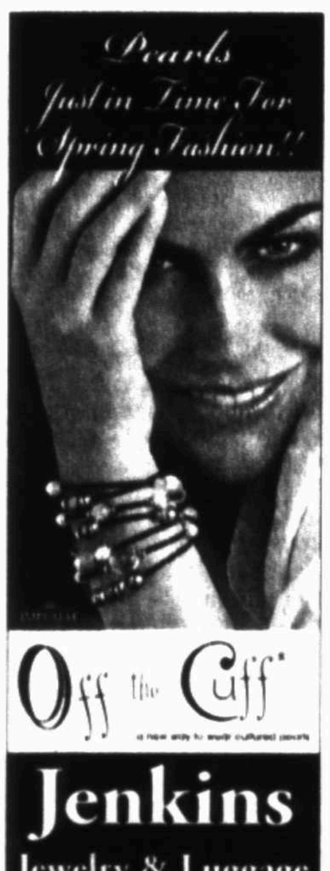
Midland Park Mall General Manager Alice Church speaks Wednesday about the planned renovations to the mall.

What's on the radio

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Today
Kim Komando, 6-8 a.m.
Christian Science Sentinel, 8-8:30 a.m.
Programming, 8:30-11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m.-noon
Kim Komando, noon-3 p.m.
Rush Limbaugh, 3-6 p.m.
Ben Ferguson, 6-9 p.m.
Bill Cunningham, 9-midnight

KWEL (AM 1070)
Today
Lutheran Hour 7:30-8 a.m.
Woman to Woman 8-8:30
Family Gospel Music Hour, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Bapt. Bible Hour, 9:30-10
Programming 10-10:30 a.m.
Kelview Heights Baptist Church, 10:30-11 a.m.
First United Methodist Church, 11 a.m.-noon
"Moments of Inspration" Noon-12:15 p.m.
Wall Builders, 12:30-2 p.m.
Glenn Beck 2-5 p.m.
Talk Radio Network 5-6 p.m.
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CENSUS

From 1A

beauty is defined by dry creek beds and scraggly mesquite, where public transit is a school bus, and Starbucks is a punch line.

"The greatest sunsets. The stars are just right there. You hear the coyotes howling," says Billy Burt Hopper, sheriff of Loving County, home to 82 people and the least-populated county in the United States.

"It's the last frontier."

Texas recorded the largest population growth in the nation over the past decade, adding 4 ¢ million people for a tota of 25.1 million. But 79 of its 254 counties lost people, all but a handful of them west of Interstate 35. Even more would have lost population if not for the decade's phenomenal Latino growth; the number of Anglos declined in 162 Texas counties, including much of West Texas and the Panhandle.

The shift to the state's cities and suburbs has been happening since at least the 1960s, as people died or moved away from the vast emptiness of the west and the endless stretches of the Panhandle.

"Young people want to be where there are more amenities and hustle and bustle," says Bonnie Lent, Winkler County judge for the past 17 years, long enough to see both the economy and the population fluctuate with the fortunes of the surrounding oil and gas fields.

For every Marfa, which capitalized on the legacy of artist Donald Judd to reinvent itself as an arts and tourist town, there are a dozen Kermits, Van Horns and Tahokas, barely hanging on as people choose modern life over wide open spaces.

"You'd be amazed how many men would live out here, but you're not going to get their wives five miles from Walmart," Hopper says.

Loving County, just south of the New Mexico state line, doesn't have a Walmart or much of anything else, although not everyone thinks that's a bad thing.



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WAITING FOR CUSTOMERS Caren Calloway talks to a friend on her cellphone while running the register at the only store in Mentone, which is a small gas station. Calloway, who grew up in Pecos, said she moved to Loving County from Odessa after her divorce. "You can always come back home," Calloway said.

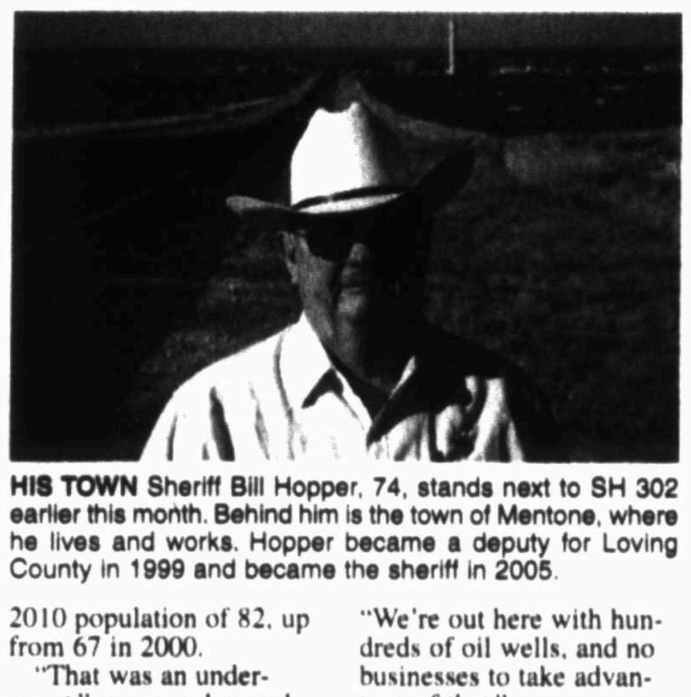
"I'm not a big-city person," says Justin Siebrandt, a sheriff's deputy who moved there three years ago from Bushland, west of Amarillo.

If so, Siebrandt may have found his perfect home in Mentone, which is almost 30 miles from the nearest grocery store and boasts 15 people, the 1935 Loving County Courthouse, the post office and a gas station that also sells beef jerky, sodas and beer.

The cafe closed last year, but at least people no longer have to bring in their own drinking water. The county's first public water supply system was completed in 2007.

With just 30 miles of paved road — that would be State Highway 302 — and another 30 of paved-turning-to-potholes county roads, most people are scattered across ranchland reached only by private roads cutting through its 673 square miles of desert, punctuated by several hundred oil and gas wells.

Loving County is, technically, in the midst of a population boom, with a 2010 population of 82, up from 67 in 2000.



HIS TOWN Sheriff Bill Hopper, 74, stands next to SH 302 earlier this month. Behind him is the town of Mentone, where he lives and works. Hopper became a deputy for Loving County in 1999 and became the sheriff in 2005.

"That was an undercount," says rancher and County Judge Skeet Jones.

He and Hopper later made their own list.

"We know everybody that lives here," Jones said. "We counted 84."

Since then, one person died and another moved away.

Another 200 or more work in Loving County's oil and gas fields every weekday, coming from Pecos, Kermit and Odessa, 75 miles to the east.

"It's a shame," says Hopper, who also serves as tax assessor-collector.

"We're out here with hundreds of oil wells, and no businesses to take advantage of that."

He and his deputies stay busy with oilfield thefts, enforcing speeding laws and the occasional arrest, mainly of people stopped for speeding and found to be wanted in another county.

There's no jail. Loving County has shared jail facilities with Reeves and Ward counties since 1993, when it became too expensive to bring its own jail into compliance with court rulings. Nor is there a department dispatcher; the phone is forwarded to Hopper or the deputy on call.

Many residents like the solitude.

"It's nice and quiet," says County Clerk Liz Jones, whose brother-in-law is the county judge and whose son-in-law is Deputy Seibrandt. Her daughter, Shane Seibrandt, is the justice of the peace.

But Skeet Jones says the lack of people, and the family ties of those who remain, can make it difficult to fill what few jobs the county offers.

Finding an election judge who isn't related to someone on the ballot is especially tricky.

But at least they don't have to find two. Loving County holds only a Democratic primary, even though Hopper says most residents vote Republican in the general election.

Population loss isn't unique to West Texas.

Rice University demographer Steve Murdock says it's happening all across the plains, from the Dakotas to Texas. A few East Texas counties also lost population over the decade.

Blame technology.

Agriculture is more mechanized, so it requires fewer workers, says Eduardo Segarra, chairman of the department of agriculture and applied economics at Texas Tech University.

The number of agriculture jobs actually has increased, as people leave the farm for cities and work in marketing, transportation, product development and other facets of the industry.

That helps to explain why West Texas' cities — Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland, Odessa and El Paso — are growing, even as the rural population has shrunk. But it offers little consolation to counties with few prospects for renewal.

"We'd love to have new industry, but we have to be realistic," says Lent, the Winkler County judge. "We only have 7,000 people in this county. We're not going to have a big GM plant."

Carlos Urias, her counterpart in Culberson County, is even more glum.

"What business wants to come to Culberson County?" he asks.

While some West Texas counties have lucrative oil and gas fields, providing both jobs and tax revenues for local governments and schools, Culberson County does not, helping to explain why its population has dropped below 2,400 people spread across 3,815 square miles of forbidding landscape.

Van Horn, the county seat, has a grocery store — two if you count the dollar store, which sells food among the miscellany on its shelves — a hospital and several truck stops lining Interstate 10. For everything else, people go to El Paso, 120 miles away.

"That's nothing to us," Urias says.

The distances can be daunting to newcomers, however.

The trade-off is a sense of community, with the school as its soul.

"On a Friday night, if there's a game, 60 or 70 percent of the community is there, whether they have a kid playing or not," says Debbie Engle, principal for Van Horn's junior high and high school.

But even the schools are shrinking.

Just 475 students are enrolled in the Culberson County-Allamore school district, almost 200 fewer than seven years ago. Eighty-nine percent are Latino, and 82 percent qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches, an indicator of poverty.

"We're pretty remote," agrees Superintendent Guillermo Mancha Jr., who moved to Culberson County three years ago after serving as principal of a 1,400-student middle school in Fort Bend County. "We lose families every year. We lose kids. And when we lose kids, we lose funding."

PROM

From 1A

and mom Rosemary said he's never been to a prom and is not sure her son knew what to expect.

But he was excited just like all of his fellow students, and Raul Madrid said that because of his son's involvement in the Life Skills program, he's seen the boy blossom and take part in social activities. Being able to take part in a prom in high school is one of those events that makes him feel good as a parent that his son has the opportunity.

There were 20 students suffering from mental and physical disabilities who participated in Saturday's banquet.

It was a dream born into an idea last year when teacher Steve Derst said he started to encourage students to attend the Midland High prom with their other classmates. But none of the Life Skills students wanted to participate.

Their friends weren't there, and they said they would feel too embarrassed, Derst said, so he and other staff helped to organize the program's own banquet and prom.



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PROUD AT PROM Alan Singler, 19, left, escorts Leslie Nelson, 18, down the red carpet Saturday afternoon for the second annual Life Skills Student Banquet at Midland High School.

Dresses were donated by local shops such as Weddings by Design along with donated tuxedos for the boys. Food was supplied, and this year, boutonnières and corsages were given out to the students.

"They feel like everybody else," Derst said.

The girls looked beautiful; the boys handsome, he added. Students from Permian High School in Odessa drove to the Tall City on Saturday to help decorate the school's cafeteria and serve food.

"We love these kids," said Permian High School Senate President Paige Valesquez. "It's really great, and they deserve all this."

As the students made their way into the Midland High building and the auditorium, the parents followed, snapping photos and sat in the auditorium seats as Derst called the students individually onto stage to adorn them with ribbons around their neck.

The class then presented a Powerpoint presentation chronicling the life of student Anthony Gonzalez, who died March 10, before awarding his mother with an honorary Bulldog Award.

For 16-year-old Daniel Texidor, it was his second year to attend the banquet, and he was excited to hit the dance floor.

His father Tom, who was unable to attend last year because of medical reasons, came with him this year and sat with Daniel and Daniel's mother Mary as the three ate dinner.

"You look good," the father told his son.

"No, you look good," Daniel replied.

Marcy Kirby said she was glad her daughter Kaylee, who has Down's syndrome, was able to attend the prom this year.

"It gives her a chance to do something she otherwise might not get to do and experience it like the other kids," she said.

Her 18-year-old daughter flitted around the dance floor with her friends in a white, sparkly dress she bought in Lubbock.

Leslie Melson, 18, wore a blue dress she picked out because she said she liked the color. She too was excited to dance and grabbed a friend's hand as they made their way to the center of the room.

As the DJ dimmed the lights and turned the music up, Texidor excitedly went out to the dance floor, too.

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FIRE STATION

From 1A

each of the three shifts and to have a one man buffer, in case of holiday or sick time, for each shift.

The added firefighters will help alleviate some of the problems facing the department: An increasing call volume, more people in the county and dangerous wildfire conditions.

There has been a precipitous increase in the annual volume of calls the agency receives — increasing from 7,977 in 2000 to 11,702 in 2010. Since the 1990 census, the county has added about 30,000 more people for a total of 136,872, yet during that same time period, only about 10 new firefighter positions were created. Isbell expects the call volume for 2011 to reach more than 12,000 calls.

The biggest problem facing the department and the city right now is what Isbell called the "domino effect."

Because there is such a large gap in service on the northwest part of town (see graphic on page 1A) when there is a call-out in the area, another station has to respond, decreasing the coverage for its zone. Other departments then have to fill in the vacancies left at the responding units' station, in turn decreasing the service in their own area.

The city experienced just such a problem Saturday when a house caught fire on the 400 block of Golf Course Road. The house is less than 200 feet from a fire station, yet a station that was farther away had to respond because that unit was out responding to another incidence.

He also said the increased number of firefighters would help during severe crises, like the city experienced April 9 when more than 17,000 acres caught fire in the southern portion of the county. During the fire, MFD had to bring in off-duty firefighters to man reserve vehicles in the city while the main units worked to contain the multiple fires spreading through the county.

"Just because we are dealing with a massive fire doesn't mean other things like heart complications, assaults, diabetes complications and house fires don't happen," Isbell said. "We had a skeleton crew handling the rest of the city during the (April 9) fires."

The four-year analysis will be the first of many, Isbell said, but analyses will be more frequent. MFD is in the midst of constructing a command center that senior members of the force will meet at every two to three months for a strategic planning meeting.

While there has been little discussion over funding the new station, both Mayor Wes Perry and City Councilman John James previously told the Reporter-Telegram that they support the addition of a new fire station. Both also have called the addition a "needed investment" for Midland.

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BABY

From 1A

out, what at the time, was a relatively small fire on the exterior of the home.

The blaze eventually became too much for the garden hose. Neighbors and firefighters asked Flores and her daughter if everyone was out of the house, and in their panic, Flores said they realized the 1-month-old was still inside the house on the first floor in the crib.

The baby was rescued without any injuries.

By the time MFD arrived, the deck was almost completely ablaze, MFD Captain Karl Staggs said.

Witnesses said the flames eventually grew taller than the nearby trees.

The firefighters were able to prevent the fire from spreading too far into the house but were unable to stop the fire from spreading into the attic, Staggs said.

He said there was light smoke and fire damage in the roof, but most of the damage was to the two-story deck.

The cause of the fire was not clear, as of press time Saturday evening, and it remained under investigation.

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COUNTING DOWN TO TAX DAY

By L.M. Sixel
Houston Chronicle

All you early birds — the folks who celebrate New Year's Day by starting your income taxes — don't have to pay attention. But the rest of us can breathe a deep sigh because we have three extra days to file.

April 15 is normally the day for the midnight tax dash. But because of the observance of Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia, the dreaded deadline to file federal income taxes this year is Monday.

That gives you the weekend to finish your return, and to look for ways to save a few bucks. Tax experts interviewed by the Chronicle offered some one-time savings and other deductions you may have missed. And there's always the option of a last-minute IRA contribution that might reduce your tax liability. And if you can't deduct it? Well, putting aside that money today will still make your retirement years more financially comfortable.

What you might not know

If you itemize deductions, don't forget to include the cost of vehicle license tags, said Edward Gardner, a certified public accountant in Houston. They're considered personal property taxes.

If you built a new home last year, ask your builder for a letter detailing the cost of materials, which taxpayers who itemize can deduct. That was one of several last-minute changes the Internal Revenue Service made late in 2010, Gardner said. Another allows deductions for sales taxes on motor vehicle purchases.

If you spent more than 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income on medical expenses, remember to deduct a couple of commonly overlooked expenses — 16.5 cents a mile for the cost of driving to medical appointments and parking charges during appointments, Gardner said.

If you are supporting your parents or adult children by footing the tab for more than half of their food, shelter, health care and other expenses, you may be able to claim them as dependents and receive the $3,650 qualifying relative exemption.

Some taxpayers can receive a $2,500 tax credit for the first four years of college tuition, books and supplies for each eligible student under the American opportunity tax credit, which was expanded for 2010. The credit is phased out for higher income taxpayers.

If your tax bill is lower than the amount you would generally receive as a tax credit, you can actually get a check from the IRS up to $1,000, Gardner said.

Make sure you calculate your sales tax deduction correctly, said Marian Clarke, office manager with the tax advisory firm H&R Block in Sugar Land.

Many times taxpayers just claim the state sales tax of 6.25 percent — which is calculated based on family income and the number of exemptions, she said. Many area taxpayers also can deduct additional city and Metropolitan Transit Authority sales tax totaling 2 percent.

If you moved more than 50 miles during 2010, you may be able to deduct moving expenses.

You may be eligible for a tax credit up to $1,500 if you made certain energy efficiency upgrades including installation of new windows, roofing and insulation.

If you got lucky in a trip across the Sabine River, you have to report those Louisiana gambling winnings as income on your federal tax return, using the W-2G form you received along with the payout. But the tax cards aren't all stacked against you, said Cheryl Noland, co-owner of C &G Tax Service in Cypress. Louisiana withholds state income tax when the gambling winnings are paid, but Texas residents can file a Louisiana income tax return and usually get back most or all of the state tax, she said.

It can be a jackpot, Noland said, using an example of someone who won $2,000 receiving a refund of about $200 in Louisiana income tax. You're still subject to federal taxes on the winnings, though.

If you were out of work for all or part of last year, unemployment benefits you received are subject to taxes, according to H&R Block. In 2009, the first $2,400 in benefits were tax-free.

Overall good practices

Don't rush through your taxes — especially since you have some extra time. Pull out last year's tax return and use it as a guide, Gardner recommended. It can help remind you of deductions, credits and income that also might affect your 2010 return.

Use a calculator, and check your math the following day (unless that's after the filing deadline).

If you use tax software, make sure it's updated to reflect all the major tax changes that were made in December, Gardner said. Software bought in November during after-Thanksgiving sales may not include last-minute changes to the tax code.

Learn from the experience of figuring out your taxes this year so you can prepare better for the next time around, says Richard Fine, a tax lawyer with the website JustAnswer.com in Houston.

It takes planning to use all the available deductions, tax credits and other ways to cut your liability, he said, and trying to make changes today to last year's expenses is "like trying to put toothpaste back into the tube."

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Moms killing kids not nearly as rare as once thought

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

NEW YORK — "How could she?"

It's the headline du jour whenever a horrific case emerges of a mother killing her kids, as Lashanda Armstrong did when she piled her children into her minivan and drove straight into the frigid Hudson River.

Our shock at such stories is, of course, understandable: They seem to go against everything we intuitively feel about the mother-child bond.

But mothers kill their children in this country much more often than most people would realize by simply reading the headlines; by conservative estimates it happens every few days, at least 100 times a year. Experts said more mothers than fathers kill their children under 5 years of age. And some say our reluctance as a society to believe mothers would be capable of killing their offspring is hindering our ability to recognize warning signs, intervene and prevent more tragedies.

And so the problem remains.

"We've learned how to reduce auto fatalities among kids, through seatbelt use. We've learned how to stop kids from strangling on the strings of their hoodies. But with this phenomenon, we struggle," said Jill Korbin, an anthropologist at Case Western Reserve University who has studied mothers who kill children. "The solution is not so readily apparent."

How common is filicide, or killing one's child, among mothers? Finding accurate records is nearly impossible, experts say. One problem is classification. The legal disposition of these cases varies enormously. Also, many cases doubtless go unreported or undetected, such as very young mothers who kill their newborns by smothering them or drowning them in a toilet after hiding the entire pregnancy.

"I'd say a mother kills a child in this country once every three days, and that's a low estimate," said Cheryl Meyer, co-author of "Mothers Who Kill Their Children."

Several databases track such killings but do not separate mothers from fathers or stepfathers. At the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System reported an estimated 1,740 child fatalities — meaning when a child dies from an injury caused by abuse or neglect — in 2008.

And according to numbers compiled from 16 states by the National Violent Death Reporting System at the CDC Injury Center, 130 children were killed in those states by a parent in 2008, the last year for which numbers were available.

"The horrific stories make the headlines, so we believe it hardly ever happens," said Meyer, a professor of psychology at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. "But it's not a rare thing."

Meyer and co-author Michelle Oberman interviewed women at the Ohio Reformatory for Women. They found that of 1,800 women at the prison, 80 were there for killing their children.

It's also a phenomenon that defies neat patterns: It cuts across boundaries of class, race and socio-economic status. Oberman and Meyer came up with five categories: filicide related to an ignored pregnancy; abuse-related; neglect-related; assisted or coerced filicide (such as when a partner forces the killing); and purposeful filicide with the mother acting alone.

Different as these cases are, though, there are some factors that link the poor teen mother who kills her baby in a bathroom with an older, wealthier mother, and one of them, experts said, is isolation.

"These women almost always feel alone, with a total lack of emotional support," said Lita Linzer Schwartz, a professor emeritus of psychology and women's studies at Penn State, and co-author of "Endangered Children."

Schwartz said women often are not checked for mental illness after their crimes, and that is unfortunate.

"Women need better treatment not only before, but after," she said. "They get tormented in prison, when often what they need is psychological care."

The issue of mental illness is a tricky one. Some women are obviously seriously ill — for example, Andrea Yates, who drowned her five children, one by one, in the bath in 2001, believed she was saving them from the devil. After first being convicted of capital murder, she was found innocent by reason of insanity and remains in a mental institution.

But Oberman, a law professor at Santa Clara University, said cases are not always so obvious — sometimes depression is enough to send a woman over the edge. "Almost all these women are not in their right minds (when they commit these acts)," she said. "The debate is whether they're sick enough to be called insane."

Besides isolation, another frequent similarity in the cases is a split with the father of the children. "So often there is an impending death or divorce or breakup," Meyer said.

In the case of Armstrong, the 25-year-old mother had apparently argued with the father of three of her young children — about his cheating, according to the woman's surviving son — just before driving into the river on Tuesday in Newburgh, N.Y. (Her 10-year-old son climbed out a window and survived. Three children, ages 11 months to 5 years, died.)

This was one of those cases where the mother was committing suicide and decided to take the kids with her. To rational observers, there is nothing more perverse. But in the logic of many these mothers, experts said, they are protecting their children by taking them along. Armstrong's surviving son told a woman who helped him that his mother told the kids: "If I'm going to die, you're all going to die with me."

Experts have heard that many times before.

"We see cases where the mother thinks the child would be better off in heaven than on this miserable earth," for example with an abusive father, said Schwartz. "They think it's a good deed, a blessing."

A good deed — performed by a good mother. "It's how the sick mother sees herself being a good mother," said Oberman. "Once she decides she can't bear the pain anymore, she thinks, 'what would a good mother do?'"

Korbin, said in prison interviews she conducted, some women who had killed their children were still certain they were good mothers. And it's that very ideal of being a "good mother" that is holding society back from taking preventive action or intervening in a potentially abusive situation before it's too late, Korbin said.

"Often the people around these women will minimize a troubling instance that they see, saying, 'Well, she's a good mother.' We err on the side of being supportive of women as being good mothers, where we should be taking seriously any instance where a mother or father seems to be having trouble parenting. Any instance of child maltreatment is serious."

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Al-Qaida in Yemen adapts to evade US

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On Christmas Eve in 2009, intelligence officials anxiously monitored dozens of al-Qaida members as they gathered for a meeting in southern Yemen. The U.S. and Yemen had stepped up airstrikes and raids the week before, and al-Qaida was regrouping under one roof to figure out how to retaliate.

With the right timing and a little luck, the U.S. could kill the group's leadership in a single blow.

The predawn missile strike killed scores of suspected terrorists but missed Naser Al-Wahishi, the country's top al-Qaida leader, as well as his deputy, Saeed Al-Shihri, and the radical U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki.

It was a close call, and its significance wasn't lost on the terrorists.

Their emails had been compromised. Their cell phone conversations no longer were secure. This hadn't been a chief concern for the al-Qaida affiliate operating in a Third World country with scattershot intelligence capabilities.

Suddenly al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula was up against the National Security Agency and the Predator drones that can hover out of sight and intercept phone calls.

So it adapted.

It went underground, enduring a monthslong U.S.-led bombing campaign. It emerged as a more disciplined and professional organization. It ditched cell phones in favor of walkie-talkies and coded names. Information was passed through intermediaries. If someone needed to send an email, it was shielded by highly sophisticated encryption software.

Those changes left al-Qaida in good position to thrive amid government upheaval in Yemen. The country's president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, is an important U.S. ally but faces violent protests demanding his removal. The conflict has put CIA and military counterterrorism operations on ice, officials said, leading to fears the increasingly sophisticated terrorist group will grow even stronger.

Current and former U.S. officials described al-Qaida's response to U.S. strikes on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss operational activities. The Associated Press is withholding some details about the cat-and-mouse game between al-Qaida and the CIA because it could jeopardize operations.

The group's ability to pivot quickly and seize the moment is not unprecedented. The Yemen offshoot of al-Qaida has shown itself repeatedly to be a nimble adversary, capable of staying one step ahead of well-funded U.S. intelligence agencies. Dating to the attack that nearly sunk the USS Cole in 2000 in Yemen's Aden harbor, the group has shown that its operational capabilities are not static, its thinking not stale.

"Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula has ironically proven to be better than either Yemen or the U.S. as a learning organization," said Edmund J. Hull, author of the forthcoming book, "High-Value Target: Countering al Qaeda in Yemen." Hull, the U.S. ambassador to Yemen from 2001 to 2004, said the group "has consistently learned from its mistakes and adapted."

Since merging with al-Qaida's Saudi Arabian affiliate in 2009, the organization has used al-Awlaki and fellow U.S. citizen Samir Khan to deliver inspirational messages and attract Western jihadists. The group has demonstrated it can get explosives aboard cargo and commercial planes despite tight security. Such flexibility allows it to strike at its choosing and move outside the al-Qaida bureaucracy controlled by Osama bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri.

After the airstrikes in 2009 and early 2010, al-Qaida, which was dispersed among a few cells, stopped using cell phones and began relying on hand-held walkie-talkies.

When an unmanned aerial vehicle picks up a cell phone call, it can identify the location of the participants and use the phone numbers to make a pretty good guess about who's on the call. Conversations on hand-held radios are more difficult to unravel. Further complicating things, the terrorists began identifying themselves using numbers, not names.

Frustrating U.S. intelligence, al-Qaida operatives in Yemen began employing couriers to pass messages by hand, or to duck into an Internet cafi to send emails. Those emails were encrypted using custom software written in the Gulf region by "cyber-jihadists" or "virtual al-Qaida." The software is similar to, but more sophisticated than, off-the-shelf program used by Faisal Shahzad to disguise his emails in preparation for an attempted bombing in New York's Times Square last May, current and former officials said.

The political turmoil in Yemen has created uncertainty among counterterrorism officials in Washington. Before the protests, when it looked like Saleh would continue his decades-long presidency, the U.S. was planning to expand operations there. The CIA had bolstered its station and there were discussions about broadening airstrikes and working more closely with Yemeni counterterrorism officials on ground operations.

All that has come to a halt.

If the Yemeni government collapses, the concern is how al-Qaida, with its track record of adapting to new adversity, will adapt to new freedom.

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Another air controller naps; new schedules coming

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration changed air traffic control work schedules Saturday, acknowledging it has a widespread problem with fatigue after another controller fell asleep on duty — this time in Miami.

"We are taking important steps today that will make a real difference in fighting air traffic controller fatigue. But we know we will need to do more. This is just the beginning," FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said in a statement.

On Monday, Babbitt and Paul Rinaldi, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, will begin visiting air traffic control facilities to hear what controllers have to say and to remind them that sleeping on the job won't be tolerated. Their first stop is Atlanta, home of the world's busiest airport.

The latest sleeping incident — the fifth to be disclosed by FAA since late March — occurred just before 5 a.m. Saturday morning at a busy regional radar facility that handles high altitude air traffic for much of Florida, portions of the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

According to a preliminary review of air traffic tapes, the controller did not miss any calls from aircraft and there was no effect on flight operations, the FAA said. The controller, who was working an overnight shift, has been suspended.

Before the start of the shift, all controllers were given a briefing on professionalism and the importance of reporting to work fit for duty, FAA said. The incident was reported to a manager by another controller, the agency said. There were 12 controllers on duty and two managers, it said.

Rinaldi said the Miami incident was particularly disturbing because there was ample staff on duty at the time.

"It is never acceptable when we don't provide the level of service expected and required of us on every shift," he said. "We take our responsibilities very seriously and believe fatigue is a significant factor in these instances."

Regional radar centers are usually large rooms, but each controller has a cubicle. Because of the layout, a controller can accidently doze off without being noticed.

It has been known for decades that fatigue is rampant among controllers. FAA rules forbid any sleeping on the job, even during breaks. Employees who violate those rules can be fired. But present and former controllers told the Associated Press that unsanctioned napping at night is an open secret within the agency.

At a radar facility, one controller may nap while the other handles two radar positions. At an airport tower, one may handle takeoffs and landings while the other sleeps. Then, they would swap.

Many supervisors look the other way when controllers trade turns working their assignments to nap because they know how tiring controllers' schedules are, said retired controller Rick Perl of Oxnard, Calif.

"It has always been a problem," said Perl, who at one time was an instructor at FAA's academy for new controllers in Oklahoma City. "There is no way you can get off at 2 p.m. in the afternoon and be back at 10 p.m. at night and get decent sleep."

Most tiring are the midnight shifts, which usually begin about 10 p.m. and end about 6 a.m. Staying awake during those hours disrupts the body's natural sleep rhythms, sleep scientists say.

A new fatigue study by FAA and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, which has not yet been released, found that one of the most tiring schedules worked by controllers is a week of midnight shifts, followed by a week of early morning shifts and then a week of swing shifts that start in the afternoon and wind up at night. The schedule doesn't give controllers time to adjust to any one set of waking and sleeping hours.

Another schedule compresses five eight-hour work days into as few days as possible, concluding with a day shift that ends about 2 p.m. and a midnight shift that begins about 10 p.m.

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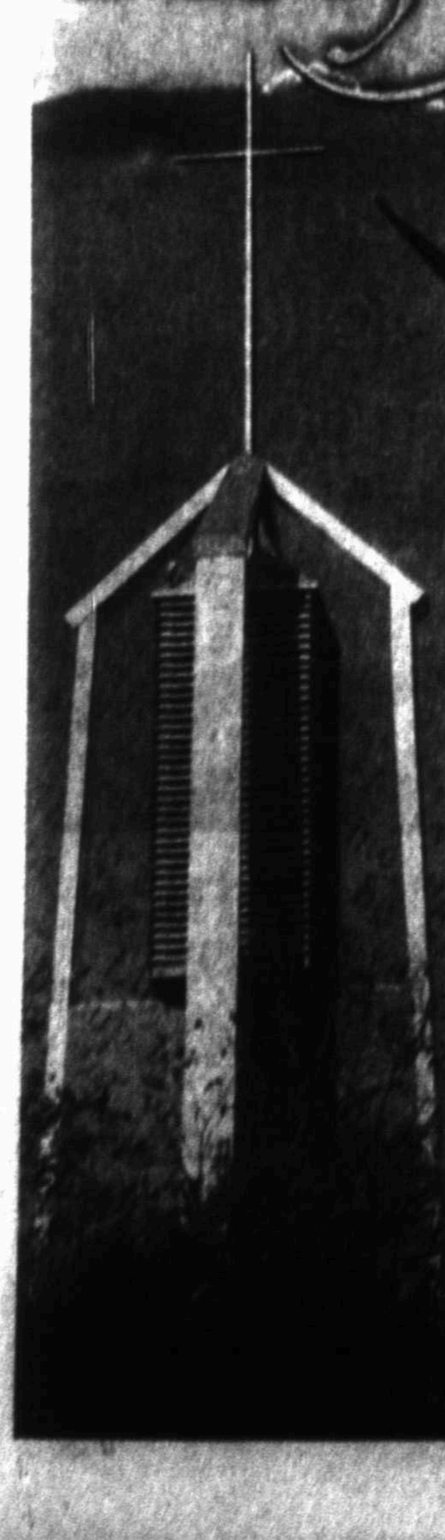
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WISCONSIN

Palin: Governor doing right thing with unions

MADISON — Sarah Palin told a rally Saturday that Wisconsin's governor is doing the right thing by demanding more concessions from public employees' unions.

Braving snow showers and a frigid wind outside the state Capitol building, the former Alaska governor and Republican vice presidential candidate told tea partyers she's glad to stand with Republican Gov. Scott Walker.

Hundreds of labor supporters surrounded the rally, trying to drown Palin out with chants of "Hey-hey, ho-ho, Scott Walker has got to go!" and "Recall Walker!"

Walker, a Republican, signed a bill into law last month that calls for almost all public workers to contribute more to their pensions and health care coverage, changes that amount to an average 8 percent pay cut. The plan also strips them of their right to collectively bargain on anything except wages.

OHIO

Man tells 911 dispatcher he killed wife, 3 kids

OAK HARBOR — A part-time farmer told a 911 dispatcher that he killed his wife and three young children and was "getting ready to kill myself" inside their farmhouse on land tended by his family for at least four generations.

Deputies in northern Ohio said the bodies of Alan Atwater and the rest of the family were found together with gunshot wounds in an upstairs bedroom. The youngest, 1-year-old Brady, was in a bed. The other children, Ashley, 4, and Isaac, 2, were found on the floor near their mother, Dawn, 30.

The only hint of trouble came recently when Atwater confided in Joan Atwater's husband that he and his wife of five years were having marital problems.

OHIO

Stinky 8-foot 'corpse flower' set to bloom

COLUMBUS — Spring is in the air, and that means an unpleasant smell for one greenhouse at Ohio State University.

An 8-foot-tall rain forest plant that's known as a "corpse flower" because it smells like rotting flesh is getting ready to bloom.

The Columbus Dispatch reports greenhouse coordinator Joan Leonard has been growing the flowers since 2001, and this would be the first of five to bloom.

Leonard says smelling the Amorphophallus titanium for the first time will be the culmination of a decade of work. But it will be a quick experience because the flower withers after a day or two.

She expects the bloom to open in May, revealing its umbrella-sized "petals." When that happens, the university will have visiting hours to give people a peek at the rare plant.

NEW ORLEANS

Actor Nicolas Cage arrested

Actor Nicolas Cage was arrested after he got drunk in the city's French Quarter and argued in the street with his wife over whether a house they were in front of was theirs, police said Saturday.

The couple was in front of a home that Cage insisted they were renting, police said. When she said it wasn't theirs, Cage grabbed her arm, according to a police news release.

Cage started hitting vehicles and tried to get into a taxi, police said. An officer saw that Cage was drunk and told him to get out of the cab. Cage then started yelling at the officer.

The actor has been booked on charges of domestic abuse battery, disturbing the peace and public drunkenness. He was released on $11,000 bond Saturday.

Representatives for Cage could not immediately be reached Saturday.

Cage has been a frequent visitor to New Orleans, where he has owned property and shot movies. He has also had financial troubles, despite being one of the highest-paid stars in Hollywood.

He had been behind on taxes and has said he's had to sell numerous assets because of his finances. He sued his former business manager in October 2009 for $20 million, claiming the man's advice led him to financial ruin.

Cage won an Academy Award for his performance in 1995's "Leaving Las Vegas."

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Obama, Ryan must push partisanship aside

■ Neither man is right on all the issues, but are their differences too great for an acceptable package?



DAVID BROOKS
N.Y. Times News Service

President Barack Obama and Paul Ryan are two of the smartest, most admirable and most genial men in Washington. It is sad, although not strange, that in today's Washington they never have had a serious private conversation. The president has never even invited Ryan over for lunch.

As a result, both men are misinformed about the other, and both have developed a cold contempt for the other's position. Obama believes Ryan wants to take America back to what he sees as the savage capitalism of the 1920s (or even the 1760s). Ryan believes Obama wants to turn America into a declining European welfare state.

If they met, would they resolve their differences? No, but they would understand them better. Paul Ryan believes five things Barack Obama does not. First, he believes that aging populations, expensive new health care technologies and the extravagant political promises have made the current welfare state model unsustainable. Fundamental reform is necessary or the whole thing will collapse, here and in Europe.

Second, he believes seniors and the middle class cannot be excused from the benefit cuts that will have to be imposed to rebalance these systems. Third, he believes health care costs will not be brought under control until consumers take responsibility for their decisions and providers have market-based incentives to reduce prices.

Fourth, he believes tax increases should not be part of these reforms because the economic costs outweigh the gains. Fifth, he does not believe government can nurture growth and reduce wage stagnation with targeted investments.

Obama, meanwhile, does not believe the current welfare arrangements are structurally unsustainable. They have to be adjusted, but not fundamentally altered. He does not believe the seniors and members of the middle class have to suffer significantly in the course of these adjustments. The approach he outlined Wednesday mostly shields these groups from cuts, even if Congress can't reach a deal on deficit-cutting and a fiscal trigger kicks in.

Obama does not believe in relying on market mechanisms to reduce health care costs. Instead, he would rely mostly on a board of technical experts, who would be given power to force their recommendations upon Congress.

Obama believes that tax increases on the rich have to be part of a fiscal package. His approach claims to contain $3 in cuts for every $1 in taxes, but if you count these things the way a normal person would, it's closer to one to one. Finally, Obama believes that government investments in research and infrastructure nurture broad-based prosperity.

Personally, I agree with Ryan on items one through three and with Obama on items four and five, and I think an acceptable package could be put together to reconcile these views. But I do not believe there is any chance this will happen in the current climate. What's going to happen is this: We're going to raise the debt ceiling in a way that fudges the issues. Then we're going to have an election featuring these rival viewpoints, and Obama will win easily.

It doesn't take a genius to see that Obama is very likely to be re-elected. Every few years, Republicans try to reform the welfare delivery systems to make them more market-like. Every few years, voters, even Republican voters, reject this. The situation today is slightly less hostile to these ideas, but not much.

The president, meanwhile, hit the political sweet spot with his speech this week. He made a sincere call to reduce debt, which will please independents, but he did not specify any tough choices. He called for defense cuts and asked the Pentagon to find some. He called for a reduction in tax credits but didn't point to any that should actually go. He called for reductions in Medicare costs and asked his board of technocrats to come up with some.

These are exactly the sort of vague but well-intentioned policies that have sold well in election after election. The president is not being cynical about this. He genuinely does believe that seniors and the middle class can be spared from any shared sacrifice. He really does believe in calling together teams of experts to devise proper solutions. Obama's sincere preferences happen to be more popular.

Hopes of any Gang of 6-style bipartisan compromise are being washed away by the partisan fury. After the next election, though, interest costs on the national debt are likely to rise ruinously, global markets might lose confidence in America's debt, with catastrophic consequences.

The coming age of permanent austerity will be terrible for those conventional Democrats and Republicans who propose policies that could pass only if the other party ceased to exist. But it will be a moment of opportunity for us Hamiltonians, who believe, with Ryan, in market mechanisms to allocate resources and control costs and also, with Obama, in government's ability to selectively nurture prosperity.

OUR VIEW

Our youth has more to worry about than just teen pregnancy

It appears our youth may need an education in behavioral transgressions that goes beyond sexual activity.

We've recently had new studies come to light that have us more than a little concerned. Like most adults in Midland with teens, we were shocked to see the dramatic rise in teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases among students in our city. Now, Midland counselors are telling us there is also a dramatic rise in the use of alcohol, marijuana and club drugs by teens in our city.

About 24 percent of Midland youth surveyed last year admitted to having used marijuana in the past 30 days; 8 percent also said they had used a "club drug," such as Ecstasy. Alcohol use also is said to be on the rise again after a brief decline both nationally and locally.

Marijuana use is now seeing a rapid rate of growth locally. Many think mixed messages are being sent to our children on the use of marijuana. They hear a number of political discussions about legalizing the drug and that there's nothing wrong with using marijuana.

That's not a message we want our youth to hear in Midland. If our community is going to vigorously attack the problem of teen pregnancies, it also should educate our children on the dangers of using illegal substances.

If we don't tackle this problem as well as the pregnancy issue, it could affect the bottom line on dropout rates while producing an increase in the number of individuals in the criminal justice system. Let's face it; the problem of teen pregnancies also is affected by the alarming rise of alcohol and drug use.

We need to be a community that stands firm against these problems and temptations that can snare the very lives of our teens. As a community, we should point to a positive path for our youth.

This will take a concentrated effort from non-profit organizations, the school district, law enforcement, the judicial system, local government and parents. We have to be a united community that stands firm on the side of the law. And the law says teens should not have access to alcohol or street drugs.

While teen pregnancies should be targeted, this city is facing a growing crisis with our youth that suggests it's time for a program that encompasses much more than just teen pregnancy.



GUEST EDITORIAL
El Paso Times

Texting while driving bill should have included reading texts

It's too bad reading texts while driving was deemed OK by lawmakers.

Well, it's better than nothing. The Texas House passed a bill that would make texting while driving a crime. Most of texting, that is.

A last-minute change revised the bill to allow the reading of text messages while driving. Texas Rep. Tom Craddick, who sponsored the bill, opposed the change but bowed to the alteration so the bulk of the bill would pass. "I think the main problem is the people with their hands off the wheel."

It's not the problem, it's part of the problem. When a driver takes his or her eyes off the road to read a text message, that's distracted driving and increases the chances of being involved in an accident.

El Paso is ahead of the curve when it comes to the use of cell phones while driving. A ban on people using cellphones while driving began its enforcement phase April 1, 2010 and as of March 11, 2011, 6,435 tickets have been given out.

And El Paso's law includes both texting and reading texts.

Texas already has a couple of laws on the books concerning cellphone use. Cellphones cannot be used in school zones and people under age 18 can't use a phone at all while driving.

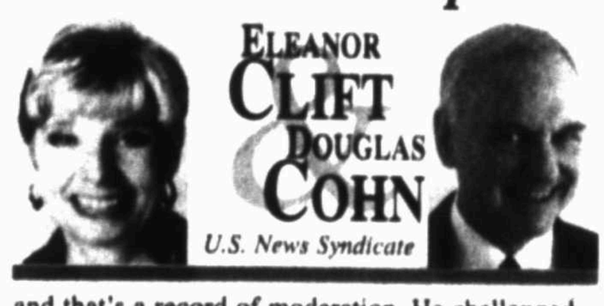
Such laws are necessary. According to an Associated Press story, studies have shown that texting while driving equates to having a 1.6 blood-alcohol level. In Texas, someone with a blood-alcohol content of .08 or more is considered intoxicated.

It's too bad reading texts while driving was deemed OK by lawmakers. Most people who read a text will want to return that text, negating the purpose of the law.

The law will be hard enough to enforce, anyhow, because a police officer will really have to witness the offense to enforce the law. And in El Paso, anyone in traffic can see that, despite a large number of tickets, the city's cellphone law is widely flouted.

Romney shouldn't use McCain's blueprint

■ The former Massachusetts governor will be better off if he runs on his record.



Polls say former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination, but that's a dubious honor in a political climate where conservative voters are suspicious of anybody who's too Establishment. Romney should be a serious contender, but as the pundits pointed out when he announced his intention to explore a presidential run in a web video this week, he is defined more by his flaws than his accomplishments.

Those perceived flaws are the health care plan he signed into law in Massachusetts, his shift on abortion rights from pro-choice to pro-life, and his Mormon religion. Taken together, they add considerable baggage to Romney's presidential bid and distract from the core of his candidacy, his business background and his knowledge of how the economy works.

Romney's claim that if elected president he could create jobs where President Obama has failed is open to question. He mostly made his money downsizing companies and laying off workers, not creating jobs. So what's Romney to do?

First, he should wake up every day and tell himself he is not John McCain. He will never be a tea party favorite, and he shouldn't sell his soul the way McCain did in 2008 to woo the Right. It won't work, it's not authentic, and he'll hate himself in the morning.

Second, he should stop running away from the health care reform that he put in place in Massachusetts. Democrats in the state celebrated the fifth anniversary of the law's enactment this week and honored Romney in absentia. Republicans saw it as a partisan stunt to embarrass Romney, but in truth Democrats are proud of what the bill has accomplished with 98 percent of adults and 99 percent of children covered. Rising premiums are a problem, but Gov. Deval Patrick points out that high medical costs are a problem everywhere; they're not a consequence of universal coverage.

Third, Romney should claim the record that set him apart when he first made his name in politics, and that's a record of moderation. He challenged Ted Kennedy for his Senate seat, and while Romney lost, he ran a competitive race because he was a pro-choice Republican and moderate on social issues. Now he's restyled himself and moved to the Right, but he can't erase his past, and the far Right won't be any more comfortable with him than they were with McCain.

Lastly, Romney's religion shouldn't be an impediment, and maybe it won't be this time, at least not in the primaries. Here's why: There are so many likely contenders from the Christian Right that they will soak up all those votes in Iowa and make Romney's absence, or minimal participation, in the Iowa caucuses irrelevant.

Romney actually could benefit from all the far-Right candidates in the race, Michelle Bachmann, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Mike Huckabee. They will get the evangelical vote in Iowa, where religious conservatives dominate the Republican electorate. The candidate who stands to lose in that field is former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, who is making an early push in Iowa and hoping to make his mark there.

Romney is counting on the New Hampshire primary as his springboard. If he can run and win on his record, he could be a formidable contender against Obama. But if he runs away from his record the way McCain did in 2008, he won't stand a chance.

Presidential elections are not won by ideologues. Romney is a moderate Republican by instinct and style, and he has the record to prove it. In a GOP field full of conservatives, pretending he is one of them won't convince anybody, and will just turn him into another McCain, a loser of more than an election.

DOONESBURY — By Garry Trudeau



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Texas will adopt higher speeds at its own peril

If it becomes law, legislation recently passed by the Texas House of Representatives to raise the speed limit on some Texas highways to 85 miles per hour would send exactly the wrong signal to our motorists. Granted, this increase in the speed limit will apply only to such areas as the El Paso district, where the population density of living things is approximately less than half a prairie dog per 10 square kilometers, but this action will trumpet one more message to all Texas drivers that it is OK to drive even faster. That is a message we cannot afford and something I think is positively nuts.

Over the past several years, I have had to drive more carefully than at any time during my 40-year career as a driver, because most of my fellow drivers read that the Declaration of Independence mentioned something about "pursuit," and they therefore feel it is their right under divine providence to go as fast as they can at all times and at any given moment. I am at the point where I actually say a prayer each time before getting into my car.

Numerous front pages in this very newspaper have told of the massacres on our roads caused by speed (e.g. running stop signs and failing to yield the right of way). So, at this moment in our history, why do some of our state leaders want to turn us into the American autobahn? State Rep. Lois Kolkhorst of Brenham, who reportedly introduced the 85 miles-per-hour legislation, was quoted as saying, "They have high-speed roadways in Europe, and there could be some merit in having some of those highways in Texas." Have I been living in the same state as she does, where people often say they want to avoid European-style government? Since when do Texans reach out to emulate Europe? I guess we do so at our convenience, but I also think in this case we would do so at our peril.

Paul Trusten

Planned Parenthood is a good investment for Texas

There are many religions in this country. Each one has a different belief on when or if abortion is morally justified. The fact is: Family planning saves money. Planned Parenthood does more to prevent abortion and pregnancy than any organization I know of. They provide contraceptives to low-income women, who in America do have a right to determine their own destiny. They screen for cancer, STDs and provide abstinence counseling.

In 2005, Texas lawmakers created the Women's Health Program giving poor women access to birth control. In the new budget, Republicans now have succeeded in cutting the majority of funding from family planning services. According to an HHSC report, the program saved Texas more than $40 million in state funds in 2008 by reducing the number of Medicaid-paid births in the state. Around $20 is saved for every $1 invested. About half of all births in Texas are paid by Medicaid, and 10 percent of those are deliveries to teen mothers, ages 13 to 17, which alone cost the state $41 million in 2008. Seventy percent of pregnancies among unmarried women are unplanned, a statistic that has an economic impact far beyond the cost to the state's health care system.

The state put roughly $2 million into the program in 2008, which the federal government matches. According to HHSC, the investment in the Women's Health Program reduced Medicaid-paid births in 2008 by more than 10,000 for a total savings (federal and state) of more than $92 million. We have a group of politicians and religious people in this country who want to force women to bear children nobody wants or can afford to take care of. These people are the first to scream about raising taxes and supporting welfare programs. The state and federal government is struggling with a budget deficit. Giving low-income women the opportunity to enroll in the Women's Health Program is a no-brainer. It is because of Planned Parenthood that I never had an unplanned pregnancy or an abortion.

Carol Smith
Big Spring

Legalizing marijuana makes sense

In the April 8 edition, an article appeared regarding an increase in cannabis use among teens. The community programs director of Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Brent Blackburn, suggested the increase of cannabis use would continue to rise as the movement toward legalization spread. This kind of reasoning is specious.

The primary reason teenagers have access to cannabis has to do with its illegality. Drug dealers do not care how old the person is, just as long as they have the necessary funds. In addition, the "gateway" argument only exists in prohibition. Drug dealers often do not sell one type of drug; therefore, a person going to purchase cannabis also may be offered cocaine, meth etc. And based on the misinformation they have been given about cannabis, perhaps they will say, "if they lied about cannabis, what else did they lie about?" If cannabis prohibition ended, a person would go into a store, and proof of age would be required. Another reason teens find cannabis use appealing has to do with the perception of doing something "forbidden."

Cannabis has many therapeutic benefits. This is an excerpt from an article by Dr. Andrew Weil, "……laboratory studies have shown that cannabinoids have effects against tumor cells from glioblastoma (a deadly type of brain cancer) as well as those from thyroid cancer, leukemia/lymphoma, and skin, uterus, breast, stomach, colorectal, pancreatic and prostate cancers."

Cannabis prohibition only increases crime rates, causes damage to society and increases drug cartels' profit margins. We incarcerate more people than any other industrialized nation. Prisons have become big business. Minorities are targeted for arrest for cannabis possession disproportionately. We must stop spending resources on law enforcement for a benign and beneficial plant. Please educate yourself, and visit the Marijuana Policy Project's website at www.mpp.org.

Patrick Mendez

MC shouldn't stop vet tech program

The United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics states the following:

"Employment of veterinary technologists and technicians is expected to grow 36 percent over the 2008-18 projection period, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Pet owners are becoming more affluent and more willing to pay for advanced veterinary care because many of them consider their pet to be part of the family. This growing affluence and view of pets will continue to increase the demand for veterinary care. The vast majority of veterinary technicians work at private clinical practices under veterinarians. As the number of veterinarians grows to meet the demand for veterinary care, so will the number of veterinary technicians needed to assist them."

While it's true there are small classes, this growing career field is the wave of the future, and for Midland College to stop the program in my opinion would be a grave mistake. In 1997 there were three graduates, in 2011 there will be 19. It is growing. There is talk of new laws coming in the future. If new laws are enacted that prevent veterinarians from allowing formally uneducated employees to perform tasks in the clinic that registered technicians are trained for, there will be many more people trying to get into a veterinary technology school.

Please support the program and voice your opinion by signing the petition found at: www.change.org then type in Save the Midland College Vet-Tech Program.

Midland College will hold a board meeting Tuesday to decide the fate of the veterinary technology program. If you support it, please let that board know how you feel by either signing the petition or write directly to the board members at 3600 N. Garfield St., Midland, TX 79705 or through the MC website at www.midland.edu or contact President Steve Thomas at president@midland.edu

Jan McArthur, R.V.T

MC board should examine all options before cutting vet tech program

This letter is being written in support of the Midland College Veterinary Technology program. I feel its potential closing would poorly serve the college.

Becoming a veterinary technician is a career choice that is rising in popularity, and the benefits of having a registered veterinary technician on staff are becoming more widely recognized. There are a limited number of schools within Texas that offer veterinary technology programs. In speaking with some of the current Midland College vet tech students, their reasons given for choosing MC are the excellent reputation of the program, the attractive tuition price and the availability of on-campus housing. I have served on the advisory committee to this program for 10-plus years and have found the improvements in the program and the quality of the graduates to be consistent and impressive.

These are difficult times and the Midland College Board has difficult choices to make. I believe the veterinary technology program will continue to grow, increase in excellence and will attract more and more students from out of town and out of state. The students currently enrolled strongly believe in the vet tech program and are fighting passionately for its continued existence. It is my hope the board will consider every possible funding option and carefully weigh the possibilities of making other cuts before making its decision.

Linda Hill

No need for those on death row

Now we are searching the whole world to find a new cocktail additive to use to execute people.

You would think the sedation chemicals now used daily on patients to put them in a la-la land would work well enough that a chain saw could be the instrument of choice. But, no. Everybody has an interpretation of cruel and unusual punishment, even if the crime was hacking to death a hundred people.

OK, my solution is that you let the condemned go free. Give the condemned a new pair of designer jeans and a pair of the best running shoes on earth and send them to the Ivory Coast, Darfur or Somalia. Provide him with six peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the trip. If he will take with him the lawyer who got him 16 stays of execution, double the sandwiches.

Bill Heck

GUEST EDITORIAL
Houston Chronicle

There's cash on hand to create more Tier 1 universities

A couple of years ago, Texas voters approved a plan to create more top-quality public universities in our state — "Tier 1" schools on academic par with the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Rice. Seven up-and-coming schools, including the University of Houston, were encouraged to compete for a large pot of money set aside to help them raise their academic and fiscal performance.

The problem is the Legislature didn't specify how that pot of money would be distributed. We say, do it fast and reward the kind of high performance that Texas so desperately needs.

Tier 1 universities are powerful economic engines, able to lure billions in research grants and spin off start-up tech companies. And they educate the sort of work force employers increasingly demand.

UT-Austin and Texas A&M simply don't have enough space for all the qualified young Texans who hope to attend. And thus, Texas suffers a brain drain: Of the nation's brightest high school students, more than twice as many leave our state to go to college as come here. Since students tend to settle where they graduate, we're reeling from a long-term, serious loss, both in brains and tax dollars.

A 2009 economic analysis showed more Tier 1 universities would provide rocket fuel to the Texas economy. The Perryman Group calculated adding just two more — a number that would bring us up to the nation's per-capita average — would create more than 340,000 jobs by 2035, boosting annual state tax income by more than $4.2 billion a year. (More Tier 1 universities would be even better.)

We need those top-rank schools now, or at least as soon as possible. So we urge legislators to release funds in the manner most likely to supercharge the schools' efforts.

Of the various proposals now floating through the Legislature, the best and most aggressive are the twin bills SB 1365 (by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston) and HB 2115 (by Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, et al).

Essentially, those bills would reward the universities that hit the marks first, then run the hardest. Under the Ellis/Coleman model, 4.5 percent of the fund's total would be divvied among the universities that qualify, based on their restricted research expenditures.

Other models would allocate less money or would divvy equal shares among all those who meet the minimum standards.

Those other models would slow Texas down. The universities most firmly on the path to success — the University of Houston, Texas Tech and UT-Dallas — need that money as soon as possible to build on their momentum.

The positive effects would ripple throughout the state. We don't have time to wait.



School lunch madness another example of where government shouldn't go

■ Government can't legislate good parenting. It doesn't matter what's in the lunch box.



BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

Back in the Stone Age, I brought my noon meal to school in a Davy Crockett lunchbox. It was made of cheap metal, and had I eaten it, the taste would have been similar to the sandwich inside, usually bologna or tuna on soggy bread. My mother also included an apple (usually thrown, not ingested) and some Mallomar cookies: 800 calories each.

According to an article in The Chicago Tribune, my standard lunch would not have been acceptable at the Little Village Academy public school in the Windy City. The principal, Elsa Carmona, is quoted as saying her students can either eat the school cafeteria food or "go hungry." Wow! Tough dietary deal.

Carmona went on to say some parents are morons who allow their children to eat garbage and that is not going to happen on her watch. The Tribune quotes her: "It's about ... the excellent quality food that they are able to serve (in the lunchroom). It's milk versus a Coke."

Many students at the Little Village Academy qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. Those who don't pay $2.25 for a meal. Some parents say that $11.25 for the week is far more than the brown bag lunches cost.

Predictably, Carmona's edict caused an outcry, and now she says she was misquoted by the Tribune. Her lunch opinion is not a mandate, just a suggestion, she insists. But this story is not exactly an analysis of the federal budget. It strains credulity that the Trib got it wrong. What most likely happened is that Carmona took some heat from on high and is backtracking.

About one-third of American kids are now overweight, and poorer children are the most likely to be in that category. So, educators are correct to be concerned about the nutritional welfare of their students. Every school should be encouraging good health, right?

But forcing parents to buy school food is going too far. This is nanny state stuff. I know under President Obama the nation is heading in that direction, but it is now time to pause and smell the meatloaf.

Parents are the primary caregivers when it comes to raising children. The school educates kids, but it has no right to dictate lifestyle choices. If there is a problem that impacts a student's ability to learn or socialize, the school has an obligation to bring the situation to the parents' attention. But telling kids what they can eat at lunchtime usurps parental authority.

It is true some parents usurp their own authority by neglecting their children or acting like nitwits in making decisions for them. But that is the price of a free society. The government cannot legislate good parenting, even though it has spent trillions of dollars trying.

The folks running the Little Village Academy need to wise up about this free society business. In America, we allow freedom of choice. And while kids can't choose their parents and vice-versa, when it comes to choosing the meal plan, parents should rule.



TODAY — Mostly sunny — high 95 — low 58

MONDAY — Mostly sunny — high 95 — low 59

TUESDAY — Sunny — high 84 — low 55

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 95 and southwest winds between 15 and 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 58 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph.

Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 95, a low around 59 and west winds around between 10 and 20 mph.

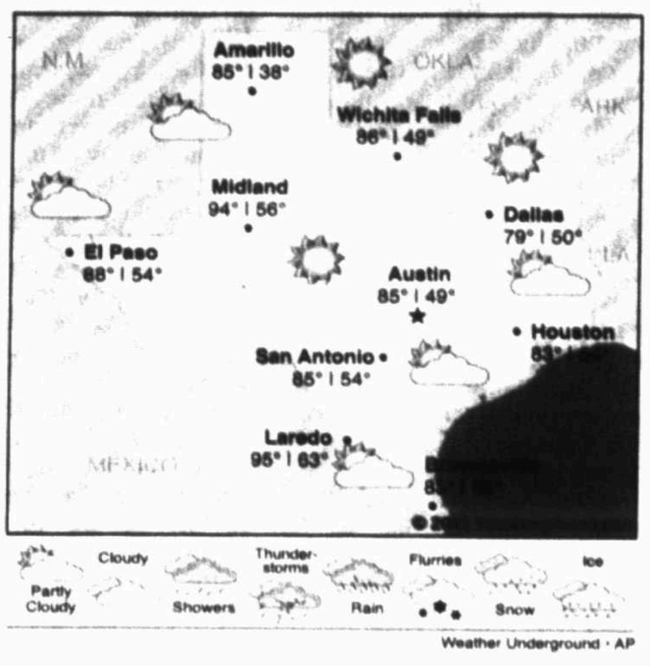
Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 84 and a low around 55.

The high on Saturday reached 81 while the low dropped to 44. The record high for April 16 is 96 set in 1937. The record low is 31 set in 1999.

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A potent storm system will pull away from the Northeast today. Steady rain will gradually taper off in northern New England during the first part of the day. However, scattered showers will linger in New England, New York and northern Pennsylvania for much of the day. Cooler air will sneak into the interior Northeast.

Gusty winds will set up over the Eastern Seaboard in the wake of the storm. Gusts past 40 mph will be possible in parts of the Northeast.



Precipitation

Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.80 in.

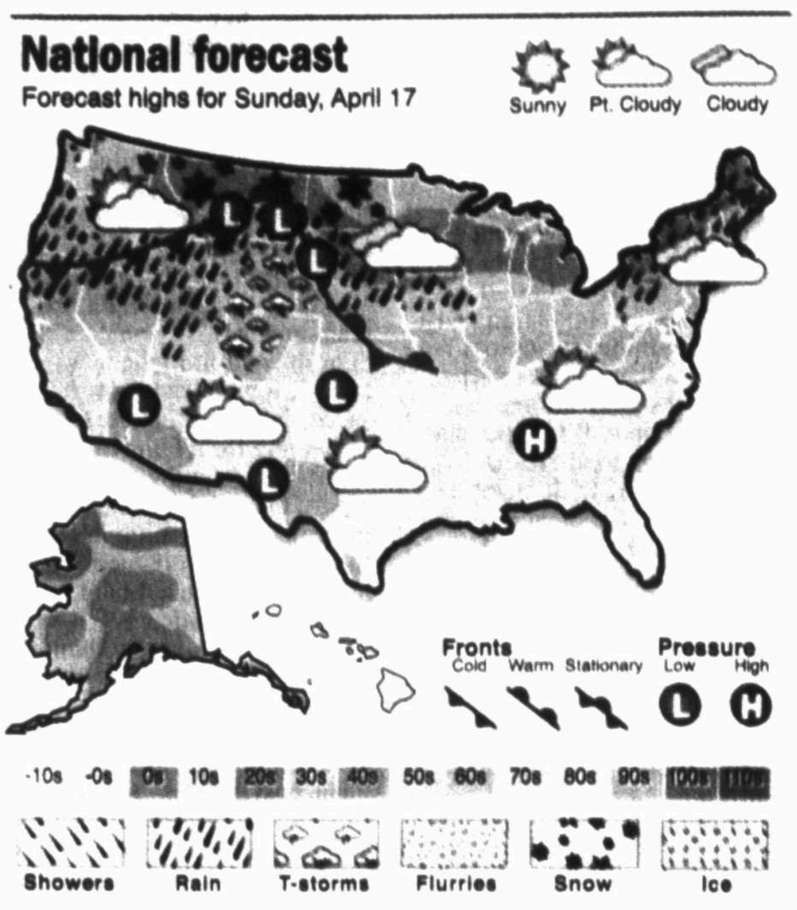
Saturday's temperatures

High	81
Low	44
Normal high	79
Normal low	49

Sunrise ... 7:18 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:19 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, April 17



Spring storms kill 17, destroy family in Alabama

By Phillip Rawls
Associated Press

BOONE'S CHAPEL, Ala. — The home Willard Hollon had shared with his son and granddaughters is gone now, as is the one where his daughter lived, both twisted from their foundations by a tornado and tossed into the woods nearby. The storms that devastated the Deep South destroyed his family, too: Willard, his son Steve and daughter Cheryl all were killed when the winds roared through.

The storms that smacked the Midwest and South with howling winds and pounding rain left 17 people dead in four states. The system plowed through North Carolina on Saturday, stranding hikers in western part of the state with flooding and possible tornado damage was reported in the central part of the state. In the District of Columbia, officials handed out sandbags to residents to protect against rising water.

In Alabama, Steve Hollon recently had retired from the Air Force and moved into his father's home with his wife and two daughters while they remodeled a home of their own up the road — he had come to this small community about 25 miles from Montgomery to be closer to his dad.

Henley Hollon lived across the street from his brother Willard and had come outside after the storm passed to make sure everyone was all right. The winds whirled, the lights went out and it all lasted less than a minute, he said. All he saw were a set of wooden steps and flowerbeds, the blooms still on the plants as though nothing happened. An American flag once displayed outside Cheryl's home had been draped over a tree branch about 100 feet away.

"When I shined the light out there, I could see it was all gone," Willard Hollon said.

A weather service meteorologist estimated that the tornado's winds reached 140 to 150 mph.

Hymnals still rested on the pews at the nearby Boone's Chapel Baptist Church, even though the walls and roof had blown away. Tammie Silas joined other church members to clean up the debris and came upon two photos of the Hollon family.

"This is all they've got left," Silas said as she clutched the pictures.

Willard Hollon's wife, Sarah, his granddaughters and Steve's wife all survived.

A neighbor, retired Alabama Power employee Don Headley, echoed what others in an area accustomed to nasty weather and the threat of tornadoes had said: When the storm bore down on them, they thought the worst had already ended. He had been on his patio and thought he and his wife were in the clear.

"The rain was just in sheets. There was a big bang. It sounded like something was tearing off my roof. Limbs were rolling off the roof," he said.

The noise ended in less than a minute, and Headley went back out on his patio. Where he had been standing moments earlier a two-inch wide limb was now driven through the patio roof, he said.

Autauga County Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Sedinger said seven others were hurt in the area, including a firefighter injured during rescue operations. He said the storm hopscotched for several miles, leaving some areas devastated and others untouched.

In Alabama's Washington County, about 50 miles north of Mobile, a mother and her two children were among those killed, said county coroner Rickey Davidson. Jean Box, 38, and her two teenage sons, Shelton and Hunter, died when the storm demolished a double-wide mobile home in the Deer Park community, said Washington County Chief Deputy Terry Beasley.



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BEIRUT

President vows to lift emergency law

Bowing to pressure from a popular uprising, Syria's president promised Saturday to end nearly 50 years of emergency rule this coming week but coupled his concession with a stern warning — that further unrest will be considered sabotage.

The protest movement has been steadily growing over the past four weeks, posing a serious challenge to the 40-year ruling dynasty of President Bashar Assad and his father before him. A British-trained eye doctor who inherited power 11 years ago, Assad acknowledged Saturday that Syrians have legitimate grievances.

But he warned there will no longer be "an excuse" for organizing protests once Syria lifts emergency rule and implements a spate of reforms, which he said will include a new law allowing the formation of political parties.

HAVANA

Raul Castro proposes term limits

Raul Castro proposed term limits for Cuban politicians on Saturday — including himself — a remarkable gesture on an island ruled for 52 years by him and his brother. The 79-year-old president lamented the lack of young leaders in government, saying the country was paying the price for errors made in the past.

Castro told delegates to a crucial Communist Party summit that he would launch a "systematic rejuvenation" of the government. He said politicians and other important officials should be restricted to two, five-year terms, including "the current president of the Council of State and his ministers" — a reference to himself.

Castro officially took over from his brother Fidel in 2008, meaning he'd be at least 86 when his second term as Cuban leader ended, depending on how the law is written.

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban sleeper agent kills 9 at base

KABUL — Like hundreds of thousands of Afghan men, he volunteered in the national army, ran drills in the mud, carried an automatic rifle, and worked alongside coalition mentors struggling against a hardcore insurgency.

But he was not one of them.

On Saturday, he walked into a meeting of NATO trainers and Afghan troops at Forward Operating Base Gamberi in the eastern province of Laghman and detonated a vest of explosives hidden underneath his uniform.

Five NATO troops, four Afghan soldiers and an interpreter were killed in the deadliest sleeper agent assault.

Four Afghan soldiers and three interpreters were wounded in Saturday's attack.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing and said the soldier was a sleeper agent who joined the army a month ago, a contention confirmed by an Afghan army official.

IVORY COAST

Strongman held in northern town

ABIDJAN — Ivory Coast's former foreign minister said the country's arrested strongman is under U.N. protection in a northern town.

Alcide Djedje said Laurent Gbagbo is being held in the northern town of Korhogo. The former member of Gbagbo's government said Gbagbo, at least three ministers and several legislators are being protected by U.N. peacekeepers after an agreement was reached Thursday with the government of democratically elected President Alassane Ouattara. Pro-Ouattara forces arrested Gbagbo Monday after a four-month standoff sparked by Gbagbo's refusal to cede power after losing a November poll.

NIGERIA

Election mostly peaceful though children vote

KAYAWA — Nigerians voted for president in an election Saturday many hoped would show Africa's most populous nation could hold a credible poll without the violence and rigging that marred previous ones, though children cast ballots and party officials helped others press their inked fingers to paper.

Despite widespread security concerns after bombs hit a vote-counting center and a polling station during last weekend's legislative elections, voting in the oil-rich country was largely peaceful Saturday though a police officer was fatally shot in the volatile northeast.

SRI LANKA

UN panel urges probe of alleged abuses

COLOMBO — A U.N. panel has called for a thorough investigation into what it calls credible allegations that war crimes were committed by both sides in Sri Lanka as its decades-old civil war drew to a close nearly two years ago.

A copy of the three-member panel's report was printed Saturday in The Island newspaper. The report said there were credible allegations that Sri Lankan soldiers and Tamil Tiger rebels committed serious violations, including some that could amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The panel also faulted U.N. bodies and international officials for failing to take steps that could have protected lives and not publicly releasing casualty figures to raise awareness of the abuses.

The panel gathered evidence for 10 months and submitted its report to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Kimoon this past week. The U.N. spokesman's office said it was "deeply regrettable" that the report had been leaked before its official release next week.

"The (Sri Lankan) government says it pursued a 'humanitarian rescue operation' with a policy of 'zero civilian casualties.' In stark contrast, the panel found credible allegations, which if proven, indicate that a wide range of serious violations were committed," by both sides, the report said.



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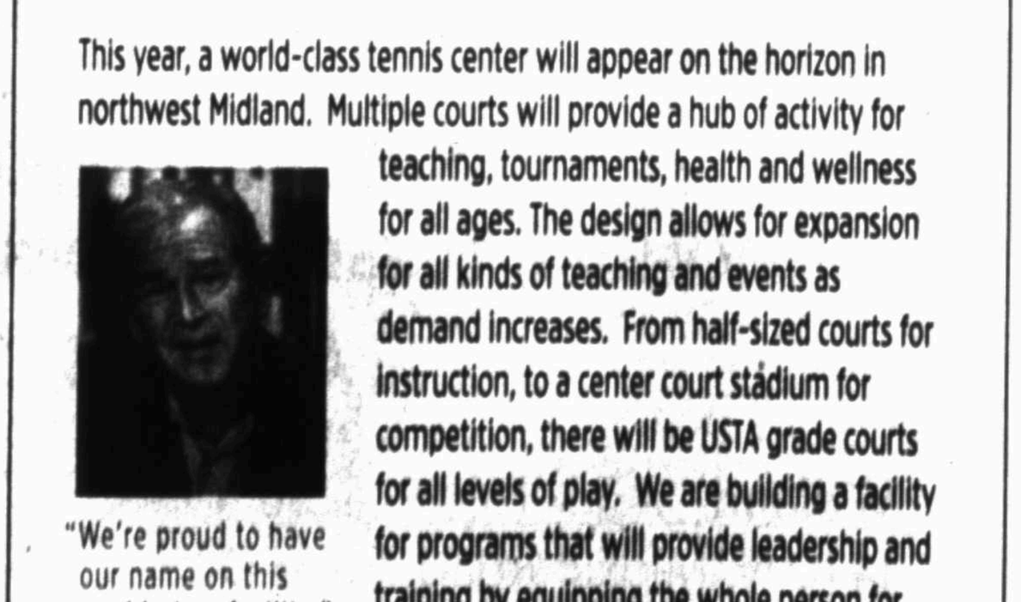
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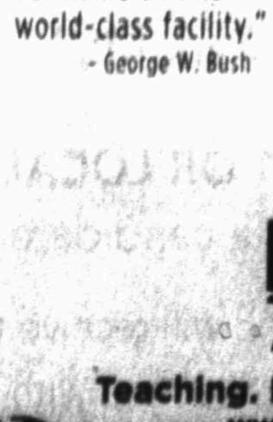
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Weary residents in western Libyan lash out at NATO

By Sebastian Abbot
Associated Press

AJDABIYA, Libya — Moammar Gadhafi's forces poured rocket fire after dawn Saturday into Misrata, the only western city still in rebel hands, and weary residents who have endured more than a month of fighting angrily lashed out at NATO for failing to halt the deadly assault.

Five civilians were killed in a 30-minute barrage of shelling that heavily damaged a factory for dairy products and sent up a thick column of black smoke, a doctor said. A human rights group has accused the Gadhafi regime of using cluster bombs in Misrata — munitions that can cause indiscriminate casualties and have been banned by most countries. The Libyan government and military denied the charge.

In eastern Libya, fierce fighting left seven rebels dead, 27 wounded and four missing as the anti-Gadhafi forces sought to push toward the strategic oil town of Brega, according to Mohammed Idris, a hospital supervisor in the nearby city of Ajdabiya. The battle took place on a road halfway between Ajdabiya and Brega.

Frustration was growing among residents in Misrata, where Gadhafi's troops have intensified their long siege of the city in recent days. The doctor sharply criticized NATO for failing to break the assault with its month-old campaign of airstrikes.

"We have not seen any protection of civilians," the doctor said. "NATO airstrikes are not enough, and the proof is that there are civilians killed every day here," he said.

The theme was echoed in the rebel stronghold of Benghazi, where spokesman Abdel-Hafidh Ghoga told a news conference: "There's no more room for hesitation or for not standing with determination against what is happening in Misrata and other Libyan cities, because the destruction that Moammar Gadhafi is causing in Libyan cities is great and extensive."

Rebel fighters in eastern Libya were less critical of NATO. Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, head of the rebels' National Transitional Council, said this week that without the airstrikes, even Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city and the rebels' main stronghold, would be in "complete danger."

The Misrata doctor said Gadhafi's forces are taking shelter in residential areas that civilians had fled, apparently confident that NATO won't risk attacking them there.

But the troops have so far been unable to fully occupy the city of 300,000 people, he said, so instead they are targeting sites such as the dairy plant or the port to prevent the arrival of humanitarian aid.

The doctor, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared government retribution, said a civilian who was brought to him had been nearly torn in half by a mortar shell and was not expected to live.

NATO officials have said it is difficult to strike Gadhafi's forces when in an urban area. NATO did say its strikes on Friday destroyed two tanks in the Misrata area.

At a news conference Saturday night in Tripoli, Maj. Gen. Saleh Abdullah Ibrahim denied that the Libyan military is using heavy weapons in Misrata.

When asked whether the NATO airstrikes have had an impact on the Libyan forces, he said he did not know.

"I am a member of the regular armed forces. This type of information is only in the higher ranks of the armed forces," he said.

Ibrahim confirmed that prisoners had been taken, but would not say how many.

Rebels in Misrata and the New York-based group Human Rights Watch have alleged that Gadhafi's forces have been using cluster bombs, which pose particular risk to civilians because they scatter small bomblets over a wide area. Most of the world's nations have banned the use of the munitions.

Human Rights Watch said its researchers inspected remnants of the weapons found in a Misrata neighborhood and interviewed witnesses.

Ibrahim said the accusations were "unfounded," adding that Libya did not have "these kinds of weapons in our depot, and no single Libyan has been trained on this."

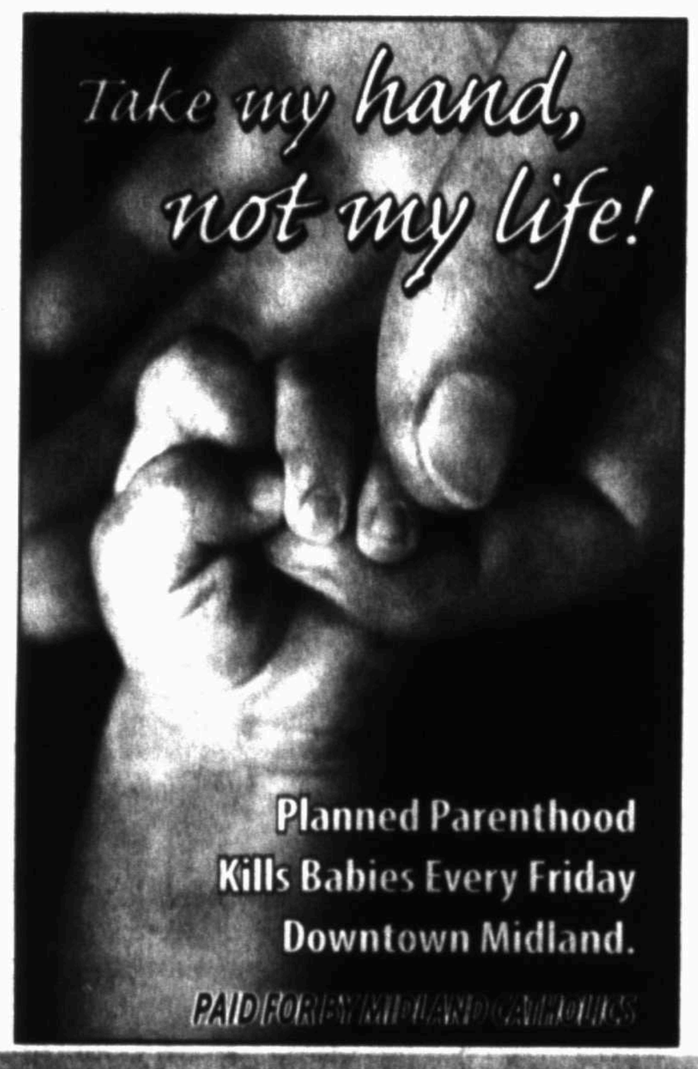
"We are calling for those who show these kinds of weapons to give us the material evidence," he said.

A boat chartered by Doctors Without Borders and carrying 95 Libyans from Misrata — 65 of them injured — arrived Saturday at the Tunisian port of Zarzis, according to the official TAP news agency. Nine people who were critically or seriously injured were taken to a hospital in the town of Sfax.

A lack of medicine, food and water for the 6,000-10,000 people in migrant workers' camps around Misrata has led to a "catastrophic" situation that is deteriorating daily, said Dr. Helmi Makkaoui, a Tunisian coordinator for the humanitarian aid group.

Rebels in eastern Libya held their positions for four days around the city of Ajdabiya, about 30 miles to the east, allowing NATO airstrikes to weaken government forces, said Col. Hamid Hassy.

