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Local restaurant owners learn lesson from last oil boom

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Too much of a good thing could have Midland area employers scrambling to hold onto workers if history repeats itself.

As unemployment rates decrease and oil prices continue to climb, Midland is leading the state in recovering from the recession, according to Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa regional economic index for Midland and Odessa development corporations and the Reporter-Telegram. But when crude oil prices reached up to $147 and unemployment in Midland dipped below 3 percent during the summer of 2008, the tight labor market created panic among local employers. Restaurant owners said they were forced to shorten their hours, and some had to close parts of their stores because of lack of employees.

"I remember going into the restaurants and parts being closed because they didn't have enough servers," said Basic Energy CFO Alan Krenek.

Some employees, restaurant owners said, went to work in the oil patch, which also was experiencing a labor shortage; others left for competitors when employers couldn't keep up with the boom's ensuing wage war. Though the oil and gas sector generally looks for people already certified to work in

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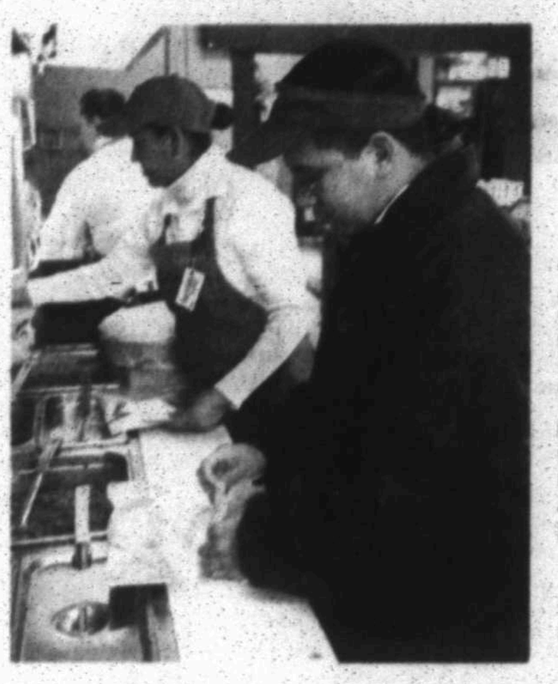

JUMBURRITO Alfonso Salazar wraps a breakfast burrito as Irasema Vasquez prepares another one Thursday morning at JumBurrito on Lamesa Road.

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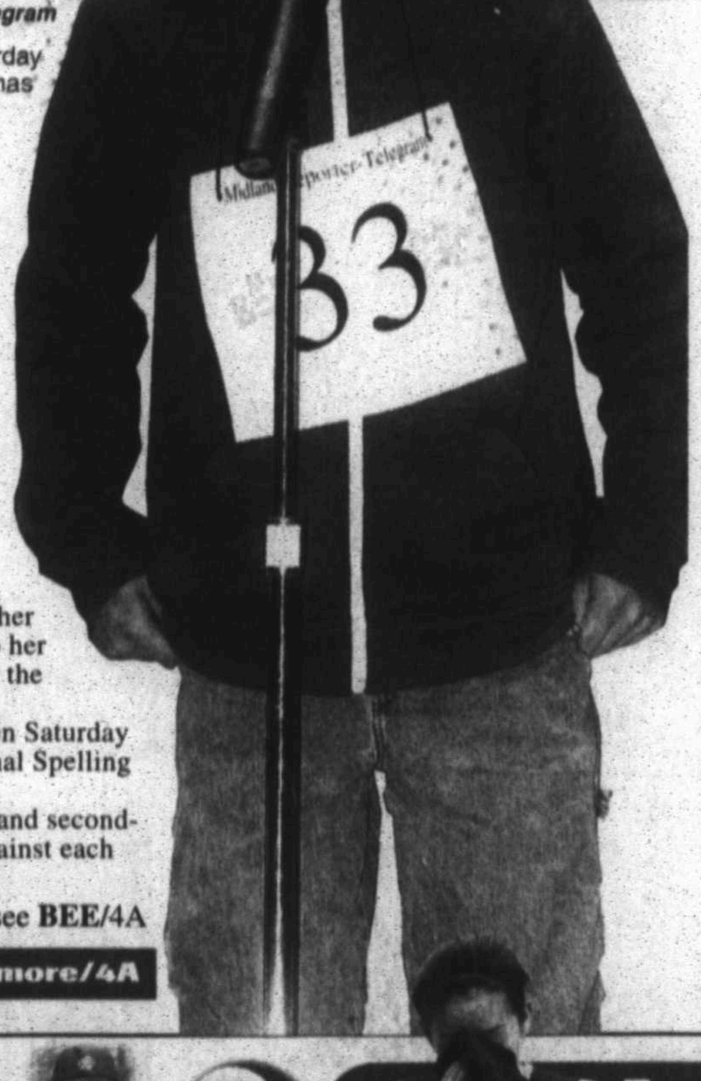
Rachel McCalister, above, stands at the microphone Saturday at the 24th annual Regional Spelling Bee. **RIGHT:** Thomas Rubio was the winner of the bee.



Alamo Junior High student wins annual spelling bee

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

As the pronouncer uttered the championship word, Gabby Rubio leaned over to her father and excitedly grabbed his arm.

"'Bailiwick!' I know that he knows this," she said as her father Abner Rubio shushed her, and the two listened to her 13-year-old brother Thomas correctly spell the word on the stage in front of them.

It was the second championship word Rubio was given Saturday morning at the Reporter-Telegram's 24th annual Regional Spelling Bee.

When he misspelled the first championship word, he and second-place finisher Veena Agusala of Trinity School went against each other for the title.

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Younger leaders show promise in community

'I keep telling young people, there's so much work to do.'

— Robbyne Hocker Fuller

Editor's note: This is the final story in a series celebrating Black History Month.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Latisha Williams feels drawn to her job as director of financial aid at Midland College because it gives her a way to help students and their families pursue an education.

The Midland native is a first-generation college graduate, with a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and a master's from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

While she works with students of all ages and backgrounds, she said she sees quite a few African-Americans but not as many as she would like.

"I would like them to know that there are opportunities for education and resources," she said.

Her sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho, worked with programs involving school-age children while she was at A&M; the work there helped launch her onto

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Man shot in head at nightclub in critical condition

From staff reports

A Midland man who was shot in the head early Saturday morning outside of Zac's club on the 600 block of East Industrial Avenue remained in critical condition.

When officers arrived about 3:30 a.m., the crowd in the parking lot started to disperse and officers discovered the victim, Derome Williams, 30, lying in the parking lot with a gunshot wound to the head, said Tasa Watts, public information officer for the Midland Police Department.

Witnesses said Williams was in an altercation with another male when they heard a single gunshot and the victim fell to the ground.

The victim was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery for his head wound.

He remained critical at press time, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The suspect has not been identified, and police would like anyone with information to contact the Midland Police Department or Crime Stoppers.

Online:
See out crime map at http://www.mywesttexas.com

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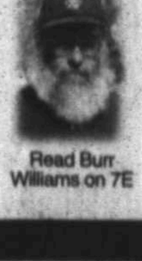

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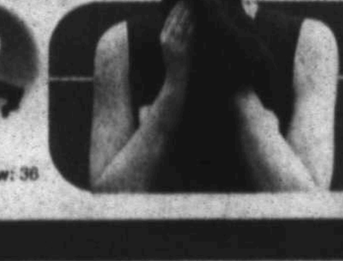

Tough loss

Midland High girls end season with playoff loss to Irving MacArthur in Region I-5A final/1C

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

It's happening ... this week

Today
■ Junior League's Spring Fling, noon-4 p.m., Midland Center.
■ Home and Garden Show, presented by the Permian Basin Home Builders Association, noon-5 p.m., Horseshoe. Info: www.pbhba.org
■ Continental Antique Shows, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa.

Monday
■ Shrimpfest, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum Building G, Odessa. Tickets: General admission $35.

Tuesday
■ United Way Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Midland Center.
■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frogs.

Wednesday
■ Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Midland County Library. Admission: Free. For more information, call 688-4323.
■ Independence Day celebration, 1:30 p.m., front lawn of the Haley Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. No admission.

Thursday
■ West Texas Conference on Aging, Midland Center. For more information, call 325-795-5629.

Thursday through Saturday
■ Circus Gatti, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

Friday through Sunday
■ Briar Patch Trade Days, Ector County Coliseum, Building D, Odessa

Saturday
■ Midland Downtown Farmers' Market Once-a-Monther, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W Texas Ave., under the green. Note: Weekly markets start March 26.
■ Children's storytime, Amelis Bedelia's First Apple Pie, 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
■ Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale Pops III, 7 p.m., Commemorative Air Force Hangar. Tickets: Start at $17. Purchased at the door or in advance at 563-0921.

Meetings Schedule

County Commissioners
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Annex
2110 N. "A" St.

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

4B (Sports Complex board)
3 p.m. Wednesday
Basement Classroom, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

West Texas Real Estate Investment Association
7 p.m. Thursday
Atmos Community Room
Note: Visit WestTexasREI.com to RSVP

Upcoming nonprofit/support group meetings, events

■ Midland Book Review Unit will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.
Local author Dan Venzke will be the guest speaker. His books include "A Shot in the Dark," "Out of the Woods" and "Finding Richman."
To make luncheon reservations, all 694-0708 or 694-1037.
■ Newcomers Club will meet for coffee at 10 a.m. Thursday at the home of Laurie DeWitt.
For more information call Susan Cepero at 699-0111.
■ The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church.
Registured nurses Wilma Cline and Sarah Fuller will talk about "The 68 Nurse Program." To make lunch reservations, e-mail apatton123@sbcglobal.net or call 697-1602.
■ The West Texas Iris Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Furman Community and Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair.
For more information, call 697-0557.

National Pancake Day at IHOP on Tuesday

In celebration of National Pancake Day, IHOP restaurants nationwide will offer each guest a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes in an effort to raise awareness and funds for Shriners Hospitals and other local charities.
That offer will take place from 7-10 a.m. Tuesday.
IHOP guests are invited to make a donation to Shriners Hospitals.
To find a local IHOP or to donate online, visit www.ihop-pancakeday.com.

Independence Day celebration

The Aaron Estes Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, The Midland County Historical Society and the Haley Memorial Library will host the annual "Toast to Texas" on Wednesday in observance of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico in 1836.
A short program will precede the traditional toast beginning at 1:30 p.m.
This annual observance will begin when the faithful assemble for the ceremonial reading of Joe B. Frantz's "toast" using shot glasses filled with water drawn from beneath Midland County soil. A ceremonial Texas flag will be raised on the pole at the front lawn of the Haley Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., as re-enactors fire a volley of muskets. The pledge to the Texas flag is recited by the gathered crowd after the 2 p.m. "toast".
The observance is open to all who wish to participate. No admission is charged.

HAVING FUN AT THE FAIR

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Independent School District Family Fair participants watch as the Midland High Stars dance team performs Feb. 19 at the Greater Ideal Life Center. Community agencies and MISD showcased their programs to let children and their families know about the resources that are available to them.

Hotel business in Midland

December 2010
(Taxable receipts)
Midland: $2,524,096
Odessa: $2,708,985
Abilene: $2,140,829
Lubbock: $4,156,880
San Angelo: $1,398,143

Midland in December 2009: $2,076,452
Midland in December 2008 $2,718,476

Top Midland hotels
(total receipts)

Hilton Midland Plaza	$413,667
Residence Inn	$283,225
Holiday Inn Express	$218,173
Courtyard by Marriott	$175,101
Hampton Inn/Suites	$169,371
La Quinta (Loop 250)	$158,679
La Quinta (Wall)	$128,413
Comfort Inn	$126,946
Fairfield Inn	$116,273
Clarion Inn	$115,323
Value Place	$112,676

Top in Midland-Odessa

MCM Fundome (O)	$415,134
Hilton Midland Plaza	$413,667
MCM Elegante (O)	$339,282
Residence Inn	$283,225
H-Inn Express (O)	$219,239

Midland Month by Month

	2009	2010
Jan.	$2,652,974	$2,118,346
Feb.	$2,701,621	$2,383,247
March	$2,922,730	$2,558,858
April	$2,796,685	$2,460,365
May	$2,796,685	$2,581,830
June	$3,043,816	$2,770,409
July	$2,680,950	$2,839,350
Aug.	$2,719,422	$3,046,727
Sept.	$2,479,543	$2,903,876
Oct.	$2,542,862	$3,830,358
Nov.	$2,225,866	$2,724,805
Dec.	$2,076,452	$2,524,096

Fourth Quarter
(Taxable receipts)
Midland: $9,585,625
Odessa: $9,289,148
Abilene: $7,256,110
Lubbock: $15,216,299
San Angelo: $4,677,299

Top in Midland
(total receipts)

Hilton Midland	$1,613,983
Residence Inn	$990,656
Holiday Inn Express	$729,286

Top in Odessa
(total receipts)

MCM Fundome (O)	$1,420,014
MCM Elegante (O)	$1,239,979
H. Inn Express (O)	$713,022

Quarter-by-Quarter Midland
2010
(Taxable receipts)
First $7,252,122
Second$8,094,483
Third $9,237,662
Fourth $9,585,625
2009
First $8,429,430
Second $8,972,464
Third $7,916,980
Fourth $7,147,371
2008
First $8,737,614
Second $10,548,545
Third $10,883,084
Fourth $10,245,166

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office

Gas prices in Midland

It felt like gas prices shot up overnight. But in Midland, some stations raised the price of regular unleaded 20 cents in one day.
At an average around $3.25 a gallon, the price of gas is well above the state average ($3.18), and the one-day increase is more than the average TexasGasPrices.com is reporting for the state as a whole (19 cents) during an entire week.

Cheapest gas
$3.22 — H-E-B (Wadley and Midkiff), Texaco (Wadley and Midkiff), Stripes (South Rankin and I-20).

Most expensive gas
$3.29 — at 14 locations

Cheapest gas elsewhere
Abilene — $3.09
Lubbock — $3.09
San Angelo — $3.09

Gas trends in Texas
This week — $3.18
Last week — $2.99
Last month — $2.93
Last year —$2.55

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Community development meetings

The city of Midland will hold the following public meetings on the city's 2011-12 community development program:

March 3 — Midland Freshman High School Library, 100 E Gist
March 10 — Casa de Amigos Senior Center, 1101 E Garden Lane
Each meeting will start at 7 p.m.
The city encourages citizens to attend a meeting to help plan next year's community development program. The city received $991,986 Community Development Block Grant funds for the 2010-11 program. These funds are primarily intended for programs and projects to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
For more information, call the Community Development Office at 685-7472 or 685-7408.

Source: City of Midland.

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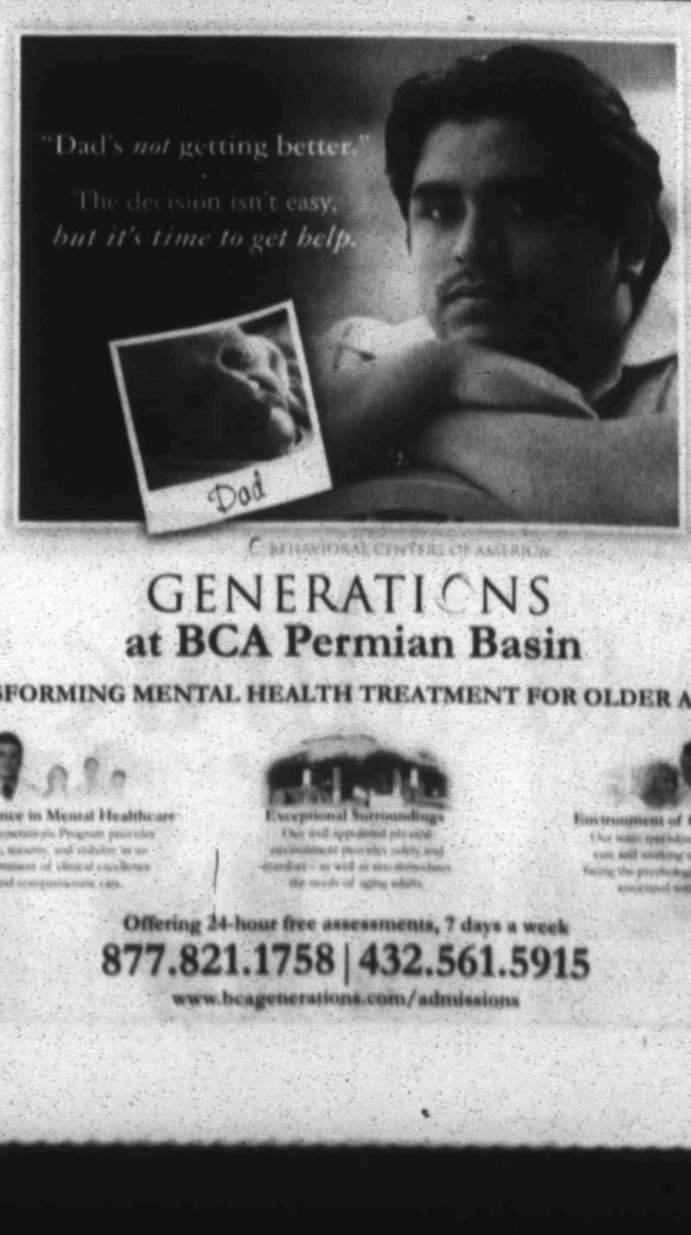
The films with the most Oscar wins are Ben-Hur, Titanic and Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, each winning 11 Oscars from 12, 14 and 11 nominations respectively.

The only tie for Best Actor was between Wallace Beery for The Champ and Fredric March for Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, in 1932.



Budget wars could shut down gov't next week

By Stewart M. Powell
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — If Republicans, Democrats and President Obama all say they don't want to shut down the federal government, why are we hurtling toward that very thing, with politicians from both parties playing a high-stakes game of political chicken?

"It isn't pretty," says Norman Ornstein, a congressional scholar at the conservative-leaning American Enterprise Institute and co-author of "The Broken Branch: How Congress Is Failing America and How to Get It Back on Track"

"The predicament is not unprecedented — but it is unusual," he said.

The bottom line is this: The government runs out of authority to spend money next Friday, March 4. Because the Democratic Congress never passed a federal budget before last Oct. 1, the start of the current fiscal year, the government has been operating on short-term spending extensions called continuing resolutions.

But with Republicans now in charge of the House, the GOP is demanding $61 billion in spending cuts as the cost of allowing the government to remain open. Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., wants to freeze spending at current levels for five years.

Unless the two sides come up with a last-minute compromise, a government shutdown could be imminent. And even if the political antagonists come up with a quick fix, there are plenty of other budget battles ahead in 2011.

Here is a road map to the ongoing war over red ink:

March 4: Continuing Spending Resolution expires

Without congressional action, federal government operations could grind to a halt as early as Friday, just as they did during a similar standoff between the GOP Congress and President Bill Clinton in 1995. Republicans are insisting that they won't budge from the House plan to trim $61 billion from Obama's budget proposal for the current fiscal year.

Options include agreement on a new federal budget for the current fiscal year — or another short-term continuing resolution that temporarily keeps spending at current levels until agreement is reached on a new budget.

"We are committed to forcing budget cuts in the continuing spending resolution," says Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, chairman of the House membership on the Joint House-Senate Economic Committee. "We are going to fight to save every dollar."

But Rep. Gene Green, D-Texas, who favors "a tough review of federal spending," warns that some GOP-backed cuts are "irresponsible."

"The Republicans have taken a bulldozer to many important local programs without taking into account the unintended consequences," the veteran lawmaker warns.

The two sides have staked out irreconcilable positions. If somebody doesn't blink, the government will shut down.

April: Vote on debt ceiling looms

Even if Congress avoids a political meltdown next week, there's another showdown looming. Because of record budget deficits, the $14.3 trillion legal ceiling on federal borrowing set by Congress a year ago is expected to be reached by the U.S. Treasury in April. That poses a politically ticklish dilemma for the Republican-led House and Democratic-led Senate: Either hike the nation's debt ceiling and risk the wrath of anti-spending voters, or let Uncle Sam default on debt payments, triggering a potential economic cataclysm.

The Obama administration wants Congress to approve a hike in the debt ceiling without attaching any pre-conditions. But congressional Republicans such as Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, are demanding that any increase in the debt ceiling be tied to steep spending cuts and other deficit-reduction measures.

Among the measures being sought by Cornyn: a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, and prohibiting tax increases without a two-thirds supermajority vote in the House and Senate.

Cornyn, a member of the Senate Budget Committee, knows it will be a challenge to get such tough medicine through the Democratic-controlled Senate. But Republicans believe they have leverage because Democrats want to avoid the nightmare scenario of national default.

"All of the signals from the leaders on both sides are that they want to avoid a crisis," says Obama budget director Jack Lew. "I don't for a moment think that it's going to be easy."

April 15: House and Senate set budget guidelines

By mid-April, budget committees in the House and Senate are supposed to set broad spending limits on discretionary spending for the coming 2012 fiscal year that starts Oct. 1. This is something that Congress was unable to do last year.

These limits embodied in the Congressional Budget Resolution would set binding spending ceilings on congressional committees.

Federal spending for fiscal year 2012, beginning Oct. 1:

Once the budget guidelines become law, Congress starts the process of reviewing the budget line by line.

Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate come up with budgets through the summer, before final blueprints are submitted to the full House and full Senate for action. The target date: Oct. 1.

The House and Senate invariably approve different spending blueprints, so legislative leaders convene House-Senate conference committees to work out differences.

President's signature or veto:

Once approved by Congress, the 2012 budget legislation is sent to the president to be signed into law or to face a presidential veto. If the president rejects the legislation, the House and Senate can override his veto with two-thirds majorities in each chamber.

Budget director Lew has hinted vaguely at a possible veto.

"If a bill crosses the line, the president has indicated that that is a problem," he said.

Of 2,563 presidential vetoes since President George Washington, only 110 have been overridden by Congress. Obama has vetoed two bills so far — neither overridden.

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CAPE CANAVERAL

Discovery arrives at space station

Space shuttle Discovery arrived at the International Space Station on Saturday, making its final visit before being parked at a museum.

"What took you guys so long?" asked the space station's commander, Scott Kelly.

Discovery should have come and gone last November but was grounded by fuel tank cracks. It blasted off Thursday with just two seconds to spare after being held up by a balky ground computer.

"Yeah, I don't know; we kind of waited until; like, the last two seconds," said shuttle commander Steven Lindsey.

The linkup happened 220 miles above Australia. Discovery — flying on its final voyage — will spend at least a week at the orbiting outpost. It's carrying a closet-style chamber full of supplies and the first humanoid robot to fly in space.

TUCSON

Despite Giffords' absence, office busier than ever

With Rep. Gabrielle Giffords recuperating in a Houston hospital, not voting in Congress or making appearances, you might think that her Tucson office would be quieter these days. You would be wrong.

The office has been bustling with all sorts of activity in the weeks since she was shot as staffers proudly carry out the type of constituent work that has been a hallmark of Giffords' time in Congress, whether it's explaining Social Security benefits to senior citizens or helping out voters facing foreclosure. Her staff is also responding to the thousands of notes of condolences that have poured in from all over the country since the shooting.

Immediately after the Jan. 8 shootings, communications director C.J. Karamargin wondered whether they should open the office the following Monday. He polled the staff, and the vote was unanimous.

"We're here to do a job," he says. "We're here to serve people, and no act of violence would deter us. People look at this office as not just as sort of a small little outpost of the federal government, but as an outpost of our representative form of government. ... It's like, we HAVE to do this."

SAN DIEGO

Sailor shot after car chase at Navy base

Military officials say Navy police shot and injured one sailor and took another into custody following a car chase at Naval Base San Diego.

Navy spokesman Jason Salata says the two sailors were stopped at a base gate early Saturday on suspicion of drunken driving.

The sailors fled to another gate, where their vehicle smashed into two police cars.

Salata says police then shot at the vehicle, hitting one of the sailors.

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SPELLING BEE Winners of the 2011 Regional Spelling Bee, from left, Gabby Rubio, tied for fifth, Thomas Rubio, winner, Veena Agusala, runner up, Catherine Reber, tied for fifth, Sophia Koo and Jace Brandl tied for third.

BEE

From 1A

Agusala was given "decorticate," and after incorrectly spelling it, took a seat as Rubio approached the microphone. Pronouncer John Deats looked at him and gave him his new word: "andante."

Rubio leaned his head back and sighed. He spelled the word, and then he was given the winning word.

Ignoring his family out in the audience, he later said it was one of the words "still stuck in my brain" after he and sister Gabby reviewed it earlier in the week in preparation for the bee.

Saturday's bee was the third Thomas Rubio had competed in; he came in second place in 2008 behind winner Sam Dowlen and again last year to winner Jace Brandl. It will be his first time to represent Midland in Washington, D.C., on June 1-2 in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

As each round dwindled down and eliminated opponents, Rubio grew anxious and jiggled his right leg while seated on stage. His sister Gabby, who represented Washington Math & Science, tied for fifth place after one of the final rounds and left the stage.

It came down to Thomas, Agusala, defending champ Brandl and newcomer Sophia Koo from Greathouse Elementary. In that round, Rubio was given the word "manteau;" his parents breathed a sigh of relief and whispered "thank you, Lord" as he advanced and it came down to the final two.

Rubio is following in his older sister's Danielle's footsteps, who took home the Midland title in 2006 and represented the area in that year's national bee in Washington.

It was then, as an 8-year-old boy sitting in the audience and watching his sister compete, that Thomas Rubio said he started thinking that he also should give spelling a try.

His father Abner said he and his wife always have pushed their children to learn new words and to know how to spell because they believe it's helpful knowing the words not only for school and their education but also in the future for the SAT tests.

"We try to encourage them," he said.

Having been runner-up the past two times he's competed, Thomas Rubio said he's been studying more material and that competing against his younger sister this year has given him a new study partner.

"I'm really excited to get to go to Washington, D.C., again," he said.

He plans to continue to study hard on the weekends and after school, whenever he can.

Younger sister Gabby agreed and playfully teased him as the two left the Wagner & Brown Auditorium in the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College following the competition.

"You're going to get hit hard now with spelling," she said grabbing the trophy from his arms.