On Friday, the fighters pushed in to reach Brega's university campus, just outside the town's oil port, Hassy said. He added that if the rebels retake Brega, they will bring in engineers to repair any damage to the refinery and oil facilities there.



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Local & State

City, clergy proclaim today a day to pray for rain

Precipitation needed because of drought that has gripped the region for 6 months



Mayor Wes Perry: Urges community to pray for an end to the region's drought.

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Mayor Wes Perry and Bishop Michael Pfeifer have issued proclamations that today Midland will be united in prayer for rain.

"The day we are unified in prayer for rain," Perry's proclamation reads. "We ask our gracious God to bless West Texas with rains that will quench our thirsty land and fill our lakes and reservoirs."

The drought has stretched more than six months and is being blamed for many of the wildfires in the West Texas region.

"We are all children of God, and if a child asks his father for water, he will provide," the bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo said in a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram on Friday.

He said he has asked the Catholic churches in his region and has written more than 100 other churches of other faiths to stand united in the day of prayer. He also has asked that pastors and preachers make the prayer and need of rain the focus of today's masses and sermons.

He said he is advocating people use what he said was good old-fashioned "knee-mail" to ask God to end the drought.

Midland County has received more than 80 percent less perception this year than the average, according to the National Weather Service.

Meteorologist Doug Cain with the National Weather Service told the Reporter-Telegram in a previous interview that this is the driest spell this region has experienced since 1930.

There have been a rash of fires in

Please see **PRAYER**/2B

SPRING IS IN THE AIR



ABOVE: The Easter Bunny hands out chocolate candy to Emily Townsend, 1, from left, Savannah Cox, 4, and her brother Foster, 2, Saturday during the Midland Lions Club Bunny Breakfast at the Midland Park Mall.



RIGHT: Kerri Chapman stages her white iris flower before placing it on the judging table Saturday during the 33rd annual West Texas Iris Society show at First Baptist Church. Chapman's iris is among the 60 single plant and arrangement entries that are being judged on form, color and cultural perfection.

Cindeka Nealy | Reporter-Telegram

China Aid asks for support, to hold fundraiser

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer



Bob Fu: China Aid Association president says that many Christians in China are persecuted and have been forced to find alternative means to hold worship services.

Wang Zhanhu envisions a time when the Christian church has grown so rapidly in China that it's able to reach out and bring God's word to other countries.

"Pray that they will lead a mission serving (other) nations, that they can bless the world," he told Bob Fu, president of China Aid Association, recently.

His hope for the country was relayed during a telephone call just days after he had been beaten by police and shocked with an electric baton to the point of unconsciousness. He was approached by plainclothes officers while singing worship songs with a group from the house church he leads, Fu said.

"His whole body just became stiff and fell," he said.

Zhanhu still is receiving treatment in a Chinese hospital and unfortunately, Fu said, is just one of dozens who have been injured, imprisoned or forced under house arrest in recent months as the Chinese government intensifies its crackdown of religious and human rights leaders.

"It's dramatically escalating," Fu said.

China Aid is holding its annual fundraiser on Thursday to help support its ministry that provides aid to families being persecuted and works to expose news about people suffering in China, among other activities. Above that, though, Fu said, he hopes the event can raise awareness and prayer support for those who don't enjoy the same religious freedoms afforded in Midland.

"We really, I think, need urgent prayer and help," said Fu, who fled China more than 10 years ago with his wife after being persecuted for leading a church. "The government has a total disregard for their own citizens ... We haven't seen any atmosphere for compromise."

In February alone, 120 human rights lawyers, activists, writers and church leaders were ordered into house arrest or detained, according to cases counted by China Aid Association staff in China and through reports submitted to its Midland headquarters, Fu said.

Sitting in his Midland office one recent morning, Fu rattled off stories of churches recently shut down or barred from using their buildings. Some have moved outdoors to worship, only to have their congregations broken up with several arrested and others threatened as they're sent home. Others have split into smaller groups and are worshipping in homes. "They're determined to continue

Please see **SUPPORT**/2B

CASA of West Texas needs 69 volunteers

■ Director: Someone needs to be there for the kids.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Every child deserves a voice.

That's the message staff at Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas are trying to spread during Child Abuse Awareness Month. Having seen a more than 50 percent increase in caseloads since 2008, the agency is now short 69 volunteers if it wants to pair all the children floating through the system in Midland with an advocate.

"Someone needs to be there for these kids," said Lily White, executive director. "Some children just fall through the cracks. We are able to ask our volunteers to take one case at a time so they're able to get all of the information."

The nonprofit is appointed by a judge to report on what's in the best interest for a child after he or she has been removed from their homes because of abuse. Of the children who have a CASA partner, less than 1 percent re-enter Child Protective Service's care, White said.

"You want to make sure that children are safe and don't go back into that situation," she said.

White added that because the incidences of abuse have continued to increase in Midland and statewide, less than half of the children who were removed from their homes by CPS last year were paired with a CASA volunteer. CASA of West Texas served 437 children in 2010 through its seven-county region, with 203 children being assisted in Midland. The nonprofit currently is serving 304 children, with staff taking on some cases to fill in the gaps.

"The community can make a difference," White said.

Development coordinator Kelli Crouse attributed the rise in abuse to the increasing population, as well as the higher percentage of drug and alcohol use. She estimated 80 to 90 percent of children in the foster care system were removed from homes where drug and alcohol abuse was an issue.

"The fabric of a family has changed," White said.

Physical and sexual abuse and neglect happen in all types of families and is reported most often among children younger than 6, which means it's up to outsiders to report because many kids are too young to speak up for themselves. Sometimes abuse happens because a caregiver has unrealistic expectations for children, such as the Midland case where a young boy was scalded with hot water for soiling his pants; other times it's because of domestic violence in the home or neglect, Crouse and White said.

Once trained and matched with a child, volunteers meet with the child at least once a month and also gather information on their health, school progress, parents and anything else that helps paint a picture of his or her life. Sometimes the child has never seen a dentist or doctor, and connecting them with necessary services is also part of the job.

Please see **CASA**/2B

Texting just results in uncomfortable conversations later



TERRY WILLIAMSON
Columnist

It's not that I'm against technology, but the basic fact is that the world moves around just a little too fast for me these days.

Now, don't get me wrong. My whole career has been steeped in the advancement of technology. I've gone from the days when newspapers were produced by the old hot lead type to the days of scanners and computers.

When I started my career at the Reporter-Telegram, I used to call in my stories from out of town by phone, using good old-fashioned dictation. Now, we just send them in by computer with no fuss and no mess. We even layout the newspaper with the use of computers.

I even own a computer at home and have a laptop for travel. I now read with a Kindle e-reader. A lot of people my age would call that pretty tech-savvy. I'm considered a cool cat in the ranks of senior citizens.

But I have to admit technology throws me for a loop every now and then. This new form of communication is totally baffling. I see kids around town having lunch, but they don't talk to each other because they are so busy sending text messages. I guess they are sending messages to people sitting right across the table — or maybe they're sending text messages to people they wish they had gone out to eat with. No matter; they don't talk to each other.

When email came along, I bought into that. It was pretty neat. You could send a letter, keep in touch with friends and you didn't have to talk to people on the phone who were long-winded. You could keep people at arm's length without being totally rude.

Then texting became the craze. Texting is even a recognized word in the dictionary now. Sorry, but I've drawn a line in the sand right here. No texting for me. I don't twitter, tweet, twoat or twoot. My wife reminds me I do toot occasionally.

If you have to use your thumbs to type, I'm out of there. I've had a few bad vices in my life, but texting while driving isn't one of them.

Please see **WILLIAMSON**/4B

Obituaries



Dorothy Johnston

Dorothy Johnston, 87, of Abilene passed away Friday, April 8, 2011, at home surrounded by her daughters and granddaughters. A family memorial service was held in her backyard, officiated by David Cason. Her two daughters, four grandchildren and their spouses, and her 12 great-grandchildren were present for the service.

"Mammy" taught school for 32 years in Monahans, TX, Pecos, TX, and Midland, TX. She also did volunteer work for Odessa, TX.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Clay Johnston.

She is survived by two daughters, Lou Hanna of Abilene, and Pat Turman and her husband, Greg of Dallas; four grandchildren and their spouses, Kevin and Michelle Hanna of Abilene, Heather and Buddy Long of Greer, SC, Brandon and Shirra Hanna of Austin, TX, and Heidi and Chris Jones of Greer, SC; and 12 great-grandchildren, Cassidy, Cameron, and Cason Hanna, Cal, Wilson, Anna Claire, Lauren, and Bobby Long, Charlie Hanna, Christopher, Rosemary, and Audrey Jones.

Online condolences can be made at: www.northsfuneralhome.com.

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

Harley Dean Hendrix

Harley Dean Hendrix, born 11-5-45, to Leroy and Agnes Hendrix, passed away on 4-14-11 at the hospice inpatient unit.

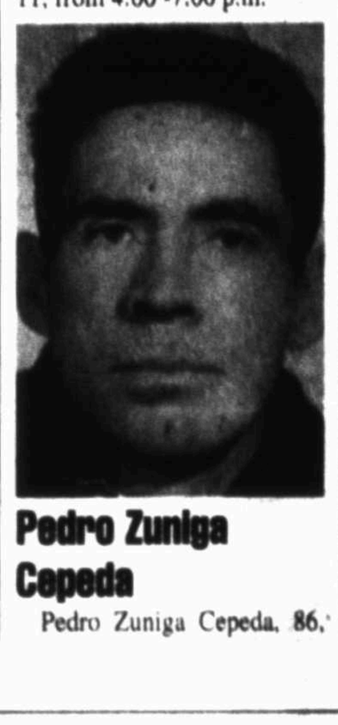
Harley was well liked by all who ever met him. He was an avid reader of all books, especially anything to do with history. Harley also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Harley leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 39 yrs, Karen (Copeland) Hendrix; daughter, Deanna Hendrix; sons, David, Sheldon, and Phillip, all of Poplar Bluff, Mo; brothers, Leonard/Wilma Hendrix of Marble Hill Mo, Roger/Shirley of Arnold Mo; grandchildren; great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Delbert; father-in-law, J. C. Copeland.

Special thanks to all of the the nurses and staff at Hospice Inpatient Unit, and Home Hospice of Midland. A very special thank you to Dr. Karen Carr and the staff at West Texas Oncology.

There will be a gathering of friends and family at 2608 Holloway, on Sunday, 4-17-11, from 4:00 -7:00 p.m.



Pedro Zuniga Cepeda

Pedro Zuniga Cepeda, 86, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at his residence. He was born in Cerro Alto, Chihuahua Mexico to the late Feliciano Zuniga and Paula Cepeda on October 19, 1924. He was raised and educated in Cerro Alto, Chihuahua Mexico.

On March 30, 1951, Pedro married the love of his life, Librada Gonzalez. The couple moved to Midland in 1991, where Pedro worked as a farmer and rancher. He enjoyed reading and raising his animals.

Pedro was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather; his family was the center of his life. He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Ram Kolluru, Dr. Daniel Khouri and all the medical personnel who helped care for their father.

Pedro was preceded in death by his parents, and one daughter, Maria de Carmen Zuniga. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Librada Zuniga of Midland; four sons, Feliciano Zuniga, David Zuniga and Eduardo Zuniga, all of Midland and Humberto Zuniga of Juarez, Mexico; six daughters, Mary Zuniga Chavez of Albuquerque, NM, Eduviges Zuniga, Vera Lilia Zuniga Vasquez, and Maty Hernandez all of Midland, Maria del Refugio Zuniga de Tarin of Juarez, Mexico and Marina Zuniga Izquierdo of Nashville, TN; two sisters, Gregoria Zuniga of Chihuahua, Mexico and Merced Zuniga Fino of Odessa, TX; twenty-two grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Monday, April 18, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Stephens Catholic Church with Father Gilberto Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, Midland Chapter.

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

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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Shelby O'Neal

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Shelby Olen O'Neal (papaw), 86, passed away on April 15, 2011 in Big Spring.

Shelby was born on November 7, 1924 in Plains, Texas to Eliza Ruth and John Valentine O'Neal.

After spending nearly three years serving in his country in the United States Navy on the USS Breton in World War II, Shelby married the love of his life Evelyn Wood, of Kermit, on November 29, 1950.

Shelby moved to Midland in 1966 where he worked for 34 years as an inventory man with Exxon Mobile Oil Company.

Those who knew Shelby will remember him for his kindness, gentle spirit and deep love of family.

Those left to celebrate his memory are his greatest love, wife of 60 years, Evelyn O'Neal of Midland; three children, Donna Pittmon and husband Greg of Odessa, Vicky Barr and husband Tom of League City and Terrie O'Neal and wife Karla of Spring. Cherishing their papaw's memory are granddaughters, Tommie Kay Choate and husband Josh of League City, Amy Punchard and husband Jason of Lubbock, Terri Barr of League City, Kelli Jenkins and husband Corey of Midland, Beth Pittmon of Odessa and Kerri O'Neal of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Shelby will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011 at Resthaven Memorial Park located at 4616 North Big Spring in Midland with Rev. Walter McCall officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday, April 17, 2011 from 4:00 until 6:00 pm.

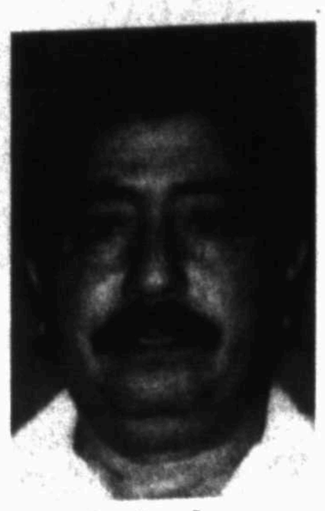
Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Punchard, Corey Jenkins, Josh Choate, Jimmy O'Neal, Alvin Gladden, Paul Hopkins, Joe Weaver, Barry Pender, Alvin Gladden and Jimmy O'Neal.

In lieu of arrangements the family asks that donations be made in Shelby's honor to Compass Hospice Care of Big Spring.

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

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Luis G. Jordan

Luis G. Jordan, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2011. A rosary will be held on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 7:00PM at the funeral home. Funeral services will be on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 1PM at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with Father Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born on March, 4 1944 in Coahuila, Mexico to Balvina and Luis Jordan, and married Eva Flores on December 27, 1980.

He is preceded in death by his father Luis Jordan and his grandson Angel Ruiz.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Jordan; two daughters, Maria Ruiz and Ana Jordan; and his grandchildren Adrian, Charlize, Abigail and Andrew.

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

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Death Notices

Ellen Boothe

Ellen Boothe, of Midland, passed away Saturday, April 16, 2011.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

CASA

From 1B

White said their goal is to provide the judge with a "sound" recommendation and all the information possible so he or she can make the best decision about where the child will end up.

"Foster care is great, but it's not the answer," White said. "We want to make sure they find permanency within 12 months."

That could come through reunification with parents, through placement with a relative or through more permanent foster care or adoption.

Volunteer Coordinator Robin Reece said their hope certainly is to see parents and children back together. But, she said, ultimately they recommend to the court what's best for the kids, which isn't always returning home.

In situations where substance abuse happens, Crouse said it's up to parents whether they're willing to change so they can regain custody. If sexual abuse or physical abuse happens because of a partner, she said mothers might have to decide if they want to separate from that person or give up their kids.

SAVE THE DATE

CASA will host an open house from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. on April 26. For more information, visit www.casawtx.org.

The work of CASA is difficult, Crouse said. But, she and White said seeing children in a safe environment after knowing of the situations they've survived is what keeps them and the volunteers returning.

"They see that that child is safe," White said. "That child is now going to have a different life."

White said they ask volunteers to commit to at least 12 months with the program. Volunteers go through 30 hours of training and four hours of court observance before being paired with a child. Staff then are there to support throughout the process.

"Anybody can be a CASA, but they have to have a commitment and a real heart for children," White said.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

PRAYER

From 1B

the area, including three serious fires in Midland County in the past two weeks alone. The April 9 fire destroyed more than 17,000 acres alone and has displaced many families and destroyed more than 25 homes.

Pfeifer said the Catholic Church made a donation to the relief fund for the families.

Perry said he simply wanted people to stand united, pray and be thankful to the first responders who have risked their lives to keep the fires at bay.

Perry issued an official proclamation that recognizes the "drought and winds have created a critical and dangerous environment" and that he wishes "Midlanders to come together to help each other, especially the victims."

He said he wasn't aware of any special events being planned for today, but he jokingly said he's heard some members of the clergy are planning on bringing raincoats and umbrellas to church services today.

James Cannon can be reached at jcannon@mrt.com.

SUPPORT

From 1B

their worship," Fu said.

The outdoor church services are being mistaken by some as a political movement, which is partly why leaders are being charged and jailed in relation to dissension, he said.

In past years, China Aid has supported and provided training to human rights lawyers to defend individuals in these cases. In recent months, Fu said, they can't find anyone to take up the cause.

"It's a very well orchestrated campaign," Fu said.

Still, he said, they are hopeful.

He said estimates show the Christian church in China has grown from the about one million it reported in the late 1940s to between 90 and 130 million today.

"Every time there's new persecution, it grows," he said. "In that sense, I'm even more optimistic about the future of the church in China, the world."

Fu said they're often asked why their ministry didn't open its headquarters in Washington or some other metropolitan area because he and others associated with the nonprofit often testify on Capitol Hill and lobby lawmakers for support of the persecuted.

But, he said in Midland they found a unique support system of area churches and community members willing to help fellow Christians they may never meet. Without a backbone like that, he said their website and relief efforts likely would have been shut down by this point. If support can continue to spread across the U.S. and other nations, Fu said perhaps Wang's visions for their country can come to fruition some day.

"It our Christian leaders in the West speak up, it will change the situation," Fu said. "You either choose to dance with the wolves or walk with the persecuted. It's a choice."

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

China Aid Association will hold a fundraiser called "Walking with the Persecuted Faithful" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Hilton Midland Plaza. Call 689-6985 for more information. Guest speakers include Tom White, Voice of the Martyrs, and Scott Flipse, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Some Texans return to homes charred by wildfires

Associated Press

IVAN — With calmer winds giving firefighters a chance to get a handle on a few massive Texas wildfires Saturday, some residents returned to their homes — or what was left of them — in communities ravaged by the blazes.

Gary Glasscock, who owns a 300-acre ranch near Possum Kingdom Lake, found his ranch house and most trees destroyed in a fire that had grown to 45,000 acres Saturday after combining with another fire. In the popular recreation area about 120 miles west of Dallas, many resort homes were untouched by the flames while some mobile homes were left in ruins. At some houses, only the garages had burned.

He said he was thankful that some friends who had been doing construction work on his property escaped the flames in time, but was sad to see the loss of the newly rebuilt ranch home that held special memories for his wife and three children.

"It's just gray ash with a haze over it. It's just like a ghost town," Glasscock said.

The Texas Forest Service reported that the nearly 105,000-acre fire started more than a week ago by a welder's torch in Stonewall, Knox and King counties had been 90 percent contained Saturday, and another 152,000-acre fire spanning parts of Kent, Fisher, Scurry and Stonewall counties was 50 percent contained.

A 3,000-acre Eastland County fire was 95 percent contained Saturday, a day after volunteer firefighter Gregory M. Simmons died in that area. Eastland officials initially said Simmons died after being overcome by smoke and falling in a ditch after he and other firefighters jumped out of a fire truck being chased by flames. But a preliminary autopsy report shows that Simmons died from blunt force trauma, and the Texas Department of Public Safety will determine whether he died in a crash or after fleeing the vehicle, state trooper Phillip "Sparky" Dean said late Saturday.

Despite firefighters' progress to keep some blazes from spreading, 10 new fires broke out Saturday in East Texas, said Marq Webb of the Texas Forest Service.

"It was better than yesterday, but still not a good day. We did still have some pretty strong winds, and that can create its own set of problems," Webb said Saturday evening, adding that escalating fire conditions are forecast through next week.

Winds were about 10 mph Saturday in some parts of the state after whipping in the 50 mph range a day earlier, said Dennis Cavanaugh of the National Weather Service.

Texas could be fighting fires for as long as two months because of drought conditions around the state, said Steve Deffibaugh, another Texas Forest Service spokesman. A sense of urgency will remain "until we get a significant amount of rain," he added.

Nearly 30 homes were destroyed in Wichita County on Friday.

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BASIN ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT STOCKTON

Commissioners OK new MPGCD building

The Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District has outgrown its office on the third-floor of the Pecos County Courthouse.

Soon, it will leave what was supposed to be its temporary location for a place of its own — the Substance Abuse Office on Spring Drive.

The Pecos County Commissioners' Court approved the move at its regular meeting Monday morning, allowing the process to move forward.

Details are still to be discussed at a later date, but the commissioners' approval calls for a $1 per year lease.

TWDB 'reviewing' response to FSH letter

The Texas Water Development Board is considering its response to a letter filed by Fort Stockton Holdings regarding the actions of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District, according to TWDB spokeswoman Samantha Heng.

She said the agency, which has limited oversight authority over groundwater districts, has received the letter from Fort Stockton Holdings attorney Ed McCarthy. A draft response has been prepared, Heng said Tuesday afternoon, and is currently "in review" with TWDB board chairman Ed Vaughan.

Heng said TWDB does not have a timeline for when any further action might be taken in response to the Fort Stockton Holdings letter.

In a March 16 letter to Vaughan, McCarthy informed the TWDB of what he termed the "misuse/misapplication" of the TWDB's regional groundwater availability model for the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer by MPGCD.

Continuance, yes; bifurcation, no

The previously-delayed Fort Stockton Holdings hearing on the merits of its application to transport groundwater from Pecos County has been delayed again.

After a closed session of 44 minutes April 7, Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District board president Glenn Honaker, acting as the presiding officer in the Fort Stockton Holdings application, announced the hearing would be continued, probably until later this month or early May.

Dates had not been determined as of Tuesday afternoon.

For more information, visit www.fortstockton-pioneer.com.

ALPINE

Sul Ross has new logo, marketing plan

Sul Ross State University unveiled a new mission statement, brief but broad: "To give each student the chance to become the person they want to be."

Sul Ross, now also known as "the University of the Big Bend" according to a new logo, launched a marketing campaign April 6 with a goal of providing record numbers of students with opportunities as wide as the West Texas landscape that the university serves.

Representatives of Sosa & Sosa, a San Antonio marketing team, outlined goals to help Sul Ross reach an enrollment of 2,600 by 2015.

Free legal aid now available for West Texans affected by the wildfires

West Texas residents who suffered damages as a result of recent wildfires may receive free legal assistance from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) to get back on their feet.

"Disasters such as wildfires can trigger a variety of legal issues," said Tracy Figueroa, an attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. "TRLA can help wildfire victims navigate those issues so that they receive the support they need to recover."

In the aftermath of a disaster, residents often encounter a variety of legal issues such as denials of insurance claims, problems with a landlord or mortgage company and price gouging.

For more information, visit www.alpinealvalanche.com.

BIG SPRING

City has disaster response plan

Hurricanes and tsunamis may not be on the list of disasters likely to happen in West Texas, but it doesn't mean there are no emergency situations or damaging factors.

Big Spring, as small and secluded as it is, has an emergency plan set in place — almost 900 pages of preparation and procedure, to be exact.

According to Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness, emergency management coordinator, the state provides guidelines and each county sets up its own emergency response plans.

"We aren't dealing with the same problems Houston, Dallas or San Antonio are," Chamness said. "Therefore we have plans that fit disasters we would see in our area."

Water use restrictions coming

As expected, the Big Spring City Council approved final reading of a water conservation plan Tuesday night, as well as first reading of a resolution enacting Stage 3 of the plan, which calls for scheduled outdoor water usage to help the city cut water consumption by 10 percent.

The council approved both measures on unanimous votes in hopes of bringing the current water shortage in West Texas to the forefront of Crossroads consumers' minds.

Efforts by the city of Big Spring and other Colorado River Municipal Water District customers to curtail water usage, especially when demands are at their highest, come on the heels of the district's announcement earlier this year that water deliveries would be cut by 10 percent.

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said the Stage 3 schedules provided by the plan will have to pass final reading in about two weeks, with outdoor water usage restrictions expected to take effect May 1.

For more information, visit www.bigspringherald.com

ODESSA

Local task force meets to redraw lines after 2011 Census

The lines are about to get redrawn. Local redistricting began Thursday night with the first meeting of the Ector County Redistricting Joint Task Force.

The task force is made up of all the local taxing entities, with representatives from the Ector County Independent School District, Ector County, the Ector County Hospital Board, Odessa College and the city of Odessa. Committee members voted Ector County Judge Susan Redford as chairperson, ECISD Board of Trustees President Tom Pace as vice-chair and Ector County Hospital Board member Judy Hayes as secretary.

State Bar suspends Brian Chavez

Local attorney Brian Chavez was suspended by the State Bar of Texas from providing services as a lawyer last week as a response to his burglary of a habitation guilty plea.

Anne McKenna, a spokeswoman with the association, said his suspension will last five years, running along with the five years of deferred adjudication he received as part of his plea deal.

For more information, visit www.oaoa.com.

Autopsy: Blunt force trauma killed fireman

Associated Press

EASTLAND — A state trooper say a volunteer firefighter's cause of death was blunt force trauma and not burns, citing a preliminary autopsy report.

In a statement Saturday, the city of Eastland called it a "tragic turn" in the death of firefighter Gregory Simmons.

Eastland officials earlier said the 51-year-old died Friday after flames overcame his fire truck and he and other firefighters jumped out.

Justice of the Peace James King said Friday that Simmons apparently was overcome by smoke and fell in a ditch.

State Trooper Phillip Dean said Saturday authorities don't yet know if Simmons died in a crash of the fire truck or if he was fatally injured after getting out of the vehicle.

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Medical	3 families	$ 1,346.47
TOTAL		$ 22,365.78

Earlier this week we received a call from a worker with the American Red Cross asking if we would partner with them in assisting the victims of the fires in Midland County that destroyed over 40 homes.

While the Red Cross has been able to provide temporary shelter to many of these families (thanks in large part to the generous financial donations you have made to them), much help will be needed for these families in terms of temporary shelter as well as clothing, furniture and household goods once they find new homes.

Of course we answered the Red Cross' request with a resounding YES!!! What a privilege to be a part of helping to ease the burdens these families are facing!

The Red Cross is handing out our telephone number, and our phones have been "ringing off the wall" ever since. The outpouring of love and support you have shown for our neighbors in need is humbling ...but of course we would expect no less from the fine people of Midland. How blessed we are to live in such a caring, loving community!

If it takes us a few days to get to your residence to pick up your donations of furniture or other items, please be patient! We are an all-volunteer organization, where absolutely nobody is paid so as you can imagine, we don't have an overabundance of help, nor can we go out and "hire more bodies" (not that we would want to...that would be money taken away from the poor).

And please know that no fire victim will be charged for any necessities needed to set up housekeeping. If we have it in our store and the need is there, it is theirs. They will be given the "run of the store" and will be able to choose the best of what we have in stock.

We thank the Red Cross for allowing us to partner with them and we thank all of you for being so generous to all of the victims of this terrible tragedy through your support of Helping Hands.
God bless you!

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Confessions
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HOLY THURSDAY
English Mass at 6:00 p.m. • Spanish Mass at 8:00 p.m.
Confessions 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
English at 4:00 p.m. • Spanish at 7:00 p.m.
Confessions
3 p.m. to 4 p.m. • 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
HOLY SATURDAY
Confessions 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gene M. Evans, 45, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a minor under the age of 15.

Austin D. Farmer, 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday by 441st Judicial District Court officials for engaging in organized crime.

James E. Jones, 40, of Odessa, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Barry W. King, 18, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle.

Erain O. Olguin, 18, Odessa, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Larry J. Rawls Sr., 57, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Francisco T. Rodriguez, 41, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Tiffany J. Ruiz, 19, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police for violation of probation.

Estevan Salazar, 33, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police for evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

Raul Sanchez, 26, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

David M. Torres, 35, of Midland, was arrested Friday by 142nd Judicial District Court officials on a charge of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Get ready for next weekend's events today in PULSE
Thursday in the Reporter-Telegram

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

I admit there is a little more to this story than I let on. I once tried to master this texting technique. When I got my first cell-phone with the texting option, I set about learning how to do it.

I thought a good start would be to send a text to my wife, saying, "I love you." So with the thumbs, I type "I luv u." It was all good up to that point, but things quickly went south on me. I tried to figure out how to send the message, but I got confused and the short message disappeared off my screen.

I didn't think much about it at the time. I just assumed I'd get my wife to show me how to do it later on. It was obvious I didn't know what I was doing.

It wasn't long before I got the dreaded phone call. On the other end of the line was my son-in-law in Lubbock. He greets me with, "I didn't know you cared." Apparently, when the message had disappeared off my phone, it was sent to my son-in-law. I had a terrible time trying to explain that, no, it wasn't him who I loved. He still looks at me a little funny when our families get together. Can't say I blame him.

But I can say that he hasn't gotten another text like that from me. That experience ended my texting days. My wife had the feature removed from our phones. I'm sure she thought I was going to end up sending messages like that to our friends. She'd probably die from embarrassment if that message had gone to one of her girlfriends. She spends enough time making up for my indiscretions without me doing it on purpose.

So, I'm without texting in my life. I'm down to watching the kids text with their thumbs when I'm eating out or stopped at a red light. I can't handle all technology, and I'm big enough to admit it straight away.

I would say, "Text me," but you would be sending that text into the unknown depths of the cyber world. And that's exactly what I should have done in the first place. No one should ever have to explain such things to their son-in-law.

USDA's emergency conservation program offers help

From staff reports

The drought that plagues most of the state makes agricultural lands extremely susceptible to wildfires. The Farm Service Agency offers emergency conservation and disaster programs to eligible producers who have lost fencing, conservation structures and livestock because of wildfire or other natural disasters.

According to Herb Sorley, of the FSA, funding for ECP is not, "automatic." Producers aware of a need for this type of assistance should contact the FSA office immediately. Once need is identified, the local FSA office coordinates ECP funding requests through proper state and national channels.

If ECP funding is approved, it is important for producers to submit their requests for ECP assistance before beginning reconstructive work. Completing reconstructive work before submitting an ECP request could result in forfeiture of eligibility.

"I realize that there are extenuating circumstances that must be addressed for public and livestock safety and health reasons, but I strongly recommend at least calling our office before any reconstructive action is taken," Sorley said.

"In addition to possible ECP funds for Midland County, I want to remind livestock producers that funds are available for the Livestock Indemnity Program," Sorley said. "LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, which includes wildfires," he said.

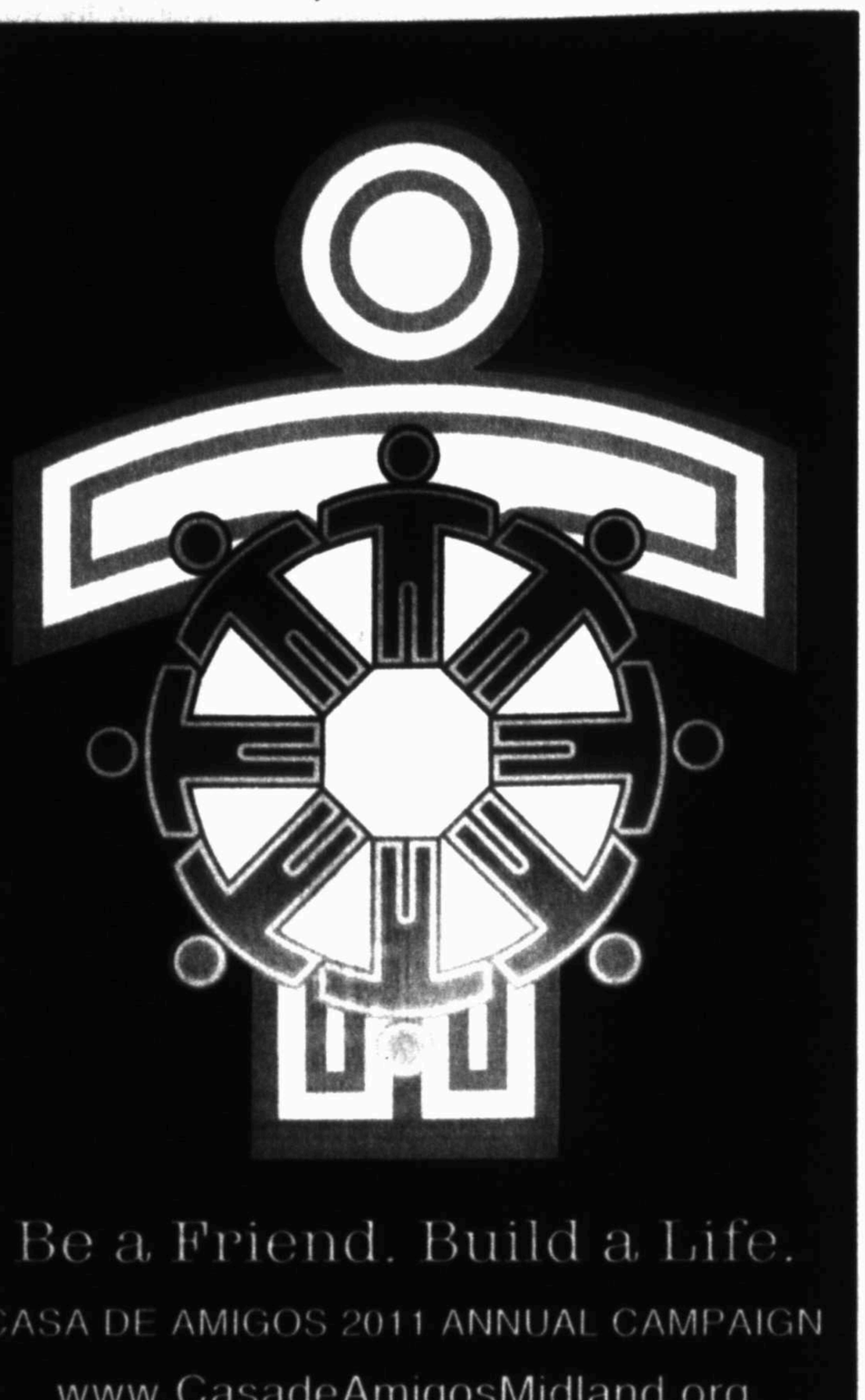
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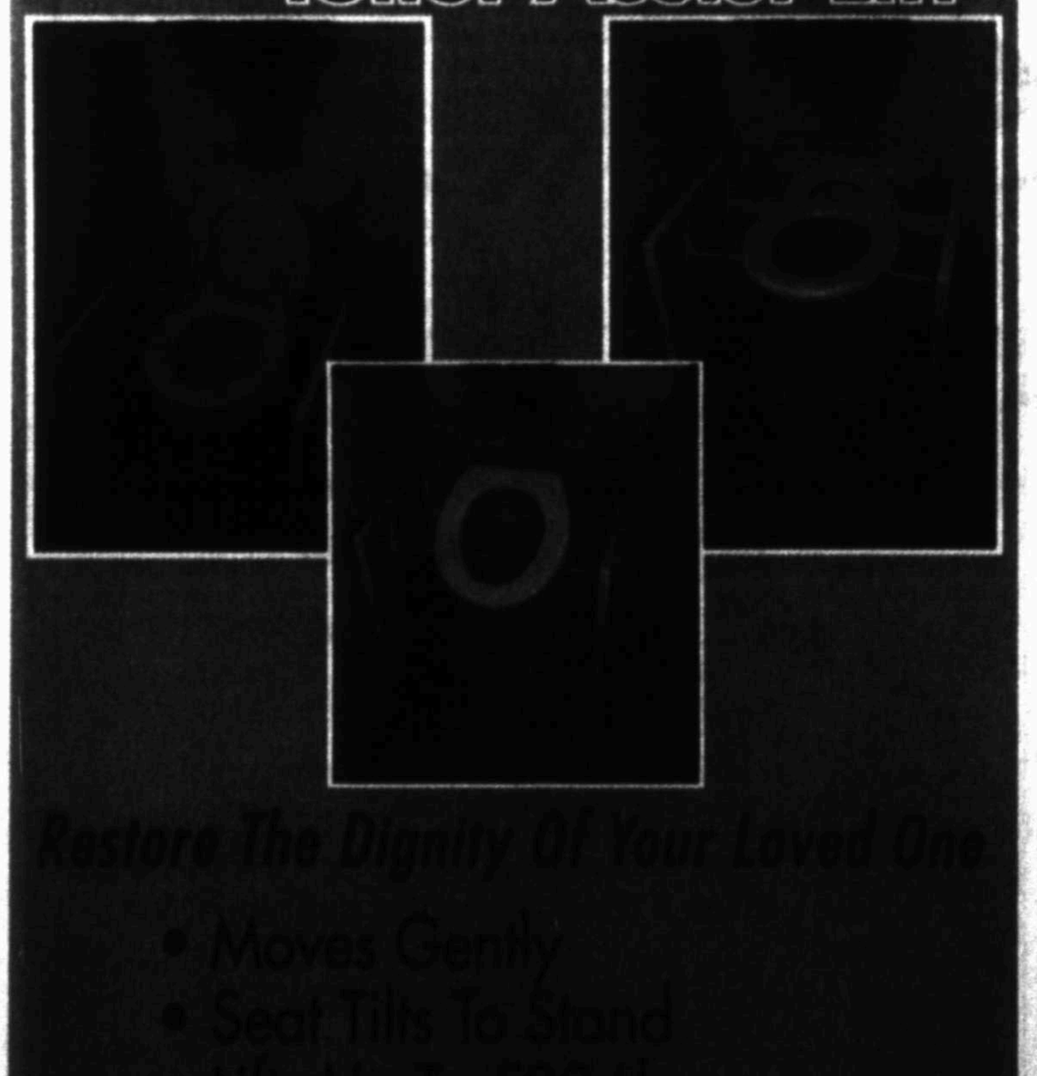
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Of the thousands of firms that belong to ABC, Ref-Chem was one of the seven industrial contractors in the United States selected for this prestigious award.

WWII veterans group gathers for last toast

By Janice Gibbs
Temple Daily Telegram

TEMPLE — It was over with the clinking of glass.

Recently, four World War II veterans lifted shot glasses filled with Tsingtao beer for a final toast.

The Central Texas Basha of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association was officially dissolving, six years after the national organization closed up shop. Basha is a bamboo hut in India.

"I couldn't find any Chinese wine," Bill Hoover, of Waco, explained at the group's last gathering at Temple's Golden Corral.

The four, along with a few family members, spent the lunch hour swapping stories that likely had been shared numerous times over the past several years, but were still well received by the captivated audience.

"We're dying out, and it's getting too difficult for some of us to travel," Hoover said, explaining the decision to end the Central Texas Basha. "This will probably be the last time we see each other. Though we'll almost certainly keep in touch."

Jim Garvin, 89, of Killeen, drove the lead jeep in the first convoy over the Ledo Road, from Ledo, India, to Kunming, China.

Bill Henderson, 86, of Killeen, was a bombardier on a B-24 heavy bomber. He dropped the last two bombs that destroyed the original wooden bridge on the River Kwai.

Hoover, 85, was a radio/LORAN operator in a unit sent to China to provide long range navigation for air crews.

Mathew Constantino, 88, of Georgetown, was the lone Marine in the group. He arrived in China toward the end of the war. Communist guerrillas had set up a blockade, and the Marines made sure everything got through, Constantino said.

One of the primary missions of the China Burma India theater, considered by many World War II's forgotten theater, was to keep the Chinese in the war, tying up Japanese troops.

"We CBIers were at the tail end of the longest supply line in the war," Hoover said. "The CBI had the worst terrain — including the Himalaya Mountains, jungles, swamps — the worst living conditions and more pestilence and disease than any other place where Americans served."

Many of the veterans' stories are harrowing — 46 Marines hiding out in the jungle of Guadalcanal for six days in an effort to stay clear of 5,000 Japanese soldiers, a bomber losing all its engines as it approaches a landing site.

Henderson said there were at least 10 times when he could have died. Once was when four engines died on takeoff and the plane was flying so low it took all the straw off an Indian house.

"The engines finally started, and the pilot landed that plane with all bombs aboard and with a heavy load of fuel," he said. "That was the only mission we ever aborted."

There was another instance when a flight was running out of fuel, Henderson said. One engine was lost short of the runway. As the bomber touched down, a second engine was lost and a third shut down as the plane taxied down the runway.

Other stories are humorous, only because the veterans lived to tell the tales.

Garvin talked about an ill-conceived hunting foray in India during which he came face-to-face with a tiger and had only a small carbine rifle for protection.

Constantino said he had been warned not to drink Chinese whiskey, but did, and ended up going blind for a time.

"I didn't believe them when they said it had a lot of wood alcohol," he said. "I didn't touch the stuff after that."

In a final prayer, Henderson said, the veterans understand that though they had all been a part of the forgotten theater, God had not forgotten them and would continue to watch over them as they age and become frailer.

In the final toast, Hoover recognized those veterans who are still alive and functioning, those near and far, and those who are gone.

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Shanna Sissom
Tuesdays in the Reporter-Telegram

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12:00 Noon Prayer Service and Anointing of the Sick
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7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Misa de la Ultima Cena del Señor
Hagan lo que les he enseñado.
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GOOD FRIDAY / VIERNES SANTO
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3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
Celebración de la Pasión del Señor, Adoración de la Santa Cruz y Sagrada Comunión
7:30 pm Condolences to Mary for the loss of her Son, everyone should bring flowers to offer to Mary
Pésame a la Virgen por la pérdida de su Hijo, todos deben traer flores para ofrecerle a María
HOLY SATURDAY / SABADO DE GLORIA
3:00-5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones
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Lack of guts symbolizes 'worst session' seen in Austin

■ Tea party, leaderless politicians bring the hammer down on new revenues when the budget needs it most.

By Dave McNeely
Texas political writer

The lobbyist walked out of the Capitol, disgustedly shaking his head.

"It's the worst session I've ever seen," said the lobbyist, a former legislator of more than a decade. "Everybody over there's scared to death.

"Rick Perry's running for vice-president," the lobbylst continued. "David Dewhurst's running for the U.S. Senate, and every statewide non-judicial elected official wants to run for something else."

The lobbyist, no raving liberal, was aghast at the position of Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus to reach a balanced budget through spending cuts alone.

He echoed the sense of impending doom expressed by superintendents, principals, teachers, university administrators and others who think the cuts-only approach is fueled by the political ambitions of Perry and — to a lesser extent, Dewhurst — and is dangerous to the future of Texas and its schoolchildren.

On the health care front, many doctors, hospital administrators and other medical professionals are horrified at the impact they think the Legislature's Texas chainsaw massacre of cuts will have if it is anywhere close to what passed the Texas House.

Governors and legislators in the past — Democrat John Connally in the 1960s, Democrat Mark White and Republican Bill Clements in the 1980s, Democrat Ann Richards in the 1990s — faced up to the need for more resources for education and health care. They either called for new taxes or at least allowed them.

Fast-forward to 2011. Gov. Perry has turned thumbs-down on new taxes. He finally acquiesced in spending just over $3 billion from the state's rainy day fund to help make up a shortfall in the budget for the current fiscal year.

But Perry opposes taking more from the fund for education and health care. He wants it reserved for natural disasters, such as Hurricane Ike that wrecked Galveston in 2006.

Critics think Perry can respond to dramatic disasters like hurricanes. Call out the National Guard. Declare an emergency. Helicopter over the wreckage.

But for the harder-to-see disasters, such as the tsunami in slow motion bearing down on the state's education and health care systems, Perry doesn't declare an emergency, or call out the guard.

He said he won't sign legislation to use that remaining $6 billion or so from the rainy day fund — despite the pleas of teachers and other educators, and parents, who carry signs to some of Perry's appearances around the state, imploring him to rescue Texas kids.

The rainy day fund was created in the late 1980s to provide reserves to pay recurring costs when revenues are short. The comptroller can add part of oil and gas tax revenues that exceed what was collected in 1987, plus some of any leftover general revenue at the end of a biennium.

Perry and the Legislature have used the rainy day fund in past years.

■ 2003: Perry also insisted that a $10 billion shortfall be handled solely through spending cuts, without more taxes. The Legislature appropriated $1.3 billion from the fund.

■ 2005: $1.9 billion was spent from the fund.

■ 2007: The fund was not used; rapid economic growth was foreseen.

■ 2009: The fund also was not tapped, as the governor and Legislature used $16 billion in stimulus money to supplant general revenue to balance the state's budget — even as the governor criticized the stimulus.

Meanwhile, top legislators and others warn of a structural deficit created when a new business tax in 2006 to replace revenue from a property tax cut has fallen about $10 billion short every two years — and will continue to do so unless changes are made.

Perry so far has put forth no suggestions about what to do.

While people associated with the tea party demonstrated behind the Capitol recently against touching the rainy day fund, another, much larger group gathered in front of the Capitol, calling for it to be spent on needs they consider critical.

The Center for Public Policy Priorities, which seeks to see that services are provided for children and poor people, advocates spending the rainy day fund now to avoid crippling cuts in education and health care. That, the group says, makes far more sense than saving the money to deal with shortfalls later.

Another moderate former lawmaker, not identified because of his sensitive position, was around when the Legislature raised taxes in 1984 to improve schools and teacher salaries.

He is disgusted with the legislators following the cuts-only approach of those in control.

"I'm ashamed of them and for them," he said. "There's not enough guts in the Capitol to draw a good flock of buzzards."

Arlington man gets 15 years for fatal shooting

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — An Arlington man has received a 15-year prison sentence in a deal with prosecutors for the fatal shooting of a Briaroaks volunteer firefighter during a fight.

Twenty-nine-year-old Brandon Stubbs, whose murder trial in December ended in a mistrial, pleaded guilty to committing murder in "sudden passion."

Officials said Stubbs shot 28-year-old Christopher Martinez in January 2009 after the two fought over Martinez's late-night revving of his motorcycle. Stubbs said he thought Martinez reached for a gun in his truck.

As part of the plea deal, Stubbs pleaded guilty to a separate charge of aggravated assault for shooting Martinez's wife Mindy and got 15 years. She recovered. He also got 15 years for an unrelated charge of aggravated assault that occurred in July. The sentences will run concurrently.

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Boy preps for solo flight in balloon

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Bobby Bradley is ready. He has been training for about five years and learned from some of the most experienced and decorated pilots in the sport of ballooning.

But he'll be making his own mark on the sport when he lifts off from a desolate patch of New Mexico desert in about seven weeks: At 9 years old, Bobby will become the youngest trained pilot to fly solo in an ultra-light hot air balloon.

So is he excited? "Definitely," he said.

Worried? "Not at all," he said.

"I've been flying since I was 4, so I've had a lot of time to train and I've always wanted to solo," Bobby said during an interview with the Associated Press.

For some, the feat may conjure up the dramatic televised images from 2009, when a runaway silver balloon flew uncontrollably over Colorado amid fears that a little boy was inside. That boy was actually hiding in the family's garage; his parents were later accused of staging a hoax.

Bobby is the real deal. He's the son of well-known balloonists Troy and Tami Bradley, of Albuquerque. Both have been licensed pilots since they were teenagers and come from families immersed in the ballooning community for decades.

In 1998, Troy and Tami Bradley won the America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race, one of the country's biggest events in balloon racing. Six years earlier, Troy Bradley and Richard Abruzzo piloted the first balloon to fly from North America to Africa.

In all, Troy Bradley has set nearly five dozen world records in ballooning and has logged thousands of hours of pilot time. He's also the president of the Balloon Federation of America.

So is it in Bobby's blood? His parents think so, but they have been careful not to pressure him or his 11-year-old sister, Savannah, who would rather leave the piloting to Bobby.

New Mexico vintners wait to see cost of freeze

Associated Press

MESILLA, N.M. — Wine growers across southern New Mexico still have a few weeks to go before they can assess whether grapevines were damaged by a freeze that hit the region in early February.

Temperatures in the Las Cruces area stayed below freezing for nearly four consecutive days. At one point, the mercury hit minus-6 at an official New Mexico State University gauge.

At Rio Grande Vineyards and Winery, south of Mesilla, a few young leaves peaked out on some plants in the 10-acre vineyard this past week, a sign they're ready for spring.

Most of the limbs were bare, but Rio Grande Vineyards' owner Gordon Steel said that's not a bad sign at the moment because the vines still may be in their winter dormancy.

If the branches still appear bare in two or three weeks, then that will be a problem, he said.

The southern part of New Mexico is responsible for most of its wine production, Steel said. There are vineyards in Lordsburg, Deming, Las Cruces and Tularosa.

There were 1,103 acres of grapes on 227 farms in New Mexico in 2007, the last official tally, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. About 1,030 acres were in the ground five years earlier.

Some grape varieties are more cold-tolerant and fared better in the extreme weather, growers said. Older, more-established vines were less susceptible to damage.

Even if the leaves emerge in a few weeks, Steel said, the test will be whether vines produce the flowers that are the forerunners to fruit.

The area's grape varieties can tolerate cold to about zero degrees, said Paolo D'Andrea, president of Luna Rossa Winery in Deming. But the low reached minus-3 degrees at the vineyard.

"I've been around here 25 years, and I've never had a situation like that," said D'Andrea, who also manages vineyards for a second company.

Still, he said so far "it doesn't look that bad."

He'll have a better idea at the end of April, he said.

La Vi-a Winery in La Union also should be able to determine the status of its vines in about two weeks, said owner Ken Stark, who grows 22 varieties. Leaves on several white wine varieties in his vineyard have begun emerging, but the red varieties remained dormant.

"It's a wait and see thing right now," Stark said.

The 2007 statistics showed grape production in Bernalillo, Chaves, Cibola, Curry, Dona Ana, Eddy, Grant, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Sierra, Socorro and Valencia counties.

Police union criticizes proposal for more training

Associated Press

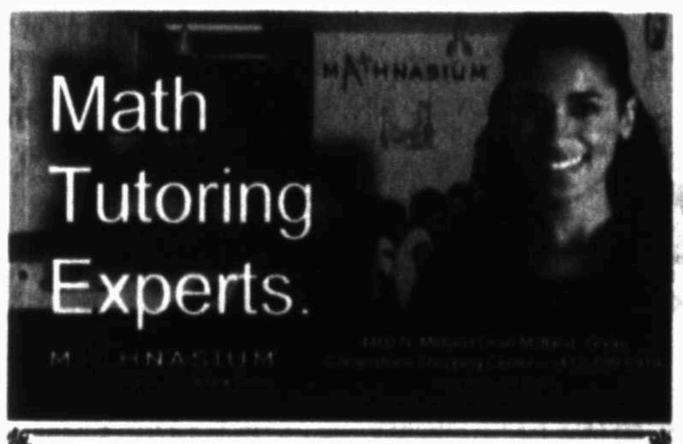
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Albuquerque police union is criticizing a proposal for more deadly force training for all officers in the wake of 16 police shootings across the city in as many months.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that Mayor Richard Berry and city Public Safety Director Darren White announced a proposal that would require officers to take eight hours of training every two years on when and when not to shoot.

Suspects have been killed in 11 of the 16 officer-involved shootings between January 2010 and Tuesday.

The Albuquerque Police Officers Association said it's an insult to say that officers need more training.

The proposal came two days after the most recent officer-involved shooting, but Berry said it had been in the works for some time.



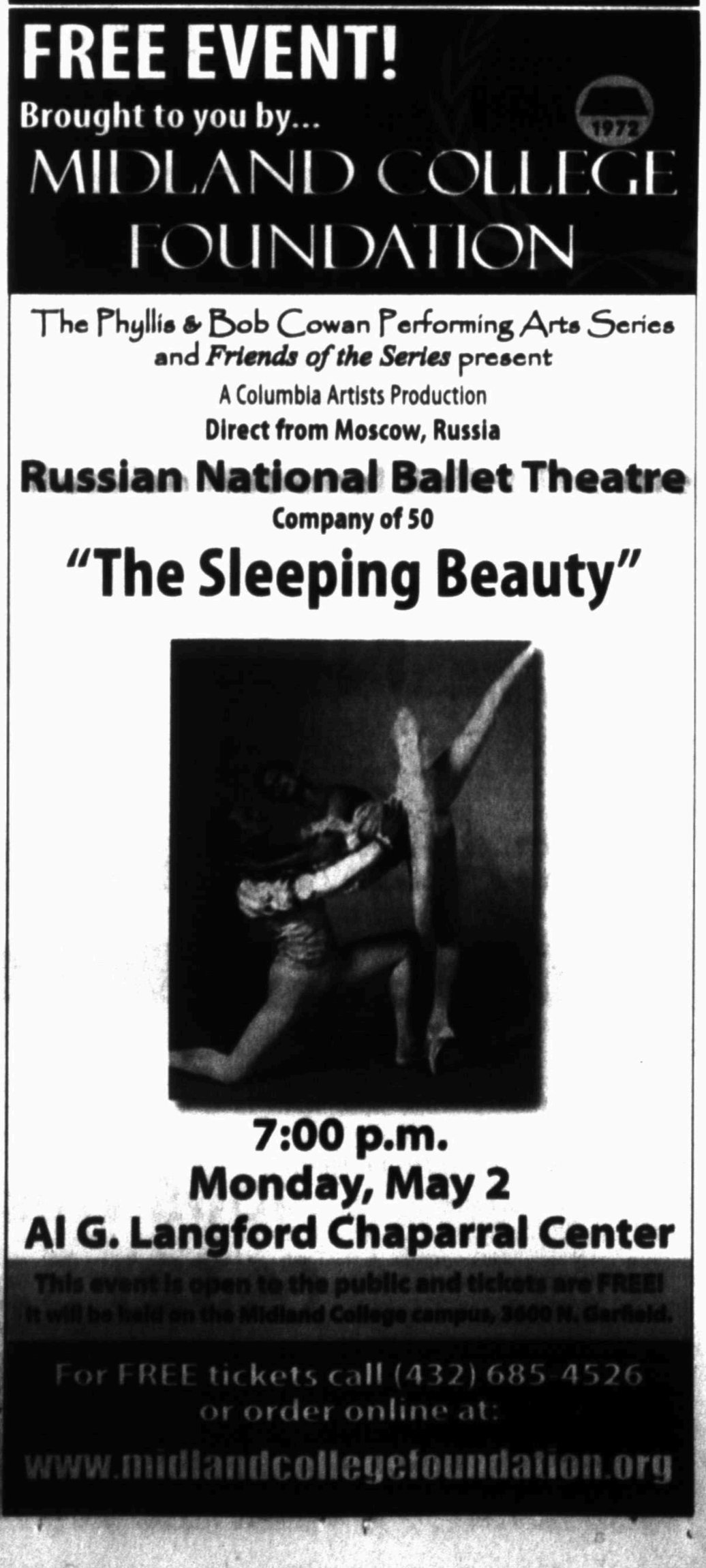






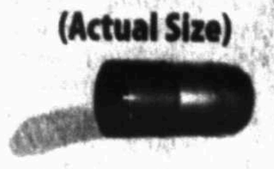






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Krisa embraces underdog role at regional tournament

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

David Krisa's path to a District 3-5A boys singles title wasn't quite the norm for a boys tennis player.

While Krisa has played with and against players who have been playing since they were as young as 7 years old, Krisa's tennis career began in junior high playing for the Goddard Junior High team.

And the reason Krisa played tennis at Goddard: "I didn't want to be in P.E."

That's a valid enough reason and even now with a 3-5A boys singles title to his credit, Krisa is still an underdog and somewhat of an unlikely champion.


Krisa

As the senior prepares for the Region I-5A tournament this week, he knows he will be an underdog in nearly every match, but that hasn't deterred him from thinking he can still qualify for the state tournament.

The regional tournament is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday at the McLeod Tennis Center in Lubbock, and Krisa will be joined in the tournament by teammate and fellow senior Doug Charuk.

"I've had people who thought I could do it, so I worked at it," said Krisa, who was looking at playing soccer in junior high and high school. "It's going to be a tough tournament and you are going to have to bring your 'A' game."

Prior to this season, Krisa spent most of his time in the spring playing on various boys and mixed doubles teams. As a freshman, he played boys doubles, and as a sophomore and junior he played mixed doubles.

But this fall Krisa began to show potential as a singles player during

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READY FOR REGIONALS Midland High's David Krisa prepares to return the ball during a match earlier this season at Midland High School.

THE CLINCHER


Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lee pitcher Mick Limon (15) winds up to throw Saturday during the Rebels game against Odessa Permian at Ernie Johnson Field. The Rebels beat the Panthers, 10-1, clinching a playoff spot.

Limon throws 12 strikeouts as Rebels earn playoff berth

By Shawn Shroyer
Sports Writer

After suffering his first loss of the season to Midland High on Tuesday, Lee left-hander Mick Limon couldn't wait to cleanse himself from that start.

He got his chance on Saturday against Odessa Permian. Making back-to-back starts for the Rebels, Limon responded with 12 strikeouts in a 10-1 Lee victory at Ernie Johnson Field. With the victory, Lee (20-10, 7-2) clinched a District 3-5A playoff spot while Permian (9-13, 4-6) fell back to fifth place. The Rebels are playoff bound for the first time since 2007.

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At the game's onset, Limon seemed to be having some lingering control issues from his last start, but as the game went on he picked up steam. He was at his best in two innings that shouldn't have even been played.

"I was just ready to get back on the mound as fast as I possibly could," Limon said. "Tuesday wasn't a great day. I wasn't spotting up pitches and they're a good ballclub. I just felt good today.

"Everything just felt good today and I just spotted up. My fastball played a big part. I was able to spot that up and set up pitches."

After the top of the fifth, Limon already had seven strikeouts and all his offense needed was two runs in the bottom of the frame to end the game by run-rule.

Luke Stice took care of half the runs needed with a leadoff home run to right-center field, putting Lee up 10-1. Later in the inning, the Rebels had runners on first and third with one out when Daniel Vargas sent a deep fly ball to right-center for a would-be sacrifice fly. However, the runner on third tagged up while the runner on first did not and Permian picked him off to end the inning.


Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

A LITTLE WILD Lee's David Ochs (4) scores on a wild pitch thrown by Permian pitcher Mykell Vasquez (12) on Saturday at Ernie Johnson Field.

The mistake did little to shake Limon. He recorded his eighth strikeout in the sixth and his defense picked him up with a double play to get him out of the inning. Then in the seventh, he struck out the side with four more strikeouts, thanks in part to a dropped third strike. He had Panther hitters guessing all day with five of his 12 strikeouts of the looking variety.

"After the would-be run-rule, innings six and seven, he struck out the side both times," Lee coach Hector Limon said. "He came back the way he should have. He

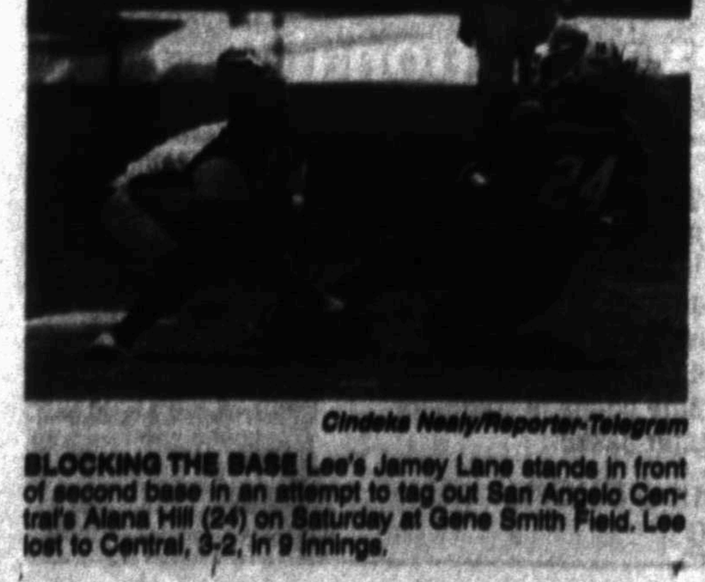
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Yara's snag helps Lady Bobcats top Lady Rebs


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BLOCKING THE BASE Lee's Jamey Lane stands in front of second base in an attempt to tag out San Angelo Central's Alana Hill (24) on Saturday at Gene Smith Field. Lee lost to Central, 9-2, in 9 innings.

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

As soon as the ball left Rebecca Long's bat, the fans sitting on Lee's side erupted in a loud cheer. But the celebration didn't last long.

Central's Tess Yara seemingly came out of no where to rob Long of what would have been at least a game-tying single, giving the Lady Bobcats a 3-2 victory in nine innings at Gene Smith Field on Saturday.

The loss prevents Lee (20-11, 6-5 in District 3-5A) from wrapping up the No. 3 seed in District 3-5A and moves the Lady Rebels into a tie for third with Odessa High (16-12, 6-5). Lee hosts Abilene High at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Gene Smith Field.

The Lady Rebels are going to be cheering on Central (14-19, 3-9) on Tuesday as well since the Lady Bobcats host Odessa High in the regular season finale. A Lee victory combined with an Odessa High loss gives the Lady Rebels the No. 3 playoff seed in 3-5A play.

And while the Lady Bobcats have been out of the postseason race for a couple games now, they showed Saturday they're more than happy simply playing for pride.

"This is an important win," Yara said. "We may not be going to playoffs, but this is a big step for-

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MCS track teams dominate district meet

From staff reports

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — As expected, the Midland Christian boys and girls track teams dominated their respective divisions at the TAPPS 1-4A Track & Field Championships, coasting to district team titles.

Leading the way for the girls was senior Regan Volke. Volke won three gold medals, winning the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles and triple jump. She also qualified for region in the pole vault, taking bronze in the event.


Whigham

The only thing keeping Volke from a fourth gold in the pole vault was two of her teammates. Audrey Holmsley won the event with Kami Berryhill taking second.


Volke

The Lady Mustangs also qualified three girls each in the shot put and discus. Kim Vannaman broke the school record in the shot put, winning gold in the process. Hannah and Emma Thompson, no relation, also advanced in the shot put, but qualified in the discus as well with Hannah taking gold and Emma winning silver. Jessica Smitherman took bronze in the discus, giving MCS the top three spots in the event.

Kayla Johnston remained undefeated in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 2 inches for gold in the event. Kelsey Edwards broke a school record in the 400 meters, a mark she already held, by finishing a complete lap around the track in 58.3 seconds.

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Rangers baffled by Garcia in loss to Yankees

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Texas Rangers have seen the New York Yankees' high-priced stars enough times that they know what to expect from them.

Mark Teixeira might go deep. Robinson Cano will likely get a hit. Alex Rodriguez will cause trouble somewhere in the lineup. Derek Jeter will somehow find a way on base.

The Rangers sure didn't know what to do with Freddy Garcia, though.

Making his Yankees debut, the veteran right-hander shut down the aggressive Texas offense, holding the Rangers to two hits over six innings in a 5-2 victory on a bone-chilling Saturday afternoon in the Bronx. It was the Rangers' third loss in four games.

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"He's not the Freddy I had seen earlier in my career in Seattle, but he's still effective and he battles," said Michael Young, who drove in one of the Rangers' two runs off reliever Rafael Soriano in the eighth inning. "He just threw a good game."

With temperatures in the mid-40s, Garcia (1-0) worked through steady rain showers and winds gusting to 30 mph to quietly retire the Texas lineup. The only hits he allowed were to Adrian Beltre in the first inning and David Murphy in the fourth.

Garcia threw just 84 pitches before leaving with a three-run lead.

"You've got to give him credit, especially against an aggressive team

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Sunday Morning Line



LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as the wind and dust are still ripping through West Texas:

■ **OK, I'm going to get this out of the way right off the top: Any talk of the Lee and Midland High baseball teams playing a third game this season to determine the district's top seed needs to be quashed right now.**

Seeding games make no sense to me because both teams are in the playoffs, and why would a team risk their season by playing a game that doesn't mean much because the goal is to get in the playoffs? When those two teams play each other there is already high intensity.

Imagine what would happen if a key Lee player hurts his ankle, or a MHS player injures a shoulder and can't play in the playoffs? Isn't the ultimate goal to go deep in the playoffs and ultimately win a state title? So why play a game that puts all that at risk when it can be solved with a flip of the coin?

I understand playing when a playoff spot is on the line, but when both teams are already in and it's all about seeding, it just doesn't pass muster with me. I've seen teams' season changed because of a seeding game or a practice game that didn't mean much where a key player was injured.

If you need a coin or a zip code book, I can supply both, and heck, I will host both coaches in my office if that's what it takes.

OK, I'm done venting. And by the way congratulations to both teams for making the playoffs. It's the first time since 2007 that both teams are in the postseason. All is right with high school baseball in Midland. Good job.

■ It's regional week, and thanks to the creative TAKS scheduling the state has given school districts the last few years it's been a week earlier than in previous years.

It's a short turnaround for golfers and tennis players as many districts finished just this past week.

Anyway, a few names to keep an eye on this week are Lee sophomore golfer Libby Thomas and Midland High senior Shelby Jones. Thomas won the 3-5A medalist title, and even as a sophomore has the potential to be playing in Austin next month, and Jones is a self-made player, who if she plays well, will also have a shot.

MHS is sending a contingent of three players to the regional tennis tournament as boys singles players David Krisa and Doug Charuk are playing, along with girls singles player Hillary Gilland. All three face tough tasks in what is the best tennis region in the state.

Also, here are four names you may recognize from the fall playing tennis this week in Stanton's Grayson Gray and Tyler Fulton, and Garden City's Brett Chudej and Josh Colunga. Yes, these football players who had so much success on the gridiron this fall also play tennis and will be playing in their respective regional tournaments.

■ I like the ruling the judge in Minnesota gave the National Football League's owners and players, forcing them into mediation. I think this is her way of telling both sides, I really don't want to rule on this, because if I do somebody won't like it and you need to solve this.

It might be a cop out for some legal experts, but I think it's the right decision because it could prevent a long appeals process that is likely no matter how she rules, and could jeopardize the season.

■ It's Talladega week in NASCAR Sprint Cup, and the phrase, "Tight sphincter factor" comes to mind. More tandem racing this week, and let's hope the big one is avoided.

■ On another gearhead note, Midland's Rusty Mitchell will be racing in the Firestone Indy Lights race today at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. This was the series Mitchell was shooting for, and hopefully he can have a good run to get a full-time ride in the series.

■ The NBA Playoffs have started, and are you ready for the overhype that will come with any Miami Heat game?

■ And finally, two soccer games in one day not only wear out 4-year olds but also the parents.

Len Haywar can be reached at lhayward@mrt.com.

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Nationwide Tour, Fresh Express Classic, final round, 6 p.m., TGC

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Toronto at Boston, 12:30 p.m., TBS
San Diego at Houston, 1 p.m., FSS
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 2 p.m., WGN
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 7 p.m., ESPN

MOTORSPORTS
PIM World Superbike, (same-day tape), 4 p.m., Speed

NBA
Playoffs, first round, game 1, Memphis at San Antonio, Noon, TNT
Playoffs, first round, game 1, New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Playoffs, first round, game 1, New York at Boston, 6 p.m., TNT
Playoffs, first round, game 1, Denver at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL
Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 3, Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 2 p.m., NBC
Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 3, Anaheim at Nashville, 5 p.m., Versus
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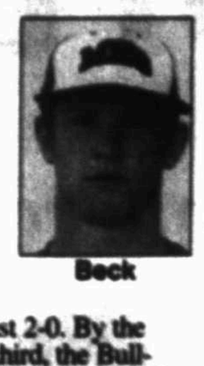
SOCCER
FC Dallas at Portland, 6 p.m., FSS

Bulldogs mow over Odessa High in Odessa

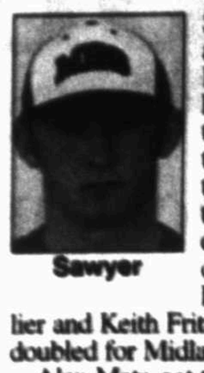
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ODESSA — Midland High managed only half as many runs against Odessa High as the Bulldogs scored in their first meeting this season. Yet Saturday's game still ended in a run-rule.

Midland High scored in every inning but one in a 13-1 victory that ended in five innings. Combined with a 27-2 victory against the Bronchos (10-18, 3-7 in District 3-5A) earlier this year, the Bulldogs (21-9, 8-2) outscored Odessa High by a total of 40-3 this season in 10 innings.



Beck



Sawyer

Odessa High kept the game close early on. Through two innings, Midland High led just 2-0. By the end of the third, the Bulldogs' lead was only 4-1. But the Bulldogs broke the game open in the fourth and fifth innings with a five-run fourth and four-run fifth.

Midland High's Shane Sawyer and Blair Beck each homered twice in the game to propel the Bulldog offense. Erick Callier and Keith Fritschen each doubled for Midland High.

Alex Mata got the Saturday start for the Bulldogs for the second straight weekend and turned in a solid performance. Mata went the distance, allowing just one run on four hits to improve to 6-1.

Bulldogs	**13**
Bronchos	1

The Bulldogs return home Tuesday to play host to Abilene High at 4:30 p.m. at Zachery Field.

MIDLAND HIGH 13, ODESSA HIGH 1 (5 INNINGS)

MHS	300	04—13	17	0	
OHS	001	00—1	4	3	

Alex Mata and Travis Sims, E-J. Alvarez; David Mesa (4), Ivan Subia (4) and Arnold Villa. W — Mata (6-1). L — Alvarez. 2B — MHS Erick Callier, Keith Fritschen. MHS, Jon Lara, Ivan Subia. HR — MHS Shane Sawyer 2, Blair Beck 2.
Records: Midland High 21-9, 8-2 in District 3-5A. Odessa High 10-18, 3-7.
Next game: Midland High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Zachery Field. Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, Saturday, April 23.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Baseball

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 12, AMA. S. JACINTO 11, 9 INNINGS

Cole McAninish scored on a wild pitch with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Knights a TAPPS 1-3A victory on Saturday at Simmons Field.

The Knights were down 6-0 entering the bottom of the third inning but rallied for 10 runs to take the lead. San Jacinto came back with five runs in the fourth and fifth innings to retake the lead.

MCA tied the game in the seventh with a single run and then in the ninth scored the game-winning run. Jay Barnes, who was 3 for 5 at the plate with a double, picked up the pitching victory after he started the game behind the plate.

Ben Snell had three hits, and James Azampato and Micah Reiss each had two hits.

Midland Classical is 3-2 in TAPPS 1-3A and next take on Lubbock Christian at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Lubbock.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 12, AMARILLO SAN JACINTO 11, 9 INNINGS

ASJ	204	410	000	—11	7	1
MCA	200	000	031	—12	11	0

Cole McAninish (three winning run scored). W — Clark, C. Grado (3) and Ira Heaton. Rogers, Vic Barnes (8) and Jay Barnes. Hogan Reed. 3B — Barnes, L. — C.Grado 2B — MCA Barnes, James Azampato.
Records: Midland Classical 3-2
Next: Midland Classical at Lubbock Christian - 7 p.m. Tuesday

Softball

MIDLAND HIGH 11, COAHOMA 0, 6 INNINGS

Midland High pounded out 13 hits and rolled to an 11-0, six-inning run-rule victory against Coahoma on Saturday at the Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

Marissa Ramirez was 3 for 4 on the day as she scored three runs. Valari Sisneros was 2 for 3 with three RBI, and Samantha Baeza was 1 for 4 with three RBI. Kaisey Hoppel and Jeannie Freeman each had two hits, and Freeman had an RBI.

Baeza pitched all six innings striking out six and allowing one hit in the victory.

Midland High (19-12) will conclude the regular season at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday against Abilene Cooper in Abilene.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 20, DALLAS CHRIST. 3, 5 INNINGS

MESQUITE — The Midland Christian softball team completed its season with a 20-3 non-district run-rule victory against Dallas Christian on Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs scored 10 runs in the third inning and rolled from there. MCS added three more in the fourth and six in the fifth to complete the dominating victory.

Midland Christian pitcher Kadee Vines had four strikeouts and one walk in the victory. Ashlynn Rotan was 4 for 4 with three RBI on the day, as Bethany Roach, Madison LeRoy, Maranda Galindo and Vines each had two hits.

Midland Christian (12-25) will travel to its first round TAPPS 4A playoff game at time, date and place to be determined.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 20, DALLAS CHRISTIAN 3, 5 INNINGS

MCS	.....10(10)	36	—20	15	1
DC	000	21	—3	6	4

Kadee Vines and Courtney Mullaff. Taylor and Whitney W — Vines. L — Taylor. 3B — MCS Ashlynn Rotan, Bethany Roach, Maranda Galindo.
Record: Midland Christian 12-25.
Next: Midland Christian at TBA in TAPPS 4A playoffs, TBA

Compiled from staff reports

Rebels

From 1C

responded to that in a pretty positive manner by coming out and working hard the next two innings."

Although 12 of Limon's 22 outs came by way of strikeout, even when Permian hitters reached base, they weren't safe.

Limon picked off two Permian base runners and one of the two times the Panthers were caught stealing was a result of Limon catching the runner so off guard he had no choice but to make a break for second base. In the fourth inning, the Panthers made all three of their outs on the bases, getting picked off twice and caught stealing once.

"It's a great tool to have because teams are going to be a little more apt to be reserved," coach Limon said of the pick offs. "You pretty much make them play station-to-station baseball. I'm glad we have him on our side in that respect."

There was no slowing the Rebels on the base paths, though.

Vargas, Skyler Estrella, Randy Kidwell and Stice each recorded multiple hits. Vargas and Kidwell each scored two runs and Estrella and Stice each drove in two runs. Lee took a 5-1 lead in the second and from there, Limon loosened up.

"The sticks came through pretty early and I just had a feeling they were going to have to manufacture runs," Mick Limon said. "I just varied my looks and the coaches picked the right times to try pick offs."

LEE 10, ODESSA PERMIAN 1

Permian	010	000	0—1	6	1
Lee	206	102	0—11	7	1

Mason Hinojosa, Bailey Bain (3) and Blain Keenan. Mikaela Gill, Mick Limon and Chase Wadhill. W — Limon (5-0). L — Hinojosa. 2B — Lee Chantel Vargas, Skyler Estrella 2, Mikaell Bailey Hill. — Lee Judd Bailey Hill — Permian Chelsey Li Lee Estrella 2, Stice 2, Vargas 1, Kelly Chapman 1, Bailey Hill — Permian Jaxx Allen, Bain, Sarah Kelly Lee — Vargas 1, Austin Cozart 1, Lee Limon, Lee — Lee Chapman 2 — Permian Jaxx Allen's, Daniel Preston, Lee Kelly Kidwell, Randy Kidwell, Estrella. Odessa Permian 9-13, 4-6 in District 3-5A, Lee 20-10, 7-2



Next game: San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Lee at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

Lady Rebs

From 1C

ward for the girls that will be playing next year."

After a Maddie Contreras single to center scored Shelly Picasso to break a tie and give Central a 3-2 lead in the top of the ninth, the Lady Rebels responded in the bottom half of the frame by loading the bases.

With one out, Lee center fielder Alicia Alvarez couldn't take advantage of the situation, sending a soft grounder back to Contreras near the pitching circle. After bobbling the ball momentarily, Contreras recovered to force courtesy runner Kylie Herring out at home, keeping Central's one-run lead intact.

That brought up Long — a left-handed slap hitter — with the bases still loaded. Throughout the game, Central had shifted for Lee's slap hitters, placing right fielder Yara about 10 feet behind second base in shallow center field. Meanwhile, center fielder Crystal Moreno moved to right center and left fielder Davin Darnell to left center.

Against a typical defensive set, Long's hit, which was a hard line drive to center, would have fallen in for a hit. But Yara was simply in the right place at the right time. The Central senior ranged slightly to her left and snagged the ball for the game's final out.

"I just reacted," Yara said. "We've been working on it in practice. You got to do what you got to do to win. I just did it."

But the Lady Rebels missed numerous opportunities to put runs on the board throughout the game. They left a total of seven runners on base, including five in scoring position. The Lady Rebels had runners on third with one out in the third and fifth innings only to strand them there both times.

"We weren't focused today, period," Overton said. "(Central) has been playing great the last two weeks, but losing late. They didn't lose it today. I don't think we wanted it bad enough."

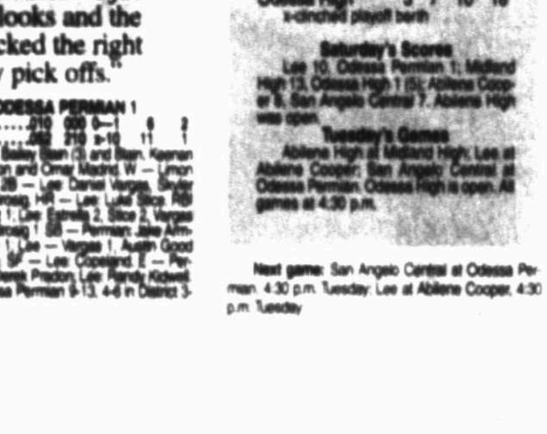
Emily Hardaway took the loss, pitching nine innings and allowing all three runs on seven hits and no walks with two strikeouts. The Lady Rebels out hit Central 9-7. Their lone extra base hit was a double by Kylee Olivas in the fourth inning.

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SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 3, LEE 2, 9 INNINGS

Central	100	010	001	—3	7	1
Lee	001	100	000	—2	9	1

Maddie Contreras and Mykaela Lara, Emily Hardaway and Kaytlyn Neff. W — Contreras. L — Hardaway (5-4). 2B — Lee Kylee Olivas, 3B — Central Davine Darnell. RBI — Central Shelly Picasso, Contreras, Darnell, Lee Adriana Berrioza, SB — Central, Crystal Moreno, Picasso, Alana Hill, Lee Alicia Alvarez, Rebecca Long. CS — Central Picasso. SH — Lee Kristen Schoenmeyer Alvarez
Records: Central 13-19, 2-9 in District 3-5A, Lee 20-11, 6-5
Next game: Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Abilene High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dane Smith Field



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NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
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Saturday's Scores

Chicago 104, Indiana 99; Chicago leads series 1-0
Miami 97, Philadelphia 89; Miami leads series 1-0
Atlanta 103, Orlando 93; Atlanta leads series 1-0
Dallas 89, Portland 81; Dallas leads series 1-0

Today's Games
Memphis at San Antonio, Noon
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
New York at Boston, 6 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES
MAVERICKS 99, TRAIL BLAZERS 81
PORTLAND (81): Wallace 4-13 0-0 8, Aldridge 12-20 3-4 27, Camby 2-3 0-0 4, Miller 7-13 4-5 18, Matthews 1-3 0-0 2, Batum 6-14 1-2 14, Roy 1-7 0-1 2, Fernandez 2-3 1-1 6 Totals 35-76 9-13 81
DALLAS (99): Marion 2-6 2-2 6, Nowitzki 7-20 13-13 28, Chandler 1-1 2-2 4, Kidd 3-14 0-0 24, Stevenson 2-4 0-0 5, Terry 2-5 6-8 10, Stojakovic 2-7 0-0 6, Barea 1-7 2-2 4, Hay-ward 1-2 0-0 2, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0 Totals 27-86 25-29 99

Portland	**22**	**15**	**20**	**24**	**— 81**
Dallas	**21**	**26**	**14**	**38**	**— 99**

3-Point Goals—Portland 2-16 (Fernandez 1-2, Batum 1-7, Matthews 0-1, Wallace 0-2, Miller 0-2, Roy 0-2), Dallas 10-19 (Kidd 6-10, Stojakovic 2-4, Nowitzki 1-1, Stevenson 1-2, Terry 0-1, Barea 0-1) Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 45 (Camby 18), Dallas 43 (Nowitzki 10). Assists—Portland 22 (Miller 6), Dallas 14 (Kidd 4) Total Fouls—Portland 26, Dallas 16 Technicals—Dallas defensive three second A—20,541 (19,200)

HAWKS 103, MAGIC 93
ATLANTA (103): Smith 6-12 2-7 15, Horford 7-14 2-2 16, Collins 0-1 1-2 1, Hinrich 6-10 0-0 13, Johnson 9-16 7-8 25, Pachulia 0-1 2-2 2, Crawford 7-14 5-6 23, Thomas 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 2-3 2-2 6 Totals 41-77 19-29 103
ORLANDO (93): Turkoglu 2-9 1-2 6, Bass 0-4 0-0 0, Howard 16-23 11-22 46, Nelson 10-18 3-4 27, J.Richardson 2-8 0-0 4, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Arenas 2-5 1-2 6, Redick 2-6 0-0 4, Q.Richardson 0-0 0-0 0 Totals 34-75 19-30 93

Atlanta	**17**	**30**	**30**	**— 103**
Orlando	**19**	**29**	**23**	**— 93**

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 6-14 (Crawford 4-7, Smith 1-2, Hinrich 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Horford 0-1), Orlando 5-11 (Howard 1-1, Arenas 1-2, Turkoglu 1-4, Howard 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Redick 0-2, J.Richardson 0-4) Fouled Out—Collins. Rebounds—Atlanta 42 (Smith 8), Orlando 54 (Howard 19) Assists—Atlanta 19 (Crawford, Johnson 5), Orlando 15 (Turkoglu 5) Total Fouls—Atlanta 28, Orlando 24 Technicals—Howard A—19,108 (18,500)

HEAT 97, 76ERS 89
PHILADELPHIA (89): Iguodala 2-7 0-0 4, Brand 8-14 1-1 17, Hawes 2-4 0-0 4, Holiday 5-12 8-8 19, Meeks 3-8 1-2 9, Young 9-20 2-4 20, Williams 3-10 2-2 10, Turner 1-2 0-0 2, Nocioni 0-3 0-0 0, Battie 0-0 0-0 0 Speights 2-7 0-0 4 Totals 35-85 12-15 89

MIAMI (97):	James 4-14 13-14 21, Bosh 8-17 9-11 25, Ilgauskas 4-5 0-0 8, Bibby 3-9 0-0 8, Wade 8-13 5-8 17, Anthony 0-3 3-4 3, Jones 4-8 0-0 9 Miller 0-3 0-0 0 Chalmers 2-2 2-2 6 Totals 31-74 31-39 97			
Philadelphia	**31**	**18**	**20**	**— 89**
Miami	**19**	**35**	**26**	**— 97**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 7-19 (Holiday 3-5, Meeks 2-3, Williams 2-6, Young 0-1, Iguodala 0-2, Nocioni 0-2, Miller 0-1, Bibby 2-7, Chalmers 1-1, Jones 1-4, Wade 0-1, James 0-2, Miller 0-2) Fouled Out—None Rebounds—Philadelphia 43 (Young 11) Miami 41 (James 14) Assists—Philadelphia 22 (Iguodala 9) Miami 15 (Wade, James 5) Total Fouls—Philadelphia 25, Miami 18 Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second A—19,800 (19,800)

BULLS 104, PACERS 99
INDIANA (99): Granger 10-20 0-0 24, Hansbrough 10-19 2-3 22, Hibbert 4-7 3-4 11, Collison 7-15 1-3 17, George 1-2 0-0 2, Rush 2-3 1-2 7, McRoberts 1-6 2-2 4, Dunleavy 0-3 0-0 0, Price 3-6 0-1 8 Foster 1-3 2-2 4 Totals 39-84 11-17 99

CHICAGO (104):	Deng 7-13 2-4 18, Boozer 4-11 4-5 12, Noah 5-12 0-1 10, Rose 10-23 19-21 39, Bogans 0-3 0-0 0, Brewer 1-3 0-0 2, Thomas 3-4 0-0 8, Gibson 1-2 0-0 2, Korver 4-7 2-3 13, Asik 0-0 0-0 0 Watson 1-4 0-0 2 Totals 36-82 26-32 104			
Indiana	**27**	**28**	**24**	**— 99**
Chicago	**33**	**26**	**30**	**— 104**

3-Point Goals—Indiana 10-18 (George 4-8, Collison 2-2, Rush 2-2, Price 2-3, George 0-1, Dunleavy 0-2), Chicago 6-20 (Korver 4-4, Deng 2-3, Watson 0-1, Bogans 0-3, Rose 0-4, Thomas 0-5) Fouled Out—None Rebounds—Indiana 40 (Hibbert 8) Chicago 63 (Noah 11) Assists—Indiana 21 (Collison 8) Chicago 18 (Rose 8) Total Fouls—Indiana 28, Chicago 21 Technicals—Indiana Coach Vogel, Deng A—22,986 (20,917)

NHL Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
Saturday's Games

Detroit 4, Phoenix 3, Detroit leads series 2-0
Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 4, series tied 1-1
Montreal 3, Boston 1, Montreal leads series 2-0
Los Angeles at San Jose, late
Today's Games
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 2 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S SUMMARIES
CANADIENS 3, BRUINS 1

Montreal	**2**	**1**	**0**	**— 3**
Boston	**0**	**1**	**0**	**— 1**

First Period—1, Montreal, Camerlain 1 (Wisniewski), 43. 2, Montreal, Darche 1 (Camerlain), 2:20 (pp)
Second Period—3, Boston, Bergeron 1 (Marchand, Recchi), 7:38. 4, Montreal, Weber 1 (Eller, Hamrlik), 17:21
Third Period—None
Shots on Goal—Montreal 8-15-3—26 Boston 15-9-11—35.
Goalies—Montreal, Price. Boston, Thomas. A—17,566 (17,565). T—2:31.

FLYERS 5, SABRES 4

Buffalo	**1**	**————**	**3**	**— 4**
Philadelphia	**2**	**————**	**3**	**— 5**

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Giroux 1 (Timonen, Coburn), 4:00. 2, Buffalo, Vanek 1 (Gregory, Pominville), 6:43 (pp). 3, Philadelphia, Carter 1 (Hartnell, Carter), 7:30. 4, Buffalo, Vanek 2 (Stafford, Connolly), 9:43 (pp). 5, Buffalo, Stafford 1 (Kaleta), 12:30. 6, Philadelphia, Pominville 1 (Timonen, Meszaros), 15:14.
Second Period—7, Philadelphia, Leino 1 (Timonen, Meszaros), 13:36 (pp). 8, Philadelphia, Briere 1 (Hartnell, Carter), 19:27.
Third Period—9, Buffalo, McCormick 1 (Niedermayer, Grier), 6:12.
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 10-8-10—28. Philadelphia 13-11-10—34
Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. Philadelphia, Bobrovsky, Boucher. A—19,942 (19,537). T—2:42.

RED WINGS 4, COYOTES 3

Phoenix	**1**	**1**	**1**	**— 3**
Detroit	**1**	**2**	**1**	**— 4**

First Period—1, Detroit, Datsyuk 2 (Lidstrom, Bertuzzi), 10:42 (pp). 2, Detroit, Ratelle 2 (Datsyuk, Holmstrom), 15:50 (pp). 3, Detroit, Helm 1 (Datsyuk, Lidstrom), 18:40.
Second Period—4, Detroit, Holmstrom 1 (Filppula, Datsyuk), 3:11. 5, Phoenix, Vrbata 2 (Shaw, Yandle), 7:08 (pp).
Third Period—6, Phoenix, Doan 1 (Yandle, Vrbata), 5:49 (pp). 7, Phoenix, Doan 2 (Yandle, Vrbata), 6:37 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Phoenix 8-14-11—33. Detroit 9-10-15—34.
Goalies—Phoenix, Bryzgalov. Detroit, Howard. A—20,066 (20,066). T—2:32.

BASEBALL

AL Boxes

YANKEES 5, RANGERS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	3	1	0	0	Jeter ss	3	1	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	1	1	Swisher rf	4	0	1	2
M'Long 1b	4	0	1	1	Teixeir 1b	3	2	2	3
ABeltre 3b	4	0	1	0	ARdrgz 3b	2	0	0	0
N.Cruz rf	3	1	0	0	Chavez dh	3	0	0	0
DvMrp lf	4	0	2	0	Cano 2b	4	1	1	0
Torreci c	4	0	1	0	AnJons lf	3	0	2	0
Morlnd dh	4	1	1	0	Gardnr lf	1	0	0	0
Borbon cf	3	0	0	0	Posada dh	3	0	0	0
					Grndrs cf	3	0	1	0
					Dickrsn rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	7	2	Totals	30	5	8	5

Texas						**000**	**000**	**020**	**—**	**2**
New York						**201**	**000**	**02x**	**—**	**5**

E—Mi.Young (1), DP—Texas 1, New York 1. LOB—Texas 6, New York 4. 2B—Torrealba (3), Morneau (5), Swisher (2). HR—Teixeira (5), Cano (3). CS—Gardner (2). SF—Teixeira.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Holland L,2-1	7	2-3	8	5	2	5
Oliver	1	3	0	0	0	0
New York						
F.Garcia W,1-0	6	2	0	0	1	1
Chamberlain	1	1	0	0	0	2
R.Soriano	1	3	2	2	0	1
M.Rivera S,6-6	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Holland.
T—2:39. A—41,876 (50,291)

ANGELS 7, WHITE SOX 2

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Mizturs dh	5	1	3	0	Pierre lf	3	0	2	0
Aybar ss	5	1	2	1	Bckhm 2b	4	0	0	0
Abreu lf	4	0	0	0	A Dunn dh	4	0	0	0
Bourjos cf	1	0	0	0	Konerk 1b	4	1	1	1
Trumo rf	4	1	1	0	Quentin rf	4	1	1	1
V Wells cf-lf	4	1	2	0	Rios cf	3	0	1	0
Callasp 3b	3	1	1	0	Przynz c	3	0	0	0
Trumo lb	3	1	0	0	AlRmrz ss	3	0	0	0
Conger c	4	1	2	3	Morel 3b	3	0	1	0
ByWood ss	4	1	1	0					
Totals	**37**	**7**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**31**	**2**	**7**	**2**

Los Angeles						**012**	**003**	**100**	**—**	**7**
Chicago						**000**	**010**	**001**	**—**	**2**

E—Al.Ramirez (4). DP—Los Angeles 3. LOB—Los Angeles 5, Chicago 3. 2B—M.Izturis (5), V.Wells (2), Conger (1), Br.Wood (1). HR—H.Kendrick (5), Conger (2), Konerko (4), Quentin (3). CS—Pierre (5).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chatwood W,1-1	7	5	1	1	2	3
F.Rodriguez	1	1	0	0	0	0
Thompson	1	1	1	1	0	1
Chicago						
Floyd L,1-1	8	8	6	6	2	3
Dotel	1	3	1	1	0	0
T.Pena	2	2	3	1	0	0

WP—Floyd 3.
T—2:35. A—21,250 (40,615)

RAYS 4, TWINS 3

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	5	0	3	1	Fuld lf	4	1	0	0
L.Hughs 2b	4	0	0	0	Damon dh	5	0	1	0
Tolbert 2b	0	0	0	0	Joyce rf	4	0	2	1
Dfong lf	3	0	0	0	B.Lopez 3b	4	0	0	0
Morneau dh	4	0	0	0	Zobrist 2b	4	1	1	0
Kubel rf	3	1	2	1	Bupton cf	3	1	0	0
Cuddyr 1b	3	0	1	0	Kchnhn 1b	2	1	1	0
Valencia 3b	3	0	0	0	Shppch c	3	0	0	0
Hollm c	3	0	0	0	Brignc ss	3	1	1	0
Thome ph	1	0	0	0	Ehinan ph	1	0	0	0
Butera c	0	0	0	0					
ACasill ss	4	2	2	0					
Totals	**34**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**33**	**4**	**6**	**1**

Minnesota						**011**	**010**	**000**	**—**	**3**
Tampa Bay						**001**	**000**	**012**	**—**	**4**

Two outs when winning run scored.
DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Minnesota 7, Tampa Bay 8. 2B—Joyce (5), 3B—Span (1). HR—Kubel (1), Zobrist (2). SB—Span (1), D.Young (1), Kubel (1), B.Upton (2). SF—Fuld.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
S.Baker	7	4	1	1	1	6
Capps	1	2	1	1	0	1
Nathan L,0-1	1	3	2	2	0	1
Mijares	1	3	1	0	0	1
Tampa Bay						
Niemann	7	8	3	3	1	6
A.Russell	1	0	0	0	0	0
J.Cruz W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Niemann.
T—3:10. A—16,428 (34,078).

INDIANS 8, ORIOLES 3

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Roberts 2b	5	0	1	0	Brantley cf	4	0	1	0
Markakis rf	5	0	0	0	Cabrera ss	5	0	1	0
D.Lee 1b	5	0	1	0	Choo rf	4	1	1	1
Guthrie ph	0	0	0	0	Santana c	3	3	1	1
Scott lf	4	1	1	1	Hafner dh	4	2	3	0
Reynlds 3b	3	0	0	0	Carrera 2b	4	3	2	4
Fox c	4	2	2	1	LaPorta 1b	4	0	2	2
Andino ss	3	0	2	0	Hannahan 3b	4	0	1	0
Totals	**37**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**Totals**	**36**	**8**	**12**	**8**

Baltimore						**001**	**010**	**100**	**—**	**3**
Cleveland						**024**	**000**	**20x**	**—**	**8**

E—Cleveland 1. DP—Baltimore 1, Cleveland 1. LOB—Baltimore 8, Cleveland 6. 2B—Hafner (2), T.Buck (3), LaPorta (2). 3B—Fox (1). HR—Scott (1), Fox (1), Choo (2), C.Cabrera (2).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Guthrie L,1-2	5	10	6	6	1	2
Jakubauskas	1	1	0	0	0	0
M.Gonzalez	1	1	2	2	0	0
Berken	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland						
Tomlin W,3-0	6	6	2	2	0	4
Pestano	1	2	1	1	1	0
Sipp	1	1	0	0	0	1
Durbin	1	0	0	0	0	0

PB—Fox 2
T—2:36 A—10,714 (43,441)

RED SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	4	0	0	0	Lowrie ss	5	2	3	2
CPthsn cf	4	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	1	1	0
Bautist rf	4	0	1	0	A.Gnzlz 1b	4	0	1	0
Lind 1b	3	0	0	0	Youkils 3b	4	0	1	1
A Hill 2b	3	1	2	0	Ortiz dh	1	0	0	0
Snider lf	4	0	1	1	Ramrz ph-lf	4	0	0	0
J.Nix dh	3	0	0	0	Varitek c	3	0	0	0
JMolin c	3	0	1	0	DMcDn lf	1	0	0	0
JMcDnl 3b	3	0	1	0	Drew ph-rf	1	0	0	0
					Ellsury cf	4	1	1	0
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**29**	**4**	**8**	**4**

Toronto						**010**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**1**
Boston						**220**	**000**	**00x**	**—**	**4**

DP—Toronto 3, Boston 1. LOB—Toronto 5, Boston 11. 2B—A.Hill (5), Youkilis (4). HR—Lowrie (1). SB—A.Hill (5), Snider 2 (5), Ellsbury (3). CS—Jo.McDonald (2), Lowrie (1). S—Varitek.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jo. Reyes L,0-2	3	7	4	4	5	3
Villanueva	2	0	0	0	0	2
Dotel	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
J.Perez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Boston						
Beckett W,2-1	7	3	1	1	2	9
Sard	1	1	0	0	0	1
Papelbon S,2-2	1	1	0	0	0	1

Jo. Reyes pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
HBP—by Jo. Reyes (Ellsbury). WP—Jo. Reyes.
T—3:12. A—37,310 (37,067).

ROYALS 7, MARINERS 0

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Bucknr lf	5	0	0	0	Dyson cf	3	0	0	0
Figgins 3b	3	0	0	0	Gldsch 2b	3	0	0	0
Ichiro rf	3	0	0	0	Gordon lf	4	3	3	2
Lngoria rf	2	0	0	0	Butler dh	3	0	1	1
Cust dh	4	0	2	0	Butler dh	3	0	1	1
Wlson lb	3	0	1	0	KFalfnr 1b	3	0	1	0
Rdrgzz 2b	3	0	2	0	Aviles 3b	4	0	2	3
Gutrrz ss	4	0	0	0	Treanor c	4	0	0	0
Olivo c	3	0	0	0	Escobar ss	4	1	1	0
Totals	**35**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**Totals**	**31**	**7**	**9**	**7**

Seattle						**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**
Kansas City						**010**	**130**	**02x**	**—**	**7**

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	8	5	.615	—	—	6-4	W-1	7-3	1-2
Toronto	7	7	.500	1 1/2	3	4-6	L-1	4-2	3-5
Baltimore	6	7	.462	2	3 1/2	4-6	L-5	3-3	3-4
Tampa Bay	6	8	.429	2 1/2	4	6-4	W-5	3-5	3-3
Boston	3	10	.231	5	6 1/2	3-7	W-1	3-4	0-6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	10	4	.714	—	—	8-2	W-2	6-2	4-2
Kansas City	10	4	.714	—	—	7-3	W-3	7-2	3-2
Chicago	7	7	.500	3	3	5-5	L-3	4-5	3-2
Detroit	7	7	.500	3	3	6-4	W-4	3-3	4-4
Minnesota	4	10	.286	6	6	3-7	L-4	2-3	2-7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	10	4	.714	—	—	6-4	L-1	6-0	4-4
Oakland	9	5	.643	1	—	8-2	W-4	4-2	5-3
Los Angeles	6	8	.429	4	4	5-5	L-2	1-4	5-4
Seattle	4	11	.267	6 1/2	6 1/2	2-8	L-4	2-4	2-7

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	9	4	.692	—	—	6-4	L-1	5-2	4-2
Florida	8	5	.615	1	—	7-3	W-3	5-2	3-3
Atlanta	7	8	.467	3	2	4-6	W-2	4-4	3-4
Washington	6	8	.429	3	2	5-5	W-1	3-4	3-4
New York	4	11	.267	6	5	3-7	L-7	1-6	3-5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	9	5	.643	—	—	5-5	W-1	6-2	3-3
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	1 1/2	—	7-3	L-1	5-2	2-4
Chicago	7	7	.500	2	1/2	5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4
St. Louis	7	7	.500	2	1/2	5-5	W-3	4-3	3-4
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429	3	2 1/2	3-7	L-1	1-5	5-3
Houston	5	10	.333	4 1/2	4	5-5	W-1	4-5	1-5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Colorado	11	3	.786	—	—	8-2	L-1	4-2	7-1
San Francisco	8	6	.571	3	1/2	7-3	W-4	4-2	4-4
Los Angeles	6	8	.429	5	2 1/2	3-7	L-4	3-3	3-5
San Diego	6	8	.429	5	2 1/2	3-7	L-1	3-5	3-3
Arizona	6	8	.429	5	2 1/2	3-7	L-3	3-5	2-3

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Saturday's Scores

Cleveland 8, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 2
Kansas City 7, Seattle 0
Boston 4, Toronto 1
L.A. Angels 7, Chicago White Sox 2
Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 3
Detroit at Oakland, late
Today's Games
Baltimore (Bergesen 0-1) at Cleveland (Carmona 0-2), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Litsch 1-0) at Boston (Lester 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Duensing 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-1), 12:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Pineda 1-1) at Kansas City (Francis 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Penny 0-1) at Oakland (Cahill 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Texas (Ogando 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday's Scores

Milwaukee at Washington, ppd., rain
Cincinnati 11, Pittsburgh 2
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 2, 1st game
Houston 5, San Diego 3
Florida at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Arizona at Colorado, late
Chicago Cubs 8, Colorado 3
San Francisco 5, Arizona 3
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, late
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh (Karstens 1-0) at Cincinnati (Volquez 2-0), 12:10 p.m.
Florida (Ani.Sanchez 0-1) at Philadelphia (Hamels 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 1-0) at Washington (Marquis 0-0), 12:35 p.m., 1st game
N.Y. Mets (Gee 0-0) at Atlanta (Hanson 1-2), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 1-0) at Houston (Myers 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 1-2) at Colorado (A.Johnson 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-2) at Arizona (Enright 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 0-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 1-1), 3:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 1-0) at Washington (L.Hernandez 0-1), 4:05 p.m., 2nd game

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
DWright 3b	3	0	0	0	Jo.Jones 3b	3	1	2	1
Beltran rf	3	0	0	0	Hinske 1b	4	0	3	1
Davis 1b	3	0	0	0	Sherrill p	0	0	0	0
Harris lf	3	0	0	0	Lowrie p	0	0	0	0
Thole ph	1	0	0	0	Wagner p	0	0	0	0
Pelfrey p	2	0	0	0	Heyward rf	4	1	1	0
Nickes c	1	0	0	0	Heyward rf	4	1	1	0
Thole ph	1	0	0	0	AlGnzlz ss	4	0	1	0
Pelfrey p	0	0	0	0	Prado 2b	4	0	1	0
Beato p	0	0	0	0	Jurrjns p	2	0	0	0
T.Buhrg p	0	0	0	0	Frnnn 1b	0	0	0	0
Hansn ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**Totals**	**32**	**4**	**11**	**4**

New York						**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**
Atlanta						**101**	**001**	**00x**	**—**	**4**

DP—New York 1. LOB—New York 2, Atlanta 7. 2B—Dan.Murphy (4), Prado (6). SB—Prado (7). CS—Harris (4), Dan.Murphy (1). S—Pelfrey, McLouth, Jurrjens.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pelfrey L,0-2	5	11	4	4	1	3
Beato	2	0	0	0	0	3
T.Buchholz	1	0	0	0	0	1
Atlanta						
Jurrjens W,1-0	7	2	0	0	1	4
Sherrill	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lowrie	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pelfrey pitched to 3 batters in the 8th						
WP—Lowrie. Balk—Pelfrey.						
T—2:29. A—31,383 (49,586).						

REDS 11, PIRATES 2

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
AMcCtch cf	3	0	1	0	Stubbs cf	4	2	2	2
Tabata rf	4	0	0	0	Cairo 2b-1b	4	1	1	0
Overay 1b	4	0	0	0	Votto 1b	4	2	3	2
Walker 2b	2	1	1	0	Jr.Smth p	0	0	0	0
Cedeno ss	3	0	0	0	Bruce rf	4	1	1	1
Doumit c	4	0	2	0	Heisey ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Jo.Smith p	0	0	0	0	Gomes lf	4	2	2	3
Cedeno ss	1	0	0	0	Phillips 2b	3	1	1	1
JMcDnl p	2	0	0	0	Bruce rf	1	0	0	0
Crotta p	0	0	0	0	Frnnce 3b	5	1	2	1
Beimel p	0	0	0	0	Wood p	0	0	0	0
Bowker ph	1	0	0	0	Patersn p	0	0	0	0
Resop p	0	0	0	0	Rhindz c	4	1	3	4
Meek p	0	0	0	0	Janish ss	5	0	1	0
Pearce ph	1	0	0	0	Arroyo p	2	0	0	0

Chaparrals open 4-game series with sweep of FPC

From staff reports

Chaps 9-6
Plainsmen 2-5

BORGER — The Midland College baseball team swept a pair of games from Frank Phillips College on Saturday to open a four-game series.


Bostick

The Chaps won the first game 9-2 and then followed with a 6-5 victory in Game 2 in 10 innings. The opening two games of the series was pushed back to Saturday after high winds postponed the series on Friday.


Smelser

In Saturday's opening game, Colter Bostick was stellar on the mound as he pitched a complete game, giving up two runs on six hits with four walks and five strikeouts.

At the plate, Joe Wielbruda was 2 for 3 with a double, three runs scored and two RBI, and Tate Baker was 2 for 4 with a two runs scored, an RBI and two stolen bases.

The second game was much tighter as the Chaparrals scored single runs in the first, third, fifth, seventh and eighth, and then won the game with a single run in the 10th inning.

Midland College (24-21, 13-9 in WJCAC play) slapped 12 hits on the day. Nick Smelser was 3 for 4 with a run including a home run, two RBI, and a stolen base, as Alex Salas was 3 for 5 with an RBI and a stolen base. Tanner Mitchell was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and a stolen base.

Chris Posada came on in relief of starter Levi Westerlund and pitched four innings of scoreless ball as he had four strikeouts and allowed three hits.

The two teams will conclude their four-game series with a doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m. today in Borger.

GAME 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 9, FRANK PHILLIPS 2

MC	330	301	0	—9	10	0
FPC	010	000	1	—2	6	4

Colter Bostick and Ryan Small, Patrick Lopez (4); Seager Oliver (7) and Dorton. W — Bostick. L — Seager. 2B — MC: Joe Wielbruda, Nick Smelser. FPC: Montgomery, Cossey. HR — FPC: Capshaw.

GAME 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 6, FRANK PHILLIPS 5, 10 INNINGS

MC	101	010	110	1—6	13	2
FPC	201	101	000	0—5	9	2

Levi Westerlund, Chris Posada (7) and Patrick Lopez; Vaughn Calvert (8), Capshaw (9) and Dorror. W — Posada. L — Capshaw. 2B — MC: Alex Salas. HR — MC: Nick Smelser. FPC: Capshaw.

Record: Midland College 24-21, 13-9 in WJCAC. Next: Midland College at Frank Phillips, 11 a.m. today.

Offense again goes silent for RockHounds

From staff reports

Travelers 10
RockHounds 2

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Midland RockHounds' offense went cold again on Saturday night as they mustered two runs on five hits in a 10-2 loss to the Arkansas Travelers at Dickey-Stephens Ballpark.

The Travelers built a 4-0 lead in the first two innings and extended the lead to 6-1 in the fourth inning.

Meanwhile, Arkansas starter Andrew Taylor held the RockHounds to one run on two hits and struckout four in five innings of work. Eddie McKiernan came on in relief in the sixth inning and finished the game, recording a save as he also gave up a run and had two strikeouts and a walk.

Midland's Tyler Ladendorf was 2 for 4 with a triple on the night.

Arkansas' offense had 12 hits as Ryan Mount was 3 for 3 with a double and two RBI. But the Travlers stole a total of six bases on the night with shortstop Darwin Perez stealing two.

Midland (6-3) will travel to Springfield, Mo., to take on the Cardinals in the first game of a three-game Series at Hammons Field at 4:07 p.m. today.

TRAVELERS 10, ROCKHOUNDS 2

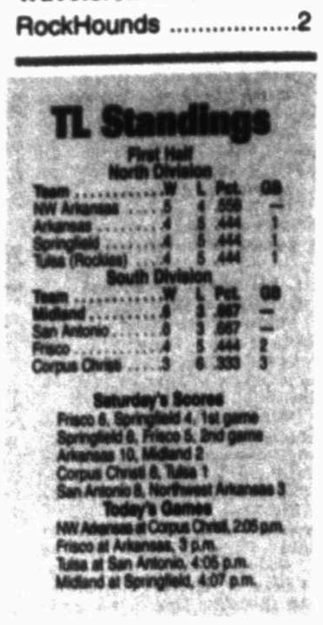
Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Arkansas	ab	r	hbi
Mitchell cf	4	0	0	1	Trout cf	5	2	2 1
Green ss	4	0	0	0	Perez ss	4	2	2 0
Peterson dh	4	0	1	0	Jimenez dh	5	1	1 1
Spina 1b	3	1	0	0	Mount 2b	3	2	3 2
Parker 3b	4	0	0	0	Castillo rf	3	2	1 1
Barfield rf	3	0	0	0	Brossman 1b	5	0	1 1
Sulentic lf	3	0	1	1	Mercado c	5	0	2 1
Pierzynski c	4	1	1	0	Younger	4	1	0 0
Ladendorf 2b-s	4	0	2	0	Kinney lf	4	0	0 0
Totals	33	2	5	2	Totals	33	10	12 7

Midland	000	100	100—2
Arkansas	130	202	02x—10

E — Green, Spina, Ladendorf, Younger. LOB — Midland 8, Arkansas 11. 2B — Ladendorf (3), Mount 2 (4). 3B — Trout (1). SB — Ladendorf (1), Mount (3), Brossman (2), Jimenez (2), Perez 2 (3), Castillo (2). CS — Jimenez (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Haviland L, 0-1	3.2	7	6	4	4	1
Ortiz	1.1	1	1	1	1	3
Bentjen	2.0	1	1	1	2	0
Lansford	1.0	3	2	2	0	1
Arkansas						
Taylor W, 1-0	5.0	2	1	1	3	4
McKiernan S, 1	4.0	3	1	1	1	2

Ortiz pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
WP — Lansford.
T — 2:56. Att — 5,840.



Roughnecks hold Beef to 6 second-half points in win

From staff reports

Roughnecks 36
Beef 19

ODESSA — The Odessa Roughnecks held the Omaha Beef to six points in the second half and used that defensive effort to take a 36-19 victory on Saturday at the Ector County Coliseum.

The Roughnecks held a 19-10 lead after the first half as all the scoring occured in the opening quarter. In the third quarter, Odessa's defense held the Beef to two field goals while the Roughnecks offense scored 10 points. Zeke Arevalo connected on a 19-yard field goal, and Marrio Norman scored on a 3-yard touchdown run to increase the Roughnecks lead to 29-16.

Then in the fourth, Odessa's defense shut down the Beef for no points and Odessa tacked on two more scores, a 44-yard field goal by Arevalo and a 17-yard TD pass from Arkelon Hall to Wilson Kimble.

The Roughnecks defense held the Beef to 98 total yards. Hall completed 9 of 24 passes for 139 yards and Kimble caught four passes for 76 yards.

Odessa (5-2) will take on Amarillo at 7:05 p.m. Saturday, April 23, on the road.

UTPB ROUNDUP

Softball

LADY FALCONS FALL TO A&M-INTERNATIONAL

In a game where The University of Texas of the Permian Basin had to win, its defense committed a total of 11 errors in two contests, including eight in the first as Texas A&M International swept the Falcons.

The Falcons, who went into the last conference game of the season one game ahead of Newman in the league standings, needed a win over the Dustdevils and a Newman loss to earn a berth into the upcoming Heartland Conference Tournament. UTPB will have to wait until next year as A&M International won the third and deciding game 7-3, while Newman swept Panhandle State.

UTPB moved to 18-27 on the year and finished conference play with a 5-10 mark. They will close out the season on Thursday when Incarnate Words comes to Odessa for a non-conference doubleheader.

Compiled from staff reports

Lady Chaps pick up a pair of shutout wins

From staff reports

Lady Chaps 9-15
Tehanas 0-0

EL PASO — Yolanda Rios threw a pair of shutouts, giving up a combined three hits in two games, leading Midland College to a four-game series sweep of El Paso Community College with a pair of wins, 9-0 and 15-0, on Saturday.


Rios

Rios allowed only one bloop single in Game 1, then came back and held El Paso to two hits in Game 2 in what was some of her best work in the pitching circle this season.

"She wasn't at her best on Friday, but she got up (Saturday) and said she felt good," MC coach Tommy Ramos said. "She only threw 70 pitches in the first game and said she wanted to start the second. We thought we would only go with her for two innings, but as the game went on, we just let her finish."

Rios struck out five, allowing two baserunners on a walk and a hit in Game 1. She struck out five more in Game 2, allowing two hits and one walk.

A two-run homer by Kishti Kamaka in Game 1 was the big hit for the Lady Chaparrals with catcher Meghan Macias also going deep with a solo shot.

Macias, Debra Lovell and Diana De La Paz each had two RBI in Game 2. Five different Lady Chaps doubled in the second game with Macias, De La Paz, Kamaka, Lovell and Erika Basurto each hitting a double.

The Lady Chaps (31-5, 12-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) continue WJCAC play at 1 p.m. Thursday with a doubleheader against Frank Phillips College at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

GAME 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 9, EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE 0, 5 INNINGS

MC	300	12	—9	11	0	
EPCC	000	00	—0	1	1	

Yolanda Rios and Meghan Macias; Jennifer Bellusci and Pamela Acedo. W — Rios. L — Bellusci. 2B — MC: Debra Lovell, Genevieve Estrada. HR — MC: Kishti Kamaka, Macias.

GAME 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 15, EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE 0, 5 INNINGS

MC	281	04	—15	16	1	
EPCC	000	00	—0	2	1	

Yolanda Rios and Meghan Macias; Janelle Klausenn and Katherine Garcia. W — Rios. L — Klausenn. 2B — MC: Kishti Kamaka, Debra Lovell, Diana De La Paz, Macias, Erika Basurto.

Record: Midland College 31-15, 12-4 in WJCAC.

Next game: Frank Phillips College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Thursday, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

TRACK

From 1C

On the boys side, Christian Whigham — a baseball and football standout for MCS — showed up at the district meet and needed one jump in the triple jump and long jump to win a pair of medals. He won the long jump, while taking second in the triple jump. He also anchored the 400-meter relay team and ran the first leg of the 800 relay, which both won gold medals. Capping his day, Whigham took silver in the 100 meters.

Only freshman Elias Aguire, who was running in his first varsity meet, kept Whigham from winning the 100 by edging him. Aguire was also on the gold-medal winning 400 and 800 relay teams.

Aguire wasn't the only freshman participating in his first varsity meet to pick up a gold medal. Britt Hooper did the same thing in the pole vault.

Jamie Bernal easily topped his prior personal best of 37 feet, 9 inches in the shot put, throwing 50-2 to win gold in the event. Kevin Gosch helped the Mustangs sweep the throwing events, winning the discus.

David Parkhurst easily won the 200 meters and also anchored the 800 relay team. Parkhurst took silver in the high jump, giving him a third event in which he advanced to regional.

Finally, the Mustangs qualified three in the 110 hurdles with Mason Alsup taking second, Mitch Brown third and Matt Ramirez fourth. It's the first time in the program's history three athletes have qualified for region in this event.

Complete results were not available at press time.

SATURDAY'S MLS ROUNDUP

D.C. UNITED 3, TORONTO FC 0: At Toronto, Chris Pontius scored twice and Charlie Davies continued his comeback from a near-fatal car crash with a goal in his first MLS start to help D.C. United beat Toronto FC 3-0 on Saturday night.

It was Davies' fifth goal in four games for United (2-2-1). His previous four, three from penalties, came in 120 minutes off the bench. He could have had another in the 89th minute Saturday had it not been for a fine reflex save from goalie Stefan Frei.

The 24-year-old striker is on loan from France's Sochaux. And he looked good on the comeback trail after suffering a broken and dislocated elbow, broken bones in his right leg, and broken nose, forehead and eye socket in the October 2009 crash that killed another passenger.

CREW 1, SPORTING KANSAS CITY 0: At Columbus, Ohio, Robbie Rogers scored his second goal of the season in the 53rd minute and the Crew set a team record with their fourth straight shutout, beating Sporting Kansas City.

The Crew haven't allowed a goal in a club-record 373 minutes.

RED BULLS 3, EARTHQUAKES 0: At Harrison, N.J., Luke Rodgers scored the first two goals of his MLS career and added an assist to lead the Red Bulls to a victory over the Earthquakes.

SOUNDERS FC 1, UNION 1: At Chester Pa., Alvaro Fernandez scored in the 91st minute to lead Sounders FC to a tie at the Union.

CHIVAS USA 0, WHITECAPS 0: At Vancouver, British Columbia, Dan Kennedy recorded his second shutout of the season, helping winless Chivas USA play the Vancouver Whitecaps to a scoreless draw.

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KRISA

From 1C

the fall season, and when the top two singles players were no longer with the team during part of the fall, Krisa moved into the top spot.

He took advantage, but as the season progressed and Doug Charuk returned to the lineup, Krisa was again considered an underdog as he was still considered the No. 2 singles player.

But Midland High coach Alan Biel said Krisa never stopped working, and knew that this was his last chance to make a mark in high school tennis. All that hard work culminated in Krisa beating Charuk last week in the District 3-5A tournament final in San Angelo.

Plus, Biel said Krisa's experience is offset by him being a good enough athlete to adjust to whatever sport he is playing.

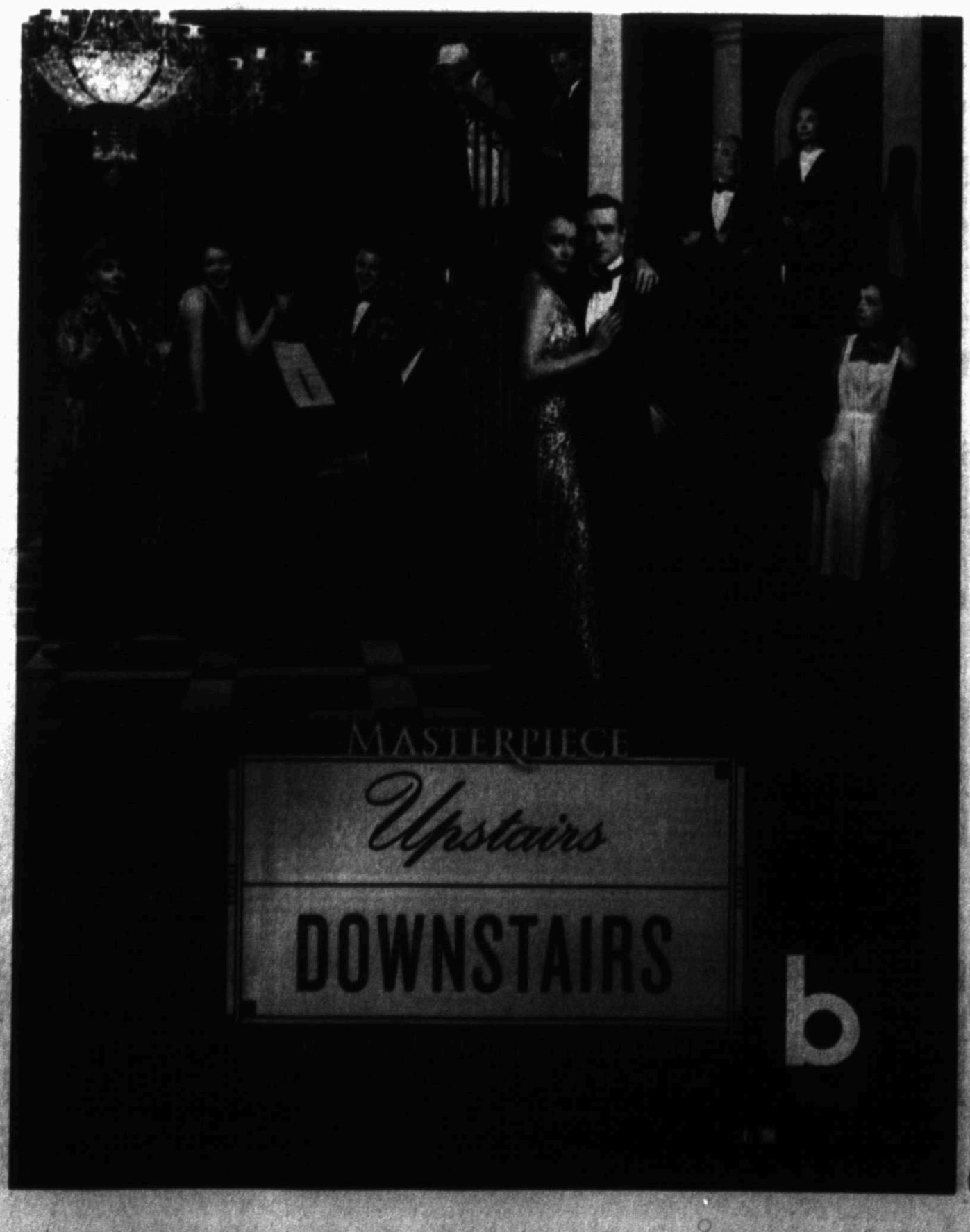
"I think he realized that this year was it for his tennis career," Biel said. "He adjusted his work ethic because of that, and I think he was not happy with himself the last couple of years. A lot of kids like David, who are very good players, when they hit this age they start realizing how good they are going to be and maybe how good they are not going to be ... it affects them mentally and emotionally."

Krisa said he enjoys playing singles because it's just him out there and that's all he is responsible for when he plays. But Krisa also knows that when he hits the court on Monday he will be facing players who have more experience and in some cases more talent.

But that hasn't stopped Krisa or Biel thinking that if the draw is right and some momentum is gained, the same player who started his career in tennis because he didn't want to take physical education classes could be playing in the state tournament.

"It's good to know you have something you can work hard at and you will get somewhere by working at it," Krisa said. "If you have a little talent behind you and a little skill here and there, and the main thing is just practicing it, you can do it."

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UIL STATE SOCCER ROUNDUP

ALL GAMES IN GEORGETOWN
CLASS 4A
GIRLS
FRISCO WAKELAND 2, CEDAR PARK VISTA RIDGE 1

Katy Carmichael and Ashley Kingston each scored goals to lead Frisco Wakeland to a 2-1 win over Cedar Park Vista Ridge and the girls UIL 4A state soccer championship.

Carmichael found the back left corner of the net in the first four minutes on Saturday to put her team up 1-0. In the second half, Kingston booed in the first three minutes to put Wakeland up by two.

Vista Ridge showed life with 4:45 to play when Maegan Evans one-touched the ball in off a pass from Kennedy Brown to give the Rangers a chance. It was the first goal Wakeland had given up in the last 15 games.

Wakeland held on to win its first state title in school history.

BOYS
BOERNE CHAMPION 2, KILGORE 1

Bryce Barry and Connor McKeon each scored goals to lead Boerne Champion to a 2-1 win over Kilgore and the boys UIL 4A state soccer championship on Saturday.

Barry tapped his goal in after 10 minutes of play to put his team up 1-0. Then about 12 minutes later, McKeon headed his goal in off a header from teammate Travis Hayden.

Kilgore tried to make a comeback in the second half, but Boerne Champion goalkeeper Kyle Bullard provided stellar play. He blocked a free kick and penalty kick from Hugo Orta in a 2½-minute span.

Kilgore scored on another penalty kick opportunity with 5:18 to play to make the score 2-1, but Boerne Champion controlled the last few minutes to win its first state title in school history.

CLASS 5A
GIRLS
MCKINNEY BOYD 1, COLLEYVILLE HERITAGE 0, OT

Amanda Elertson scored the game-winning goal in overtime and McKinney Boyd beat Colleyville Heritage 1-0 for the girls UIL 5A state soccer championship title Saturday.

With 4:31 remaining in the first overtime, Callie Annett crossed the ball from 20 yards out on the left side of the field and Elertson was waiting at the near post and headed it in to put her team up 1-0.

Per UIL rules, if the game is tied after regulation, the teams have to play two 10-minute overtime halves. McKinney Boyd was able to play stout defense in the second overtime and hold on to the win.

BOYS
SOUTH LAKE CARROLL 2, ROUND ROCK MCNEIL

Karl de Zoeten and Mac McGuire both scored goals to lead Southlake Carroll to a 2-0 win over Round Rock McNeil and the boys 5A state soccer championship.

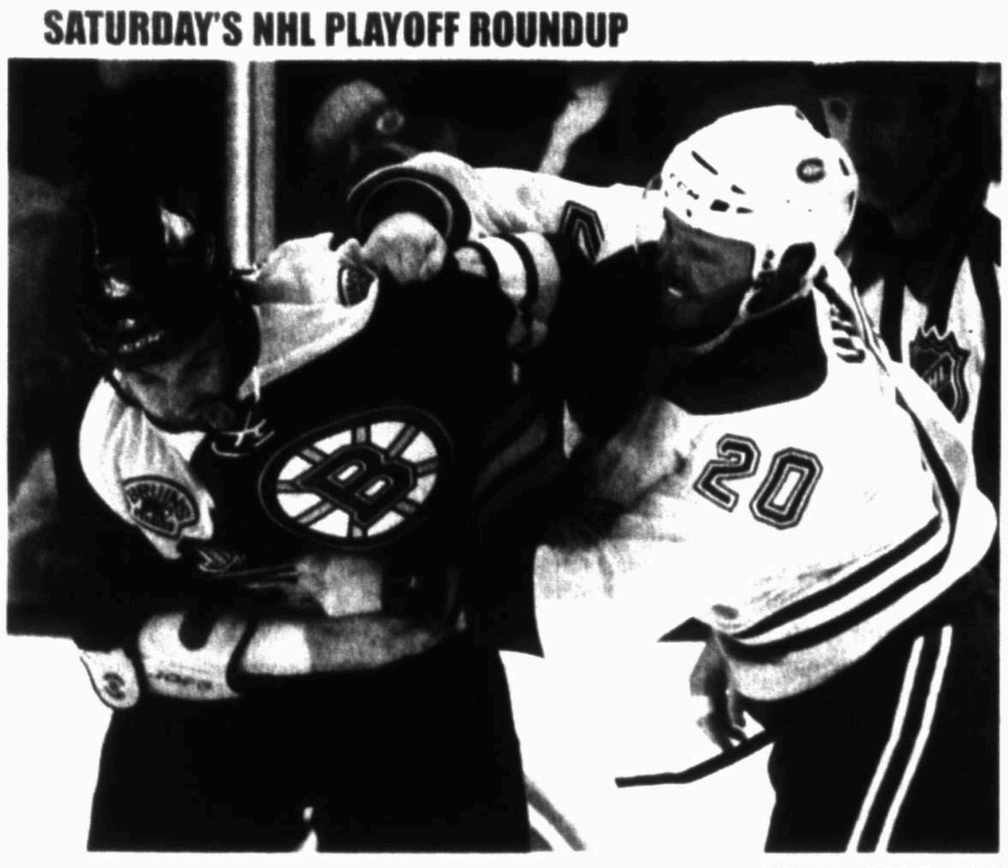
Twenty minutes into the second half on Saturday, de Zoeten scored off a header from teammate Alex Petit's corner kick. Then with 3:38 left to play, McGuire nailed his goal in the back left pocket of the net to put the Dragons up 2-0.

But before McGuire's goal, Round Rock McNeil punched back admirably. Nothing would get past Southlake goalkeeper Oshick Shams though, whose diving saves and one-handed grabs earned him the game's MVP honor.

The victory gave Southlake its first state championship since 2001.

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SATURDAY'S NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP



Winslow Townson/AP

SCUFFLE Montreal's James Wisniewski (20) fights with Boston's Shane Hnidy on Saturday during the second period of Game 2 of a first-round NHL playoff series series in Boston.

CANDADIENS 3, BRUINS 1: At Boston, Michael Cammalleri and Mathieu Darche scored in the first 2:20 of the game, and Carey Price stopped 34 shots Saturday night to lead Montreal to a 3-1 victory over the Boston Bruins and give the Canadiens a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.

A No. 3 seed in the East after winning the Northeast Division, the Bruins coughed up home-ice advantage and need a victory in Montreal on Monday or Thursday just to bring the series back to Boston for a fifth game.

Boston has never, in 26 tries, won a playoff series after losing the first two games.

Tim Thomas made 23 saves as the Bruins played without captain Zdeno Chara, who was scratched minutes before the opening faceoff because of dehydration.

Patrice Bergeron's second-period goal cut the deficit to 2-1 and snapped a postseason scoreless streak that dated to the team's unprecedented collapse in last year's Eastern Conference semifinals. Still, the loss was Boston's sixth in a row in the playoffs.

But Yannick Weber made it 3-1 with 2:29 left in the second, and the Bruins were booed off the ice by their home fans after the period, just as they were in the first. In the third, the "Fire Julien!" chants began in the upper deck as coach Claude Julien stood behind the bench arms crossed.

FLYERS 5, SABRES 4: At Philadelphia, Brian Boucher made 20 saves in relief of rookie Sergei Bobrovsky, and Ville Leino and Danny Briere scored in a 1:51 span in the second period to help Philadelphia beat to even the Eastern Conference series 1-1.

Boucher took over midway through the first period after Bobrovsky allowed three goals on seven shots.

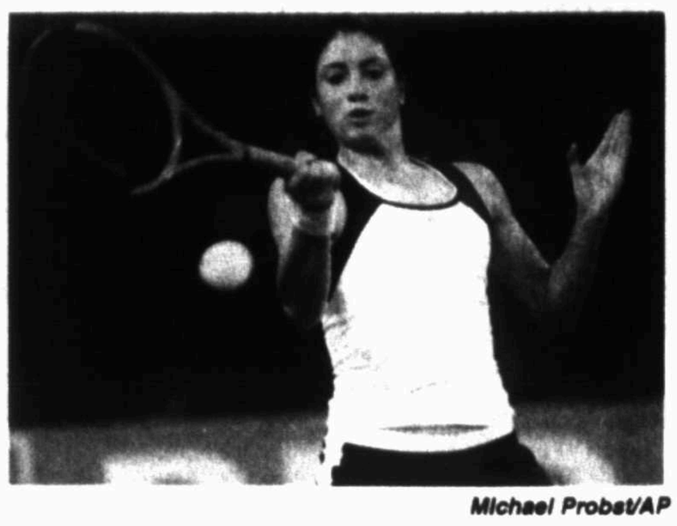
Game 3 is Monday night in Buffalo.

RED WINGS 4, COYOTES 3: At Detroit, Pavel Datsyuk had a goal and two assists in the first period — including a marvelous move to set up Darren Helm's goal — and Detroit held off Phoenix to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference series.

Brian Rafalski and Tomas Holmstrom also scored to help Detroit take a 4-0 lead in the second. Phoenix rallied with three power-play goals. Radim Vrbata scored in the second, and Shane Doan had two in the third.

The Red Wings were again without Henrik Zetterberg, sidelined by a left knee injury after leading the team in scoring during the regular season. Phoenix's Derek Morris was out with an upper-body injury, and fellow defenseman Ed Jovanovski was unable to finish the game because of his own upper-body injury.

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Michael Probst/AP

NEEDING A COMEBACK The United States' Christina Mchale hits a forehand on Saturday in the Fed Cup in Stugggart, Germany. McHale lost to Germany's Andrea Petkovic 3-6, 4-6.

US trails Germany 2-0 in Fed Cup

By Nesha Starcevic
Associated Press

STUTTGART, Germany — Turning to two teenagers with the Williams sisters injured, the United States is on the verge of being knocked out of the World Group for the first time after losing both singles matches to Germany in a Fed Cup playoff Saturday.

Andrea Petkovic defeated 18-year-old Christina McHale 6-3, 6-4 in the opening singles, and Julia Goerges beat 19-year-old Melanie Oudin 6-2, 7-6 (5). Germany is within a point of capturing the best-of-five series on indoor clay, with reverse singles and doubles Sunday.

"I am very proud of both of them, they did as much as possible," U.S. captain Mary Joe Fernandez said. "We'll try to be better tomorrow, it's been done before, coming back from 2-0 down."

In the semifinals of the World Group, the Czech Republic and Belgium are 1-1 at Charleroi, Belgium, and Russia leads Italy 2-0 in Moscow. The winners play for the title Nov. 5-6.

The Americans have won the Fed Cup a record 17 times and have never been relegated to a lower tier. The U.S. was the Fed Cup runner-up in the last two years, losing both times to Italy.

Venus Williams cheered her teammates from the stands at Porsche Arena. She has a hip injury but traveled to Germany to be eligible for the 2012 London Games. Players are to make themselves available for the Fed Cup to play in the Olympics. Serena Williams has had two foot operations and a blood clot in her lungs.

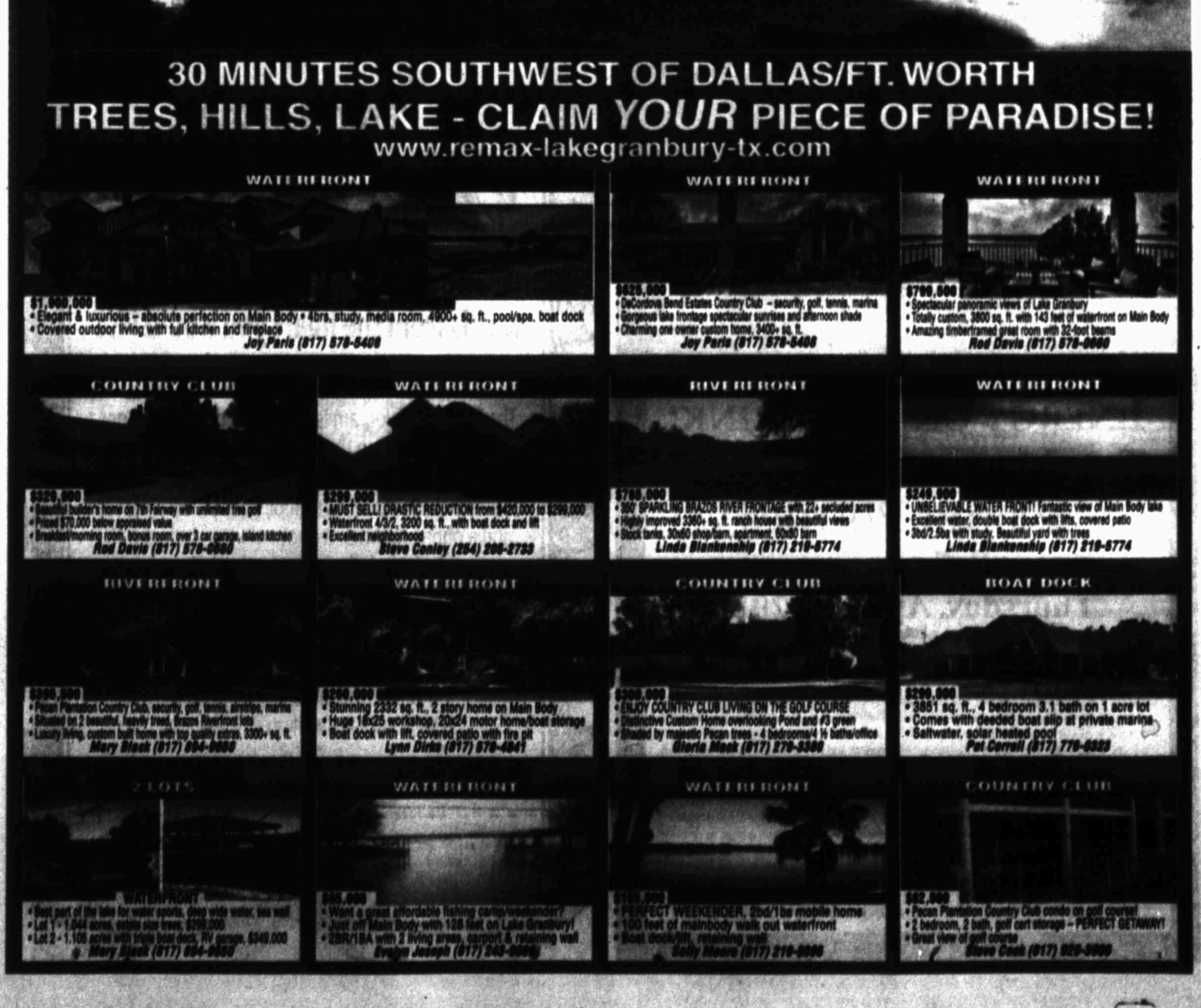
The U.S. also was without Fed Cup regular Bethanie Mattek-Sands, who has an ailing hip.

McHale started strongly, staying with Petkovic at 3-3 before dropping the set. In the second set, the 19th-ranked Petkovic led 4-0. McHale rallied within a game but the German served out the match. McHale said the seventh game of the first set was the turning point.

"It changed the momentum a little bit, there was a stretch when I was in the match but could not win a game. I was happy I was able to compete better in the second," she said.

Petkovic saved three break points and won seven straight games to take command.

"I've seen her play in the United States, she has beaten some top 10 players so I knew what to expect," Petkovic said. "She played really well until then, but she then lost her focus a little. That's inexperience, but she can play really well."



Michael strong in A&M spring game

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COLLEGE STATION — Running back Christine Michael rushed for 52 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries in Texas A&M's spring game Saturday.

Michael broke his right tibia Oct. 30 against Texas Tech.

Ryan Tannehill finished 9 of 14 for 162 yards and a touchdown, while current second stringer Jameill Showers finished 8 of 14 for 68 yards.

"I just wanted to come away healthy because we accomplished in the spring what we wanted to accomplish," A&M coach Mike Sherman said. "We were very vanilla on both sides of the ball, as you could tell."

Sherman doesn't keep a traditional score during the team's annual spring scrimmage, instead he adds and deducts points offensively and defensively throughout the contest. For the record, Maroon beat White 133-119.

Freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel, who graduated early from Kerrville Tivy High, opened the eyes of the estimated 16,500 fans in attendance by completing 8 of 9 passes for 115 yards and two touchdowns.

Tannehill's job is secure, however. For the first time in three years.

"Everything is a little more relaxed," Tannehill said. "It's your job to just take the reins and handle it. We're excited about what we can do, but at the same time we have a lot of work to do. We have a long summer to clean up things."

On his first series early in the scrimmage, Michael burst past defensive back Toney Hurd Jr. for a 15-yard gain. He then capped off an extended drive with an 8-yard touchdown run that included a juke of defensive back Dustin Harris, who was left pounding the grass in frustration.

"I don't have any more of a limp or any more pain," Michael said. "The only thing I need to do is work on getting it stronger in the offseason. At the beginning of spring practices I kept thinking about the injury and I kept not wanting to get hit on it. (During) that first series I just said, 'What the heck, just go out there and go for it and don't hold anything back.'

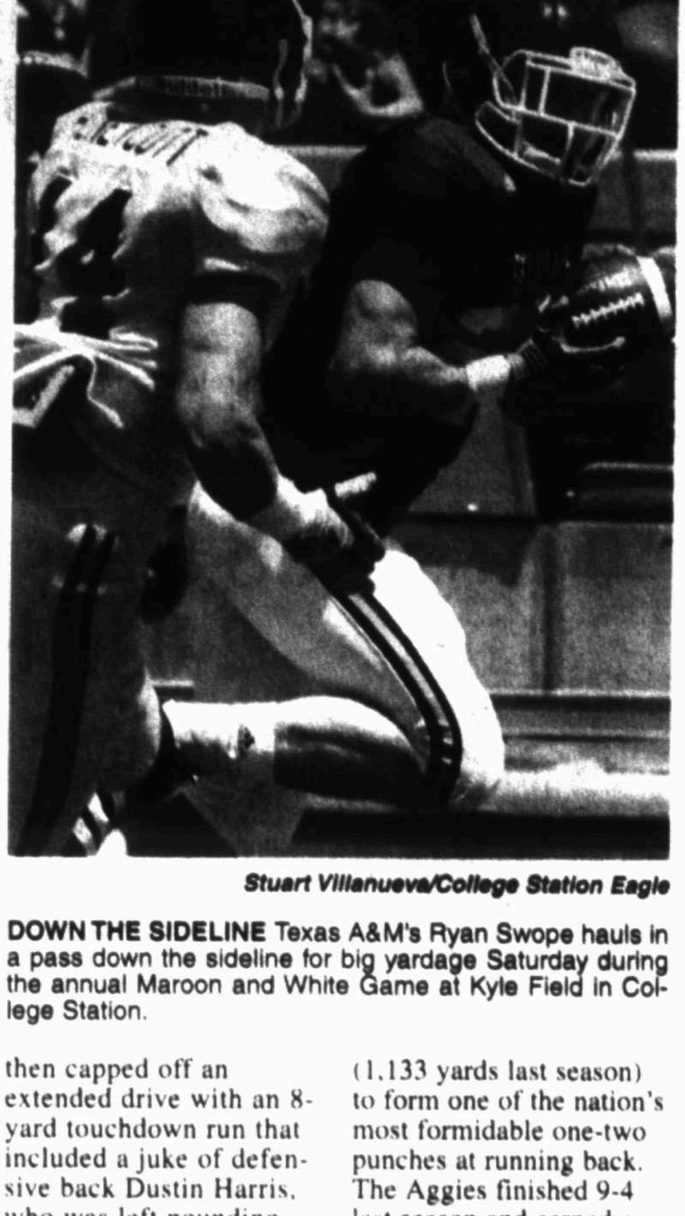
"On that series I didn't think about it at all."

Michael, the team's leading rusher in 2009 with 844 yards, will team with senior Cyrus Gray (1,133 yards last season) to form one of the nation's most formidable one-two punches at running back. The Aggies finished 9-4 last season and earned a share of the Big 12 South title. A&M returns 10 starters on offense and eight on defense.

"Guys are stepping up and buying in," senior safety Trent Hunter said. "We're going to be really good this year."

Cornerbacks Coryell Judie and Terrence Frederick both sat out Saturday's scrimmage with shoulder injuries, safety Steven Campbell missed the game with a foot injury and linebacker Garrick Williams sat out with a sports hernia.

All should be ready to go when A&M reports for camp in August.



Stuart Villanueva/College Station Eagle

DOWN THE SIDELINE Texas A&M's Ryan Swope hauls in a pass down the sideline for big yardage Saturday during the annual Maroon and White Game at Kyle Field in College Station.

Texas Tech gets upset of No. 4 Texas

From staff reports

AUSTIN — Freshman Trey Masek gave Texas Tech its first victory over a top-five ranked opponent on the road in 10 years while dominating No. 4 Texas in a 2-1 victory in front of 7,201 fans at UFCU Disch-Falk Field on Saturday afternoon.

Masek became the first Texas Tech freshman to beat the Longhorns in Austin in more than 17 years while he held a no-hitter through four and finished throwing 6 1/3 innings, allowing two hits with two strikeouts and allowing three walks.

Texas Tech (23-14, 6-8 BIG 12) evens the three-game series and hands Texas (26-9, 10-4 BIG 12) its fifth home loss in 26 games this season.

Texas' Cole Green (2-3) suffered the loss pitching five innings and scattering seven hits while allowing two runs and two walks with five strikeouts.

Red Raiders	**2**
Longhorns	1

Texas Tech reliever John Neely picked up his fifth save of the season in 2.2 innings where he allowed one run on one hit with four walks.

The rubber game of the three-game series between Texas Tech and Texas is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

AUTO RACING ROUNDUP

Indy Lights

MITCHELL 12TH ON INDY LIGHTS GRID: At Long Beach, Calif., Midlander Rusty Mitchell will start 12th in today's Long Beach 100 Firestone Indy Lights event at the Long Beach Grand Prix.

Mitchell is making his debut in the series and toured the 1.968-mile road course in 1 minute, 14.949 seconds for an average speed of 94.528 miles an hour.

Esteban Guerrieri won the pole for today's event clocking in at 1:13.69 at 96.136 mph.

Sprint Cup

GORDON LEADS HENDRICK SWEEP AT TALLADEGA: At Talladega, Ala., Jeff Gordon won his 70th career pole to lead a Hendrick Motorsports sweep of the top four spots at Talladega Superspeedway.

Gordon turned a two-lap average of 178.248 mph Saturday for the Aaron's 499. He broke a tie for third place on the career list with Cale Yarborough and trails only Richard Petty (123) and David Pearson (113).

Jimmie Johnson begins on the outside of the front row after a qualifying effort of 177.844, followed by Mark Martin (177.807) and Dale Earnhardt Jr. (177.765). The first non-Hendrick starter will be Paul Menard (177.702) of Richard Childress Racing.

Landon Cassill gave Chevrolet the top six spots in the 43-car field with a career-best qualifying effort.

Nationwide

KYLE BUSCH WINS A WILD ONE AT TALLADEGA: At Talladega, Ala., Kyle Busch won under a yellow flag in a wild finish Saturday, taking the Nationwide race at Talladega Superspeedway when a crash sent Mike Wallace's car flipping upside down.

Busch won for the fourth time in seven Nationwide races this year on a day when tandem racing produced a series-record 56 lead changes, 11 cautions and two red flags to clean up all the debris.

Even Busch got caught up in the mayhem, getting spun out in a 21-car crash. But, after his crew patched up the Toyota, he hooked with Joey Logano in a powerful duo that surged past Trevor Bayne and Carl Edwards for the lead on the second attempt at green-white-checkered finish.

IRL

POWER ON THE POLE AGAIN AT LONG BEACH: At Long Beach, Calif., Will Power has earned the pole at the Grand Prix of Long Beach, his third straight to open the IndyCar season.

Last week's winner at Alabama, Power made it around the 11-turn, 1.968-mile circuit through the streets of downtown in 1:09.06 to finish just ahead of defending Long Beach champion Ryan Hunter-Reay.

Mike Conway will start third in Sunday's race and Oriol Servia will start next to him in fourth.

IndyCar modified its road course qualifying at Long Beach, allowing drivers with the fastest practice times to pick their qualifying groups.

The tight Long Beach circuit figures to produce plenty of exciting racing with IndyCar's new double-file restarts on road courses.

Failing to qualify were Mike Skinner, Tony Raines and Michael McDowell.

Formula One

VETTEL TAKES POLE FOR CHINESE GP: At Shanghai, Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel has claimed pole position for the Formula One Chinese Grand Prix.

Vettel earned his third straight pole to start the season, holding an impressive seven-tenths of a second margin over McLaren's Jenson Button, who qualified ahead of his teammate Lewis Hamilton.

Mercedes' Nico Roseberg qualified fourth, in front of the Ferrari pair of Fernando Alonso and Felipe Massa.

The major shock of qualifying was the elimination of Red Bull's Mark Webber in the first session, in 18th place. His KERS power-boost system was inoperable and the team gambled on using hard tires for his final run.

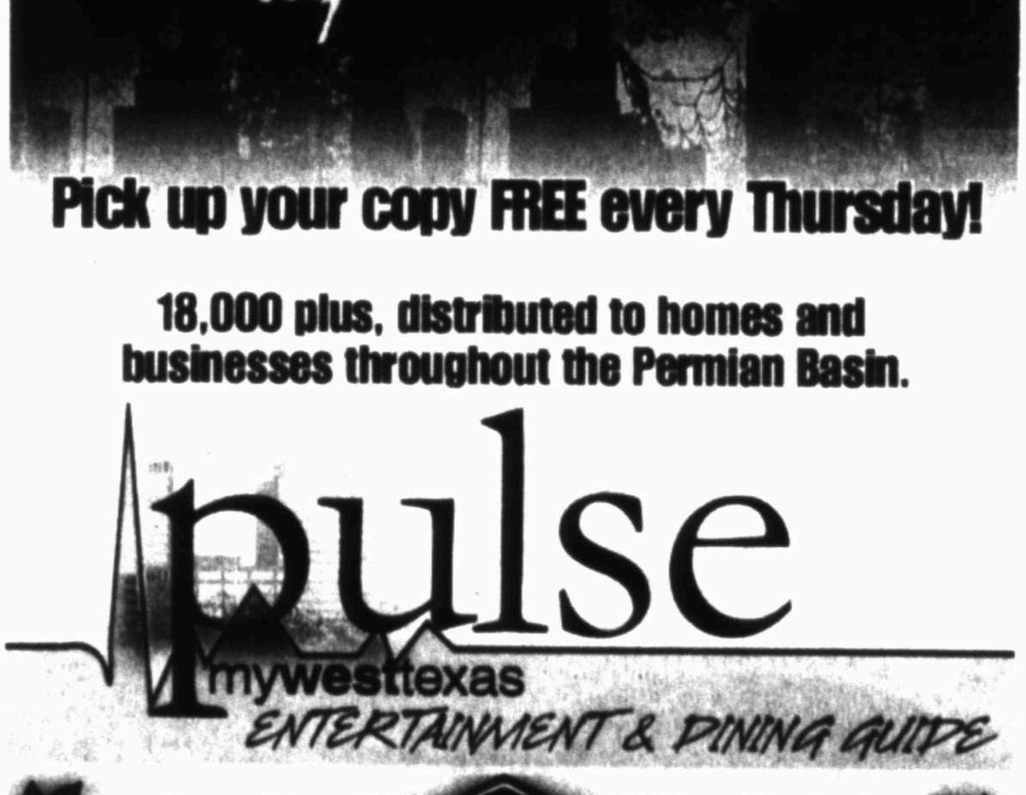
NHRA

JOHN FORCE TOPS FUNNY CAR QUALIFYING: At Concord, N.C., John Force closed in on the one major NHRA record that he doesn't hold, taking his 136th career No. 1 qualifier Saturday in the NHRA Four-Wide Nationals at zMAX Dragway.

Force, the 15-time and defending NHRA Full Throttle Series champion, moved around teammate Robert Hight with a 4.056-second pass at 315.19 mph. Force is just two shy of Pro Stock star Warren Johnson's record of 138.

In Top Fuel, Del Worsham earned the spot with a track-record 3.780-second pass at 325.77 mph. In Pro Stock, Jason Line, from Mooresville, N.C., moved around teammate and overnight polesitter Greg Anderson on the final pass of the final qualifying session with a 6.562-second run at 210.97 mph.

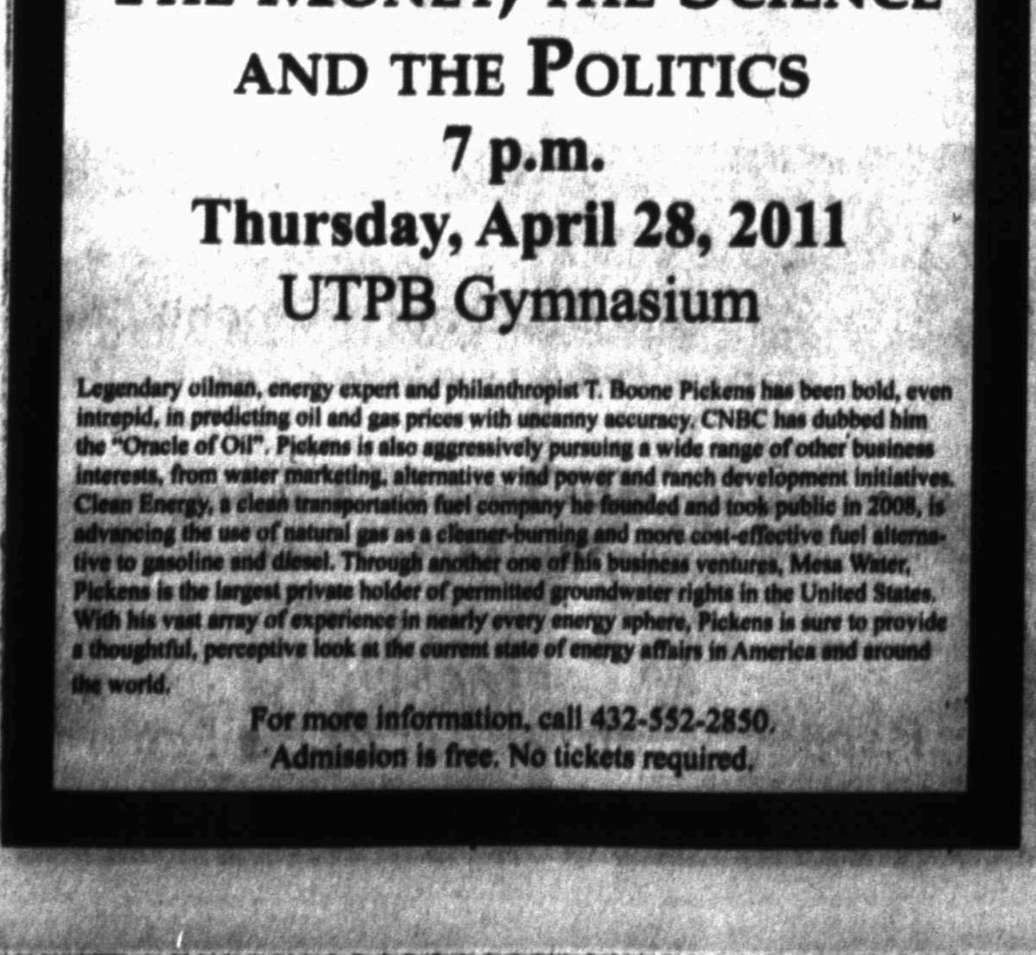
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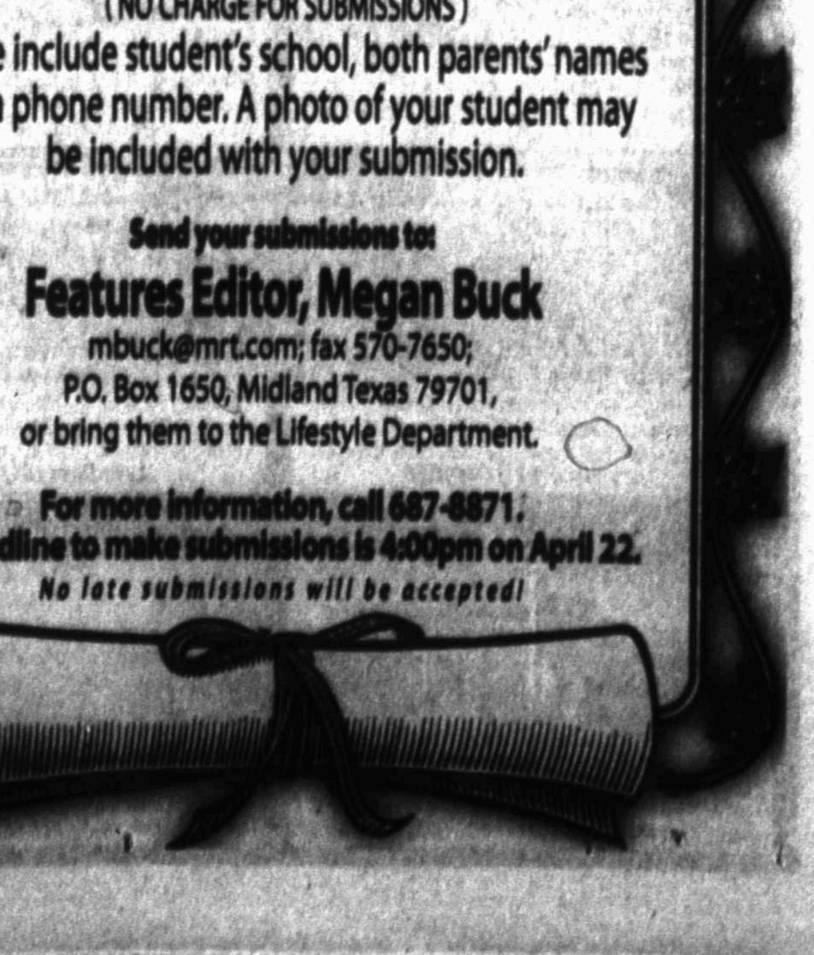
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ENERGY ON THE BRINK:
THE MONEY, THE SCIENCE AND THE POLITICS
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Legendary oilman, energy expert and philanthropist T. Boone Pickens has been bold, even intrepid, in predicting oil and gas prices with uncanny accuracy. CNBC has dubbed him the "Oracle of Oil". Pickens is also aggressively pursuing a wide range of other business interests, from water marketing, alternative wind power and ranch development initiatives. Clean Energy, a clean transportation fuel company he founded and took public in 2008, is advancing the use of natural gas as a cleaner-burning and more cost-effective fuel alternative to gasoline and diesel. Through another one of his business ventures, Mesa Water, Pickens is the largest private holder of permitted groundwater rights in the United States. With his vast array of experience in nearly every energy sphere, Pickens is sure to provide a thoughtful, perceptive look at the current state of energy affairs in America and around the world.