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TOP FINISHERS

- 1st place: Thomas Rubio, Alamo Junior High
- 2nd place: Veena Agusala, Trinity School
- 3rd place (tied): Jace Brandl, Abell Junior High and Sophia Koo, Greathouse Elementary
- 5th place (tied): Gabby Rubio, Washington Math & Science and Catherine Reber, St. Ann's
- 7th place: Sawyer Dowlen, Midland Association of Christian Home Educators (MACHE)
- 8th place (tied): Matthew Wilkins, Santa Rita Elementary; Keagan Parham, Goddard Junior High; Hannah Jensen, Big Spring Junior High; and Rick Salcido, Midland Academy Charter

BEE FUN FACTS:

- 41 students from Midland Independent School District, local private and charter schools and Big Spring schools competed for the title of area's best speller.
- Winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee held June 1-2 in Washington, D.C.
- Saturday's prizes included:

— 1st place: All-expense-paid trip to Washington, a Merriam-Webster's Third New International Dictionary, a $100 savings bond, $125 cash, a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online and a trophy.

— 2nd place: A Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, $75 cash, a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online and a trophy.

— 3rd place: A $20 Amazon.com gift certificate, $50 cash, a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online and a trophy.

— 4th place: $20 Amazon.com gift certificate, $25 cash and a trophy.

— 5th place: $25 cash and a trophy.

REPORTER-TELEGRAM REGIONAL SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS SINCE 1993:

1993 Jeremy Gengler, Goddard; 1994 Tarfia Faizullah, Trinity; 1995 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1996 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1997 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1998 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1999 Stacey Moore, Alamo

2000 Michael Moore, Crockett; 2001 Chiraag Alur, Abell; 2002 Michael Moore, Alamo; 2003 Nicholas Van Nguyen, Anson Jones; 2004 Jamie Lain, San Jacinto; 2005 Taylor Young, Alamo

2006 Danielle Rubio, Bonham; 2007 Calley Jones, Abell; 2008 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE (Midland Association of Christian Home Educators); 2009 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2010 Jace Brandl, Scharbauer Elementary; 2011 Thomas Rubio, Alamo

BY SCHOOL:

Abell 4, Alamo 4, Goddard 3, MACHE 2, San Jacinto 1, Trinity 1, Crockett 1, Anson Jones 1, Bonham 1, Scharbauer 1

Round by round: order of elimination for spelling bee

Order of elimination for students in 2011 Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee. (All students eliminated in same round considered "Tie.")

Did Not Compete
Kate Daugherty, Fannin Elementary
Reinalee Rodriguez, Crockett Elementary

Eliminated - Round 1
Zurie Fletcher, Rusk Elementary
Madison Pitchford, Henderson Elementary
Noah Harrison, Emerson Elementary
Madeleine Reeves, Bush Elementary
Genatta McCleskey, Midland Christian
Rachel Kile, Parker Elementary
Austin Chestnut, Lamar Elementary
Cannon Hawkins, Long Elementary
Gaby Barraza, Milam Elementary
Marcus Hinojosa, Jones Elementary
Jeremiah Cooley, Marcy Elementary

Eliminated — Round 2
Ashlyn Hansen, Hillander School
Juan Vasquez, Pease Academy
Gabriella Medina, Moss Elementary
Ricky Rodriguez, Travis Elementary
Robby Muniz, Midland Classical
Marcos Marta, Burnet Elementary
Analyce Hernandez, DeZavala Elementary
Anna Parkison, Bowie Fine Arts

Eliminated — Round 3
Rachel McCalister, Goliad Intermediate
Juwon Packer, Bonham Elementary
Brandon Kam, San Jacinto Junior High

Eliminated — Round 4
Hannah Jensen, Big Spring Junior High
Matthew Wilkins, Santa Rita Elementary
Keagan Parham, Goddard Junior High
Rick Salcido, Midland Academy Charter

Eliminated — Round 5
Sawyer Dowlen, Midland Association of Christian Home Educators (MACHE)

Eliminated — Round 6
Catherine Reber, St. Ann's School
Gabby Rubio, Washington Math & Science

Eliminated — Round 7
Sophia Koo, Greathouse Elementary
Jace Brandl, Abell Junior High

Eliminated — Round 10
Veena Agusala, Trinity School

Winner
Thomas Rubio, Alamo Junior High

LESSON

From 1A

the field, Krenek said that when the labor pool gets tight, businesses begin looking to train new employees. When restaurant employees began to realize how much money they could make in the oil patch, owners and managers struggled to pay valuable workers enough to stick around.

"It was horribly difficult," said Brett Norwich, Permian Basin franchise owner of Jack-in-the-Box. Norwich said he was still in the process of hiring staff for a new location at the peak of the oil boom.

"At its highest we were paying employees up to 50 percent (more than) we would normally pay," he said.

JumBurrito owner Jose Cuevas said at the height of the boom he would hire five to 10 employees, and none would show up for their first day of work after training.

Because of a lack of reliable employees, Cuevas said he had to shut down his location on Wadley Avenue at 3 p.m. every day for three months, and ultimately fired 21 of 24 employees to rebuild a better staff.

"We could not find anybody to work; we really were having to pay top wages, and there were times we couldn't even open parts of the restaurant," said Jerry Morales, owner of Gerardo's Casita.

Norwich also cited turnovers as a hurdle when he opened up a new Jack-in-the-Box in March 2008.

"Within the first four weeks, we had almost a 100 percent turnover of employees," he said. The company's corporate office in El Paso sent a core group of employees to help rebuild the Jack-in-the-Box and paid the rent for their apartments.

"We endured a huge expense to do that," he said. "We also brought in another manager from El Paso who was working the restaurant, and another neighborhood restaurant person came over and offered her $90,000 to leave."

Sam Lawson, owner of Burger King and Popeye's locations in Midland, said that he gave out 2,000 W-2 forms at the end of 2008, when at any given time he had 300 employees on the payroll. At times, he was down to a total of 180 employees on staff.

When oil and gas sector businesses looked to develop new employees, they also were met with high turnover rates.

"The turnover is quite high in entry levels," Krenek said, citing extreme weather and long hours as deterrents for new employees. "People think they want to do it and get to the job site and quickly decide that they either like it or don't like it. More people don't like it than like it."

Wage inflation also was a common problem within the oil industry, Krenek said.

"You look at who's working for your competitors, and that's what starts the wage inflation," he said.

Though Ingham said the economy in Midland is recovering quickly, he added that he believes there is still a good amount of slack in the labor market since unemployment rates still haven't dropped to pre-recession levels.

Nevertheless, restaurant owners and oil executives said they already are seeing some signs of trouble.

"There are still people available, but it's quickly becoming harder to find people to fill spots," Krenek said. "Labor is going to be our biggest issue."

Norwich said he begins seeing employees get restless once crude oil is more than $80 per barrel.

"We're starting to see the effects of an oil boom again," he said. "It's not nearly as bad as last time. It's manageable up to $100 a barrel; at that point we need to start paying employees more — at least that's what we experienced."

This time around, restaurant employers said they are prepared from their experiences in 2008.

"We're happy the oil and gas industry is doing well," Morales said. "But when we start seeing oil prices creep up we keep telling our employees that this is a consistently stable business to be in."

Norwich said he also is happy to see unemployment at 4.9 percent, but he hopes it doesn't get much lower than that for economic reasons.

"If unemployment gets above 6 or 7 percent, that's more than we want in our communities," Norwich said. "You want people to be working; everybody does. But there's a sweet spot; 5 to 5.5 is really good. 4.9 is heading into the zone where you can't find good employees."

Cuevas said there is no doubt in his mind that history will repeat itself as oil prices climb and more high-paying jobs are created in the oil patch.

"We had a lot of our male employees leave in 2008," the JumBurrito owner said. "I fully anticipate that some people will go back to work for our competitors or try another career."

Cuevas also mentioned that he didn't plan to wait for another wage war to begin and already has begun giving incentives to his best employees.

Lawson recalled how a public wage war hurt all restaurants.

"We started putting wages out on our board," he said. "I would say 80 percent of it probably was us causing our own grief because we didn't get together and say 'No, we're not doing this.' We were battling each other, and oil businesses were coming in handing out business cards."

Midland Development Corp. President Mike Hatley said though the oil patch took away employees from other businesses in 2007 and 2008, Midlanders should think of that situation as the sign of a strong economy.

"We here at the Midland Development Corp. are trying to help that by recruiting folks with skills to take a look at Midland and look at the possibility of applying their skills in the area that are needed," Hatley said, mentioning that one of the corporation's largest recruiting demographics is people exiting the military. He said he hopes to recruit employees in sectors that will balance out Midland's economy.

"Creating these bubbles that burst is not a good long-term strategy," he said, adding that Midlanders should be hopeful overall about the economy. "We see kind of a rosy outlook for our economy here not everybody's enjoying that nationwide."

In a successful market and with lessons under their belts, Cuevas said restaurants are looking ahead with hope.

"We're excited but cautious about the future," he said.

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LEADERS

From 1A

her career path.

"I get to help students and families. When someone is able to complete a degree or certificate program, they're able to get the skills to be able to go out into the work force and seek better employment," she said. "It immediately impacts them and they're able to better take care of themselves and their families. Later on down the road, their children or family members might see that they've accomplished this and think, 'I can, too.'

"The legacy of an education is attainable and it is important," she said.

Williams is one of several younger leaders emerging in Midland's African-American community and that have been recognized by their peers for making a difference, said longtime Midland resident Robbyne Hocker Fuller.

"I see some promising young people who may be leaders after getting their feet wet in their jobs. They may possibly want to do some things," she said.

Several of those Fuller mentioned are men and women who grew up in Midland and care about their community. They are individuals who work locally on projects and have a love for their neighbors.

She encourages them to step out in faith and to get off the shoreline and get their feet wet.

"I keep telling young people there's so much work to be done in Midland. There are a so many ministries; find your niche and just work in that particular area.

Still, Williams she said that she believes will be some of the leaders coming up in the next few years. And others who are more quiet and behind the scenes when working in their communities.

"There will never just be any one leader in the African-American community. There will be many," Fuller said. "You don't have to be a leader. If you see something that needs to be done, just get it done."

Vicky Hailey, District 2 city councilwoman, agreed and said some of the individuals she worked with recently in putting together the first Black Pearl Expo earlier this month — Audrey White, John Love and Jeromy Ray — are those she considers new leaders because of the effort and work they put in helping organize an event that benefited not only the African-American community, but Midland as a whole.

"I worked closely with them. They have great leadership skills," she said.

It's individuals like those three, Hailey said, who worked together closely on the project and toward the same vision that demonstrated their leadership skills and being a team player.

Ray, who owns Making a Difference Operations, and teaches at New Way Christian Academy in Odessa, said he feels like he has been coming up for some time as a leader and was excited to work with the expo staff in getting the event launched.

By attending and working the event, it also helped to connect him with other African-American businesses in the area. He is now collaborating with the organizations to help network and market their companies.

One of his initiatives as a new leader is to encourage residents to shop locally and he wants to work with businesses to help customers take part in that.

"For a lot of us to shop locally than we shop elsewhere, that needs to be on the forefront," he said.

Ray said his business name "Making a Difference" is something he has been doing for the past decade and where he teaches, he has encouraged his students to start their first student newspaper.

Yet, it's events like the expo that he was a part of that he hopes to help with more in the future.

"I'm hopeful that we did a whole lot for the black community and the community in general. It connected us like never before," he said.

And it's working with projects at the grassroots level and behind the scenes, that Williams says she enjoys also about being involved in her community.

She hopes to do more work with the community and feels there is an untapped resource of young African-Americans with various talents in the local area.

"I do see some young people with leadership traits. I think the responsibility is on the community to provide direction. We do see a lot of young people that have the characteristics but don't have the drive or motivation or support," she said. "If those students are not given direction early on, a lot of times, they feel like they are not being supported and they don't grow in their leadership."

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With the GOP on rise, so is Texas' clout

By Henry C. Jackson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When President George W. Bush left office in 2009, taking his Texas twang and sagging poll numbers with him, skeptics said he took something else: the state's political clout.

Without a Texan in the White House, the logic went, and with Democrats in control of Congress, the Lone Star State would lose some luster. Gone, for sure, were decades of Texans like House speakers Sam Rayburn and Jim Wright or Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson ruling the roost. In Washington there was talk of Texas fatigue and new power centers.

Turns out, it was a little premature.

After three years and a midterm election sweep by the GOP, Texas is once again a force in the nation's capital. Texans lead key committees in the House of Representatives. They run the GOP's campaign arms in the House and the Senate. They are ascending the ranks of leadership in both chambers. And soon, thanks to a U.S. census report that shows surging growth, there will be more of them here.

Tally it all up, and it's clear Texas' footprint is growing in Washington, not shrinking.

"After President Bush left the White House, there was this notion that somehow Texas had faded," said Sen. John Cornyn. "I think people's judgment was a little premature."

Cornyn, who is serving his second term, leads Texas' resurgence in the Senate. As chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the national fundraising arm for Senate campaigns, he helped recruit and financially back the GOP's newcomers. He is reprising his role as Republicans eye flipping the Senate in 2012 when 23 Democrats will defend their seats. Cornyn also recently announced he would seek the GOP's No. 2 spot in the Senate in 2012, when Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., retires next year.

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> — BRUCE BUCHANAN
> Political science professor, University of Texas at Austin

In the House, a new Republican majority has meant much more influence for Texas.

Cornyn's counterpart in the House is Rep. Pete Sessions, a Dallas-area congressman who will also reprise his role in charge of House Republicans' campaign efforts ahead of 2012 elections. Other Texans are also moving up the ranks: Rep. Jeb Hensarling was elected by his colleagues as the GOP Conference chairman, the fourth ranking member in House leadership, earlier this year. Texas Reps. Ralph Hall and Lamar Smith serve as chairmen of the House Committees on Science, Space and Technology and Judiciary, respectively.

"Whatever disenchantment with the state might have emerged in the past, it doesn't have much of a shelf life when you get down to the realities of political realities," said Bruce Buchanan, a political science professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

Size matters, in other words, and Texas is only getting bigger. Earlier this year the U.S. Census Bureau announced that Texas would gain four congressional seats in 2012, a development that will not only increase Texas' power, but diminish the clout of some of its larger state rivals in the House.

"It's another byproduct of our growth. People vote with their feet," Cornyn said.

If the state is fully ascendant now, Texas certainly plowed some lows in recent years. It began in 2005 with the resignation of Tom DeLay as House majority leader after he was indicted — and later convicted — on felony charges related to corporate campaign donations. Democrats swept to power in 2006, shoving much of the state's GOP congressional majority out of power.

Then, as Bush prepared to leave office in 2008, something more peculiar happened. For the first time since 1972, four years after President Lyndon Johnson left office to go home to Texas, none of the state's renowned breed of ambitious politicians — bar a quirky, longshot in Rep. Ron Paul — mounted a realistic bid for the presidency or was on either party's ticket.

Texas had not only lost a large measure of its power, but seemingly some of its renowned swagger in Washington.

That could never last for long, Buchanan said.

"Texans constantly get in one kind of trouble or another, but they always bounce back," he said. "It has to do with its ambitious political culture and the laws of large numbers."

Texas' power has not returned to its pre-DeLay, pre-Bush heights, never mind years gone by when Johnson kept an iron grip on the Senate or Rayburn presided over the House. But the state's influence is growing again — and so is its bravado.

"You could never keep Texas down very long," said Matt Mackowiak, a GOP political operative who has run various races and worked for members in the delegation. "By virtue of its size and commerce and all of that, Texas is a leader and it always will be."

Or, as Cornyn puts it: "We're a state of 25 million people in a country of 300 million . The fact of the matter is Texas has always sort of been pulling the wagon."

Beyond the sheer numbers, observers say there is something else about the state — a certain irrepressibility in its character.

"You never really get tired of Texas," said John Pitney Jr., a former Republican congressional aide and a professor of American politics at Claremont McKenna college in California.

Govs to feds: Avoid causing states any more pain

Associated Press

Their states on the brink of financial catastrophe, governors pleaded Saturday for the divided federal government to avoid doing anything that would hamper the tenuous economic recovery back home.

Their message to Washington: prevent a government shutdown, abstain from spending cuts that dramatically will affect states and end even preliminary discussions about allowing states to declare bankruptcy.

"Anything that Congress does that will undermine our recovery is quite troublesome to us," said Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire, head of the National Governors Association, as she opened the bipartisan group's winter meeting. "We're asking for cooperation."

"We don't need a hiccup now in our recovery," she added. "We are fragile."

States have made $75 billion in budget cuts and raised taxes by $33 billion over the past two years to make up for budget shortfalls caused by the recession. Governors drained reserve cash funds and oversaw several rounds of severe budget cuts, so much so that Republicans and Democrats alike now are focused on how to completely remake state governments.

The overall economic situation in states is improving.

"Recovering, not recovered," as Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, a Democrat, put it.

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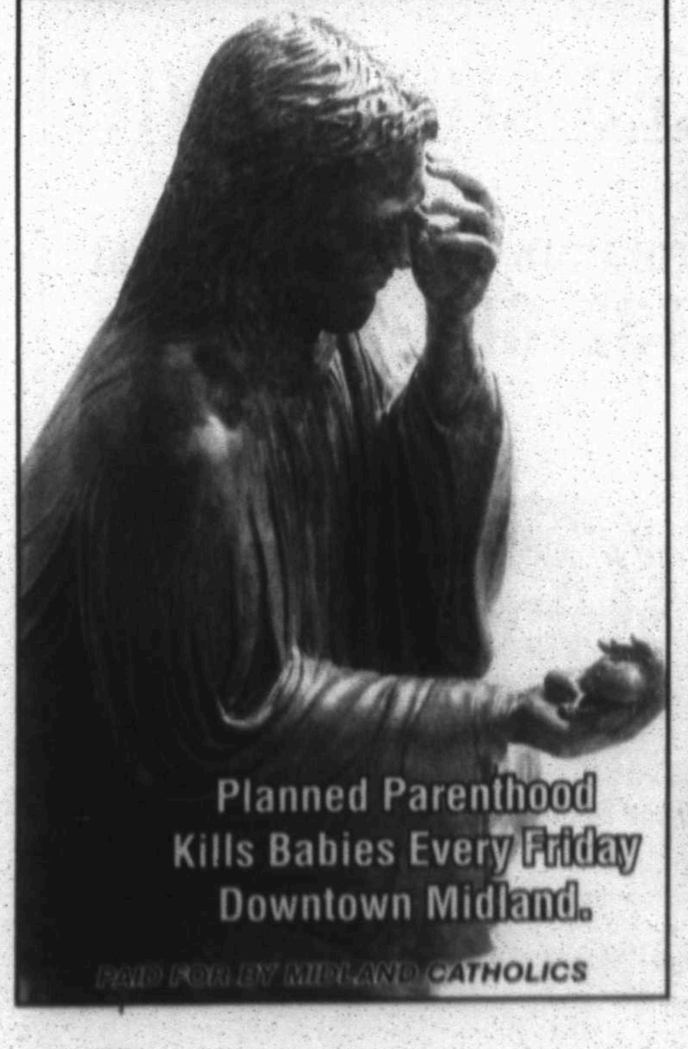

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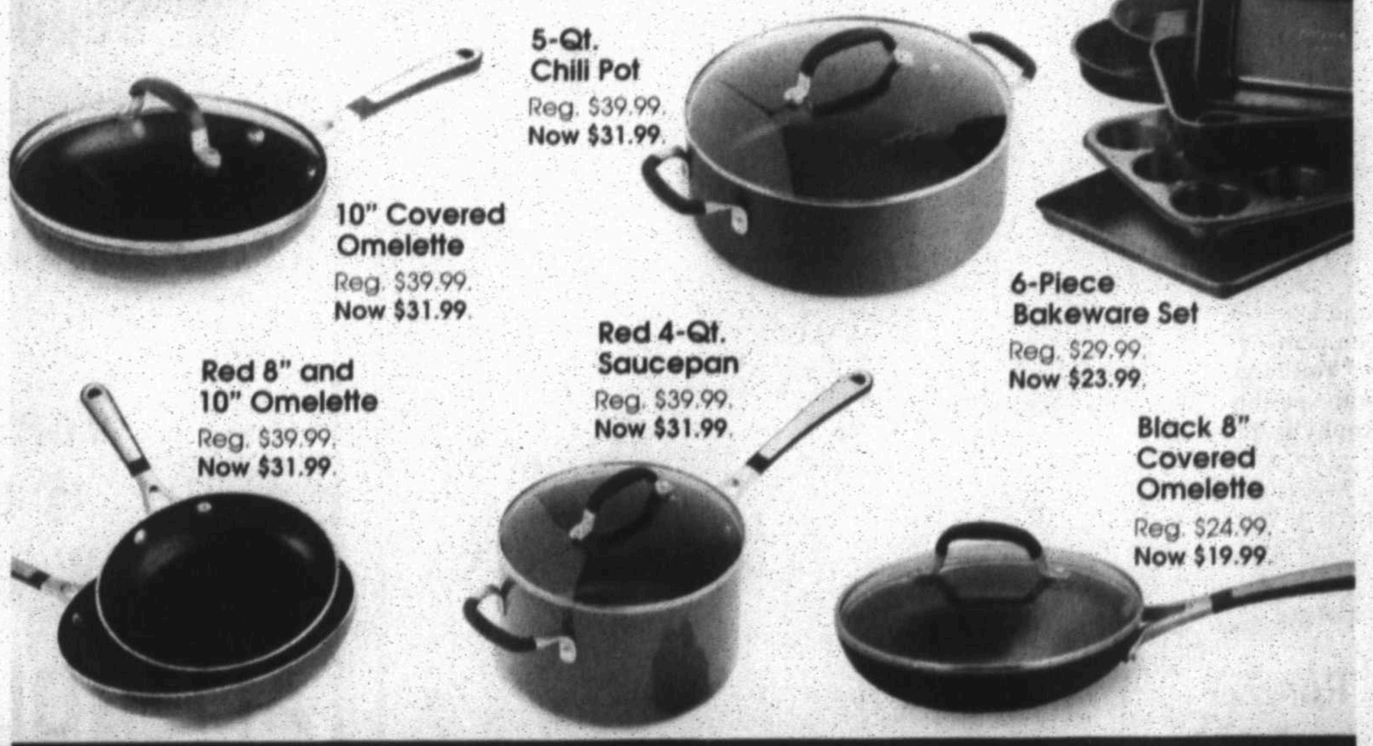

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Facts overshadowed in debate over union bill in Wisconsin

By Patrick Condon and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

■ Analysis

MADISON, Wis. — The facts have been overshadowed by rhetoric at the Wisconsin Capitol, where protesters and politicians have been engaged in a tense standoff over the governor's proposal to strip most public employees of their collective-bargaining rights.

Gov. Scott Walker insists the state is broke and must make drastic spending cuts. Unions believe Republican leaders are trying to wipe them out. Two weeks into the debate, the Associated Press assessed the claims in an effort to shed light on what's at stake.

Walker says his plan is needed to ease a deficit that is projected to hit $137 million by July and $3.6 billion by mid-2013.

The budget as it stands now is balanced, and Walker is under no legal obligation to make changes. But by mid-summer, the state could come up short on cash to pay its bills, largely because of a projected $169 million shortfall in its Medicaid program.

Walker's plan comes up with the money for this year by refinancing debt to save $165 million and forcing state employees to pay for half the cost of their pensions and twice their current health care premiums. That is equivalent to an 8 percent pay cut.

Those increases in benefit contributions would raise $30 million by July and $300 million over the next two years.

But the flashpoint is his proposed elimination of collective bargaining rights. Nearly all state and local government workers would be forbidden from bargaining for any wage increases beyond the rate of inflation.

Associated Press

STILL FIGHTING Union steam fitter Andrew Williams of West Allis, Wis., uses an air horn during protest at the state Capitol in Madison, Wis., on Friday, over the governor's proposed budget.

Walker argues the sweeping step is necessary to balance the budget not only over the next two years but into the future. School districts, cities, counties and other local governments need the flexibility, he says, to deal with more than $1 billion in state aid cuts Walker will announce Tuesday in his two-year budget plan.

That's certainly one way to tackle the problem, but it's not the only solution.

Walker has refused even to consider some of the other ways to raise the massive amount of money needed. He repeatedly has said his measures are the only way to fix the state's budget problems now and for the long term as he proposes deep cuts to state and local governments in his upcoming two-year budget.

He also is resolved not to raise taxes — an option used by Democrats who controlled the Legislature when the state faced a deficit that was nearly twice as large as the one Walker inherited. The Democrats also relied heavily on federal stimulus aid, which the state does not have available this time around.

Not raising taxes and not tapping federal aid leaves Walker with few alternatives other than reducing the money the state gives to schools and local governments or reducing Medicaid to the extent allowed under federal law.

Aid to schools and local governments is more than half of the entire state budget. Medical assistance programs are 9 percent, as is funding for the state prison system and money for the University of Wisconsin system. Walker won't make cuts to the prisons, but he's expected to make deep reductions in higher education.

As for Medicaid, Walker gives himself as much leeway as possible under the bill that passed the Assembly early Friday but remains hung up in the Senate because of 14 AWOL Democrats who skipped town to stymie efforts to vote on the proposal in that chamber.

Walker's bill gives his administration the power to make any changes necessary to Medicaid to save money, regardless of current law and without approval of the Legislature. Medicaid is a $1.2 billion part of the budget, but even with the freedom the bill gives him, Walker will be hamstrung by federal law that limits how many cost-saving changes states can make without a waiver.

Walker's new health department secretary, Dennis Smith, is a former federal Medicaid official who has advocated that states drop out of the program entirely. That position and others taken by Smith are worrisome to advocates for the poor, disabled and elderly, who are largely the beneficiaries of the program.

Walker has not released details of what he may cut in Medicaid. At least some of the cuts will be contained in his budget coming out Tuesday.

But the key to that plan, according to Walker, is ending collective bargaining rights. Doing that isn't about busting unions, Walker argues, but balancing budgets.

If he's intent on using cuts in state aid to balance the budget, eliminating collective bargaining does go a long way to achieving one of his key goals — giving local communities the ability to deal with the reductions.