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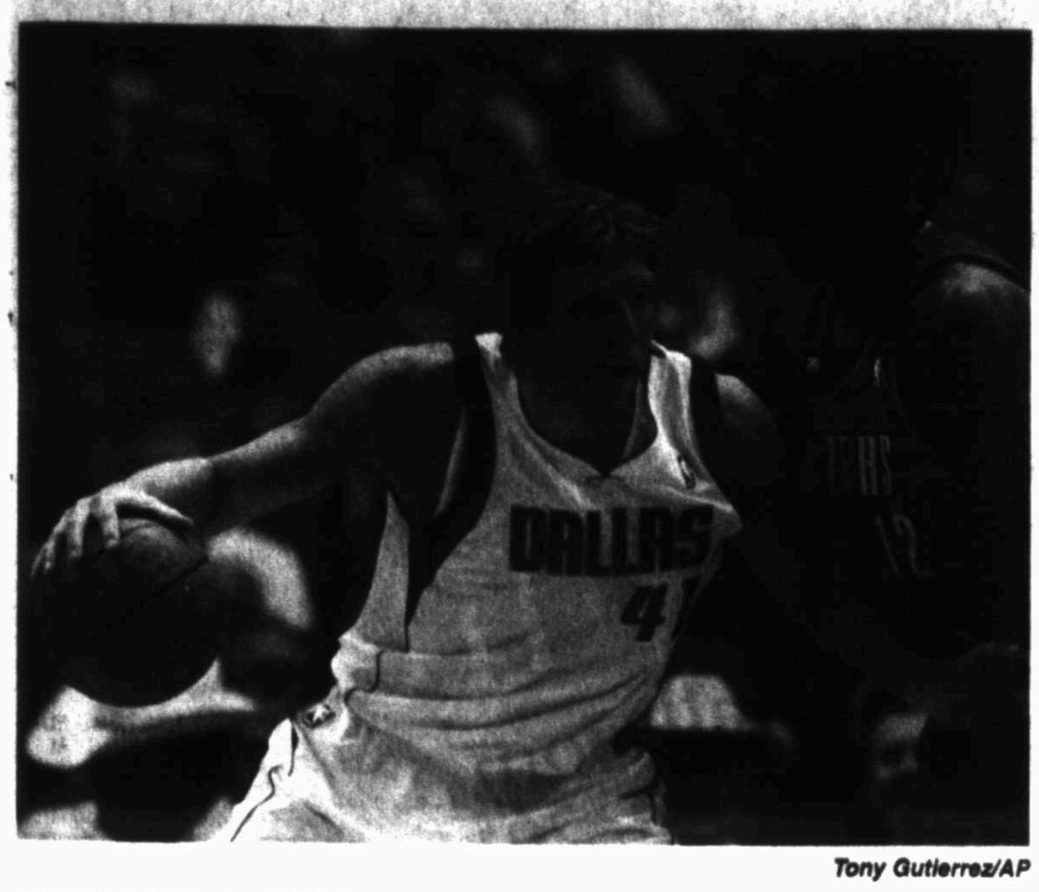
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Tony Gutierrez/AP

ESTABLISHING HIS PRESENCE Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki (41) backs down Portland's LaMarcus Aldridge (12) on Saturday in the first half of their NBA playoff game in Dallas.

SATURDAY'S NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 89, TRAIL BLAZERS 81: At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 18 of his game-high 28 points in the fourth quarter and the Dallas Mavericks defeated Portland 89-81 Saturday night in Game 1 of their Western Conference quarterfinal series.

Even though Nowitzki struggled from the field most of the night, he came through when the Mavericks needed him most.

Nowitzki scored 12 consecutive points in the game-turning spurt in the closing minutes when Dallas tied the game and eventually went ahead to stay.

Jason Kidd added 24 points, including a playoff career-best six 3-pointers.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 27 points for Portland.

Soon after Portland had its largest lead (six points), the Mavericks got back within 72-70 when Nowitzki made two free throws with 4:49 left. His a 3-pointer from the right side with 3:40 left to put the Mavs ahead to stay.

HEAT 97, 76ERS 89: At Miami, Chris Bosh scored 25 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, LeBron James finished with 21 points and 14 rebounds, and the Miami Heat held off a huge Philadelphia rally to beat the 76ers 97-89 on Saturday in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

Dwyane Wade scored 17 for Miami, five of those points coming in the final 1:34.

Philadelphia held the Heat scoreless for 4:37 of the fourth quarter and scored 12 straight points to close to 88-87, but never got the lead in the final minutes. Thaddeus Young had 20 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers, while Jrue Holiday added 19 and Elton Brand finished with 17.

Game 2 is Monday in Miami.

BULLS 104, PACERS 99: At Chicago, Derrick Rose scored 39 points, Kyle Korver nailed the go-ahead 3-pointer and the top-seeded Bulls rallied from a late 10-point deficit to beat the Pacers in their playoff opener.

Trailing 98-88 late in the game, the Bulls showed the resolved that carried them to a league-best 62-20 record, outscoring Indiana 16-1 over the final 3:38.

HAWKS 103, MAGIC 93: At Orlando, Fla., Joe Johnson scored 25 points, Jamal Crawford finished with 23 and the Atlanta Hawks beat Orlando 103-93 in Game 1 of their playoff series on Saturday, overcoming a monster night by Magic star Dwight Howard.

Atlanta was eliminated by Orlando in last year's playoffs in the most lopsided four-game sweep in NBA history, but this one was much different. The Hawks led by as many as 18 points while running multiple bodies at Howard all night, and the rest of the Magic failed to step up.

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SATURDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 8, ORIOLES 3: At Cleveland, Josh Tomlin delivered yet another quality start for Cleveland, Orlando Cabrera drove in four runs and the first-place Indians won their sixth straight at home, 8-3 on Saturday over the Baltimore Orioles, who have lost six in a row and are having trouble scoring.

Tomlin (3-0) gave up two runs — solo homers to Jake Fox and Luke Scott — and six hits in six innings.

Cleveland's starters have been making it look easy. In the last 12 games, they're 8-1 with a 1.91 ERA, not bad for a five-man rotation of virtual unknowns.

Shin-Soo Choo homered off Jeremy Guthrie (1-2) and Matt LaPorta had two RBIs for the Indians, who are 10-4 and off to their best start in nine years.

RED SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 1: At Boston, Josh Beckett had his second straight strong start, holding Toronto to one run over seven innings, and Jed Lowrie provided a spark at the top of Boston's lineup with a two-run homer.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Red Sox, who have the majors' worst record at 3-10.

ROYALS 7, MARINERS 0: At Kansas City, Mo., Alex Gordon added three hits to his league-leading total and drove in two runs and Sean O'Sullivan out-pitched Felix Hernandez, leading Kansas City past Seattle.

Mike Aviles had two hits and three RBIs as the Royals beat the Mariners for the third straight day and handed them their 11th loss in 13 games.

RAYS 4, TWINS 3: At St. Petersburg, Fla., Ben Zobrist led off the ninth with a tying home run off Twins closer Joe Nathan (0-1) and Johnny Damon ended the game with a two-out single for Tampa Bay.

B.J. Upton walked and stole second. Nathan was replaced by Jose Mijares after walking Casey Kotchman and getting a flyball from John Jaso.

ANGELS 7, WHITE SOX 2: At Chicago, Tyler Chatwood pitched seven impressive innings for his first major league win and Hank Conger hit a three-run homer to lead the Angels over the White Sox.

After the start was delayed more than 2 hours by rain, the 21-year-old Chatwood (1-1) allowed just one run and five hits. The lone blemish was Carlos Quentin's fifth-inning homer, his third of the season and the 100th of his career.

National League

ASTROS 5, PADRES 3: At Houston, pinch-hitter Joe Inglett had a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and Houston beat San Diego.

With the score tied 3-all, Inglett hit the first pitch from Chad Qualls for an RBI single. Angel Sanchez also had a run-scoring single in the seventh.

Mark Melancon (1-0) entered with runners on first and third in the seventh and got Orlando Hudson to hit a low fly to left. Carlos Lee made a diving catch to keep the score tied.

Brandon Lyon got his third save in four chances. Chris Johnson hit a two-run homer for the Astros.

Mat Latos (0-2) pitched 6 1-3 innings for the Padres. He walked consecutive batters in the seventh to set up Inglett's go-ahead hit.

REDS 11, PIRATES 2: At Cincinnati, Ramon Hernandez broke open a close game with his sixth career grand slam and the Cincinnati Reds overpowered the Pirates 11-2 on Saturday, sending Pittsburgh to its fifth loss in six games.

Hernandez's fifth-inning homer was his third hit off James McDonald (0-1), who let a tied game get away quickly. The Reds sent 10 batters to the plate for seven runs in the inning, capped by Drew Stubbs' two-run homer.

BRAVES 4-4, METS 2-0: At Atlanta, Jair Jurrjens threw seven sharp innings in his return from the disabled list and Atlanta shut out the struggling New York Mets on two hits to complete a doubleheader sweep.

In the opener, Alex Gonzalez hit two of Atlanta's four solo homers and the Braves finally provided some offense for Derek Lowe.

GIANTS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 3: At Phoenix, Freddy Sanchez doubled home the tying run in the sixth inning, then put San Francisco ahead for good with a two-run single in the seventh and the Giants won their fourth in a row by beating Arizona.

San Francisco starter Barry Zito sprained his right foot lunging for a bunt in the second inning and left the game. Giants reliever Guillermo Mota pitched a career-long 4 1-3 innings to get the victory. Mota (1-0) allowed one run and three hits, striking out four with no walks.

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Steele takes lead at Texas Open

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — PGA Tour rookie Brendan Steele birdied Nos. 17 and 18 for a 4-under 68 on Saturday, grabbing sole possession of the Texas Open lead after beginning the day tied with a whopping six other players for the top spot.

The 28-year-old Californian put his third shot within 15 feet on the par-5 18th, then sunk the putt for his sixth birdie — offsetting a pair of bogeys.



Steele

"I decided to play it a little more conservative and laid it up, and it paid off," Steele said of the birdie to end his round.

That late surge was enough for a one-stroke lead over another up-and-commer, second-year PGA Tour pro Cameron Tringale, who led by two after 16 holes but hooked his tie shot on No. 18 into the deep rough — almost reaching a creek. He recovered on the approach, only to miss a 13-foot putt and settle for a 4-under 68.

"I drove it left. I figured if I hit a good drive ... I'd be able to look at it in two, so I just swung hard," said Tringale, who played at Georgia Tech and now lives in Las Vegas.

"I laid up to a pretty good yardage and then just misjudged the wind, really," he said. "Came up short, which was a bad mistake, given all the room behind the hole."

Third-round winds were calmer but still blew to nearly 30 mph at times, after strong gusts Friday saw the field struggle to a second-round scoring average of 75.289, the highest on Tour since the first-round of the 2008 British Open. Strong winds are forecast once again during Sunday's final round.

"There's going to be good shots that don't end up good and bad shots that end up worse," Steele said.

Another rookie and Californian, Kevin Chappell (70) and 30-year-old Brandt Snedeker (70) were tied for third at 5 under. Steele, Tringale and Chappell, who led UCLA to an NCAA title in 2008, have just a combined 62 starts on tour, while Snedeker's only PGA Tour victory came at the 2007 Wyndham Championship.

"There's a lot of younger players getting on Tour quicker now than there ever has been and I think that's really been the difference," Tringale said. He added that he is still new enough on tour that almost no one pronounces Tringale correctly, instead calling him "Triangle" "Trin-gle" "Trin-nail" "Tri-nail" and a host of other names.

Steele said he's never felt so much pressure on Tour as he will teeing off tomorrow with the lead.

"I definitely haven't been in this position," he said, adding that a win at the 7,435-yard TPC San Antonio "would validate a lot of things in my career as far being a guy that's just trying to feel his way out here right now as a rookie."

Steele began his round tied for first at 3 under with Chappell, Snedeker, Geoff Ogilvy, Rich Beem, Kevin Sutherland and Charley Hoffman. The seven-way tie was the most crowded leaderboard on the PGA tour in a decade. Seven players tied after 36 holes hadn't been seen on the tour since the 1977 Westchester. The record was an eight-way tie at the 2001 Greater Hartford Open.

Tied for fifth at 4 under after three rounds were Augusta, Georgia-native Charles Howell III, who had four straight birdies on the back nine to complement a birdie and a bogey on the front.

"You've got a drivable green on 14 that you can get home in two on, so there are some opportunities out here. But I think the play on this golf course is, keep the ball in play and take it when you can get it," Howell said. "It's easy to get in trouble too."

SATURDAY'S GOLF ROUNDUP

PGA European

MAYBANK MALAYSIAN OPEN: At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Rory McIlroy birdied his final hole to take a two-stroke lead Saturday in the weather-hit Malaysian Open, while Masters champion Charl Schwartzel barely made the cut for the third round.

Overcoming his collapse at the Masters, Northern Ireland's McIlroy moved to 12-under par after nine holes of the third round. Only a dozen players completed their third round after rain and lightning disrupted hours of play at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club for the second straight day.

Schwartzel just made the cut Saturday with a 1-under 71 in the second round to finish at 144. The South African ended the day at 2 under through 11 holes of the third round. Top-ranked Martin Kaymer was at 9 under after 15 holes, moving up from 25th to sharing fifth place with Felipe Aguilar.

Champions

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE PRO-AM: At Lutz, Fla., John Cook shot a 6-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead at the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am.

Cook sits at 11 under, one ahead of Russ Cochran. The first-day leader shot a 3-under 68. Jay Don Blake is third, three strokes back.

Cook hit 13 of 14 fairways in regulation and birdied four of the back nine holes, including three straight from 12 to 14. He missed a chance at a birdie on 18 when his eight-foot putt came up inches short.

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RANGERS

From 1C

like ours," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He always had the split and the breaking ball. He doesn't have the power that he used to have on the fastball, but he's smart in his location with it."

The Rangers finally broke through once they got to the bullpen.

Trailing 3-0 in the eighth, Mitch Moreland led off with a double and Ian Kinsler drew a one-out walk, before Elvis Andrus hit an RBI single. Young followed with another run-scoring single — a chopper that went about 45 feet in the infield — that got the Rangers to 3-2.

Beltre nearly gave Texas the lead when he crushed a pitch to right field, but the cold, brisk wind blew it outside the foul pool — just feet away from being a three-run homer. Beltre grounded into an inning-ending double play moments later, and Mariano Rivera closed out the ninth inning for his sixth save.

Derek Holland (2-1) pitched well for Texas, allowing five runs in 7 2-3 innings. The young left-hander baffled the Yankees in the AL championship series last fall, tossing 5 2-3 innings of scoreless relief, but lost for the third time in three starts against New York.

"I feel like everything went the way I wanted it to, except I made a couple of pitches that got away," Holland said. "I mean, nobody makes 100 perfect pitches. Got to tip your hat to them, they take care of mistakes."

New York scored in the first inning when Nick Swisher lashed a single up the middle and Teixeira promptly delivered one of those "mistakes," a 3-2 pitch, into the right-field seats.

The Yankees scored again in the third, when Jeter walked on four pitches to start the inning. He went to third on Swisher's double and scored on Teixeira's sacrifice fly.

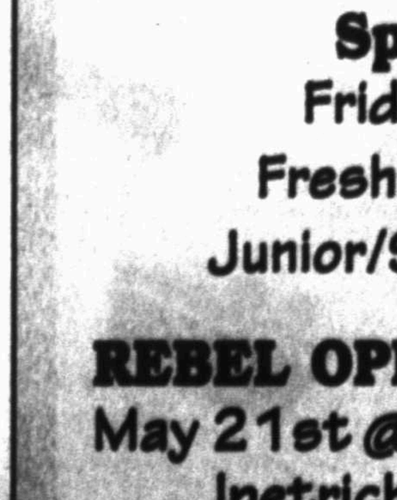
"Derek did a great job," manager Ron Washington said. "He really just made two mistakes."

The Rangers never gave Holland much help against Garcia, though, going down in order in the first, third, fourth and sixth innings on an array of splitters, changeups and curveballs.

The veteran starter got plenty of help from the Yankees defense, too, including a nifty diving stop by Rodriguez on a hard groundball in the third inning, and a sliding grab on the wet grass by Swisher in the fifth inning that may have prevented a run.

Rodriguez left in the seventh inning with what the team called lower back and oblique stiffness. No medical tests were planned, though manager Joe Girardi said he wasn't sure whether Rodriguez will play the series finale Sunday.

"His lower right side was stiff," Girardi said. "We'll see how he is tomorrow."



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REQUEST for PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is requesting proposals for **ASG Analysers** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday, April 13, 2011.**

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All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP #1028-041911".**

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Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
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Midland, Texas 79701

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Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the Child Nutrition Services Department, **Paper and Cleaning Supplies, Bid No. 1C-0005.** Bids are to be addressed to Donna Gatlin or John Burdsal, **801 S. Moran Street, Building #2, Midland, TX 79701. Bids will be received at the above address until 1:00 p.m. CDT, Friday, April 29,2011** at which time they will be opened and tabulated. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling John Burdsal at (432) 689-1525, jburdsal@midlandisd.net or by going to www.midlandisd.net/Business Services/Procurement Services/Bid Advertisements

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Big Spring, Texas - Howard County
Abilene District
Detail #: 08-71-1850
Estimated Cost $22,000.00
Bid Guaranty -(Not Required)
Pre-Bid Conference: N/A
Bid Date : May 10, 2011- 2:00 PM
Abilene District Headquarters
4250 North Clack St Abilene, Texas 79601

NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS for Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) location: Abilene District Headquarters, Abilene Texas, Contract No.: 6824-19-001 for Construction of Salt Bin Storage Building at Big Spring Maintenance Facility in the Abilene District. BID DATE: Tuesday, May 10, 2011- 2 p.m. Bids will be received at TxDOT Abilene, Facility Coordinator's Office 4250 N. Clack Abilene Texas 79601 Attention: Richard Garza 4250 North Clack Abilene Tx 79601.

ESTIMATED COST: $22,000.00. Plans and Specifications will be furnished without charge to the prime contractor. For mailed plans, request by FAX on your company letterhead to: TxDOT Facilities Office, Fax #325-676-6900. Plans and Specifications are available in Abilene at: 4250 North Clack St. Facilities Coordinator Office, Attention: Richard Garza, Phone 325-676-6979 or 325-676-6900

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: Not Required
Pre-Bid Conference: N/A
Details 08-71-1850 - Contract# 6824-19-001
Construction of Salt Bin Storage Building - Howard County Big Spring, Texas

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Odessa District
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Pre-Bid Conference: N/A
Bid Date: Thursday, May 12, 2011

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Pre-Bid Conference: N/A
Details# 08-71-1850 - Contract# 061XXR1002
Reglazing Windows

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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 spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 27 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement of rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 10, Blk. 38 T1N, T&P RR CO. / CAMPBELL, W A Survey, A-1127, **SPRABERRY** (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 10.2 miles NE direction from STANTON, 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 May 6, 2011 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 :	MCADAMS "10A"
Lease/Unit Well No. :	4
Lease/Unit Acres :	80.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	29.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	920

Lease Lines : 1290.0 F South L, 29.0 F West L
Survey Lines : 1290.0 F South L, 1290.0 F East L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10400 feet.

If you have questions regarding the application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DEBBIE BAKER, at (972) 969-3982.

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REQUEST FOR SEALED QUOTATIONS

The Midland Independent School District will receive sealed quotations for **Midland I.S.D Area# Kitchen Fire Suppression Systems, Quotation No. 1MQ-0003.** Quotations are to be addressed to Mr. Vaughny Taylor, Supervisor Facility Control and Compliance Services, **801 S. Moran Street, Building #1, Midland, Texas 79701. Quotations will be received at the above address until 3:00 p.m. CDT, Friday, April, 29, 2011** at which time they will be publicly opened and tabulated. Quotation forms and specifications questions: Vaughny Taylor (432) 689-1512 or cell (432) 556-2943.

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the Child Nutrition Services Department **Water/Bottled Beverages/Snacks /Tortilla products, Bid No. 1C-0006** Bids are to be addressed to Cris Kelly, Child Nutrition Services Dietitian, **801 S. Moran Street, Building #2, Midland, TX 79701. Bids will be received at the above address** until 1:30 p.m. **CDT, Thursday, May 26, 2011** at which time they will be opened and tabulated. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling Cris Kelly at (432) 689-1525, ckelly@midlandisd.net or by going to www.midlandisd.net/Financial Services-Procurement Services/Bid Advertisements.

REQUEST FOR SEALED QUOTATIONS

The Midland Independent School District will receive sealed quotations for **Annual Grease Trap/Septic Tank/Sand Trap Service. Quotation No. 1MQ-0002.** Quotations are to be addressed to Mr. James Riggen, Executive Director of School Plant and Construction Services **801 S. Moran Street, Building #1, Midland, Texas 79701. Quotations will be received at the above address until 2:00 p.m. CDT, Tuesday, April 19, 2011** at which time they will be publicly opened and tabulated. Quotation forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (432) 689-1519 or cell (432) 238-9137.

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REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The Midland Independent School District will receive **sealed** bids for the Child Nutrition Services Department, **Ice Cream, Bid No. 1C-0003**. Bids are to be addressed to Cris Kelly, Child Nutrition Services Dietitian, **801 S. Moran Street, Building #2, Midland, TX 79701. Bids will be received at the above address until 9:00 a.m. CDT , Thursday, May 26, 2011** at which time they will be opened and tabulated. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (432) 689-1530 or by going to www.midlandisd.net/Financial services/Procurement Services/Bid Advertisements.

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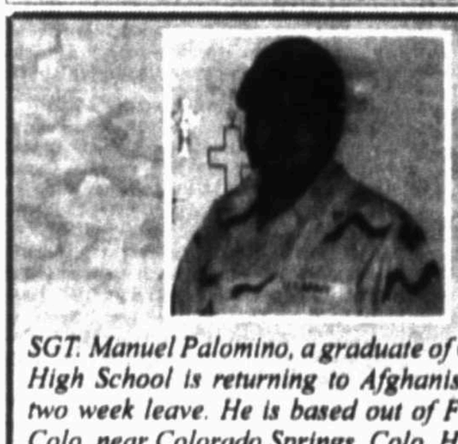
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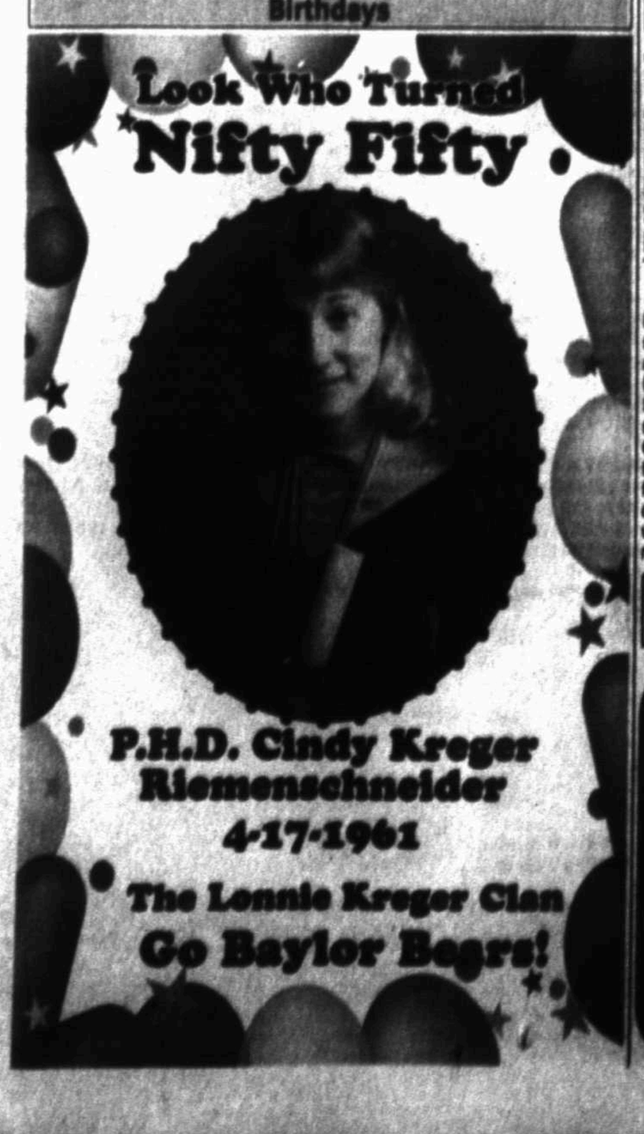
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General Announcements



SGT. Manuel Palomino, a graduate of Greenwood High School is returning to Afghanistan after a two week leave. He is based out of Fort Carson Colo, near Colorado Springs, Colo. He is serving with The 4Th Infantry Division. He has been in the Army since 2003 and has done three tours to Iraq. While he was here he visited with family and friends. He is the son of Manuel & Estella Palomino Sr. of Greenwood.

Birthdays



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JESUS ALCOCER DBA MI PUEBLO SIEJO IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TABC FOR A BEER RETAIL DEALER'S ON PREMISE LICENSE LOCATED AT 104 S. TERREL, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids **Fertilizer, Bid No. 1M-0007. Bids are to be addressed to Leon Harter, Director of Procurement Services, 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 705, Midland, Texas 79701. Bids will be received at the above address until 2:00 p.m. CDT, Tuesday, April 26, 2011,** at which time they will be publicly opened and tabulated. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (432) 689-5890 or by going to www.midlandisd.net/Financial Services/Procurement Service/Bid Advertisements.

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CHEVROLET 2009 Silverado, pickup, LTZ+ package, white diamond edition, all leather, loaded, 47k miles, $27,000. 686-1994

Pickup Trucks

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DODGE 2008 2500, extended cab, diesel, B&B Auto Sales, 432-683-6222.

DODGE 2006 Dually, diesel, 144k miles, $20,000. Call 432-934-6198.

FORD 1996 Ranger, less than 85K miles, 5speed, cold air, bedliner, new black wheels & tires, new flat black paint. Great little truck. Asking $4500. 967-3383

FORD 2000 F150 Triton V8, 4 door, Tan, all power, clean title, tool box, bed cover, good condition runs great. $7500. 556-8903

FORD 2004 F350, dually, 45,000 miles, CLEAN, 6 new tires. $25,000 432-352-4257

FORD 2005 F150, single cab, long bed, 58K miles. $9,000 obo. 432-212-2610

FORD 2005 F250 SD Lariat, 6.0 Turbo Diesel, 89K mi, 22" wheels, brand new tires less 2K mi, 4WD with 8" lift, $23,000. 432-517-2105.

FORD 2007 F-250 Super Duty, loaded, 99K miles, great condition, $24,900. 553-8131.

FORD 2008 F250, crew cab, 112,000 miles, white, with seat and vinyl flooring. $15,000. Call 432-352-6495.

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TOYOTA 2006 Tundra, crew cab, 4x4, call B&B Auto, 683-6222.

Vans & Minivans

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GMC 1995 8 passenger van, very nice inside and out new tires, stereo system and TV $3900 230-9792

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4WD & SUV

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CHEVROLET 2002 Suburban, 4WD, 174K mil, new transmission, well maintained, $5500. 425-4170.

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HOW TO DELEGATE

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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As soon as employees reach a position that allows them to delegate, they usually are urged to do so. Delegating ensures workers won't get overwhelmed and benefits the organization when managers aren't doing work that belongs in a lower pay grade. It takes practice to delegate well, however. When it's done badly, everyone suffers.

Understanding when and how to delegate is key, says Richard Weinberg, a partner with the Jerusalem-based virtual assistant services firm GlobeTask.

Ask three questions before delegating: who is available and able, what is the task and what steps must be taken to prepare and equip the person to perform the work. When all three blanks can be filled in, it's safe for a supervisor to delegate, Weinberg says.

Obviously, the person assigned to do a task needs to have the skills and abilities to do the job. The work should also befit the person's pay grade and job description.

The supervisor should evaluate the person's current workload and determine whether and how the new assignment fits in.

"The temptation is to overload good employees with more than their fair share of assignments while skipping over poor performers," says Rick Tate, senior managing partner of the Redmond, Wash.-based leadership development firm Impact Achievement Group. "That's not effective talent management."

A worker's level of competence and engagement helps determine how the supervisor should approach him or her. Workers with a lower degree of competency or commitment may need to be told in a "highly directive" manner to do the work, while highly competent employees would prefer to be sold on the assignment, says Karen Hayward, chief marketing officer of the San Jose, Calif.-based IT services provider CenterBeam.

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HEAD'S UP!

A FIRST IMPRESSION CAN SEAL THE DEAL – OR YOUR FATE. HERE'S HOW TO DRESS, ACT AND PRESENT YOURSELF IN A JOB INTERVIEW.

By MELANIE WANZEK
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First impressions are important but they don't always go well. Is it possible to recover when those important moments go awry?

"The first 30 seconds of interaction will impact an employer's perceptions about a job candidate in dozens or more ways," says Vu Pham, author of "Impressive First Impressions: A Guide to the Most Important 30 Seconds (And 30 Years) of Your Career," (Praeger, 2010). "Founded or not, the employer will put a price tag on a candidate's intelligence, social skills, emotional maturity, experience, education-level, wealth, as well as other aspects of the candidate, within a short period of time."

Most jobseekers are at least aware of the importance of a first impression and the basic concepts. According to Carol Roth, an independent business advisor in Chicago, that impression begins with the first point of contact, whether in person, by phone or online. She advises jobseekers to project confidence without arrogance, which includes arriving to the interview 5-10 minutes early; looking an interviewer in the eye; dressing appropriately; appearing clean and well groomed; and answering questions with real, authentic responses.

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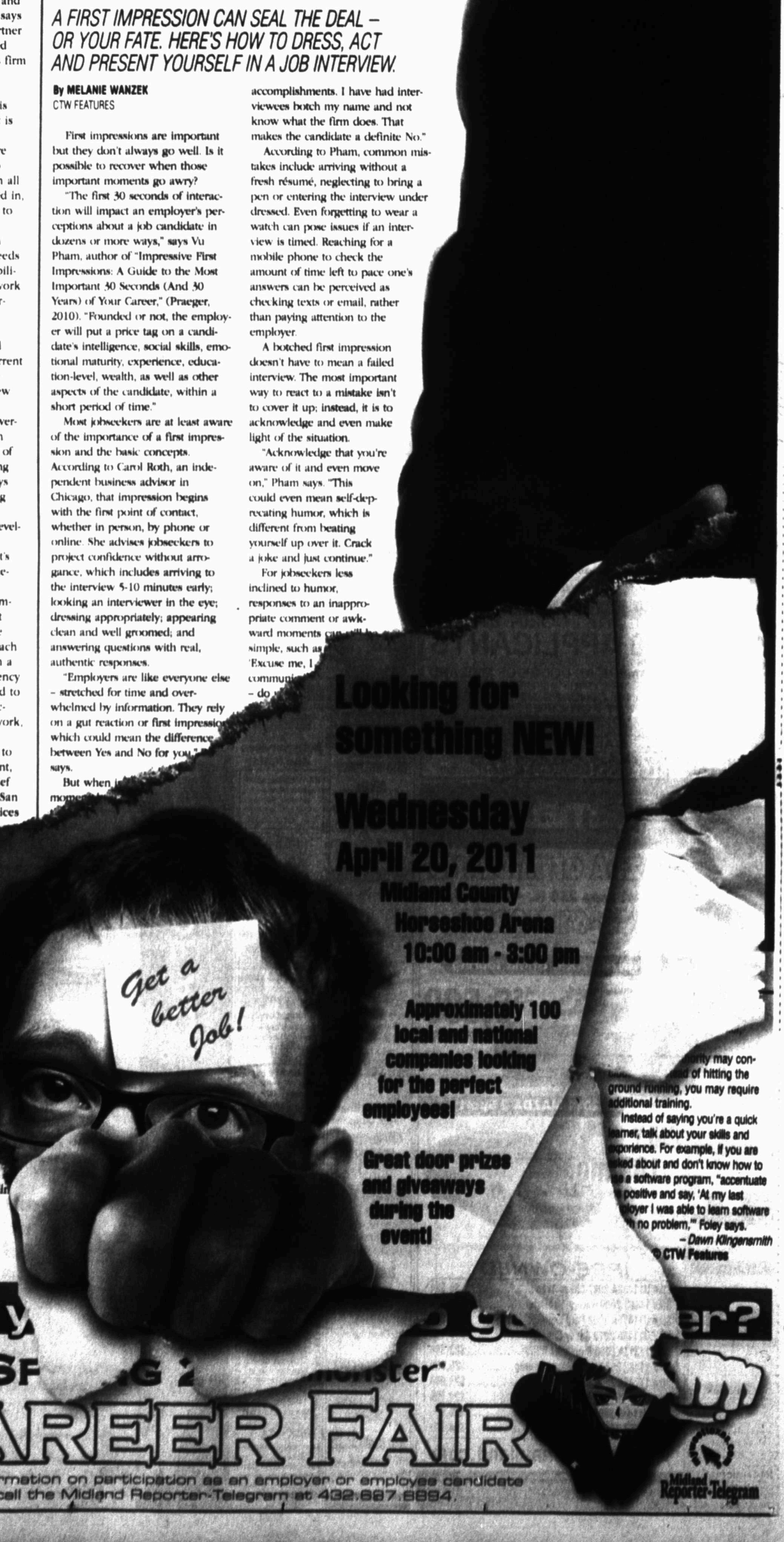
accomplishments. I have had interviewees botch my name and not know what the firm does. That makes the candidate a definite No."

According to Pham, common mistakes include arriving without a fresh résumé, neglecting to bring a pen or entering the interview under dressed. Even forgetting to wear a watch can pose issues if an interview is timed. Reaching for a mobile phone to check the amount of time left to pace one's answers can be perceived as checking texts or email, rather than paying attention to the employer.

A botched first impression doesn't have to mean a failed interview. The most important way to react to a mistake isn't to cover it up; instead, it is to acknowledge and even make light of the situation.

"Acknowledge that you're aware of it and even move on," Pham says. "This could even mean self-deprecating humor, which is different from beating yourself up over it. Crack a joke and just continue."

For jobseekers less inclined to humor, responses to an inappropriate comment or awkward moments can
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HEALTHCARE

TEXAS ONCOLOGY

Allison Cancer Center

Texas Oncology, P.A., an affiliate of US Oncology, the largest oncology network in the nation, has the following opening at the Allison Cancer Center.

Full Time LVN - Patient Intake Coordinator

Patient Financial Counselor - Insurance verification and financial counseling experience required.

US Oncology offers competitive salaries and an excellent benefits package, including 401(k) and tuition reimbursement.

Interested candidates should forward resume to:
Attn: Carmen Croes, Allison Cancer Center.
400 North Garfield, Suite 100,
Midland, TX 79701,
Fax (432) 687-4251 or
Email: Carmen.croes@usoncology.com
We are an equal opportunity employer.

Dental Assistant
Full time Dental Assistant needed. RDA a plus. Please send resume to P 139 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

West Texas Centers

West Texas Centers has an opening for a **Mental Health Counselor**. This position will be responsible for providing a combination of both intake eligibility assessments and counseling duties. Duties of the position will require routine interactions with individuals with mental illness and their families to complete eligibility assessments on new and returning clients. This position will be responsible for completing diagnostic assessments and making level of care recommendations. This position will also be responsible for providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to an individual, group, or family, depending on assignment. Must be licensed by the State of Texas as an LPC, LCSW, LMFT. Travel required within service area. Position will be based out of Big Spring. Employee will participate on Crisis Consult Rotation by phone, providing support to Crisis Duty Staffs, authorizing options for interventions. Must have a valid Texas driver's license and a driving record that is acceptable for insurability through the Center's insurance carrier. $19.79 hr ($1583.04 biweekly $41,160.00 annually).

Applications available at www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769. EOE

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HEALTHCARE

HEALTHSOUTH.

HEALTHSOUTH is the nation's leading provider of inpatient rehabilitative services. We currently have the following positions available at our Midland/Odessa facilities:

Physical Therapist – FT/PRN (Rehab/Inpatient)
Physical Therapist – Part-time 24 (Home Health)
Occupational Therapist – FT (Rehab/Inpatient)
Occupational Therapist – PRN (home health)
COTA – FT/PRN (Rehab/Inpatient)
Social Worker (MSW) – PRN (home health)
Speech Pathologist – PRN (Home Health)
Speech Pathologist – FT (Rehab/Inpatient)
Therapy Tech – PRN
Rehab Nurse Tech – FT/PRN (7a-7p/7p-7a)
Nurse Manager - FT
Floor Tech (waxing/buffing floors) – FT
Food Service Aide – PRN
Case Manager – FT
Case Manager Assistant – Part-time 24
PPS Coordinator – FT
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Candidates may apply in person (Mon – Sun 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.) or call (432) 520-1607
Please forward resume to

Director of Human Resources
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/Odessa
1800 Heritage Blvd., Midland, TX 79707.
FAX (432) 520-1704
Email : tina.mparker@healthsouth.com
An EEO Employer M/F/V/D

Front Desk Clerk

Need an experienced Front Desk Clerk for busy Physician office. Worker's Compensation experience helpful. Must have at least one year clerical experience (UF5016). Please mail or fax your resume to: P.O. Box 5291, Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284, attn: Alesha McCoy.

Healthcare Position

Parks Methodist Retirement V FT

Currently accepting applications for the following positions:
MDS Coordinator - RN or LVN. MDS 3.0 experience preferred
Marketing Liaison Administrative Assistant - FT
RN or LVN Charge Nurse - FT or PRN
CNA - FT or PRN
Maintenance Technician - FT. A/C certified preferred
Laundry Attendant - FT
Competitive Wages. Excellent Benefits
Background check and drug testing will be administered to all qualified applicants.
Apply at: 111 Parks Village Dr (at Faudree Rd)
Building 301, Odessa, TX 79765.
Or send resume
Fax: (432) 563-0430
E-mail: sjunderwood@sears-methodist.com. EOE

Human Resource

HomeCare Plus

HomeCare Plus is seeking a full time experienced Human Resource person. Fax resume 432-620-6675 attn: Jennifer or come by 501 Andrews Hwy.

LVN

Need an experienced LVN for busy Physician's Office. Must have at least 2 years experience (DIM-5055). Competitive salary and benefits offered. Please mail or fax your resume to: P.O. Box 5293, Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284, attn: Alesha McCoy.

LVN/RN

S&R HOME HEALTH FT

LVN RN FOR PEDIATRIC HOURLY CASES. DAY SHIFT AVAILABLE. SIGN ON BONUS AVAILABLE. PLEASE APPLY AT 1030 ANDREWS HWY STE 100 IN MIDLAND OR CALL 570-8880

Manor Park, Inc. is Accepting Applications For:

- **LVN:** LVN position available. Must have current LVN license in the State of Texas.
- **CNA:** Full-time, Part-time, and PRN CNA positions available. Must have current CNA certification in the State of Texas.

Benefits include: 32/40-work schedule on weekends, mileage allowance, dependability incentive, holiday pay, time off with pay, supplemental insurance, life insurance, 401K plan.

Applications may be completed in the:
Human Resources Department
2208 N. Loop 250 West
Midland, TX 79707
Fax (432) 697-0577
Email to hrdept@manorparkinc.org
Background checks and drug screening will be conducted on qualified candidates. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Medical Assistant

Confidential FT

Busy doctor's office is looking for full time medical assistant with phlebotomy experience. Mail resume to: M-24, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

Medical/Clerical Assistant

Select Specialty Hospital FT

Specialized Long Term Acute Hospital seeking Medical/Clerical Assistant, Part Time. Must have knowledge of medical terminology, HIPAA, and familiarity with Medical supplies. Flexible hours. To apply: Call 432-522-3364 or e-mail: csiffring@selectmedicalcorp.com

Pharmacy Tech

Martin County Hospital FT

Now hiring Pharmacy Tech for 3p-11p shift. Must have a minimum of 2-years nursing experience, a current Registered Nursing License, a current Pharmacy Technician Certification or willing to obtain Pharmacy Technician Certification with a Texas Registration within 6-months, and willing to alternate on-call schedules after hours and on weekends. Contact Terri Frame @ 607-3227 or tframe@martinrh.org or apply in person at 610 N. St. Peter Street, Stanton, TX.

Martin County Hospital

Public Health Nurse

City of Midland FT

Resumes are now being accepted for the position of Public Health Nurse. High school diploma or equivalent with six months to one year of experience in a nursing position. License as a registered nurse and a valid Texas driver's license required. Wages: $9,500 monthly. **"Grant Funded"** Submit resumes at www.midlandtexas.gov. Open until filled. EOE

Rehab Tech

Select Rehab FT

Rehab Tech
Select Rehab is seeking a F/T Rehab Dept. tech to assist our therapists in West, TX. Candidate MUST have prior exp. w/patient care in a nursing home or hospital. Comp. salary & bnfts pkg. Fax resumes (847) 441-4130, e-mail resumes@selectrehab.com.

RN

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

NURSES UNLIMITED, INC. IS SEEKING ENTHUSIASTIC, OUTGOING RN FOR OUR PRIVATE DUTY DIVISION. DUTIES WOULD INCLUDE CLIENT VISITS, NURSING ASSESSMENTS, OR CALL. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT AT 50 CENT A MILE FOR MIDLAND, ODESSA AND SURROUNDINGS AREAS. 401K, PAID VACATION DAYS, HEALTH INS. OFFICE HRS. M-TH 7-5, 7:30-5:30, 9-5 FRI 8-12, E.O.E. CALL WENDIE @ 522-5089.

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Midland, TX
Plan, direct and coordinate engineering projects. Send resume to: Midland Platinum Management Inc PO Box 786, Mount Juliet, TN 37121

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Midland, TX FT

Hiring for all shifts. Apply in person at: 5309 West Loop 250 North, Midland 79707. No phone calls.

Hotel Positions

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Midland, TX
F&B Director, Cooks, Servers, all shifts and Housekeepers. 1505 Traderwomd Blvd. Flex schedule includes nights and weekends. No Calls.

Housekeeper

Residential Housekeeper, 8 hours per week, $15 per hour. Raise after training period. Reply to: organics818@gmail.com

Part Time Sales & Part Time Engineer

Comfort Suites PT

Experience PT sale and engineer needed. Apply in person at: 4706 N. Garfield Midland, TX 79705

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

HVAC Technician

UGL Services FT

Midland, TX **5 Exp.**

UGL Services is seeking HVAC Technicians who will be responsible to perform maintenance, repair & service on HVAC mechanical & control systems, as well as facility maintenance, for a client location in the Midland, TX area. Must have a strong background in HVAC with at least 5 years experience. Drug and background check req'd. Email resume to: elovelady@na.uglilimited.com. UGL Services is an EOE M/F/D/V

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Entry Level Position

About CASH FT

Midland, TX 79701
Growing Financial Services Business has entry level opportunity for High Energy Outgoing individual. Starting Pay up to $11.00/Hour, depending on experience. Will train for Full or Part-time Position. Must Pass criminal, drug, and background check. Bring Resume and apply in person at: About CASH, 910 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79701

OTHER JOBS

Alternate Foster Parent

Alternate Foster Parent (direct care staff) Full Time Employment for direct care staff working in two different foster homes. Work schedule would include rotating days off and being on duty for several consecutive days and nights. Caretaker would be responsible for the care of 5 to 6 children. Must be 25 years of age and have good driving record to be eligible for company's vehicle insurance coverage. Must have clear criminal history, high school diploma, drug screen is required. Applications available at HighSky.org. For more information email SarahR@HighSky.org (No phone calls)

Assistant HVAC/ Make Ready

The Clusters Apartments **FT Position/**
4415 Northcrest Dr. **With Benefits**
Midland, TX 79707 **Apply In Person**

Assistant Maintenance & Makeready

Sinclair Apartments FT

Background check and drug screen required. Apply at 4534 Sinclair Ave.

Baby sitter/Housekeeper

Confidential FT

Needed a full time Baby sitter/Housekeeper. Inquiries should call Gary at 432-559-8145

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Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT

Midland, TX 79703
Child care worker needed, above average wage, will train. Call 432-520-8888

Delivery/Counter Sales/Inventory Stocker

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Apply in person at:
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Experienced Diesel Mechanic & Shop Hand

C & W Transports FT

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Midland, TX **Salary DOE**

Experienced Diesel Mechanic needed must have own tools. Also need Shop Hand. Must be able to pass drug screen. 432-570-1911

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Se solicita persona que sepa hacer gabinetes para trabajar en taller (No aprendices). Sueldo empieza a $20.00 dolares la hora, o segun aptitudes. 499-566-7974.

Grounds Keeper

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Housekeeper's

Clarion Hotel FT

Housekeepers needed. Experience preferred, but not a must. Will train. Apply in person at: 4300 West Wall, Midland, Tx 79707.

Immediate Openings

8 month project with a premier oil & gas company in Midland!!!
• Admin. Assistant familiar with regulatory & permitting and RR Commission filings - $12-$15/hour. • Scanner • scanning & locating files, some copying - $10-$12/hour. Call Kelly Services at 432-682-9601 or apply in person at 6 Desta Drive, Suite 1260, ClayDesta Center. Never an applicant fee. Equal Opportunity Employer.

OTHER JOBS

Lead Maintenance

Confidential FT

Lead Maintenance wanted. Large property. $20+/hour depending on experience. Call for application information at 432-617-8100.

Leasing Professional

Weidner Apartment Homes FT

Leasing Professional needed for the newest upscale property in the Permian Basin. Experienced preferred. Please email resume to: becky_heald@weidner.com

Librarian for Exploration Department

Confidential

Logging and cataloging of new library data. Requirements: experience with oil and gas industry, computer literacy with Microsoft Office background, good communication skills, ability to work on initiative and with a team, must be able to work on your feet and lift large items. Salary and benefits DOE. Email resume to: operations@bluendgeresources.com or fax: 432-683-8006.

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Human Resources Department
2208 N. Loop 250 West
Midland, TX 79707
Fax (432) 697-0577
Email to hrdept@manorparkinc.org
Background checks and drug screening will be conducted on qualified candidates. Equal Opportunity Employer.

MARC

Are you looking for a job that will fulfill your desire to make a difference in people's lives? MARC, Inc. is now hiring dedicated people to help positively impact the lives of people with disabilities. We offer competitive wages and schedules to fit most anyone's lifestyle. If interested please visit our main office at 2701 North "A" St. Midland, TX 79705.MARC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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KPEJ-TV Fox 24 FT

KPEJ-TV Fox 24 has an opportunity for you to join the best master control team in the Permian Basin! Duties include: switching commercials for programming, catching programs for air at later date, checking programs for quality control. You need to be friendly, outgoing and experience a plus but not required. Overnight or morning hours only. Come by and fill out an application at KPEJ-TV, 1550 I-20 West, in Odessa. E.O.E.

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Molly Maid FT

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Oil Field Chemical Laboratory Technician

Confidential FT

Seeking experienced Oil Field Chemical Laboratory Technician. Pre-employment drug and alcohol testing. Excellent pay and benefits. Please send resumes to: PO BOX 10887 Midland, TX 79702

Part Time Guest Service Representative

Midland Park Mall FT

Midland Park Mall is now hiring Part Time Guest Service Representatives. Guest Services Representative duties requires a strong selling background, general mathematical aptitude, computer literacy and have a strong ability to multi-task. We are look to fill 10 - 20 hours per week with availability on Sunday's and weeknights. Please pick up application at Guest Service's near Food Court or email: JeWilliams@simon.com.

Part Time Work

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A musician (pianist) to play for Sunday morning services. Every Sunday from 10:30-12:30. Start ASAP. Please contact Reverend Jerry Fetterly at 432-901-3205, or Pamela Davis at 432-556-7904

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www.prodrivers.com

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Experienced on-site Property Manager needed. Apply at Santa Fe Apartments: 5010 West Loop 250 North, Midland, TX 79707. Call 432-520-3751.

RV Service Position Open

Golden Coach & Marine
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Looking for person who is honest, courteous & self-motivated.
Please apply in person.

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OTHER JOBS

Service Technician
Confidential FT
Local company is looking for an energetic person to test swimming pools at residential homes year round Monday- Friday. Summer months are hacked and fast paced. Individuals must be presentable and able to work with the public. Requirements: Valid Texas drivers license, capability to lift 50 lbs containers. Candidates that meet requirements. Please apply at: 7606 W Hwy 80, Midland. Starting pay $450 per week

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EOE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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This is an opening for an energetic team oriented individual. It is an opportunity to provide quality services and to gain personal growth.

A degree is required, preferably a B.A. or B.S. Additional and necessary training will be provide by MARC.

Typical hours are M-F, 8-5, but does vary upon needs. Salary will be based on experience.

Applications will be taken until May 6, 2011
Please send resumes to 2701 North A St., Midland, TX 79705 or Fax to (432)682-2606 or e-mail kmaxwell@marcinc-tx.org

Part-Time Director of Youth Ministry
Westminster Presbyterian Church PT
Odessa, TX
Immediate opening for someone who has the passion and enthusiasm to lead young people, grades 7 - 12. Ability to share the love and joy of Christ and encourage Christian values. Bachelors Degree & prior experience with youth preferred. View job description online at www.wpcodessa.com. Send resume to 4901 Maple Ave., Odessa, TX 79762 or Westminster@cableone.net Interviews will begin after May 1

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Production Analyst needed for independent oil operator. Primary duties include preparing daily drilling reports, compiling well & lease data, preparing regulatory forms for Texas, Oklahoma & New Mexico and maintaining files. Microsoft office experience needed. Non-smoking environment. Please mail resume to Production Analyst, PO Box 11205, Midland TX 79702.

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Wait staff, Prep Help & Busser
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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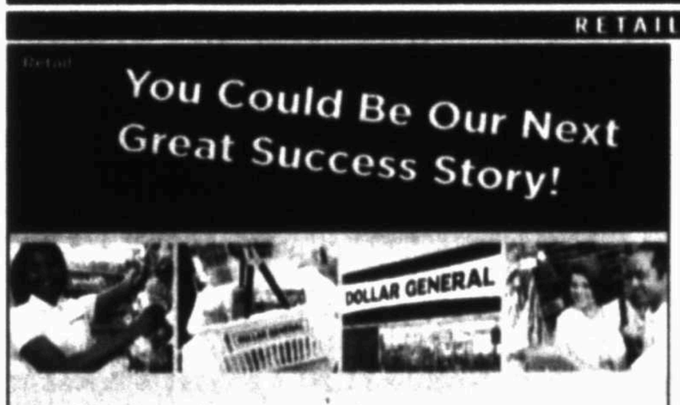
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Qualifications include:
- High school diploma or GED
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- 2-5 years previous environmental experience
- 2-3 years previous experience with Microsoft Office products at a professional level

Qualified Candidates must submit their resume online at: www.dcpmidstream.com/careers (requisition #2000)

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Midland, TX

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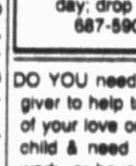
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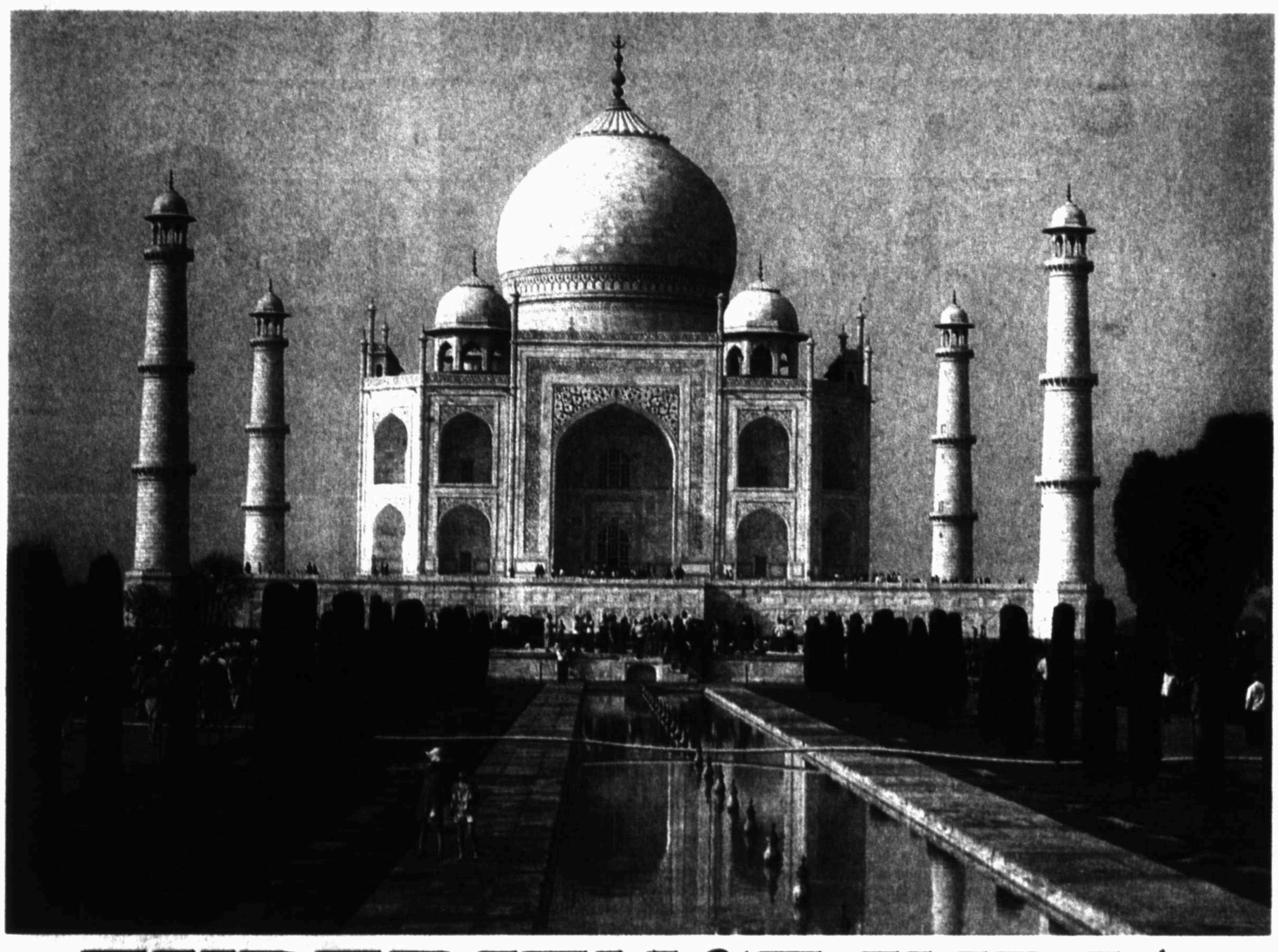
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Most people go to India, I think, to see the Taj Mahal. It is indeed something to see. But in India, you don't just look. You absorb. An Indian woman told me, "India is a place to experience, not just a place to be a tourist." Just over a week into the trip, we were sitting around one evening with some fellow travelers and someone suggested we name our three top experiences so far on the trip. Not one person mentioned the Taj Mahal, even though we had visited it just a few days before.

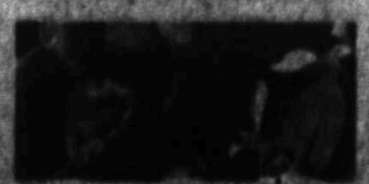
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The Delhi airport where we landed has a wall of circular copper plates with giant silver hands that have fingers and palms in meditation positions. The hands were comforting to see after leaving Dallas and being in the air for two flights of nine hours each. We broke up the trip with a three-hour layover in Amsterdam.

Delhi, the capital city of India, is full of parks and wide boulevards and looks like other capital cities in Europe or South America. The city is divided into new and old, with the old portion full of narrow streets, rickshaws and modest stalls that sell everything from car parts to haircuts. Old Delhi is populated mostly by Muslims whose lives revolve around work and the local mosque. We toured the country's largest mosque called Jama Mashid. The emperor used to enter the huge square on an elephant that passed through a giant archway.

We were there on a Sunday, a day of relaxation and visiting. We saw a young couple celebrating their first week as newlyweds. The wife wore a series of bracelets on her arm and her hands were painted in an intricate henna design. Women in India decorate themselves in every way possible from toenails to head, wearing anything that shines or sparkles. Several women had diamonds on their noses.

We rode a bus to the mosque, and had our first glimpse of the city's commerce. A street bazaar about a mile long had hordes of people shopping. I don't recall anyone smoking. Goats, dogs, pigs, cows, donkeys and water buffalo wondered around, most of them hungry like many of the people. The street scenes of carts pulled by camels, bicycles carrying dozens of bird houses or baskets, beggars, hawkers, crowds of men in white and women in vibrant colors leave a lasting impression of the country.

We visited the Red Fort, the seat of Mogul (from Mongolia and Turkey) power from 1639 to 1857. It covers an area of a square mile and a half and has gardens, a palace and other buildings that feature imperial architecture, carvings and beautiful inlay. While waiting to enter the Red Fort, ladies were in one line, gents in another. We were inspected at almost every important historical site. Women usually were separated from the men for privacy. We spent some time at the India Gate, a memorial to soldiers lost in World War I.

In Delhi we were fortunate to visit with Sunny Dua, a resident of Jammu in Northern India who stayed in our home 11 years ago on a Rotary exchange. He took off four days of work to be with us and show us his country. Sunny is a Sikh (a faith that actively preaches unity and equality among all religions) and wears a turban. He took us to a Sikh temple, an elegant and imposing structure where volunteers feed thousands of people daily free of charge. Food is prepared and served on the premises. Hungry people eat a lentil stew made with cauliflower, cabbage and onions. Indian flat bread is used to scoop the stew and vegetables. A pool on the grounds is considered to contain holy water and people stick their feet in it for a blessing. Some people completely immerse themselves in the water.

Mahatma Gandhi is celebrated and revered in India. This man of peace was assassinated in Delhi. Although there was a crowd at his monument, most of the people were from India. I get the impression from the number of Indians we saw at all the tourist sites that they are extremely proud of their country and interested in its history.

We were in India at a good time. Flowers were sill in bloom and were everywhere. It is an emerging country, whose residents are full of hope, energy and confidence. India is one-third the size of the United States. The British handed over control to the Indians in 1947 and since then, India has been creating its own republic. The country will become the most populated country in the world within a few years. Right now the population is 1.2 billion, compared to China's 1.3 billion residents. Like China, most of the population lives in rural areas. The majority of homes in India do not have bathrooms; residents use public facilities.

In India, if you do not already know the answer, you must not ask the question. You will always get an answer, but it might have nothing to do with the question. The type of English spoken in India is close to the type spoken in the U.S., but it is not the same. That's why American movies carry subtitles in (you guessed it) English.

The bus ride from Delhi to Agra is just a few short hours and it was our first glimpse at highway traffic. It's no different from city traffic. Buses, cars, trucks and other motorized conveyances compete for space on the highway with chickens, pedestrians, rickshaws and carts pulled by a variety of animals. Drivers of motor vehicles in India are some of the bravest people on the planet. They have nerves of steel. There are constant games of chicken with vehicles coming right for them. Traffic in India is like one big video game. There are no straight lines of vehicles. They wander all over the place. They remind me of butterflies, which seem to go in all directions with no advance warning. Indians drive on the left side of the highway, which makes things even more confusing for western visitors.

While I was walking on the outside wall on the way to the Taj Mahal, I looked over the wall and saw some of the structure's white marble. I think my heart actually skipped a beat and I had chills. It was a thrill to actually stand in front of an architectural masterpiece I had heard of all my life. A Shah built it as an eternal symbol of his love for his favorite wife. It was started in 1641 and took 20,000 laborers 22 years to complete. The marble was hauled in by elephants from a quarry 20 miles away. We spent three hours at the Taj and got to observe the changing colors of the marble at sundown. We left Agra with the memory of the Taj and the image of a large monkey climbing the wall of the hotel where we stayed peering into a fifth-floor window.

We visited Ranthambhore and stayed in a hotel called Nahargarh that looks like a palace. The next day we visited a national park and saw a tiger. We had been in the same spot for sometime and many observers left. But our guide insisted we stay. Suddenly, we saw a deer rush up a hill and heard the husky growl of the big cat, which echoed out over the canyons and hills. Then we saw it. The guide yelled out, "Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!" and the cameras clicked. My wife was so overcome with emotion she cried. Later, I made a movie of monkeys jumping into a tree.

At Jaipur, we went to the Palace of the Wind and photographed it in the morning light. Then we went to the Amber Fort, one of the biggest and most interesting things on our trip. It has a wall that looks like the Great Wall of China, palace grounds and a fort.

We rode elephants. It was smoother than I was expecting. We also visited an outdoor observatory that covered a city block. A remarkable astronomer built it in 1590. The observatory is an extremely modern group of structures that tell time according to the sun's shadow with an accuracy so exact the time is within two seconds of GMT.

We flew from Jaipur to Cochin in the southern part of India. We changed planes in Mumbai and never entered the terminal. We got off one plane and simply walked a few yards to another. Very efficient. Cochin is considered the jewel in the crown of the state of Kerala, which is hailed as "God's Own Country." Cochin has some of the oldest European architecture and a number of Christian churches.

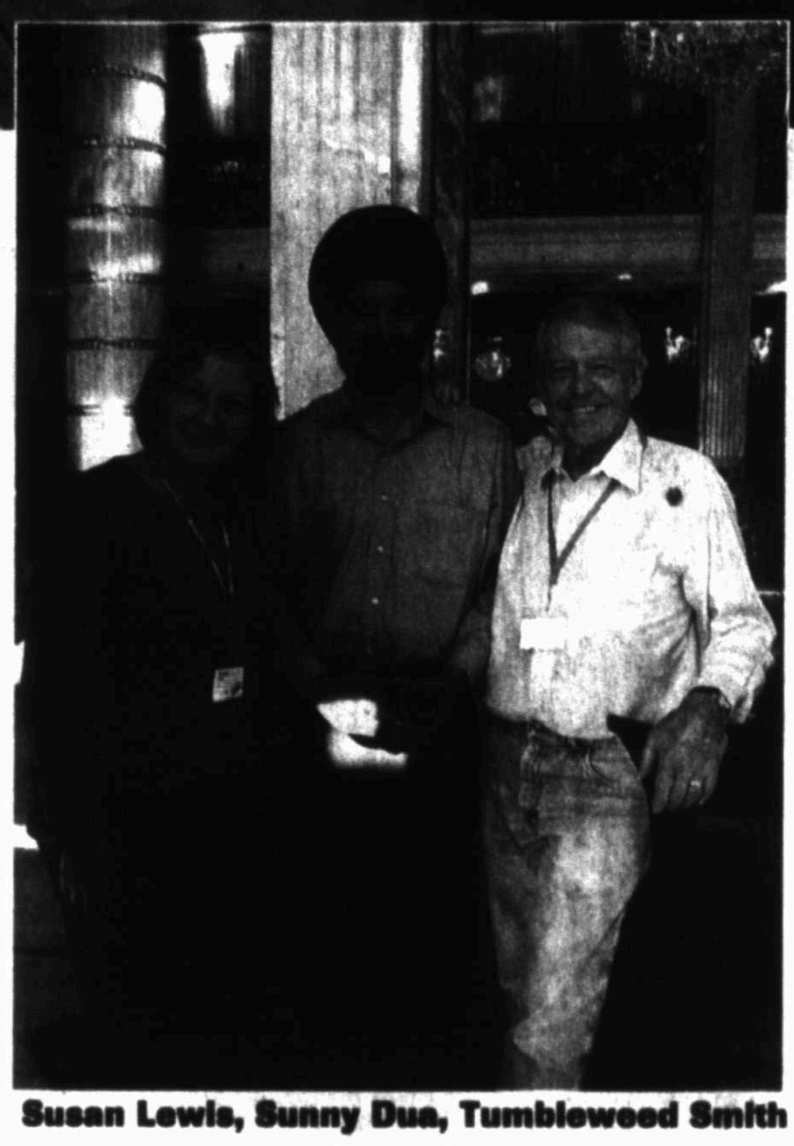
In a neighborhood called "Jew Town" we went to a synagogue built in 1568 that has a floor made of thousands of Chinese tiles, each one different. Kerala has the highest literacy rate in India. We saw a shady park area near where fishermen dip their nets and market fresh fish. You can pick out a fish and take it to a nearby restaurant and they will prepare it the way you want it.

The most relaxing part of the trip by far was a day and night cruising the backwaters region of Kerala on a houseboat. We were pampered by a cook who prepared some delicious meals, snacks and drinks. Some of the sights along the waterways were spectacular: People in small narrow boats hauling everything from appliances to hay; people washing clothes and bodies; school kids crossing a waterway on a small boat; men and women on foot, bicycle and motorbike traveling on paths beside the water; tall palm trees on the bank and unique birds dipping into the water for food.

Up until this time, we had been with a tour group, which was the recommended way to see India. We were with a bunch of well-traveled folks and had a great time with them.

When we left them at the airport in Mumbai (the British called it Bombay) we were met by Vidya Srinivas, a former student of mine at UTPB who had a career as a newspaper and television journalist. Her husband Sri is a surgeon and he and Vidya are well-respected citizens in Mumbai and have lots of friends and a full social calendar. We spent four nights with them and went to four parties. Sri practiced in Midland from 1992 until 1999. Vidya and Sri live in a two-story penthouse on the 19th floor of a high-rise building. They have a fantastic 180-degree view of the Arabian Sea and the skyline of Mumbai. Vidya took us to places most tourists don't get to see.

Mumbai is a like a whole other country. It is a combination of New York and Hollywood. Making movies is big business in Mumbai and attracts young people from all over the country who have seen "Slumdog Millionaire" and want to be movie stars. They will live in hovels and do any kind of work to get the chance to try out for a movie.



Susan Lewis, Sunny Dua, Tumbleweed Smith

As soon as we got to Vidya's flat, she gave us a detailed itinerary of activities for the next three days. She had scheduled me to speak to graduate students in communications at St. Xavier University, one of the leading journalism schools in India. The teacher asked me to listen to some documentaries the radio students had produced and to critique them. They were quite good (especially one of the three I heard) and I bragged on the students' work. The equipment the students use is leased out to ad agencies, production houses and such. A portion of the studio time is allocated to the students, who have a certain amount to get their work done. If they don't finish their work in the allotted time, they have to pay for the studio time. Also, they cannot touch the equipment. An engineer has to sit with them and the students tell the engineer where to edit, add music, sound or voice.

Mumbai is the most populous city in India and the second most populous city in the world. Nearly 14 million people live there and nearly that many live in its suburbs. It is the financial capital of India and the country's richest city. Mumbai is built on what were seven islands of fishing communities. By 1845 the seven islands were joined by landfills and bridges and became a single land mass.

We took an hour-long ferry ride to the island of Elephanta and visited caves dug into stone. Giant pillars and statues were carved into the basalt rock by hand in the sixth century. There are two groups of caves; five are Hindu and two are Buddhist. It became a World Heritage Site in 1987 and is maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India. The ferry left from the port area of Mumbai near the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, which is just across the square from the Gateway to India archway. The hotel was heavily damaged by terrorists in 2008 but has since been repaired. One hundred and sixty-six people from the US, UK, India, Israel and other countries were killed in the attack. Indians refer to that date (November 26, 2008) the way we refer to 9/11. They call it 26/11, since they put the day's date before the month.

After a walking tour with an architectural student to see some of the important buildings in Mumbai, we went to the Bombay Gymkhana, a sports arena originally built as a British-only club. It is one of the most exclusive clubs in the country. The waiting period for membership extends into years and the fees to join are in the millions of rupees. A cricket match was in progress while we were there. In fact, we were in India during the World Cup of Cricket, which India won.

India is the world's largest, oldest, continuous civilization. India never invaded any country in its last 10,000 years of history. It is the world's largest democracy. India invented the number system and had the world's first university.

Sanskrit, the ancient and sacred language of the Hindus in India, is the mother of all the European languages. India was the richest country on earth until the time of British invasion in the early 17th century. The art of navigation was started in India. Algebra, trigonometry and calculus came from India. So did the game of chess. India is the largest English-speaking nation in the world.

The co-founder of Sun Microsystems, the creator of the Pentium chip, the creator of hotmail, the GM of Hewlett-Packard and the CEOs of Citibank and Pepsi are Indians. In 2005, India's $575 billion economy grew by 8.2 percent. In 2009, India had the largest election turnout in human history. The Congress party was given the go-ahead to continue its programs of reforms. The day after the election, India's stock exchange became the best performing in the world.

We had a magnificent time in India. People all over the U.S. go there for vacations, including some college students we saw who were on spring break.

None of our close traveling friends ever have been to India, even though they go to destinations more distant. Why? Is it fear of seeing too much poverty? There was no sign of poverty at the parties we attended. Do they think it's just too different? Is it the fact the British left? Like any good traveler, they should put away all their concerns and go there with an open mind and realize they are going to see something unusual and have unique experiences. Isn't that why we travel in the first place?

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Wife is too tired for sex with husband

DEAR FAMILY: My husband says there is something wrong with me because I don't want to have sex as much as he does. I've talked to my girlfriends, and they all say the same thing. Their husbands want to have sex all the time and they don't. Men don't seem to get that we're tired. Before we had children we did have more energy. I know I was more interested in having sex before we had our first baby, but three babies later, I'm just not that interested. Quite frankly, I had rather go to sleep than stay up for a sex session, so he's right about that.

He also complains I never want to hold his hand or touch him. That's simple enough, every time I am the least bit affectionate he takes it as a sign I want to have sex. So I just avoid all physical contact. I know that is wrong, but my girlfriends all say they do the same thing for the same reason. He gets really grumpy with our entire family if we don't have sex at least two times a month, so I do and that's usually OK. I am also a little worried he will go elsewhere for sex if I don't cooperate sometimes. There has to be something we can do to make it better. — ASKING FOR TOO MUCH

DEAR ASKING: There are several ideas I would like to share with you that may be of help. I believe God intended that sex in marriage (all things being equal), should be most of all fun for both husband and wife — it is a sacred spiritual component of marriage. If sex is not fun for both, then we should work toward making it fun.

We do have to define, "all things being equal." What that means to me is there is no abuse or inappropriate anger, alcoholism, etc., in the marriage; that is, there only should be the usual disagreements between two adults that are bound to arise. I do often find sex therapy is really about couple's therapy in that the wife is like you, too tired

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GARDENING This March 28, photo shows a small plastic bucket holding a watering can, daisy grow kit, gardening gloves, pinwheel, various gardening tools, small floral gardening tote and plush toys in Oakland, N.J. Gardening is at least as much as symbol of Easter as a foil-wrapped rabbit, and a row of carrots is something kids will remember long after the last jelly bean is gone.

Stace Maude/AP

Themed Easter baskets go candy-free

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press

Susie Peyton, an art teacher in Redwood City, Calif., always has tried to minimize the candy in holiday traditions with her three kids, now ages 11 and 15.

"I'm the awful mom who goes through their Halloween basket and throws out all their hard candy," said Peyton. "They have a big sweet tooth, and they would eat candy for breakfast if they could."

Easter, with its expectation of chocolate eggs and marshmallow peeps, presents unique challenges for mothers like Peyton. Store aisles are bulging with Easter-themed chocolate and confectionary.

But there are plenty of other options, as inventive mothers like Peyton have found out over the years. Here are 10 themes for candy-free Easter baskets kids will love.

■ **Gardening basket.** Gardening is at least as much as symbol of Easter as a foil-wrapped rabbit, and a row of carrot tops pushing through the soil is something kids will remember long after the last jelly bean is gone. Instead of using a basket, try a small rubber gardening tub, a plastic watering can, or a bucket organizer — $25 at Gardeners Supply catalogue, http://www.gardeners.com . Add colorful seed packets, a pair of gardening gloves and a few intriguing gardening tools.

■ **Sleepover basket.** Cradle a pair of slippers, some new pajamas, and a couple of silly joke books or bottles of nail polish in a small, sturdy overnight bag. Add a plain pillowcase and some fabric markers so the child can decorate it. Then add a nightlight. There's a good selection of affordable ones in themes from Las Vegas to T-Rex at Lamps Plus, http://bit.ly/dUHibY.

■ **Bird lover's basket.** Birds are another sure-fire sign of spring. You can use the birdfeeder as the basket; many of them have lift-off roofs that provide an original nest for a bird-friendly collection including birdseed, some seed-covered suet bells, and a pair of inexpensive binoculars or a stuffed owl. The National Audubon Society has a free brochure called "Bird Feeding Basics," downloadable from its web site: http://bit.ly/fpqlih .

■ **Art basket.** Peyton used to start with an inexpensive plastic beach bucket from the dollar store. Add a sketchbook, gel pens, and fancy-edged scissors. Scrapbooking stores carry a fantastic array of rubber stamps or places like Stampadoodle Art & Paper, in Bellingham, Wash., will custom-make any stamp you want. http://www.stampadoodle.com/.

■ **Sports-themed basket**, geared toward the passion of the child in question. For a gymnast, that might mean a new leotard, shorts, or warm-up gear, all nestled in a handy mini-laundry basket. Throw in some new grips, chalk, or wrist guards. Gymnasts also like gymnastics-themed T-shirts, posters for their rooms, hair ties, and the all-important hairspray and curlers. Nail polish is usually prohibited in competition, so add some nail polish remover to the mix. For Little Leaguers, try new batting gloves, baseball hat with the logo of a favorite team, sunglasses and a book about a legendary player. Future hoops stars might like a pump and needles to keep basketballs firm, a team jersey and matching shorts, and a sweatband.

■ **The food basket.** Just because candy is off-limits doesn't mean all food has to be. Pancake mix, exotic cookies such as Pocki sticks (a Japanese treat available at most Asian stores), and some fresh fruit. Retired Portland, Ore., dietician Carolyn Knutson, who has spent time comparing sports bars, recommends Kashi chewy granola bars, which are low in fat and sugar compared to their shelf-mates at the grocery store.

■ **The goldfish bowl.** Every year, humane organizations around the country plead with parents to steer clear of gift bunnies and chicks because so many of those impulse purchases turn into unwanted pets. But if it's a live gift you need, try goldfish. The setup is inexpensive, the care is minimal, and the fish themselves, in the right setting, are a strangely soothing addition to any kitchen counter.

■ **The cooking basket.** Use a large mixing bowl as your container. Add a kid-sized apron — Williams-Sonoma has a nice one for $22 with a garden theme. http://www.williams-sonoma.com —

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Alex Rose is a volunteer for AARP Community Service.

Confidence is key to job hunting at any age

When it comes to job hunting, seniors often have an advantage over youth because of their experience. However, it is a positive, attractive person who usually gets the job; age does not always dictate who will be hired. I have retired several times and find myself back to work repeatedly.

Most importantly, self-confidence is what you need to secure a job. Believe in yourself and know your strengths as well as your limits. Accepting yourself as you are is an important ingredient in self-esteem. If you feel good about yourself, you can give this gift to others and sell yourself right into a job.

No matter what your age or how many times you have interviewed for a job, practice, practice, practice a one-minute speech stating who you are, what you do best and what you are looking for.

It never hurts to recite this speech in front of a mirror and notice your facial expressions as you talk. It also is a good idea to keep your hands still unless you are using them to emphasize something. Stand up straight or sit up tall. Eye contact is necessary.

Follow your passion. If you are passionate about what you do, you will do a good job. Make sure you like what you do. In my career, I have been a

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Newborn cries while mom works out

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: A member of my gym brings her newborn with her every morning. She sets the carrier down next to her treadmill, puts in her earplugs and runs. The baby usually cries on and off, but today he cried nonstop during my entire 20-minute workout. It drove me crazy.

I'm a mom, too. A crying baby, especially a newborn, is heartbreaking. This woman never stops to see why her little one is crying or to console him. This situation doesn't seem to bother the other gym members. Should I talk to her and risk a hostile response, or speak to the gym manager? — HEAVY-HEARTED GYM BUNNY IN RIVERVIEW, FLA.

DEAR GYM BUNNY: Talk to the manager. The crying infant may not bother the other gym members, but it bothers you. The woman isn't stopping her workout to see what may be wrong because with her earbuds in she can't hear the child, which doesn't make her a candidate for mother of the year. She's causing a distraction and an inconvenience to you, so speak up.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my high school sweetheart, "Don," for 10 years. I love him dearly. We were very young when we married, and at the time he said he didn't want kids. I didn't give it much thought because back then we weren't ready to start a family. Now, Don still doesn't want kids — but I do.

He says if children are that important to me, I should leave him and find someone who does want to be a parent. Of course, I don't want just any man's baby. I want his baby.

Don has warned me if I become pregnant, he'll probably leave. He's planning to have a vasectomy even though I'm against it. I don't know what to do. This is the only problem we have. He won't agree to counseling — I've already suggested it. I can't picture myself starting over with another man or going my whole life without being a mother. Please help. — UNFULFILLED IN LOUISVILLE

DEAR UNFULFILLED: Your husband has given you fair warning. You now have an important choice to make. Because having a child is so important to you, my advice is to start "picturing" yourself with another husband, and do it in enough time that you won't be racing against your biological clock.