With 3,000 units of government in Wisconsin, all in various stages of contractual negotiations, eliminating collective bargaining may be the only way they could quickly deal with the cuts, said Todd Berry, president of the nonpartisan Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance.

Walker has also threatened that if the bill doesn't pass, up to 1,500 people may be laid off by July in order to achieve the savings necessary to balance the budget, with another 6,000 layoffs by the middle of 2013, with an equal number on the local level.

That layoff threat is a real possibility if schools are going to see a large cut in aid and have their ability to raise property taxes restricted, Berry said.

"If 80 percent of your budget is personnel, and you're having state and your property tax revenues reduced while your costs are going up, you can't solve your problem without addressing compensation," Berry said.

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"Toy Story 3" — 99 percent: Deftly blending comedy, adventure, and honest emotion, this film is a rare second sequel that really works.

"The Social Network" — 97 percent: The story of the birth of Facebook is impeccably scripted by Aaron Sorkin, beautifully directed by David Fincher, and filled with fine performances. This film is a riveting, ambitious example of modern filmmaking at its finest.

"The King's Speech" — 96 percent: Colin Firth gives a masterful performance as Prince Albert (later King George VI) and his attempts to overcome his speech impediment with the unconventional help (and friendship) of an Australian therapist. Firth is a favorite for the best actor Oscar.

"True Grit" — 95 percent: Girded by strong performances from Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon, and newcomer Hailee Steinfeld, and lifted by some of the Coens' most finely tuned, unaffected work, this film is a worthy companion to the Charles Portis book.

"The Kids Are All Right" — 94 percent: This story of a lesbian couple and their family is worthwhile as both a well-acted ensemble piece and as a smart, warm statement on family values.

"Winter's Bone" — 94 percent: Bleak, haunting, and yet still somehow hopeful, this film is writer-director Debra Granik's best work yet — and it boasts an incredible, star-making performance from Jennifer Lawrence.

"127 Hours" — 93 percent: As gut-wrenching as it is inspirational, this film unites one of Danny Boyle's most beautifully exuberant directorial efforts with a terrific performance from James Franco.

"Black Swan" — 89 percent: Bracingly intense, passionate, and wildly melodramatic, this film glides on Darren Aronofsky's bold direction — and a bravura performance from Natalie Portman.

"The Fighter" — 89 percent: Based on the true story of Mickey Ward and his brother, and led by a trio of captivating performances from Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale and Amy Adams, this film is an impressive entry in the boxing drama genre. Watch for Bale to take home the Oscar for best supporting actor.

"Inception" — 86 percent: A brain-teasing caper film, but so much more. Smart, innovative, and thrilling, this film is that rare summer blockbuster that succeeds viscerally as well as intellectually.

Winners' dilemma: To list or not to list?

By David Germain
Associated Press

Associated Press

SETTING UP An Oscar statue is covered in plastic on the red carpet for the 83rd Academy Awards outside the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles on Friday. The Academy Awards will be held tonight at 7.

LOS ANGELES — You can forgive George VI, the central figure in "The King's Speech," for painfully picking through his syllables when he steps up to the microphone. Like all stammerers, the guy lived in terror of public speaking.

But don't we deserve some speechifying for the ages from the Hollywood elite that win Academy Awards on Sunday? They're paid millions for their creative talents, so why do they often bore the stuffing out of TV audiences with droning thank-you lists?

The problem, said "King's Speech" screenwriter David Seidler, expected to win the Oscar for original screenplay, is that if recipients fail to deliver a monotonous litany of thanks, they hurt a lot of feelings in a town of big, fragile egos.

"You're stuck. If you don't thank a long list of people, you have a long list of people very upset, and if you do thank a long list of people, you have a billion people out in the audience bored stupid," Seidler said.

And if he wins? "I'm not quite sure what to do," he said.

Oscar overseers know what they'd like winners to do, though. They're making their usual exhortations to nominees that should they win, don't lull the world to sleep by thanking their agents, managers, hairstylists and latte fetchers. Say something remarkable.

"Leave your list in your pocket," Oscar producer Bruce Cohen advised contenders at their annual nominees luncheon three weeks before the show. "Nothing is more deadly than a winner reading a list of names."

"If you are lucky enough to get up there, tell us how you feel about being up there. What is this moment in your life like? Speak from the heart," said fellow Oscar producer Don Mischer. "When winners pull out a list on a piece of paper, we lose viewers by the hundreds of thousands."

At the end of "The King's Speech," which leads Oscar contenders with 12 nominations and is favored to win best picture, Colin Firth as George VI muddles through with a rousing radio address to inspire his nation as World War II approaches.

The king overcame his stammer with help from an unconventional speech therapist, Lionel Logue (played by Geoffrey Rush), who coached, counseled and cajoled that grand oration from his patient.

"King's Speech" director Tom Hooper said winners at Sunday's Oscars would "do well being coached by Lionel Logue. ... He teaches the king a lot about the importance of being relaxed and in the moment. That key idea, which is very central to broadcasting, is: 'Don't say it to the millions of people watching, say it as if you are saying it to one person. Say it as if you are saying it to a friend.' That is his advice to the king, and it remains great broadcasting advice today."

Being in the moment has resulted in some of the most memorable occasions, good and bad, in Oscar history.

Jack Palance did one-armed push-ups on stage when he won for "City Slickers." Adrien Brody won for "The Pianist" and planted a wet, sloppy kiss on Halle Berry, who presented his award. Roberto Benigni climbed the furniture like a kid on a swing-set and declared he wanted to "make love to everybody" after winning for "Life Is Beautiful."

"Titanic" creator James Cameron proclaimed himself "king of the world."

"Bowling for Columbine" director Michael Moore castigated President George W. Bush for going to war in Iraq. "Moonstruck" acting winner Olympia Dukakis gave a shout out to her cousin, Michael Dukakis, who was then running for president.

When Julia Roberts won for "Erin Brockovich," she thumbed her nose at the 45-second time limit for acceptance speeches, declaring "I may never be here again" and speaking giddily for about three minutes. Greer Garson went on about twice that long when she won for "Mrs. Miniver," while Joe Pesci, who later confided he had not expected to win for "Goodfellas," took the stage and simply said, "It was my privilege. Thank you."

When she won her second Oscar, for "Million Dollar Baby," Hilary Swank started off memorably with the line, "I'm just a girl from a trailer park who had a dream," then lapsed into list mode, thanking sparring partners, cinematographers, editors, her publicist.

At the nominees luncheon, producers Cohen and Mischer advised contenders to save their laundry list of names for backstage, where they can gush thanks to as many people as they want in front of a camera whose video goes online.

Academy president Tom Sherak joked Friday that steps have been taken to prevent list reading: "They have done away with the metal detectors, and they are going to have paper detectors," he quipped. "So before (winners) come up, they're going to walk through a scan that will make sure they have no paper in their pockets."

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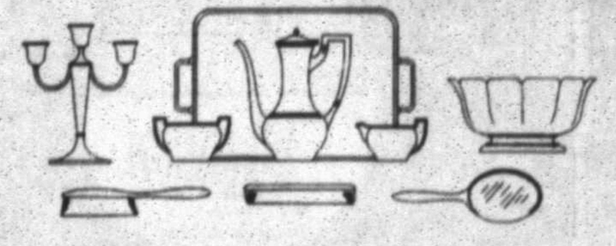

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New Zealand quake death toll at 146

By Steve McMorran
Associated Press

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — New Zealand's premier said the Christchurch quake may be the country's worst disaster ever, as officials raised the toll to 146 dead and more than 200 missing while giving a grim prognosis for the city's downtown.

Prayers were said for the dead and missing at church services Sunday in Christchurch and across New Zealand. But church leaders canceled a planned multi-denominational service in a Christchurch park because of concerns it could block access roads for essential emergency services.

"As our citizens make their way to church this Sunday, they will be joined in prayer by millions around the world," Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker said. "For now, we are truly comforted by the thoughts and prayers of so many."

Associated Press

DEVASTATION Cars lie crushed under a fallen building in central Christchurch Saturday following Tuesday's earthquake in New Zealand.

Engineers and planners said the city's decimated central area may be completely unusable for months to come and that at least a third of the buildings must be razed and rebuilt after last Tuesday's 6.3-magnitude quake.

The death toll from the quake reached 146 Sunday, and Police Superintendent David Cliff said that "certainly we expect that number to continue to rise."

"There are more than 200 people missing in the worst-damaged parts of the city," he told reporters.

His comments suggest the eventual death toll could make this New Zealand's deadliest disaster ever. Currently, the country's worst disaster was the 1931 Napier earthquake on North Island in which at least 256 people died.

Earlier, Police Inspector Russell Gibson said rescuers had spotted more bodies in the wreckage which likely would be retrieved Sunday.

The multinational team of more than 600 rescuers scrabbling through wrecked buildings in the central city last pulled a survivor from the ruins at mid-afternoon Wednesday, making it nearly four days without finding anyone alive.

Rescue coordinator Jim Stuart-Black said Sunday that rescuers continued "to look in every possible place for survivors."

"We are still in active rescue mode ... but we are also realistic that we are starting to move into the miracle stage of the operation," he said, with survival becoming less likely six days after the quake.

Rescue and recovery efforts were hampered Saturday by continuing aftershocks, which sent masonry tumbling down, and a cat sparked a false alarm over a possible survivor.

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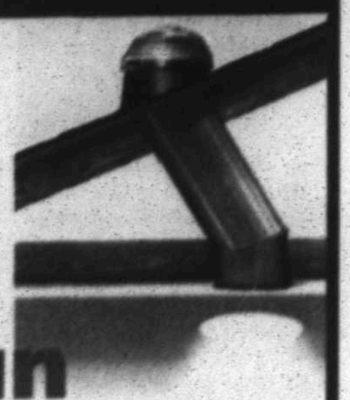

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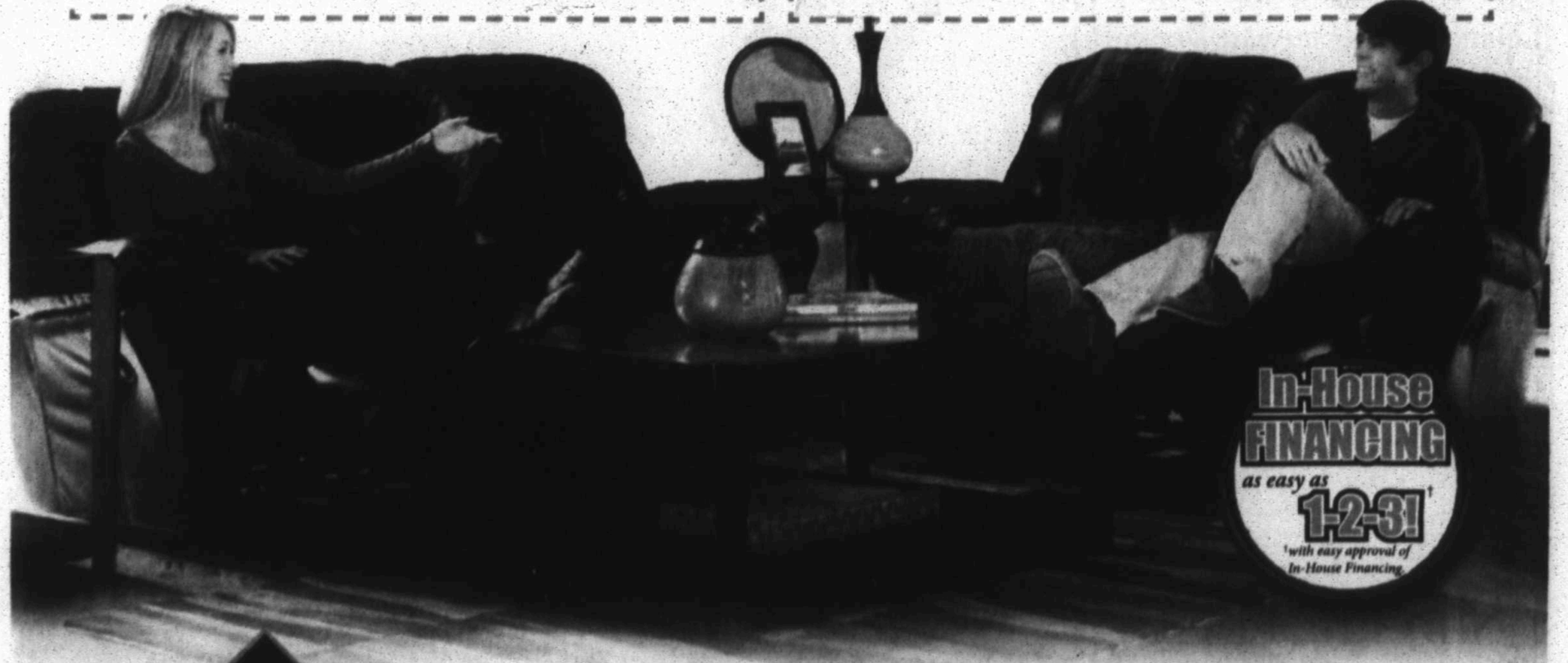

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Year after 'The Cove' wins Oscar, activists shift tactics

By Jay Alabaster
Associated Press

TAIJI, Japan — In the fervor of the Academy Awards in Hollywood on Sunday, last year's winners will be a distant memory. Half a world away in the Japanese fishing village of Taiji, few will ever forget the film that won in 2010 for Best Documentary Feature.

A year after "The Cove" received an Oscar for its scathing portrayal of Taiji's dolphin hunting tradition, the tiny town is still under siege by foreign activists. That's created a deep deadlock with Taiji's fishermen, leading some activists to seek a different tact.

"I'm trying to get a grass-roots movement going in Japan. I've come to realize you can't show up with a big stick and tell them what to do," said Ric O'Barry, the veteran dolphin activist who stars in "The Cove."

A smattering of foreign protesters has come for years to Taiji, but since the success of the movie the sleepy town of 3,500 has been inundated. The environmental group Sea Shepherd has started a "Cove Guardian" program that brings visitors, new groups such as "Taiji Action Group" and "Eyes on Taiji" have sprung up, and many people have come on their own.

The influx has had little effect. The town's two dozen dolphin hunters, most of whom are gruff ex-whalers, ignore the protesters as unwanted foreign pressure on their traditions and have responded with elaborate tarp structures to hide the gorier aspects of their work. A rare public meeting between the two sides in November ended in confusion and discord, and town officials say the attention is largely a nuisance.

"We're a small town; we really can't get anything else done while this is going on," said Masahiro Mukai, who normally runs the town's volunteer fire department but now goes on regular patrols to monitor the activists.

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> — RIE O'BARRY
> Veteran dolphin activist

So activists like O'Barry are trying to recruit more Japanese to their cause, publishing materials in the Japanese language and holding meetings with those who show an interest. Longtime Japanese activists like Masato Sakano have organized crowded forums in Tokyo to discuss the implications of "The Cove" and the Taiji hunts.

The government permits about 20,000 dolphins to be hunted along Japan's coasts each year. Only about 2,000 of those are taken in Taiji, but it is singled out mainly because it uses drive fishing, in which the animals are herded near to shore and slaughtered in shallow water, as opposed to being harpooned at sea.

This method also lends itself to capturing live animals, because they are relatively unscathed and can be examined up close by aquarium buyers or dolphin dealers. Those that aren't picked are killed for meat or occasionally released.

In years past, several towns captured live dolphins in Japan, but now only Taiji remains. So a complete end to the hunts would be difficult because they have become crucial for the popular and lucrative dolphin shows throughout the country, and captive breeding is rare.

While killing dolphins for food remains a cultural touchstone, the hunts generate far more money from selling live animals. Bottlenose dolphins sold for meat typically go for several hundred dollars, while prime live animals sell for about $10,000 domestically and much more abroad. In the year ending in March 2010, 79 dolphins were exported from Japan for 277 million yen ($3.38 million), the government says.

With Taiji's fishermen unlikely to bend to foreign pressure and the strong ties to Japan's aquarium industry, a quick end to the hunts looks unlikely. Some foreign activists have called for protests directly at aquariums, but others question that approach.

"If we can't shut down aquariums in our own countries, how do you go to the Japanese and ask them to do that here?" said Michael Dalton, an Australian activist living near Taiji.

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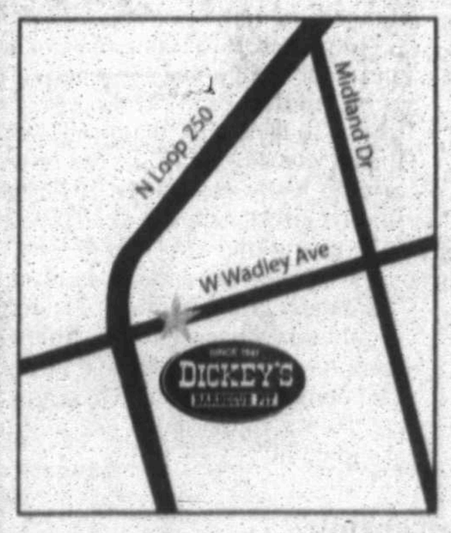

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Teach for America allows cream to rise to the top

■ Sadly, Congress to stop funding the program whose teachers are succeeding in challenging schools.

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Washington Post Writers Group

For Princetonians, the senior thesis is a high hurdle before graduation. For Wendy Kopp, class of 1989, it became a career devoted to transforming primary and secondary education. What began as an idea for a teacher corps for hard-to-staff schools, urban and rural, became Teach for America. At first it was merely a leavening ingredient in education; it has become a template for transformation.

Back then, Kopp's generation was stigmatized by journalistic sociology as "the 'me' generation" composed of materialists eager to be recruited into careers of quick self-enrichment. She thought the problem was not her peers but the recruiters. So she became one.

This academic year, 16 percent of Princeton's seniors and 18 percent of Harvard's applied to join Teach for America, of which Kopp is CEO. TFA is the largest employer of recent graduates from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Eight percent of seniors at the University of Michigan (undergraduate enrollment: 26,830) applied last year for TFA's two-year commitments. More than 5 percent of graduating seniors at 130 colleges are applicants.

Kopp began by "meeting anyone who would meet with me," soliciting corporate executives for seed money. She believed something that bemused skeptics — that students from elite schools would volunteer to have their first experience out of college teaching in difficult-to-staff schools in areas of urban and rural poverty.

"I *knew* college students would do it — I had just been a college student." What was needed, she thought, was a high-status service organization with an aura of selectivity.

Raised in comfortable circumstances in Dallas, Kopp precociously understood not just the importance of education but the educational importance of where one is born. TFA's first recruiting was done by fliers shoved under dorm room doors. Her Yale recruiter had 170 messages on his answering machine in just three days. TFA's first cohort totaled 500 teachers. This year, TFA will select 5,300 from 48,000 applicants, making it more selective than most colleges.

This school year, there are 8,000 TFA teachers. Of the 20,000 TFA alumni, two-thirds are still working full-time in education. Of those, only one in six says that even without TFA he or she might have gone into K-12 teaching.

TFA has become a flourishing reproach to departments and schools of education. It pours talent into the educational system — 80 percent of its teachers are in traditional public schools — talent that flows around the barriers of the credentialing process. Hence, TFA works against the homogenization that discourages innovation and prevents the cream from rising.

Kopp, whose new book "A Chance to Make History" recounts her post-Princeton education, has learned, among much else, this: Of the 15 million children growing up in poverty, 50 percent will not graduate from high school, and the half that do will have eighth-grade skill levels compared to those from higher-income families and neighborhoods.

Until recently — until, among other things, TFA — it seemed that we simply did not know how to teach children handicapped by poverty and its accompaniments — family disintegration and destructive community cultures. Now we know exactly what to do.

In government, the axiom is: Personnel is policy. In education, Kopp believes, "people are everything" — good ones are (in military parlance) "force multipliers." Creating "islands of excellence" depends entirely on finding "transformational leaders deeply committed to changing the trajectories" of children's lives.

We do not, she insists, have to fix society or even families in order to fix education. It works the other way around. The movie "Waiting for Superman" dramatizes what TFA has demonstrated — that low-income parents leap at educational opportunities that can break the cycle of poverty. Teaching successfully in challenging schools is, Kopp says, "totally an act of leadership" by people passionately invested in the project.

Speaking of leadership, someone in Congress should invest some on TFA's behalf. Government funding — federal, state, local — is just 30 percent of TFA's budget. Last year's federal allocation, $21 million, would be a rounding error in the General Motors bailout. And Kopp says every federal dollar leverages six nonfederal dollars. All that money might, however, be lost because even when Washington does something right, it does it wrong.

It has obtusely defined "earmark" to include "any named program," so TFA has been declared an earmark and sentenced to death. If Congress cannot understand how nonsensical this is, it should be sent back to school for remedial instruction from some of TFA's exemplary young people.

OUR VIEW

West Texas to be burdened by decline in population

Despite an 18 percent growth rate during the past decade in Midland County, we are not surprised that West Texas overall is declining in population.

We had seen some of these falling numbers reflected in school enrollments and the drop in classification for competition in the University Interscholastic League for the past two decades.

But the reality comes to the forefront now that the 2010 census is complete and we're beginning to see the impact the numbers ultimately will bring.

For instance, Texas is picking up four seats in Congress this year, twice as many as Florida, the next highest. That means Texas is rapidly gaining population from one census to the other. However, that population growth is mainly being seen in the metropolitan areas of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin and Fort Worth. The census reports that Harris County (Houston) owns the largest population growth in the state, according to census data, with a 2010 population of more than 4.09 million.

Texas grew by more than 20 percent over the decade, more than twice the national rate of 9.7 percent. The state's population stands at 25.1 million. Yet, Rep. Tom Craddick tells us that the area could lose two state House representatives and part of a Senate seat. Even though those losses likely won't come from Midland-Odessa, the clout ultimately will shrink in Austin.

The fact is that Texans are moving to the major cities. We are currently seeing a historic urbanization of the state. Out of all the counties that lost population, the majority were in West Texas. West Texas' issues will now be harder to hear among the metropolitan voices in the state.

This is an issue we are going to have to bear here in the Permian Basin, knowing that our collective clout will be diminished when Austin makes decisions in the future. That surely will mean less funding from the state for West Texas projects and further isolation in an already decided separation from the rest of the state.

Most West Texans realized that population numbers were decreasing, but few thought about what it would mean to us politically. Now we will feel the brunt of seeing all those small towns drying up. We do have some positives like Midland, Odessa, Lubbock and Amarillo in growth patterns. And there are a few smaller communities, such as Andrews, reporting population gains, but most of our small communities from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin are on the decline.

The next redistricting map of Texas will see West Texas representation come up short. Of that, we can be sure. The result of that changing map is something we can only guess at, but it's a pretty good bet that it won't be a positive for the area.

Cuts alone won't fix budget woes

Standard & Poor's doesn't have a political interest, let alone a partisan interest. The financial services company's only interest is the credit-worthiness of public and private entities on which it issues ratings.

With that in mind, Republican leaders in Austin should pay careful attention to a new Standard & Poor's report, "Texas' Budget Challenge: Structural Changes are Key to Avoid Persistent Deficits." The analysis confirms what objective commentators been saying for years — a 2006 reform of property taxes created a permanent budget shortfall.

That reform, necessitated by a court-ordered restructuring of public school finance, swapped a one-third reduction in property taxes for the creation of a new, broad-based business tax. The swap was supposed to be revenue neutral for the state and public education.

That hasn't been the case, however. The margins tax, as it is known, has brought in billions of dollars less than anticipated. The lackluster revenue results cannot primarily be attributed to the economic downturn since 2008, either.

Even when the economy turns around, the shortfall will remain. "In our view," says Standard & Poor's, "the state's budget imbalance is likely to reappear or persist beyond the upcoming biennium unless other sources of revenue or additional budgetary flexibility are identified to fill this growing funding gap."

Gov. Rick Perry and the Republican majority in the Legislature are focusing exclusively on budget cuts to meet the shortfall for the next biennium. But cuts alone don't address this budgetary gap and will perpetually hamstring funding for public education, transportation infrastructure and critical services for a growing state.

"We believe that a balanced approach that includes both revenue enhancements and expenditure cuts has a higher potential of success in preserving the state's long-term structural budget balance than a strategy that relies solely on expenditure cutbacks," the analysis states.

"Revenue enhancements" isn't just a euphemism for tax increases. It can also mean closing tax loopholes or broadening the tax base, which is no more misleading than claiming to oppose tax increases while blithely boosting state fees and licenses.

"From a credit perspective," the analysis warns, "the measures that the Legislature adopts to address this budget imbalance are important, not just because of Texas' ability to preserve balanced budgets in the upcoming biennium, but also because we believe the Legislature's fiscal policy choices to address the current budget imbalance could have long-term implications for the state's future budgetary performance."

Cuts are inevitable for the next budget cycle. But the governor and lawmakers will literally be short-changing Texas if they fail to look at the revenue side of the equation and address the structural deficit.

San Antonio Express-News

President Obama is in closet about gay marriage

■ He says there is no reasonable defense of DOMA and shows he's two-faced on the issue.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

President Barack Obama wants us to believe he's the most ineffectual opponent of gay marriage imaginable.

If we take him at his word, he's a supporter of the traditional definition of marriage who just happens to undermine his own position at every turn. If only this were the way he went about advancing the rest of his agenda. What make his opposition to gay marriage different, of course, is that he doesn't believe it.

Obama is a closeted supporter of gay marriage who's too cowardly and cynical to be open about it. This should be a grave insult to everyone — to the gay-rights lobby, whose dearest cause he won't frankly embrace, and to the broader public, whom he apparently deems unworthy of hearing his true views.

In a classic case of political passive-aggression, Obama is creating the greatest possible latitude for the courts to impose gay marriage by fiat, culminating perhaps in a Supreme Court decision that would be the gay-marriage version of Roe v. Wade.

His Department of Justice just announced it will no longer defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton in 1996. Obama opposes DOMA and so do top Justice Department officials. Yet, they all had been making at least a show of acting consistent with the longstanding practice of defending from constitutional challenge all laws that can reasonably be defended — until now.

DOMA defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman for the purposes of federal law and says that states don't have to recognize gay couples married in other states. The act is intended as a bulwark against leveraging gay marriage in one state to spread it to all other states. Destroying this obstacle has always been a key objective of advocates of gay marriage.

Perhaps the department should get points for a new forthrightness. Its defense of DOMA has, shall we say, lacked vigor. In a California case, it went out of its way to say it "does not believe that DOMA is rationally related to any legitimate government interests in procreation and child-rearing." One pro-gay-marriage legal observer called this concession "a gift to the gay-marriage movement, since it was not necessary to support the government's position."

Can you imagine the administration undermining its brief for, say, the individual mandate like this? An Obama Justice Department official explained the marriage strategy thusly: "We have not only discharged our responsibility to defend the constitutionality of a congressional statute, but we've done so in a way which reflects the policy values of this administration." In other words, they mounted a deliberately backhanded defense.

Now the administration purports to have discovered that there's no reasonable defense of DOMA whatsoever. How can this be so? Marriage has been defined as a union between a man and a woman since before the country's founding and before the adoption of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, which DOMA allegedly violates.

The logic of the department's latest position is that all laws defending traditional marriage are unreasonable and unconstitutional. This makes Obama's own position condemnable under the reasoning of his own Justice Department, blessed by none other than himself. He stands exposed as the moral equivalent of a racist — by himself.

No matter. He'll continue to duck and cover under the dodge that his position is "evolving," as he put it at a year-end press conference, while liberal judges work their will. When the judges finally manage to decide the issue for the nation, or after his re-election in 2012, whichever comes first (if either happens at all), he can reveal his full "evolution."

Such brazen evasion is an offense against basic democratic hygiene. President Obama should take his case to the voters and persuade them to adopt gay marriage through tried-and-true democratic means. He might as well be honest: He's a supporter of gay marriage. What's he ashamed of?

DOONESBURY — By Garry Trudeau

Education cuts will hurt neediest of needy

■ Studies show increased operating spending and lower teacher-student ratio result in better scores, greater achievement.

VICTOR LANDA
San Antonio Express News

There's a huge hole where there used to be money, and the governor's attention is elsewhere. But let's have this chat anyway, if only to churn the puddle.

The Legislature is trying to figure out how it'll fill the budget sinkhole: either take from other places, or make cuts across the board — at least, those are the only ways it's open to doing it.

In the meantime, while legislators spend their time deciding, school districts across the state are having anxiety attacks, launching pre-emptive cuts, generally wringing their hands and rousing emotions with contingency plans. It's not a healthy situation.

Part of the problem is that school districts are public entities, so their decision-making process happens in the full light of day. The private sector has it easier in that respect. Private entities have their meetings, ponder the lay of the land, and make their decisions. The worker bee either gets a pink slip or not, and that's that.

But when the meetings are public and every word of speculation is weighed and publicized, the folks that do the work are greatly affected. Imagine going to work today when you heard yesterday that the board considered cutting your job. Imagine knowing that the consideration is not final because the board doesn't know what the Legislature will do. That'll take the wag out of your tail.

And here's an interesting contradiction. The University of Texas at Austin recently published a report about expenditures and class size as they relate to inner-city and poverty-stricken schools. The results of the study were published on physorg.com. "Dr. Julian Heilig," the report said, "looked at the effects of financial expenditures, student demographics and teacher quality on Latina/o student achievement in large, urban, Texas elementary schools with primarily Latina/o student populations."

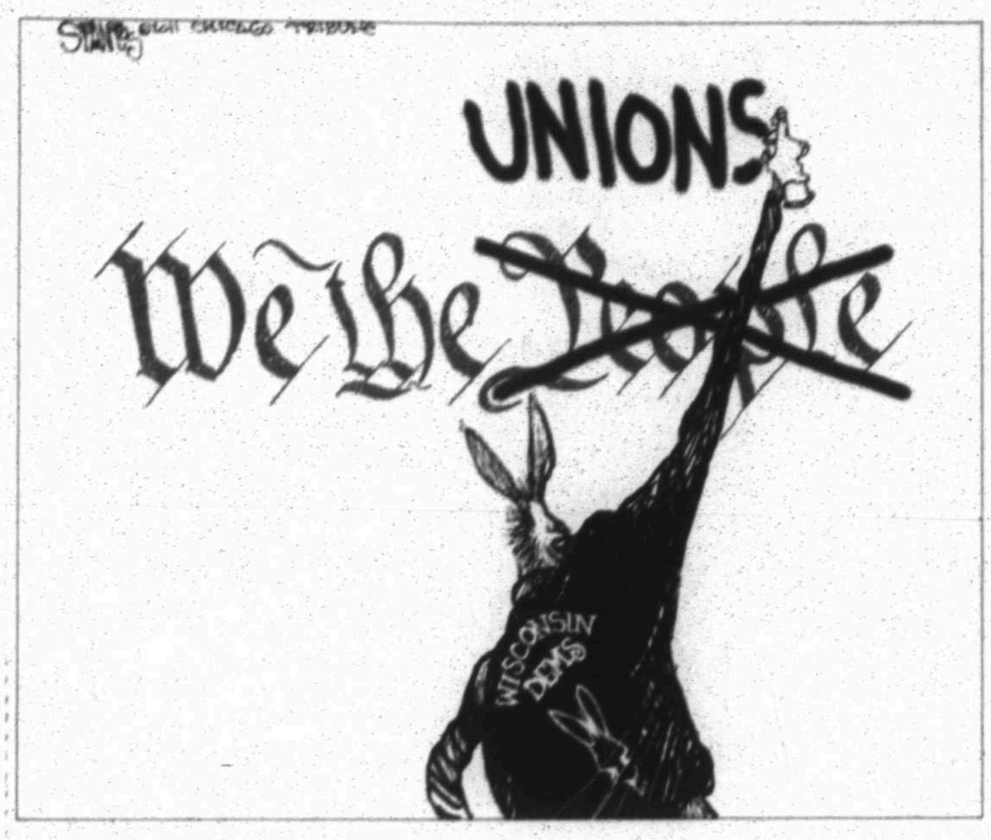
Heilig found that increasing operating spending and making the teacher-student ratio lower result in higher TAKS reading achievement scores. Also, increasing the percentage of bilingual-certified teachers is linked to higher TAKS reading achievement in inner-city schools with large Latino student populations.

Meanwhile, the Legislature is trying to decide where it will cut education spending while the governor talks about sanctuary cities as his priority.

But consider that Texas' GDP is $1 trillion. Our budget shortfall is about $27 billion. So the shortfall is 2.7 percent of total GDP (I'm telegraphing this, so you know where I'm going).

The education portion of that deficit is $9 billion, or 0.9 percent of state GDP. So the education sinkhole is about one penny of every dollar spent in the state. And that one penny represents what a state-funded study says is most needed in the neediest schools in the state. It also represents an end to the budget speculating at the district level.

Maybe an emergency plan to use that one penny, for a year or so, for the sake of the schools should be on the table.



The consent form alone might deter a woman's right to choose

■ Three Democratic state senators did vote for sonogram requirement.

DAVE MCNEELY
Texas Political Writer

The form a female must sign before getting an abortion is almost by itself enough to stop her.

As part of his continuing effort to deter women from having abortions, Republican state Sen. Dan Patrick, of Houston, got the Texas Senate to agree to require sonograms be performed, and can be shown to the pregnant woman.

The bill requires women to have a sonogram at least two hours in advance of an abortion and be able to see it or sign a form that at least they had the chance.

The idea is that if women see they are carrying a living being, they'll change their mind about terminating their pregnancy.

Under usual Senate procedures, Patrick needed a two-thirds vote to bring the bill up and got exactly that. Of the 31 senators, 21 voted aye, 10 nay.

The aye votes included three Hispanic Democrats — Eddie Lucio, of Brownsville, Carlos Uresti, of San Antonio, and Judith Zaffirini, of Laredo. Some Hispanic legislators, of Catholic heritage, oppose abortion on religious grounds.

The other nine Democrats — including Hispanics Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, of McAllen, Jose Rodriguez, of El Paso, Leticia Van de Putte, of San Antonio, and Mario Gallegos, of Houston — voted against the measure.

Gallegos said while he is against abortion, he doesn't feel the Legislature should put restrictions on a woman regarding "how to govern her body."

The lone Republican who voted nay was maverick Sen. Jeff Wentworth, of San Antonio, who has given indications he won't seek re-election in 2012. He said he'd gotten way more contacts from constituents opposing the bill than favoring it.

"I am a hairy-legged male who will never be pregnant myself," Wentworth said. "I am voting for my district."

If the bill contains the same language after the House gets through with it as it did when it left the Senate, and it gets gubernatorial approval — very likely, since Gov. Rick Perry declared it an emergency — here is the bill's instruction:

"Before receiving a sonogram under Subdivision (4)(A) and before the abortion is performed the pregnant woman completes and certifies with her signature an election form that states as follows:

Form language above redone in caps and lower case:

Abortion and sonogram election

1) The information and printed materials described by Sections 171.012(a)(1)-(3), Texas Health and Safety Code, have been provided and explained to me.

2) I understand the nature and consequences of an abortion.

3) I understand that I have a right to view the sonogram images. I elect ____ to view ____ the sonogram images.

4) I understand that I have a right to hear the heart auscultation. I elect ____ to hear ____ not to hear the heart auscultation.

5) Explanation of the sonogram images (check one of the following):

____ Because I am pregnant as a result of a sexual assault, incest, or other violation of the Texas Penal Code that has been reported to law enforcement authorities or that has not been reported because I reasonably believe that doing so would put me at risk of retaliation resulting in serious bodily injury.

____ Because I am a minor and obtaining an abortion in accordance with judicial bypass procedures under Chapter 33, Texas Family Code.

____ Because my fetus has an irreversible medical condition or abnormality, as identified by reliable diagnostic procedures and documented in my medical file.

I am making this election of my own free will and without coercion.

Signature and Date

"Auscultation," in case you were wondering, is the process of listening to the body's sounds. In this case, it refers to the embryo's heartbeat.

Patrick said the bill is necessary to underline the importance of the decision a pregnant woman is making. "I want her to have the right to say, 'Wow, that's my baby,'" Patrick said.

Van de Putte argued forcefully and without success to change the bill. She charged that anti-abortion activists seem eager to support the fetus until it is out of the womb, but not afterward.

"It's our responsibility to protect that child once the child is born, too," and not drastically cut the budgets for things like pre-kindergarten and vaccinations, she said.

"We seem to worship what we cannot see," Van de Putte said. "But as soon as that baby is born, oh no, government doesn't want to be intrusive."

Whitmire told Patrick, "What you're doing is making a very tough decision more painful, scarring women in some instances."

"If those aborted souls were in the gallery right now," Patrick asked Whitmire, "what would you say to them?"

"Just because I represent a pro-choice view does not mean that I'm pro-abortion," Whitmire said. "It means as a father of two daughters, I want them to control their own bodies and make their own intelligent and rational decisions."

At one point, Van de Putte asked Patrick, "What happens if a woman gets up and refuses to listen?"

"Nothing happens," Patrick replied. "I can't control a woman tuning her doctor out. It's probably a 15-second explanation."

The exact language of SB 16 can be found on the Legislature's website at: http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/82R/billtext/pdf/SB00016E.pdf#navpanes=0. The form the pregnant woman must sign begins on page 4.

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VIEWS ON PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Reader questions way organization shows love

As I read Carla Holeva's letter from Feb. 20 and recalled recent letters from her and Karen Hildebrand, I noticed that they are very consistent in putting out the company slogan "…every child is a loved and wanted child …". Let me give you a very simple way to show that love: Stop killing children.

You complain that the bill by Rep. Pence to defund Planned Parenthood — which the House overwhelming passed, and I pray that the Senate has the courage to pass — would inconvenience people in Midland. There are other entities that can provide the services you mention, and they don't kill children.

You state that Planned Parenthood is the "nation's leading sexual and reproductive health care provider and advocate." What you should have said is that as Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading abortion provider; Planned Parenthood has killed more children than anyone else.

It's been reported that Planned Parenthood of West Texas performed 1,300 abortions in Midland in the most recently reported year, according to a story in the Reporter-Telegram. On average, that's 25 dead children, 25 wounded mothers and fathers and 25 hurting families every week. That's a classroom full of school children — every week. I can't imagine the grief, despair, anger and outrage that this community would feel if a tragedy claimed the lives of that many school-aged children. The only difference is the age of the child. Yet, you and your company kill that many children every week in Midland.

As we pray for the mothers and fathers and unborn children that enter your facility, we also pray for you and Karen and the other employees and volunteers who are involved in the killing of children. It is our desire that you will recognize God touching your hearts and that you will turn away from this terrible evil.

Eric P. Fuselier
Chairman,
Midland/Odessa Deanery
Pro-Life Committee

Women should have choice, just not abortion

In response to a letter by Carla Holeva: We are not the anti-choice fringe; we are a pro-life people. We believe that all women should have a choice but that abortion should not be one of the options. Since Roe v. Wade, abortion has become a household term. Most people don't fully understand how an abortion is performed.

Planned Parenthood reported about 1,300 abortions were performed in Midland last year, according to a story in the Reporter-Telegram. That is about 1,300 babies that were torn apart limb by limb. People need to know that when PP performs a D&E abortion, the baby is extracted from the mother's cervix, according to www.abortionabout.com. The baby usually comes out in pieces. Then someone has to put the pieces of the baby in order to ensure that all of the baby was extract from its mother, according to the website.

No matter what you call it or how you try to make it sound, taking a baby out of the womb in pieces is wrong. There is no way to justify what you people do for a profit. I am glad our Congress is going forward with defunding PP. It absolutely makes me sick to think that your company receives my tax dollars and you brag about being the No. 1 provider of abortions in America.

If your goal is a world where every child is loved and wanted, what love for the child are you showing when you extract the child from its mother's cervix? Doesn't sound very loving or wanted to me. It appears to be the exact opposite of your goal.

How can you consider yourself a reproductive health care provider when you kill innocent children? You are a purveyor of infanticide. If you really are interested in women's reproductive health, quit performing abortions. It is much healthier for the women not to have an abortion, and it is definitely much healthier for the baby that doesn't get extract out of their mother's womb.

You condone killing babies under the guise of choice. You are a baby killer. Nothing you say can change that fact. You are what you are.

Ray LeBlanc

Planned Parenthood business being questioned in US

After more than two years' delay, a hearing was held Feb. 16 in the criminal case against Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood, operating in Johnson County, Kan., that has been charged with 107 counts related to illegal late-term abortions and lying to cover it up. These hearings came after public pressure was brought to bear on the district attorney, Steve Howe, to follow through with the prosecution and delay after nearly 5,000 people pressed the case.

The prosecutor who has brought light to the evil being done by abortion giant Planned Parenthood is Phill Kline, former attorney general for the state of Kansas. As a result of his investigations, Kline filed 107 criminal charges against Planned Parenthood for committing illegal late-term abortions and for making a false writing to cover up other crimes.

Political elements that opposed Kline's attempt to enforce abortion laws tried to base charges against Kline that he acted improperly during his investigation. However, it was learned just recently that the disciplinary administrator's own investigators had cleared Kline of any wrongdoing in 2008, but their report was buried in order to keep alive the politically motivated vendetta against Kline. The purpose to discredit the investigation is that Planned Parenthood could have the case against them dismissed and the evidence against them destroyed.

Criminal activity against Planned Parenthood also is being discovered in other states. Videos from undercover investigations at six Planned Parenthood facilities in three states so far have shown Planned Parenthood employees helped sex traffickers obtain abortions for the underage girls they exploit, getting them STD testing and guiding them in covering up their activities.

Hidden video cameras from 10 other states show visual evidence of several alarming patterns of illegal Planned Parenthood activities, including cover-up of sexual abuse of minors and skirting of parental consent laws.

Taxpayers who fund Planned Parenthood need to tell Congress: Enough is enough.

Isabel Gonzales

Congress must stop giving dollars to Planned Parenthood

On Feb. 15, people of faith and conscience gathered outside 200-plus Planned Parenthood offices for "vigils for victims" of underage human trafficking. News stories continue to pour in from coast to coast about the improper and illegal activities of Planned Parenthood, and there is a campaign under way to ask Congress to defund Planned Parenthood.

The courageous man who opened wide the door to the corruption and deception of Planned Parenthood is Phill Kline, former attorney general of Kansas. He presently is Planned Parenthood's worst nightmare. Phill is the only prosecutor in United States history ever to get behind closed doors of Planned Parenthood and gain access to records from inside the abortion chain.

When Kline discovered numerous criminal actions being committed by Planned Parenthood, two district court judges reviewed the evidence and found probable cause to believe that Planned Parenthood committed 107 crimes, including 23 felonies. If convicted of those crimes, Planned Parenthood, the abortion giant, could lose every penny of its $360 million-plus in annual taxpayer funding.

In the wake of this shocking and startling information about the corruption and deception of Planned Parenthood, there now is a direct attempt by Planned Parenthood to buy the rule of law and squelch future prosecution of the crimes that run rampant in the abortion industry. Pro-lifers, along with all people of goodwill, say this must be stopped and Congress must defund Planned Parenthood. Hard-earned taxpayer monies are being used to support the criminal actions of Planned Parenthood.

Elidia Padilla

Time to defund Planned Parenthood

Are you aware that 350 million of our tax dollars are given to Planned Parenthood a year? There are many people like myself who are forced to support Planned Parenthood when we adamantly oppose abortion.

A quote from Thomas Jefferson: "To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical." This still holds true today.

Let the supporters of Planned Parenthood finance it with their own dollars.

Also, it is imperative that we Americans realize the economic crisis we are in. A good place to start cutting federal spending is to defund Planned Parenthood.

Betty Jo Kerr Moberly

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Taxpayers are getting schooled in Wisconsin

■ While we all want to see teachers get all the money possible, there's none left.

BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

Here's a lesson that is both ironic and sad at the same time. According to the U.S. Department of Education, two-thirds of the eighth-graders in Wisconsin cannot read proficiently. But assuming the kids are skilled enough to watch TV, they can now see their teachers demonstrating to keep their generous union benefits. So, while things do not seem to be going well in the classroom, any thought of holding teachers somewhat responsible is cause for a protest march.

As a former high school teacher, it pains me to criticize those trying to educate American children. You will never become rich doing that, and the job can be maddening. Today, many children are the victims of a permissive society that often refuses to hold kids responsible for their actions. Cowardly parents make excuses for the failures of their kids, rather than finding a solution to their poor academic performance. Instead of preparing their children for rigorous academic challenges, derelict parents sit it out.

But teachers are supposed to overcome apathetic parenting and at least give the kids a fighting chance to succeed. That is a challenge that's supposed to be met.

As I've written before, in my eighth-grade class at St. Brigid's School on Long Island, there were 60 students and one nun in the classroom. We all could read proficiently, and believe me, some of the parents were not exactly Ozzie and Harriet, if you understand what I'm saying. The nun brooked no nonsense. She forced us to learn.

But that was then.

In 10 years, starting in 1998, Wisconsin doubled the amount of money spent on each public-school student to more than $10,000 per pupil per year. And test scores went down. Doing the math, the equation seems to be that money is not the key to knowledge.

Discipline is.

The teachers in Wisconsin should be compensated to the best of the state's ability. But the educational gravy train is off the tracks. There's no more money. The taxpayer is tapped out.

In the future, if you want to teach kids you'll have to accept less to do it. That may not be fair, but it's the lesson Wisconsin is teaching us. The writing is very clear on the blackboard: No more public money is on the way.

I left teaching because I understood the limitations of the job. I knew at a young age that my income would be restricted and my life would be fairly predictable.

Selfishly, I wanted more.

But I respect immensely those who devote their lives to teaching. I want them to have as much as the market will bear.

Sadly, that point has now been reached.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bingo Hall is doing things by the book

In the Feb. 8 edition of the Reporter-Telegram there was an article regarding "bingo in Texas." The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 19 conducts charitable bingo on Sunday afternoons at the American Legion Hall in Midland. We would like to assure our players and the residents of Midland that at the American Legion Bingo Hall, we do everything we can to make sure that we meet all the necessary regulations required by the Texas Lottery Commission.

We pay a retired Texas Lottery auditor to review our records every quarter to make sure that we have not made any errors. He reviews our bank accounts and inventory purchasing records to make sure that the entire inventory has been handled correctly. We also pay to have our taxes prepared by an IRS enrolled agent. At that time, she reviews all of our records to make sure that we are conducting our bingo correctly.

As part of a veterans organization, we never would want to embarrass our veterans who have given so much to our country. Anyone interested in seeing how we conduct our bingo please come out and see us on Sundays. We open at 3 p.m., and first ball is called at 4 p.m. Thank you for supporting our veterans and community through our charitable distributions.

Sharlene Maddocks
Bingo chairman, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 19

America is nation our founders intended

Sometimes I get a laugh when people talk history. I am sure Thomas Jefferson was a man of God, as he has stated in the past. Jefferson stated many times he was not a Christian and had no belief in Jesus. He was criticized many times for his belief. Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe were not Christian but deist. Ben Franklin said many times he was a "freethinker," and Thomas Payne said, "My mind is my Church." In a letter to Thomas Jefferson, Paine stated, "In Deism our reason and our beliefs are happily united."

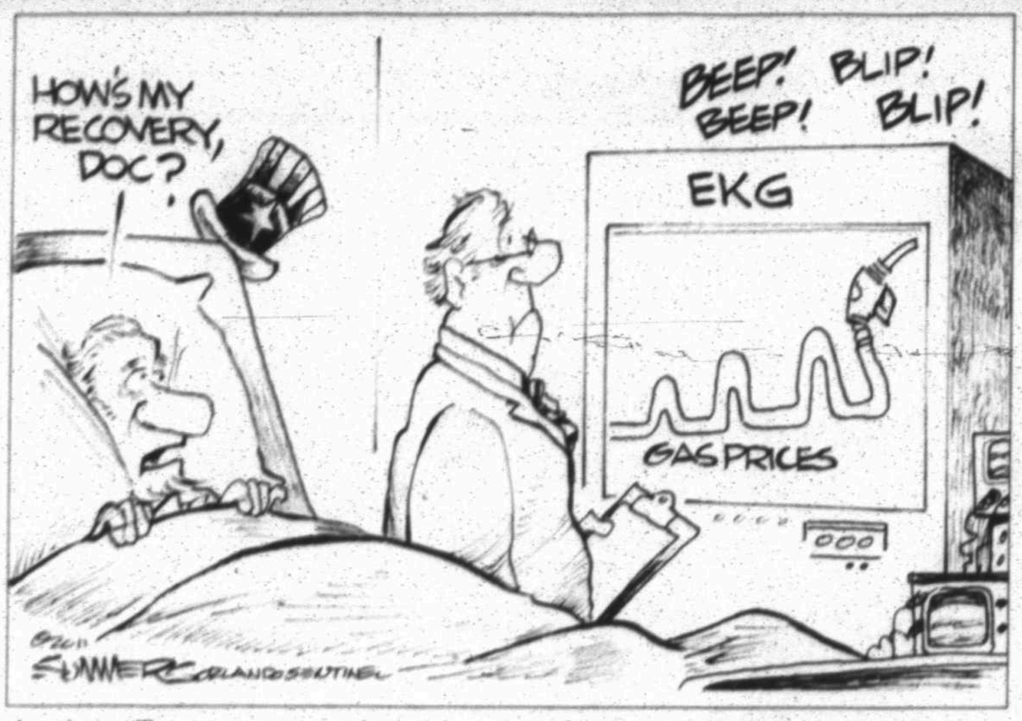
Paine on churches: "All national institutions of churches, whether Jewish, Christian or Turkish, appear to me no other than human inventions, set up to terrify and enslave mankind, and monopolize power and profit." Paine added, "Is it not a species of blasphemy to call the New Testament revealed religion, when we see in it such contradictions and absurdities?"

History sometimes is not always what we want to believe. Take Paul Revere, for example. In schools this man is a hero for alerting the countryside, "The British are coming." Revere made a ride of about an hour or so across a bridge and into the town of Lexington, Mass., from Boston, Mass., a distance of roughly 15 miles. Revere was made famous by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his poem "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere."

Israel Bissell was a post rider in Massachusetts who alerted the American colonists of the British attack the same night. He rode for four days and six hours, covering the 345 miles from Watertown, Mass., to Philadelphia along the Old Post Road, shouting , "To arms, to arms, the war has begun," and carrying a message from Gen. Joseph Palmer that was copied at each of his stops and redistributed.

I am a Christian, and I believe in the trinity. I think that our nation is a nation Thomas Jefferson and the remaining founders intended. I believe they all had a belief in God, and history shows they all had good intentions for our nation and mankind.

Earl Kingsley



Jefferson wanted freedom from religion

The foremost advocate against the use of the Bible — as many of you can easily imagine — was none other than Thomas Jefferson. As we all know, Jefferson was a passionate proponent of religious freedom and the separation of church and state. In addition, Jefferson also was a devout supporter of education reform. Jefferson believed in a secularized education, free from the shackles of religious piety, according to the Jefferson School Act of 1804.

During Jefferson's 1800 campaign for the presidency, his critics argued that he was unfit to hold office because he did not have religious beliefs. It is Jefferson who is credited with propagating the phrase "separation of church and state." Jefferson cut and pasted pieces of the New Testament together to compose a version that excluded any miracles by Jesus. Jefferson often expressed his opposition to clergy and to Christian doctrines. Jefferson repeatedly expressed his belief in a deist god and Jesus as a moral teacher.

Jefferson was a deist because he believed in one God, in the divine moral law, but he did not believe in supernatural revelation. As a deist, Jefferson saw Christianity as the highest expression of natural religion and Jesus as a moral teacher. He was not a Christian because he rejected, among other things, the doctrines that Jesus was the promised Messiah and the incarnate Son of God. Jefferson's religion is fairly typical of the American form of deism.

Jefferson considered much of the New Testament of the Bible to be false. He described these as "so much untruth, charlatanism and imposture." He described the "roguery of others of His disciples" and called them a "band of dupes and impostors" describing Paul as the "first corrupter of the doctrines of Jesus" and wrote of "palpable interpolations and falsifications." Jefferson also described the Book of Revelation to be "merely the ravings of a maniac no more worthy nor capable of explanation than the incoherences of our own nightly dreams."

Jefferson said about the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, "We not only want freedom of religion, but we want freedom from religion."