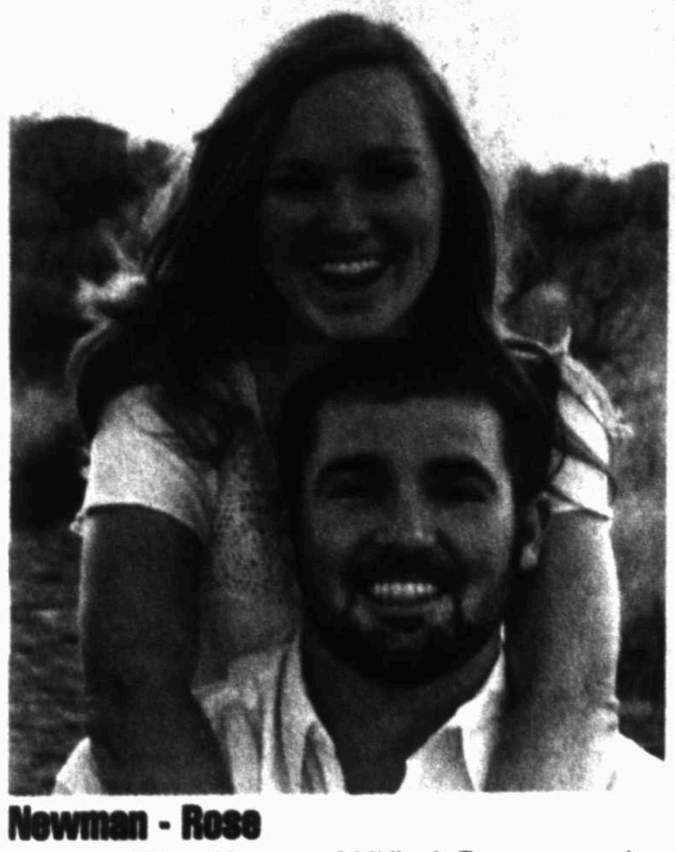
DEAR ABBY: My partner has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. As time goes on, I know I will lose him more and more. How do I do this and allow him to keep his dignity? Life comes full circle, and I understand that. I keep trying to dwell in the present and not think too far ahead. I don't know where to turn. How do you start the long goodbye? — LOST IN PHOENIX

DEAR LOST: The first thing you need to do is contact the Alzheimer's Association. The Alzheimer's Association can guide you on the journey ahead of you and provide a source of emotional support if you join one of its caregiver's groups. The

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ENGAGEMENTS



Newman - Rose

Terry and Betty Newman of Midland, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Michelle, to Eric Nathan Rose, son of Jack and Liz Rose of Midland.

Laura is the granddaughter of Ethelyn McCann and the late T.H. McCann of Big Spring, Texas. She is also the granddaughter of the late Billy Ray and Mae Beth Newman of Waco, Texas.

Eric is the grandson of the late LTC George and Oleta Rose of Olathe, Kansas and the late Melvin and Lola Morgan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Midland High School. Laura is a 2006 graduate of the University of Oklahoma where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and public relations. After working in North Carolina and Peru, she is currently employed with MISD and is studying at UTPB to earn a Masters in Licensed Professional Counseling.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Midland High School. Eric attended Texas Tech University prior to serving five and a half years in the United States Army. Two and half years were served on deployment in Iraq where he attained the rank of Sergeant. He is currently self-employed as a carpenter and a general contractor while earning a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering at UTPB.

The couple will be married August 13, 2011 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas.



Walton - Childs

Steve and Georgeann Walton of Stanton, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Rae Walton, to Jesse James Childs of Midland, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Raymond and Jan Walton and the late George and Billie Evelyn Herzog of Stanton, Texas. Stephanie is a 2003 graduate of Trinity High School of Midland and studied data management at Midland College. She is employed with The Recording Library of West Texas in Midland.

The groom-elect is the son of Michael Childs of Kansas City, Missouri (currently a mercenary firefighter in Kabul, Afghanistan) and Sandra Childs of San Diego, California. Jesse graduated in Midland in 2003. He currently works in Midland.

Stephanie and Jesse will be united in marriage on Monday, May 23, 2011 in Stanton. The couple will honeymoon later this year. They will reside in Stanton.



Simnacher-Lodge

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lodge are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Mr. Jason John Lodge, formerly of Midland, Texas to Miss Adrian Leigh Simnacher, daughter of Mr. Harold Simnacher of Robstown, Texas and Ms. Glenda Simnacher of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Miss Simnacher is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Simnacher of Robstown, Texas and Mrs. Margaret McCandless and the late Mr. Robert McCandless of Corpus Christi, Texas. Adrian graduated from Tuloso-Midway High School in Corpus Christi, Texas and Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. She is currently working as a Student Development Specialist at The University of Texas at Tyler.

Jason is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Melfred Forsman of Midland, Texas, and the late Mr. Dick Lodge from Andrews, Texas and Mrs. Anna Lodge Savoy from Sour Lake, Texas. Jason graduated from Midland High School and Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He is currently working as a Petroleum Geologist for Mewbourne Oil Company in Tyler, Texas.

The couple will be married on the beach April 29, 2011 in Rockport, Texas. A reception will follow inside the Saltwater Pavilion.



West - Harrold

Mr. and Mrs. Paul West of Midland are overjoyed to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Hope West to Easton Robert Harrold.

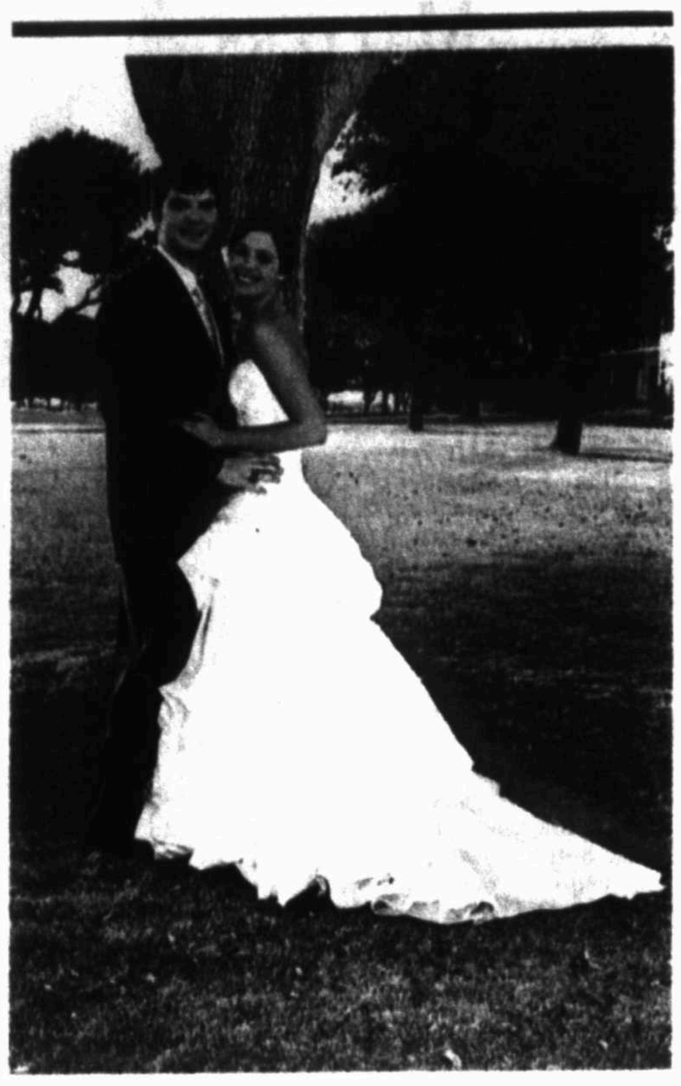
Easton is the son of Mrs. Liz LaFerney and her husband Mike of Midland and Mr. Bob Harrold and his wife Betty of Odessa.

Hope is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Audie Porter of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Alton McKinney also of Midland. She is a graduate of Midland Christian and Abilene Christian University and currently works with Paul West Corporation.

Easton is a graduate of Lee High School and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and currently works with Rising Star Services.

The couple will marry July 2, 2011 at Kessler's Hall.

WEDDINGS



Byrd-Fadal Wedding

Stephanie Renee Byrd and Christopher Thomas Fadal were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 18, 2010, at Grace Lutheran Church in Midland, Texas. The Reverend Robert Pase officiated. Following the ceremony, a dinner reception was held at Midland Country Club. The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at KD's Bar-B-Q on the eve of the wedding.

Stephanie is the daughter of Stephen and Melissa Byrd of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Richard and Gwen Fenner of Houston, the late James Byrd of San Angelo, and the late Betty Larson of San Angelo. Stephanie is a 2003 graduate of Midland Lee High School and a 2007 graduate of University of Dallas. She received a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Hardin-Simmons University in December 2009 and is currently practicing at Hillcrest Sports Medicine Physical Therapy in Waco.

Christopher is the son of Thomas and Tracy Fadal of Riesel. He is the grandson of Gladys Light and the late Winford Light of Abilene, Dr. Richard and Margaret Fadal of Waco, and Ruth Hayward of San Antonio. Christopher is a 2004 graduate of Gatesville High School and a 2008 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He received a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Hardin-Simmons University in December 2010 and is currently practicing at Hillcrest Sports Medicine Physical Therapy in Waco.

Stephanie was presented in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. Attending the bride were matron of honor and sister of the bride Michelle Bose; maid of honor and sister of the bride Shannon Byrd; and bridesmaids, friends of the bride Brittany Arnold, Barbara Butts, Jennifer Fowler, Courtney Matejka, and Blair Rose, and sister of the groom Jennifer Salisbury. Madison Bose was junior bridesmaid, and McKenzie Bose was flower girl, both nieces of the bride. Friend of the bride, Kaysi Atkinson, served in the house party.

Best man and brother to the groom was Tyler Fadal. Groomsmen were brother of the bride Stephen Byrd; cousins of the groom, Kyle Fadal and Colt Fadal; friend of the groom Josh Lain; and brother-in-law of the groom Kurt Salisbury. Ring bearer was Jackson Matejka. Ushers were friends of the bride Robert Fowler, Jake Pase, RJ Pase, and Stefan Parsley. The couple currently lives in Waco.

Engagement, wedding, anniversary or quinceneara announcements may be submitted to weddings@mrt.com
For more information, call 682-6222.

White accessories add touch of spring

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Like freshly washed laundry dancing on the line on a sunny day, this season's white decor is a welcome sight. Just when we're ready to fling open the windows, shake out rugs and scrub the memory of winter away, stores are responding by stocking tabletop accessories, throw pillows, furniture and more in crisp whites and soothing creams.

A few white accents make an enormous difference, so you don't have to spend a lot on this update.

Change out dark lampshades. Replace jewel-toned throws for nubby vanilla ones. Store away the heavy window treatments, and put up snowy voile curtains or sleek white blinds. Give the room trim a coat of bright white. Pull off winter's heavier slipcovers and rugs, and substitute white canvas and cotton.

You'll see your rooms "open up" as the light values change. Plus everything just looks cleaner, and isn't that what spring is all about?

Inexpensive vessels, serveware and baskets are a great way to add some white touches; use them as countertop fruit and snack containers, key and wallet holders, magazine drops.

Homegoods has a pretty laser-cut side table. White ceramics include a cutout, deco-style lamp and an elegant textured vase, and there are several painted wooden candlesticks that would look great with sleek white or candybox colored tapers.

Gift retailer Two's Company offers the Victoria collection of lacy, pierced-edge porcelain plates threaded with sage ribbon. La Vie en Blanc artichoke sculptures are elegant, as are ceramic tabletop nautilus shells and Reef coral, all rendered in milky white.

Update a room's furniture for the season with Cost Plus World Market's new Luxe upholstered club chair. The chair and a tight-fitting, ivory cotton,

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Hop into spring decor with bunny motif

By Kim Cook
Associated Press



In Asian culture, 2011 is the Year of the Rabbit. You wouldn't know it given current events, but traditionally, years hallmarked by the animal are quiet and serene.

You'll see lots of items commemorating the year in Asian markets. In Western culture, the bunny has found a home in the Easter basket, but it's also a token of spring's arrival — of renewal, and of nature at her most benevolent.

Decorator and design blogger Lindsay Ballard of Austin is a big fan of bunnies. "They evoke a happy feeling, regardless of the time of year," she says. Just don't overuse the motif — letting them multiply, so to speak, can look overdone.

"I'll use a rabbit in a tabletop vignette along with found objects and other vintage elements," she says.

Ballard hits the after-Easter sales for new finds. "The key is to find pieces that will work year-round. You don't want to use a rabbit carrying a pink and blue Easter egg in your everyday decor."

She suggests hunting for neutral-colored examples, and spray painting if necessary.

At its most charming, rabbit imagery is sweet and whimsical. But it can also look sophisticated and modern, and that versatility makes it a great trend to hop on if you're looking for a few fresh spring updates.

Find white ceramic rabbits at Pottery Barn to use as display pieces or clever serveware — candy dishes, snack trays, etc. There's also a folk arty metal running rabbit mounted on a wood block. Carved wooden rabbits are popping up at several retailers, too.

Uttermost's Leverette rabbit lamp, designed by Carolyn Kinder, adds some French Country flavor to the motif. Thomas Paul's new bunny graphic, in

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Pruning clematis vines can cause confusion

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press



clematis

There's a lot to like about clematis, one of the earliest vines to green up in the spring. It's easy to grow, blooms in profusion and is hardy, with some varieties lasting over 50 years.

Yet there remains a great deal of confusion about when — or even if — these woody plants should be pruned.

"If you have vines that grow 20 feet a year, they likely will be blooming in your neighbor's yard and not your own," said Linda Beutler, curator of the Rogerson Clematis Collection at West Lynn, Ore., and author of "Gardening With Clematis" (Timber Press, 2004). "The reason for pruning is to keep them under control."

The tops get bulky and the bottoms appear bare if you don't prune clematis plants every two or three years, Beutler said.

"People like them to look green from the bottom up," she said. "You have to prune them to keep them looking that way."

There are more than 250 clematis species and even more hybrids. They are separated into three broad pruning groups, mainly according to when they bloom.

Clematis in Group A are the vigorous spring-blooming varieties that flower on stems produced the previous season, the so-called "old wood." They include the "Alpina," "Armandii" and a number of the Montana varieties. They should be pruned as soon as they finish blooming.

Group B is the large flowered hybrids, such as the familiar "Nelly Moser," "Miss Bateman" and "Henryi." They bloom in early to midsummer, also on old wood. Prune the tops of these plants lightly in February or March, allowing them time to produce new stems for the next flowering season. The vines can be given a second and hard cutting immediately after flowering, down to a height of around 18 inches. That helps direct and support their growth, whether they are wrapped around a fence, pole or trellis.

Group C is the late bloomers, including the iconic "Jackmani," the "Perle d'Azur" and "Duchess of Albany." This collection blooms on stems formed during the current growing season, and should be pruned in late winter or early spring.

People new to gardening often are intimidated by pruning, but the clematis groupings are pretty straightforward, said Sandy Feather, a commercial horticulture specialist with Penn State Cooperative Extension in Pittsburgh.

"If you know which cultivar you have, (then) a lot of charts on the Internet can help show you when you should be pruning," Feather said.

With clematis, you ignore pruning at your peril, said Dennis Patton, a horticulture agent with Kansas State University Research and Extension at Olathe. "Left untended, they will grow into a tangled mass of vines mixed with new growth. They will be unruly looking. Difficult to manage," he said.

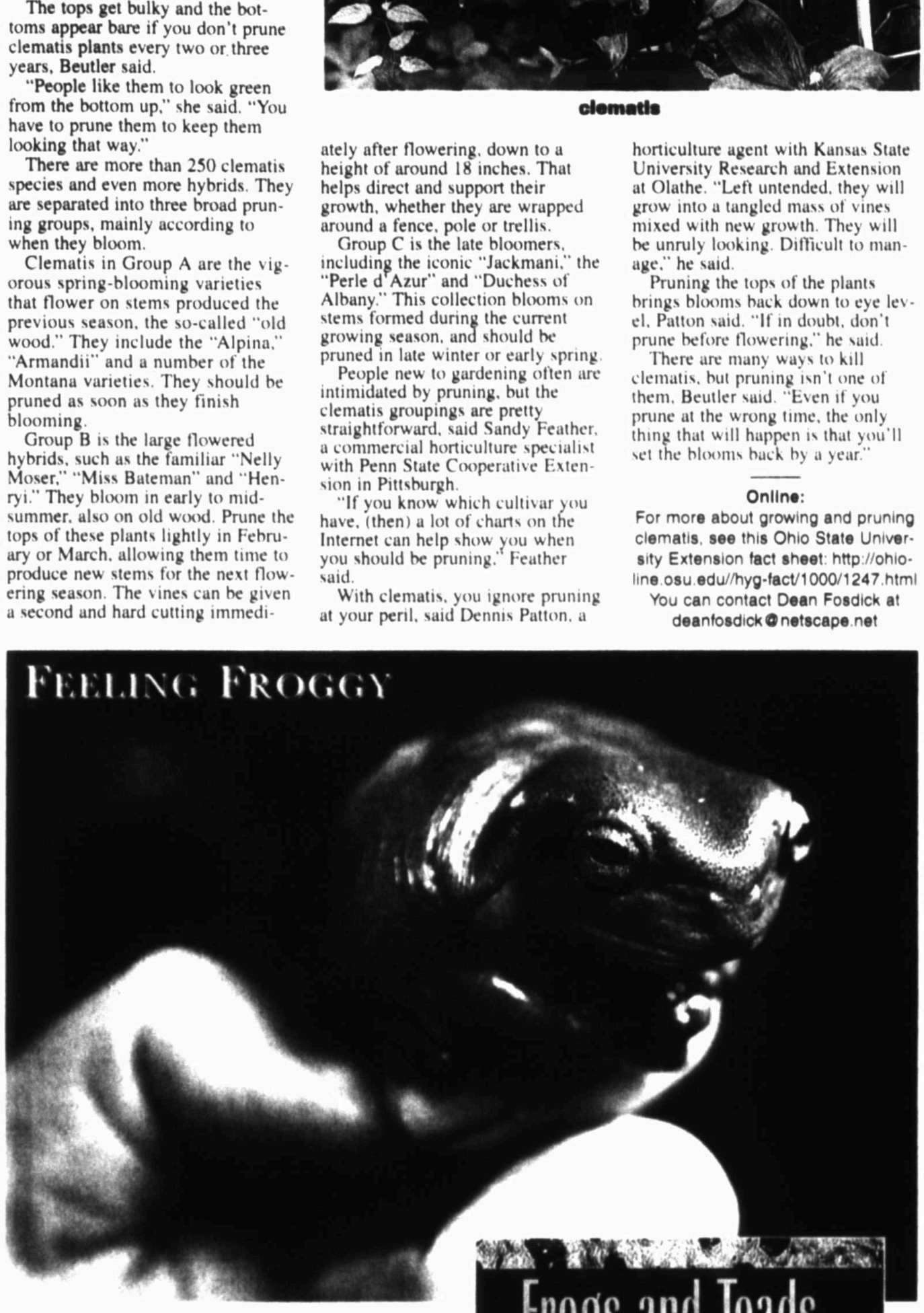
Pruning the tops of the plants brings blooms back down to eye level, Patton said. "If in doubt, don't prune before flowering," he said.

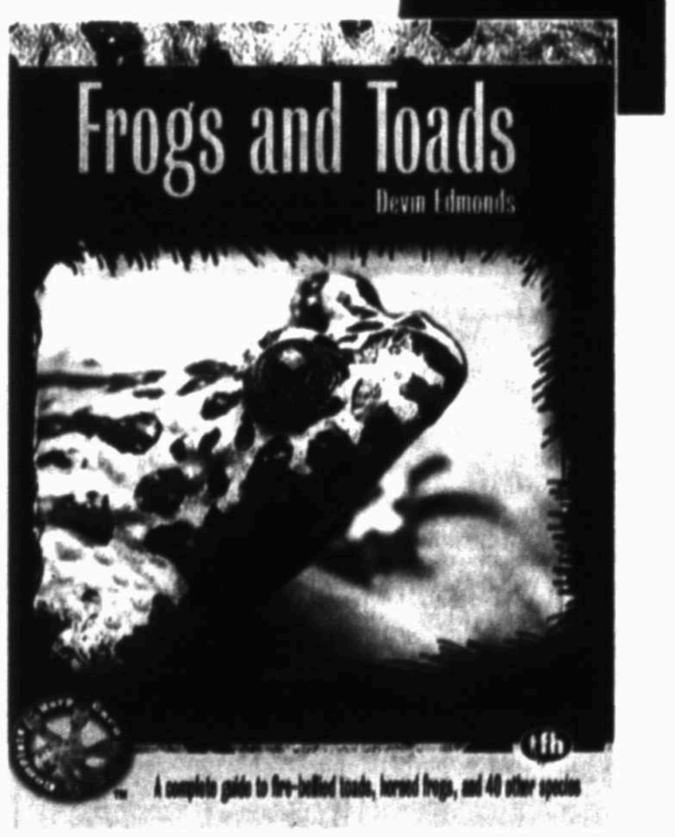
There are many ways to kill clematis, but pruning isn't one of them, Beutler said. "Even if you prune at the wrong time, the only thing that will happen is that you'll set the blooms back by a year."

Online:

For more about growing and pruning clematis, see this Ohio State University Extension fact sheet: http://ohioline.osu.edu//hyg-fact/1000/1247.html

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AP photos

RIBBIT This 2009 file photo shows a White's tree frog, at top, as it perches on the hand of biologist Matt Evans at the National Zoo in Washington. ABOVE: This book cover image courtesy of TFH Publications Inc. shows the cover of "Frogs and Toads," by Devin Edmonds.

Frogs in captivity: Look but don't touch

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In the world of make-believe, kissing a frog could turn him into a prince. In real life, touching them can kill the creatures and cause serious problems for humans too.

April is National Frog Month, and while most people probably know that touching frogs and toads won't give you warts, frogs can transmit diseases. They can give humans tapeworm cysts and salmonella poisoning, said Jeremy Goodman, director of the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, N.J. Both can cause serious complications if not treated immediately, he said.

Human hands have natural salts and oils that can irritate a frog's skin, so handling the animals with dry hands can cause severe problems for them, even death, said Devin Edmonds of Madison, Wis. Edmonds is the author of "Frogs and Toads," a handbook for pet-owners released in March by TFH Publications, Inc.

But frogs can be good pets for the right type of person. They don't provide the same type of enjoyment and interaction that you get from a dog, cat or even a parakeet, Edmonds said, but if you like aquariums, you will probably like frogs and toads.

"The most a frog will interact with its keeper is possibly eating a cricket from your hand," Edmonds said by email from Madagascar, where he is working on an amphibian conservation project.

"All toads are frogs, but not all frogs are toads," his book explains.

There are frogs big enough to eat snakes and birds and small enough to hide behind a grain of rice.

"They are a look-but-don't-touch pet. Keeping them in captivity provides a glimpse into the life and behavior of an animal you may otherwise never get to know," he said. Many of the most common species are surprisingly colorful and will rival the average tropical fish in an aquarium, he said.

Some hardy types of frog, like the marine toad and White's tree frog, can tolerate short periods of handling, but it's always good to wet your hands, use a moist fish net or small container, or wear moistened vinyl gloves without powder, Edmonds advises.

Frogs and toads are amphibians that start life as tadpoles. "Their skin is permeable, allowing them to both breathe and drink through it," Edmonds wrote.

Their skin is kept moist by mucous glands. Other glands hold defensive poisons in some species.

"Oriental fire-bellied toads are perhaps one of the best-suited species to captivity," he said, because they are diurnal, active, colorful, hardy and their behavior is so interesting.

"Horned frogs are also a lot of fun to keep and are a great first frog," he said. "They are ambush predators and are essentially structured as giant mouths with eyes that sit on the forest floor waiting for prey to walk by."

There is a bright yellow version that's often called the Pac-Man frog because of its resemblance to the popular video game character.

"I was given one at age 11 and now almost 16 years later he is still alive, eating a worm or two a week and providing an interesting and unusual pet which has required little work to care for over the years," Edmonds said.

In the wild, frogs rarely live more than a few years. But in captivity, they can live longer than a dog or cat. Edmonds said the record for a captive African clawed frog is more than 20 years and a captive American toad lived to be 36.

Edmonds' book includes 40 species of frogs and looks at their history, how to build the perfect habitat, health care and breeding.



Tish Hinojosa

BURR WILLIAMS



Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

Tish Hinojosa to perform at Sibley Nature Center

Thanks to the sponsorship of Riley Geologic Consultants Inc., Allied Wireline and an anonymous donor, Tish Hinojosa will perform Saturday at the Sibley Nature Center. We have a few remaining seats out of our 75-seat venue. This event is one of the perks of Sibley Nature Center membership, and the members had first choice. Call Burr Williams at 684-6827 Monday morning to reserve your spot. Cost for non-members is $15. There will be a social hour at 7 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m.

If you do not know about Tish Hinojosa, you should. Her website says it best.

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"Tish Hinojosa's music crosses borders — between cultures, languages and musical genres. Moving with equal grace through folk, country, pop and latino styles, her music reflects contemporary America's multicultural richness. Combining a vision that embraces all of these musical styles, with her characteristic warmth and a pure, soulful voice, this enchanting Texan singer-songwriter has gained a loving and loyal audience throughout America, Europe and beyond.

"As the youngest of 13 children born to Mexican immigrant parents in San Antonio, Tish grew up listening to the traditional Mexican songs on her parents' radio as well as to the pop and folk stations of the 60s. Inspired by these diverse influences, she began playing and singing, first for her family and then later in local clubs and coffee houses. In 1979, she left her hometown for the mountains of New Mexico, where she discovered her love for pure and heartfelt country music. She started performing with legendary country musicians Michael Martin Murphy and Bill and Bonnie Hearne, which inspired her to begin writing her own songs, both in English and Spanish.

"After a stint in Nashville, Tish — by now married and mother of two children — moved back to New Mexico where she made her first independent release ('Taos to Tennessee' – 1987), before finally re-locating to Austin, where she was eagerly welcomed by the city's thriving music scene. In 1988, she was signed by A&M Records and finally achieved a national debut release. 'Homeland' (1989), found her weaving all the threads of her artistic ethos into an intriguing tapestry that immediately put her on the international musical map.

"Since then, a continuous stream of recordings and numerous American and European tours have brought Tish's music to the attention of an ever-growing audience. To date, she has released 15 albums, all of which beautifully display her ability to distill her diverse musical influences and colorful life experiences into a sound which is distinctively her own. Her releases explore a wide variety of styles: from the perfect balance of country, folk and latino elements on the award-winning 'Culture Swing' (1992) or the collection of Mexican love ballads and border songs on all-Spanish 'Frontejas' (1995), to the delicate mysticism of 'Dreaming From The Labyrinth' (1996) or the joyful optimism on her bilingual children's record 'Cada Niño/Every Child' (1996). 'Sign Of Truth,' released in 2000, added yet another facet to Tish's sound. Influenced by the divorce from her long-time partner and other transitions occurring in her life, the songs on this album show her revealing a more personal, intimate, yet independent side.

"Tish has contributed her talent to numerous issues such as bilingual education, immigration and farm workers' rights. She also has performed by invitation at the White House for Bill and Hillary Clinton. She has gained the respect and admiration of many well-established musicians, not only her contemporaries, but also some of those who were important early influences, including Linda Ronstadt, who later recorded her own version of Tish's song "Donde voy". Amongst other artists Tish has recorded and worked with are Joan Baez, Kris Kristofferson, Dwight Yoakam, Nanci Griffith, Pete Seeger, Flaco Jimenez and Los Lobos.

"Tish's 'Our Little Planet,' was Inspired by her rediscovered love for country music, the 12 self-penned songs on this collection feature a deeply Americana mix of traditional bluegrass and Tish's trademark sound of contemporary folk and Tex-Mex. The album is produced by Tish and her long-time accompanist, Marvin Dykhuis, who also co-wrote the title song, as well as playing most of the instruments. It also features appearances by celebrated pedal-steel player, Greg Leisz, duets with Texas country legends Rosie Flores and Dale Watson, as well as with rising star, Carrie Rodriguez, all of which combine to add delightful new textures to 'Our Little Planet's' stripped-down country sound.

"Presently, Tish is dividing her time between Austin and Hamburg, Germany, where she is remarried and happily residing. A biographical DVD, spanning the 30 years of her musical career, is in the making. She also is pursuing new forms of expression outside the realms of music, with the writing of a book about her family and her life."

Source: www.mundotish.com

The photos of pronghorn featured on the cover of last Sunday's West Texas Living section should have been attributed to Dave Swenson. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the omission.

Raising awareness is key component in half-marathon commitment

Robin Kingham is real estate account executive for the Reporter-Telegram. A survivor of ulcerative colitis, she has signed up to train for and complete a half marathon on June 26 in Kona, Hawaii and raise $7,500 to benefit the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. She is part of the national Team Challenge Kona group. Robin also has committed to document her progress through a weekly column in West Texas Living and through a blog. To follow her progress and hold her accountable, or to make a donation, check out her blog at http://rolobey-bestlife.blogspot.com/.

ROBIN KINGHAM

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April 11 was the start of week six in my Team Challenge training program. I have been waking up early to go to the gym. I have run a 5k and I am scheduled to run another Saturday.

But the physical training is only one aspect of Team Challenge. I think of it as a grass roots effort to raise awareness and raise the funds needed for research and patient programs. Yes, I have to train my body to complete a half-marathon, but I also have to get the word out in the community. I have to raise money to help the foundation pay for research, patient programs and continuing education for medical providers.

Since the beginning of my journey I have had many people ask, "What is Crohn's, what is ulcerative colitis?" I also have heard the question, "Why are you raising money for this cause?" Well, the answer is, I've been a patient. I've gone through the pain and the embarrassment. Outsiders knew I was sick, it was obvious. There was the weight loss, the constant running to the bathroom, the grey pallor from the loss of blood and the lack of sleep.

The question now is how do I talk about that? How can I raise awareness about a subject that is so taboo? No one talks about their bathroom habits, especially if something is wrong. Most people don't want to even tell a family member; I know I didn't. I claimed it was the stomach flu or maybe food poisoning, anything but what it really was. So that brings me to where I am now — making an effort to talk about it in the newspaper, in my blog, anywhere and everywhere. I am making the effort to raise awareness.

It is with that thought in mind I'd like to share some information about the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. The following information can be found on their website. I encourage you to visit their website if you have questions or want more information.

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The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America's mission is to cure Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and to improve the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases. Known collectively as inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), these painful, chronic illnesses affect approximately 1.4 million Americans, including some 140,000 children under the age of 18. CCFA was founded in 1967.

CCFA is supported solely by individual, foundation and corporate contributions.

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Source: www.ccfa.org

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis

Crohn's disease is a chronic disorder that causes inflammation of the digestive or gastrointestinal tract. Although it can involve any area of the digestive tract, it most commonly affects the small intestine and/or colon.

Ulcerative colitis is a chronic disease of the colon, or large intestine. The disease is marked by inflammation and ulceration of the colon mucosa, or innermost lining. Tiny open sores, or ulcers, form on the surface of the lining, where they bleed and produce pus and mucus. Because the inflammation makes the colon empty frequently, symptoms typically include diarrhea (sometimes bloody) and often crampy abdominal pain.

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are painful, unpredictable diseases that attack the digestive system.

There are 1.4 million Americans living with one of these diseases and 150,000 — about 10 percent — are under age 18. Most people develop the diseases between ages 15 and 35. About 20 percent of patients have another family member with Crohn's or colitis.

Due to the unpredictable nature of these diseases, patients never know when they might spend two weeks in the hospital, require surgery, or miss work or a personal event.

Many patients have complications affecting other body parts such as anemia from blood loss, inflammation of the eyes and joint pain.

Texas scientists make progress in combating chlamydia

By Don Finley
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — In laboratories on two San Antonio campuses, scientists are making progress against chlamydia, the most common — and perhaps least understood — sexually transmitted disease in the world.

In a series of studies published in recent years, an experimental vaccine developed here has shown promise in fighting off infection and protecting against infertility, the most serious complication of chlamydia in the United States.

Other work is aimed at creating a do-it-yourself test, similar to a home pregnancy test, for the infection, as well as a simpler and less costly way of identifying which cases of infertility are chlamydia-related — an advance that potentially could eliminate the need for more costly and invasive tests in many cases.

While chlamydia is common, and most common in teenagers and young adults, it is treated easily with antibiotics. The problem is perhaps 70 percent of women and a smaller percentage of men who have it don't notice any symptoms. As the infection remains undetected, it can travel through the reproductive tract and cause pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility and ectopic pregnancies, which can be fatal.

More than 1.2 million chlamydia infections were reported nationwide in 2009, the most recent numbers available. And because most cases are asymptomatic and go undiagnosed, the true number is thought to be much higher.

"It's a huge cause of infertility," said Dr. Guangming Zhong, professor of microbiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center, who has been studying the chlamydia bacterium for some 25 years.

Zhong said one study found close to 70 percent of San Antonio women diagnosed with tubal factor infertility, a condition in which the fallopian tubes are blocked and the cause of up to a quarter of all infertility cases, had evidence of chlamydia infection.

A decade ago, Zhong discovered the substance at the heart of the vaccine effort, CPAF, or chlamydial protease-like activity factor. A nasal spray vaccine developed with scientists at the University of Texas at San Antonio generated a strong — although not completely protective — immune response in mice. More importantly, it also protected against infertility. Pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. has licensed the work, and the National Institutes of Health is providing additional support.

For years, many researchers have pinned their vaccine hopes on a substance that makes up most of the outer surface of the chlamydia bacterium, which is easy for the immune system to recognize and target. But that protein, known as MOMP, has been difficult to produce in large amounts in the lab, and differs from strain to strain. CPAF is simpler to reproduce, and is basically the same in all strains.

Ashlesh Murthy, a research assistant professor of biology at UTSA and lead author of several of the vaccine studies, has been tinkering with the vaccine formula and testing it, along with other potential vaccine candidates, in the lab in collaboration with Zhong and Bernard Arulanandam, associate dean of research in UTSA's College of Science.

"The ideal goal is to prevent infection totally," Murthy said. "But given that the immunity induced by a natural infection itself is not strong enough to induce lifelong immunity, we don't think that's a very realistic goal. Hopefully we can shorten the (length of infection), and also reduce the pathologies that are associated with it. And infertility is one of those," Murthy said.

Chlamydia tests for women are a routine part of prenatal and family planning visits. That often leaves undiagnosed males as a reservoir to reinfect their partners or infect others.

"Some teenagers are sexually active," said Domingo Navarro, manager of communicable disease prevention at San Antonio's Metropolitan Health District. "Then what happens is the infection continues to go on, back and forth. If a girl doesn't tell her boyfriend she had it, or they don't want to name their partners, the infection continues throughout this young population. Education is critical."

The problem of repeat infections led to a new federal recommendation this year that those who test positive be retested three months later, to try to curb the cycle and identify partners for treatment.

"If a safe vaccine was developed, it would be very worthwhile," said Dr. Jorge Flores, head of clinical services for the district.

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Spring

From 4E

machine-washable slipcover are each under $150. A couple of these replacing darker chairs in a sitting room or master bedroom would brighten things up quite effectively.

Comfy-underfoot white shag rugs made of washable cotton jersey can be found at Crate & Barrel in various sizes. Pair with a fluffy Lupe pillow and either the Coral or Sea Urchin lamp for white-on-white texture that makes a room pop. And if you live the kind of life that can handle it, consider the retailer's Ian collection of boutique-hotel-inspired pieces in a luscious white leather as soft as whipped cream.

West Elm has little cutwork porcelain tea-light holders which would look wonderful lit from within on a warm spring evening.

Family

From 3E

for sex.

I would ask you the same question I ask in a sex therapy session, "What would it take for you to be more available to have sex with your husband?" A typical response is something such as having the husband help more with the children, with meals or dishes, or with other house chores. Husbands rarely view this as a solution to what they see as a romantic problem.

If this seems to fit, you might consider meeting with your husband and specifically defining what he could do and when in order for you to have the energy for sex. This usually works best when you go ahead and schedule a sexual evening predicated upon his helping you. As Dr. Masters once observed, "After you have children, you either schedule sex or you don't have it." It turns out this is a remarkably successful solution to this aspect of couples' sex problem. The other benefit is you can show affection all the time without worrying about giving the wrong message.

You also mention his concerns about frequency. Deprivation theory usually applies in this situation. That is, once husbands know they can have fun sex with their wife on a regular basis, males typically find their own natural sexual desire level. That level is often lower than their expressed level based on their sense of deprivation. Think about sex like food when you are on a diet — it works somewhat similar to that process.

Another simple way to explain the differences in sexual interests is testosterone is the sex drive chemical, and the more testosterone a person has, the more he or she will be physically driven to want sex. Without an adequate level of testosterone, the person will have little physical interest in having sex, or low libido. You can discuss this aspect with your doctor to see if it is worth pursuing medically. However, as you know there is a lot more to female sexuality than chemicals or schedules. There is much more to all of this than I have room to discuss, but maybe this will help you in the process.

Community

From 3E

teacher, counselor and diagnostician and now love the therapy work I do outside the school system. If you are lucky and have the credentials to do what you love doing, age does not matter.

This is so true, especially in the field of medicine or teaching. Even in your 80s, you can function if your mind is still good.

Do not forget to get those business cards ready to hand out. It is best to hand them out after giving that one-minute speech. You can get them printed or make your own on the computer like I do. This can save lots of money and yet the cards can be very attractive.

The one thing you may need to change is what you wear for the interview. Clothes do become dated, so invest in a smart up-to-date outfit with matching shoes. Look nice, feel good, put your best foot forward and go for it.

Think of this new job as an opportunity to grow and share your life experiences with those around you.

Abby

From 3E

toll-free phone number is 800-272-3900 and the website is alz.org.

You and your partner also should make certain now that his wishes for end-of-life care are clearly stated in writing, so when the time comes, they will be respected. Then take each day as it comes, thank God for the good ones, have patience when they are less so, and take good care of yourself because that will be key to ensuring your partner gets the best care possible.

Baskets

From 3E

and mixing spoons — Anthropologie has beautiful nesting spoons and cup measures, and a darling chicken-themed egg timer — along with a colorful spatula (Oxo's is just $7.99, available at Bed, Bath & Beyond). As for instructions, there's no better guide for the newly hatched chef than Georgeanne Brennan's "Green Eggs and Ham Cookbook." Brennan shows a rare sensitivity in her treatment of delicacies like Shlopp (homemade granola) and Lime Ice.

■ **The memory basket.** Craft stores like Michaels and Jo-Ann Fabrics sell sturdy decorated cardboard file boxes and upholstered sewing baskets that can be made into scrapbooking kits for the very young. Add a photo album, some scrapbooking paper, and some prints, either from your own printer or an inexpensive site like Snapfish, http://www2.snapfish.com. Add a blank book and an invitation to write in the journal every day, even if it's only a line.

■ **The sweet-smelling basket.** One of the biggest hits among the seventh-graders I know this Christmas was a scented candle that smelled like a cupcake. As any pre-teen will tell you, you can find a lip gloss, candle, or lotion in almost any flavor or fragrance under the sun. Recently, Jelly Belly got in on the act with a host of products that smell like jelly beans but don't cause cavities, such as bubble wands, nail polish, candles, and even stationery.

And even if you're anti-candy, consider throwing in a few real jelly beans and chocolate bunnies.

"The bottom line is that all foods have a place in a diet, but it's a matter of frequency and amount," said Knutson, who was a department chairwoman at Clackamas Community College in Oregon and has worked in community and hospital nutrition. "It's OK to have candy on special occasions. It's a part of living."

Bunny

From 4E

lilac, rose or aqua, graces smart linen pillows and alpaca throws.

If you're interested in more of a commitment, New York studio Grow House Grow offers the pretty Cottontail wallpaper. Designer Katie Deedy remembered a childhood road trip through south Georgia when she decided that fluffy-tailed bunnies must have sprung from the fields of white cotton. Her charming paper, offered in Powder, Sweet Pea and Tapioca colors, depicts bunnies popping out of the cotton sprigs.

For a spring tea party, consider Williams Sonoma's wee, colored-glass bunny taper holders, and Lenox's Butterfly Meadow bunny creamer and sugar bowl, both in dishwasher-safe porcelain. At Pottery Barn Kids, you'll find tumblers printed with Beatrix Potter's famous rabbits. While part of the retailer's Easter collection, the glassware would be fun to use all year.

At Fawn & Forest, find Decoylab designer Maiko Kuzuniski's playfully romping laser-cut rabbit bamboo wall clock, and Ross Menuez's rabbit pillow for Fauna. The online store also carries several evocative works by Portland-based photographer Elizabeth Soule. Soule shoots tiny animal toys with a Polaroid camera that lends itself to unique colors and a vintage feel.

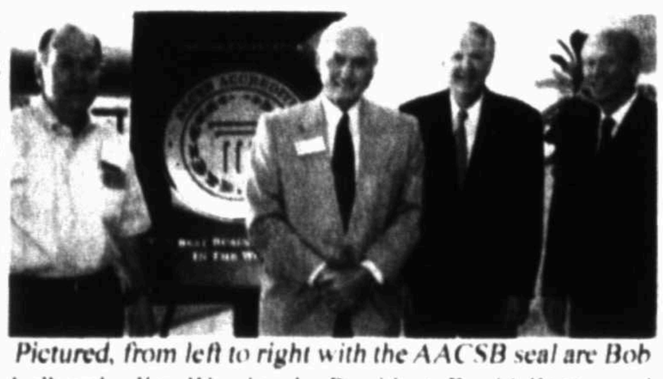
Of her little rabbit portrait, she says, "I found him in a toy store on a rainy afternoon; the paper behind him is vintage wallpaper. I love shopping antique stores on the hunt for old toys, trinkets, papers and fabrics." Sounds like a mellow, laid-back way to spend a day; perfect for the Year of the Rabbit.

> "The key is to find pieces that will work year-round. You don't want to use a rabbit carrying a pink and blue Easter egg in your everyday decor.
>
> **— Lindsay Ballard**
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Every five years, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) re-evaluates those schools through reports concerning faculty qualifications and sufficiency, student outcomes, and business course curriculum. There is also a site visit by several business deans from across the country who assess whether or not accreditation should be extended.

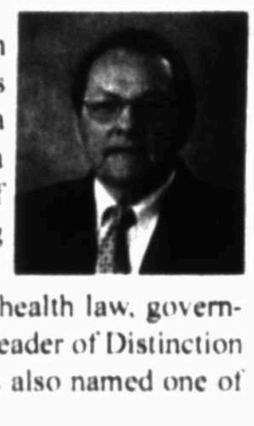
Late last week, Dean Jack Ladd received confirmation of the UTPB School of Business reaccreditation.

Pictured, from left to right with the AACSB seal are Bob Leibrock, Jim Woodcock, President David Watts, and Associate Dean Bill Price.

The School of Business originally received national and international accreditation in 2005. At that time, fewer than one-third of U.S. business schools and less than 10 percent of business schools worldwide met the rigorous standards of AACSB International accreditation.

As he congratulated the faculty and staff, Dean Ladd commented, "We are very pleased and proud of our faculty, students, and staff in achieving this benchmark of excellence for our School of Business."

Ace Pickens to Speak at Honors Convocation



Attorney Ace Pickens, a key supporter of the University and a member of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Advisory Committee, will be the Honors Convocation speaker on Thursday, April 21, at 2 p.m. in the UTPB gym. Currently a partner with Brown McCarroll in Austin, Pickens was well known in this area from 1964-1973 when he served as chair of the West Texas Delegation in the Texas House of Representatives. During the 61st legislature, he was the author of HB157 creating UTPB. That legislation was signed into law in 1969.

A certified specialist in Administrative Law, Pickens' practice is concentrated in health law, governmental relations, administrative law, and mediation. He was recognized in 2002 as a Leader of Distinction at UTPB, and the Ace and Diana Pickens Endowed Scholarship honors him. He was also named one of 100 Heroes of the First One Hundred Years of the City of Odessa.

Picken's presentation for Honors Convocation is "Look Inside/ Look Around/Look Forward." The public is invited to attend this annual spring event which recognizes UTPB's outstanding students and faculty. It is also a time to recognize businesses and individuals for their philanthropic giving and establishment of UTPB scholarships. For details, contact the Public Information Office at 432-552-2805.

Softball Team's No-Hitter Sweeps Aggies



The softball team picked up a must-win game over Panhandle State in the first game April 9 of the double header before Hannah Dodson and Tomie Ellard combined for a no-hitter as the Falcons shut out the Aggies in the second, 5-0. UTPB took three-of-four games from the Aggies.

In the first game of the day, the Falcons used a four-run fifth inning to escape with a 6-4 victory.

In the second game, the duo of Dodson and Ellard tossed UTPB's first no-hitter of the season in unconventional style as they combined for nine walks and two strikeouts. A two-run second gave the Falcons an early lead before a single run in the third and two more in the fourth. Dodson tossed five innings where she walked eight and struck out one before Ellard pitched the final two frames with two walks and a strikeout.

At press time, the Falcons were 17-24 overall.

On April 8, the UTPB Softball team donned pink uniforms for the "Strike Out Cancer Game." Proceeds of more than $600 benefited the American Cancer Society.

UTPB Campus Newspaper Continues Winning Tradition

The staff of the UTPB student newspaper *The Mesa Journal* had the opportunity to represent their school at the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) conference on March 31- April 2. The conference, which took place in Ft. Worth, Texas, was attended by 58 of the 70 schools that are TIPA members and a total of 508 students. *The Mesa Journal*, which competes in Division 5 based on the UTPB student enrollment, brought home five awards in various categories. Bailee Hennis received Honorable Mention in Editorial Writing for her "Drug dealers go digital" article, while Courtney Borchert was awarded Honorable Mention in Feature Writing for her article "Odessa culture attracts newcomer." In addition, Romey Elguezabal won Third Place in News Photo for her photograph "Watts." Finally, Mark Blair placed Second in General Column for his editorial "Integrity gives way to opinion" and First in Single Subject Presentation for the feature "Where do you eat?"

In preparation for the 2011-2012 school year, *The Mesa Journal* would like to invite applications from current or incoming UTPB students for Assistant Editor, Photographer, Staff Writers, and Business Manager.

Scholarships are available. Please contact *The Mesa Journal* office (432-552-2659) for more details.

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MIDLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE

Midland College BEDC provides Free Certified Housing and Credit Counseling

The Midland College Business and Economic Development Center (BEDC) has provided free confidential business counseling to the community for over 25 years. With funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the BEDC is now also providing certified housing and credit counseling free to the pubic. Each of the BEDC counselors already are or are in the process of becoming Certified Housing Counseling Specialists.

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Improve Your Credit Score!

The BEDC hosts the monthly Homebuyer Education courses at the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center at 201 W. Florida Street in Midland, Texas. The next Homebuyer Education course will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

The BEDC works with individuals and businesses to help them improve their credit through an analysis of their current credit issues and the development of a workable plan to correct those issues. The BEDC currently accesses a tri-merge credit report with all three credit scores at no charge to the client. This soft-pull report is for educational purposes, so it does not affect the credit score like a report for a credit application does. The BEDC has provided credit reports and credit counseling to over 300 residents of Midland.

Please call the BEDC at 432-684-4309 to register for the Homebuyer Education course or to schedule your confidential one-on-one counseling.

The BEDC Housing Counseling program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

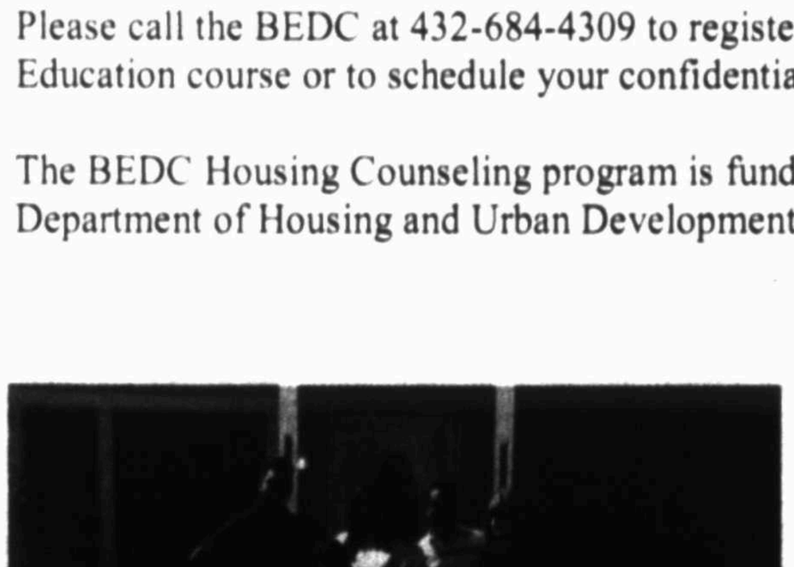
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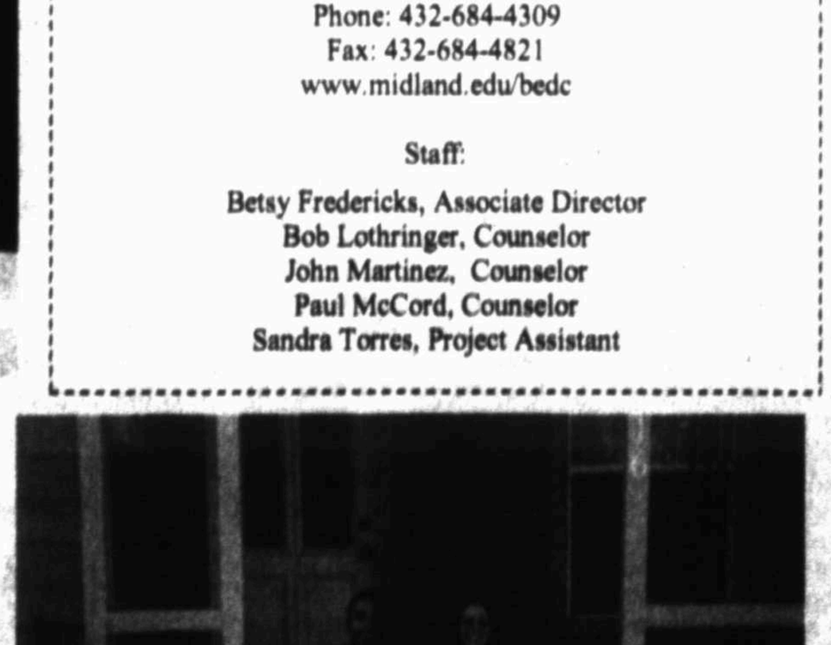
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The Sanchez family purchased their Midland home with assistance from the Midland College BEDC. Pictured above with the Sanchez family is Midland College Community Services Director, Alfredo Chaparro (left) and Midland College BEDC Associate Director Betsy Fredericks (right). A total of 191 residents of Midland live in homes purchased with the assistance of the Midland College BEDC.



The Williams family, pictured at right, is one of sixty-six families that have purchased home in Midland with the assistance of the Midland College BEDC. Midland benefits from over $111,000 a year in real estate taxes on homes purchased with the assistance of the Midland College BEDC. The City of Midland Community Development department, Midland Community Development Corporation and Midland Habitat for Humanity partner with the BEDC in providing housing assistance in the community.

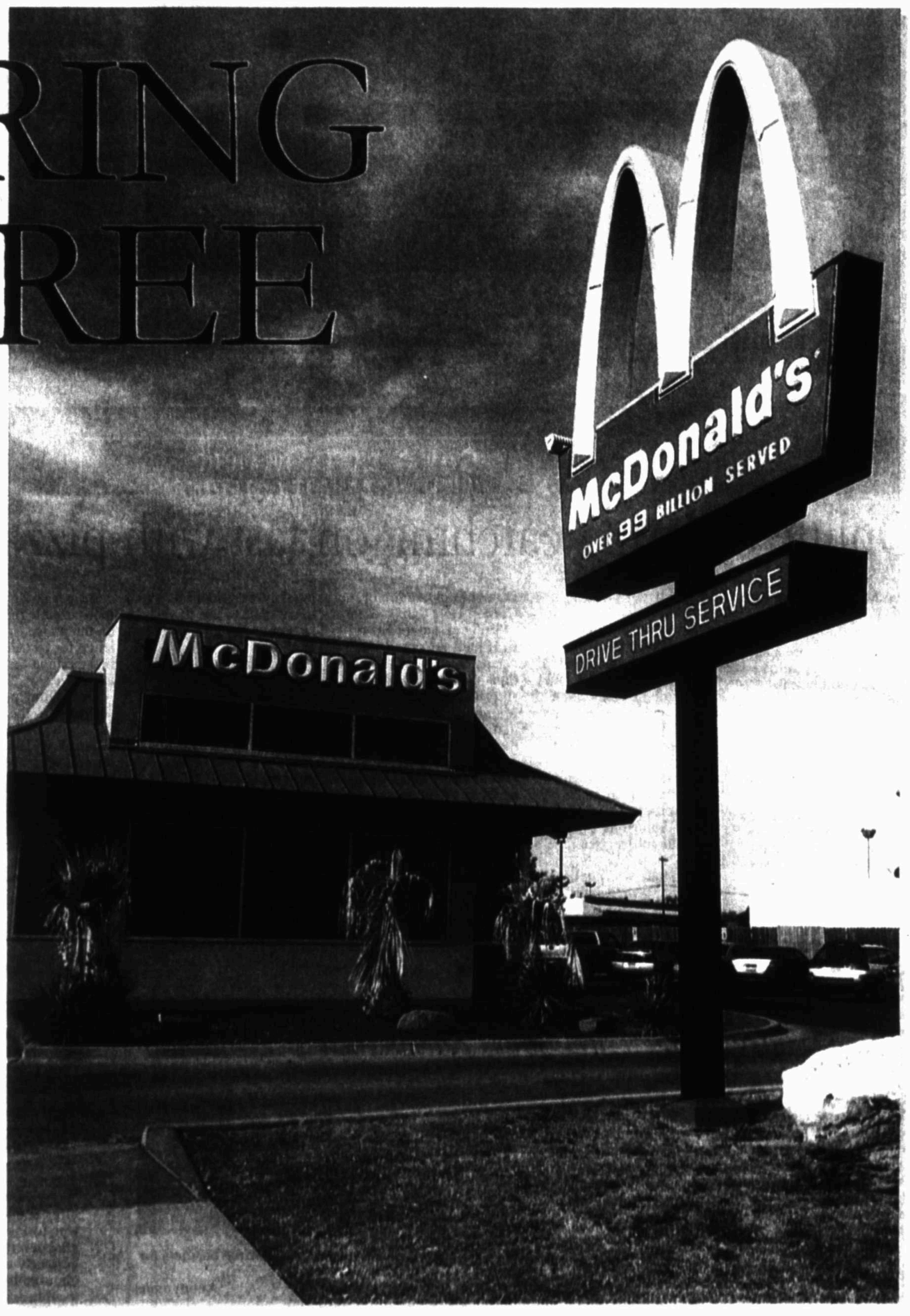
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Basin Business

HIRING SPREE



McDonald's will be hosting a National Hiring Day next week.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

NAMES
in the news

JOHNNY SLAUGHTER has joined Globe Energy Services.

He comes to Globe from Nabors Well Services. He began his career in 1981 with the Pool Company and most recently served as vice president and general manager for West Texas and New Mexico.

MAURICES, a nationwide young women's clothing store, will offer a Store Management Internship Program for the sixth consecutive year. This 10-week paid internship opportunity, which focuses on "real world" in-store experience, is available to 60 students nationwide. The location in Midland Marketplace, 3116 N Loop 250 West, Ste 800, is one of the internship locations.

Internships are paid and typically credit based. In addition, each student receives $500 in tuition reimbursement from maurices, a 40 percent discount on clothing, and two of the interns will receive $1,000 scholarships.

While many of the company's positions may have been filled for the summer, if a student is interested in an internship, they can inquire by contacting Store Manager Erin Jarema at the Midland Marketplace, 3116 N Loop 250 West, Ste 800, Midland, or by calling 699.3252.

DALLAS — Sun River Energy Inc. has appointed Dr. Steven R. Henson to serve as a member of the company's Board of Directors. The appointment filled a vacancy on the Board that was created by the Board's increase in the number of members comprising the Board. Dr. Henson will serve as an additional independent director for the company, increasing the total number of independent directors so that the company can meet board composition requirements for potential listing on a national stock exchange. He is expected to be named as a member of the Board's Audit Committee, which is expected to be established by the Board.

The Board also appointed Judson F. Hoover the company's Chief Financial Officer, replacing Don Schmidt as acting CFO. Schmidt will resume his focus on his duties as Chief Executive Officer. Hoover has been employed by the company since January on an interim basis to provide financial and other services. The Board also appointed James E. Pennington General Counsel and Secretary. He has been acting as General Counsel since Jan. 12.

McDonald's participates in National Hiring Day

■ Restaurant at Rankin Highway to reopen next year.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Area McDonald's managers say they're hopeful this week's National Hiring Day will draw in throngs of candidates.

They're not holding their breath, though.

With oil prices remaining at more than $100 a barrel and "now hiring" signs popping up at restaurants, oil and gas related businesses and retailers throughout town, drawing in any interested applicants has been a challenge.

"We can't hire anybody," said Richard Rodriguez, who manages McDonald's in Midland, Odessa and Monahans. "Everybody's fighting for every employee."

The fast food chain is looking to hire 50,000 individuals nationwide on Tuesday in an effort to boost staff numbers as they see business increase and shift additional stores to the 24-hour format.

In Midland, managers said they're in need of more than just the few additional employees other locations might require. Staff will take time out of their schedules throughout the day Tuesday to interview and provide information about company benefits to candidates. Jobs have been posted for crew members and managers in Midland, Odessa and Monahans.

Unlike in other cities, however, the interviewing process is becoming a weekly ritual locally, with one Midland location looking at new candidates every Monday and others interviewing applicants anytime they express interest.

"We are hiring everyday," said Fernando Garcia, a manager at the McDonald's on Andrews Highway.

Issues seen within the Golden Arches aren't unique to McDonald's. Other Midland restaurant managers said they too have had more trouble hiring in recent months with oil activity amplifying. Some said they are more prepared than they were in 2008 when oil prices shot up to around $140 a barrel. But, even with extra planning, there's only so much that can be done with multiple storefronts fighting for a limited number of job seekers.

At McDonald's, staff said the benefits offered are one extra they provide that's been key in attracting applicants.

The chain gives employees free meals from their start date through their first paycheck, which area managers said is particularly helpful for those who don't have enough in savings to cover rent costs and groceries.

McDonald's also offers medical coverage, 401(k) investment opportunities and reimbursement for higher education, among other things.

Rebecka Washburn, a manager at Midland's Farm-to-Market Road 1788 location, said the company likes to promote from within, which also has been a perk.

She started about two years ago on the crew, having taken the position simply because it came with a paycheck. "I was desperate for a job," she said.

About a year after starting, she became a manager. While it has its ups and downs like any job, she said, it's also been a fun place to work — more so than most think when they picture themselves in uniform at the place they associate with super-sized hamburgers and kids meals.

Her story is one the restaurant works to make common place. About 75 percent of

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BUSINESS SCENE

Agave Garden opens in former Lanham's location

Just opened at the former Lanham's Nursery location at 1402 N. Loop 250 North is AGAVE GARDEN NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER.

The nursery is owned by Caleb Hartley and managed by his sister, Katie Young.

Young said they offer trees, plants - annuals and perennials - along with fertilizers and chemicals, pottery and statuary.

"We'll do installation on trees," she said.

Both Hartley and Young have a background in the industry and Young said Agave Garden is staffed "by experienced people who can answer your questions."

The business opened Friday, April 15 and is planning a grand opening celebration for Saturday, April 23.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. More information is available by calling 694-3500 or e-mailing agave_garden@att.net.



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Reporter-Telegram oil editor

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Now found in a larger location is BAZAAR, which moved to 2900 W. Wall Street from its former location at 411 N. Midland Drive.

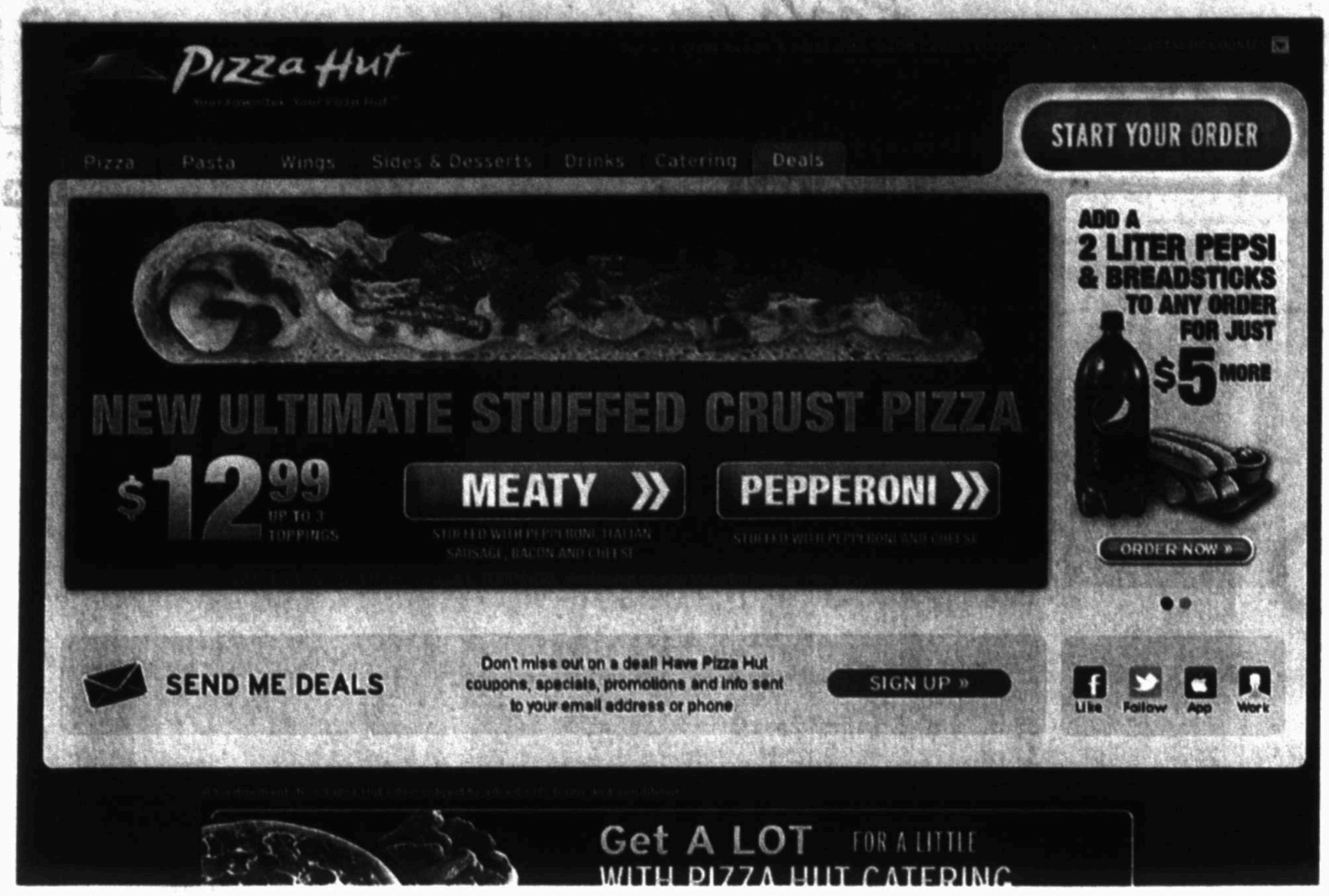
Owned by Lourdes Galindo, the store carries western-themed decor, safari-themed decor, new and used furniture and women's accessories like purses and jewelry, and candles. Galindo is also willing to purchase furniture from those interested in selling.

The store also makes custom flower arrangements, using silk flowers, for use in home decor.

The larger space has allowed Bazaar to set up a children's room with children's furniture, toys and accessories like strollers.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. More information is available by calling the store at 689-2936.

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This screen shot courtesy of Pizza Hut shows the Pizza Hut website. A report from Cornell University reveals that online ordering is catching on fast with pizza customers.

AP Photo

Online ordering catching on fast with pizza, sandwiches

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

PCs and pizza are a natural pairing. After all, a lot of pizza went into the building of Silicon Valley.

So perhaps it isn't too surprising that a report from Cornell University reveals that online ordering is catching on fast with pizza customers.

In research sponsored by Cornell and the trade magazine Nation's Restaurant News, the electronic ordering practices of the top 326 U.S.-based restaurant chains were analyzed. The results showed that fast-casual restaurants, especially pizza chains, led the trend with just under half now accepting orders online. Sandwich shops also were at the forefront.

Quick-service restaurants were next, with a little over one-fifth accepting online orders, following by casual-dining chains and midscale full-service chains.

The study was published in the March edition of the Cornell Hospitality Report.

Study co-author Sheryl E. Kimes, a Cornell University professor of operations management, was surprised at the prevalence of online ordering and was particularly interested in the growth of multi-restaurant ordering sites like grubhub.com and snapfinger.com. Also growing are online ordering providers like ONOSYS.

She said earlier research showed that once customers tried online ordering they were more likely to continue to use it, so "it's only going to get bigger."

For restaurants, taking orders online is an additional distribution channel, reduces costs and helps them make better use of their production capacity.

At Pizza Hut, online ordering started about 7 years ago, said Baron Concors, chief technology officer for the chain, and "it's been seeing phenomenal growth year over year."

On the face of it, for the customer going online is more trouble than picking up the phone, so the challenge for restaurants is to make online ordering more attractive.

One selling point is accuracy — the customer can see a preview of their order. Pizza Hut has also introduced features including the option of ordering for a later time and setting up regular orders, such as a pizza every Friday night.

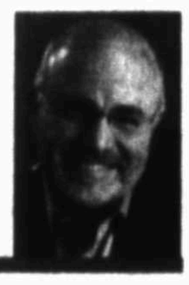
Mobile ordering apps also are popular, though they're less common than ordering from a computer. But Concors and Kimes expect the mobile app ordering to grow.

Despite all the gadgetry, delivery of pizzas still tends to be old school — boxes in a car. No one's figured out a way to send the disc to your hard drive. Yet.

More online:
Cornell, http://www.hotelschool.cornell.edu/research/chr/pubs/reports/2011.html

DAVE SAYS

Idea of charging teen daughters rent is little over the top



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
We have two teenage daughters, ages 17 and 16, who are both in high school and work in the family business. We've done our best to teach them how to handle their money properly, including how to spend, save and give. Also, they've both been saving for college. My husband thinks it would be a good idea to start charging them rent to prepare them for life once they leave home. What do you think?

Frances

Dear Frances,
I think you're way ahead of most parents. Teaching them to handle money properly when they're young is a great thing. It sounds like they're both bright, hardworking young ladies, too.

I appreciate your husband's heart and the fact that he's looking for teachable moments, but teenagers paying rent while they're living at home is a little over the top. Now, if either of them were 26 or 27 it would be a different story. I'd have no problem charging them rent of about $10,000 a month! But seriously, at their ages it's still your job as parents to provide housing for your children. That's just the way it is.

These girls already know how to work and have grasped the basic concepts of managing money. I meet 50-year-olds on a regular basis who still can't do that. With this kind of start, I think these young women will be fine and stand a great chance of becoming wealthy one day. So, while I understand your husband's idea, let's tell the drill sergeant to back off a notch on this one.

—Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm in the process of building an eBay store. How likely is it that this will turn into a full-time business for me?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
I think the likelihood of this becoming a full-time gig has more to with you and your business model than it does with eBay. If you've developed something really unique and coupled that with great pricing and service, then eBay's a great distribution and marketing system to reach people you wouldn't otherwise reach.

Still, you have to remember that eBay's not magic. The real magic is your brain, hard work, and whether your business model is a good one. If it is, then eBay becomes a cool methodology through which your idea gets to market.

Regardless of how you're executing on the internet, you still have to be executing the business properly. You still have to use basic marketing and have good margins, prices and service. The big thing is you still have to love on your customers a lot.

Plenty of people think the internet is an easy path to fame and fortune, and they forget about the basics of building and handling an operation well on a day-to-day basis. Those are the ones who don't last long in the business world, whether it's online or brick-and-mortar!

—Dave

THE ECONOMIST

April 15 may feel taxing, but other countries pay larger share



RAY PERRYMAN
The Perryman Group

As we go to press, April 15 is looming large. Millions of Americans have sorted through receipts, struggled through forms, or shipped folders (or boxes) of tax information to accountants. While the tax burden can feel very large as the deadline looms, rest assured that there are others who pay an even higher price.

The OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) tracks taxes across some 33 countries in Europe, North and South America, Asia, and elsewhere. One measure used is total tax revenue as a percentage of gross domestic product. The total includes payments to federal, state/regional, and local governments, and measuring it against economic output (gross product) illustrates the potential drag on the economy.

Looking at the list of 2008 data (some for 2009 is still provisional), the unweighted average for the entire group of OECD countries is 34.8 percent. For the same year, the U.S. total was 26.1 percent. This significant difference has persisted over time and, in fact, has been widening.

Very few OECD member countries have lower rates (Chile, Mexico, and Turkey in 2008). At the other end of the spectrum, several nations' burden exceeds 40 percent (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Norway, and Sweden). Of course, those nations often provide far more in the way of government services than in the U.S.

The United Kingdom comes in at 35.7 percent and Australia is 27.1 percent. Korea's level (26.5 percent in 2008) is close to that of the U.S., as is Japan's 28.1 percent. Neighboring Canada stands at 32.3 percent.

Taking a long-term perspective reveals that in some nations, taxes as a percentage of GDP have basically doubled (Portugal, Spain, and Turkey). Others have seen notable rises in the range of 10 percentage points (such as Japan). None have dropped except Poland (which has not been measured as long).

In fact, the change over time is one area where the U.S. really stands out. In 1965, the U.S. tax burden was 24.7 percent. It drifted up slightly (29.5 percent in 2000) then back down to 26.1 percent in 2008 and even lower to 24 percent in 2009. It's no coincidence that some of the most competitive global economies are those relatively free from taxes, and this pattern has been a source of relative strength for the U.S. for decades.

The methods of generating these taxes vary widely around the globe. Part of the difference is that the U.S. is the only OECD nation which does not use a "value added tax" (VAT) or other similar mechanism. Much like a retail sales tax, a VAT applies when goods or services are sold. However, a VAT is collected at various points along the production chain (rather than only at the final sale) and incorporates

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Severe weather also brings fly-by-night contractors



TRISH POWELL
Better Business Bureau

The spring and summer months are prime time for severe weather outbreaks and routinely cause Texans to incur damage to their homes and vehicles. Already this year, the Permian Basin has seen wildfires and thunderstorms threaten the property of thousands of people.

While the average hail storm lasts about six minutes, the National Weather Service estimates hail causes roughly $1 billion in damages each year. Hail can severely damage the roof and siding of homes and businesses as well as shatter windshields, side view mirrors, headlights and leave noticeable damage to the body of a vehicle.

Along with the physical toll a severe storm can bring, Better Business Bureau routinely hears from people who are scammed by contractors who show up after the storm. Because these people are desperate to repair their homes, they pay hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars upfront, only to have the contractor disappear with no way to contact them.

In order to have this not happen to you, consult the following checklist before hiring a contractor:

Do:

- Check the BBB Business Review of any contractor who offers to help fix your home.
- Get bids from at least 3 contractors and ask for referrals.
- Agree to a price before work begins, be specific with all repairs to be made and make sure all expectations and promises are in writing.
- Call your insurance company before work begins to make sure all necessary procedures are followed according to policy. If you do not follow your insurance company's guidelines, you may be stuck with the entire bill. A common form of insurance fraud occurs when a contractor offers to overlook or pay a consumer's deductible.
- Use a credit card. They offer extra protections over checks and cash, including the option of disputing any charge over $50 within 60 days following payment.

Don't:

- Pay large sums of money up front, even just for materials. Arrange to pay upon delivery of the supplies and materials.
- Sign a contract without reviewing it carefully. Make sure all costs are itemized and any specials or discounts agreed to verbally are included.
- Let payments get ahead of the work performed. Work with the company ahead of time to agree upon a timeframe to make payments that coincide with the progress of the project.
- Give into high-pressure sales techniques, such as, "the price is only good today." Take your time to make an educated decision, especially if someone is soliciting jobs door-to-door.

For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews on charities and businesses, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at www.bbb.org or call 563-1880.

Trish Powell is the Regional Director of Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin.

PERRYMAN

(From 2F)

other notable differences. In the OECD nations as a group, taxes on goods and services (including VATs) comprise a much larger share than in the U.S.

Looking at the sources of taxes for the U.S, the news is not all good. Total tax burden is only part of the story, and the U.S does not compare as favorably in terms of the breakdown of sources of tax revenues (at least as far as the implications for economic competitiveness).

The OECD (among others) has studied the effect of various forms of taxes on economic growth and found that certain forms tend to stifle expansion or encourage inefficiencies. The most damaging type was found to be corporate income taxes, with personal income taxes falling next. Down the line are consumption taxes (such as a VAT or other sales tax) and finally taxes on property. By this measure, the U.S. is one of the worst among all OECD nations. The 39.2 percent combined corporate income tax rate (a statutory rate as of 2010) is second only to Japan's 39.5 percent rate. The escalating problem of deficits and debts will doubtless spark calls for new revenue sources at all levels of government both in the U.S. and elsewhere. In fact, both Congressional Republicans and the President have proposed deficit reduction programs in the past week (but that.s a topic for another day).

We can take heart in the fact that the overall American tax burden is relatively low compared to other industrialized nations. It's important to preserve this advantage (and work to enhance it), even as we struggle with answering tough budget questions.

HIRING

From 1F

its managers started behind the counter as well as more than 50 percent of its owner-operators.

For now, managers said, they're just looking for applicants. At the McDonald's on Loop 250 and Midkiff Road, manager Jordan Cooper said they've long had a sign indicating they'll hire grandparents, parents, students or anyone qualified.

He said on some hiring days they'll see five applicants and on others 20. They're hoping Tuesday will bring numbers closer to the latter scenario. "It's kind of hit and miss," he said.

Rodriguez said hiring also will be a continual process for them, in part, because they plan to reopen their location in front of the Wal-Mart at Rankin Highway and Interstate 20, which will take about 50 employees.

Declining to elaborate on why the store is closed for now, he said McDonald's still owns the location and plans to re-establish a restaurant there "hopefully" next year. "There are plans to re-open that restaurant," he said.

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On the web: www.mcdonalds.com/us/en/careers.html



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HBO	300	68	14	14		★★ Leap Year Amy Adams.		(1:45) Boxing WCB						His Way (2011, Drama)		Bill Maher	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	★ Alvin & the Chipmunks: Th...			★★ Sex and the City 2 Sarah Jessica Parker.				★★ Coraline Dakota Fanning.			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(5:00) ★★ Toys	Which Way Home?					★★★★ Invictus Morgan Freeman.		(1:45)	★ Kissing Jessica Stein		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(1:45) ★★ Down With Love Ewan McGregor.			★★★ Clash of the Titans				(7:20)	★★ Public Enemies James Russo.		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:15) ★ Planet of th...	(7:15) ★★ The Best Man Taye Diggs.					(7:15) ★ Dragonball Evolution		(7:50)	★★ Antwone Fisher		
PLEX			96			(5:45) ★★ Great Balls of Fire!	(7:35) ★ A Home of Our Own					(7:20) ★★ Bob the Butler Brooke Shields.			★ Lean on Me		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★★ Flawless ('07, Cri) Demi Moore.				...Nascar.	★★★ The Associate Whoopi Goldberg.				★★★ Fanboys		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:05) ★ The Other End of the Line	(7:50) ★★ What Just Happened?							(1:35) ★★ Familiar Strangers		★ Children of the ...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Ghostly	My Ghost Story		★★★ City Slickers Billy Crystal.					★★ City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold			
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Stooges	Stooges	★★★★ Sixteen Candles Molly Ringwald.				★★★★ Overboard ('87, Com) Goldie Hawn.				Movie	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration		Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Bernie M	Bernie M	Bernie M	Bernie M		Girlfriend	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Bethenny Ever After	H.Wives "No Hate"	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Housewives NJ			
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	(5:00) News	Sanjay	CNN Sunday		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	(4:30) Paid Program				Dirty Jobs		MythBusters		American Loggers		Swamp Loggers	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Handy	Agent Oso	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	FishH.	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		O.Lines	Sports (N)	SportsCenter					Tonight
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) NBA Basketball		BASS Fishing		NASCAR Now (L)		O.Lines	Sports (N)	E:60		Cheerleading	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Troop Beverly Hills	Shelley Long.			★★ The Little Rascals Travis Tedford.				★ National Lampoon's Vegas Vacation			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) News						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	30 Mins	Alex's Day	Chef	Paula	Rachael's Week (N)		Dinners	Big Bite	Cooking	H.Made	Chopped (N)	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	FScore	FScore	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Fishing	Horse	Lokar	Garage?
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Bernie M	Bernie M	★★★ The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor						★★ The International ('09, Thri) Clive Owen.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Empty N.	Empty N.	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	★ The Shunning	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Outdoor	The Block	The Block	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Outdoor	House	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Marvels "Night"		Bloodlines		Blood Diamonds				Afraid of the Dark			
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	Christine	Christine	★★★ Nothing But the Truth			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live								Runaways "Austin"	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Rugrats	Fanboy	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Sponge	Sponge	Power (N)	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	3 Sheets	3 Sheets	Auction	Auction	Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	★ The Immortal Voyage of Captain Drake				★ Riverworld 1/2 cont'd April 17			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	★★ RV ('06, Com) Robin Williams.			★ Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortun...				★★ Bedtime Stories			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Great ...	(1:15) ★★★★ Love Me Tonight					★★★★ Kind Hearts and Coronets				Now, Voyager	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Sheildon	Willa	Pearlie	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Enfoque	Music	Deportivo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid Program		Paid Program		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law&O "Challenged"		Law & Order		Law&O "Bible Story"		Law&O "Maritime"		Law & Ord. "Return"		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Nanny	The Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Burn "Identity"		Burn "Hard Bargain"		Burn "Scatter Point"		Burn Notice	
VERSUS	38	39				Outdoor	H.Outdoors	Gun Talk	Outdoors	Hunt	RealHunt	Quest For	Alaska	Fishing	Fishermn	Bass Pros	Bill Dance
WGN	19	18				B. Winston	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Heat Night "Odessa"		Videos		★★★★ Rain Man ('88, Dra) Dustin Hoffman.			

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	S	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	New Day		Paid	Paid	NBA Coun	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					ABC News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Dog Challenge		PBRC Telethon (L)									
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	★★★★★ Charlie Bartlett Anton Yelchin.				★★ Little Man Keenen Ivory Wayans.				Smash	Smash	Queens	Queens
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:00) NASCAR Auto Racing		Aaron's 499 Site		Talladega Superspeedway - Talladega, Ala. (L)				HomeT.	Hispanics	C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	R Cortes	Enarson	Dr. Brad	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest				Bible	Supernat.	Denis O	Bill Cloud
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	PGA Golf Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am (L)				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Washington vs N.Y. Rangers (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sewing	FA/Porter	Scrapbook	Sewing	Crafting	Knitting	Idea/Act	Contrary	Gefilte Fish	Chron.	O.House	House
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Republica Deportiva				★ Tonta, Tonta, Pero No Tanto				Primer Impacto		Conducta	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		(11:00) ★ Chattahoo...		Supercross		PGA Golf Valero Texas Open Site: TPC San Antonio (L)						FBI Files	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:20) ★ Where's ...		★★★ Jennifer Eight Andy Garcia.				(2:15) ★ Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samur...			(7:15)	Gangster N...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:20) Maher	Making Of (1:45)	★ Jonah Hex		(2:15) ★★★ Sherlock Holmes Robert Downey Jr.				Making		★ Lottery Ticket	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(1:15) ★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Sandra Bullock.				Boxing WCB						Bill Maher	
HBO3	304	70	16	102		Movie	Mildred Pierce		(:45) Mildred Pierce			★★ Bride Wars Kate Hudson.				★★ Trapped Charlize Theron.	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:40) ★★ Repo Men ('10, Sci-Fi) Jude Law.			(1:35) ★★ Valentine's Day Kathy Bates.				(1:45)	★★ Bad Boys II		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(10:50) ★ Antwone ...	★★ Whiteout			(1:45) ★★ Land of the Dead				(2:20)	★★★ The Informant! Matt Damon.		
PLEX			96			Movie	(3:50) ★★★ The Cable Guy Jim Carrey.			★★★ A Home of Our Own				(2:20)	★★ Bob the Butler Brooke Shields.		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Extraordinary Measures		(1:50) Dorian Gray ('09, Dra) Colin Firth, Ben Barnes.						(11:55) Franchi	(2:25)	Inglourious Basterds	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(2:25) ★★ Table for Three			★ Fragile Calista Flockhart.				(1:45)	The Infidel ('10, Com) Omid Djalili.		Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Breakout Kings		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		Criminal	'Distress'	Criminal	'Jones'
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:30) ★★★ The Rainmaker ('97, Dra) Matt Damon.				★★★★ Seven ('95, Susp) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman.						Movie	
BET	58	26		40		Girlfriend	Girlfriends	Girlfriend	Game	Game		★★ Perfect Holiday Morris Chestnut.				★ Madea's Family Reunion	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ	
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	Guns	Guns	MythBusters		MythBusters		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Phineas	FishH.	FishH.	FishH.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards	Shake Up	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling Dick Weber Playoffs		NCAA Bowling				NCAA Softball Oklahoma vs. Missouri (L)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Baseball Vanderbilt vs. South Carolina Site: Sarge Frye Field (L)				Year Quarterback		Auto Racing		American Le Mans Series			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Bruce Almighty ('03, Comedy/Drama)				Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston, Jim Carrey.				★★ Ace Ventura: Pet Detective			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News		Fox News		The O'Reilly Factor		America's News HQ				News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Secret Garden"		BestAte	BestAte	Diners	Diners	Meat	Candy	Cupcake Wars		Ice	O.Food
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Spotlight	Pre-game	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres vs. Houston Astros (L)						Astros	Mavricks	Streetball	Ball Up
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Spider-Man 3 ('07, Action) Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Tobey Maguire.						★★ Max Payne ('08, Act) Mark Wahlberg.				Movie	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) ★ The Shunni...		★ Mending Fences ('08, Dra) Laura Leighton.				★★ The Magic of Ordinary Days				★ Love is a Four L...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	First Sale	My Place	Property	Sell NY	Buck	Get-Sold	House	For Rent	Unsell		To Sell	To Sell
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		The Third Reich "The Rise"				The Third Reich "The Fall"				MysteryQuest	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★★★ Second Sight ('07, Dra) Lesa Doig.				★★ Erin Brockovich ('00, True) Aaron Eckhart, Julia Roberts.						★ Amish Grace	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	The Runaways		Meet the Press		MSNBC Undercover		Planes "Human Error"		Why Planes Crash		Caught on Camera	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	iCarly	★ Barbie: A Fairy Secret		Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Victori.	Victori.	iCarly	iCarly
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Coal		Coal		Coal "Down 'N Out"		Auction		★★★ Rambo ('08, Act) Sylvester Stallone.		Movie	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★ Riverworld 2/2 from April 17				★★★★ The Odyssey 1/2 cont'd April 17				★★★★ The Odyssey 2/2 from April 17			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays vs. Boston Red Sox Site: Fenway Park (L)					Bloopers		(1:15) Queens	(:45) Queens	(2:15) ★ Dr. Seuss' ...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ Now, Voy ...		★★★★ Without Love Spencer Tracy.						★★★ Parrish ('61, Dra) Troy Donahue, Claudette Colbert.		Movie	
TELE	20	8	10	20		MFL Fútbol Querétaro vs Pumas (L)				★ Bring It On: Fight to the Fi...				★★ Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever		Camara	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★★ The Matrix Revolutions ('03, Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves.				★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift				NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Burn "Bad Breaks"		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Burn "Noble Causes"		Burn Notice		Burn "Made Men"	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	PLW Outdoors		IRL Auto Racing (L)			IRL Auto Racing	Grand Prix of Long Beach -- Long Beach, Calif. (L)					
VERSUS	38	39				★★★★ Charlie Bartlett Anton Yelchin.				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado Rockies (L)				(:45) Inning	Paid	Christine	
WGN	19	18															

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	C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Makeover: Home "Hall Family" (N)		H.Wives "Moments in the Woods" (N)		Bros &.. "Wouldn't It Be Nice" (N)		KMID News		(:35) Brothers & Sisters	(:35) Ugly Betty
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race (N)		Undercover Boss "Brightstar Care" (N)		CSI: Miami "Paint It Black" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Breaking Free"		★★ The Fog ('05, Horror) Maggie Grace, Selma Blair, Tom Welling.				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Cheaters		Da Vinci's Inquest	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Cleveland Show	American Dad (N)	The Simpsons	American Dad (N)	Family Guy (N)	Cleveland Show (N)	Three Wide Life	Tx. Roadhouse	Numb3rs "Power"		Consum-er Corner	Consum-er Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Dr. R.Booker	Brad Scott	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Diana Dye	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC (N)		America's Next Great Restaurant (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice Steaks" (N)	"Raising the			News-West 9	Country Reporter	Red Raider	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova "The Bible's Buried Secrets"				Masterp. "Upstairs Downstairs" (N)		Forgiveness: A Time April 24 (N)	1/2 cont'd	Austin City Limits		Sun Studio	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Nuestra Belleza Latina				Sal y Pimienta		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	SOS: Sexo y Otros Secretos	
KOSA MNT	18	18		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Comedy.TV		Office	FamilyG	Apple	Sports
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) ★ Gangster N...		★★★★ The Pawnbroker Rod Steiger.				★★ The Chosen ('81, Dra) Robby Benson.				★ Jimmy Olsen In ...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) True Blood	(:45) Thrones	Game of Thrones (N)	(:00) Thrones		(:15) Thrones		(:15) Thrones		(:45) ★ Jonah Hex	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★★★★ Mildred Pierce ('45, Dra) Joan Crawford.				★★ Sex and the City 2 Sarah Jessica Parker.						★★ Cop Out	
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(1:15) ★★ My Life in Ruins Nia Vardalos.		★★★★ Invictus Morgan Freeman.				(7:15)	★★ Jason's Lyric Allen Payne.				
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) ★★★ Clash of the Titans ('10, Fan) Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson.						(7:15) ★ Spirit Action		(9:15)	★★ Hancock Will Smith.		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(1:15) ★ Night of the Museum: Battle of the...				★ Get Him to the Greek Jonah Hill.				(9:15)	★ The Hills Have ...	(2:30) Best Sex Ever	
PLEX			96			★★★★ Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the ...						★★★★ The Cable Guy		(7:45)	★★ Lean on Me		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(6:35) ★ Inglourious ...	Borgias "The Moor"		Nurse J.	United St.	The Borgias (N)			The Borgias		Nurse J.	United St.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ Get Over It		★★ Scream 3 ('00, Hor) Neve Campbell.				★ Security Jean Reno.		(9:45)	★★ Cry Jenny Dakota ...		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Breakout Kings (N)		Breakout Kings		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(6:30) ★★★ The Exorcism of Emily Rose				Killing "El Diablo"		The Killing (N)		The Killing		(:05) Breaking Bad	
BET	58	26		40		(6:30) ★ Madea's Fa...	J. Crews	J. Crews		★★★ Honey ('03, Dra) Jessica Alba.				The Unit		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Watch
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Diabetes	Wall Street	Marijuana: USA		Sec. Sam Walton		American Tax Cheat		60 Mins	Tech Titans	Greed	Marc Dreier
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	News	Story	Chris Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		Chris Presents		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Phineas	Wonder	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Wizards	Montana	Montana
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight (L)		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. New York Yankees (L)						SportsCenter			Sports
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NHRA Drag Racing 4-Wide Nationals Site: Concord Motorsport Park						Rallycross Global Championship				Poker '10 World Series	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls		★★★ Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.				Home Videos		(7:30)	★ Dotson	Ed Young	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Weekend	Huckabee	Justice Judge Jeanine		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Huckabee		Justice Judge Jeanine	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Last Cake Standing	Challenge (N)	Last Cake (N)		Iron Chef USA (N)		Cupcake Wars		Last Cake Standing		Last Cake Standing	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Action Sports Tour	Surf Poker	Surf Poker		Snowboard Kit Up		Preview	Poker	Surf Poker		Surf Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Spider-Man ('02, Act) Tobey Maguire.				★★★ Spider-Man 2 ('04, Act) Tobey Maguire.				(9:30)	★★★ Men	2 1/2 Men	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Movie	Martha's Corner	★ The Shunning Jennifer Finnigan.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	House	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		House	House	Income	Income	Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men "Blast Off"		Ax Men		Insp.America (N)		Inspector America		Ax Men "Blast Off"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(6:30) ★ Amish Grace		Army Wives		Army Wives (N)		Coming Home (N)		Army Wives		Coming Home	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		CaughtCam "Boom!"		Inside the Mind of Jorgan van der Sloot				Predator Raw		Predator Raw	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	victorious	victorious		Ni. Now!	Chris	G. Lopez	Ug. Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Coal		Coal		Coal "Down 'N Out"		Auction		★★★ Rambo ('08, Act) Sylvester Stallone.		Movie	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★★★ Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King				★★★★ The Matrix ('99, Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves.				★★★★ The Matrix Reloaded ('03, Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(6:30) ★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.						★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.		(9:15)	★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(6:30) ★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.						★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.		(9:15)	★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Lottery Changed	Cooper	Lottery	Sister W.	Coupon	Spl. Sec.	Spl. Sec.		Sister W.	Coupon	Spl. Sec.	Spl. Sec.
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Lottery Changed	Cooper	Lottery	Sister W.	Coupon	Spl. Sec.	Spl. Sec.		Sister W.	Coupon	Spl. Sec.	Spl. Sec.
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball Playoffs Conference Quarter-final (L)							NBA Basketball Playoffs Conference Quarter-final (L)			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	All Family	All Family	Raymond	Raymond	TV Land Awards Show (N)		Awards		Raymond	Raymond	TV Land Awards	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Burn "Bad Breaks"		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Burn Notice	
VERSUS	38	39				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Vancouver Fl. Chicago (L)				NHL Central		NHL Basketball		NHL Basketball		NHL Basketball	
WGN	19	18				Monk	Monk	Paid	Paid	Monk	Monk	Monk	Monk	Monk	Monk	Monk	Monk

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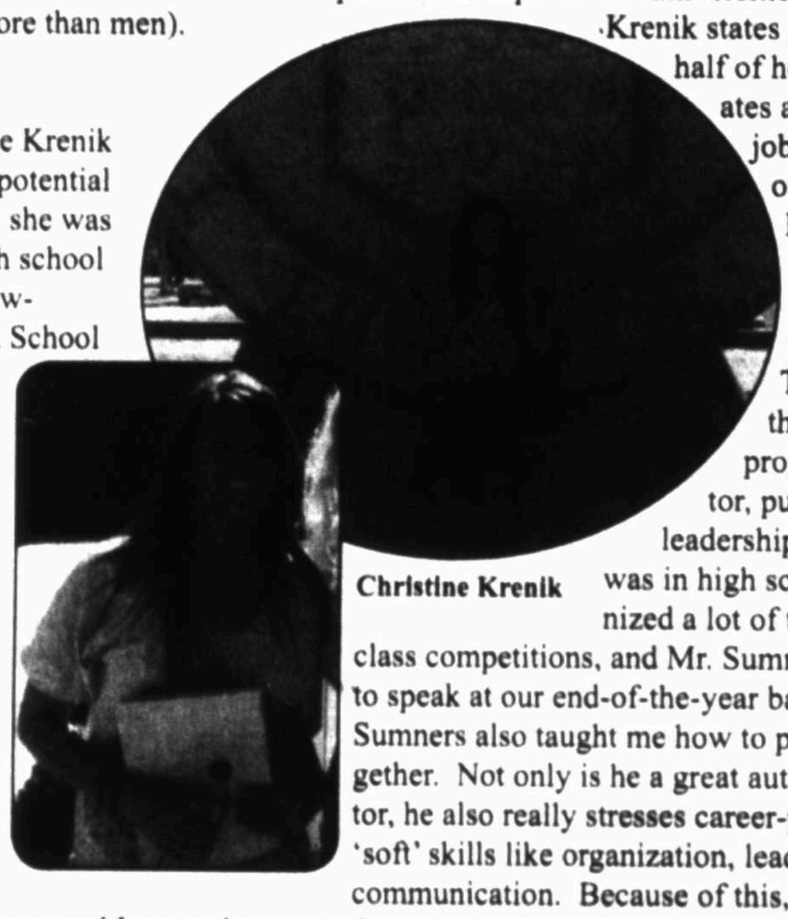
Science, math, technology . . . you go, girl!

Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowgirls! They'll earn a whole lot more if you steer them towards science, math, engineering and technical careers. According to the National Science Foundation, while women make up nearly half of the U.S. workforce, they make up only 26 percent of the science and engineering workforce. It's time for American girls to give science, math and technology a second look because high paying jobs for women are frequently found in fields where women are scarce. Warren Farrell is author of *Why Men Earn More: The Startling Truth Behind the Pay Gap – And What Women Can Do About It.* Farrell identifies over 80 occupations that not only bring home the bacon, but also earn women from 5 percent to 43 percent more than men holding down the same jobs. These professions include engineering (on average women make 43 percent more than their male counterparts) and automotive service technicians and mechanics (women earn 29 percent more than men).

> *"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood."*
> --Marie Curie, Nobel Prize winner and pioneer in the field of radioactivity

Fueling career success

Sixteen-year-old Christine Krenik wasn't aware of her career potential in the spring of 2005, when she was planning her upcoming high school junior year curriculum. However, the Midland Lee High School student liked the idea of taking automotive technology courses. Krenik says, "There were a few other girls in the class—not very many. When I first started, I was intimidated because it was all guys, and they weren't very welcoming. But, I liked what I was learning, and I liked my teachers. I was really interested in automotive technology because I enjoyed helping my father work on cars, and I wanted to learn more. I wanted be able to perform basic auto maintenance and repair tasks—like changing a flat tire—on my own. Then, at the end of my junior year, I liked my auto tech class so much that I decided to take it for another year!"



Christine Krenik

All Midland Independent School District (MISD) automotive technology courses are taught in the state-of-the-art automotive classrooms and labs at the Midland College (MC) Advanced Technology Center by instructors certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). MISD contracts with MC to offer introductory and automotive career exploratory courses at the ninth- and tenth-grade levels, and junior- and senior-level courses are offered as dual enrollment, where students can receive both high school and college credit. Many students who pass the MISD high school automotive technology program graduate from high school with enough college credit to obtain an MC certificate in Basic Automotive Technology.

So, what started out as a fun hobby and a desire to learn basic automotive maintenance has now helped to shape Christine Krenik's future career. After high school, Krenik entered Midland College and graduated with an associate of science degree in May 2008. Currently, she is completing a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Texas Tech University and will graduate in a few weeks. After graduation, she will begin working for Burns & McDonell, an engineering firm in Fort Worth, where she will be part of a team designing small power plants for hospitals and universities.

Krenik states that less than half of her fellow graduates already have jobs. She says, "I owe a lot to my MC Advanced Technology Center auto tech courses. Ted Sumners, the auto tech program director, pushed me into leadership roles while I was in high school. I organized a lot of the auto tech class competitions, and Mr. Sumners asked me to speak at our end-of-the-year banquet. Mr. Sumners also taught me how to put a resumé together. Not only is he a great auto tech instructor, he also really stresses career-preparatory 'soft' skills like organization, leadership and communication. Because of this, I felt prepared to be in leadership roles when I entered Tech, and my high school auto tech training really helped my organizational skills."

Today, Krenik is involved in the Society of Women Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. She says there are other women working on mechanical engineering degrees at Texas Tech; however, in a class of 40, the ratio is about one female for every ten males. She explains, "When I first transferred to Tech, it was a little weird and uncomfortable; I wasn't sure if I liked it. I felt like a lot of the guys thought I wouldn't make it. Some of the guys would say to me, 'you know most girls don't make it in this field.' I guess I showed them—I like it now!"

DNA-mazing

In 1992, Mattel Toys put the first talking Barbie doll on the market. Barbie's first words were, "Math class is tough." Mattel thought they were simply expressing the feelings of most school-age girls. Megan Dutton, an eighth-grade student at Walker Junior High School in Monahans, definitely has proven that Mattel and Barbie are wrong!



Megan Dutton in MC science lab with Dr. Paul Mangum

Every Thursday afternoon during the summer of 2010, Megan worked with Dr. Paul Mangum, MC Biology Professor, and his DNA summer team to try to amplify, extend and locate a crossover gene in Megan's family DNA segment. Under the guidance of Dr. Mangum, Megan researched the TAS2R38 gene and became very proficient with all the tools needed for lab protocols during her work in the facilities provided by Midland College. Megan's search for the elusive crossover gene was never uncovered, but she gained knowledge and confidence while working with Dr. Mangum and the DNA team. In fact, Megan recently won first place in The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) Science Fair and placed sixth place in the State Science Fair competition in San Antonio on April 2.

When asked about her time spent at Midland College, Megan stated, "I love working with Dr. Mangum. He teaches me so much and makes it fun. Because of him, I've found a love for genetics and the possibility of several science fair projects. I know he has helped me get to state the last two years. I used to be very shy when talking to judges. Dr. Mangum helped me overcome that by introducing me to his DNA team and allowing me to work with them. The DNA team worked on their projects and my project, and I felt very comfortable talking with them. . . . Dr. Mangum also introduced me to people visiting the lab and made me tell them about my project. I love working at Midland College and hope I can continue. I'm even thinking about starting my college studies at Midland College when I graduate from high school. Thank you Dr. Mangum, DNA team and Midland College for everything you've done for me."

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Both courses are held at the convenient location of the Midland College Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert.
More information and online registration is available at *www.midland.edu/workforce.*

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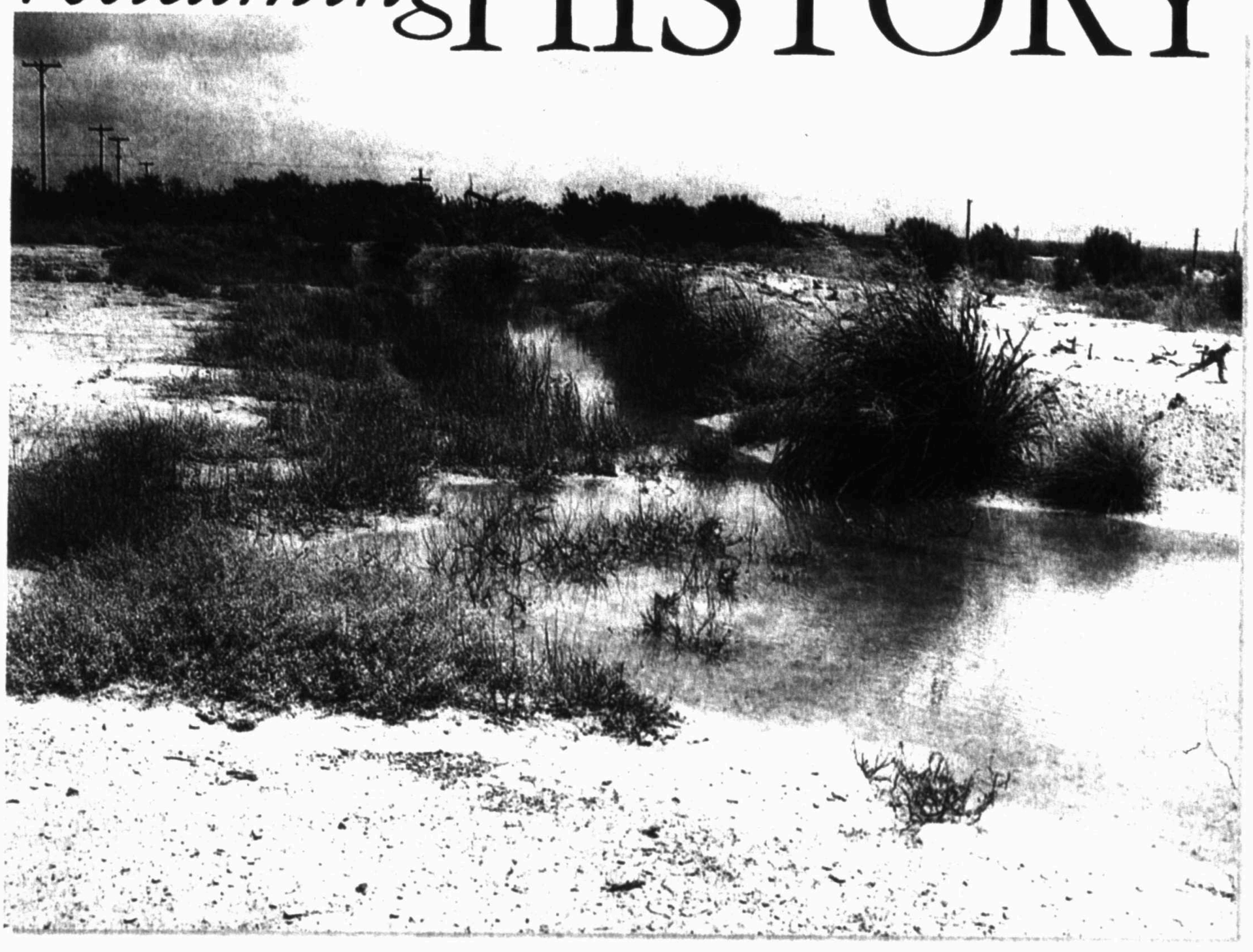
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Oil Report

Your guide to the Permian Basin oil & gas industry

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Remediating the site of the historic Santa Rita No. 1 in Reagan County includes building contoured terraces. These terraces can catch rain water, as seen above and at right, and as the water flows through, helps leech the salt that had been disposed of on the surface in the early days of the well. Vegetation is also planted along the terraces to help stabilize the soil.

Photos courtesy University Lands

University Lands works to remediate site of Santa Rita No. 1

■ System hopes to stabilize, improve location of historic well.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

When the Santa Rita No. 1 blew in on May 28, 1923, it helped bring the oil industry to West Texas and brought riches to the University of Texas, on whose land the well was drilled. By the time the well was plugged in 1990, it had yielded more than 135 million barrels of oil.

But the well also yielded about a billion barrels of salt water and left a wide swatch of damaged land near Big Lake in Reagan County. University Lands estimates as much as 2,000 acres was affected by disposal of salt water on the surface.

"There's no blame there," said Joe Petersen, range conservationist with University Lands, noting in the early days of the industry, when Santa Rita was first drilled, anecdotal evidence suggests discharging salt water on the surface "was the practice then." He said there were canals built to transport the water to ponds but "I would bet the canals would overflow."

Petersen joined the University Lands in 2006 from the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in San Angel and in 2007 began overseeing efforts to remediate the site of what is known as the "Texon Scar."

He estimates the area affected has been reduced to about 800 acres today. Some reclamation work was begun in the 1990s, he said, but the system wants "a bigger bang for the buck."

As in the 1990s, he said it was decided the most effective method was to build terraces and he said about 13 miles of terraces were built last year alone. Since 2007, he said in the neighborhood of $250,000 has been spent, the bulk on building terraces. Some of that funding has come from Marathon Oil, which provided the money in exchange for selling the lease to Apache Corp., Petersen explained. Some 400 terraces have been built and Petersen expects construction to be completed in the next two to three months.

One purpose of the terraces, he said, is to catch rain water "when it does rain." Known as water harvesting, he said, the rain making its way through the soil would help leech some of the salt out of the oil "and make it more conducive to getting vegetation."

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Service companies detail improvements to horizontal completion technology

■ Topics include boosting use of multilaterals in the Permian Basin.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Advancing horizontal drilling and completion technology has been credited with spurring shale oil and gas plays across the country.

Horizontal drilling and completions, particularly multilateral wells, were the focus of a technical forum presented by the American Association of Drilling Engineers.

Multilaterals, said Cliff Hogg, manager, reentry systems with Weatherford Services in Houston, can reduce the cost of the project itself by reducing costs for wellheads, equipment, artificial lift and pipelines. They reduce the surface footprint, and they improve reserves and productivity.

While horizontal activity is taking place in the Permian Basin, it is less common than in other areas, he noted, and offered several reasons. One reason is there is less financial incentive for horizontal completions in the Permian Basin because there are less location restrictions. Another reason is the complexity of past systems and Permian Basin operators are more adverse to risk.

"How do you promote multilaterals in the Permian Basin?" he asked. "You make them simple, you lower risk, you offer cheaper multilaterals," and by cheaper, he explained he meant designed to fit into the entire project "while remaining compatible with existing drilling and completion techniques."

Multiple horizontal fracturing, said Todd Broome with Halliburton, is critical to increasing production from mature basins. The three main considerations, he told the group, are isolation points, fracture points and frac sleeves.

Bryan Fitzhugh, technical manager with Peak Completion Technology, said the majority of his company's business is horizontal completions. He estimated some 214 horizontal wells have been completed with 2,500 fracturing stages utilizing his company's equipment over the last three years. In the Permian Basin,

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Instructor: John Roam
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Paul Wiseman

NGSPB vice president David Stone speaks to presenter Dan Lippe of Petral Worldwide after the group's meeting. Lippe says, while new drilling and fracing procedures are creating huge production opportunities, those very successes are straining the capacity of NGL pipelines and processing plants.

Strains on NGL pipeline capacities, processing plants may create issues for gas producers for years

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

For about 30 years there was little concern on the part of most natural gas producers about pipeline capacity, especially concerning natural gas liquids, or NGL pipelines.

Then hydraulic fracturing techniques began to spread across the landscape, revitalizing fields that had been produced for decades. Plus, hydraulic fracing opened new fields across the nation, glutting pipelines with product and stretching processing facilities to their limits. At the Natural Gas Producers Society of the Permian Basin meeting Tuesday, Dan Lippe of Houston-based Petral Worldwide, an industry consulting firm, discussed midstream companies' race to keep up with this overwhelming growth in production.

Lippe painted a scenario in which NGL pipeline and plant capacities likely will leapfrog each other over the next 5-10 years, in what he called a "decade of infrastructure expansion.

"One day we all woke up after 30 or 40 years and there wasn't enough pipeline capacity or fractionation capacity or enough capacity of anything anywhere," he continued. "Three or four years ago we were all fairly comfortable, we didn't have any problems. All we had to do was punch our holes in the ground, bring the gas out or bring the crude out and sell it."

Now there are infrastructure restraints everywhere, he stated, particularly in NGLs. These restraints are in spite of the recent construction of many new pipelines and additions to fractionation plant capacities.

The two main plants treating gas from the Permian Basin are the Williams Partners, L. P. plant near Conway, Kansas, and the Enterprise Products Partners, L.P. plant near Mont Belvieu on the upper Texas coast. "The important thing for you to remember," said Lippe, "is everything that happens anywhere is going to have an impact on Mt. Belvieu, which means it is going to be important to you."

While the natural gas in homes is almost pure methane, the gas that comes from the ground contains many other substances, often including NGLs, which must be separated out at preliminary plants at a gathering point in or near the field. The gas is sent on through one pipeline while the removed substances, including propane, butane, ethane and other substances goes into the NGL pipeline to Mont Belvieu, Conway or elsewhere. These plants then separate the NGLs into their component parts for individual sale. Some of the components, such as ethane, may actually sell for more than the natural gas itself.

With new gas production in Wyoming and elsewhere in the Rockies, and with new pipelines rushing those NGLs to the Conway plant, the infrastructure became overloaded to the point that prices at Conway became deflated, averaging 10-12 cent less per gallon than at the Mont Belvieu plant, Lippe stated. "If you're in West Texas or in eastern New Mexico, you do not want your stuff going to Conway."

The huge Overland Pass pipeline completed in the last two years, said Lippe, shifted a large amount of NGLs to Conway that should have gone to Mont Belvieu, the latter plant being "the center of the universe," he joked.

Now the problem is that the Conway does not have the capacity to process what the Overland Pass pipeline brings it, so someone must put up "a billion dollars" to send its oversupply to Mont Belvieu.

Adding up the production from all gas plants in New Mexico and in Texas's inland region, Lippe put the total at 900,000 barrels per day. Comparing that to state pipeline capacity of 800,000 barrels per day of raw mix (unrefined NGLs) serving West Texas and New Mexico, he said, "We probably have a raw mix pipeline capacity constraint." This is in spite of the fact that pipeline capacity was increased by 90,000 barrels per day during the last years of the previous decade.

Those expansions filled quickly because there had been field based plants that were not fully recovering their liquids before putting the gas into the gas-only pipelines due to previous pipeline restraints. As soon as the capacity expanded, those plants began fully recovering NGLs and sending them to the NGL pipelines, filling them up once again.

Plus, with the Overland Pass pipeline flooding the Conway plant with feedstock, NGLs that once were sent to Conway now had to shift back to Mont Belvieu, Lippe said. And with horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracing increasing, the production of NGLs is only expected to increase further, creating even greater strains on the pipelines.

Lippe reported hearing that one, possibly two new pipelines may be built from West Texas to the Gulf Coast in the near future. This would bring extra capacity, but he estimated that it would be the end of 2013 at best before any new pipeline would be ready to take liquids.

Some producers have tried to work around this by shipping propane plus-not ethane-by rail to Mont Belvieu. Unfortunately, the plant is primarily set up to receive raw mix by pipeline, not by rail, so that system is likely to back up quickly as well, according to Lippe.

Two to three years ago, said Lippe, the problem was a lack of extra capacity in fractionation plants. Plant additions that came online in November of last year and that are slated to go live later this year and again in 2012 have alleviated that constraint, only to now face a shortage of pipeline capacity needed to fill those plant additions.

Then, when the new pipeline from West Texas comes online and any new pipelines from the Eagle Ford formation in South Texas get going, the bottleneck will shift back to fractionation. Eagle Ford consists of three zones, only one of which is primarily dry gas. The other two promise to create huge supplies of NGLs as that formation is developed. Only one pipeline, with a 50,000 barrel per day capacity, serves that area now.

Other alternatives are on the way, some from foreign investors. Energy Transfer Partners is building a pipeline to Point Comfort on Matagorda Bay to a Taiwanese-owned ethylene plant built about 10 years ago, said Lippe.

Wherever the constraints are at a given time, they create challenges for producers. Either the producer must leave some of the very valuable liquids in the gas pipeline instead of the NGL pipeline-to whatever capacity the gas pipeline operators allow-or they must ship by rail car, which itself has limited capacity.

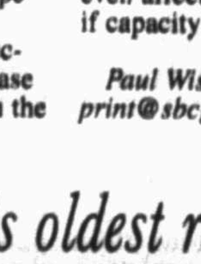
Producers can no longer, as Lippe said, simply punch holes in the ground and assume product will get to market. Strictures in transportation and processing may even affect drilling projects at some point if capacity cannot grow fast enough.

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Now is not time to change tracks for state's oldest regulatory agency



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Railroad commissioners

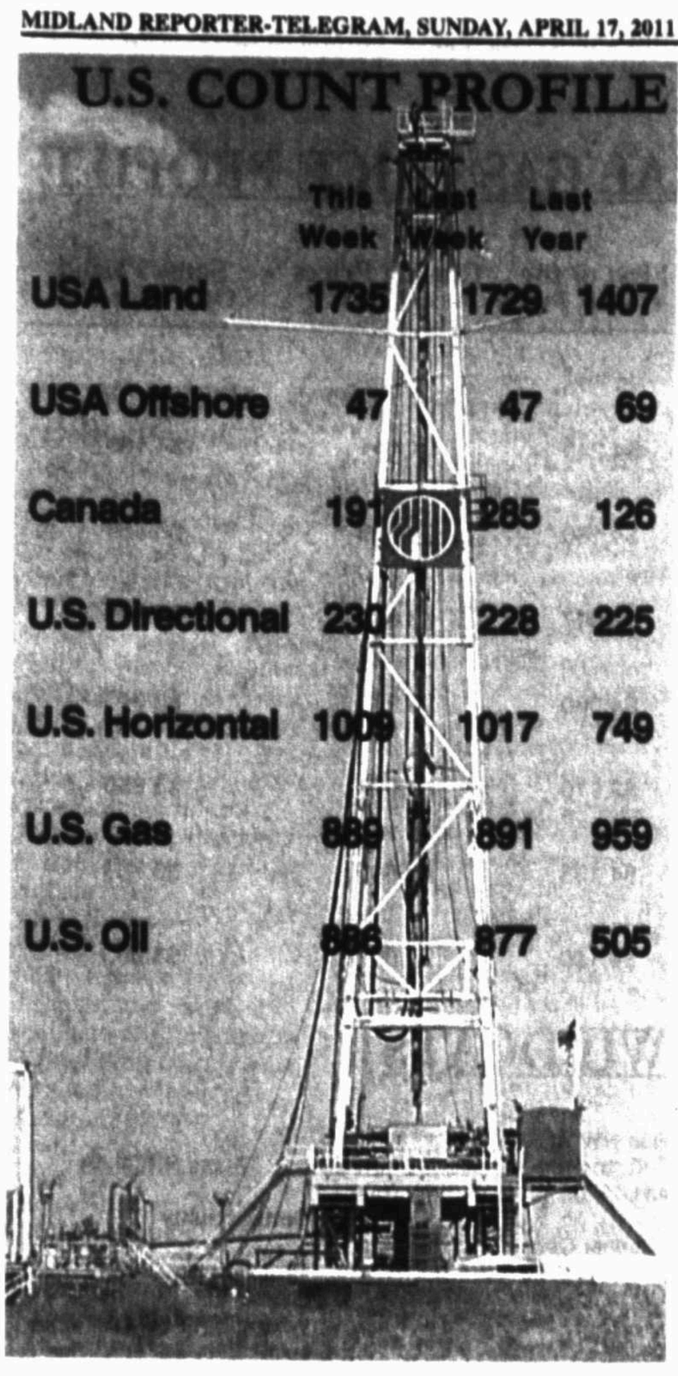


On April 3, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the oldest regulatory agency in our great state, celebrated its 120th birthday. While we no longer regulate the rail industry and our name may seem a bit confusing, we remain the gold standard of regulatory bodies in America.

As our name implies, the commission originally was established to oversee railroads, but over the last 100 years the state and federal transportation commissions have taken over that role, and the mission of the Railroad Commission has transformed into overseeing subsurface extraction and mining of Texas's bountiful natural resources below the ground's surface. We are charged with protecting against the waste of mineral resources in the many different industries involved in that arena, including the oil and natural gas businesses. It is our successful track record in regulating the energy sector that has caused the rest of the country and other nations to look to Texas for a template for their energy regulatory agencies.

From 1901 when the Spindletop gusher began a new era for Texas and the nation, to the early 1930s when the East Texas oil field was discovered and now as the Barnett Shale in North Texas has shown the world how to unlock the oil and gas in shale formations scattered across the globe, Texas and the Railroad Commission of Texas have played a leading role in oil and gas policy statewide, nationally and internationally. Even the Allied victory during World War II has been attributed to Texas oil as it commonly has been stated that the "Allies floated to victory on a sea of oil." It is well known the oil came from the East Texas oil field.

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By Norman Johnson

TECHNOLOGY

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Peak has done work in Southeastern New Mexico and Pecos and Ward counties.

"It's a growing trend," he said.

One of the main issues with horizontal open hole completions -- known as Levels One and Two, is hydraulics. "There is no way to get a casing integrity test," he said. "We have developed a tool to change the hydraulic port," allowing for casing integrity tests. The tool has been utilized in the Northeast and in Canada and Fitzhugh said it is being introduced into the Permian Basin.

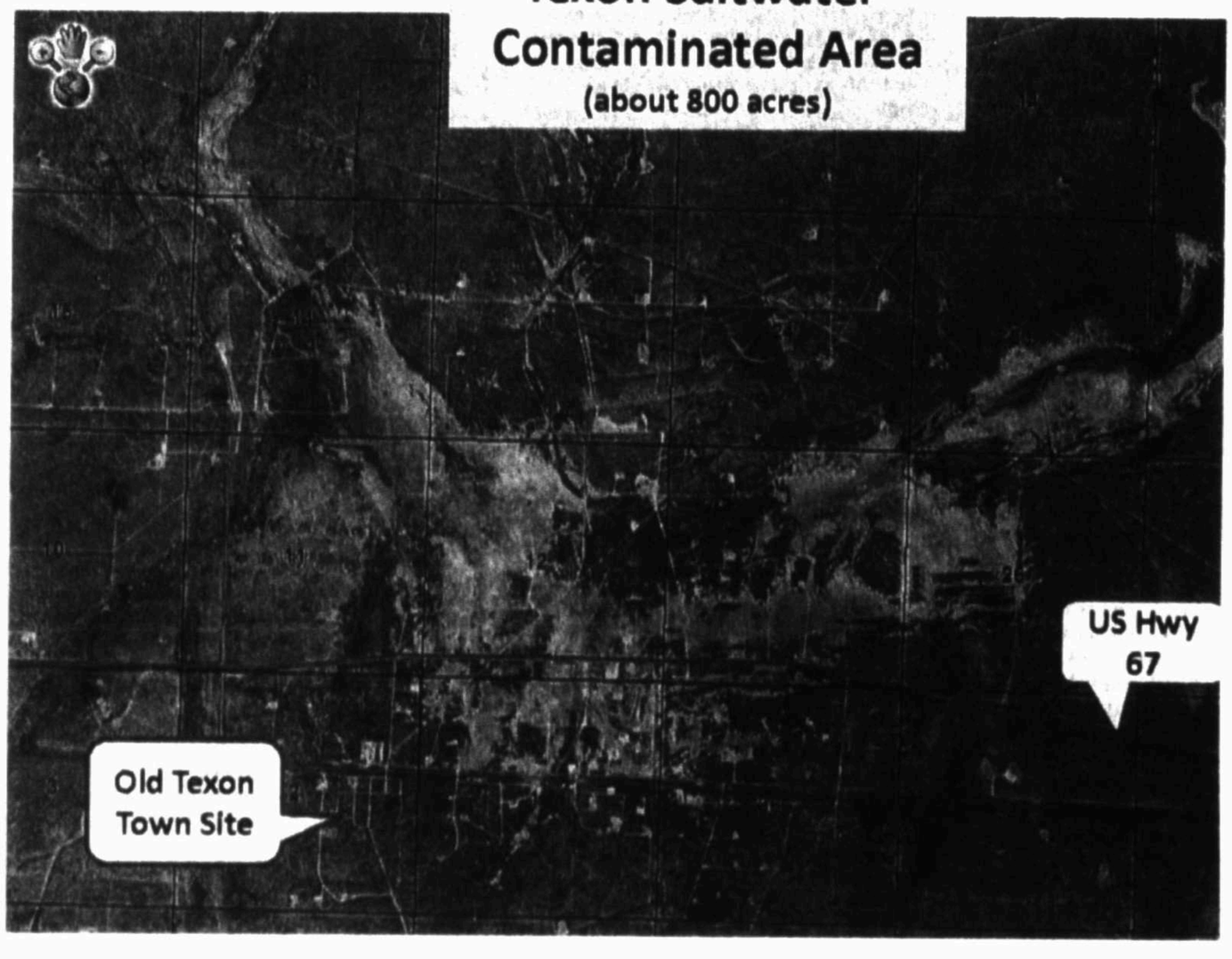
Peak has also just signed an agreement with Tendeka to provide swellable packers, he reported.

Another issue, according to Gary Gill with Smith Services, part of Schlumberger, is isolating laterals. He detailed his company's new multilateral rapid frac and its TAP completion system with its valve darts.

Chris Johnson with Baker Hughes introduced his company's frac point system and frac sleeves and offered a video of the company's new frac balls, which are designed to disintegrate.

Broome discussed Halliburton's Rapidfrac completion system, which allows for multiple frac sleeves to be open at the same time. The new technology, he said, requires much less water and can help speed up the fracturing process.

Mella McEwen can be reached at mmcewen@mrt.com.



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From 2G

That tradition continues today as we embark on a new generation of energy discoveries. Natural gas is the key to America's energy needs for generations to come and based on the successful model developed by the Railroad Commission in the Barnett Shale natural gas play, Texas producers will continue play a vital role in bringing natural gas to market through the development of the Eagle Ford Shale in South and East Texas and other shale plays around the state.

As an example of the economic upside of a well-regulated industry, the Barnett Shale currently employs approximately 100,000 people, and the Eagle Ford is already supporting more than 13,000 full time jobs. Even the most modest projections show that by 2020 the Eagle Ford will support approximately 68,000 full time jobs. Furthermore, energy production statewide employs approximately 315,000 Texans and contributed $8.5 billion to state and local taxes, royalties, and the rainy day fund last year.

As drastic changes to the Railroad Commission are being debated by the Legislature through the Sunset process, we urge careful consideration of changes to a system that has served Texas, the United States of America and their respective citizens well since 1891. As we Texans tell our colleagues in Washington, D.C., businesses need the consistency and clarity that sensible regulation provides. Now is not the time for major restructuring of a governmental model that is envied and imitated around the world. With the increasing importance of domestic natural gas and oil, we ought to keep the model that has served Texans well for so long through good times and bad.

MEETINGS

SEPM speaker to give overview of spring field trip

The Permian Basin Section, SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) will meet Tuesday, April 19 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Xavier Janson from the Reservoir Characterization Research Laboratory, Bureau of Economic Geology, The University Of Texas at Austin, will present "Overview of the 2011 PBS-SEPM Spring Field Trip; Paleozoic Mounds Stratigraphic Architecture in the Sacramento Mountains: Implication for Reservoir Characterizations."

The public is invited. Additional information may be found at www.pbs-sepm.org/1_talks.htm under 'Talks'. Reservations can be obtained by calling 683-1573 or e-mail at wtgs@wtgs.org.

Petroleum accountants meet Tuesday

Members of the Petroleum Accountants Society of the Permian Basin will meet Tuesday, April 19 at the Petroleum Club.

The technical session will begin at 11 a.m. with a training video from the APA Program, TR-26 Managerial Accounting & Economics presented.

Lunch will be served at noon. Representatives of Young Professionals in Energy will then share information about their organization.

LAND

From 1G

A challenge is that the area's soils, Petersen said, not only have high saline content but high sodium content. The saline affects vegetation more directly, he said, where as the high sodium content, or sodicity, affects the soil properties. When he first began the project, he took soil samples and the total dissolved salts ranged from 2,940 parts per million just outside the parameters of the affected site to 55,124 parts in the areas with no vegetation.

Seedlings grown in the system's greenhouse are planted along the terraces in an effort to reintroduce vegetation. Some of the grasses he uses Alkali Sacaton and Big Sacaton and shrubs include the Fourwing Saltbush and the Australian Saltbush, which is the only non-native vegetation in the area. "Maybe something else I'll want to work with will come along," he said.

The ultimate goal of his efforts, he said, are to stabilize the area. It has lost up to four feet of topsoil and he wants to prevent further soil erosion and eliminate the blowing dirt that can arise with heavy winds.

"It will never be like it was," he said. "But we can make it better."

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COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC
University"42-15" #4
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 15, Blk 42, ULS, 15 ne Ozona; TD 8,314; Comp 8-12-10; producing from 7,995-8,003, treated with 3,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe; flow 1,532 MCF, 4 BW on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 1,500 psi; API #42-105-41171

Approach Operating LLC
Cinco Terry "B" #1302
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 13, Blk CD, Abst. 2616, GC&SF RR, 9 ne Ozona; TD 8,100; Comp 9-1-10; producing from 7,788-7,900, treated with 500 gals. 10 percent acid, 2,013 bbls. fluid, 136 tons CO2, 219,400# sand; flow 151 MCF, 4 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 750 psi; API #42-105-41177

Approach Operating LLC
University"42-21" #9
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 46, ULS, 15 nw Ozona; TD 8,080; Comp 8-24-10; producing from 7,760-7,905, treated with 500 gals. 10 percent acid, 1,308 bbls. fluid, 98 tons CO2, 118,000# sand; flow 509 MCF, 4 BW on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 915 psi; API #42-105-41174

Approach Operating LLC
University"42-21" #8
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 1,980 fnl, 2,100 fel, Sec 21, Blk 46, ULS, 15 nw Ozona; TD 8,050; Comp 8-10-10; producing from 7,684-7,864, treated with 504 bbls. 10 percent acid, 1,281 bbls. fluid, 94-1/2 tons CO2, 136,000# sand; flow 178 MCF, 4 Bw on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 850 psi; API #42-105-41150

Approach Operating LLC
University"42-21" #7
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 21, Blk 45, ULS, 15 nw Ozona; TD 8,050; Comp 8-11-10; producing from 7,670-7,832, treated with 1,000 gals 10 percet acid, 1,646 bbls fluid, 133,140# sand, 54 tons CO2, flow 179 MCF, 4 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 750 psi; API #42-105-41148

Reagan County

Prime Operating Company
Ham Ranch #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,164 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 1947, Abst. 433, SA&MG RR, 6.5 sw Stiles; TD 9,206; Comp 1-11-11; producing from 6,293-9,145, treated with HCL, proppant and gelled water; pump 67 BO, 35 MCF, 196 BW, 60 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-36760

Telesis Operating Co. Inc.
University "48-96" #4
Farmer (San Andres); 560 fwl, 692 fnl, Sec 9, Blk 48, ULS, 9 se Big Lake; TD 2,500; Comp 1-15-11; producing from 2,185-2,369, treated with 2,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe, 50,000 gals. crosslink gel, 77,500# sand; pump 28 BO, 28 MCF, 22 BW, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37072

Upton County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Ross "48A" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 1,980 fel, Sec 48, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst. 1582, T&P RR, 16.2 sw Crane; TD 12,684; Comp 1-4-11; producing from 9,101-10,449, treated with 26,292 bbls. fluid, 600,620# proppant; flow 44 BO, 164 MCF, 164 BW on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 500 psi, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36884

Summit Petroleum LLC
Lindsey #4412
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 672 fel, Sec. 44, BLk 42, T-4-S, Abst. 881, T&P RR, 32.7 nw Rankin; TD 9,633; Comp 10-1-10; producing from 7,054-9,280, treated with 759,908 gals. fluid, 701,113# proppant; pump 96 BO, 118 MCF, 140 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36724

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Ratliff & Bedford #47
Bedford (Woodford)-Plugback from Bedford (Devonian); 152 fnl, 469 fel, Sec 4, Blk 73, Abst. 2080, PSL, 22 wsw Andrews; TD 9,250; Comp 3-17-10; producing from 8,516-8,535, treated with 200,600 gals. fluid, 247,000# sand; pump 3 BO, 2 MCF, 7 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-38644

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry Cons. II #26
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,650 fnl, 2,145 fwl, Sec 8, Blk A-42, Abst. 2211, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,841; Comp 6-1-10; producing from 4,432-4,675, treated with 101,388 gals. fluid, 250,280# sand; pump 202 BO, 46 MCF, 160 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41570

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
State Shosid #2
Hudson; 515 fswl, 1,510 fsel, Sec 7, Blk A-30, Abst. 1794, PSL, 27 nw Andrews; TD 7,744; Comp 11-18-10; producing from 7,412-7,625, treated with 45,300 gals 20 percent HCL; pump 268 BO, 216 MCF, 94 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42162

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
R.C. Jones #12
Fuhrman-Mascho; 987 fnl, 2,310 fel, Sec 11, Blk A-42, Abst. 1960, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,613; Comp 5-17-10; producing from 4,154-4,396, treated with 43,176 gals. fluid, 99,400# sand; pump 31 BO, 118 MCF, 117 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41424

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry et al estate-NWS #10
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,650 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 9, Blk A-42, Abst. 2224, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,793; Comp 4-7-10; producing from 4,322-4,559, treated with 82,614 gals. fluid, 198,216# sand; pump 263 BO, 117 MCF, 280 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41514

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Munger Nix #113
Fuhrman-Mascho; 535 fsl, 993 fwl, Sec 18, Blk A-47, PSL, 11 nw Andrews; TD 5,005; Comp 4-19-10; producing from 4,492-4,814, treated with 100,254 gals. fluid, 232,862# sand; pump 140 BO, 18 MCF, 121 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41432

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University Consolidated XII #4515
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,650 fnl, 990 fwl, Sec 45, Blk 13, ULS, 8

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MID-WEEK WTI POSTED PRICES



PERMIAN BASIN

TEXAS

DIST. #7C

Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	4
Irion	7
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	1
Reagan	14
Runnels	1
Schleicher	2
Sutton	1
Terrell	1
Tom Green	1
Upton	21

DIST. #8

Andrews	38
Brewster	0
Crane	4
Culberson	6
Ector	18
Glasscock	34
Howard	11
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	3
Martin	32
Midland	28
Mitchell	1
Pecos	2
Presidio	0
Reeves	17
Sterling	0
Ward	11
Winkler	1

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	1
Cochran	2
Cottle	0
Crosby	0
Dawson	2
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	10
Garza	1
Hale	0
Hockley	0
Kent	1
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	7
Terry	0
Yoakum	3

TEXAS TOTAL 289

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	3
Eddy	46
Lea	19
Roosevelt	0

N.M. TOTAL 68

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ENERGY WATCH

Positive market fundamentals trumping global worries



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Executing the basic fundamentals in sports is similar to executing the fundamentals in the stock market, yet the latter has its own vagaries. The stock market rose for the second straight week and closed with the best first quarter since 1998. Not only did the quarter finish solid, but it was a continuation of the smoother sailing for the major averages from last summer's lows as they closed near their February highs. Other averages, notably popular measures of mid- and small-cap stocks, have surpassed or are near eclipsing their 2007 highs.

There remain several global worries for investors, but at this point, the economic fundamentals and the steady, slow recovery are trumping the many adversities. Right now, stock prices are rising because economic growth continues and corporate profits are reaching record highs. Last week, there was more encouraging economic news and evidence the U.S. economy is slowly gathering some momentum, most notably in manufacturing and on the job front.

Threats to the stock market have not vanished. In coming weeks, more issues will be surfacing on investors' radars. Persistently high oil prices, which have now reached 2 1/2-year highs on little news, may at some unknowable time impact consumers' attitudes and likely their spending. The result, in our opinion, will be less enthusiasm for stocks. Earnings season for the first quarter will soon be in full swing, and the Advisory Services Group's Equity Strategy team has pointed out that profit margins and bottom-line results comparisons will be increasingly difficult in 2011. Of course, guidance for the balance of the year will be very important and a potential stumbling block for equities. Short interest on stocks has now reached a five year low. Congressional bickering will continue over budgets, and there is still a threat of a government shutdown.

Failing European banks and the sovereign debt crisis, the turmoil in the Middle East/North Africa, and ongoing fall-out from the tragedy in Japan still loom over the stock market. Then there is the Federal Reserve (Fed). If anything is clear about its intentions at the end of the quantitative easing (QE2) program scheduled for June, it is that there is not a consensus among policymakers for the preferred course of action.

The big questions are when will investors react to the possible end of Fed stimulus in its current form and will they believe the economy can stand on its own two feet without this crutch. We believe the uncertainty will cause volatility for the stock market until the Fed's intentions are made clear. In the meantime, seasonality is working in the market's favor through the end of April, which is the end of the year's historically strongest six months.

Last week, we commented that as the sell off escalated in February, volume rose. Since the start of the rally in mid-March, volume has been languishing. The market does not always accommodate and thus forces one to be flexible. Can the market rise without increased volume? Sure it can, but more participation would lead to more durability. We don't see a runaway to the upside, but the bull market is acting more like it wants to go higher.

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Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 4/13/11	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$4.240	$4.141	$4.160
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$4.180	$4.030	$3.950
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$2.647	$3.886	$3.575
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$4.060	$3.978	$3.915
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$3.970	$3.921	$3.855
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$4.135	$2.630	$3.763
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$4.189	$4.093	$4.003

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Coke County

Magnet Oil LP
Pentecost #2A
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-293, Blk 1A, Sec 309; 3522 FWL Y EL 487 FN'LY NL of lse; 2053 FEL 372 FSL of survey; 11 miles NW of Robert Lee; obj: 7000; permit #712058; API #081-31986

Crockett County

Approach Oper. LLC
J.R. Bailey "A" #810
Wildcat-D; GC & SF RR Co./Owen, Z; A-4359, Blk EF, Sec 8; 3707 FWL 2660 FSL of lse; 2640 FNL 1710 FEL of survey; 13 miles N of Ozona; obj: 9000; permit #712532; API #105-41265

Irion County

Three Rivers Oper. Co. LLC
Sugg 1 #1
Wildcat-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co.; A-312, Blk 6, Sec 1; 517 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 517 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 11 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 7315; permit 712238; API #235-34070

Three Rivers Oper. Co. LLC
Sugg 1 #4
Wildcat-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co.; A-312, Blk 6, Sec 1; 553 FNL 1980 FEL of lse; 1980 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 11 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 6714; permit #712247; API #235-34394

Runnels County

Texas International Res. LLC
Robbins #2
Wildcat-D; ET RR Co./Brookshire, S; A-747, Blk N/A, Sec 140; 3325.3 FEL 1300 FSL of lse; 2216.9 FWL 1480 FSL of survey; 3 miles W of Talpa; obj: 5000; permit #712382; API #399-35252

Schleicher County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Rousselot Doris Mayer 26 #1
Wildcat-D; GC & SF RR Co./Lee, P H; A-1561, Blk 2, Sec 26; 630 FNL 780 FWL of lse; 630 FNL 780 FWL of survey; 17 miles SW of El Dorado; obj: 8650; permit #712303; API #413-32744

Tom Green County

Banner Oper., LLC
Turner Ranch TD-1116 #8
Wildcat-D; TT RR Co./Turner, J S; A-7452, Blk N/A, Sec 1116; 330 FSL 990 FWL of lse; 330 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 16 miles NW of San Angelo; obj: 1700; permit #712019; API #451-32700

Banner Oper., LLC
Livingston 29 #8
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-916, Blk 5, Sec 29; 2310 FSL 330 FWL of lse; 2310 FSL 330 FWL of survey; 21 miles NW of San Angelo; obj: 1700; permit #712486; API #451-32701

Texas RRCD 8

Martin County

Discovery Oper., Inc.
Dakota #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Powell, M; A-797, Blk 35, T1N, Sec 24; 2123 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 2123 FSL 467 FEL of survey; 10.5 miles SE of Lenorah; obj: 10600; permit #711714; API #317-36739

Sterling County

EXCO Res., Inc.
Glass "14" #1
Wildcat-D; TC RR Co./Wade, R R; A-820, Blk N/A, Sec 14; 1863 FSL 1924 FEL of lse; 1863 FSL 1924 FEL of survey; 12 miles SE of Sterling City; obj: 5000; permit #712271; API #431-33309

Texas RRCD 8A

Cottle County

Texas Royalty Corp.
Gibson #1
Wildcat-D; TT RR Co./Palmer, T H; A-1328, Blk N/A, Sec 8; 1569 FNL 1754 FWL of lse; 1754 FWL 2076 FSL of survey; 10 miles S of Paducah; obj: 5200; permit #708995; API #101-30706

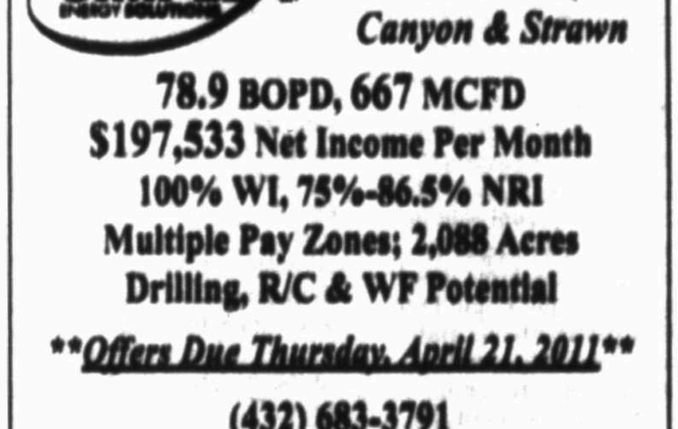
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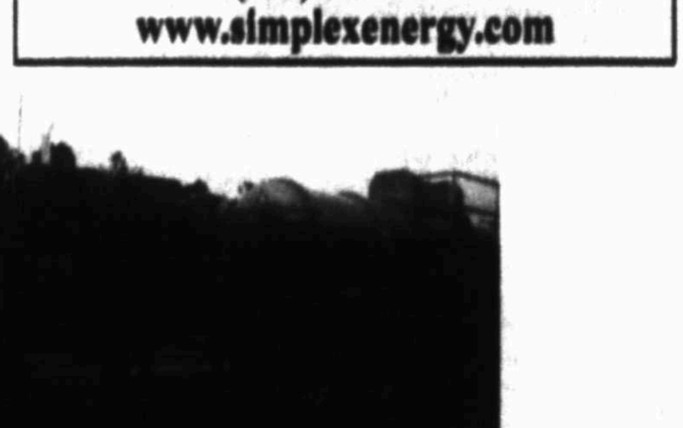
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Holder #1
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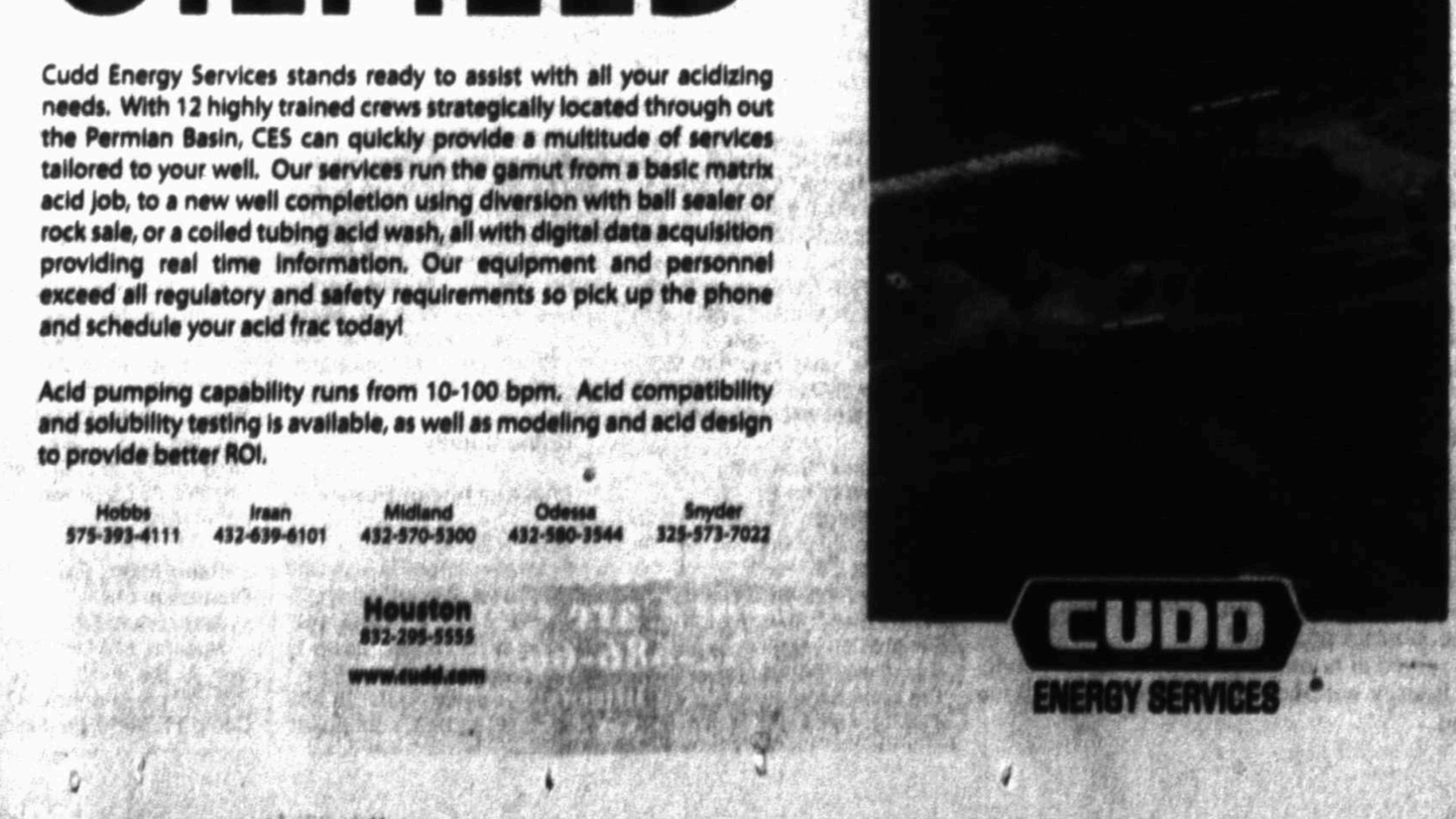
New Mexico

Chaves County

Keystone Pet. NM LLC
West Newmill 15 St #1
Wildcat; T4S, R26E, Sec 15; 760 FNL 1980 FWL; 20 miles NW of Elkins; Rot 7500 Montoya; API #30-005-64144







Gas drilling's promise, perils rile townsfolk

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti and Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

Ron Hilliard came back from church one Sunday to find hundreds of plastic $5, $10, $20 and $100 bills hanging on his fence in Flower Mound, another message from townsfolk angry at him for signing a lucrative natural gas drilling lease for his suburban Dallas property.

In Damascus, Pa., about 1,500 miles away, drilling advocate Marian Schweighofer awoke one morning to the word "LORAX" — from the Dr. Seuss book about environmental destruction — spray-painted on the road near her family's 712-acre farm.

Hilliard and Schweighofer have never met, yet both are living with the nastiness and rancor erupting in communities nationwide over the volatile issue of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

This technique — used with horizontal drilling — allows rich stores of gas to be extracted from once out-of-reach, dense shale formations more than a mile underground. Intense drilling activity is under way in the Barnett Shale of Texas, the Marcellus Shale of Pennsylvania, and other producing shale regions around the country. As tens of thousands of Americans become energy magnates in their own backyards, tens of thousands more worry about environmental dangers. The industry insists the process is safe, for people and the environment.

This energy boom has turned neighbor against neighbor, split towns and families in bitter disputes, and touched off sharp debates over the sudden emergence of gas companies and their 14-story drilling rigs, some rising in the middle of towns and neighborhoods.

One side touts the jobs and prosperity drilling brings, allowing businesses to flourish and down-on-their-luck farmers to hang on to their land. Gas leases have made millionaires of some property owners. Regions long struggling economically are suddenly flush.

On the other side are those who either won't gain anything or fervently believe the wealth isn't worth the risk. Alarmed by toxic spills, scattered drill site explosions and tainted drinking water, they fear a reduced quality of life and declining property values.

"Those who own their mineral rights are happier than a pig in mud," said Flower Mound resident Chris Tomlinson, who is making thousands of dollars a month from the gas wells drilled on his land. "Those who don't, want it to go away."

Fracking opponents complain the industry has taken environmental and safety shortcuts in their zeal to reap the vast stores of gas once locked tight within the shale.

The acrimony is not likely to subside anytime soon. Even with some 26,000 wells drilled in 16 states through the end of 2009 — more than half of those in Texas — the shale gas revolution is still relatively young.

Most of the wells have been drilled in the past decade, particularly in Pennsylvania's white-hot Marcellus Shale region and in the Barnett Shale of Texas, where the new extraction techniques were perfected and the boom began in earnest in 2006. Hundreds of thousands more wells could be drilled in coming decades, according to drilling companies and energy officials.

In Texas, a state so inextricably linked to drilling that an oil derrick adorns the license plate, the feuding in Flower Mound has been extraordinary.

A rural community about 30 miles northwest of Dallas, it had just over 15,000 residents in 1990 but exploded into an affluent and politically influential suburb of 70,000 by 2009. Relative newcomers drawn by its quality of life filled large brick homes in manicured subdivisions and send their children to highly ranked schools. By and large, they don't own their mineral rights — and many were outraged when gas wells began popping up near their neighborhoods, sometimes just a few hundred feet from schools and day care centers. Today, more than 40 wells are extracting gas in town.

On the other side are the longtime residents, farmers and ranchers who own their mineral rights and stand to make a lot of money on leases and royalties.

"It was pretty much neighbor against neighbor. People just turned on people ... and it's left some pretty nasty divides here in town," said Tomlinson.

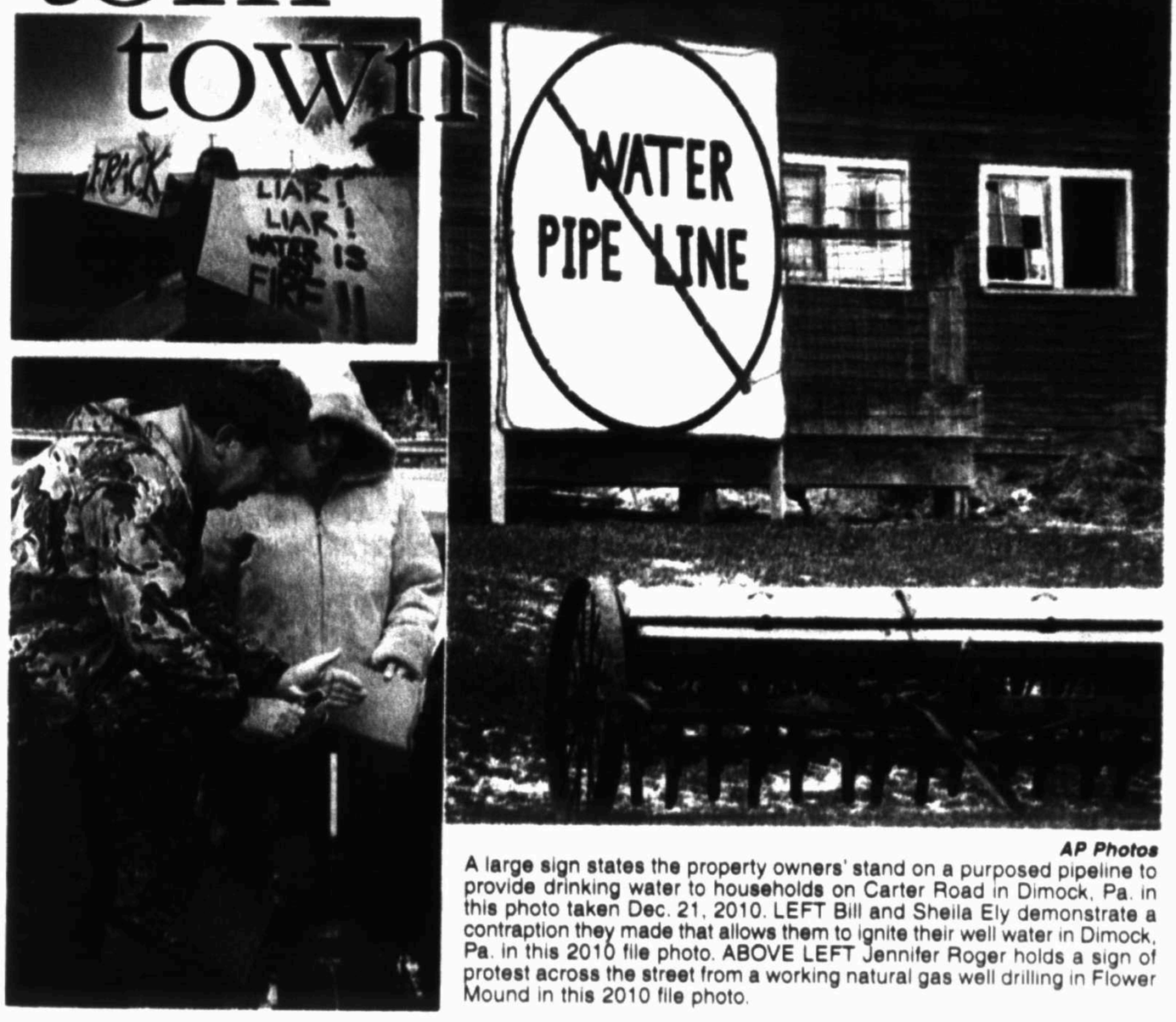
Ron Hilliard's decision to have two wells drilled on his land, a half-mile from a Starbucks, two schools and hundreds of homes, brought vandalism, anonymous phone calls and insulting blogs and columns. He finally complained to police.

"I owned my mineral rights," Hilliard says defiantly. "So I'm not doing anything wrong." Hilliard, owner of a wholesale lumber business, would not disclose what he was paid for the lease or gas royalties.

Truck traffic on largely suburban roads in the Flower Mound area has increased significantly and the community has endured at least three major spills of thousands of gallons of production liquids. The Environmental Protection Agency

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torn town



AP Photos

A large sign states the property owners' stand on a purposed pipeline to provide drinking water to households on Carter Road in Dimock, Pa. in this photo taken Dec. 21, 2010. LEFT Bill and Sheila Ely demonstrate a contraption they made that allows them to ignite their well water in Dimock, Pa. in this 2010 file photo. ABOVE LEFT Jennifer Roger holds a sign of protest across the street from a working natural gas well drilling in Flower Mound in this 2010 file photo.

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A plunger lift system for oil or gas wells, designed and installed by Production Lift Systems, Inc., is a unique combination of tools, well conditions and producing methods. The application of these systems results in more efficient use of the formation.

Plunger lift is often compared to a long stroke pump. The well tubing from the perforations to the surface acts as a long pump barrel. The plunger itself travels the entire length on each stroke, pushing produced fluid to the surface.

Gas from the formation, or, in certain instances, from outside supply, acts as the power source as it expands under the plunger to force the plunger and the fluid to the surface. Cycle frequency of the plunger is controlled at the surface either by time or by pressure buildup or remote communications.

With plunger lift, gas is the motivating force that operates the plunger. The operating pressure and depth determines the amount of fluid that can be produced on each cycle. To operate a plunger the general requirement is 300 cubic feet of gas per barrel of fluid per 1,000 feet of lift. Many plungers are operating with pressures as low as 120 psig.

Plunger lift systems find wide application in producing high ratio oil wells, in deliquifying gas wells and in gas lift installations in order to increase lift efficiency and paraffin removal.

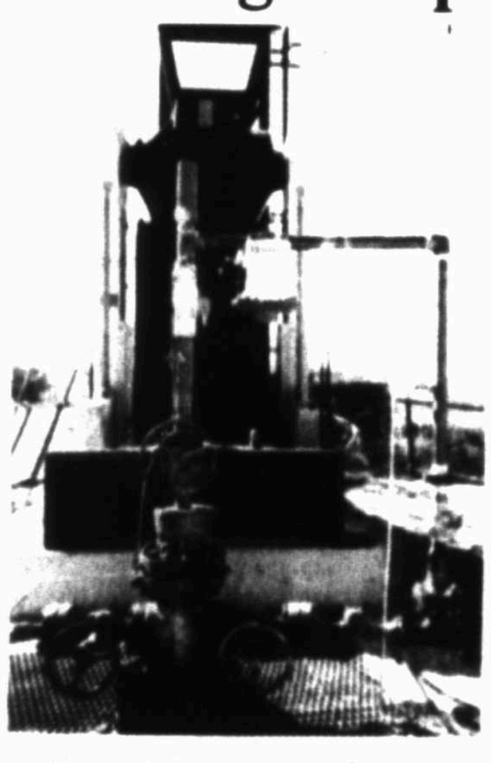
In oil wells plunger lift can be applied by utilizing the produced gas and intermittently flowing the well. In some cases external gas may be required.

The casing annulus is used as a storage chamber for the produced gas and well fluid. The casing pressure is held to the minimum required to surface each slug of fluid produced per cycle.

The maximum fluid that can be produced with plunger lift is limited to the number of possible cycles per day and the maximum fluid produced per cycle. This is typically up to 200 barrels per day in a natural drive reservoir and several thousand barrels per day in CO_2 floods.

Plunger lift is also an economical and automatic means of deliqifying gas wells that periodically load with fluids.

Any gas well that requires swabbing, soaping or "blowing down" to keep the well flowing is a candidate for plunger lift. Typically, these wells will flow 200 MCFD to MMCFD after cleaning up, but gradually die or fall to a lower rate over time.



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Plunger lift will maintain production at a constant rate automatically. This can be done either by free-wheeling the plunger (cycling without shutting in) or periodic cycling. By keeping the fluid unloaded from the tubing automatically, the maximum flowing tubing pressure is maintained, and often the installation of gas compressors can be postponed or eliminated.