Jannell Junker

Increasing beer tax could raise needed money

I agree with Austin Keith, the owner of Pinkie's, on his comments about selling liquor on Sundays. All you are going to do is create more problems and not one cent in revenue. We need to use our head for something besides a hat rack. Do the legislators think they are going to create new consumers that consume on Sunday only? It will only dilute business.

I certainly don't know the answers to the budget problems, but this might help. The beer tax in Texas is 20 cents a gallon. The beer tax has been 20 cents since 1984. The beer industry has not had a tax increase in 27 years.

The beer tax per gallon in Texas is one of the lowest in the nation. Texas is one of the top beer states for consumption in the nation. If we raise the beer tax 15 cents a gallon, to 35 cents a gallon, would that be out of line? The increase would be about 2 cents a beer or 24 cents on a 12 pack. How many of you still are paying property tax, income tax, and sales tax on a scale 27 years old? How much has your property tax gone up in the last 27 years? Do our legislators think people will stop consuming beer?

Please help me with this tax increase. I guess I am being unreasonable with this proposal. The tax increase would immediately start generating tax revenue of a half a billion dollars in the first year. This is based on last year's consumption of beer alone.

I don't think cutting teachers, policemen, firemen, school funding and consumer services are the answers. I hope the legislators will at least take a look at this increase.

Another thing we might look at is off-track betting. This would not be immediately beneficial but it will help long-term, Off-track operations are very successful in other states to generate revenue.

We need to make good choices and not start on cutting educators, law enforcement, firemen and consumer services. Does this make sense?

Dennis Wallace

US should back those wanting democracy

People who have been raised in the bondage of authoritarian governments and steeped in the ruling religion's justification of the dictator or monarch's right to rule do not miss freedom of speech, religion, nor democracy. They do know that they are in bondage. They do know the ruler and the church are rich while the people remain poor and destitute. The common citizens simply could never see how their lives could be led in any other way — until now.

Technological advancements in telecommunications, satellite television, cell phones, the Internet, Facebook and social networking have opened a window of communications to the outside world that cannot be closed and through which those living in bondage are able to observe people living outside their own political and religious experience. To see the peoples of the free world exercise their freedoms in an atmosphere of peaceful governance by officials elected by "the people." And they wish for these freedoms in their own family's lives and are now peacefully demonstrating to attain it.

This totally unexpected groundswell of political change caught the free world asleep. We in the United States can do nothing and simply allow time and the groundswell of social networking to continue to cause unguided political change. Or we can help protect the demonstrators by using our satellites, AWACS, unmanned drones and naval air power to ensure the protesters can peacefully push through their demands for political change.

This is a unique moment in Muslim and world history and a unique opportunity for the United States to do what France did for us in our own political revolution in 1776. We can practice what we preach by actively supporting those demonstrating for democracy and peaceful political change in the Middle East and North Africa. We should not stand idly by while the Muslim citizens' demand for democracy and freedom are fought for at great personal risk by the very people we have long wished were freed from their political and religious bondage. Carpe diem.

Steve Church

Jefferson: 'Truth can stand by itself'

Before the Constitution, we had the Articles of the Confederation that was established in the U.S. in 1777.

The Articles reflect the wariness by the states of a strong central government. Afraid that their individual needs would be ignored by a national government with too much power and the abuses that often result from such power, the Articles purposely established a "constitution" that vested the largest share of power to the individual states. Under the Articles, each of the states retained their "sovereignty, freedom and independence." Instead of setting up executive and judicial branches of government, there was a committee of delegates composed of representatives from each state. These individuals comprised the Congress, a national legislature called for by the Articles.

The Congress was responsible for conducting foreign affairs, declaring war or peace, maintaining an army and navy and a variety of other lesser functions. The Articles denied Congress the power to collect taxes, regulate interstate commerce and enforce laws.

Eventually, these shortcomings would lead to the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. Larger states wanted more power and there were continuing border disputes.

Adopted by Congress in 1777, the Articles became operative on 1781 after almost four years of dispute. The Constitution was adopted in 1787 on four handwritten pages.

Christians have sought to rewrite history by posthumously converting Thomas Jefferson into a Christian. Throughout his life, Jefferson strenuously denied that he held Christian beliefs or that he desired the mixing of politics and religion in government. Jefferson placed significant value on the ability of human beings to use reason to understand their world. Jefferson believed in God but was so opposed to mysticism that he removed from his bible any account of the miracles that Jesus is alleged to have performed. The resulting Jefferson Bible contained only those precepts that Jefferson believed were integral to the moral philosophy. Jefferson authored, "Ye Will Say I am no Christian."

Jefferson once said, "We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office." And my favorite: "It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself."

Alice Ware

MARC needs workable contingency plan

In the Feb. 19 edition of the Reporter-Telegram, there was a front page article on how a 10 percent cut in the reimbursement rate from the state of Texas for the local MARC is in the works. According to the article, a 10 percent cut will take from $500,000 to $600,000 from their budget, implying a total budget of $5 million to $6 million per year.

I don't know exactly what MARC does, but it must be important or the state of Texas would not give it $5 million to $6 million annually to do its good work.

However, I do know something about the primary duty of the leader of any organization — large or small, public or private, profit or nonprofit — and that is to have a workable contingency plan that allows the organization to continue its necessary work under all kinds of adverse conditions, including a 10 or 12 percent decrease in revenue in any one year.

Any viable organization — large or small, public or private, profit or nonprofit — that has been in existence for more than a year or two will have built into its budget a little extra to cover all those future contingencies that inevitably will show up. Not to do so is to fail at the most basic level of organizational administration.

I am sure there are many business executives in the Permian Basin who would be more than willing to show the executive director of MARC how to cut 10 to 12 percent out of the budget and still carry on its necessary and vital community activities.

Ed Stuart

Owners, not dogs, need to be accountable

I'd like to rebut Mr. Arnold's letter concerning pit bull legislation in the state of Texas. First off, I'd like to say I feel your pain; we too have neighbors who can't seem to contain their animals in their own yards, and this causes mine to bark and act like fools at times. However, this is a people problem, not a dog problem.

My husband and I rescue pit bulls in the Midland County area. It is a never-ending task — day in and day out. I blame this on people who want a status symbol. This is not the dog's fault. You say you have been around many animals and have never seen the "head shake" that a pit bull does. Well, I have to disagree; our dachshund does it very well. Dachshunds were bred to hunt badgers; they are tough little dogs, and ours rules the kingdom at our house. It is a myth that pits will lock down — they do not. They are powerful dogs, I will give you that, but not anymore than most their size. They have an excellent temperament if treated well and raised right, which is true with any dog. If a pit is aggressive, it has been taught to be so and it is bored or neglected.

As for a breed-specific legislation, well it won't happen in Texas. I have heard from people on the boards of Texas Animal Control Association and the Texas Federation of Humane Societies that this never will be. It is illegal in Texas to ban a specific breed of dog.

Your anger is misplaced, but well-deserved. Please do not feel that I don't sympathize with your plight, because I do. But we need to hold the owner accountable.

Amy L. Adams

We need to give pit bulls fair shot

In response to Mr. Arnold's letter against pit bulls, may I say first that I have a blue heeler, an applehead Chihuahua that weighs 7 pounds and a full-blood red-nose pit bull. They are very healthy and very playful with my 10- and 13-year-olds.

I think that it is wrong to criticize a pit bull if you never have raised one. To pass judgment on an animal that has not caused any harm to you is hypocritical. If you raise your animals in a loving and caring environment, then that is how they will grow up. If you raise your animal in an abusive, unhealthy environment, then that is how they will be. Have you ever considered that maybe people like you aren't giving pit bulls a fair shot?

Maybe if folks wouldn't just think "what if," go get a pit bull and wait a few years, I guarantee you will love that dog as if it was another. And then you would have the right to pass judgment of your own experience.

Cindy Romero

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Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 69, a low around 35 and west winds around between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 75 and a low around 39.

The high on Saturday reached 82 while the low dropped to 39. The record high for Feb. 26 is 90 set in 2009. The record low is 14 in 1934.

Texas temperatures

	High	Low	Prec.
Abilene	82	39	0.00
Amarillo	72	24	0.00
Austin Mabry	77	45	0.00
Beaumont	75	51	0.00
College Station	73	48	0.00
Corpus Christi	77	67	0.00
Dallas Love Field	75	45	0.00
El Paso	72	34	0.00
Fort Stockton	85	46	0.00
Houston Hobby	76	57	0.00
Huntsville	71	46	0.00
Lubbock	80	24	0.00
Paris	66	37	0.00
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San Antonio	80	50	0.01
Waco	71	38	0.00
Wink	83	30	0.00

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Precipitation

Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.05 in.
Total for year	0.07 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.07 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	82
Low	39
Normal high	66
Normal low	37

Sunrise ... 7:19 a.m.
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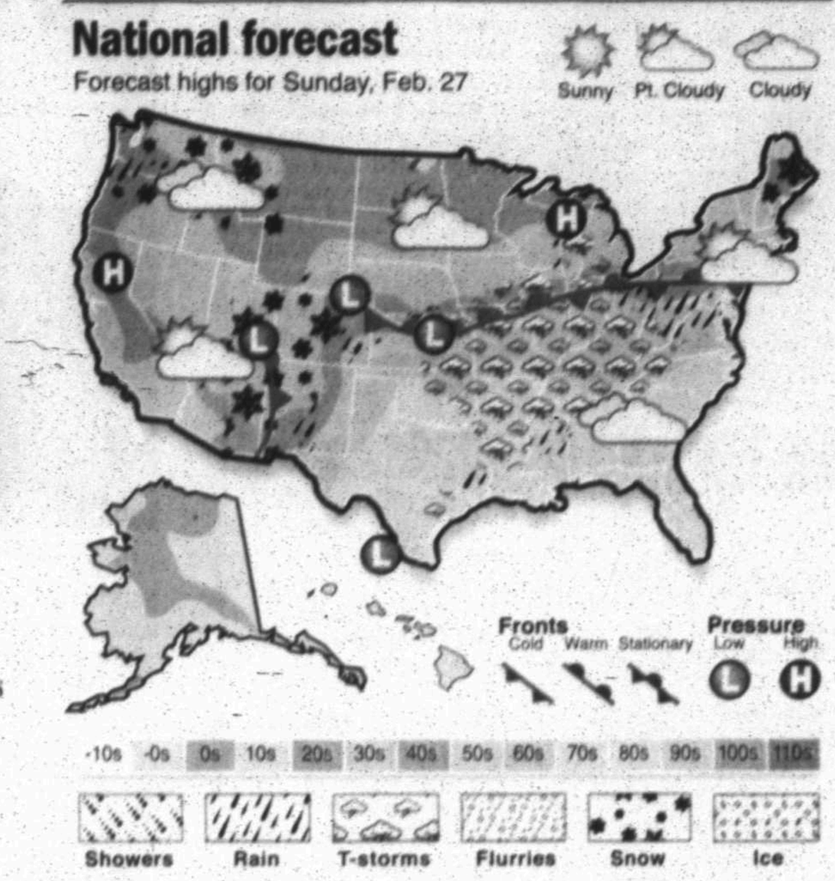
National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Feb. 27



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CALIFORNIA SNOW Taylor Micallef, left, 6, and Douglas Harris, 8, throw snow balls at each other Saturday at a vista point off Highway 35, near La Honda, Calif. A light dusting of snow fell in San Francisco, Monterey and the San Joaquin Valley as an arctic storm made its way down the state.

San Francisco hill regions get rare dusting of snow

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Hilly areas of San Francisco got a rare light dusting of snow, the National Weather Service said Saturday.

Snow fell briefly late Friday and early Saturday on the city's Twin Peaks neighborhood and some other areas with higher elevations, meteorologist Mark Strobin said.

"A little bit up in the hills," Strobin told the Associated Press. "It snowed down to about 400 feet."

But there was only rain downtown and in other other areas of the near sea level city, and the snow that did fall disappeared rapidly.

The city last saw snow on the ground in 1976, when an inch fell.

Strobin said the higher regions might have had snow dustings since that measureable snow fell 35 years ago. He said it was still too early to tell how this event will be recorded.

Strobin, who is based in Monterey, Calif., said that city also got a rare dusting of snow.

The storm system moving across Northern California responsible for San Francisco's snow also dumped more than 2 feet of snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Just the idea of possible snow had the tech-savvy city looking skyward with anticipation.

One blogger posted a pretend ski map, noting possible beginner, intermediate and expert runs in the city's hilly Bernal Heights neighborhood. A newly created website — isitsnowinginsfyet.com — gives a simple answer for anyone who is wondering.

The San Francisco Chronicle posted old photos of snow from 1882, 1951, 1964 and other rare instances of city snowfall — including one photo from the 1976 storm that shows gleeful school kids throwing snowballs.

On Friday, the storm prompted San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee to take precautionary measures. He urged residents to watch out for icy road conditions, and, if possible, avoid driving during the storm's peak.

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Turmoil in Libya scales back oil production

By Paul Schemm
Associated Press

BREGA, Libya — The massive oil terminal at Brega feels strangely deserted for Libya's second-largest hydrocarbon complex. After more than a week of turmoil in the country, production has been scaled back by almost 90 percent with many employees fleeing and ships not coming to collect its products.

The most activity on the site Saturday appeared to be a squad of boys from the nearby town finishing the job of tearing apart the local headquarters of Moammar Gadhafi's Revolutionary Committee.

The seaside Brega complex, some 125 miles west of the rebel stronghold of Benghazi, collects crude oil and gas from Libya's fields in the southeast and prepares them for export. It also produces some petrochemicals and refined products for local consumption.

Since the crisis began on Feb. 15, however, General Manager Fathi Eissa said the facility has had to scale back production dramatically from 90,000 barrels of crude a day to just 11,000.

There are no reliable figures about the impact of the uprising against Gadhafi on Libya's oil exports, but facilities across the country have been forced to make sharp cuts. Most Libyan ports — the main method of export — also were closed because of bad weather, staff shortages or production outages, according to the International Energy Agency.

The IEA, citing reports from Western producers, said overall crude production has dropped from 1.6 million barrels per day to 850,000. The unrest in the OPEC nation — which ranks about 17th among world oil producers and has Africa's largest proven oil reserves — has sparked a major spike in world oil prices.

At Brega, the huge spherical storage containers and reservoirs used to hold natural gas and crude oil are filling up rapidly with no ships to cart away their valuable contents.

Production in the southern fields has been throttled back until Brega can clear some of its capacity.

"At this time, we are operating with the minimum required number of operators, technicians mainly," Eissa said. "The production from the fields right now is at minimum, it is not completely stopped but it is minimum."

On Saturday, a ship arrived to collect some ammonia and methanol, but it was one of only a few since the troubles began.

Brega has continued to pump natural gas for local consumption along the coastal pipeline that is keeping the power plants and desalination plants running, as well as providing the people with cooking gas canisters.

Ahmed Jerksi, the chairman of the manager's office and a 40 year veteran of the company, estimated the terminal was operating with just 45 percent of its normal manpower.

Many employees left amid rumors that Gadhafi was going to bomb the plant and its volatile contents, while others feared for their families, he said.

The neighboring petrochemical complex of Ras Lanouf, some 60 miles to the west has experienced similar drops in manpower and has had to cut production down to similar levels, Jerksi said.

Ras Lanouf is also perilously close to the town of Sirte, one of the last holdouts for Gadhafi loyalists in central Libya, raising concern about clashes in the area.

The Gulf of Sidra is critical to Libya's energy exports. The ports of As Sidra, Marsa el Brega, Ras Lanuf, Tobruk and Zuetina handle about 77 percent of Libya's oil exports. Allegiances in the Gulf of Sidra and the economic value they represent, therefore, are key to the survival of Gadhafi's regime.

Libya's uprising came to the Brega complex on Feb. 20 when inhabitants of the nearby village appeared at the gates and said the complex was now with the revolution. The facility's guards let them in and they went around and tore down the many pictures of Gadhafi.

The local headquarters of the Revolutionary Committee was also trashed, with air-conditioning units pulled out of the walls and a large-screen projection TV knocked over.

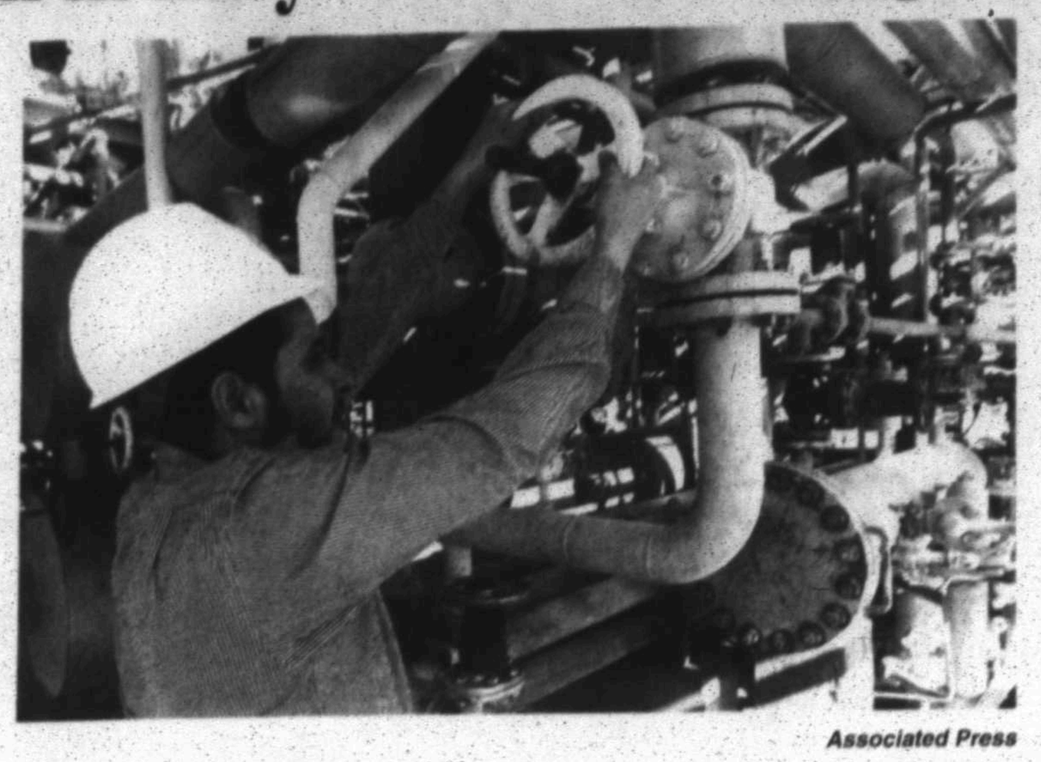
By Saturday, a group of youths had little to do besides smash windows and set fire to a picture of Gadhafi.

"We are with the revolution," said Eissa, the general manager. "We are supporting the change by keeping operations running to avoid the country's collapse."

Many of Brega's 600 foreign workers — mostly from Britain and other European countries — were preparing to evacuate. The British frigate HMS Cumberland, which took evacuees from Benghazi to Malta, is set to return to pick up many of Brega's workers. They missed an earlier evacuation at Benghazi because of the poor state of communications in the country.

Marianne Steeley of Britain has been working on and off at Brega since 1981 and is hoping her absence won't be long.

"Everybody's erring on the side of caution and they've certainly dialed down the oil and gas operation here and the ammonia plant, everything's been sort of kept on a very cautious level," she said. "I think they are trying desperately to get things going as soon as possible. I would certainly be very happy to return once things are sorted."



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PUTTING ON THE BRAKES A Libyan oil worker works at a refinery inside the Brega oil complex, in Brega, east of Libya, on Saturday. Production at Brega has dropped by almost 90 percent amid the country's crisis because many employees have fled and few ships are coming to offload the product.

MIDEAST PROTESTS AT A GLANCE

A look at anti-government protests, political unrest and key developments in six Arab countries on Saturday.

LIBYA

The embattled Libyan regime passes out guns to civilian supporters, sets up checkpoints and sends armed patrols roving the terrorized capital Tripoli to try to maintain control of Moammar Gadhafi's stronghold. Residents of its eastern Tajoura district set up makeshift barricades to prevent the SUVs filled with young men wielding automatic weapons from entering their neighborhood. In New York, the U.N. Security Council begins urgent deliberations to consider imposing sanctions to punish Libya for violent attacks on protesters.

EGYPT

An Egyptian panel tasked with amending the constitution recommends easing restrictions on who can run for president and imposing presidential term limits. These were two key demands of the popular uprising that pushed President Hosni Mubarak from power earlier this month. The panel also says emergency laws need to be approved in a referendum if they remain in place longer than six months. Mubarak ruled for 30 years with such laws which grant the police sweeping powers and severely restrict personal freedoms. The panel was appointed by Egypt's military rulers.

YEMEN

Yemen's embattled president suffered back-to-back blows: several hundreds of thousand call for his ouster in the largest anti-government rallies yet and two powerful chiefs from his own tribe abandon him. The huge turnout in towns and cities across Yemen and the defection of the tribal chiefs are the latest sign that President Ali Abdullah Saleh may be losing his grip on power.

BAHRAIN

A prominent Bahraini opposition leader returns from exile and demands that the kingdom's rulers back up reform promises with action. The return of Hassan Mushaima, a senior Shiite figure, could mark a new phase for the anti-government movement. He is considered more hardline than the main Shiite bloc that has helped drive two weeks of protests. Thousands of demonstrators march on government buildings in the capital.

ALGERIA

Hundreds rally in the capital of Algiers, demanding the ouster of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, with police out in far larger numbers. The protest on central Martyrs Square comes two days after the government ended a 19-year state of emergency. The restrictive measure was put in place in 1992 as Algeria embarked on an era of violence that ballooned into a deadly Islamist insurgency.

President Barack Obama praises the end of the state of emergency as a step toward responding to public concerns.

TUNISIA

Tunisian authorities temporarily ban vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the capital's central boulevard after a new outbreak of clashes between police and stone-throwing protesters. Police and troops backed by tanks deploy in Tunis as hundreds of youths rallied to protest against the North African country's interim government, fearing it has hijacked Tunisia's revolution.

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DUBLIN

Opposition on the brink of election win

Ireland's ruling Fianna Fail party faced its worst defeat in nearly 80 years as a tidal wave of voter anger about the country being nearly pushed to bankruptcy swept an opposition party to the brink of power Saturday.

Fine Gael polled 36.1 percent support with the first round of counting completed in all 43 constituencies, a figure that would put it in power but without a majority of seats in the Dail, the lower house of parliament. Party leader Enda Kenny, destined to become prime minister, pledged to move quickly to form a government.

Labour, Fine Gael's possible coalition partner, was running second at 19 percent while Fianna Fail polled a historic low of 17 percent. The actual vote share matched the figure in an exit poll released an hour before the count started.

Irish voters punished Fianna Fail for 13 percent unemployment, tax hikes, wage cuts and a humiliating bailout that Ireland had to accept from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund. In elections going back to 1932, Fianna Fail had never won less than 39 percent and had always been the largest party in the Dail.

PARIS

Witness: Galliano made racist remarks in Paris bar

Famed fashion designer John Galliano raged against a couple at a Paris cafe with threats, expletives and a remark referring to the man's alleged Asian background, a witness said Saturday.

Details and new video of the British-born designer moments after the cafe melee emerged a day after Christian Dior SA suspended him from his post as creative director at Dior fashion house.

The case puts a question mark over the one of fashion's biggest-name houses and the designer, who is widely regarded as one of the most brilliant of his generation and has brought youth and freshness to Dior.

The suspension, coming nearly a week before Dior's fall-winter 2011-2012 ready-to-wear show in Paris, stemmed from accusations that Galliano made an anti-Semitic insult during the spat Thursday.

He has denied any wrongdoing and objects to the suspension.

Witness Marion Bully said she sat nearby at La Perle cafe in the Marais district, and her first star-struck reaction was "Whoa" after seeing Galliano sitting alone at a table with a mojito.

Gunmen attack Iraq's largest oil refinery, kill 1

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen stormed Iraq's largest oil refinery and bombed the facility Saturday, forcing operations to shut down at a time when Iraqis are already suffering through electricity shortages and lines at the gas pump.

The attack north of Baghdad casts doubt on the Iraqi government's ability to protect its vital infrastructure and could shake already nervous international investors. If not fixed swiftly, the shutdown will likely further fuel anger over a lack of public services that led to violent nationwide protests last week.

"It probably couldn't have come at a worse time for (Prime Minister) al-Maliki and his government," said Raad Al-Kadiri, an energy analyst with the Washington-based PXE Energy.

The Beiji oil refinery accounts for a little more than a quarter of the country's entire refining capacity — all of which goes toward domestic consumption for things like gasoline, cooking oil and fuel for power stations.

One of the key demands during protests Friday in which at least 14 people were killed was that Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government improve the country's electricity output — some Iraqis get only a few hours a day.

A lengthy outage would force Iraq, already grappling with a $13 billion budget deficit, to purchase more refined products on the open market. Analysts said storage facilities in Dora and Basra will be able to compensate for at least some of the immediate shortfall in production.

In setback, Iran to unload fuel from nuclear plant

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — In a major setback to Iran's nuclear program, technicians will have to unload fuel from the country's first atomic power plant because of an unspecified safety concern, a senior government official said.

The vague explanation raised questions about whether the mysterious computer worm known as Stuxnet might have caused more damage at the Bushehr plant than previously acknowledged. Other explanations are possible for unloading the fuel rods from the reactor core of the newly completed plant, including routine technical difficulties.

While the exact reason behind the fuel's removal is unclear, the admission is seen as a major embarrassment for Tehran because it has touted Bushehr — Iran's first atomic power plant — as its showcase nuclear facility and sees it as a source of national pride. When the Islamic Republic began loading the fuel just four months ago, Iranian officials celebrated the achievement.

Iran's envoy to the U.N. nuclear monitoring agency in Vienna said that Russia, which provided the fuel and helped construct the Bushehr plant, had demanded the fuel be taken out.

"Upon a demand from Russia, which is responsible for completing the Bushehr nuclear power plant, fuel assemblies from the core of the reactor will be unloaded for a period of time to carry out tests and take technical measurements," the semi-official ISNA news agency quoted Ali Asghar Soltanieh as saying. "After the tests are conducted, (the fuel) will be placed in the core of the reactor once again."