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nw Andrews; TD 4,862; Comp 12-27-10; producing from 4,456-4,614, treated with 3,330 bbls. 20 percent acid, 3,434 bbls. fluid, 236,271# proppant; pump 25 BO, 30 MCF, 160 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42178

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University Consolidated XII #4002
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fsl, 1,780 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 13, ULS, 12 nw Andrews; TD 4,900; Comp 1-8-11; producing from 4,490-4,703, treated with 72 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,865 bbls. fluid, 206,240# proppant; pump 10 BO, 168 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42289

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Lockhart & Brown -B- #3
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,308 fnl, 1,651 fwl, Sec 9, Blk A-41, PSL, 14 sw Andrews; TD 4,774; Comp 9-2-10; producing from 4,429-4,589, treated with 150,000# sand, 2,040 bbls. fluid, pump 71 BO, 47 MCF, 190 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41747

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
W.H. Bush #15
Fuhrman-Mascho; 430 fnl, 1,560 fwl, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1151, PSL, 13 nw Andrews; TD 4,869; Comp 5-3-10; producing from 4,444-4,657, treated with 65,940 gals. fluid, 150,025# sand; pump 64 BO, 20 MCF, 178 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41486

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Lindley #5
Fuhrman-Mascho; 990 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 17, Blk A-47, Abst. 1627, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,968; Comp 4-14-10; producing from 4,388-4,619, treated with 104,958 gals. fluid, 258,323# sand; pump 45 BO, 20 MCF, 144 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41422

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Lindley-Remuda #24
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fnl, 1,652 fwl, Sec 15, Blk A-47, Abst. 1644, PSL, 12 nw Andrews; TD 4,930; Comp 3-29-10; producing from 4,586-4,774, treated with 82,698 gals. fluid, 200,560# sand; pum 109 BO, 30 MCF, 113 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41240

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University "14-16" #5C
Shafter Lake (San Andres); 1,650 fsl, 990 fnl, Sec 16, Blk 14, ULS, 11 nw Andrews; TD 4,900; Comp 1-10-11; producing from 4,484-4,726, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,990 bbls. fluid, 260,460# proppant; pump 68 BO, 15 MCF, 313 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42264

Ector County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Andy #7
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 660 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 139, T&P RR, 7 se Odessa; TD 10,247; Comp 9-10-10; producing from 7,923-10,007, treated with 32,726 bbls. fluid, 691,528# proppant; pump 8 BO, 78 MCF, 61 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40219

Glasscock County

Apache Corp.
E.D. Brooks "17" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,756 fnl, 1,450 fel, Sec 17, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 249, T&P RR, 4 sw Garden City; TD 10,886; Comp 12-22-10; producing from 7,520-10,356, treated with 495,500 gals. gel, 357,688# sand; pump 174 BO, 250 MCF, 125 BW, 45 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33803

Apache Corp.
Bell "22" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 861, T&P RR, 3.2 sw Garden City; TD 10,805; Comp 1-12-11; producing from 7,650-10,894, treated with 485,500 gals. gel, 357,688# sand; flow 61 BO, 98 MCF, 142 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 140 psi, 45 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33686

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
East Boxcar "48" #1
Garden City South (Wolfcamp); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 48, Blk 33, T-3-S, Abst. 1096, T&P RR, 6.4 ne Garden City; TD 9,650; Comp 8-25-10; producing from 7,230-9,383, treated with 16,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 41,500 bbls. slick water, 1,079,600# sand; flow 92 BO, 129 MCF, 854 BW on 33/64 inch choke, FTP 100 psi; API #42-173-33704

Loving County

Atlantic Operating Inc.
Polar #4
Grice (Delaware); 1,370 fnl, 845 fel, Sec 43, Blk 76, Abst. 1117, PSL, 12.5 n Mentone; TD 4,701; Comp 1-1-11; producing from 4,640-4,701, treated with 5,800 gals. gelled oil, 14,600# sand; pump 41 BO, 21 MCF, 350 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-31528

Martin County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
South Curtis Ranch #1514
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 305, T&P RR, 11 n Midland; TD 10,850; Comp 12-31-10; producing from 8,462-10,654, treated with 754,5593 sand; pump 86 BO, 74 MCF, 330 BW, 38.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36266

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Harrison #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,916 fel, Sec 23, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 52, T&P RR, 9.2 ne Stanton; TD 9,871; Comp 6-14-10; producing from 7,234-9,667, treated with 15 percent HCL, 474,222 gals. linear gel, 202,212 gals. crosslink, 852,551# sand; pump 102 BO, 128 MCF, 215 BW, 41.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-35475

Midland County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Braun "B" #1208
Spraberry (Trend Area); 561 fnl, 1,861 fel, Sec 12, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst. 1401, T&P RR, 15.3 se Midkiff; TD 10,487; Comp 1-7-11; producing from 9,275-10,421, treated with 17,461 bbls. fluid, 651,090# sand; pump 65 BO, 86 MCF, 120 BW, 36.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36698

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Fee "AX" #2108
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,815 fnl, 380 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 251, T&P RR, 4 nw Midland; TD 10,755; Comp 12-1-10; producing from 8,243-10,595, treated with 1,523,405 gals. crosslink fluid/acid, 904,793# sand; pump 200 BO, 58 MCF, 365 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36590

Legacy Reerves Operating LP
June T. Sanders #9
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fel, 660 fsl, Sec 38, Blk 41, T-3-S, Abst. 1351, T&P RR, 19 sw Midland; TD 10,784; Comp 12-8-10; producing from 8,130-10,635, treated with 23,700 gals. crosslink gel, 996,000# sand; pump 156 BO, 120 MCF, 361 BW, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36659

Linn Operating Inc.
Robbie #2410
Spraberry (Trend Area); 770 fnl, 1,877 fwl, Sec 24, Blk 40,T-1-S, Abst. 1392, T&P RR, 6.2 nw Midland; TD 10,790; Comp 1-12-11; producing from 8,100-10,595, treated with 1,167,864 gals. gel water, 19,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 928,181# sand; pump 123 BO, 116 MCF, 303 BW, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36347

SM Energy Company
Janey #1804
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,845 fel, 1,930 fsl, Sec 18, Blk 41, T-4-S, Abst. 1158, T&P RR, 25.1 sw Midland; TD 10,307; Comp 11-20-10; producing from 7,945-10,030, treated with 20,500 gals. acid, 1,176,714 gals. gel, 863,801# proppant; pump 80 BO, 86 MCF, 119 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36549

Summit Petroleum LLC
Shirley #3807
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 2,173 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 717, T&P RR, 14.8 sw Midland; TD 10,585; Comp 12-1-10; producing from 8,940-10,330, treated with 1,031,902 gals. fluid, 589,046# proppant; pump 69 BO, 55 MCF, 591 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36752

Mitchell County

Energen Resources Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #2153
Westbrook; 2,305 fsl, 1,730 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 28, T-1-N, Abst. 1639, T&P RR, 11 nw Colorado City; TD 3,348; Comp 12-16-10; producing from 2,386-3,156, treated with 8,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 49,500 gals. N2 foam, 162,500# sand; pump 26 BO, 1 MCF, 234 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35428

Energen Resources Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #2152
Westbrook; 1,650 fsl, 435 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 28, T-1-N, Abst. 1639, T&P RR, 11 nw Colorado City; TD 3,393; Comp 12-11-10; producing from 2,436-3,020, treated with 4,400 gals. 15 percent HCL, 57,000 gals. N2 foam, 182,500# sand; pump 30 BO, 2 MCF, 20 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35427

Energen Resources Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #3302
Westbrook; 925 fsl, 1,610 fel, Sec 9, Blk 28, T-1-N, Abst. 561, T&P RR, 12 nw Colorado City; TD 3,386; Comp 12-9-10; producing from 2,604-3,188, treated with 7,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 46,600 gals. N2 foam, 117,100# sand; pump 10.6 BO, 1 MCF, 248 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35426

Pecos County

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
West State #2419
Pinon (Overthrust)-Directional; 288 fnl, 1,148 fel, Sec 24, Blk 2, Abst. 8833, TC RR, 26 s Fort Stockton; Comp 4-26-10; producing from 6,370-6,690, treated with 2,904 bbls. fluid, 296,000# sand; flow 121 MCF, 13 BW on half-inch choke, FTP 280 psi; API #42-371-38604

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
West Ranch #4414
Pinon (Overthrust)-Directional; 2,070 fel, 2,500 fnl, Sec 44, Blk 2, Abst. 5361, TC RR, 2 se Fort Stockton; TD 6,151; Comp 9-27-10; producing from 5,470-5,930, fracture stimulated; flow 92 MCF, 33 BW on open choke, FTP 110 psi; API #42-371-38693

Reeves County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.
Patterson "1-34" #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 660 fnwl, 4,978 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 1, Abst. 2134, H&GN RR, 27 nw Pecos; TD 10,435 TVD; Comp 1-8-11; producing from 11,011-14,488 MD, treated with 30,967 bbls. fluid, 1,535,900# proppant; flow 234 BO, 805 MCF, 2,199 BW on 22/64 inch choke, FTP 1,942 psi; API #42-389-32689

Oxy USA Inc.
Collie -B- #14
Collie (Delaware); 6,080 fswl, 1,1264 fsel, Sec 2, Blk 5, Abst. 5608, H&GN RR, 2 e Pecos; TD 5,916; Comp 2-6-10; producing from 4,714-5,762, treated with 222,005# sand; pump 242 BO, 100 MCF, 1,638 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-32601

Ward County

Energen Resources Corp.
T.B. Pruett #1
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Plugback Recompletion from G-M (Pennsylvanian); 1,119 fswl, 1,505 fsel, Sec 23, Blk 1, Abst. 331, W&NW RR, 11 nw Barstow; TD 11,090 TVD; Comp 12-28-10; producing from 11,710-14,373 MD, treated with 538,715 gals. fluid, 502,440# proppant; flow 143 BO, 131 MCF, 433 BW on 12/64 inch choke, FTP 1,700 psi, 46.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-30905

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Gaines County

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Bailey #19
Tex-Mex Southeast (Wichita-Albany); 4,631 fsl, 900 fwl, Sec 1, Blk A-30, Abst. 2272, PSL, 22 sw Seminole; TD 7,758; Comp 1-1-11; producing from 7,074-7,603, treated with 443 bbls. acid, 925 bbls. fluid; pump 25 BO, 23 MCF, 86 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37226

XTO Energy Inc.
Russell ClearforkUnit #469
Russell (Clearfork Consolidated); 2,330 fsl, 1,264 fel, Sec 452, Blk G, Abst. 1917, CCSD&RGNG, 18 nw Seminole; TD 7,896; Comp 12-29-10; producing from 6,560-6,805, treated with 9,500 gals. 15 percent NeFe, 200,000# sand; pum 65 BO, 65 BW, 34.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37085

Hockley County

Great Western Drilling Company
Pope #2
Anita (Clearfork); 650 fnl, 467 fwl, Labor 1, League 730, Abst. 224, A. Taylor, 7 ne Levelland; TD 7,300; Comp 12-27-10; producng from 6,870-7,087, treated with 4,100 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pum 12 BO, 3 MCF, 20 BW, 28 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37154

Rocker A Operating Company
Young-Hays #109W
Leeper (Glorieta); 2,750 fnl, 2,586 fwl, Labor 18, League 33, Baylor CSL, 10 s Levelland; TD 6,650; Comp 11-15-10; producing from 6,350-6,430, treated with 1,500 gals. 15 percent acid; pump 40 BO, 120 BW, 27.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37139

Yoakum County

XTO Energy Inc.
H.O. Mahoney #150
Wasson 72; 2,640 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 742, Blk D, Abst. 722, J.H. Gibson, 7.6 ne Denver City; TD 8,196; Comp 12-29-10; producng from 7,562-7,867, treated with 4,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe, 74,936 gals. crosslink borate, 15,500# sand; pump 34 BO, 3 MCF, 313 BW, 31.05 Oil Gravity; API #42-501-35606

New Mexico

Chaves County

Yates Pet. Corp.
Quarterback BQG Fed Com #1
Wildcat; T12S, R27E, Sec 6; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL; EL 3699 GL; TD 5563; PBTD 5515; Spud 11-2-10; Comp 11-20-10; production is through perfs: 5226-5356; IP: 11-21-10 Pump 24 hrs 7 BO, 11 BW, 0 MCF; API #30-005-64138

Eddy County

COG Oper. LLC
Miranda Fed #4
Loco Hills; T17S, R30E, Sec 9; 990 FNL 1890 FWL; EL 3692 GL; TD 7255; PBTD 7255; Spud 9-27-10; Comp 11-10-10; production is through treated perfs: 4691-7123; Treat: Acdz w/33,000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/1,163,589 gal gel, 1,452,004# 20/40 Ottawa sd; IP: 12-6-10 Pump 24 hrs 111 BO, 559 BW, 147 MCF, GOR 1324, Gty 39; API #30-015-37319

COG Oper. LLC
Polaris B Fed #28
Loco Hills; T17S, R30E, Sec 9; 330 FSL 2110 FWL; EL 3684 GL; TD 6010; PBTD 5943; Spud 11-12-10; Comp 12-14-10; production is through treated perfs: 4375-4650; Treat: Acdz w/13,000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/449,547 gals gel, 536,835# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 126,075# 16/30 SLC; IP: 12-25-10 Pump 24 hrs 226 BO, 812 BW, 195 MCF, Gty 38.7; API #30-015-36664

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #417
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 16; 1708 FNL 2517 FWL; EL 3747 GL; TD 5000; PBTD 4843; Spud 11-11-10; Comp 12-14-10; production is through treated perfs: 4260-4535; Treat: Acdz w/2500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/115,082 gals gel, 115,922# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 19,510# 20/40 SLC; IP: 12-30-11 Pump 24 hrs 153 BO, 367 BW, 183 MCF, GOR 1196; API #30-015-36181

Chevron USA Inc
Skelly Unit #660
Fren; T17S, R31E, Sec 14; 1265 FSL 1173 FEL; EL 3914 GL; TD 6835; PBTD 6757; Spud 10-21-10; Comp 12-1-10; production is through treated perfs: 5247-5402; Treat: Acdz w/14,129; Frac w/487,481 gals gel, 557,496# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 103,144# 16/30 Siberprop sd; IP: 12-25-10 Pump 24 hrs 64 BO, 450 BW, 132 MCF, Gty 37.1; API# 30-015-37245

EOG Res. Inc.
Sand Tank 1 Fed Com #3
Sand Tank; T18S, R29E, Sec 1; 560 FSL 240 FEL; EL 3533 GL; TD 12053; PBTD 12040; Spud 10-22-10; Comp 12-23-10; production is through perfs: 7975-12000; IP: 1-5-11 Pump 24 hrs 447 BO, 70 BW, 314 MCF; API #30-015-37215

OXY USA Inc.
Lost Tank 4 Fed #12
West Lost Tank; T22S, R31E, Sec 4; 2200 FSL 2260 FWL; EL 3442 GL; TD 8514; PBTD 8425; Spud 11-8-10; Comp 11-21-10; production is through treated perfs: 6684-8442; Treat: 87215g WF GR 21 + 8000g 7.5% Hcl acid + 157633g DF 200R-16 + 247720# sd; IP: 12-26-10 Pump 24 hrs 65 BO, 421 BW, 163 MCF, Gty 39.2; API #30-015-37955

Lea County

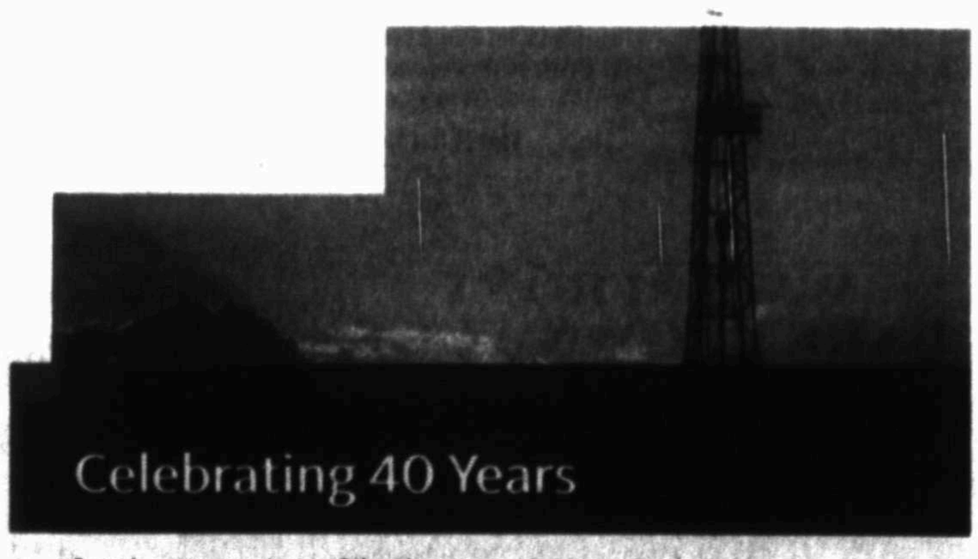
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Taylor D #2
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 9; 1650 FSL 1650 FEL; EL 4078 GL; TD 7006; PBTD 6953; Spud 9-10-10; Comp 10-22-10; production is through treated perfs: 6060-6260; Treat: Acdz w/7500 gals acid, Frac w/389,278 gals gel, 452,566# Ottawa sd, 811,172# Siberprop sd; IP: 10-30-10 Pump 24 hrs 150 BO, 460 BW, 158 MCF, GOR 1053, Gty 37; API #30-025-39399

COG Oper. LLC
Taylor D #4
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 9; 2120 FNL 475 FEL; EL 4115 GL; TD 7020; PBTD 6960; Spud 11-1-10; Comp 12-7-10; production is through treated perfs: 5580-5850; Treat: Acdz w/14000 gals acid, Frac w/460181 gals gel, 551910# Ottawa sd, 134913# Siberprop sd; IP: 12-16-10 Pump 24 hrs 160 BO, 400 BW, 500 MCF, Gty 37.3; API #30-025-39401

COG Oper. LLC
J G State #3
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 16; 370 FSL 840 FWL; EL 4055 GL; TD 7020; PBTD 6979; Spud 9-28-10; Comp 1-11-11; production is through treated perfs: 5469-5622; Treat: 2851416 gals slick wtr & 1039267# sd; IP: 1-7-11 Pump 24 hrs 80 BO, 929 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 38.8; API #30-025-39817



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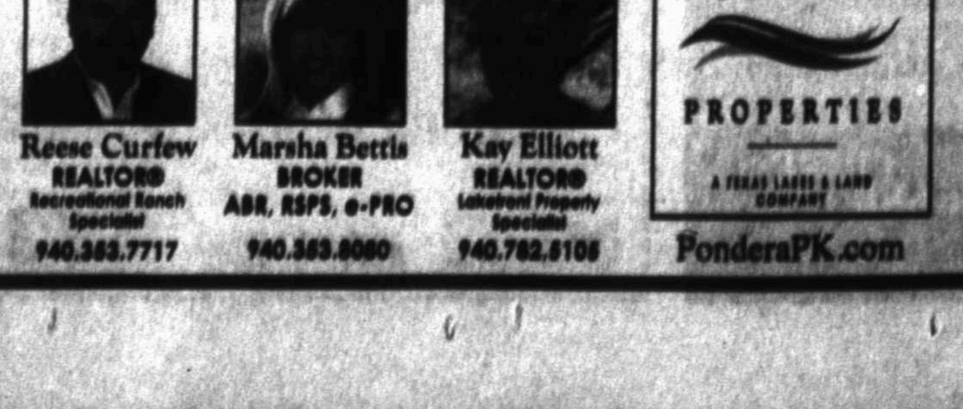
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Irion County

FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Concho #1938K
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Kupfer, A F; A-1194, Blk N/A, Sec 1938; 2044 FSL 1683 FWL of lse; 2044 FSL 1683 FWL of survey; 29 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 9500; permit #712176; API #235-34689

Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
Russell #16
P-C (Strawn)-D; Hardt, H; A-362, Blk N/A, Sec 1587; 5066 FNL 3607 FEL of lse; 384 FSL 818 FEL of survey; 9 miles NE of Ft. McKavett; obj: 4200; permit #704226; API #327-31092

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
Russell #27
Danny Mae (Lower Cisco "A")-D; Gibson, J H; A-321, Blk N/A, Sec 37; 2777 FWL 2335 FSL of lse; 22 FWL 2335 FSL of survey; 9 miles NE Ft. McKavett; obj: 2500; permit #712525; API #327-31111

Reagan County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
University "10-19" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 10, Sec 19; 660 FEL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; obj: 10500; permit #712258; API #383-37223

Broad Oak Energy, Inc.
SRH -A- #9F
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Jackson, J F; A-231, Blk A, Sec 9; 782 FNL 6959 FEL of lse; 782 FNL 2170 FWL of survey; 19 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 10500; permit #712274; API #383-37224

Parsley Energy Oper., LLC
Jameson 50 #6
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Red House (Strawn)-D; TC RR Co./Moseley, J T; A-777, Blk Y, Sec 50; 2183 FWL 1988 FSL of lse; 2183 FWL 1988 FSL of survey; 20.9 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 11500; permit #710298; API #383-37193

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Watkins, Johnny Pat "1230" #7
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Paint Rock (Devonian)-D; GC & SF RR Co./Belcher, J; A-24, Blk N/A, Sec 1230; 467 FEL 467 FSL of lse; 467 FEL 2204 FNL of survey; 14.5 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 12000; permit #710349; API #383-37187

Broad Oak Energy, Inc.
Taylor -B- #14C
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; TC RR Co./Brownlee, J W; A-736, Blk O, Sec 14; 643 FNL 515 FEL of lse; 643 FNL 1487 FWL of survey; 29 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 10500; permit #712664; API #383-37243

FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Concho #1938E
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Kupfer, A F; A-247, Blk N/A, Sec 1936; 1982 FNL 516 FWL of lse; 1982 FNL 516 FWL of survey; 21 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 9500; permit #712178; API #383-37230

Upton County

SM Energy Co.
Frances #2602
Spraberry (Trend Area) & King Mountain, N. (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Durham, E G; A-1207, Blk 42, T4S, Sec 26; 760 FWL 660 FNL of lse; 760 FWL 660 FNL of survey; 34.4 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11500; permit #711924; API #461-37292

Rock Well Pet. (U.S.), Inc.
McCamey Unit #S562F
McCamey-D; Nidever, J/Harris, R; A-749, Blk N/A, Sec 2; 5268 FSL 6623 FEL of lse; 9 FSL 1340 FEL of survey; 2 miles NE of McCamey; obj: 2300; permit #710826; API #461-37252

Chevron Midcontinent, L.P.
University "20" #2
Sheep Mountain (Consolidated)-Recompletion; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 3, Sec 20; 660 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 2036 FEL of survey; 9 miles E of Rankin; obj: 11115; permit #712062; API #461-34336

SM Energy Co.
Brenda #3718
Spraberry (Trend Area) & King Mountain, N. (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-514, Blk 42, T4S, Sec 37; 1267 FWL 1271 FNL of lse; 1267 FWL 1271 FNL of survey; 24.4 miles W of Midkiff; obj: 11000; permit #711979; API #461-37297

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
McElroy, J.T., Cons. #1621W
McElroy-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-1333, Blk F, Sec 199; 2012 FSL 362 FEL of lse ;2012 FSL 362 FEL of survey; 3 miles NE of Crane; obj: 3700; permit #712402; API #461-37302

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Andrews County

OXY USA Inc.
Mabee 140A #4402
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Mabee (Strawn)-D; G & MMB & A; A-295, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 44; 475 FNL 2177 FEL of lse; 1808 FNL 475 FWL of survey; 15.8 miles NW of Midland; obj: 12500; permit #712208; API #003-42758

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
University "6-25B" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Breedlove (Strawn)-D; UL; A-U168, Blk 6, Sec 25; 467 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 2173 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 21.1 miles NE of Andrews; obj: 11700; permit #711938; API #003-42757

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
Andrews University 32 #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Magutex (Strawn)-D; ULS; A-N/A, Blk 5, Sec 32; 660 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 12.9 miles NE of Andrews; obj: 12500; permit #690208; API #003-41399

Pecos Oper. Co., LLC
Goldsmith, N San Andres Cons UT #49
Martin (Consolidated)-D; UL; A-U321, Blk 11, Sec 2; 2390 FNL 2702 FWL of lse; 2390 FNL 10 FEL of survey; 15 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4800; permit #705594; API #003-42285

Crane County

Burlington Res. O & G Co-Midland
W.N. Waddell Etal #653
Sand Hills (McKnight)&(Judkins)-Recompletion; PSL/Waddell, W N & Co.; A-1244, Blk B21, Sec 12; 5280 FNL 21080 FWL of lse; 0.1 FSL 40 FEL of survey; 18 miles NW of Crane; obj: 3450; permit #712051; API #103-02102

Culberson County

Finley Res., Inc.
Raptor 34 #1
Ford, West (4100)-D; T & P RR Co./Ezell, C A; A-845, Blk 58, T1S, Sec 34; 330 FEL 341.4 FNL of lse; 330 FEL 341.4 FNL of survey; 10 miles W of Orla; obj: 5000; permit #711654; API #109-32378

Ector County

Legado Permian, LLC
Goldsmith-Landreth/San Andres/Unit #138
Goldsmith-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./Wight, G S; A-826, Blk 44, T1N, Sec 30; 4410 FWL 7599 FSL of lse; 2310 FSL 982 FEL of survey; 3.5 miles W of Goldsmith; obj: 4500; permit #712224; API #135-82491

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Cowden South 4 #1
Cowden, South (Canyon 8790)&(Pennsylvanian)-D; T & P RR Co./Julian, C E; A-752, Blk 43, T3S, Sec 4; 660 FWL 889 FSL of lse; 1760 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 8 miles SE of Odessa; obj: 9500; permit #712029; API #135-40867

Glasscock County

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Glasscock, Howard W. (G-S) Unit #1076W
Howard Glasscock-D; T & P RR Co./Phillips, H; A-720, Blk 33, T2S, Sec 14; 2630 FEL 4070 FNL of lse; 183 FSL 1 FWL of survey; 15.2 miles N of Garden City; obj: 3200; permit #708354; API #173-33958

Orbit Crude, Inc.
Glass #7
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-191, Blk 33, T5S, Sec 45; 1980 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 13 miles SE of Garden City; obj: 9600; permit #695299; API #173-33674

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Glasscock, Howard W. (G-S) Unit #1077W
Howard Glasscock-D; T & P RR Co./Phillips, H; A-720, Blk 33, T2S, Sec 14; 1990 FSEL 5011 FNL of lse; 211 FSL 645 FWL of survey; 15.2 miles N of Garden City; obj: 3200; permit #708378; API #173-33963

Energen Res. Corp.
Brazos #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Saint Lawrence (Strawn)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co.; A-N/A, Blk 34, T5S, Sec 17; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 10 miles S of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #711977; API #173-33662

COG Oper. LLC
Currie "E" State #3113
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-79, Blk 32, T4S, Sec 31; 934 FSWL 1980 FNL of lse; 1980 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 8.1 miles SE of Garden City; obj: 10500; permit #710304; API #173-34028

Howard County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Roberts, Dora #66
Howard Glasscock-D; W & NW RR Co./Nunn, E H; A-1318, Blk 29, Sec 136; 1303 FNL 1215 FEL of lse; 1339 FSL 1429 FWL of survey; 13 miles SE of Big Spring; obj: 3400; permit #710120; API #227-36596

Linn Oper., Inc.
Coconut 10 #10C
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co./Robertson, W C; A-1340, Blk 34, T1N, Sec 10; 467 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 2164 FWL of survey; 11 miles W of Big Spring; obj: 11000; permit #712230; API #227-36625

Crownquest Oper., LLC
Newton 5 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-304, Blk 33, T1N, Sec 5; 701 FNL 1987 FEL of lse; 660 FEL 1980 FSL of survey; 6 miles SE of Knott; obj: 10900; permit #712098; API #227-36626

Martin County

Meritage Energy Co., LLC
Shortes #4524
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-35, Blk 34, T3N, Sec 45; 668 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 4.8 miles NE of Knott; obj: 10700; permit #709542; API #317-36609

OXY USA Inc.
Mabee 139 #1215
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe (Atoka)-D; G & MMB & A; A-421, Blk 39, T1N, Sec 12; 648 FSL 18934 FWL of lse; 648 FSL 2048 FEL of survey; 13.8 miles NW of Midland; obj: 12500; permit #712133; API #317-36737

Midland County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Perro Rojo "18" #9
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Bradford Ranch (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Perry, W H; A-968, Blk 39, T3S, Sec 18; 660 FEL 1980 FSL of lse; 660 FEL 1980 FSL of survey; 12.7 miles SE of Midland; obj: 12000; permit #712209; API #329-37138

RSP Permian, LLC
Midkiff #1808
Spraberry (Trend Area) & STA (Atoka)-D; T & P RR Co./Aycock, B M; A-1390, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 18; 1980 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 11.2 miles SE of Midland; obj: 12000; permit #712241; API #329-37140

RSP Permian, LLC
Midkiff #1806
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Mitchell County

Cedar Bend Oil Co.
Train, J.L. "A" #12
Sharon Ridge (1700)-D; H & TC RR Co./Strain, J L; A-1816, Blk 97, Sec 64; 990 FWL 330 FSL of lse; 1650 FEL 330 FSL of survey; 8 miles NW of Colorado City; obj: 1850; permit #712300; API #335-35528

Pecos County

Whiting Oil & Gas Corp.
Trees L3 #5751
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; H & GN RR Co.; A-222, Blk 8, Sec 57; 2128 FSL 469 FEL of lse; 2128 FSL 469 FEL of survey; 3.8 miles E of Coyanosa; obj: 10600; permit #711974; API #371-38799

Reeves County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Roddy "147" #1
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; H & GN RR Co.; A-284, Blk 13, Sec 147; 467 FEL 467 FSL of lse; 517 FEL 2173 FNL of survey; 13 miles S of Pecos; obj: 12000; permit #712212; API #389-32785

Patriot Res., Inc.
Eland State "14" #1
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Mury, L S; A-2352, Blk 50, T7S, Sec 14; 560 FNL 2080 FWL of lse; 560 FNL 2080 FWL of survey; 15.5 miles NW of Pecos; obj: 13000; permit #712365; API #389-32789

Sterling County

Steller Energy & Investment Corp.
JRS #3
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; W & NW RR Co./Clifton, J; A-1171, Blk 29, Sec 204; 660 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 18 miles NW of Sterling City; obj: 8500; permit #712385; API #431-33310

Ward County

Chesapeake Oper., Inc.
Gillham #1
Quito, West (Cherry Canyon)&(Delaware)-Recompletion; W & NW RR Co.; A-324, Blk 13, Sec 5; 1320 FEL 1320 FNL of lse; 1320 FEL 1320 FNL of survey; 17 miles NW of Pyote; obj: 8000; permit #712179; API #475-35374

Double Eagle Oper., LLC
Emery #16
Ward, South-D; H & TC RR Co./Royalty, J B; A-1387, Blk 5, Sec 26; 330 FNEL 1028 FNWL of lse; 1982 FNEL 1028 FNWL of survey; 1.9 miles NW of Grandfalls; obj: 3500; permit #712466; API #475-35738

Whiting Oil & Gas Corp.
Hutchings Stock Assn. #1664
Ward-Estes, North-D; G & MMB & A; A-97, Blk A, Sec 97; 1522 FNL 3698 FEL of lse; 1522 FNL 1601 FWL of survey; 5 miles NW of Monahans; obj: 5000; permit #712705; API #475-35741

Winkler County

Cimarex Energy Co.
East Keystone Unit #839H
Keystone (San Andres)-D; PSL/Barrow, E R; A-1239, Blk B2, Sec 8; 3633 FNL 3357 FWL of lse; 1650 FSL 1950 FEL of survey; 8 miles NE of Kermit; obj: 4800; permit #712613; API #495-33371

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Crosby County

Juno Oper Co., LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #6145
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR Co.; A-345, Blk N/A, Sec 1071; 2640 FNL 3304 FEL of lse; 2640 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 10.3 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #711978; API #107-31275

Dawson County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Foster "41" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Jaco (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-157, Blk 36, T4N, Sec 41; 467 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 2173 FEL of survey; 28.5 miles NW of Stanton; obj: 11200; permit #712201; API #115-33379

Eastland Oil Co., The
O'Brien-20 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Kent CSL LAB 20 LGE 265; A-405, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 660 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 8.4 miles W of Patricia; obj: 11000; permit #712380; API #115-33380

MEETING

PBGS to host two presentations

The Permian Basin Geophysical Society will hold two presentations this week, sponsored by the national organization Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

A presentation Monday will be at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Andrey Bakulin with Saudi Aramco, the SEG 2011 Spring Distinguished Lecturer, will present "Virtual Source Method for Imaging and Monitoring Below Complex Overburden," with his insights on the physical concepts of this innovative seismic acquisition, important processing steps and the variety of potential applications.

Cost is $15 with a catered lunch; reservations should be made by e-mail at pbgs@pinnacleseismic.com.

Wednesday, April 20, also at Midland Center, the society will host the 2011 SEG Distinguished Instructor Short Course (DISC).

Julien Meunier with CGG-Veritas will present "Seismic Data Acquisition from Yesterday to Tomorrow" with attention on recent technological advancements and the critical relationship between seismic acquisition parameters and resulting image quality.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. with the presentation beginning at 8:15 a.m. There will be a continental breakfast, catered lunch and refreshments during the presentation. The event will conclude with a post-course social hour.

Cost is $50 for both PBGS and SEG members, $75 for SEG members, $140 for PBGS members and $165 for non-members. There is no charge for student SEG members. Registration is available by e-mailing mgeorge@slb.com.



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suspects fracking may have contributed to water well contamination in Denton County — where Flower Mound and another drilling town, Dish, are located— and other Barnett Shale drilling areas.

The issues in Flower Mound simmered for months, then boiled over at a January 2010 city council hearing on a proposed plant to treat toxic fracking wastewater. About 600 people showed up, many against the plant, but the council set the plan in motion anyway.

That galvanized anti-drilling forces. After a bitter campaign, the town's pro-drilling mayor, Jody Smith, was ousted and an anti-drilling slate swept into office.

Less than 15 miles away is the rural town of Dish, population about 200, where Mayor Calvin Tillman raised a national ruckus about gas drilling. The Dish area now has about 60 drilling wells, gas production pads and rigs, 12 pipelines, a treating facility and a compressor station.

Cancer-causing benzene, sometimes in levels considered dangerous to human health, were reported last year by Texas environmental regulators who took air tests in the Dish area. Residents believe at least one domestic water well was contaminated and that gas operations killed horses on a ranch not far from the compressor — a claim the gas companies dispute.

Tillman, whose home is about a quarter-mile from the compressor, was afraid for his two sons' health. Bad drilling odors coincided with nightly spikes in air emissions from the compression station, Tillman said on his blog, and were so bad that both of his youngsters were often awakened in the middle of the night with severe nosebleeds.

By February, Tillman decided to leave the community in which he had invested time, money and his heart. It was tough, he said.

"But it would be a whole lot tougher if my kids came down with some strange illness in five years," he added.

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New York, sitting atop the vast Marcellus Shale, has enacted a drilling moratorium that holds the wealth at bay while new regulations are drawn up. New Yorkers — some wary, some perhaps jealous — watch as landowners in Pennsylvania, Texas and other states get rich while regulators struggle with explosions, spills and tainted water.

"People that don't own the land are saying, 'Let's slow down and learn from the mistakes of other places,'" said Matthew Ryan, mayor of Binghamton, N.Y., in shale country about 70 miles northwest of Damascus. "Those that own land are anxious to 'drill, baby, drill.'"

Binghamton hosted the EPA last September for the last of four national hearings to get public input on the environmental and public health impacts of fracking as the agency prepares for a national study on drinking water impacts.

EPA said 3,500 people crowded its hearings in Denver, Fort Worth, Texas, Canonsburg, Pa., and Binghamton. In New York, opponents carried signs saying "Kids can't drink gas," while supporters, including union workers eager for jobs, chanted "Pass gas now!"

"If you get a gathering of people together, there's tension and raised voices," said Ryan, who favors a more cautious approach that he believes would ensure strong enough regulations to protect public health and the environment.

In rural Pennsylvania, where nearly 3,000 gas wells have been drilled in the Marcellus Shale since 2005 and tens of thousands more are planned, the tension is leaving deep fissures in once tight-knit communities.

Schweighofer, a 54-year-old mother of five, founded the Northern Wayne Property Owners Alliance, more than 1,300 landowners who negotiated a master lease with New York City-based Hess Corp. to drill for natural gas in Pennsylvania's scenic northeastern tip.

She got several death threats from anti-drilling residents or activists — one woman declared she was "gonna shoot you with my thirty-aught-six" and a man advocated in an online post that "one well-placed bullet" be put in Schweighofer's head. Schweighofer began sleeping with a gun at her bedside.

"We're farmers," she said. "I'm not used to standing out and having folks holler at me, and saying evil things. I'm just not used to that."

One member of her group, 70-year-old Mike Uretsky, says some neighbors don't talk to him since he signed the lease. Yet, the retired New York University professor says he understands where the other side is coming from.

"Everybody's interested in safety, aesthetics, community, quality of life," he said. "The interpretations of those things, and where the boundaries are, differ from one person to another. The frustrating thing is people can't sit down and talk and say, 'Hey, how do we work together?'"

The northeastern Pennsylvania village of Dimock, population 1,400, is another prime example of the split over drilling.

State regulators blame Houston-based Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. for contaminating residential water wells with methane gas. Some Dimock residents were able to light their tap water on fire — just as Colorado homeowners did in a dramatic scene in the Academy Award-nominated HBO documentary "Gasland," about the effects of fracking.

Some homeowners with fouled water have become high-profile anti-drilling activists, suing Cabot and taking their case to media outlets worldwide.

Two years of negative publicity brought them a backlash.

When Pennsylvania regulators ordered Cabot to spend $12 million to provide municipal water to the 19 affected homes, pro-drilling residents and businesses banded together as "Enough Already" and circulated a petition that 1,600 water line opponents signed. State regulators relented and settled with Cabot for $4.1 million, enough to pay the homeowners twice the value of their ruined homes.

The homeowners feel sandbagged by the community.

"You want to feel like a really lonely, lonely person?" asked Scott Ely, one whose water well was ruined. "Move to Carter Road," the gravel lane in the rural, forested area where most of the contamination was found. He said people he's known his whole life have turned against him.

"They think we are money-hungry ... we're chasing the almighty buck," he said of the settlement money. He and the other homeowners had not asked for money and were content with the earlier plans to have clean water piped to them after nearly two years of bathing, washing, cooking and cleaning with trucked-in supplies. "We didn't want this."

Dimock attorney Bill Aileo, who helped lead the petition drive, believes the benefits of drilling have been lost amid an isolated case of contamination.

"I don't think anybody's abandoned them. I think they've become somewhat detached from reality," he said.

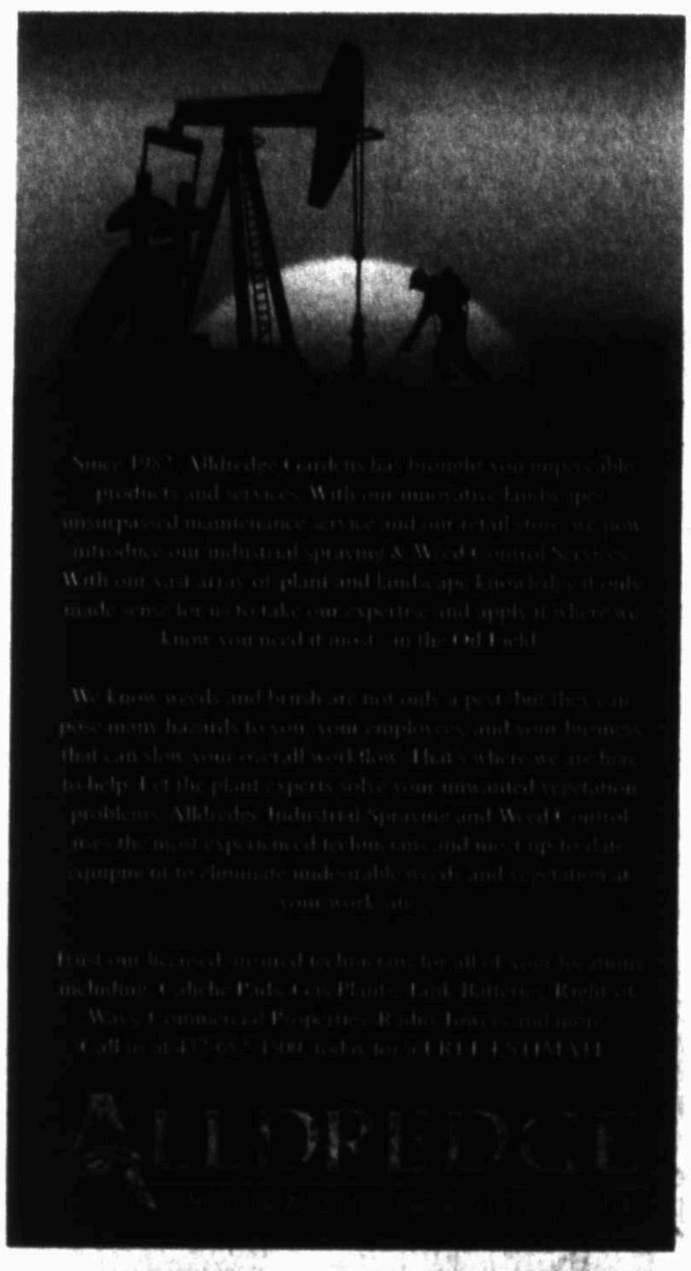
About 60 miles away, across the New York state line, business at Grady Avant's Narrowsburg coffee shop plummeted after a false rumor circulated that he and his partner had signed a gas company lease. He opposes drilling.

His regulars — largely opposed to drilling — stopped coming. People shot him dirty looks and some called to complain.

"It took weeks for us to undo most of it," he said, but eventually, business returned to normal.

Since then, Avant, 39, has helped start FrackAlert, a group that seeks to shift the debate to the larger political arena "to ease local tensions," he said.

"People have to treat each other better," he said, "or otherwise there will be no community when everything is done."

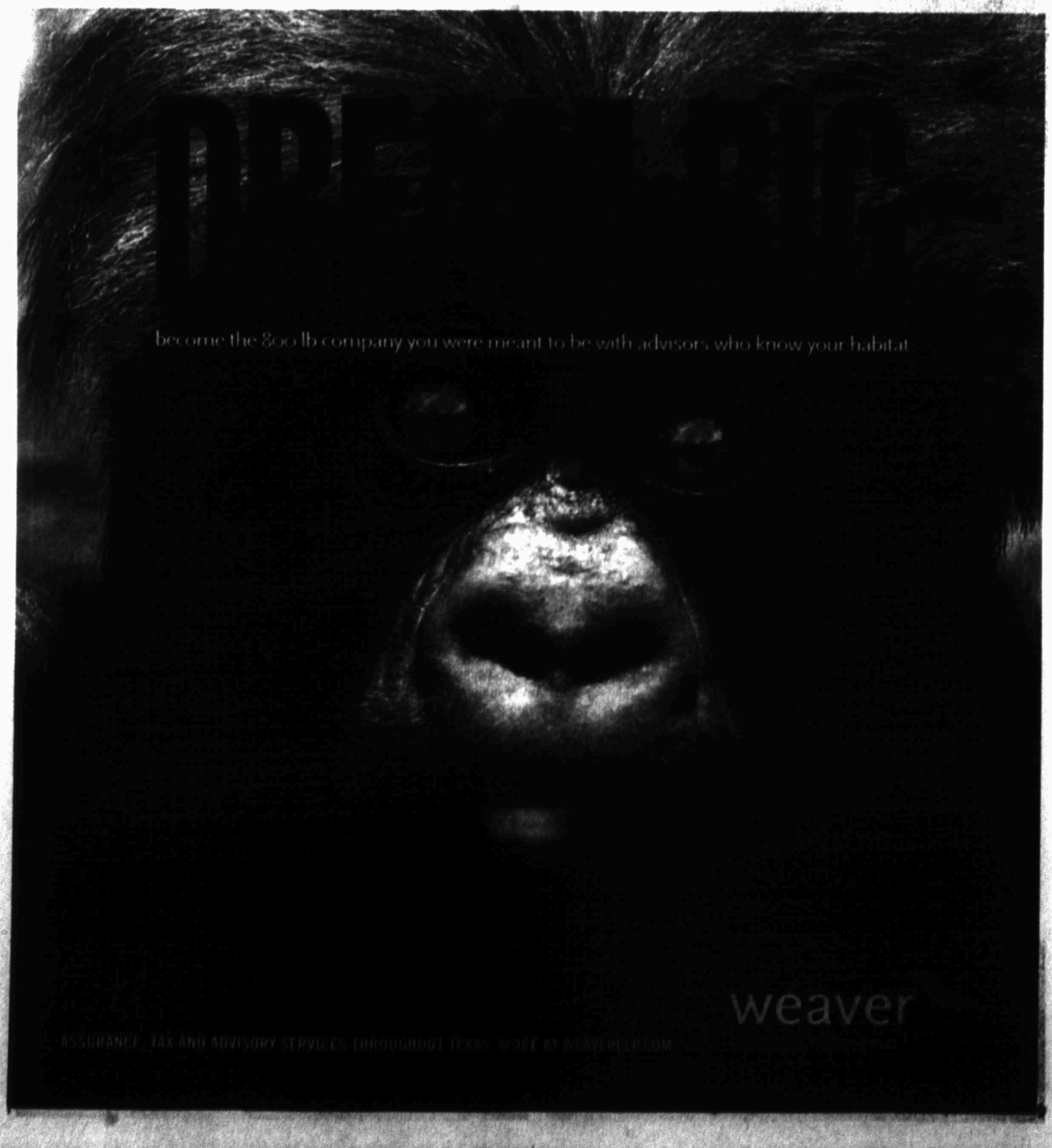


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Extra Virgin PETRUS OIL



Venezuelan artist displays work at Petroleum Museum

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Vivid and life-size, the paintings, which hang in panels, invite the viewer to move closer.

"When you walk in, you are drawn to the paintings because of the intense colors," said Kathy Shannon, executive director of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. "And as you get closer, you see the three dimensional effect. It's really neat. You are drawn to them to investigate them further."

In her series of paintings now hanging at the Petroleum Museum, "Extra Virgin Petrus Oil," Mery Godigna Collet explores the origins of materials with the combination of natural fibers and petroleum-based paints.

The paintings are abstract, said Shannon. "There's not a tree or landscape in them."

Born in Venezuela, Collet spent her childhood and part of her adolescence in post-war Europe. She began her artistic assemblages during her adolescence, attended the Real Escuela de Artes de San Fernando in Madrid, Spain and later received a degree in architecture from the Universidad Central de Venezuela.

She traveled to Egypt and learned the ancient techniques of papyrus elaboration. This inspired her artistic exploration of vegetal fibers.

The collections of the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo del Zulia (MACZUL), in Venezuela, the Galleria D'Arte Moderno Aroldo Bonzagni in Cento, Italy and the Museum of the Latin American Art in Miami, Fla., include her work.

She has exhibited her art at the Sala de Arte de la Siderurgica del Orinoco, the Museo del Discurso de Angostura, the Fundación Centro de Estudios Latino Americanos Rómulo Gallegos (CELARG), the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas, Venezuela, the Museo Monumento Histórico "La Rocca" in Cento, Italy, the Museo Pallazo Estense — Italian headquarters of the Museum Hermitage San Petersburg, the Centre D'Art de Puyguerin-Vayolles, Monts sur Guesnes, in France and the Museum of the Americas in Miami, Fla.

Collet brought samples of her work to the Petroleum Museum and showed them to Shannon.

"She actually showed up at the Museum of the Southwest," Shannon said. "They sent her over here because they thought we were a better fit. I was very pleased when I saw the catalog of her work, but then when she pulled out the real samples, they were actually stunning. I'm not usually a huge contemporary art person, but it was all about petroleum and so I said, OK. And it's amazing."

The artist is known for creating works that deal with ecological issues.

"In my trajectory as an artist there has always been an ecological concern that has driven me to study the origins of materials and the origins of the aspects of the collective subconscious," Collet has said. "Petroleum comes from a fundamental origin and is a basic tenet in our subconscious understanding of energy and industrial development."

ALL THE DETAILS

THE EXHIBITION "EXTRA VIRGIN PETRUS OIL" BY VENEZUELAN ARTIST MERY GODIGNA COLLET

When: Now through July.

Where: The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West

Museum hours: Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

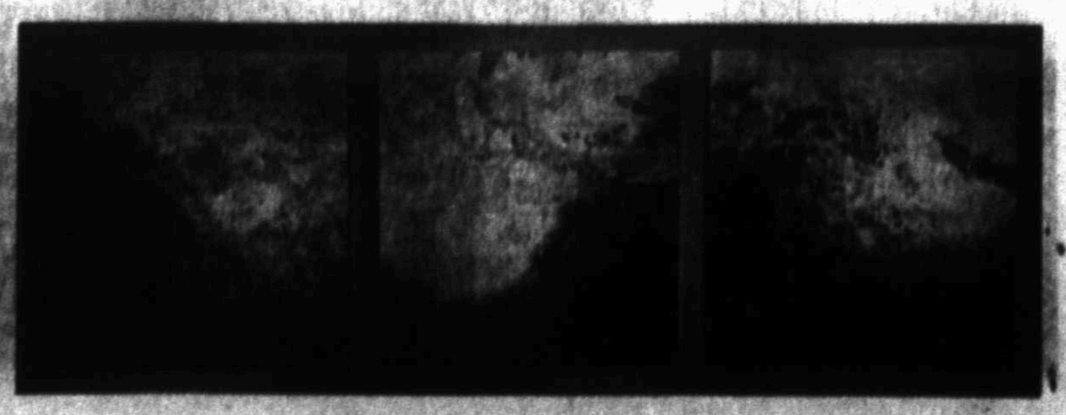
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SUNDAY

Arts Assembly of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 432-687-1149. EXHIBIT: Art in the Park, four selected sculptures: "Rolling Keel" by Kurt Dyrhaug of Beaumont, "Higher Reaching" by John Frost of Irving, "Mata Hambre" by Tommy Gregory of San Antonio, and "Untitled" by Kyle Olson of Seguin. Windlands Park, 1001 West Dengar, during park hours. Free.

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Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 432-682-2931. Open by appointment.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: American Legacy: Our National Parks. On location with the Plein-Air Painters of America, through April 24. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri, 432-683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. No cost.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: EXHIBIT: Featuring artist, Mery Godigan Collet. See her series of work, "Extra Virgin Petrus Oil" as she explores the origins of materials with the combination of natural fibers and petroleum-based paints, through September. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 432-683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 432-685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 432-684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: EXHIBIT: "The Blue Yonder" in collaborations with regional air museums, this show highlights the aesthetics of flight through various artifacts and the work of artists inspired by them, through April 17. 4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m-9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "Afternoon Arts Enrichment" where students learn art principles, styles, and techniques while using various types of art media every Monday afternoon 3:30-5 p.m. for youth first through 12th grades, at Casa de Amigos, 1101 East Garden Lane. For more information call Paul or Tracie at 432-682-9701.

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana, 432-682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Diane K. Browne, artist for the month of April, Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: MEETING: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Chuck at 432-694-7153.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 432-688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's 3-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 432-682-2931 or 432-688-8647. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of a Donna Burrows, artist for the month of April, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 432-683-2882.

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Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Myth and Magic: The Artwork of Gerald McDermot, through May 13. Permanent exhibits include "My Town", "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound". Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 432-683-2882. Admission charged to non-members.

WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Church: CONCERT: Lenten Lunch Concert Series presents Trinity School Jazz Band, Michael Santorelli, Director. Childcare provided for Kindergarten age and under. 12-12:30 p.m. at 800 West Texas. For more information call 432-684-7821. Free.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

West Texas Writers: CONTEST: Short Story Contest. Must be postmarked by April 28. No specific theme required, adults only, no erotica, Original Work unpublished, 1,000-2,500 words. For more details call Debbie at 432-634-0139.

THURSDAY

Midland County Library: CLASS: Comic Illustration Class: For anyone who has picked up a pencil and wanted to learn to draw comics. For ages 14 and up. 6:30 p.m. Midland County Public Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 432-688-4334.

Midland/Odessa Symphony: CONCERT: Sack Lunch Concert, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 6 Desta Drive, Clay-Desta Atrium. For more information call 688-3000. Free to the public.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: LUNCH & LECTURE: Jim Collett "Behind the Mask". Come see Jim's collection of masks from Mexico, Africa, Easter Island, Bali and Alaska to name a few. Some are funny, some are scary, some are new, and some are over a hundred years old. Join us as we travel through the world of many "faces" to learn about the different roles of masks in our lives. Dessert and Drink Provided. Bring your own Brown Bag Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

FRIDAY

The Globe: PRODUCTION: "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare. 8 p.m. 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. For more information call 432-332-1586 or 432-580-3177. Admission charged.

SATURDAY

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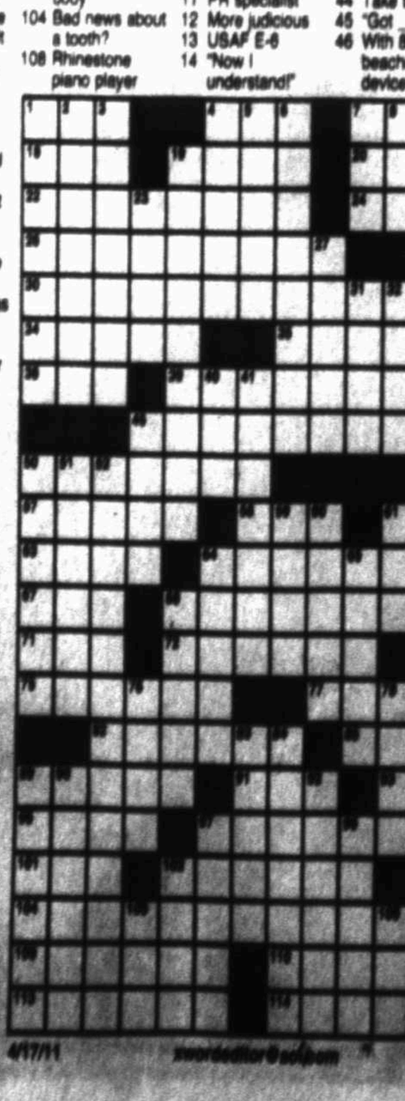
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"AUDIOVISUAL AIDS" By DAN NADDOR

ACROSS
1 "This fine mess you've gotten us into, Ollie"
4 Clean the deck
7 Military team
12 Office teams
18 Three-time all-star closer Robb
19 Mandlikova of tennis
20 Blocker in a TV
21 Note in a B major scale
22 Hunter attachment?
24 Salon tool for recalcitrant customers?
26 Tony winner for her Daisy Mae portrayal in "Li'l Abner" (1956)
28 Baroque dance
29 Suffix with matt
30 Not the best purple flower?
33 "Arioservices" composer Bielfeldt
34 Bielfeldt hypothesis trial
35 Word before old, and after it
36 Web address letters
37 Illinois city, site of the last Lincoln-Douglas debate
38 M.D.
39 Birch leaf eater
43 Algiers citadel
45 Where the experts hang out?
47 Combs hero
50 Like fifth and sixth
53 "Mad About You" co-star
56 Gotta Commshaw
57 Answer skillfully
58 Sault __ Marie
61 Boss's address?
62 Giveaway link
63 Flash
64 Colorado governor's rodent problem?
65 Chester's dance
67 Ike's arena: Abbr.
68 Was allowed to pay later
69 D-Day grp.
70 Military chaplain
71 Divested
72 Beer made in Zoppenwade

73 Super Bowl party centerpiece, briefly
75 Short fall?
77 Culinary product of a French-Italian region?
82 Semicircular antenna housing
85 See 46-Down
86 "I'm impressed!" e.g.
89 Natasha's partner in crime
91 "Rhoda" production co.
98 Highly caloric
94 Former "Today" medical expert Art
96 Abba of Israel
97 Group that runs commercials?
101 Ohio, e.g.: Abbr.
102 Enjoys doing rpo.
103 Russian Orthodox ruling body
104 Bad news about a tooth?
108 Rhinestone piano player
109 Sent to the gallows
110 String quartet member
111 Get an __ effort
112 What's expected
113 Wool variety
114 Dispatched, as a dragon
115 "L.A. Law" actress
116 The orig. 13, e.g.

DOWN
1 Eats
2 Naval assignment
3 Côte d'Azur resort
4 __ Gras
5 Wee hr
6 Pasta topper
7 Walgreens rival
8 Columbus Day rpo.
9 Run, for one?
10 Pier support
11 PR specialist
12 More judicious
13 USAF E-6
14 "Now I understand!"
15 Peter Hitchcock's Bodega Bay classic to his other films?
16 City in California's Central Valley
17 Ill humor
19 California's Central Valley, e.g.
23 Marching words
25 New in Nicaragua
27 Poetry competitions
31 Love, to Virgil
32 Turn down
33 Old orchard spray
37 Keep from ending normally
40 Sch. founded by Jefferson
41 Wrestling holds
42 Trigger, for one
44 Take the liller
45 "Got __?"
46 With 86-Across, beachcomber's device
48 Hang it up, so to speak
49 Even if challenged
50 Be __ asset
51 Mob member
52 Cryptologist's rant?
54 Journalist Kupcinet and sportscaster Cross
55 "I told you, didn't I?"
59 Precisely
60 Some Deco collectibles
61 Fall back
64 __ santo: Spanish graveyard
65 Light lunch
66 Spelunker's spot
68 Police operations
70 Recently discontinued retro Chrysler
74 Pair
76 Number one son?
78 __ Beach, Florida
79 Neur- ending
80 "Ick factor 10!"
81 Taught
83 MCCLII doubled
84 Ones with a common heritage
86 Wings eaters' needs
87 Sandlot game
88 Garden tools
89 Krupp with a how'dar' named for her
90 Luke's mentor
92 Magic 8 Ball maker
95 Interstellar diet
97 Carne __, Mexican dish
98 "Pressto!" cousin
99 MGM Resorts casino loyalty program
100 "Lad, "
102 "Congratulations" writer, maybe
105 "Stop-__" UGK hit
106 Yalie
107 Michael, to Kirk



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

That Extra Chance

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♡ 7 5 4 2
♢ 8 6 5 3
♣ Q 6 4

WEST
♠ Q J 5 2
♡ J 10 9
♢ K 10 7
♣ 9 5 2

EAST
♠ 9
♡ Q 8 6 3
♢ Q 9 4 2
♣ A 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ K 10 8 6 4 3
♡ A K
♢ A J
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

It might seem that the extra chance available to declarer on this deal is so remote it is not worth trying. However, one possibility was to simply raise to three no-trump.

A spade contract might be better, so South elected to jump shift into his three-card club fragment. When that elicited a spade preference from North South chose the spade game.

West led the jack of hearts, and declarer was delighted with the contract. With just one loser in each suit except trumps, any 3-2 spade break would guarantee the contract. It might seem that a 4-1 break would doom the contract, but that is not necessarily the case. Should East hold a singleton nine of trumps, declarer can still scrape home.

Declarer won the opening lead in hand and tabled the 10 of spades. As the cards lie, the contract can no longer be defeated. If West covers, dummy's ace wins and the spots are such that declarer cannot lose more than one spade, to the other missing honor.

If West follows low, declarer ducks in dummy and again holds his trump losers to one. That is not as remote as it appears. Since there are five combinations that feature a singleton in the East hand, there is a 20 percent chance that it will be the nine. If East has any other singleton, declarer must lose two trump tricks, and leading the 10 does not cost if West holds the singleton queen, jack or nine. South simply rises with the ace and runs the seven of trumps at trick three.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 17, 2011:
This year, you have the ability to relate to many people. The issue becomes your boundaries. You might wonder how much is too much. When do you say no? You will find the correct balance because of the intensity with which you eye this issue. LIBRA is a people person and easygoing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Investigate what is going on by being open to a loved one's ideas. Yes, they are different! Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might need a more mellow Sunday than usual. If you had no obligations, what would your next 24 hours look like? Tonight: Design the night for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your upbeat nature adds change and dynamic energy to the mix. A loved one is happy to be part of your plans. Tonight: A smile goes a long way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Someone you respect could be pushing hard; this person wants you to join him or her. Tonight: Remember yourself, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might be juggling people, ideas and plans. Consider the possibility of canceling something. You could go from frenzied to happily relating. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Getting certain errands accomplished and feeling good about yourself both can happen, if you plan. Tonight: Remember, you do have self-discipline.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You know how to juggle many different concerns and not allow someone to find less than good. Many people want to be around you because of this innate skill. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might feel the need to explain where you are coming from. You have a strong desire to pursue a path that to many people seems antisocial. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Zero in on a friendship and include this person in your plans. He or she might be quite touched by your thoughtfulness. Tonight: Fun times are here.

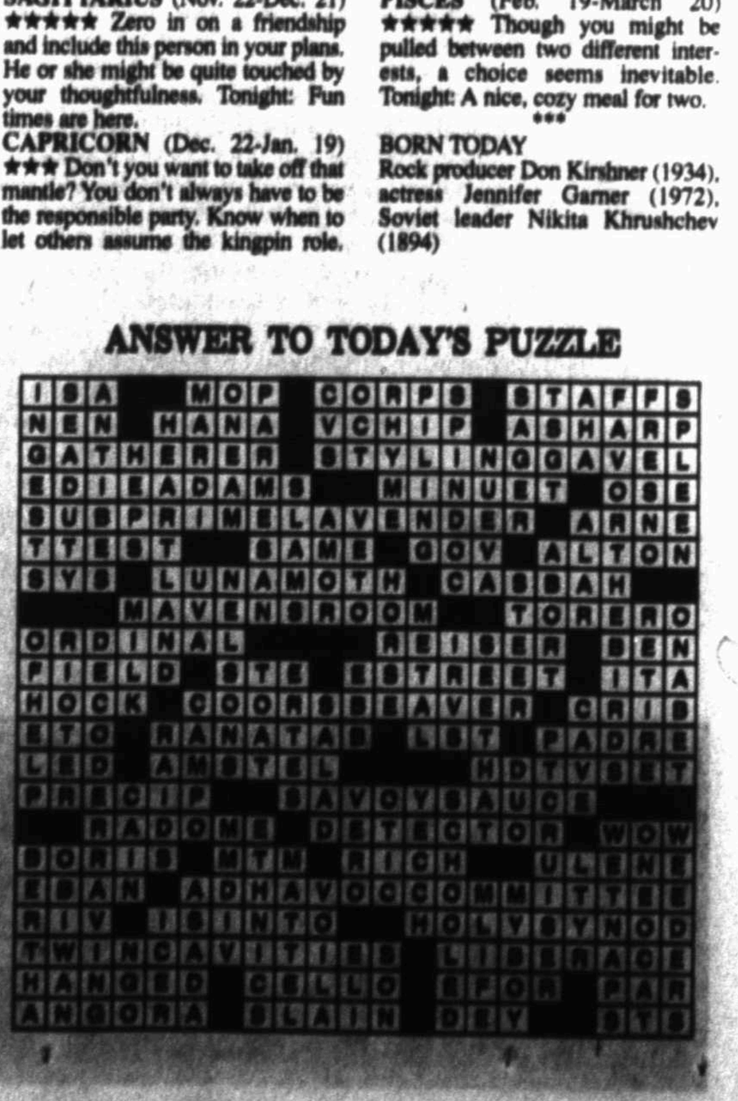
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Don't you want to take off that mantle? You don't always have to be the responsible party. Know when to let others assume the kingpin role. Tonight: You can't stay off center stage, can you?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ If your thoughts stray to someone at a distance, why not pick up the phone and at least chat? Tonight: Daydream all you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Though you might be pulled between two different interests, a choice seems inevitable. Tonight: A nice, cozy meal for two. ★★★

BORN TODAY
Rock producer Don Kirshner (1934), actress Jennifer Garner (1972), Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev (1894)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin April 17-23

TODAY

Holy Week music

The musicians of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and the Permian Basin String Quartet will perform music for Holy Week at 4 p.m. today at the church, 3011 W. Kansas Ave.

Selections portraying Jesus's entry into Jerusalem through the betrayal and the resurrection will be sung and played by St. Luke's Chancel Choir, Chapel Choir, Chapel Bells and organist Steve Spain. The choirs and soloists will be joined by the Permian Basin String Quartet on selections by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Mozart, Faure and Josef Rheinberger.

Listeners will be invited to join the choirs and quartet on the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

Childcare will be provided.

The concert is free. Contributions will be accepted for memorial funds. For more information, call 694-2571.

University concert

UTPB's full orchestra, the University Philharmonic Orchestra, will perform its Spring "Scholarship" Concert at 4 p.m. today at the Robert E. Lee High School auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public.

Conductor Thomas Hohstadt remembers that stage fondly, as he conducted 15 years of subscription series concerts with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale there. After a 22-year absence from that venue, he will return to conduct the second performance of the University Philharmonic Orchestra of 75 players.

Paying tribute to Lee musicians, four music scholarships will be presented — two to orchestra students and two to members of the band. In addition, the high school orchestra will play with the University Symphony Orchestra on four selections, and Beau Garza, director of the Lee High School Orchestra, will conduct two of those.

UTPB musicians have been performing in smaller venues until now, but the combination of these two orchestras, 150 strong, requires a large stage. Beginning next fall, the University Philharmonic will perform in the soon-to-be-completed Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

Today's program will include symphonic arrangements by Shostakovich, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Bach. For more information about the free performance, call 432-552-3286.

Exhibition

The Commemorative Air Force provided the inspiration behind the exhibit "The Blue Yonder" at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. The exhibit closes today.

In addition to pieces from the CAF's Airpower Museum, items from the Silent Wings Museum in Lubbock and works from some 20 local, regional and Dallas area artists are included in the show.

Gallery hours are 2 to 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Theater

Charlotte Perkins Gilman's "The Yellow Wallpaper" will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday at Midland College, Allison Fine Arts Building, Wagner & Brown Auditorium.

Admission is free. The performance is directed and adapted by Warren Kliewer and performed by Michele LaRue.

TUESDAY

Planetarium

Now showing at the Blakemore Planetarium is the sky show "Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity."

The public shows are Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m., Friday evenings at 7:15 and 8:30 p.m., Saturday afternoons at 1:15 and 3:45 p.m. The planetarium is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. through 5 p.m.

Star parties are planned for 7:30 p.m. Friday and May 7. The latter is also Astronomy Day, and events will be going on all day in celebration at the planetarium.

WEDNESDAY

Printmaking

ODESSA — Dennis McNett of New York City's Howling Print Co. and Matthew Hopson Walker of Seven Stones Press in California will be demonstrating printmaking Wednesday and Thursday at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Visual Arts Studios.

While here, they will also critique students' work. McNett will meet with students, discuss his style of relief printmaking and give a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 202 of the Visual Arts Studios.

Walker will hold a T-shirt printing event both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Visual Arts Studios and give a lecture on screen printing in the studio at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call Mario Kiran, 552-2291, or contact him by e-mail at kiran_m@utpb.edu.

Concerts

The final Lenten Lunch Concert featuring local school performers is set for First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Wednesday from noon-12:30 p.m.

Trinity School Jazz Band, directed by Michael Santoreli, will perform for the final concert.

Childcare is available during each concert for kindergarten age and under. For more information, go to www.fpcmid.org or call the church at 684-7821. Gregory Pysh is the minister of music and Rebecca Sawyer is the music associate.

Lunch will be available for $6 before and after the free concert.

Story event

Want to learn what it takes to soar on the flying trapeze or just what goes into those cream pies that the clowns throw? Or maybe learn some fun facts about one of the more than 100 cities the milelong circus train visits or how to teach your old dog a new trick? Then join David and Cherie Gregg, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Ambassadors of Laughter, for some fun Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

They are not class clowns, but will add amusement to a 30-minute circus story time, designed to encourage children to read.

The library event is free and open to the public. For more information on the additional cities and libraries David and Cherie Gregg and the other Ambassadors of Laughter plan to visit, go to www.ReadingwithRingling.com.

UPCOMING IN MIDLAND AND ODESSA

Comedy

ODESSA — Larry the Cable Guy will perform live at Ector County Coliseum April 29. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the coliseum and Fuddruckers in Midland and Odessa. Tickets are $50 for bowl seating and $60 for prime and floor seating.

For more information, contact the Odessa Jackalopes office, 552-7825.

Concert

Willie Nelson and Family will perform at the Horseshoe May 1. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets range in price from $35 to $65 plus fees. They may be purchased at Vision Audio, Endless Horizons, the Horseshoe Box Office or online at www.midland-horseshoe.com

Mariachi concert

ODESSA — Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán will perform at 8 p.m. May 20 at the Ector County Coliseum.

Mariachi Vargas has been in existence for 113 years and is known as "el mejor mariachi del mundo" (the greatest mariachi in the world). The concert is sponsored by the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Music Program.

Tickets are not available at UTPB, but may be purchased at Endless Horizons in Odessa or at Super Mercado in Midland. Tickets are also available online at www.Centralticketoffice.com ($4 fee per order) or by phone at 1-800-462-7979 ($4 fee per order). Ticket prices range from $27.50 to $82.50, and four fans could win tickets from Mariachi Vargas' Facebook pages or through Twitter. More information is available at www.utpb.edu/mariachivargas.

Circus

ODESSA — Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey presents Zing Zang Zoom, Gold Edition, where just feet away from their seats audiences will enjoy high-flying excitement and pulse-pounding acts combined with performers of courage and skill May 26-29 at the Ector County Coliseum.

Performances are planned for May 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m., May 28 at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. and May 29 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are VIP Floor - $30; $20, $15 and $10. All seats are reserved and tickets are available at The Ector County Coliseum Box Office, Super Mercado in Midland, or Endless Horizons in Odessa, online at info@centralticketoffice.com or via phone at 800-462-7979.

Opening night all seats except VIP are $10. Children's tickets are $10 for any performance.

MIDLANDER IN THE NEWS

Artist recognized

Midland artist Charlotte Seay has been included in the upcoming Remington Registry that is to be registered with the Library of Congress.

Most recently Seay received second place in watercolor at the Watercolor Horizons Show at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, and her work was included in the juried exhibit of female Texas artists at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery in "Fem Fantastico."

Remington Registry provides biographies of notable business leaders and successful professionals located within the United States.

A DVD set celebrates the TV genius of Ernie Kovacs

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you have ever laughed at, say, David Letterman or "Monty Python's Flying Circus" or "Laugh-In" or "Saturday Night Live" or Steve Allen or Craig Ferguson, then you owe a debt to Ernie Kovacs. After more than 50 years, he remains the wellspring of TV as an instrument of humor and delighted innovation.

Sadly, much of Kovacs' work is gone. In the 1950s, most shows weren't preserved after airing. Prerecorded shows were routinely erased so the tape could be reused for the next thing.

But a new six-disk boxed set, "The Ernie Kovacs Collection," curates surviving treasures from Kovacs' prodigious TV output stretching from 1951 through his untimely death in 1962. (Distributed by Shout! Factory, it will be released April 19, listed at $54.99.)

These precious samples, recovered and restored, provide startling glimpses of the birth of television — even TV as we watch it today, rejiggered and recycled by Kovacs' disciples long after his passing. Kovacs marks where TV started, and he has never been eclipsed as a TV visionary.

A native of Trenton, N.J., he was an aspiring-actor-turned-radio-personality when, in 1950, he landed a job at a local Philadelphia TV station. There he hosted wacky fashion and cooking programs, as well as the first-ever TV wake-up show (an unwitting prototype of NBC's "Today," which would debut nationally in 1952).

No recordings exist of these earliest efforts, but they gave Kovacs his providential entry to a video wonderland where, to him, the creative possibilities must have seemed limitless.

"The Ernie Kovacs Collection" kicks off with a March 7, 1951, edition of "It's Time for Ernie," a live, local afternoon show.

Radiating buoyancy, amusement, his signature mustache and cigar, Kovacs is clearly in synch with his TV playground.

He is as adept at freeform foolishness as at master-minding a meticulously crafted gag. And he never shrinks from the offbeat or conceptual. In the midst of his riffing he throws open the studio doors to take a leisurely stroll down a long corridor into the distance, for a sip from a water fountain. Then he makes his way back into the studio and continues where he left off.

In another off-the-cuff moment, he begins dusting his props-cluttered set, then, moving offstage, turns his attention to a TV camera, whose lens he scrubs with his dust cloth.

"You're putting on weight," he chuckles at the viewer through the lens.

TV had hardly begun, and already Kovacs was giving viewers a peek behind TV's artifice, inviting the audience to join him on the inside.

Instinctively, Kovacs understood what none of his TV contemporaries had guessed, and what few in the business acknowledge today: TV isn't an extension of radio, cinema, vaudeville or theater. As a writer-producer-performer, Kovacs knew that TV begged to be something unique. His happy job was to figure out what.

To do it, Kovacs surrounded himself with an evolving troupe of fellow players (often including his wife, the singer-actress Edie Adams), and, as his budget allowed, musicians, dancers and fancier production. But some things never changed: From his first days on TV he claimed the ragtime-y "Oriental Blues" as his lifelong theme song.

The collection includes five half-hour prime-time specials Kovacs produced for ABC in 1961. (The last aired in January 1962, just 10 days after he died at age 42 in a car crash near his home in Beverly Hills, Calif.)

There are moments in these shows whose level of invention and avant-garde abandon not only holds up today, but may have never been excelled on TV since they were taped.

In one sketch, a fellow grows increasingly annoyed by a kids TV host, "Freddy the Friendly Fireman." Finally the viewer raises a pistol and fires. Pan to the TV: Freddy, shot dead, is draped out of the TV screen into the viewer's living room.

In one of Kovacs' music videos (an art form he apparently pioneered) a high-stakes poker game is set to the beginning of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Kovacs loved music, but also experimented with silent bits. He was sophisticated, but loved to show things unexpectedly crashing through the floor. He would stage extended pieces or quick visual puns. He loved when things went wrong.

His taste for the absurd was reflected in a bit that may remain his best-known: the Nairobi Trio. Three people costumed in gorilla suits, bowlers and long overcoats mechanically mime to a tune like wind-up toys, with one of them (played by Kovacs) repeatedly thwacked on the head with a timpani mallet by a fellow gorilla.

It was delightfully low-tech. But Kovacs was also ever on the lookout for ways to make TV, however primitive in those days, do extraordinary things. He came up with a simple device that allowed the picture to tilt or even spin, which served some of his comedy bits. He introduced an early form of the "green screen" effect, enabling a married man's "invisible girlfriend" to conveniently vanish from sight after taking off her clothes.

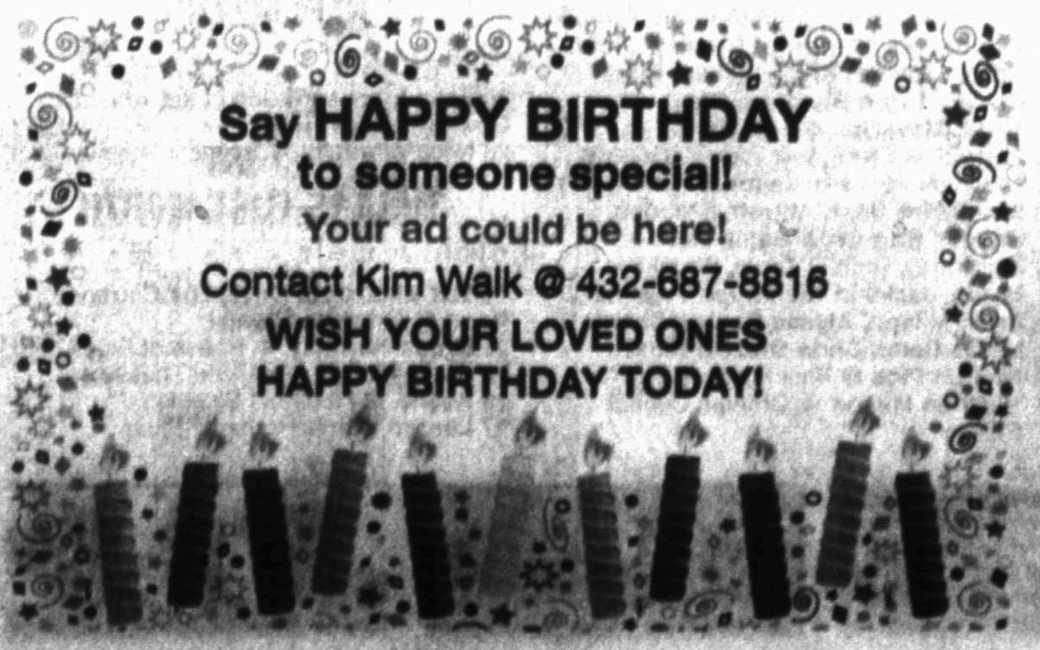
By today's standards, the TV equipment of the 1950s, and even early 1960s, was cumbersome and confining. But not for Kovacs, whose imagination made TV soar.

To watch him at any phase of his career is to see a man at play. For him, TV was too important to be serious about it.

As surveyed by this DVD collection, Kovacs' career spanned little more than a decade, with his many shows popping up on numerous networks at every hour until, a half-century ago, it was cut short, denying him the measure of stardom he deserved.











Josh Kelley gets personal on debut country album

By Caitlin R. King
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Josh Kelley is out with his first country album —10 years after he set out to make one.

The singer-songwriter, who will be appearing April 29 with Miranda Lambert in Lubbock, said "Georgia Clay," released last month, was worth the wait because what happened after Nashville first turned him down for a record deal prepared him to make the best record of his career.

Kelley, 31, is now married to actress Katherine Heigl, and they've started a family. Both themes play heavily throughout the album.

"It's about me getting married to Katie. It's about us moving three times. It's about us adopting a little baby girl from South Korea who is now 2 years old," he said in a recent interview. "We got her when she was 9 months old and how that completely changed both of our lives."

Kelley wrote or co-wrote all 11 tracks. Songs like "Baby Blue Eyes," "Don't You Go," "Two Cups of Coffee" and "Learning You" reflect his love for Heigl.

The couple married in Park City, Utah, on Dec. 23, 2007, and adopted Nancy Leigh, or Naleigh as they call her, in the fall of 2009. Kelley wrote the song "Naleigh Moon" about the moment where she accepted him as her dad.

"It was very touching and immediately turns you into a much more selfless person," he said. "To be an entertainer, you have to be pretty self-absorbed, to do it successfully. It just comes with the territory. It's what happens. I just remember when she came, I quit obsessing about everywhere I thought I should be. I just sort of let life happen, and once I let life happen, things started falling in place."

Kelley's younger brother Charles of Grammy-winning country group Lady Antebellum has seen him evolve as an artist through the years.

"His songwriting, it's a lot more honest, and I think he's a lot less selfish as a human being. I think we all are when we get married," said Charles in a phone interview. "It kind of calms you down, makes you kind of realize what's important in life. I think a lot of those songs reflect that."

The Augusta, Ga., native attempted to get a country record deal when he was a college student at the University of Mississippi, but when the Nashville labels passed him up, he signed with Hollywood Records and moved to Los Angeles.

"I was trying to be country from the very beginning, but everybody knows you've got to pay the bills," he said. "So I let those bluegrass songs become pop songs for as long as they could."

He's now thankful for those unanswered prayers.

Kelley went on to have two top 10 hits on Billboard's adult top 40 chart — 2003's "Amazing" and 2005's "Only You." He met Heigl on the set of his music video for "Only You" when she was cast as his love interest.

Kelley parted ways with Hollywood Records in 2005 and bought a house in Nashville. He set up a home studio and started his own label, DNK Records. That inspired Charles to move to Nashville with hometown friend Dave Haywood, where they soon met Hillary Scott and formed Lady Antebellum. The group benefited greatly from Kelley's busy touring schedule and visits to see Heigl in Los Angeles.

"We were able to just kind of have free reign of all these instruments and studio equipment and kind of develop our sound on our own," said Charles.

Kelley released four albums independently to moderate success. The experience of running a label made him a more helpful artist for the label he's on now, MCA Nashville.

"When you run your own label, you're your own manager, you're the treasurer, the CEO, you're the vice president. I don't know. I wore many, many different hats," he said. "But (now) I'm having the best time of my life only wearing one hat."

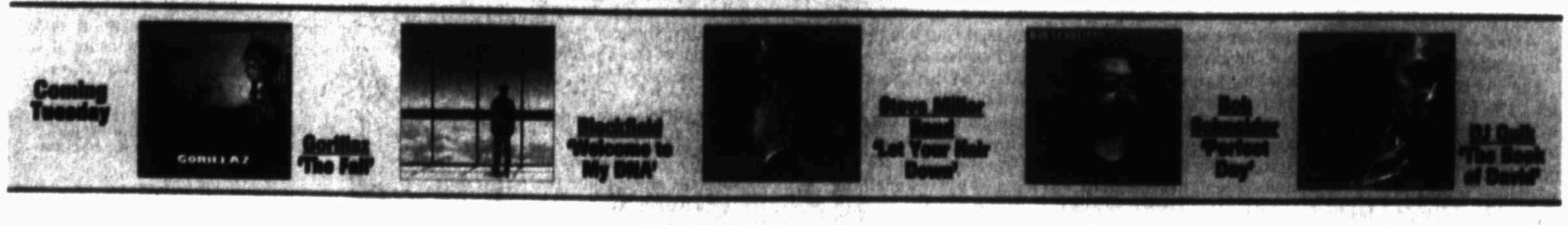
From watching his brother's career unfold, Charles Kelley said he had a realistic view of how hard it is to make it in the music business.