"Iran always gives priority to the safety of the plant based on highest global standards," Soltanieh added.

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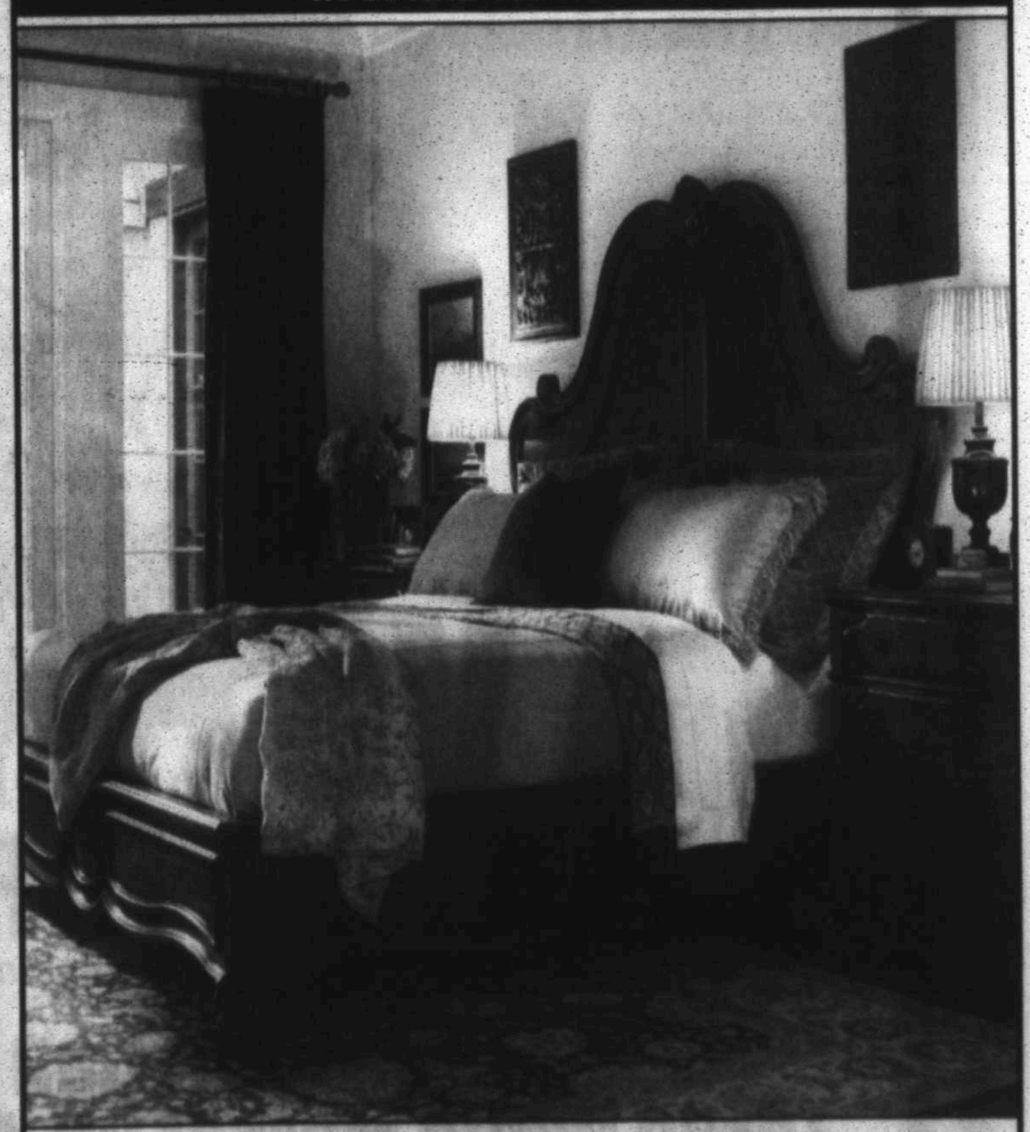

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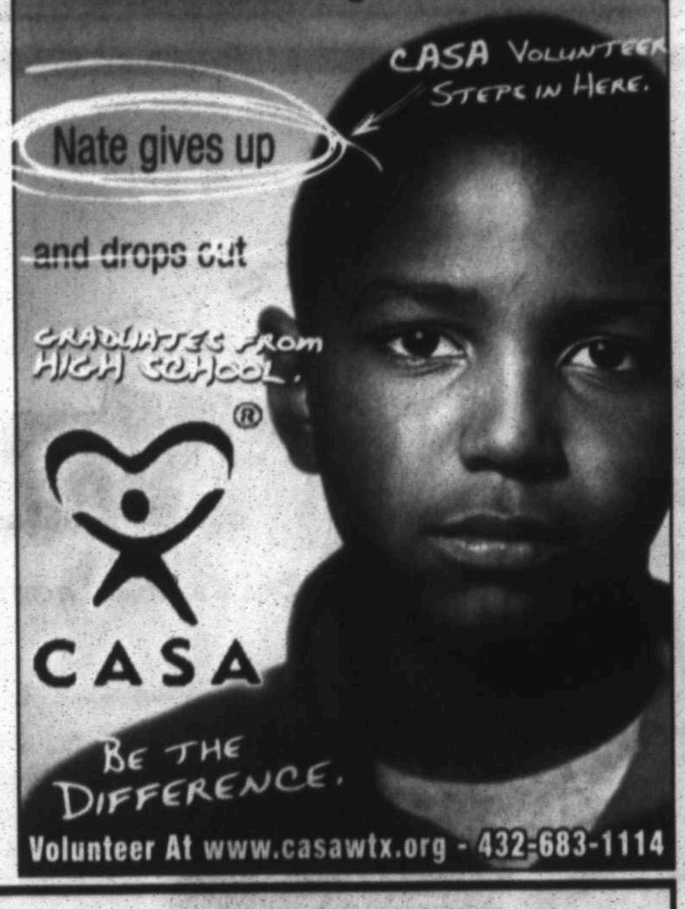

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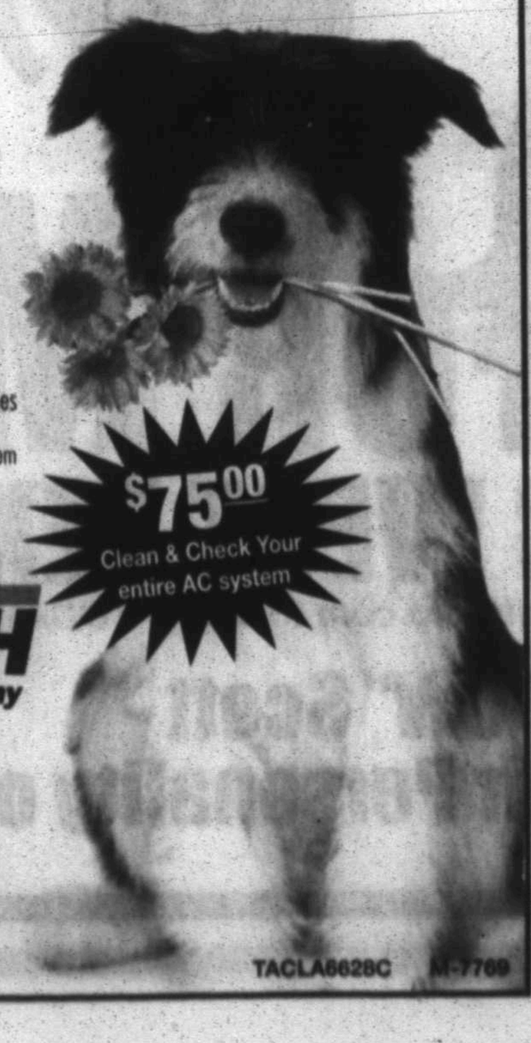

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Census: Young Hispanics a growing group

■ Demographer says state's future depends on educating the minority populations

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

With a growing population of young Hispanics compared with a larger population of aging Anglos, the former U.S. Census Bureau director said Texas' future success will hinge on its ability to educate minority students.

"The future of Texas is tied to its minority populations," said Steve Murdock, former Census Bureau director and professor of sociology at Rice University. "Unless through improved education and other factors we change things, we're looking at a very big difference in income (and) education."

Census data for 2010, which was released this month, shows non-Hispanic white individuals make up 53.2 percent of the population in Midland County and Hispanics 37.7 percent. For individuals younger than 18, though, Hispanics make up 50.2 percent of the population and Caucasians 40 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The divide seen in age groups, Murdock said, is representative of what's happening statewide, and to some extent, nationwide.

"What we clearly have in Texas and increasingly across the U.S. is two distinct populations," Murdock said. "We have old aging Anglos and we have a young set of minority populations."

Both populations, Murdock said, depend on one another because the younger population will pay into Medicaid and other government funds for aging adults and the younger population needs older adults to continue contributing property taxes to fuel the education system. If education isn't a priority, however, the balance could create a state with lower income levels, lower education attainment and less stability in the future, he said.

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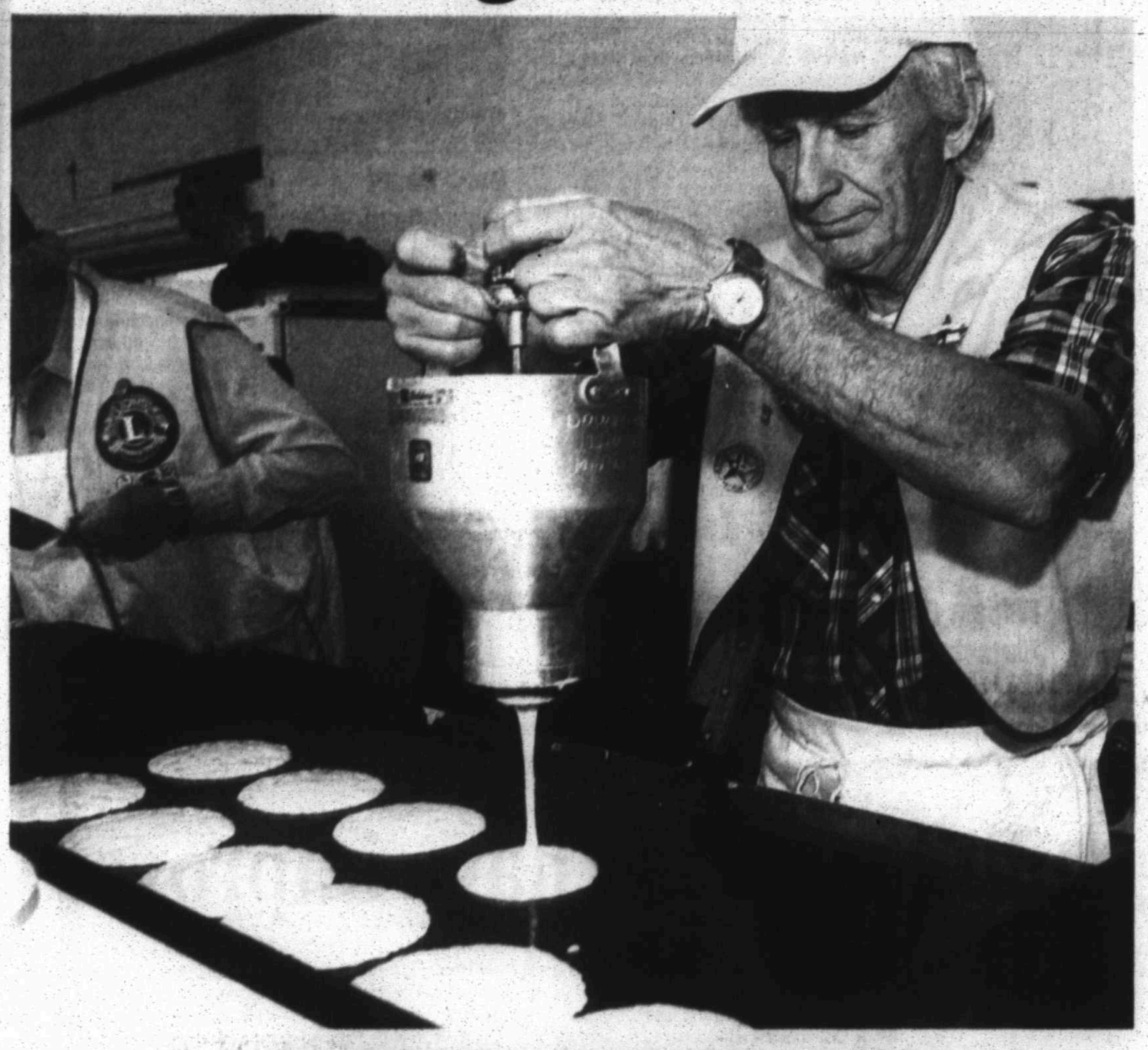
MIDLAND COUNTY 2010 CENSUS DATA

Total population: 136,872
Total population younger than 18: 37,529
Hispanics younger than 18: 18,854 or 50.2 percent
Whites younger than 18: 15,013 or 40 percent
African-Americans younger than 18: 2,476 or 6.5 percent
Asians younger than 18: 406 or 1.08 percent

Morning Jamboree



ABOVE: Bob Arlitt pours out batter Saturday morning at the annual Lions Club Pancake Jamboree.

RIGHT: Cooper Nutting and his brother Travis slather their pancakes with butter.

Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

Mexican marijuana still dominant

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

Despite surging domestic production and the proliferation of U.S. medical marijuana dispensaries, Mexican traffickers still dominate a flourishing American pot market that yields the violent drug cartels as much as $2 billion a year.

"Marijuana is by far the most seized drug at the Southwest border, and it continues to serve as the cash cow of the drug cartels in Mexico," said Rusty Payne, spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Marijuana sales account for between 15 and 26 percent of the Mexican drug cartels' revenues, according to a RAND Corp. analysis last year.

Although super-strength homegrown marijuana has become the weed of choice in California and some of the 14 other states allowing marijuana for medical purposes, less-potent Mexican "commercial" grade marijuana still dominates in Texas.

Government reports identify two of the nation's eight most significant drug corridors as running through Texas — Interstate-35 heading north from Laredo to San Antonio and Dallas, and I-10 going from El Paso to New Mexico where I-25 splits off and runs north to Montana.

Border crossings in South Texas are among the cartels' favorite portals for

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Antelope transplanted to Big Bend

By John MacCormack
San Antonio Express-News

MARFA — Dazed and confused after being captured and hauled 500 miles, some two dozen of the continent's fastest mammals had to be coaxed from a cattle trailer into an open field lit with headlights.

"Come on, girl, you can't go back. Come on now," said one member of the crew, working inside the trailer, as the pronghorn antelopes inside balked at exiting.

One by one they staggered out. And of the 25 animals in this load, one emerged limping with a broken leg and was soon dispatched. The others quickly scampered into the darkness.

"It's a good feeling. It was a long trip

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Associated Press

LETING GO Texas Parks & Wildlife Department officials perpare a pronghorn antelope for release to its new home near Marfa.

Documents released in drunken officer incident

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

The Reporter-Telegram has received internal investigation documents concerning Officer Aaron Trevino's Jan. 1, 2010, incident involving a drunken bar fight.

The report documents the events surrounding the contentious actions by Trevino and other officers, and the investigation and subsequent three-day suspension of Trevino.

The Reporter-Telegram was made aware of the internal investigation on Feb. 15 by the Midland Police Department but was not told the extent of the allegations.

Police department officials also didn't provide a copy of the report at that time. The request for the documents were made through the Freedom of Information Act. City representatives delivered the documents Wednesday.

In the report, it shows that two off-duty officers working security at the old Ranch Club on the 4400 block of North Big Spring Street escorted an "extremely intoxicated" Trevino out of the bar after he engaged in a mutual fight with two other patrons and threatening the bar owner.

Trevino is reported to have said "you know what I can do," to the bartender after being told to leave.

Officers did not arrest Trevino; they allowed him to be driven home and removed his badge and firearm from his possession.

He then reportedly threatened the other officers, made a drunken scene at an apartment complex where he was a courtesy officer and "was crying hysterically and furious that the subject who hit him was not arrested."

After reviewing all subjects involved, police gave Trevino a three-day, unpaid suspension.

MPD Chief Price Robinson repeated his stance that Trevino has been an exemplary officer, has learned from his mistakes and has moved on from the incident. He also said an officer's ability to use discretion in deciding when to make an arrest is a vital tool to peace officers.

"There have been instances where police have encountered intoxicated people and given them a ride home or have told them to take a cab," Robinson said in a follow-up interview with the Reporter-Telegram. "Officers go to bar parking lots to tell people to find a ride or you could go to jail. Officers give them that option. There was no special treatment."

He also defended the off-duty officer's judgment and said the other patrons engaged in mutual combat were not arrested either.

"It was a mutual conflict, rather than an assault," he said. "There are conflicting stories about who pushed whom first, but this happened more than a year ago and we need to move forward."

In response to a question about the working relationship between Trevino and other officers he threatened, Robinson said the officers are professional and the relationship has not been affected,

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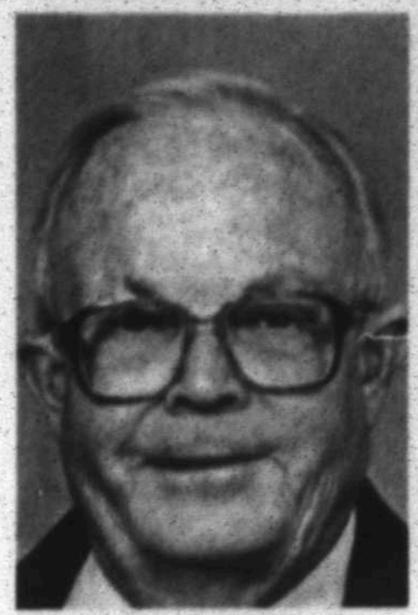
Obituaries



Jack R. Schuler

Jack R. Schuler left this life on Friday, February 25, 2011, to enter his eternal home in Heaven. Funeral services will be Monday, February 28, 2011, at 1:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Dr. James Reid, Robert Bailey, and Dr. John Gerlach, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born in Dallas Texas, March 26, 1926. He served his country proudly just over two years during World War II in the Naval Air Force. One of the joys of his later years was talking with other veterans about military experiences, whether it was family, friends, or strangers.

When he was discharged, he returned to Dallas, where he met the love of his life, Bettie A. Smith. After 2 and a half years, they married in Ft. Worth, Texas. In December 1951, they moved to Midland, Texas and remained there until his death.

They were blessed to have two sons, Roger Schuler, and Nathan Schuler, both who were the ultimate pleasure of their life. In December, they were blessed again with LaVerne, who he called his "new daughter", when she married Roger.

In spite of the years of ill health, he was always a cheerful and loving person, the example of a loving husband and father, and friend to everyone. No one was a stranger to him for very long. He enjoyed going on shopping trips with his wife, and loved to sit and people watch, always passing the time in conversations with strangers.

Jack retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1986, as a Postal Carrier. He loved his work and made friends with so many of the patrons on his route.

From 1992, he and his wife Bettie spent a great deal of time in Cloudcroft, N.M., again forming close attachments up there.

He enjoyed traveling numerous places with family. He was a dedicated Christian and enjoyed sharing his faith with others, and was active in his church until his health deterriated. He loved reading, especially his Bible.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Eva Schuler; two brothers, Robert and Charles Schuler; Cecil and Othell Cox, father in law and mother in law; a baby grandson, John Paul Schuler and brother in law, Cecil Smith Jr.

He is survived by his wife Bettie; two sons Roger and wife LaVerne and Nathan; sister in law, Mary Schuler, brother in law Dr. James Reid and wife Annett; sister-in-law, Patricia Smith, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was an inspiration to his family and friends. The family suggests memorials be made to: Crestview Baptist Church Building Fund, 301 N. Loop 250 West, Midland or to Home Hospice, 516 N. Texas Ave. Odessa, TX.

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

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Margaret McAninch

Midland- Margaret McAninch, 95, died Friday, February 25, 2011 in a local nursing center. Services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 28th at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel with Reverend Horace Abbott officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Margaret was born May 17, 1915 in Merkel to Andrew Jackson and Nancy (Bradley) Canon. She graduated from Merkel High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University for two years until she met and married Weldon McAninch March 16, 1935 in Merkel. He preceded her in death June 17, 1986.

Margaret was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Merkel and Eastern Star. She retired in May 1985 from Taylor Electric Co-Op as an accountant after having worked 23 years. Margaret enjoyed traveling with her husband and was also an avid reader. She moved to Midland in April 1997.

Survivors include two sons, Jack McAninch and wife Burnet of San Francisco, CA, Jim McAninch and wife Vonell of Midland; four grandsons, David McAninch and wife Sherri of Denver, CO, Scott McAninch and wife Briget of Midland, Todd McAninch and wife Frances of Lake Tahoe, Brendan McAninch and wife Elle of Oakland, CA; one granddaughter, Sharla Endler and husband Dean of Bryan; and eleven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Merkel Cemetery Association, 201 Edwards, Merkel, TX 79536.

You may view and sign the online guestbook at www.starbuckfuneralhome.com

William (Bill) Metscher

William (Bill) Metscher passed from this life on February 17, 2011. He was born September 8, 1920 to Richard and Emma (Siefert) Metscher in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The youngest of four surviving children, Bill grew up in Sheboygan and graduated from Sheboygan Central High School. As a youth he was very active in Boy Scouts achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. At the onset of World War II Bill joined the Army Air Corps with training in as a pilot and a bombardier. While training in Harlingen, TX he was married to his long-time sweetheart Rose Raml, also from Sheboygan. Bill was assigned to a B-24 crew as a bombardier with service in Europe. His military career was cut short when his plane crashed on landing as it returned from a mission. He was sent back to the States for recovery. Bill worked for the U.S. Post Office in Sheboygan. In May of 1951 Bill, Rose and their three daughters relocated to Midland, Texas where they lived until 2004. In Midland Bill worked as a clerk in the main office and at the time of his retirement he was station superintendent at the new Graves Postal Station. Bill and Rose loved to travel and made several trips to Europe, the British Isles and Scandinavia as well as two trips to Hawaii. After their retirement they would spend winters in Florida or Arizona with groups from Sheboygan. In 2004 Bill and Rose moved to New Braunfels to be closer to family. Within a week of the move, Bill lost his beloved Rose. He then moved in with one of his daughters in New Braunfels where he lived for several years before he relocated to McKenna Village. Bill is survived by his three loving daughters, Barbara Metscher of Houston, Susan and husband Clifton (Skip) Pruitt of New Braunfels and Jaynne and husband Jim Seeburger of New Braunfels. He also leaves four grandchildren, Tiffany Pruitt, Tina Pruitt Stautzenberger and husband Gerald, Michael Pruitt and David Seeburger, as well as two great-grandchildren, Max and Alex Stautzenberger. We miss you daddy. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Zoeller Funeral Home chapel. Services will conclude in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Hospice, the Salvation Army or the charity of one's choice. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Sheboygan at a later date, where he will be next to his beloved Rose.

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Death Notices

Aaron Cummins

Aaron Cummins, 87, of Midland, passed away Saturday, February 26, 2011. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Daniel Ray Alvey

Daniel Ray Alvey, 61 of Odessa died Friday, February 25, 2011 at Medical Center Hospital.

Preceded by his Father; his brother, and brother-in-law.

Survivors: Mother, Linda Alvey of Odessa; sister Connie Clonts of Breckenridge, TX; his sister-in-law, Diane Alvey of Haskell, TX; nieces; nephews; grandnieces.

Funeral service 11:00 AM, Monday, February 28, 2011 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial Sunset Memorial Gardens directed by Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral directed by Sunset Funeral Home.

To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

Dora Court Morehouse

Dora Court Morehouse of Big Spring, died Friday, February 25, 2011, in Big Spring.

Graveside funeral services 10:00 AM, Monday, February 28, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd J. Morehouse of Big Spring, Texas; two grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one sister; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by two sons and her parents.

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

Raford L. Dunagan

Raford L. Dunagan, 79, of Big Spring, died Friday, February 25, 2011, in a local hospital.

Funeral services 2:00 PM, Monday, February 28, 2011 East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Rev. Keith Weaver, Pastor, and Rev. Walter McCall, Chaplain, officiating. Interment Trinity Memorial Park.

Visitation 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 27, 2011, at the funeral home.

Survivors: wife Jeneva Pearl Dunagan; daughter, Dianne Webb and husband Bob of Lumberton, Texas; and two grandchildren.

Preceded by parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Arrangements Directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online www.npwelch.com

Sarah Mason

Sarah Mason, of Midland passed away on February 25, 2011 in a local nursing facility. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

William D. Huff

William D. Huff 85 of Snyder, TX, died Saturday, February 26, 2011.

Graveside services 2:00 PM Tuesday at White Church Cemetery near Sweetwater Rev. Brad Davis officiating directr by Bell-Cypert-Funeral Home.

Survivors : Wife, Fay Huff, Snyder, TX; daughters & sons-in-law, Leta Fay & Jesse Blewett, Midland, TX; Chyrel & Marthy Schultz, Amarillo, TX; son and daughter-in-law, Bill & Kathy Huff, Snyder, TX; brother; 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and their children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 6 brothers and 2 sisters.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 PM Monday at the funeral home.

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In Texas, gambling's odds have improved

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Gov. Rick Perry was for legalized gambling before he was against it.

In 2004, the governor added video lottery terminals at racetracks to the list of issues he would allow lawmakers to consider during a special session — when the governor controls what's on the agenda. They ultimately didn't produce any legislation, but it was an indication that Perry wasn't hostile to expanding the state's legal gambling — at least if the money was for school finance.

His position has changed, and like the Republican Party of Texas and many of his core voters, he no longer supports expanded gambling in Texas — although that might not make any difference this year. Texas allows bingo and parimutuel wagering on dogs and horses, and runs a lottery, but for casino games and slots, Texans go elsewhere.

In its annual reports to its governor and state Legislature, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board frequently writes about Texas. We're apparently the mother lode for the Sportsman's Paradise. In the most recent report, for 2009-10, the state recorded $723.5 million in gaming revenue. The board members are worried that competition from other states could take away money and cut into SELF, the Support Education in Louisiana Fund, where the gaming money goes.

For instance, the state's Lake Charles market accounted for $482.4 million in revenue in that latest report, and has this asterisk attached to it: "Most of this area's customers originate from the Houston area, and, like Shreveport-Bossier, would be hurt by legalized gambling in Texas. Pro-gambling lobbyists have so far been unsuccessful at bringing gambling to Texas, but persist in their efforts to do so."

That they do.

The promoters here are lobbied up, with groups advancing sometimes competing arguments for more liberal bingo rules, for allowing slot machines to operate at existing racetracks and on Indian reservations, and for full-blown destination resort casinos in the state's major cities and coastal tourist spots. The casino bill will be carried, once again, by state Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, which is significant in part because he's the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which is writing the state budget.

The existing forms of gambling in Texas all got through the Legislature in previous tough financial times. It's a simple formula: the state needs money to keep programs going, it's not a tax, it doesn't require the governor's signature and it does require voter approval. That's four kinds of political insulation, and they're all in play now.

Texas has a budget shortfall of $15 billion to $27 billion, depending on whether you're measuring how much it would take to match current spending — the low number — or current services.

Perry reverted to his anti-gambling position after the 2004 effort, but unless he launches a vociferous campaign against it, that probably won't matter. Slots or casinos go straight from the Legislature to the voters without stopping at the governor's desk. Public opinion, measured both in industry polls and in third-party polls, shows support for expanded gambling, especially for proposals that have local options and when the money is directed at something voters support, like public education.

The promoters say slot machines could be shipped into the state and be operating in no time at all. That's important to lawmakers looking to balance the budget: If the machines are up and running quickly, they're producing state revenue quickly. That makes the budget part work.

Casinos take longer to set up, but one proposal would charge the licensees a huge fee up front — $50 million, say, or $100 million — and that income could help budgeteers while the casinos are being built. Neither is technically a tax — at least not the kind of tax that attracts voters to anti-government rallies at the state Capitol.

It's not an easy issue. The opposition, which includes a diverse mixture from moralists to budget experts to policy wonks, is strong and persuasive. Lawmakers tried in 2003 and in 2005 but couldn't get the votes even though the state faced a budget shortfall and needed a financing source for a major rewrite of the state's school finance formulas.

This is the biggest shortfall in the state's modern history, and it's a remarkably anti-tax Legislature, even for Texas. In spite of the odds, for gamblers, hope springs eternal.

Houston voices join call for change in Libya

Houston Chronicle

Yasmeen Esaklul had run out of breath Friday afternoon after chanting continuously into a large microphone at a traffic corner in the Galleria area.

The University of Houston student had helped organize support for uprising in her father's native country of Libya and to condemn the deadly response by Col. Moammar Gadhafi. About 250 people joined the protest.

"I want Americans to realize what's going on," said 19-year-old Esaklul. "My objective is to point out that Gadhafi is a horrible dictator that is murdering people without a second thought."

Esaklul and her family visited Libya last summer. Her mother, Vickie Esaklul, said that things were generally peaceful at the time.

"Things were available in the stores," said the 54-year-old woman, who also attended the protest at Westheimer and Post Oak. "It was pretty much prospering, but I think that was Gadhafi recognizing that he had to give his people some freedom or he would end up like some other Arab leaders, and lose his hold on the people."

The mother and daughter were able to get in contact with their family in Libya as early as Friday morning.

"We spoke to my husband's nephews this morning and they told us that the whole city of Tripoli was surrounded by military," Vickie Esaklul said. "Anyone that tries to leave their homes gets shot at by mercenaries."

Hadeel Bunkheila, a 19-year-old dual citizen of Libya and the U.S., said that at first she was able to get a hold of her family, but for the past four days she hasn't been able to reach them.

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and a long day. I'm real tickled," said Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Billy Tarrant, who had driven the second of three loads of antelope Wednesday.

The shipments that began this week of antelope from the Panhandle to the Big Bend are part of a long-term effort to replenish the dwindling antelope herds here.

In all, some 200 animals are expected to be moved in this phase, with an equal number planned for next year. All are being turned loose on Big Bend ranches as part of a public-private collaboration.

The antelope, some of which wore radio collars, will be closely studied by biologists and university students to try and determine the reasons for the massive die-off.

"We haven't yet found the smoking gun. The lack of fawns is a huge question mark, and a big problem we've been having is no bodies. The scavengers out here are too efficient," said Ken Waldrup, a state veterinarian assisting in the relocation.

A century or so ago, tens of millions of pronghorn roamed the plains of the American West, and as recently as the mid 1980s, they were abundant in the Big Bend region, to the point of sometimes being a bother.

"They used to come down and eat my rose bushes. They were just part of the scene, something of a pest," recalled Sharon Roosevelt, who lived two decades ago just south of Marfa at Fort Russell.

Until recently some ranchers regularly hosted hunts for the black-horned bucks.

"When I was a little kid, they said it was like Africa, that you'd see herds of 100 animals or more. They used to kill some just to keep the numbers down," said Cuatro White, 27, whose family owns the Brite Ranch, south of Valentine.

"Now we're probably down to about 60 antelope on 100,000 acres. That's three small herds," he said.

And where the Brite Ranch once charged up to $3,000 for a two-day hunt, those days have ended. Antelope remain plentiful in other areas of Texas, primarily the Panhandle, where state biologists began trapping them Wednesday morning with nets shot from helicopters.

Biologists are studying factors including drought, hard winters, an internal parasite called the barber pole worm, predation and reduction of open range by net wire fences.

Studies of late winter carcasses of Big Bend antelope sent to the Texas A&M University pathology laboratory in the 1990s showed malnutrition to be the cause of death.

More recent studies showed massive infestation of antelope stomachs by the striped parasite also known as "bloodworms." The highest levels were found in antelope from the Big Bend.

When ranchers here saw the pronghorn disappearing several years ago, they became alarmed and created a public-private project to replenish the population.

Albert Miller, 60, whose family owns the nearby Miller Ranch where antelope will soon be released, said the alarm bells began sounding about three years ago when they began finding dead adults.

At the same time, he said ranchers noticed a high mortality rate among antelope calves.

"When the biologists informed us they had surplus animals in the Panhandle, the idea came about to catch some of those and help bring them back down here," he said.

In February, the Trans Pecos Pronghorn Working Group collected $50,000 in a fundraiser in Alpine, and doubled it with matching funds from private foundations.

While 49 of 51 animals were successfully moved Wednesday, it did not come off without high drama.

About two-thirds of the way down to the Big Bend, the lead trailer containing 12 antelope broke down on the highway near Seminole, triggering a dual emergency response: mechanical and biological.

"Any kind of high temperatures are dangerous. So we called the Seminole Fire Department and they came out and sprayed water on the trailer to cool them down," said Mike Cox, a TPWL spokesman, who was with the convoy.

The trip resumed after repairs were made, but hours later, at a stop in Fort Davis, a bigger crisis loomed. The animals inside the small closed trailer seemed lifeless.

"The vet said it doesn't look good. He thought at least the bucks were dead," recalled Cox.

And by the time the trailer arrived at the destination ranch at 7:30 p.m., anxieties were high. Some feared all 12 animals had died.

"I figured we'd be unloading carcasses," said Cox. "But, that was the beautiful part."

Associated Press

INTO THE WILD Texas state wildlife officials look on Wednesday as pronghorn antelope are released to their new home near Marfa. Two hundred of the Texas Panhandle pronghorns were captured over several days and transported 500 miles to the Marfa area to bolster the diminished Trans-Pecos herd.

Parkland hospital changes its autopsy policy

Associated Press

DALLAS — Parkland Memorial Hospital has changed the way families are asked to approve autopsies for loved ones in order to provide more information.

The Dallas Morning News reported that the charity hospital acknowledged Friday that new consent forms went into effect this month. The forms more clearly inform families that organs are removed during an autopsy and can be returned before a funeral is held.

The newspaper in December reported that a family was outraged when organs were taken from their deceased daughter during an autopsy and never returned. The family said the 27-year-old woman wanted to be buried "whole."

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although they were disappointed.

He also said there were stark differences between this incident and the firing of a former officer, Andrew Lowe, who was discharged by the department on Sept. 10 after failing a drug test. He said the two officers violated different protocols and said Trevino violated a lesser policy of unprofessional behavior of a police officer.

Mayor Wes Perry declined to comment directly on the actions of the officers involved, the investigation or the punishment but said he does trust Robinson and his decisions.

City Manager Courtney Sharp has been unavailable to comment since the investigation became public. His office oversees the police department.

Looking forward

District Attorney Teresa Clingman, Robinson and local defense attorneys all have assuaged any doubt about the credibility of Trevino as a witness or as an arresting officer for pending criminal cases.

Clingman said Trevino's character has not been damaged enough, nor were there criminal charges ever filed against the officer that could be used to impeach him as a witness.

"No one walking on Earth can say they have never done something stupid," Clingman said in a telephone interview last week. "It doesn't all of a sudden make them liars."

Mark Dettman, a defense attorney and former Midland County attorney, echoed Clingman's statements and said there are certain types of rules that bar bringing these types of allegations against witnesses in trial. He said he couldn't see how it could even be brought up during criminal proceedings because there was never a conviction, let alone an arrest.

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DATA

From 1B

"The key here is to provide educational opportunities," Murdock said. "To fail to do so is to make Texas less competitive in the future."

Murdock said in 2008 only 9 percent of Anglos in Texas reported having less than a high school education compared with 43 percent of Hispanics. The numbers aren't completely telling, as the data on high school dropout rates have more to do with income than race, he said. But, Murdock added, the numbers clearly show where Texas will be in the coming decades if education isn't addressed.

"If you control for income, there's not much difference between the racial and ethnic groups," Murdock said. "People with low levels of income tend to have higher dropout rates; those with higher incomes tend to have fewer dropout rates."

At Midland Independent School District, 53 percent of students are Hispanic and 35 percent white, Superintendent Ryder Warren said previously.

Deborah Acosta, the district's dropout prevention/at-risk coordinator, said the district's data also shows that Hispanics make up a larger percentage of kids not attaining degrees than other races. But, she said the district targets students, not specific groups, because the dropout rate has more to do with personal situations than a culture or group as a whole.

MISD reported a dropout rate of 11.9 percent for the class of 2009, the most recent data available. That was down from 13 percent for the class of 2008 and 16 percent for the class of 2007, Acosta said. The data is gathered by tracking students from ninth grade through their senior year.

"Hispanics make up most of our ethnicity," Acosta said, of dropouts. "Some of them are not economically disadvantaged. It's other variables. There are so many out there."

Some students drop out because their families need them to work and they can't attend a regularly scheduled school day, others because they're struggling with a certain subject and still others simply because they're acting up and not attending class.

"We're basically looking at their grades and not their makeup," she said. "We're giving more attention to the students, which is what they need, trying to figure out, 'Why is it you can't understand or what's going on at home?'"

At the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Vice President for Student Services Susan Lara said the school has been working toward a diverse student body by encouraging everyone to consider higher education. More than 50 percent of UTPB's student body consists of minorities, including about 38 percent who are Hispanic, she said.

"Everybody in the community needs equal education opportunity," Lara said. "Without doing anything specifically directed at a certain group, we've been able to bring in a pretty diverse group."

She said the university partners with high schools, Midland and Odessa colleges, and it also directs students to GED and online high school programs if they didn't obtain a secondary degree.

"(Census data) does help us to prepare for understanding how many young people are in the Permian Basin," Lara said. "Of course we think it's important for all of them to go to college, so we try to work with folks to make that happen."

By addressing the issue as a whole, Murdock said the disparity between education attainment among races typically is worked out over generations.

As was the case with Irish, English and other immigrants, the first generation is defined largely by poverty because the typical occupation for them is manual laborer. Throughout the decades, individuals in each immigrating ethnic group become more defined by skilled laborers and then professionals, which is what can be expected of the growing Hispanic demographic provided they have a chance at higher education levels, he said.

"It happens if the opportunities are available to do it," he said. "(It won't) if our education system isn't funded, as we're talking about now."

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TEXAS CENSUS DATA

Statewide:
Hispanics younger than 18: 46.3 percent
Whites younger than 18: 33.8 percent

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Last October we wrote about a young woman who had two children and was pregnant with a third. The father of the two children had left her a few years ago and he worked "under the table" to avoid child support. The father of the third child promised to love and care for her and their family, however in her third trimester he left. She had depended on him to get her girls to daycare and her to her job. When he left she was without transportation, very pregnant, and terribly despondent. She was not sure that she wanted the baby. We helped her bring her bills current, but we knew there was much more that needed to be done in her case.
Fortunately, Joe read of her plight and approached us asking what he could do to help. We asked if he and his family might consider "adopting" the family for Christmas. He was delighted to do so, and his family provided not only Christmas dinner, but a Christmas tree and gifts for the entire family. She was overwhelmed by the generosity of him and his family, and she began to feel as though someone cared. That caring was enough to give her the security to have her baby. And when the baby was born she bragged of how "in love" she was with her newborn son.
But Joe did not end there...his concern for her future troubled him deeply. We had written of her need for transportation and several people responded that they would be willing to help her with a vehicle. He found a vehicle that they all agreed to buy and he arranged the purchase.
Next...what to do about a job? The woman had lost her job at a local restaurant when she was put on bed rest toward the end of her pregnancy. He talked to a local retirement center and arranged an interview for the young mother. They liked her and offered her a job.
Joe has taken this young mother, who, just a few months ago was left to fall through the cracks, and he is helping her make a new start. He will continue to work with her to see that she and her family are safe and secure.
Why is Joe doing this? After all, there are so many women in her situation out there. We like to think that he feels the same way we do. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one." God bless you, Joe, and thank you for helping this young mother and her family.

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BASIN ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT STOCKTON

Council delays, again, decision on FSH deal

The city of Fort Stockton is being courted by two suitors.

One, Fort Stockton Holdings, promises much in return for the city's non-opposition to its permit application currently pending with the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District.

The other, the County of Pecos, also makes promises, in return for the city's loyalty to the county in continuing the fight against Fort Stockton Holdings.

The winner was to be decided Tuesday night.

And the winner is ...

Neither. Not yet, anyway.

Council finally hires new city manager

The Fort Stockton City Council had hoped to have a new city manager hired and on the job by the end of 2010.

The process, though, dragged and it wasn't until Tuesday night the city found out who its new city manager is.

During its regular session, the Council voted to approve the contract of Raul Rodriguez, the city's current director of public works and engineer, as Fort Stockton's new city manager.

Rodriguez will remain as city engineer. The position of director of public works will not be filled, with the duties to be assumed by department heads.

For details, go to www.fortstocktonpioneer.com.

ALPINE

AISD board calls for bond election to build new high school complex

Alpine ISD trustees responded "aye" with strong and resolute voices Wednesday night when board President Mo Morrow asked them to vote on calling a $22 million bond election to build a new high school and athletics facility. The election will be May 14.

The vote came after a lengthy closed-door session, which had followed a presentation by the Bond Exploratory Committee made up of 32 residents representing all economic and business sectors in Alpine.

Mary Jane Morgan, chairwoman of the committee, said that although the panelists weren't unanimous in wanting new school facilities, a strong majority said it's time to do right by our students.

For details, go to www.alpineavalanche.com.

BIG SPRING

I-20 rollover claims man's life

A Mississippi man was pronounced dead at the scene of a one-vehicle rollover Tuesday morning near the 184 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

Emergency personnel — including the Big Spring Fire Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety — responded to the crash, which happened about 10 a.m. near the highway overpass east of Exit 184.

According to DPS Trooper Jared Bratcher, who is in charge of the investigation, the victim was 43-year-old Charles Corbin of Gulfport, Miss.

For details, go to www.bigspringherald.com.

ODESSA

DA won't seek execution in Dustyn Bailey Wright death

Prosecutors with the Ector County District Attorney's Office will not seek the death penalty in the case of a man accused of killing a 5-week-old infant, District Attorney Bobby Bland said.

John Dana Bailey's first pre-trial hearing was scheduled Friday but was continued to an unspecified date.

Bailey is charged with capital murder in the March 16, 2008, death of Dustyn Bailey Wright.

Bland said his office filed a waiver of the death penalty a few weeks ago.

OHS teacher arrested on felony theft charge

A 43-year-old Odessa High School English teacher and sponsor of the Bronchettes pep squad declined to comment Thursday when reached about her arrest in connection with felony theft.

Jena Marie Graves, 3727 Andrews Highway, was arrested Feb. 9 by Ector County Independent School District Police, district communications director Mike Adkins said.

According to an arrest affidavit issued Feb. 8, Graves is accused of taking $6,572.80 from a Bronchettes' activity fund.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Credit card abuse:
Crystal A. Chacon, 24, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of credit card abuse.

Possession of a controlled substance:
Joseph Dunson, 56, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Violation of parole:
Gary M. Grimes, 48, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of parole.

Possession of a controlled substance:
Ruben G. Hernandez, 20, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Violation of probation:
Lucy Y. Porras, 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Tampering with evidence:
Joseph R. Ramon, 24, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of tampering with evidence.

Driving while intoxicated:
Eddie E. Sanders, 51, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a third charge of driving while intoxicated.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Dog handler works with military overseas

By Miguel Llscano
Austin American-Statesman

GEORGETOWN — Major usually barks when he's sniffed out what he is looking for. Ana scratches and claws at the ground.

And for most of the past three years, these Belgian Malinois braved sandstorms and the occasional threat of sniper fire with Joe Worsham, a Georgetown dog trainer hired to search for the bodies of fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan for the U.S. military.

Worsham, a former real estate broker with no military or law enforcement background, has trained dogs in some form for most of his life, learning the skill from his grandfather as a boy growing up in the Dallas area. In 2008, his work helping law enforcement agencies search for bodies in homicide investigations led to him becoming one of three handlers of human remains detection dogs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He stayed for three years — taking only two 30-day breaks — after he realized the importance of the work, he said.

"When you live that for three years and see what they've sacrificed, it becomes a lot more personal," Worsham said. "It's about bringing an individual home that has paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms."

A few months ago, Worsham returned to his home on 8 acres in a rural part of Georgetown. His dogs are back in their kennels when they're not in training or searching for tennis balls in the tall grass on his land.

Worsham, who graduated from college with a degree in industrial arts, followed the real estate boom to Georgetown around 1983. Eventually, he opened his own real estate business and also became a homebuilder.

At the same time, Worsham took what he'd learned from his grandfather and trained English pointers for hunting and competitions, he said.

MARIJUANA

From 1B

U.S.-bound marijuana shipments. At the eight ports of entry between Brownsville and Del Rio, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized 146,934 pounds of pot in 2010, according to a just-issued CBP year-end report. That's 47 percent higher than 2009, which was nearly double the 2008 total.

On New Year's Eve, CBP officers in Laredo uncovered more than a ton of marijuana with a street value of $2.4 million in a tractor trailer.

In addition, Mexican marijuana is brought into the state via "river crossings, unimproved road networks (and) trails," said Lisa Johnson, DEA spokeswoman in Houston.

The government's 2010 National Drug Threat Assessment states that while the quantity of domestically produced marijuana is unknown, drug agents' eradication of marijuana plants more than doubled between 2003 and 2008. "The amount of marijuana produced in the United States appears to be very high," the report concludes.

Last November, California voters defeated Proposition 19, which would have legalized marijuana in the state. During the campaign, the impact of potential legalization on the Mexican cartels and drug-related violence in Mexico was a matter of vigorous debate. Those in favor of Prop-19 argued that legalization would undercut the price structure that makes marijuana smuggling profitable for Mexican traffickers.

Those opposed, including law enforcement groups, countered that cartels were in it for the money and would not let legalization deter them from finding and exploiting U.S. markets.

But there has been relatively little examination of the impact of medical marijuana — and the black market that domestic growers also service — on the Mexican marijuana trade.

The RAND report concluded that legalization in California would at most reduce Mexican traffickers' income by between 2 and 4 percent on marijuana revenues estimated at between $1.1 billion and $2 billion annually. The impact might be greater if mass quantities of marijuana grown in regions such as Northern California's "Emerald Triangle" begin filtering in to the rest of the nation.

At least a third of marijuana consumed in the U.S. is grown domestically, while a minimum of 40 to 50 percent comes from Mexico, the report stated.

Mexican cartels are attempting to keep their competitive edge against domestic producers by growing their own marijuana plants in remote wilderness areas owned by the U.S. government. In addition, Mexican groups are moving cultivation eastward away from California, Washington and Oregon to states such as Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Michigan, according to the drug threat assessment.

Johnson of the DEA in Houston said that Asian drug organizations historically have cultivated indoor "hydroponic" marijuana in the Houston area. The U.S. 2010 drug threat assessment noted Asian gangs had expanded their indoor grow sites to Texas and New England states "to gain better access to drug markets."

Johnson reported that in the past 12 months, DEA has raided "nearly a dozen Asian grow houses in the Houston area.

In addition, Mexican trafficking groups also appear to be involved in indoor marijuana growing in and around Houston. Johnson noted that while there have been no seizures, "intelligence indications are being developed into investigations."

Unlike California, Texas has not proven to be fertile ground for medical marijuana or any effort to soften penalties for marijuana possession or use.

State Rep. Elliot Naishtat, D-Austin, has introduced legislation that would make medical use an affirmative defense in prosecutions for marijuana possession. Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, has made several attempts to get legislation approved that would make possession of less than an ounce a Class C misdemeanor, about the level of a traffic ticket. None of these proposals has ever come up for a vote in the increasingly conservative state house.

But legalization advocates in Texas said they remain hopeful. Their strategy: Focus on libertarian conservatives who see marijuana as a matter of government intrusion on personal freedom. To that end, they are in line with perhaps the most outspoken marijuana-legalization advocate in Congress, Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas.

"Among our crowd of people, he's a folk hero," said Josh Schimberg, director of the Texas chapter of the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws — NORML.

Some Texans aren't waiting for legislative action to gain access to California's marijuana crop. In January, Austin police arrested two men for receiving shipments of 39 pounds of pot through the U.S. mail. Police noted the two packages involved bore return addresses in California.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

■Here is a list of states with laws permitting medical marijuana and when it was adopted.

Alaska (1998)
Arizona (2010)
California (1996)
Colorado (2000)
Hawaii (2000)
Maine (1999)
Michigan (2008)
Montana (2004)
Nevada (2000)
New Jersey (2010)
New Mexico (2007)
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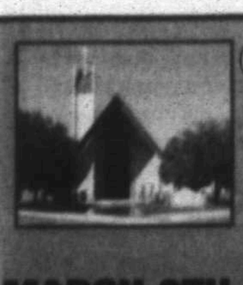

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Feb. 27-March 10

Today

On stage

ODESSA — The Permian Playhouse's Kaleidoscope Company presents "Seussical the Musical" today and March 4-6 at the Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are $14 for adults, $12 for seniors and students and $7 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the box office, or online at permianplayhouse.com, or by calling 550-5456 in the afternoon. Season memberships are still available.

Opera

ODESSA — Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance" is on stage at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, at 2:30 p.m. today and 8 p.m. Friday.

The opera is a joint production of the Odessa College Music Department and the Globe Theatre.

Tickets are $15 adults, $13 seniors and students and $10 groups of 15 or more. For reservations, call 580-3177 or 432-332-1586.

Exhibition

ODESSA — A showing of works by Marfa resident Rachel Manera closes today in the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery on the University of Texas of the Permian Basin campus.

Manera is a multi-disciplined artist and a 21st century architectural anthropologist. She works in film, photography and video that develop from flat surfaces into three dimensional installations and creates assemblage environments. After earning her BFA from the San Francisco Art Institute, Manera moved back home to Texas. For the last three years, she has been on assignment in the Big Bend region straddling the Rio Grande, chasing trains, roping tumbleweeds, and excavating frontier repositories.

Cardozier Gallery hours on weekends are 2-5 p.m.

Exhibition

ODESSA — An exhibition featuring Spanish Baroque art from Latin America is on display at the Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.

Extraordinary retablos, santos, crucifixes, altar pieces and other devotional objects are on display. The crucifixes are made from painted wood and exist as wall pieces or pedestal sculpture. They range from one to three feet in height. An extensive collection of retablos included in the exhibition features painted tin and wooden panels, framed pieces, oil paintings and textiles. They portray images of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Holy Family and many popular saints. The santos included in this exhibition come from Mexico as well as Portugal, Germany and other European countries.

Tours are available for adult groups and to students enrolled in parochial and public schools in the region.

The Art of Devotion: Latin American Religious Art from the Collection of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts will remain through April 3. This exhibition is sponsored in part by the South Odessa Community Foundation and Freedom Buick GMC Truck.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. More information about the Museum and this exhibition is available on the Museum's website at www.noelartmuseum.org or by calling the museum at 432-550-9696.

Monday

Art show

The Studio 3600 Series at Midland College presents "Past & Present," current and collected works of Warren Taylor through March 25.

Taylor's work is hanging in the McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, MC campus. Studio 3600 is co-sponsored by the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Friday

Musical

The popular musical "Oklahoma" is Midland Community Theatre's opening production of the 2011 season runs weekends through March 5.

For tickets visit the box office at 2000 W Wadley Ave., call the box office at 570-4111 or go to www.mctmidland.org. Non-member ticket prices are $18 adults, $15 seniors, $12 children. Memberships are on sale.

Exhibition

The Commemorative Air Force was the inspiration behind the upcoming exhibit at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The exhibit opens with a free public reception Friday.

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 will be included in the show -- "The Blue Yonder."

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information on this exhibit, contact Dan askew, gallery director, at 552-3288 or askewd@utpb.edu.

Saturday

Pops

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's Pops III features The Four Freshman.

The event is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the CAF Museum Hangar, near Midland International Airport. Tickets start at $17 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 563-0921.

Opree

ODESSA — Odessa's Brand New Opree will be on the Globe Theatre stage Saturday. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

The Opree will feature James Whitmire & Friends. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the door or through the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, by going by during business hours or calling the box office, 580-3177 or 432-332-1587.

Upcoming in Midland

Workshop

The Palette Club is hosting a creative design workshop with Cathy Lubke on March 8-10 at the club, 907 W. Wadley Ave.

Lubke currently is represented by galleries in Santa Fe, N.M., Fort Worth and San Angelo. She uses oil, watermedia and acrylic. Her works can be seen at www.cathylubke.com.