"He's had to hustle kind of his whole career, and I think it shows how resilient he is as an artist," said Charles. "He never gave up, and there were definitely times that I think I probably would've thrown in the towel and called it quits. Josh just isn't that kind of guy. He stuck with it."

The song "Gone Like That" gave Kelley his country music break and led to him signing with MCA in 2009. He wrote and recorded it, intending to pitch it to another artist, but his publisher told him no one else would do it justice. That set the ball rolling for "Georgia Clay."

He is now fully prepared to start from square one as a country artist. Kelley has been touring with Miranda Lambert and will be opening selected shows on the North American leg of Taylor Swift's Speak Now World Tour this summer.

"There was no ego involved in this at all. ... I love it. I love the road. I like showing people what I'm made of," he said. "There's a hunger for me to be playing in front of bigger crowds and to have bigger success."



LIVE WIRE

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April

10 GloveBox @ Corky's
10 3 Lit Pigz featuring Tina Baker @ Riley's
14 Johnny Cooper @ Rockin' Rodeo
15 Shane Rogers Band @ The Detour
15 Smoke 'n' Mirrors @ Zucchi's
15 Hybrid Child @ Buffalo Wild Wings (Odessa)
15 William Westney @ Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Midland College
15-16 Happy Fat @ Riley's
15-16 Driving Blind @ Your Place
16 High Lonesome Band @ Hog Pit
16 Brian Milson @ Escape Lounge
15-16 Derren Welch @ The Bar
16 3rd annual Breast Cancer Benefit with Buckshot Bradley, Chris Brazeal, Cory Yeager @ Dos Amigos
16 Legacy Five @ Bellview Baptist
21 Rio Grand @ Rockin' Rodeo
22 Midnight Express @ The Detour
22 Rosehill @ Hog Pit
22 Cory Morrow @ Graham Central Station
2 Dizzi LaMar & Desert Wind @ Outer Limits
22-23 The Shades @ The Bar
22-23 Road Kings @ Your Place
22-23 Thunderose @ Riley's
23 Unwritten Law, Authority Zero, ElectricTouch @ Dos AMigos
23 3 Lit Pigz @ Fast Freddy's
26 The Wonder Years, Make Do and Mend, Living With Lions, Run For Cover, Moving Forward @ Pine Box
27 Seether, My Darkest Days, The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus @ Dos Amigos
27 Mike McClure Band @ Graham Central Station
28 Scott Wiggins @ Rockin' Rodeo
29 Matt Stapp Band @ Hog Pit
29 Dizzi LaMar & Desert Wind @ The Detour
29 Brian Milson @ Graham Central Station
29 Hybrid Child @ Outer Limits
29 Blue Katz @ Riley's
30 Midnight River Choir @ Hog Pit
30 Chrome Molly @ Riley's
30 All That Remains, Nonpoint, Hail the Villian, Surrender the Fall @ Dos Amigos
29-30 Smoke 'n' Mirrors @ Your Place
30 Lorrie Morgan @ CAF

May

1 Willie Nelson @ Horseshoe
6 Accept, Sabaton @ Dos Amigos
6 No Dry County @ Your Place
6-7 Loudfinger @ Hot Shots
6-7 Hard Tymes @ Escape Lounge
6-7 GloveBox @ Flash's Cantina
7 Easton Corbin @ Dos Amigos
9 Hollywood Undead, 10 Years, Drive A, New Medicine @ Dos Amigos
10 Jim Witter — The Piano Men @ MHS
12 Crude Fest with Larry Joe Taylor, Chris Knight, Deryl Dodd, Richard Leigh, Rich O'Toole, Mark McKinney
13 Crude Fest with Casey Donahew, Reckless Kelly, Bleu Edmondson, Kyle Park, No Justice, Kyle Bennett, Turnpike Troubadors, Buckshot Bradley, Charla Corn, 6 Market Blvd., William Clark Green, Haden Burchard Band
13-14 GloveBox @ Hot Shots
13-14 Road Kings @ Your Place
14 Crude Fest with Jason Boland & the Stragglers, Josh Abbott, Brandon Rhyder, Bart Crow Band, Mark McKinney, Rich O'Toole, Whiskey Myers, Jackson Taylor, Zach Walther, Brian Milson, Alysse Bagley, Charlie Lucas Band, Chris Brazeal Band
14 3 Lit Pigz @ Fast Freddy's
16 Brian Milson @ Graham Central Station

LUBBOCK

April

26 Seether, The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, My Darkest Days @ The Pavilion at Lone Star Amphitheater
29 Miranda Lambert, Justin Moore, Josh Kelly @ Municipal Coliseum

May

15 ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd @ United Spirit Arena

NEW MEXICO

April

20 Julio Iglesias @ Inn of the Mountain Gods (Mescalero)
23 Nikki Yanofsky @ Spencer Theater (Alto)

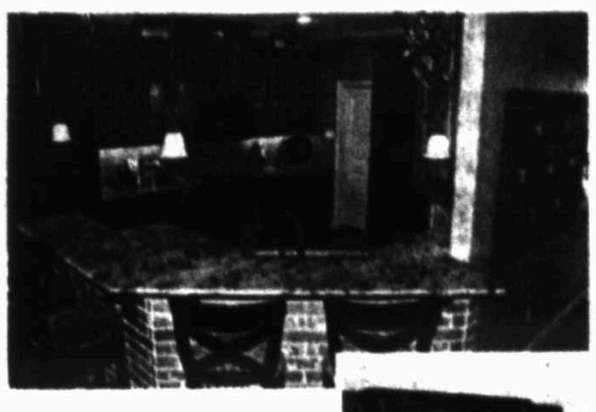
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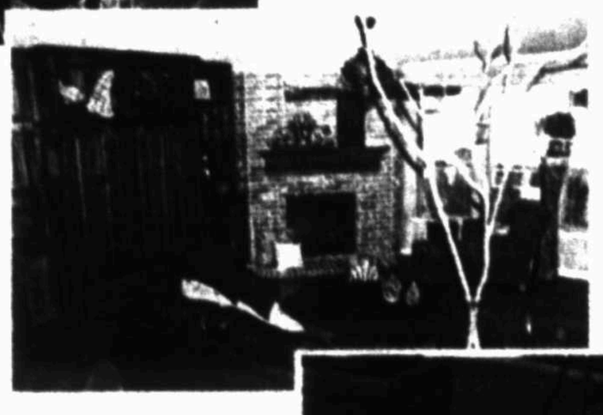
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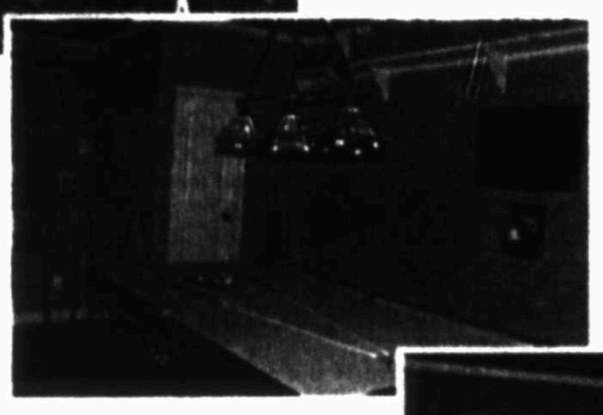
19 The Kills, Cold Cave, The Entrance Band @ Granada Theater
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Tranquil surroundings are yours when you drive out "A" Street about as far north as you can go. Here, you will find a relatively new subdivision-Woodland Park. On a street by the same name, you will find a two-story home that will offer you the quality and excellence you have been looking for! This is a Mark Payne Home, which speaks for itself, as he is a well-respected homebuilder that has been in the Midland area for 24 years. Known for superior workmanship and energy efficient amenities, this is a home you won't want to miss! 907 Woodland Park, offers 3,500 square feet of living space with four bedrooms, three and a half baths, a game room, theatre, two dining areas, an outdoor living area, and a three-car garage. It is in the Santa Rita, Goddard and Midland High School districts. Built in 2008, the exterior of the home consists of mocha brick with chocolate trim and shutters. Brick outlined flowerbeds surround the home and are full of beautiful shrubs. Trees in the front yard are budding and ready for spring! Iron gates on both sides of the house add distinction to the home. As you get out of your car, you will immediately notice the 12-acre park that is across the street, complete with a lake, dock and walking track. The park has been landscaped for nature lovers and this home has the advantage of having a perfect view of all of the beauty it offers!

As the front door opens, you may notice the Venetian finished walls that flow throughout the home or you may see the decorative scored concrete. Both of these artistic touches add warmth and style. The scoring on the floor will make you think there are rugs in various areas they outline! The entry is two stories tall and at the top is a beautiful bronze chandelier. On your right, pass through glass French doors and you will be in the formal dining area. This room could also be used as a study or library.

The den is straight ahead of the entry area and looks out to the back porch. One wall in the den is totally dedicated to a built-in unit that has been thoughtfully created to hold the large sized televisions of today. In the corner is a fireplace complete with gas logs and a mantle to hold favorite treasures. There is plenty of room here to sit and relax and enjoy the latest sports or catch up on the news.

To the right of the den is a warm and inviting kitchen. What more could you want in a kitchen? Granite countertops, bronze fixtures, dark wooden cabinets with undermount lighting, black appliances and a corner pantry make this an area you would have a hard time leaving! Tile backsplashes and decorative lighting accent the bar, which divides the den from the kitchen. Put your favorite barstools here so friends and family can visit with you while you cook! Additional seating is available in the dining area by the bar that offers more than enough room for a large table and chairs. This space looks out a window to a side porch, where you will also find a fenced-in dog run.

A short hallway from this area leads to the laundry room, which has granite countertops and a sink, as well as, space for hanging clothes. Need storage? There is a walk-in closet with shelves to keep things organized and out of sight. Cabinets in the laundry room will hold all of your cleaning supplies and more! There is also ample room for a freezer. The doorway to the three car garage is also down this hallway and has a painted floor, thus making it look clean and tidy. There is also a door leading to the porch from the garage.

You might consider this back porch another room of the house. Put an additional dining table under the covered portion for relaxing summer dinners with friends! Recessed lighting and speakers will bring your favorite music to the party, as they are part of the "whole house" audio/video system with Ipod integration. An eight-foot privacy fence adds to the coziness of the area. After your meal, move to the seating by the flagstone fireplace and enjoy the evening.

The master suite is on the other side of the den and also has a continuation of the scored concrete floors. One wall is constructed of "Old Chicago Brick" that adds warmth and style to the room. You will not find any "popcorn" ceilings in this home and most of them are subtly painted to accent the wall colors. The windows look to the front yard and a door opens to a porch on the front of the house that is enclosed by an iron fence. The porch is connected to a sidewalk that leads to the backyard, so children can play safely within the fenced areas. The master bathroom is made just for you after a hard day! Come home and enjoy your oversized jetted tub! Raised granite countertops hold the sinks and bronze fixtures and decorative lighting accent this beautiful space. A double shower and a huge his and hers walk in closet offers shelves and drawers for storage.

Next to the master is a small bedroom that is perfect for a young child. It has a double door-opening closet with shelves for all the treasures a child could possess and another unique closet has also been created out of a space under the stairwell. Two-inch wooden blinds cover the windows, as well as, all the windows in the house. As you leave these bedrooms, you will see a full bathroom featuring granite countertops and bronze fixtures, as well as, a distinctive shower that is located under the stairway.

The stairs are located in the entry and are outlined with an iron rail. Hurry up the steps to find your own game room! Put your favorite pool or ping-pong table up and start the party! Hand-scraped, saw-cut red oak floors flow throughout this area and an opening in the wall looks down on the entry hall. Windows open to the front with a beautiful view of the park and lake. A wet bar complete with a refrigerator, granite countertop and brass sink set the stage for an exciting evening. R.O. water is available up here too, as well as, downstairs in the kitchen.

If you get tired of games, you don't have to walk far for the latest entertainment as you have your own media room! Eight comfortable reclining chairs allow you to have the best seat in the house to watch your favorite movie or show. The room includes surround sound, a wall-sized screen and a media closet that will hold all the movies and equipment needed. Attic access is through a door off of this room and has been prepared for storage.

Down the hall, you will find two bedrooms, one on the front of the house and one on the back. They are connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom. Each features ceiling fans, recessed lighting and walk-in closets. These rooms are carpeted with beautiful rich tan carpet.

Additional amenities to this home include: a tankless hot water heater, automatic garage door opener, "whole house" audio video system with Ipod integration, ceiling fans, jetted tub, home theatre, game room, reverse osmosis system, smoke detectors, water softener, and fireplace.

If you are looking for a quality home with all the extras, not to mention a clubhouse with a pool, a walking park and lake, there is no question that this is the place you should be! Listed for $499,000, you may obtain more information or have a private viewing by contacting Sandy Scott with Real Estate One at (432) 638-3250 or Stephanie McSwain, Realtor Associate at (432) 978-1724. MLS Number 83730.

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QUESTION: I have my eye on a home that's been on the market for several months. The price has been reduced a few times. It's just what I want and the price seems right. Should I avoid it on the premise that if it's been for sale this long, SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG!

ANSWER: The fact that the house has not sold for a long time may actually be to your advantage. If there are no structural defects and it meets your basic needs, there is a good possibility that it is an excellent buy at this time.

The home may have been overpriced at the outset and is now at or even below its true market value.

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Smooth Sailing – Let's Close on Time!

As a buyer, you want your offer to be accepted and your contract to close on schedule. However, in today's climate, you should expect some negotiation and submit your offer with the following advice in mind.

The financing contingency in your offer will state your loan total and anticipated interest rate and approval date. Strongly consider locking in that rate with the lender, as rates are still very low, and you'll avoid any fluctuations in the market.

Reserve funds now for your settlement costs at closing. Anticipate anywhere from 2% to 6% of the amount your financing, plus your down payment (less any earnest money), which will be presented in the form of an official (cashier's) check.

If your down payment funds are not in an immediately liquid account, keep things on track by moving funds into your checking account at least a week before closing, so you're sure that you'll be able to access the money in advance of the closing date.

Finally, try to avoid a closing date at the end of the month or the end of the year, as these are the busiest times for lenders and title companies and could cause an undue delay in meeting your financing approval deadline or the agreed upon closing date. Speak with your agent about other factors in crafting your offer and successfully closing on schedule.

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Fixtures.

Instantly make a dated bathroom more modern with just a few enhancements to the fixtures. For example, removing that large plated glass mirror or old medicine cabinet and replacing it with a framed mirror in a rich finish like oil-rubbed bronze, can make a big change at a small cost, says Bill Millholland of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. "It'll make the bathroom look much more sophisticated," he notes. "Typically a bigger mirror is better than a smaller one, but consider its proportion to the room - it will look awkward if it's too big." For an easy, elegant look, add sconces on each side of a framed mirror, adds Alderman.

If your faucets have forever lost their shine, you might consider replacing those too, even for as low as $20. You'll want to make sure your lighting and faucet finishes all match, Millholland recommends. The most popular bathroom faucet finishes are brushed nickel, followed by polished chrome and satin nickel, according to an NKBA trend report.

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Parrish

Article submitted by Cheryl Parrish, CRS, ASR, SRS Legacy Real Estate

"What is a Prelisting Inspection?"

A home inspection is a home inspection regardless what you call it or who orders it to be done. When a homeowner decides to have an inspection before even listing the property it is called a prelisting inspection. Why do this? Buyers and Sellers hire professional home inspectors for different reasons. The home inspector goes through the house looking for things that are broken, out of date or not up to local building codes. Buyers have this done so they will know what potential problems they could have with the house they are buying. Sellers will do the prelisting inspection to determine the condition of their property so they can fix the problems or rethink the price of their home.

As more states, as in Texas, are requiring sellers to disclose problems with their home's condition to the buyer before closing, prelisting (or seller) inspections are becoming more common. This can take some of the "should have known about this but didn't" worry out of the selling your home. Also the prelisting inspection is a wise idea if you are no occupying the property you are going to sell. If you have actually lived in a house you have a good idea of the condition. If you inherit a house or are selling an investment property you cannot know the condition of it, so it is wise to go ahead and do the inspection. That way you can decide if you want to fix the problem or adjust your price down to compensate and let the buyer worry about fixing things.

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Beckett & Pine

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Just How Important Is Location?

Most prospective home buyers have heard the old adage that the three most important factors to consider when buying real estate are, "location, location, location." In reality, although location is important, there is much to consider in any real estate transactions which is why most home buyers and sellers choose to work with real estate professionals.

Just how important is location? A survey found that although affordability ranks high in importance, buyers focus on neighborhood, distance from work, access to shopping and schools demonstrate that location is indeed significant.

People who have bought real estate, especially those who have had a number of transactions, are aware of the value of the location.

First time home buyers should be careful to choose a location that meets their needs, even if it means paying a little more. A bargain found in a less-than –advantageous location might look to be a good deal, but its chances for resale may be lower.

Home buyers with growing families are likely to look for a neighborhood with close proximity to work and schools. Retired home buyers consider availability of shopping a higher priority the survey shows.

Neighborhoods are key to the type of environment the buyer is searching for. Neighborhoods surrounding elementary schools tend to attract families with young children. This won't necessarily change, since families whose children are now grown find other locations more convenient and are apt to sell, creating sufficient turnover for new families with younger children.

Buyers who own two cars also tend to rank closeness to schools higher than shopping, working and other factors such as public transportation, churches and recreational facilities.

It's important for potential buyers to examine what ranks high on their own list of priorities before they begin the house hunting process.

The whole subject of location is a personal choice for the buyer. That's why a real estate professional will interview the buyer to determine his or her interest, priorities and financial position in order to select a range of possible homes to show.

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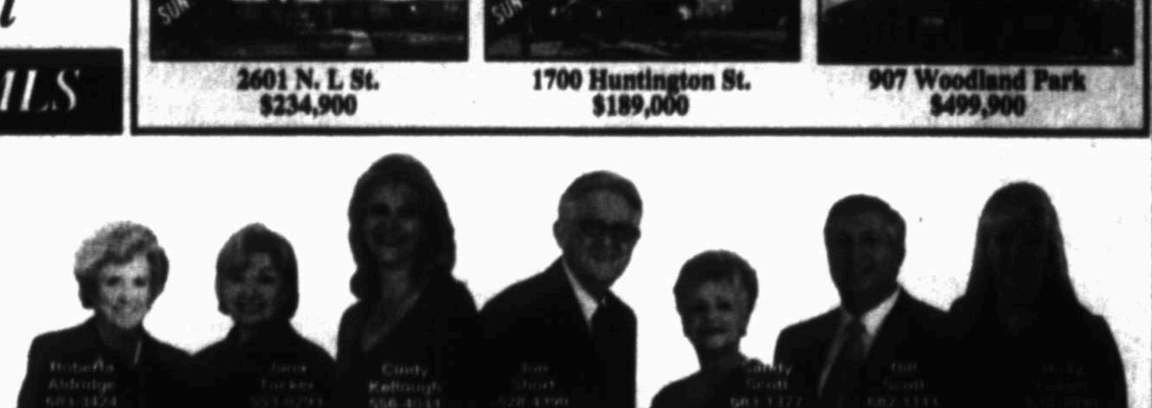
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New and Reduced Listings

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1411 Lanham-Super 3 large BR plus study, updated master bath, open living/kitchen, workshop! $232,000
2 Bristol Court-3 BR, 2 Bath, beautiful updated flooring and bathroom counters, pool, spacious! $223,900
44 Lincoln Park-Lease hold estate lot - San Angelo $170,000
901 W. Kansas-Charming updated cottage. Must see! $168,500
2604 N. Garfield-Spacious townhome! ..... REDUCED...$164,900
3227 Dengar-3/2 w/workshop in Fannin $147,500
9108 Belaire-Darling 3/2, corner lot $137,000
4306 Miller-Child safe cul-de-sac. 3BR, 2BA, 2 garage, foreclosed price of ..... U/C...$113,900

Two Bedrooms

901 W. Kansas-Charming updated cottage. Must see! $168,500
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601 W. Scharbauer Dr. #6-Great pool view! 2bdr, 1 bath $82,000

Three Bedrooms

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2 Bristol Court-3 BR, 2 Bath, beautiful updated flooring and bathroom counters, pool, spacious! $223,900
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711 Beasley Dr.-3/2 w/high selling, new CA-CH-new roof ..... SOLD...$94,900
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2256 W. Kentucky-Completely renovated 3/2, lg. Bwidth $84,900
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2229 Patrick-Beautiful new home under construction due to be completed by May $280,000
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2901 S. L St.-Spacious 4BD in Old Midland! $234,900
2804 Pinewood-Great 4BR with 2 living & 2 dining areas $195,000
2907 W. Shandon-4BR/2 1/2BA, 2 living, lovely yard, Fannin ..... SOLD...$179,000
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Town Homes and Patio Homes

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10 Desta Dr.-2.670 acres in Claydesta Plaza $595,000
6000 N. Co. Rd. 1240-approx. 10 acres $295,000
44 Lincoln Park-Lease hold estate lot - San Angelo $170,000
10104 Windswept-Great get-a-way, shop/RV on 3.0 acres w/130 pecan trees $165,000
4007 Tealwood-Lots over 1/2 acre in Mockingbird Heights $165,000
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New Construction

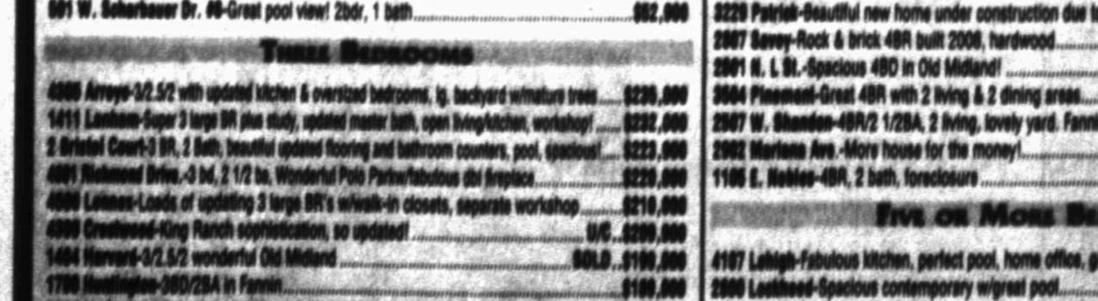
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10 Desta Dr.-Raw land for office in Claydesta Plaza, 2.670 acres $220,000
4916 E. Midkiff-Beautiful custom office building in Stone Oak Plaza w/small warehouse area. Call Cindy Kellough or Bill Scott $220,000
5500 Garrett Hwy., Odessa, Tx.-Approx. 4,650 sq. ft. office building, Call Bill Scott $180,000
3410 N. Big Spring-Former Sonic location, very high traffic and some equipment remains. Call Bill Scott $175,000
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HOW FAST CAN FHA FINANCE?

QUESTION:

Is it true that the government now allows FHA financing for quickie real estate sales?

ANSWER:

For several years the government refused to allow FHA-backed financing for buyers in situations where a property had been sold within the past 90 days. The logic was that quickie sales have been associated with illegal flipping and by refusing to make purchaser loans available in such situations the government could do much to stop illicit transactions.

The problem is that a quick sale and resale also can occur lawfully, such as when a contractor or investor fixes up a property and then offers it for resale. In early 2010, HUD temporarily waived the 90-day anti-flipping rule through Feb. 1, 2011. Now the waiver has been extended again, this time until Dec. 31, 2011.

The FHA reports that during the 2010 waiver period it financed 21,000 mortgages worth $3.6 billion that would not have qualified for an FHA loan under the 90-day prohibition. At a time when the country has a huge surplus of unsold homes – an inventory that holds down local home values – the ability to remove 21,000 properties from the marketplace should be seen as a positive result.

QUESTION:

Although we live in a major metropolitan suburb, we have frequent electrical outages in our area. Should we get a full-house back-up system?

ANSWER:

Your utility is a regulated monopoly, meaning you cannot get power from other utilities. In exchange for their monopoly the local electric company must provide consistent electrical power at the lowest possible rates.

Before spending a dime, first strongly complain to state and local officials. More system maintenance, healthy fines and a limit on dividends and executive bonuses might work wonders.

Of course, the issue is different, for instance, if you need back-up power to run life-sustaining equipment. Then you need an on-site generator in case the general system fails.

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2,000

Number of residential projects certified by the National Association of Home Builders Research Center to the exact resource-conservation requirements of the National Green Building Standard, as of Feb. 21, 2011. FYI: The 2,000 certifications represent more than 3,200 housing units.
SOURCE: NAHB Research Center



PICKING UP BY SLOWING DOWN

NEW-CONSTRUCTION STARTS ARE LOWER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN RECENT MEMORY. BUT THE LACK OF NEW INVENTORY ISN'T NECESSARILY BAD FOR AN ALREADY-SATURATED REAL ESTATE MARKET



By ERIK MARTIN
CTW FEATURES

Potential homebuyers in the market for a freshly constructed home may find that their house hunt may take a bit longer than if they simply were searching for a resale home.

Why? New-construction activity has taken a nosedive in recent years due to the real estate downturn and the glut of unsold housing supply on the market.

Though applications for new building permits rose 16.7 percent (to an annual rate of 635,000 units) last December, they still remain below the annual rate of 681,000 tallied in December 2009 and represent only a fraction of the activity observed during the peak of the construction market five to six years ago.

Meanwhile, the latest numbers from the U.S. Commerce Department indicate that residential building activity won't be skyrocketing anytime soon. Homebuilders started construction on 4.3 percent fewer residences in December 2010 than the previous month, denoting the third decline in the last four months of last year and the slowest pace since October 2009. The seasonally adjusted annual construction rate calculated in December is approximately 529,000 homes (many economists say an indicator of a healthy market is 1 million new housing starts generated a year).

Yet, while these stats may not be very inspiring, there are silver linings to the numbers. For starters, a slowdown in new construction activity means homeowners trying to sell their existing homes won't have to compete with new ones being erected nearby.

"With an increasing supply of listings impacting marketing times of homes available for sale, the decrease in the number of new-home construction starts will help improve the ability of existing homes to be absorbed into the market," says Joseph Benevides, CEO of HouseSavvy, a real estate consultancy based in Norwell, Mass. According to Benevides' firm, currently there are 3.6 million unsold listings on the market nationally, representing more than an eight-month supply of inventory at the current rate of sale.

Many buyers desire new construction but have demanded huge sales price concessions in light of the excess inventory on the market. The decline in new housing starts means good news for the current supply of new construction in that the pressure to offer discounts on these homes, which have been substantial, will be reduced. As with any decline in supply, a decrease in new construction should prop up prices. That may not be a favorable forecast for house hunters seeking a newly built home, but it is a positive sign for builders and the housing industry, in general.

New-construction demand is coming back, but builders want clear, unmistakable evidence of it, says Greg Rand, host of the "Rand on Real Estate" radio program broadcast on 77 WABC Radio in New York.

"Month-to-month bumps up or down in housing starts don't mean much. They will remain flat until it is clear that inventory is burning off and prices have stabilized," says Rand, noting that the inventory of bank-owned properties has glutted the market, and the market doesn't need a supply of new construction to add to that glut.

Before housing permits and starts can dramatically rise, key economic indicators need to show favorable trends: employment levels need to rise, the pressure on housing prices from foreclosures and short sales need to be alleviated, and interest rates need to remain low.

"Most real estate markets in this country are still considered to be buyer's markets, where homes for sale far outweigh the number of qualified buyers," Benevides says. "Until this ratio is normalized, either by existing homes for sale being sold or by new buyers coming into the market, new construction sales will remain stagnant."

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EVERYTHING ILLUMINATED

Know the best lighting options for everyone room in your home

The right lighting often remains an afterthought once furniture, counters and storage are in place. But it's an important, early decision to make in every home, since the level and placement affect how much a room is used, enjoyed and performs. The best illumination reflects a layered combination of general, task and mood lighting, and choices should also help conserve energy. Here are additional guidelines from manufacturer Osram Sylvania (www.sylvania.com) and Chicago designer Leslie Markman-Stern.

KITCHEN

Recessed Cans

Provide general light but don't take up counter space and can be placed strategically. One downside: It's harder to change bulbs. Track lights are an alternative.

Pendants

Good for above islands and tables to get light where needed. Available in decorative options.



DINING ROOM

Chandeliers and Pendants

They provide a decorative focus. Should measure 6 to 12 inches smaller than the table's narrowest side; include a dimmer.

Sconces

These mounted fixtures add elegant supplemental light to a room.

Recessed cans

Provide additional supplemental lighting. Place away from a chandelier to avoid competition.

LIVING or FAMILY ROOM

Recessed cans

They provide general illumination and avoid taking up table or floor space and can avoid focusing at a TV.

Table & Floor Lamps

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–Barbara Ballinger

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3 BEDROOM

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2606 CULVER	#7411	UNDER CONTRACT
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LAKE FRONT

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ODESSA

2540 PALO VERDE DR		$1,350,000
6921 PINECREST		UNDER CONTRACT
7010 TOROSA AVE	#4774	$239,900
1 FLAMINGO CIRCLE	#2834	$164,900
3025 BOLGER		$130,000
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15356 HOLLYHOCK AVE		$93,500
11865 PALOMINO DR		$65,000

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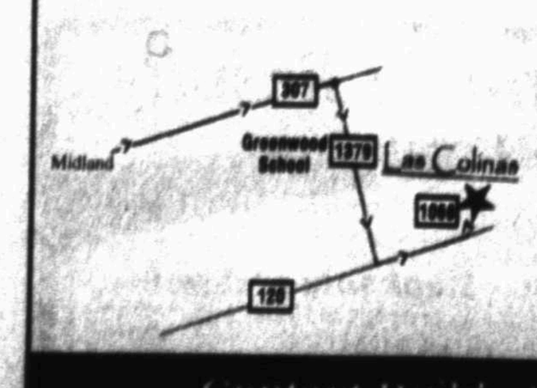
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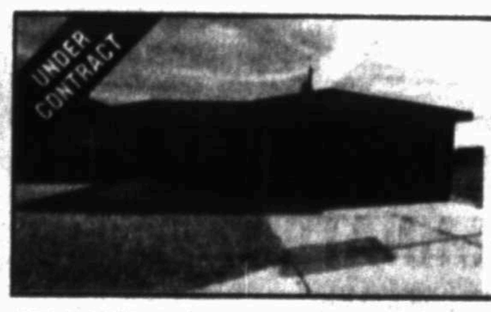




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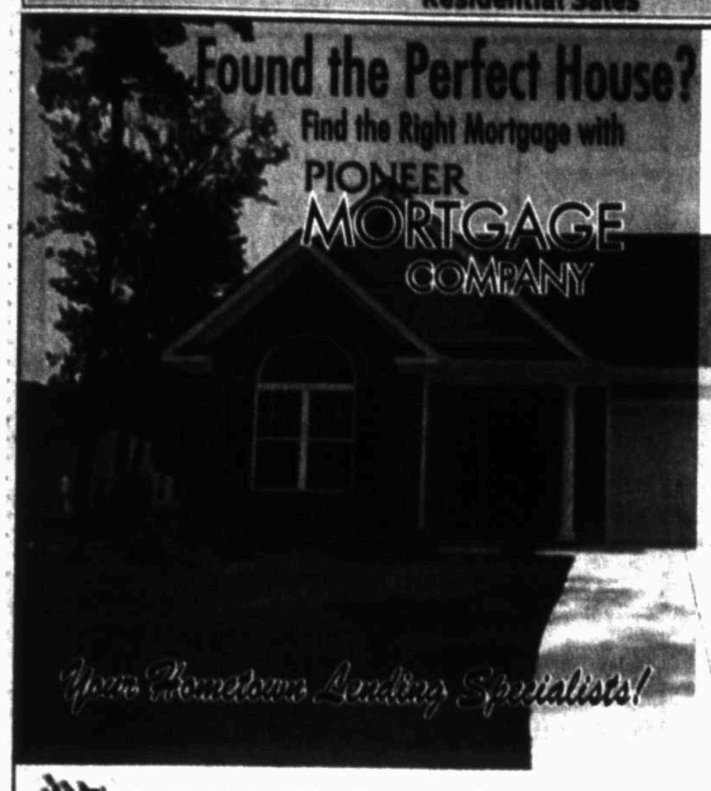
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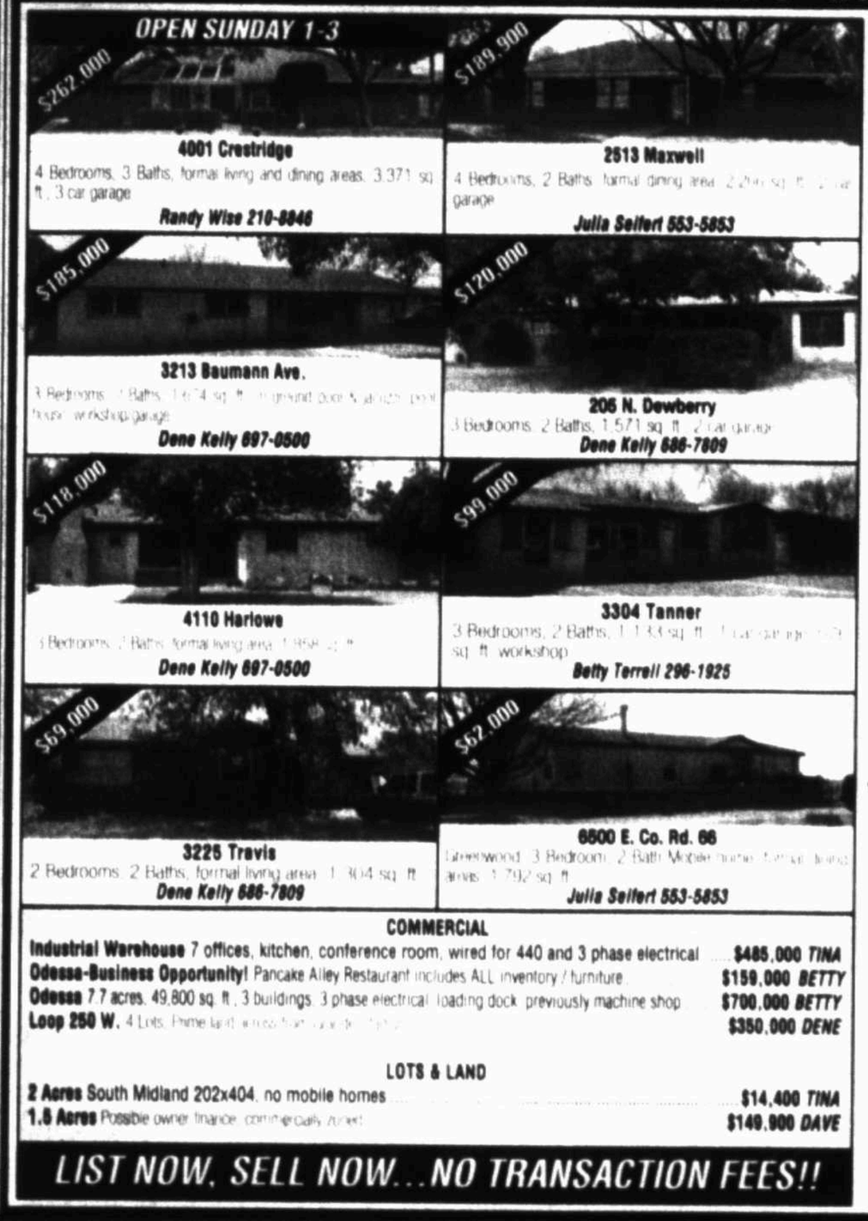
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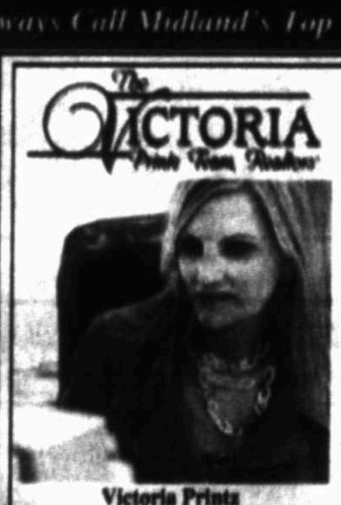
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#3 Agent - $15,124,374	Julie - Top 5%
2007	**2010**
Victoria - $34,054,314	Victoria - #1 Agent
#2 Agent - $25,499,312	Jeaneen - #3 Agent
#3 Jeaneen - $18,591,050	Julie - Top 5%
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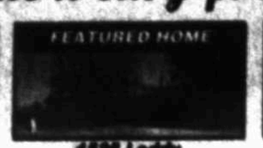
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Address	Price	Bed	Bath	U/C	SOLD
3804 Wedgwood	$349,900	4	3		
6900 S. C-Rd 1270	$229,900	3	2		
13 Metz	$225,000	4	2		
12305 E. C-Rd 111	$206,900	4	2		
2200 N H St	$199,900	2	2		
3200 Stanolind	$189,900	4	2	U/C	
44 Lafayette Place	$179,900	2	2.5		
4521 St. Andrews	$179,900	3	2	U/C	
3901 S. C-Rd 1140	$175,500	3	2		
2603 Noel Ave	$174,900	3	2	U/C	
2009 Freeport Lane	$134,900	2	2	U/C	
1409 WCR 140	$130,000	2	2		
4303 Bedford	$129,900	3	2		

2 BEDROOMS

Address	Price	Bed	Bath	U/C	SOLD
2200 N H St	$199,900	2	2		
44 Lafayette Place	$179,900	2	2.5		
2009 Freeport Lane	$134,900	2	2	U/C	
1409 WCR 140	$130,000	2	2		
4712 Harvard Ave.	$99,000	2	2	U/C	

3 BEDROOMS

Address	Price	Bed	Bath	U/C	SOLD
4703 Green Tree	$439,900	3	5		
3201 Beybridge Ct.	$266,900	3	2		
2524 Quail Point	$265,000	3	2.5		
3109 Haynes Ave.	$259,000	3	3		
4969 Rustic Trail	$259,900	3		U/C	
1508 Bedford	$249,000	3	2.5		
6900 S. C-Rd 1270	$229,900	3	2		
1417 Pine	$225,000	3	2	U/C	
2618 Noel	$199,900	3	2.5		
3203 Boyd Ave.	$189,500	3			SOLD
1001 Bonham	$184,900	3	2.5		SOLD
4517 Fairbanks	$179,900	3	2		
2612 N. Garfield Ave.	$179,900	3	2.5		
44 Lafayette Place	$179,900	3	2		
4521 St. Andrews	$179,900	3	2	U/C	
3901 S. C-Rd 1140	$175,500	3	2		
2603 Noel Ave	$174,900	3	2	U/C	
3215 Boyd Ave	$169,900	3	2		SOLD
2302 Wydewood	$165,900	3	2	U/C	
2605 Northrup	$164,900	3	2		
4500 Falcon	$159,900	3	2	U/C	
4613 Brookdale	$149,900	3	2	U/C	
3504 Hyde Park	$149,900	3	2	U/C	
4303 Bedford	$129,900	3	2		
6311 Shawnee	$120,000	3	2	U/C	
1811 E. Golf Course	$109,900	3	2		

4+ BEDROOMS

Address	Price	Bed	Bath	U/C	SOLD
12206 E C-Rd 101	$589,900	5	4.5		
4212 Timberglen	$478,000	4	3.5		
5705 Ridgemont	$419,000	5	4		
12200 E C-Rd 102	$394,900	4	3		
3804 Wedgwood	$349,900	4	3	U/C	
1400 Teias	$329,000	4	3		
3213 Shell Ave.	$322,900	5	3.5		SOLD
2104 Bradford Ct.	$319,000	4	3		
7600 C-Rd 110	$319,900	5	4.5		
5524 Cypress Ct	$299,900	4	2.5		
4013 Tumbleweed Tr.	$297,000	4	3		
5211 Sherwood Dr.	$280,000	4	3		
8606 FM 307	$259,900	4	2.5		
4406 Kari Court	$259,000	4	3		SOLD
2105 Bradford Ct.	$238,000	4	3		
2917 Northtown	$237,500	4	2	U/C	
2907 Bluebird Ln.	$229,900	4	2	U/C	
3902 Bermuda Ct.	$228,500	4	2.5	U/C	
13 Metz	$225,000	4	2		
12303 E. C-Rd 111	$209,900	4	2		
12306 E. C-Rd 111	$208,900	4	2		
1105 Mogford	$194,500	4	3	U/C	Contingency
3200 Stanolind Ave.	$189,900	4	2.5	U/C	
4620 Bowie Dr.	$120,000	4	3	U/C	

COUNTRY HOMES

Address	Price	Bed	Bath	U/C	SOLD
12206 E C-Rd 101	$589,900	5	4.5		
12200 E C-Rd 102	$394,900	4	3		
7600 C-Rd 110	$319,900	5	4.5		
8606 FM 307	$259,900	4	2.5		
12306 E. C-Rd 111	$208,900	4	2		
3901 S. C-Rd 1140	$175,500	3	2		
1409 WCR 140	$130,000	2	2		
6311 Shawnee	$120,000	3	2	U/C	

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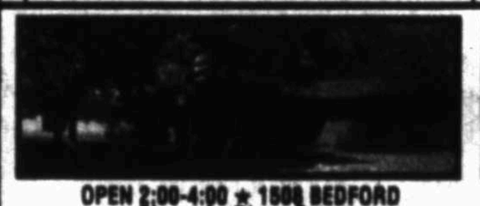
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2506 Mockingbird	$550,000	5.5 Acres approx.
5506 Whitman Dr.	$385,000	5.5 Acres approx.
2204 N C-RD 1040	$200,000	80 Acres approx.
4801 NCR 1147	$159,000	22 Acres approx.
5109 Allyshebe Ln.	$92,500	1.2 Acres approx.
3903-E SCR 1140	$58,560	9.7 Acres approx.

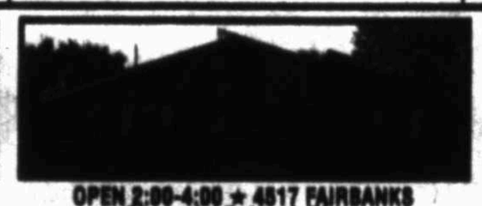
RENTAL

Address	Price	
4907 Whitman	$2,200	3/2 Avail. 4/1
2618 Noel	$2,000	

COMMERCIAL

Address	Price
2900 Front	$415,000


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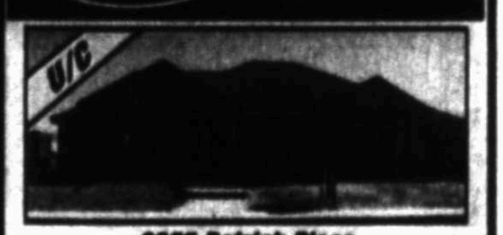
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3113 Chelsea Place
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $222,900

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3209 Patrick Place
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $266,800

Carrasco Homes



3601 Llano Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $309,800
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RESIDENTIAL

1201 Thistle Rd	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/1 Car Garage/Hideaway	$80,000
604 W. Indiana Ave	3 Bdrm/1 Ba	$139,000
2700 S. Clay Ave	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/1 Car Garage	$139,500
2600 Seattle Dr	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/1 Car Garage	$139,900
2200 Stevenson Ave	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/1 Car Garage	Under Contract
2500 Cypress St	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/1 Car Garage	$150,000
1404 Texas Ave	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/1 Car Garage	$174,000
2	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/1 Car Garage	$174,900
615 Mansfield Ave	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/1 Car Garage	SOLD
3104 Via Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
2	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3200 Willowbrook Spring	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3104 Via Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3200 Willowbrook Spring	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3600 Sunrise St	4 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3105 Dallas St	4 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	$204,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

3311 Greathouse-Newest Development! 4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3116 Patrick-Classic Signature Home! 3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
401 E. Pecos-Midland Gallery Homes!! 3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
1710 E. Golder	Currently Showing! 3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage
1300 E. Golder	Currently Showing! 3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage
2113 Chelsea Pl	Newest Construction! 3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage
5307 Bent St	Horse Properties! 3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 12:00-1:30



3103 METZ DR. - $269,900
Terrific new listing in coveted Kimberlea! Totally updated!
Shown by Danny Norwood

OPEN 1:00-2:30



2208 SHELL - $180,500
"Old Midland home" 3/2/large yard.
Shown by Lavonne Johnson

OPEN 1:30-2:30



4402 TANFORAN - $649,000
Large 5 bedroom, 4 baths, updated!
Shown by Ruth Young

OPEN 1:30-2:30



305 SKYWOOD - $345,000
Fabulous Pool!!!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30



4822 ILLINOIS - $124,500
Completely remodeled - new roof - move-in ready!!
Shown by Tori Vestal

OPEN 1:30-2:30



609 KANSAS - $112,000
Workshop!!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30



5709 CARMEL - $285,900
New const. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 4 car garage. Granite!
Shown by Cheryl Parrish

OPEN 1:30-2:30



5308 ANETTA - $169,900
Come see this light & bright new construction.
Shown by Dona Satterfield

OPEN 1:00-3:00



4009 BAYBROOK - $475,000
Stunning in Mockingbird Heights!
Shown by Zulfqar

OPEN 1:45-3:00



4010 ANETTA - $84,000
New listing - priced cheap with a great workshop!
Shown by Danny Norwood

OPEN 1:30-3:30



2820 MAXWELL - $617,000
Wonderful home. Move in Today!!!
Shown by Sam McCrary

OPEN 2:00-3:00



108 MCDONALD - $148,000
Fabulous inviting home!! Large corner lot. 3 bdrm, 2 bath! Lots of windows!
Shown by Mona Lopez

OPEN 2:00-3:00



4902 PURPLE SAGE COVE - $185,000
4/2, long driveway w/large pkg. pad; large lot on beautiful cul-de-sac
Shown by Elsie Platt

OPEN 3:00-4:00



3510 HUMBLE - $129,900
New listing - 3/2/pool/updated!
Shown by Dona Satterfield

OPEN 3:30-4:30



2820 DURANT - $185,000
Great Location!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

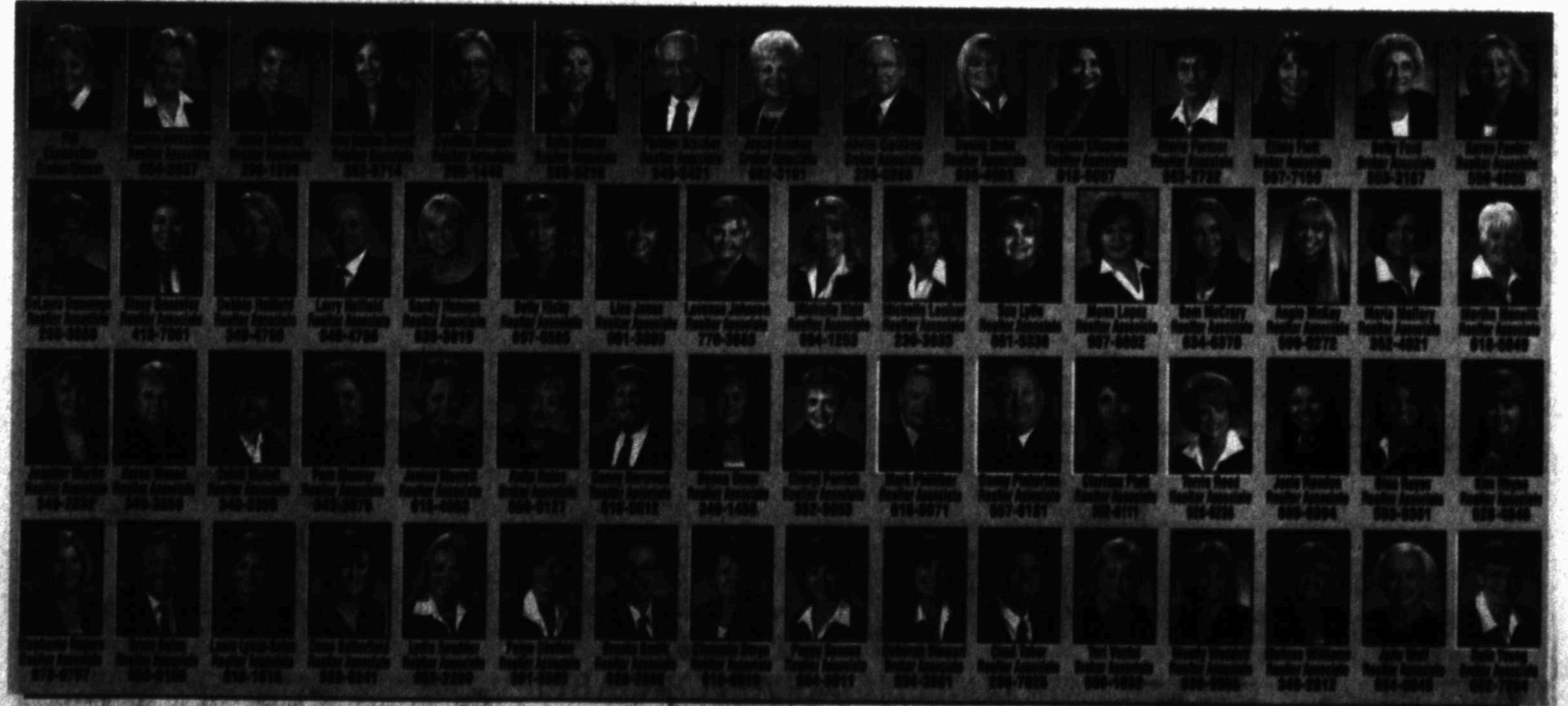
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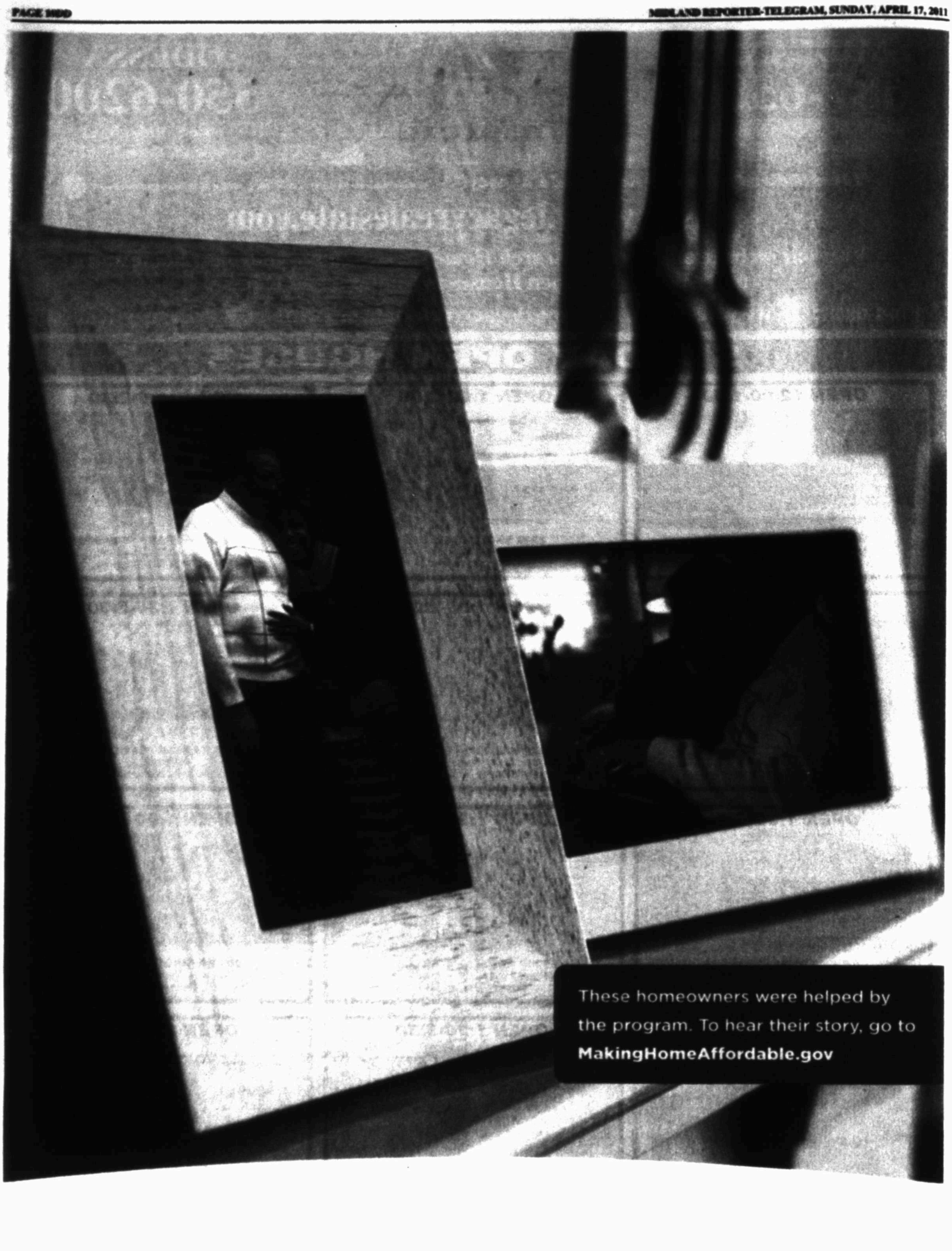
A: Talking with a Real Estate Professional about current market trends as well as having them do a competitive market analysis will help you determine when the market is right for you.



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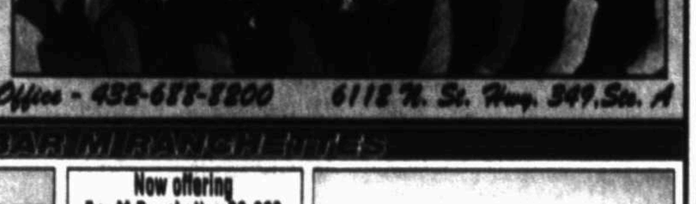
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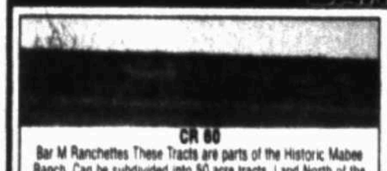
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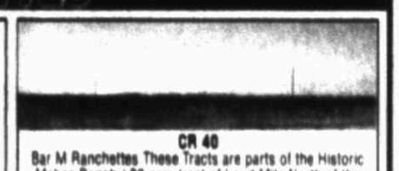
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Working Man Ranch, 100 Acres	$80,000	Thomas 888-8290
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609 Kansas - $112,000
Workshop!!!

Absolutely charming vintage home! Huge kitchen has knotty pine walls & cabinetry plus room for a big table! The back room is currently being used as the master bedroom but could be a great gameroom or home office! Hardwood floors, too! Large utility room with a half bath! Great workshop with recent electricity could be an awesome man cave! Large lot!!!

OPEN 1:30-2:30

305 Skywood - $345,000
Fabulous Pool!!!

Incredible 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in Meadowland Estates! High ceilings&open floorplan! Fabulous office has a vaulted wooden ceiling & built-in partner's desk! The sequestered master suite is roomy, has separate closets (hers is large), double sided fireplace (to bed & bath), jetted tub, large shower, dual sinks & gorgeous granite countertops! Awesome utility room has tons of built-ins, sink & freezer space! The kitchen is open & large with an island, breakfast bar, gas cooktop, double ovens & warming drawer! Pool & hot tub!



OPEN 3:30-4:30



2820 Durant - $185,000
Great Location!

Very well maintained home! Formal living & dining area with big windows! Den with a fireplace is open to the kitchen thru the breakfast bar! Breakfast nook with a bay window! Recent appliances, double ovens, sink, dishwasher & faucet! Utility room is spacious with a pantry! Roomy bedrooms! Tons of closets & storage space! Covered patio, nice front porch, backyard w/separate dog yard & auto-sprinklers! 2 car garage!

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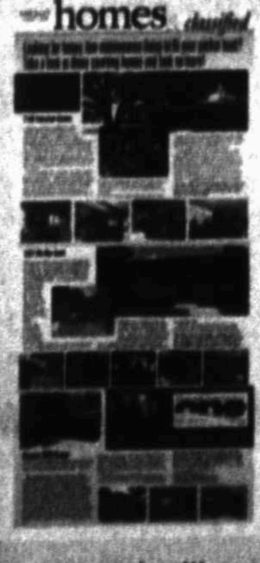
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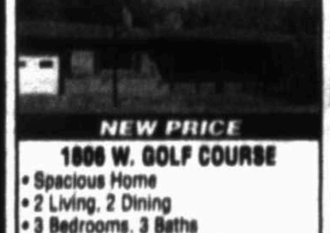
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- 4 bedrooms, 2 Living Area's, 2 Dining Area's
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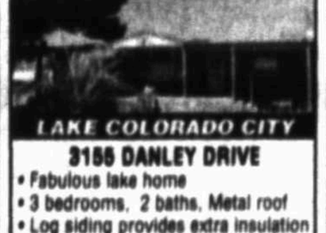
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2020 ZACATE
- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths
- Open and spacious floor plan
- On quiet Cul-de-sac
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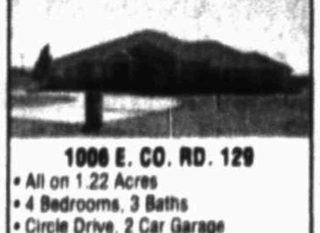
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- Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath
- 2 living, 2 dining
- Tons of updating
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- Spacious Home
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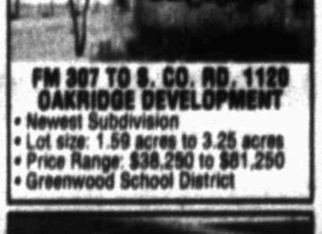
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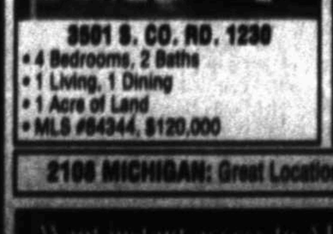
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MICHAEL DAVIS HOMES, INC.		
12106 E. CO. RD. 111...Clemmie Sorge 618-9019	MLS #82367	SALE PENDING
TOM CANTON BUILDERS		
3117 PATRICK...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85109	$265,000
MIDESSA HOMES LLC		
500 WAVERLY DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #85290	$160,000
DOUBLE E CONSTRUCTION		
1905 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #85383	$299,500
1910 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #85385	SALE PENDING
PERMIAN BASIN GOVERNMENT HOUSES		
2012 S. CO. RD. 1060...Clemmie Sorge 618-9019	MLS #85342	$291,900
J.C. BUILDERS		
5709 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85811	$265,900

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

6300 TEAKWOOD TRACE...Teri Vestal 556-1632	MLS #84720	$829,900
6002 GOLDENROD, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #82741	40 Acres/$900,000
7012 SUNGLANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85572	$699,900
4402 TANFORAN...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #85544	$649,900
410 AFFIRMED LN...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #85412	$690,350
4001 TANFORAN AVE...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #85686	$574,900
3010 CYNTHIA...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #84228	SALE PENDING
1205 CASTLE ROCK CT...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #81489	$650,000
4013 DAYBROOK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85307	SALE PENDING
4002 OAKWOOD COURT...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #84440	SALE PENDING
201 S. 'H' ST...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #85704	SOLD
6701 PEBBLE CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85580	SOLD
4804 SPRING MEADOW LANE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85103	$429,000
4505 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85793	$493,000
3314 W. CO. RD. 105...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #85880	$395,000
5802 CRANSTON PL...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #85889	SALE PENDING
4301 HOCKINGBIRD LN...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 3.36 Acres w/House	MLS #85789	SALE PENDING
5205 OAK VALLEY...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #86473	$599,900
3913 EDGEBROOK CT...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83760	$389,900
5210 OAK VALLEY...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #85587	$380,000
6017 HATHAWAY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85893	$330,900
4124 FOX HOLLOW...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #85427	SALE PENDING
4604 GREEN TREE BLVD...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #85946	SALE PENDING
6017 CHERRYWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #83231	SALE PENDING
5306 GREATHOUSE AVE...Donna Duke 638-4903	MLS #84520	$321,500
5404 HILLCREST...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #85610	$314,900
6706 CO. RD. 160...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633	MLS #85152	$283,000
3103 METZ...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85878	$299,900
5000 GREENRIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85080	SALE PENDING
5100 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #83801	$295,000
3013 S. CO. RD. 1060...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #85432	$281,900
5210 QUICKSAND DR...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #83662	SALE PENDING
5007 HATHAWAY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85561	SALE PENDING
4706 TEAKWOOD TRACE...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #83696	$295,000
4000 LANCASHIRE...Teri Vestal 556-1632	MLS #85327	$249,000
1717 PUEBLO...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #85341	$248,500
6202 S. CO. RD. 1182...Dona Satterfield 689-6241	MLS #85815	$236,900
5813 CULPEPER...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #85724	SALE PENDING
67 BRISTOL...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #85606	$234,900
3904 HADDEN DR...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #82626	SALE PENDING
3630 IMPERIAL...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #85526	$219,900
2620 MAXWELL...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #85204	$217,000
1604 CASTLEFORD RD...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #85823	SALE PENDING
3501 PINEMONT DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #85713	SALE PENDING
3908 LOCKHEED DR...Perkins Brasher 344-3421	MLS #84926	$198,900
4902 PURPLE SAGE COVE...Elisa Flatt 557-7159	MLS #85951	$188,000
405 HOGAN CT...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #85436	SALE PENDING
407 W. SHANDON...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #84619	SALE PENDING
3000 FAIRCIRCLE...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #85067	SOLD
1000 CASTLEFORD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #84986	SALE PENDING
603 HOWARD DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #84620	$183,000
3007 FRANKLIN...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #85614	$174,000
3000 HUMBLE AVE...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #85293	SALE PENDING
3212 ROOSEVELT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #84412	$170,000
11 QUAIL RUN...Melissa Williams 349-2612	MLS #85626	SALE PENDING
3409 CRESTMONT...Gina Reyes 553-6361	MLS #84404	$169,900
606 HOWARD DR...Kim Rhyne 528-4646	MLS #85831	$144,900
1010 N. TERRELL...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #85192	$129,000
2112 E. MYRTLE, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #82566	$108,000
2107 MIDWAY, BIG SPRING, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #82819	SALE PENDING

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

10001 E. GOLDENROD...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #78977	$450,000
5013 HATHAWAY COURT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85174	$379,000
306 SKYWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85732	$345,000
1006 E. CO. RD. 129...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #85465	$339,900
4206 FM 307...Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #83084	SALE PENDING
9311 BELLA PLACE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #83546	$369,000
6001 S. CO. RD. 1270...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #84040	$294,900
19 WINCHESTER CT...Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #85081	$293,000
5709 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85811	$265,900
3117 PATRICK...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85109	$265,000
5709 GODFREY ST...Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #85911	$275,000
5013 BLUEBIRD BRANCH...Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #85201	$273,000
5402 CYPRESS COURT...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS# 84724	$271,000
5000 LOS ALAMITOS...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #83556	SALE PENDING
2306 FM 1208...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #84236	$269,900
4800 N. CO. RD. 1129...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85949	$269,000
2907 EMERSON...Jane Wolf 664-6040	MLS #85832	$249,900
2206 S. CO. RD. 1084...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #85940	$249,000
1008 E. CO. RD. 128...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #85577	SALE PENDING
1404 HARVARD AVE...Michael Brasher 352-3300	MLS #83602	$229,900
3207 SENTINEL...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85699	$224,900
13216 W. CO. RD. 84...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #84612	$219,000
2900 SANDHILL CIRCLE...Lisa Janss 661-3389	MLS #85662	SALE PENDING
4606 STILLMEADOW...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #85944	$215,000
2500 BELLECHASSE...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #85255	$215,000
4602 CISCO CT...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #82783	$215,000
2201 WYDEWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #85270	SALE PENDING
1309 E. CO. RD. 128...Jane Wolf 664-6040	MLS #85781	$190,900
2501 METZ DR...Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #85624	SALE PENDING
5206 HAYNES DR...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83012	SALE PENDING
3217 DURANT...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85272	SALE PENDING
3930 HYDE PARK...Lisa Janss 661-3389	MLS #85809	SALE PENDING
2402 GODDARD CT...Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #85900	$199,900
3200 SOUTHRIDGE CT...Debora Stewart 934-3881	MLS #85870	SALE PENDING
3402 STANOLIND AVE...Connie Alexander 664-2837	MLS #RB5267A	$199,900
1700 E. 2107...ODESSA, TX...Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-7732	MLS #83237	$196,000
2809 DURANT DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85184	$195,000
3907 TERRACE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #85927	$192,700
2208 SHELL...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #85927	$180,500
2907 BOYD...Jane Wolf 664-6040	MLS #85738	SALE PENDING
4005 SUNSHINE PARKWAY...Clemmie Sorge 618-5047	MLS #85733	SALE PENDING
3931 HYDE PARK AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85223	SOLD
5709 OAKMONT...Donna Omar 349-1450	MLS #83680	SALE PENDING
3503 DOUGLAS AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #84202	SALE PENDING
2901 MARK LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85553	SALE PENDING
3212 ROOSEVELT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #84412	$170,000
4512 GLENEAGLES DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85629	SALE PENDING
5113 SAN ANTONIO ST...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #84887	SALE PENDING
2307 WYDEWOOD DR...Melissa Williams 349-2612	MLS #85876	SALE PENDING
2000 HOLLOWAY AVE...Danny Norwood 413-2784	MLS #85518	$174,000
3013 VIRGINIA...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #85795	$171,300
4502 DENGAR AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS# 83636	$169,900
5306 ANETTA...Dona Satterfield 689-6241	MLS #84732	$169,900
3007 BEDFORD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788		$167,500
4301 RUSSELL...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #85855	$166,000
1000 CASCADE CT...Jane Wolf 352-4806	MLS #85602	SALE PENDING
2005 ARROWHEAD TR...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #85291	SALE PENDING
3009 STANOLIND...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #84805	SOLD
4008 ANETTA...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #84500	SALE PENDING
3404 GOLF COURSE RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85224	$160,000
6000 HOPI CT...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #83884	$160,000
4620 LEDDY DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #85733	SALE PENDING
1100 AIMILEE...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #84426	$159,900
1004 W. GOLF COURSE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #84490	$159,900
4907 DEBBIE COVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #84845	$159,900
211 RIDGLEA DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85420	SALE PENDING
5411 EMERSON CT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #85727	$153,000
4600 PALMER DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85912	SALE PENDING
4000 TAMMY COVE...Melissa Williams 349-2612	MLS #85415	SALE PENDING
3620 BOYD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85295	SALE PENDING
4907 PALMER DR...Kim Rhyne 528-4646	MLS #85458	SOLD
106 MCDONALD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #85163	$145,000
5309 TERRACE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #85725	SALE PENDING
302 S. GLENWOOD...Gloria Farmer 563-2732	MLS #85043	SALE PENDING
709 BOYD AVE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #84981	$142,000
2117 KEEVES CIRCLE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #85635	SALE PENDING
3903 TANNER DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #86486	$136,900
717 SHELL...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #84275	SALE PENDING
5103 PRINCETON AVE...Mark Phillber 618-5071	MLS #82918	SALE PENDING
9001 PLEASANT DR...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS# 84768	$137,900
404 W. DENVER AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #85839	$126,000
800 THORNRIDGE...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #85498	SALE PENDING
1003 MAIN ST...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #83123	SALE PENDING
4607 FAIRBANKS...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85589	$129,900
207 E. SPRUCE AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #84958	$129,900
3618 HUBBLE AVE...Dona Satterfield 689-6241	MLS #85986	$129,000
3157 THOMAS AVE...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #85918	$129,000
4621 LAURA...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #85549	SALE PENDING
3101 MARIANA...Debora Gammage 288-3880	MLS #84736	$128,000
6012 E. CO. RD. 90...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #84899	$126,000
904 CANYON DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #85123	$124,900
4622 ILLINOIS...Deborah Stewart 934-3881	MLS #85254	$124,500
1900 W. PINE...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #85731	$122,000
6000 KANAWHA...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #85897	$120,000
106 N. DEWBERRY...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #85170	SALE PENDING
1102 CUTHBERT AVE...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #85355	$119,900
4623 CROCKETT...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #86126	$119,900
1200 LOUISIANA AVE...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #85603	SALE PENDING
2905 CATALINA...Terrie Reed 528-8238	MLS #83210 & 85712	$119,000
200 PINE...Melissa Williams 349-2612	MLS #83975	$119,000
306 TANGLEWOOD...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #85290	$114,900
1901 TARLETON...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS# 84804	$113,000
609 KANSAS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #85183	$112,000
600 CANYON DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #85028	SALE PENDING
3907 THOMASON DR...Kim Rhyne 528-4646	MLS #85827	$109,900
2506 COLLEGE AVE...Kim Rhyne 528-5646	MLS #85828	$109,900
116 W. CUTHBERT AVE...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #85167	$109,900
325 ROCKY LANE RD...Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #85891	SALE PENDING
5212 STOREY AVE...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #85675	SALE PENDING
3910 AVONDALE...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #84604	$109,900
325 ROCKY LANE...Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #85691	SALE PENDING
1313 CR 122, ODESSA, TX...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #84948	SOLD
1400 COLLEGE DR...Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #85391	$99,000
5321 W. CUTHBERT...Mark Phillber 618-8071	MLS #85966	$96,000
420 SHANDON AVE...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85794	SALE PENDING
4710 THOMASON DR...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS# 84766	SALE PENDING
501 NE-AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #83632	$99,900
3910 DIXIE AVE...Danny Pinkerton 557-6181	MLS #82706	SALE PENDING
4010 ANETTA...Danny Norwood 618-5012		$94,000
4010 AVONDALE...Elisa Flatt 557-7159	MLS #85295	SALE PENDING
1322 E. ESTES...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #84857	$93,000
1210 WEATHERFORD ST...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #85045	SOLD
3001 HWY. 80...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85621	$75,000
510 N. DEWBERRY...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85258	SALE PENDING
4315 DOUGLAS AVE...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #84908	$75,000
420 HICKORY...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #84178	$52,000
4505 S. CO. RD. 1200...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #85016	$44,000

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4000 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #85114	$175,000
4002 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #85113	$175,000
1100 HUMBLE...Deborah Stewart 934-3881	MLS #85112	$168,000
4019 SPENCE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #84985	$165,000
3900 WHITTLE WAY...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85584	$119,900
427 W. SHANDON...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85421	SOLD
1404 SHERRY AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #84847	SALE PENDING
3013 APACHE DR...Teri Vestal 556-1632	MLS #85248	$64,000
501 SCHARBAUER DR. #11...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #83935	SOLD
2407 BRUNSON...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85442	SALE PENDING
3213 STOREY...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #83604	$44,000

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

9000 E. HWY. 80...Amy Brasher 352-6714	MLS #85159	$1,250,000
6002 GOLDENROD, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #82741	40 Acres/$900,000
3010 CYNTHIA...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #84228	$790,000
10001 E. GOLDENROD DR...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #78977	$450,000
3014 W. CO. RD. 105...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #85880	$395,000
2308 S. CO. RD. 1120...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #83533	$389,000
12104 E. CO. RD. 102...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #85722	SOLD
5135 E. HAROLD, GARDENDALE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #85743	$349,900
1006 E. CO. RD. 129...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #85465	$339,900
4206 FM 307...Perkins Brasher/Amy Barnett 349-3421	MLS #83084	SALE PENDING
6001 S. CO. RD. 1270...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #84040	$299,900
6706 CO. RD. 160...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633	MLS #85152	SALE PENDING
3000 CO. RD. 1184...Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #83729	SALE PENDING
3013 S. CO. RD. 1060...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #85432	$281,900
4300 N. CO. RD. 1125...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85949	$269,000
5100 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #83801	$265,000
6202 S. CO. RD. 1182...Dona Satterfield 689-6241	MLS #85815	$236,900
2206 S. CO. RD. 1084...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #85940	$230,000
1008 E. CO. RD. 128...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #85577	SALE PENDING
13219 W. CO. RD. 84...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #84612	$210,000
11023 CO. RD. 96...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #86478	SALE PENDING
1309 E. CO. RD. 128...Jane Wolf 664-6040	MLS #85347	SALE PENDING
12106 E. CO. RD. 111...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #82367	$171,000
3701 US HWY. 87, STERLING CITY...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #84706	$154,000
6012 E. CO. RD. 90...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #84899	$126,000
3001 E. CO. RD. 1230...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #85344	$120,000
13913 CR 122, ODESSA, TX...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #84948	SOLD
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Matott 349-3330	8 Lots Left...8.5 Acre Lots	$70,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	5+ Acre Lots/Lots	$70,000/EA.

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

6000 SLEEPY HOLLOW, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85104	$1,495,000
6002 GOLDENROD, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #82741	40 Acres/$900,000
6670 CHAPPELLS, GARDENDALE, TX...Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #83984	$370,000
4000 FM 2401...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85130	$362,910
7000 STONEGATE, ODESSA, TX...Kim Rhyne 528-4646	MLS #84829	$299,900
3021 MAYER, ODESSA, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #84841	SALE PENDING
6010 STONERIDGE, ODESSA, TX...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782		SALE PENDING
2804 HADDEN, ODESSA...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #82626	SALE PENDING
2304 SE CO. RD. 3001, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #83600	$199,000
3011 LARKSPUR, GARDENDALE, TX...Mark Phillber 618-5071	MLS #85677	$194,900
1100 GOLF COURSE RD...ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Rocker 266-1448	MLS #84186	$189,500
1700 E. 2107...ODESSA, TX...Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-7732	MLS #83237	$186,000
1130 GOLF COURSE RD...ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Bocker 266-1448	MLS #83860	SALE PENDING
4405 SE CR 1000, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #83011	$176,900
712 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84740	$164,000
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84741	$154,000
705 GRAY ST...STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #83594	$149,900
1103 ST. PETER, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84426	$135,000
1304 12TH ST...ODESSA, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #82823	$135,000
1701 US HWY. 87, STERLING CITY...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #84708	$134,000
4154 CLAYTON PL...ODESSA, TX...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #84956	SALE PENDING
407 2ND, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #85184	$129,900
1712 CRESCENT DR...ODESSA, TX...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #86659	SALE PENDING
910 YANCY ST...ODESSA, TX...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #83244	$115,000
2009 CATALINA...Terrie Reed 528-8238...MLS #83210 & 85712		SALE PENDING
404 SANTA ROSA AVE...ODESSA, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #83661	$113,000
319 E. 50TH, ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #82566	$100,000
13913 CR 122, ODESSA, TX...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #84948	SOLD
LOT 609-POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82584	$100,000
800 SHEPHARDS WAY, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012		$90,000
4204 REDBUD...Terrie Reed 528-8238	MLS #83098	$89,000
610 CO. RD., SWEETWATER TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84576	$87,000
3100 DANLEY DR...COLORADO CITY, TX...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #85245	$80,000
901 NE-AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #83632	$80,000
602 4TH ST...STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84284	$80,000
308 13TH ST...ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #79701	$79,000
2101 LIVE OAK LAKE, BROWNWOOD, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84009	$76,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819		$70,000
401 ST. JOSEPH...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #79048	$40,000
201 DOGWOOD...KINGDOM LAKE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82585	$40,000
900 S. ST. THERESA, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84144	$40,000
CO. RD., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #75490	$10,000

Trailer House #16, GR 112 PROSE, TX...Perkins Brasher 349-3421...FOR LEASE (3) 32,500 SF building(s)...$5,000.07/MONTH

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

1110 S. FM 1788...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #82226	SALE PENDING
2900 S. CO. RD. 1250...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #74663	$1,295,000
6000 S. HWY. 80...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #85159	$1,250,000
6000 HWY. 80...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #85321	$999,900
200 D.S. RIBBA...Petra Interfinity Bank# 98-561...MLM 1829/76...La Plaza retail dark bookstore and property for sale		$800,000
FAIRGREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #84131	$781,000
FAIRGREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #84133	$781,000
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #74975	$625,000
1000 W. WALL ST...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #85909	$625,000
1000 S. RR 51...ODESSA...Petra Interfinity Bank# 98-561...MLM 1829/76...54 Mi. to t...		$600,000
1707 W. WALL ST...Amy Barnett 352-6714 Offices	MLS #83379	$495,000
1000 S. HWY. 80 SPRING...Brooks Smith 528-2980	ML #85126	$495,000
1700 E. 2107...ODESSA, TX...Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-7732	MLS #83237	$186,000
1130 GOLF COURSE RD...ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Bocker 266-1448	MLS #83860	SALE PENDING
4405 SE CR 1000, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #83011	$176,900
712 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84740	$164,000
106 'A' STREET...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85283	$350,000
1000 GARDEN CITY HWY...Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #83733	$350,000
4301 W. ILLINOIS...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #85321	$999,900
4021 ILLINOIS AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83490	$315,000
4000 FM 2401...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85130	$362,910
1011 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #84123	$350,000
1000 S. FM 1788...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #85489	$350,000
13220 E. HWY. 80, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83493	$350,000
125 N. PORT WORTH...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #81951	$350,000
3 AIR PARK DR...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #79706	$350,000
2100 HIGHWAY AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #84373	$350,000
3401-3023 MAYER DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #84841	$350,000
1000 N. MIDKIFF...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #85209	$350,000
1000 W. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83900	$350,000
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