The workshop will be a 2 1/2-day workshop, and the cost will be $160 for members and $170 for non-members. Class size is limited.

Payments can be mailed to Midland Palette Club, P.O. Box 9456, Midland 79708 or delivered to the Palette Club on Tuesday mornings.

This year's Art Show at the Palette Club is set for April 8-10. The club will be open to the public Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Family concert

Camp Fire USA is hosting a family concert that features Grammy-Award winning artist Bill Harley March 26 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

Tickets are $10 per person.

Harley is a member of the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence.

L.A. Parent Magazine said of Harley: "Harley has the heart of a child and a love of life we can all share."

For more information, call Camp Fire USA, 570-4144.

Writers retreat

ALPINE — The 20th annual Writing Round-Up of the Texas Mountain Trail Writers, set for April 8-10, celebrates its own birthday by offering writers a free critique of their poetry, unique ways to research western subjects and turn them into plays or stories, and how to find, interview, and write traditional folklore.

Participants will learn writing techniques and enjoy the small classes.

Activity choices other than writing include a cross-country hiking trail, birding, exploring, photographing, or sitting and thinking.

For more information and a registration form, e-mail or call Reba Cross Seals rcrossseals@wildblue.net, 432-837-2919 or Jackie Siglin bakedalaskal@bigbend.net, 432-364-2399. Writers may learn more about the weekend's events by going to www.texasmountaintrailwriters.org.

Midlander in the News

Awards

Austin-based Bobby Bookout, a 1998 graduate of Midland's Lee High School and the son of Midlanders Jill and Mark Ament, joins other self-released and independent label talents as a nominee for the 10th annual Independent Music awards.

Representing the broad spectrum of today's global independent music scene, the more than 300 nominees in nearly 70 categories were selected from submissions from North America, South America, Asia, Australia and Europe.

Winners will be determined from a panel of 62 artist and industry judges and will be announced in mid-March.

Music fans have until July 11 to cast their votes for the IMA Vox Pop Jukebox to determine the fan-selected IMA winners.

Bookout's song, "Broken Promises," can be heard and voted on, as well as the other four nominees in the R&B song category, at http://independentmusicawards.com/imanominee/10th/Song/R-and-B.

Texas church remains piece of neighborhood's past

By Sarah Bahart
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — On Sunday mornings, Linda and Willie Jackson drive a half-mile to the small red-brick church they have attended all of their lives.

The Jacksons met as children at St. John Missionary Baptist Church and later married there. Their children worshipped there, and it was their ancestors who founded the church not long after the Civil War.

"This church is my home, my roots and my family," said Linda Jackson, who is 63 and now lives in Euless. "I have moved away, but I always come home."

St. John is one of the last vestiges of Mosier Valley, a Fort Worth neighborhood just south of Euless that was settled by freed slaves in 1865 and became a bustling black farming community in the early 1900s.

Over the years, older folks who remember the past have died or moved away, and new families have moved in. Industrial buildings began outnumbering homes. But the church, which is celebrating its 100th year in the same building, is still a driving force in this small community, bringing together families and friends every Sunday to praise God.

"This is a hometown church," said Harold Massey, a senior deacon and member for nearly 30 years. "The people are friendly and warm, and everybody knows everybody."

On a recent Sunday, Pastor Sean Taylor greeted guests by name, with a hug or handshake. Parishioners trickled in, packing the pews and pulling out Bibles. The congregation is relatively small, with about 200 people at an average service. No big-screen TVs or fancy equipment is needed — or wanted.

Church members belted out lyrics such as "My life is not my own, to you I belong." One woman shouted, "Oh, thank you, God," over and over while others fanned her. Members clapped and raised their hands to the sky. In his sermon, "New beginnings for a jacked-up past," Taylor said everyone, from prisoners to churchgoers, needs Jesus.

"This is not a spectator sport," Taylor told the congregation. "This is about being a participant. This is your opportunity to give God praise."

Membership has been on the rise since Taylor arrived in 2009, Willie Jackson said, and young members in particular are drawn to Taylor's sermons. St. John's motto is "The church that integrates faith with living," which means that religion is about more than attending church one day a week. It is an everyday commitment and should be woven into marriage, work and play, Taylor often tells his congregation.

After arriving, Taylor suggested some changes to the order of the worship service, and members welcomed his ideas.

"This is a progressive church," he said. "Even the older members aren't too set in their ways to try something new."

St. John is steeped in rich history, and older members pass on stories to the newer ones.

When Feliciana Watkins of Dallas joined the church about two years ago, she had never heard of Mosier Valley. But the community's history, along with the church's energy, drew her.

"You hear bits and pieces of the history and heritage," Watkins said. "The people here are loving and welcoming, and they want you to know about their past."

In 1874, a small group of freed slaves met at the home of Frank Young and organized the congregation, originally named Oak Grove Baptist Church. For years, the church shared a building with the local elementary school and Masonic Lodge. In 1911, the congregation changed its name to St. John Missionary Baptist Church and built its own sanctuary, which stands today. The church has served as a community gathering spot ever since.

Jelen Farrow, 17, plays the drums, organ and piano at the church. She said she plans to attend the University of North Texas so she can continue attending St. John.

"I just couldn't imagine not having this church in my life," said Farrow, whose ancestors were founding members.

Beni Ruth Ruffin, who grew up in Mosier Valley, moved to Dallas years ago but still considers the church her home. Growing up, she heard stories about Mosier Valley's heyday of the early 1900s, when its population peaked at 300 and weekend square dances and socials were the norm.

"Some of my fondest memories were at St. John," Ruffin said. "This place enabled me to be a part of something bigger than myself."

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The City of Midland will hold the following public meetings on the City's 2011-12 community development program:

March 3, 2011
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The City encourages you to attend a meeting to help plan next year's community development program. The City received $991,986 Community Development Block Grant funds for the 2010-11 program. These funds are primarily intended for programs and projects to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

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Do schools spend too much on administration?

By Morgan Smith
Texas Tribune

Beaumont Independent School District is the 64th largest in Texas. It is also the home of the state's highest-paid public school administrator. Superintendent Carrol Thomas takes home $346,778 annually — a fact that could soon bring an uncomfortable spotlight to the community.

For lawmakers scrutinizing every possible saving, the broad category of "administrative costs" presents an easy mark.

State Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston and the vice chairman of the Senate Education Committee, called the 58,575 people employed in nonteaching support positions by Texas public schools —"your math department supervisors, your curriculum experts" — a "soft target" for budget cutters. Those positions "must be seriously addressed," he said. "That number is not based on reality."

According to Patrick, the ratio of teachers to nonteachers, which includes those employed in administrative and support capacities, in districts has grown to nearly 1 to 1 today from 4 to 1 in the 1970s.

But while it may be more palatable to think of those cuts as trimming bureaucratic fat rather than as damaging the vital organs of a school, there may be less to cut than lawmakers imagine, said Michael Griffith, a school finance expert with the Education Commission of the States, a nonpartisan research organization. In reality, Griffith said, administrative spending "is not as bad as some of the rhetoric you're hearing."

"You might look at a school district and say 'well, they have 35 people in their office doing administrative work, that seems excessive' until you find out that 15 to 20 of them are actually paid for in federal grants," he said. When districts receive Title I and IDEA grants, that money can also cover administrative costs, so cutting those positions doesn't mean those dollars will go to saving teachers.

Griffith said, there is no "magic number" that reflects the optimal number of teaching to nonteaching personnel for districts, because it's difficult to make comparisons across campuses. "The best you can see is if people compare their district to similar districts," he said, "but that means having 1,200 separate little studies" in Texas.

For new state Rep. Rodney Anderson, R-Grand Prairie, the number of school districts in Texas is a prime example of out-of-control administrative costs. He has said the state should look at consolidating districts. State Rep. Fred Brown, R-Bryan, has introduced a bill that would combine districts within counties.

Ed Fuller, a special research associate at the University of Texas, said that data from the National Center for Education Statistics showed that the number of central office administrators has actually decreased in Texas since 2003. The number of administrators per school is just below the national average, he said, and there is evidence that districts with more administrators may actually increase the effectiveness of schools.

In an analysis that used campuses' scores in the Texas Comptroller's recent Financial Accountability for Texas study — which rated schools and districts based on student achievement relative to spending — he found that the more central office administrators per school, the higher the FAST rating.

This could be true, Fuller said, because it could mean that school principals are receiving more guidance and therefore staying in their jobs longer and improving their abilities more rapidly. "If you don't have enough central office administrators," he said, "then principals don't get the support they need." He said preliminary results from a survey of principals in Texas suggests that this is accurate.

Still, Patrick cites a staggering statistic — Texas school districts are the fifth largest employers in the world — to suggest there is plenty opportunity for slimming down.

"As the old saying goes," he said, "when I start seeing districts' firing assistant football coaches, then I'll really know that they'll have a lean budget."

Tea party uses summit to scope out 2012 role

By Brian Bakst
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Tea party supporters packed a Phoenix convention center Saturday to hear from two possible contenders for next year's Republican presidential nomination — an election the conservative populist movement is determined to shape after helping the GOP to big gains in the midterm elections.

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty aimed to impress more than 2,000 members of the Tea Party Patriots with a full-throated call to "take back our country." Texas Rep. Ron Paul, already embraced by tea party members, also spoke. The segment of engaged voters could prove vital to Republican White House hopefuls, but it's an audience that is skeptical of the politicians courting their backing.

"They're good speakers. They know what to say to inspire an audience. But I'm looking for substance I haven't found yet," said retiree Kaye Woodward of Livingston, who has been a mainstay at tea party events from Washington to the Alamo. "I haven't been gung-ho for a candidate for quite some time. I'm looking for a truth teller and I'm not sure I've found one yet."

Potential candidates are trying to figure out how far they need to go to win over the tea party — and what spoils that would bring. Democrats are watching too, eager to portray President Barack Obama's eventual challenger as beholden to the political far-right.

Pawlenty waved a copy of the U.S. Constitution after railing against "the royal triangle of greed: big government, big unions and big bailed out businesses." The former governor also paid homage to a longshot New York gubernatorial candidate who ran last year using the slogan "the rent is too damn high."

"So here's our simple motto: 'The Government's too damn big!'" Pawlenty said.

For Pawlenty, the event is his most overt attempt to reach out to the tea party movement. Most of his fellow 2012 Republican presidential prospects passed on the event citing scheduling conflicts.

Paul, who ran for president in 2008 and is thinking of doing it again, urged tea party members at the conference to keep up the pressure for sweeping change.

"I wish I could say you were the majority, but we are still the minority," the Texas congressman said. "But remember an irate minority can accomplish a whole lot when you're determined to do it."

All of the Republicans considered likely to run for president have said they believe in the core tea party principles of limited government and fiscal restraint, and they play up their own efforts to stymie the agendas of President Barack Obama and the Congressional Democrats — most notably the federal health care overhaul that gave rise to the tea party movement.

But some Republicans would have a head start among tea partiers if they run. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann — who built a tea party caucus in Congress — both enjoy star status in the movement for their plain-spoken ways and adherence to the movement's core values.

Others, like Pawlenty, have had to do more to build their reputation. Pawlenty won plaudits for trying to stop the implementation of the health care overhaul in Minnesota, but he drew scorn from tea partiers for using billions of federal stimulus dollars to balance the state budget.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich forged bonds last fall by helping train local tea party activists through his American Solutions organization, but others view him as an insider and they can't get past his decision to back a moderate Republican candidate over a conservative.

4th child dead after day care

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A fourth child has died following a fire at a home day care center in Houston.

A spokeswoman for Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital said a child who had been in critical condition since Thursday's fire died Saturday. Details weren't released.

Texas investigators are looking into whether seven preschoolers may have been left alone in the home before the fire broke out. No problems had been reported since the day care was licensed.

Witnesses who lived nearby reported seeing the day care's operator, 22-year-old Jessica Tata, arrive at her one-story home in a minivan Thursday and then run out, screaming for help.

Spokeswoman Jennifer Hart said another child treated at Children's Memorial had been released. Shriners Hospital for Children said two children being treated there are in stable condition.

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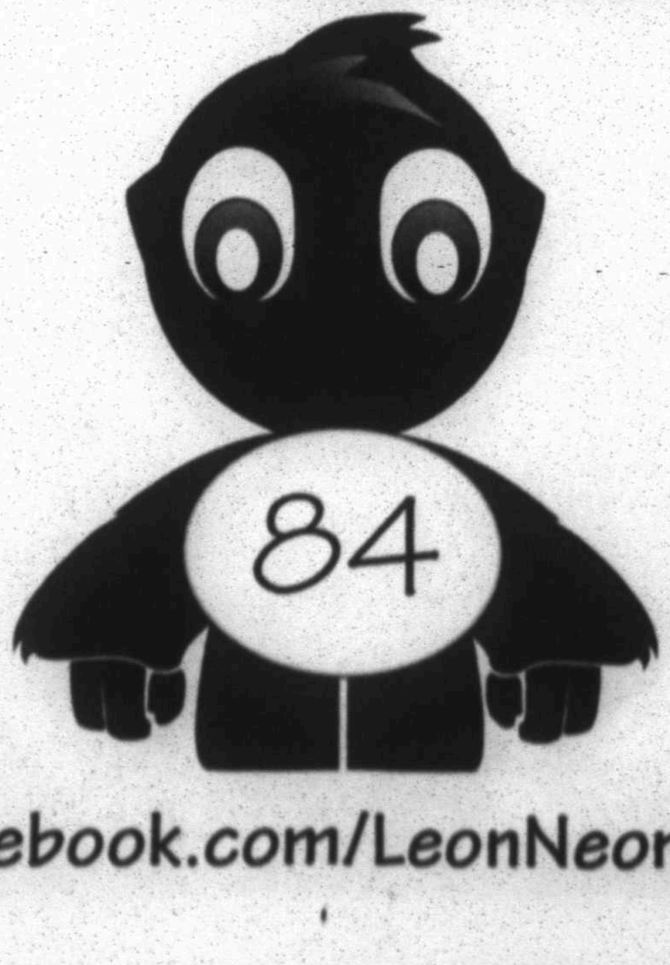

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NM panel OKs $45M film subsidy limit

By Barry Massey
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico will limit film production subsidies to $45 million a year under a proposal approved Saturday by a House committee after Democrats yielded to Republican demands to scale back the measure.

House Speaker Ben Lujan, D-Santa Fe, was unable to push through a higher subsidy limit, a reflection that Democrats no longer enjoy a solid majority in the House because of GOP gains in last year's elections.

"It's better than nothing," Lujan said as the Taxation and Revenue Committee unanimously endorsed the film subsidy measure. The bill goes to the House for debate and a possible vote.

The film industry opposes the revised measure.

"This is a job killer," Eric Witt, executive director of the Motion Picture Association of New Mexico, said after the vote.

The bill was developed by House leaders as a potential compromise to free up about $25 million next year for budget increases sought by GOP Gov. Susana Martinez for schools, health care and public safety programs.

"We will continue to review the bill, but the governor is encouraged that the film-reform legislation cuts the subsidy by roughly $25 million, which allows us to better protect core priorities such as classroom spending and health care for those most in need," said Scott Darnell, a spokesman for Martinez.

Darnell said, "there is still work to be done on the budget to protect classroom spending in education." A $5.4 billion budget measure was pending in the House, with almost half of the money for public schools.

The state provides a 25 percent tax credit on expenditures by film and television projects in New Mexico. Martinez has advocated reducing the subsidy to 15 percent, saving about $25 million next year.

Democrats and film industry representatives have scrambled for weeks to find a middle-ground proposal that can win approval in the Legislature. Film industry supporters say a reduction in the rebate rate will discourage movie and television projects from coming to New Mexico.

On Friday, Lujan had suggested a $65 million yearly subsidy limit. That was rolled back to $60 million when Lujan outlined his bill Saturday to the committee. However, the measure failed on a 7-7 tie, with Republicans and one Democrat opposing it.

"At some point your industry has to stand on its own two feet and not look to the rest of the state of New Mexico to hand out free dollars under the threat that you're going to leave if they go away," said House GOP Whip Donald Bratton of Hobbs.

A GOP lawmaker suggested an alternative of a $40 million cap and that failed on a similar tie vote. The committee took a break of nearly an hour, allowing Lujan to negotiate the $45 million proposal that was supported by Bratton and other Republicans on the panel. Witt said it was presented as a take-it-or-leave-it proposal to the film industry.

Navajo commission begins education campaign

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission has begun a campaign to educate the public about drunkenness and how to handle situations involving people who are intoxicated.

Commission spokeswoman Rachelle Todea says the focus of the new campaign is to inform everyone that treating people who are intoxicated as inferiors takes away civil rights or human rights.

Todea told The Daily Times of Farmington that the campaign will be distributing a brochure.

The brochure says that everyone, sober or not, has rights protected by the New Mexico Human Rights Act, the New Mexico Civil Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution.

The commission cites recent examples of brutality toward people who are intoxicated or otherwise impaired, including beatings.

"Far too long have street inebriates been maltreated by individuals who ignore the law and civil rights," Leonard Gorman, the commission's executive director, said in a prepared statement. "No one has the right to harm anyone."

The commission lists actions that are illegal or in violation of a person's civil rights, including spitting, bullying, beating, kicking, shoving, grabbing, branding, kidnapping, saying demeaning things or harming the person in any way.

"It's a sad state of affairs when we must point this out to the public at large," Gorman said. "Just because the person is drunk does not give anyone the right to hurt, scold or put down that person."

The commission acknowledged alcoholism is a disease, but also stressed that those who are drunk in public are responsible for their own behavior.

"Street inebriates must be identified as having responsibility over their state of existence," Gorman said.

"They put themselves there, which is the only reason this issue is a part of the community," he said. "It must be understood too that the inebriates have responsibility in this issue along with the community."

The commission also offered advice about how people should take care of those who are drunk. The brochure says the appropriate action is to contact law enforcement, then stay with the person until help arrives.

Hundreds flock to Capitol for protest

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Demonstrators in Texas were showing their support for the protests in Wisconsin by staging a boisterous rally at the state Capitol.

Several hundred protestors attended the event in Austin Saturday. The pro-union crowd sang folk songs and carried placards criticizing budget cuts in Texas and ripping Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to eliminate collective bargaining rights for most state and local government employees.

Liberal commentator and former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, wearing his trademark white cowboy hat, said he was happier than "a flea at a dog show" after seeing the hundreds gathered outside the Capitol. He said progressive voters had become too complacent.

New Mexican lawmaker wants to repeal medical marijuana bill

By Sue Major Holmes
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A freshman New Mexico lawmaker who's a high school teacher in civilian life is trying to repeal the state's medical marijuana law.

The law "sends a bad message to kids, that somehow marijuana is good for you," said Republican Rep. Jim Smith of Sandia Park, who teaches at East Mountain Charter High School east of Albuquerque.

Gov. Susana Martinez said during her campaign last year the state's medical marijuana law put state employees in the position of violating federal law. The federal government classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug, a category reserved for drugs that have "no currently accepted medical use."

But after taking office Jan. 1, the Republican governor focused on New Mexico's pressing budget issues and said repeal was not a priority in the 2011 legislative session.

Smith said, however, he was encouraged by an effort in Montana to repeal that state's medical marijuana law. Montana House Speaker Mike Milburn argues the multimillion dollar marijuana industry has gone far beyond what voters envisioned when they voted for it in 2004.

Martinez spokesman Scott Darnell said she would sign a repeal of New Mexico's medical marijuana law if it reached her desk.

Some legislators who voted for the law originally said earlier this month they were troubled by the expansion in medical conditions that qualify for the program and the growing number of people using it.

Only patients with conditions approved by the health secretary can legally use medical marijuana. When New Mexico's law went into effect in July 2007, the state had seven approved conditions, including cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and HIV-AIDS. Now there are 16, plus some people in hospice care can qualify. The program is overseen by the state Department of Health.

As of Feb. 16, the day before Smith introduced his bill, New Mexico had 3,218 active patients.

Smith's measure is expected to be heard next week by the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, whose vice chairman is Democratic Rep. Antonio Maestas of Albuquerque, who sponsored the medical marijuana law in the House.

Maestas said the program has proved to be more valuable than expected, with soldiers returning from war using it to treat post traumatic stress disorder.

"Moving medical marijuana out of the criminal justice realm is difficult for many people to accept, but I believe the vast majority are in agreement it was a great decision and should not be rolled back," he said.

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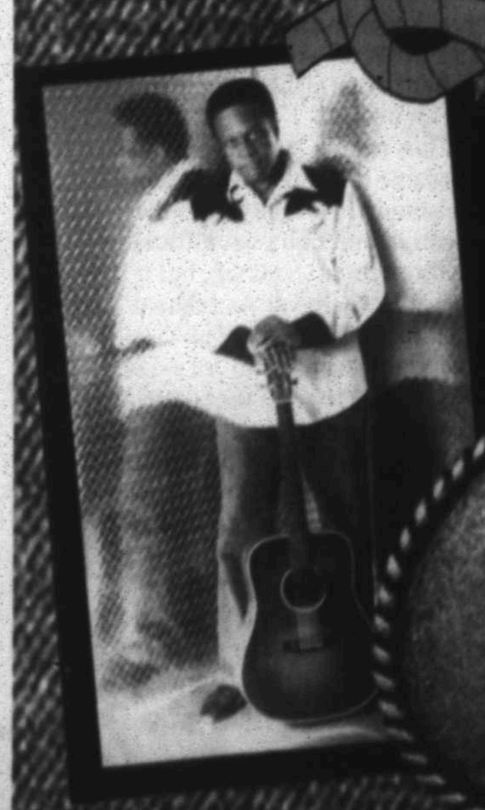

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Midland Community Development Corporation (MCDC) proudly announces its latest development of affordable housing–Villa del Arroyo. Villa del Arroyo is an expansion of affordable townhomes located on the 1809– 1817 block of North Carver Street in Midland. This extension of MCDC's affordable townhouse development is similar to those homes built in the Old Pueblo Park area in downtown Midland. Villa del Arroyo exists on land that was previously vacant—land that was neither attractive nor functional. Very soon, the block will consist of 5 townhomes that will not only provide housing for families in need, but will serve to improve the quality of the neighborhood.

The townhouses are not only affordable, but have an elegant charm in appearance. MCDC strives to improve the perception of affordable housing by providing homes that are modern and enticing. The townhomes in the Villa del Arroyo area are brick in construction, 1,253 square feet in size, and consist of 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Townhomes give the developer an opportunity to increase the number of homes per lot and provide a low-maintenance factor to the potential homeowners. MCDC's townhomes include small yards and energy efficient features. They are built with a chic and sensible design that is intended to give its potential homeowners a sense of pride in homeownership.

MCDC knows the importance of affordable housing in Midland. In the town fondly referred to as *The Tall City,* the housing prices have steadily increased while inventory has decreased. According to research provided by The Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, the average sales price of homes increased from $149,200 in 2005 to $193,500 in 2009—a 30% sales increase in just four years! For many citizens falling at or below the area median income levels, the rate of increase is daunting. Aside from the obvious income qualification barriers, lower-income individuals and families often face obstacles such as insufficient or tarnished credit and a lack of savings.

MCDC has been a leading provider of affordable housing programs in the community. Not only does the organization build quality, affordable homes throughout the town, but it provides a Homebuyer Assistance Program that enables its applicants to become viable candidates for home purchase. The program takes about one year to complete and begins with a course certified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. After the initial certified class, the applicants are counseled in all areas of home purchase, home ownership, and financial preparation. The need for MCDC's services is indeed great, as its counselors receive up to 300 inquiries on an annual basis.

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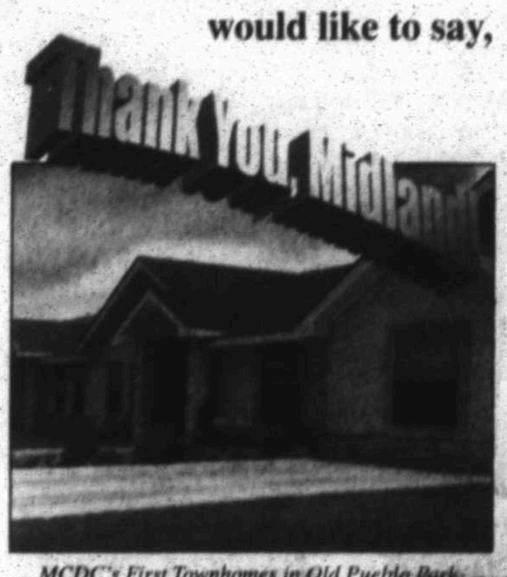

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MHS, Lee softball teams grow at Classic

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

THE WAY HOME Greenwood's Ambrey Stone safely slides into home for the game-winning run as Midland High catcher Courtney Warren waits for the throw Saturday at the West Texas Softball Classic. Greenwood won 1-0.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Lee and Midland High softball teams are some of the youngest in years and both took this weekend's West Texas Classic at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex as a golden opportunity to play games and get better.

While both teams had an admirable showing, the Lady Rebels were probably the most pleased as they capped off a 6-0 weekend with a 9-0 victory over Coahoma in the classic finale.

Lee won the Maroon pool in Division I by five points over El Paso Hanks (56-51).

Midland High did well in the Purple pool as the Lady Bulldogs went 4-2 over the weekend and finished in second place with 40 points, 19 behind Burleson.

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This weekend was an important one for both teams. Each was looking to get its young pitchers some work against solid varsity opponents.

"This was good for us because they need to gain some experience and confidence, and I think we achieved that," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "Last weekend at the Lubbock tournament we started off a little rusty because they didn't have any experience playing in those kind of games. They just need more games under their belts and more pitches ... and it's getting better."

Overton added that this is his youngest pitching staff since his first season at Lee in 1998. Current assistant coach Mandy Hacker was just a sophomore on that team.

Sophomore Emily Hardaway was on the mound against Coahoma in the classic finale and did a solid job of containing the Bulldogettes' lineup.

Hardaway also got plenty of offensive help as the Lady Rebels (10-2) gave her a 4-0 lead behind a three-run third inning. They added three more in the fourth thanks in part to a two-run home run by Kylee Olivas. And then in the fifth added two more with a two-run double by Dee Gaona. Rebecca Long was also a big sparkplug in the game

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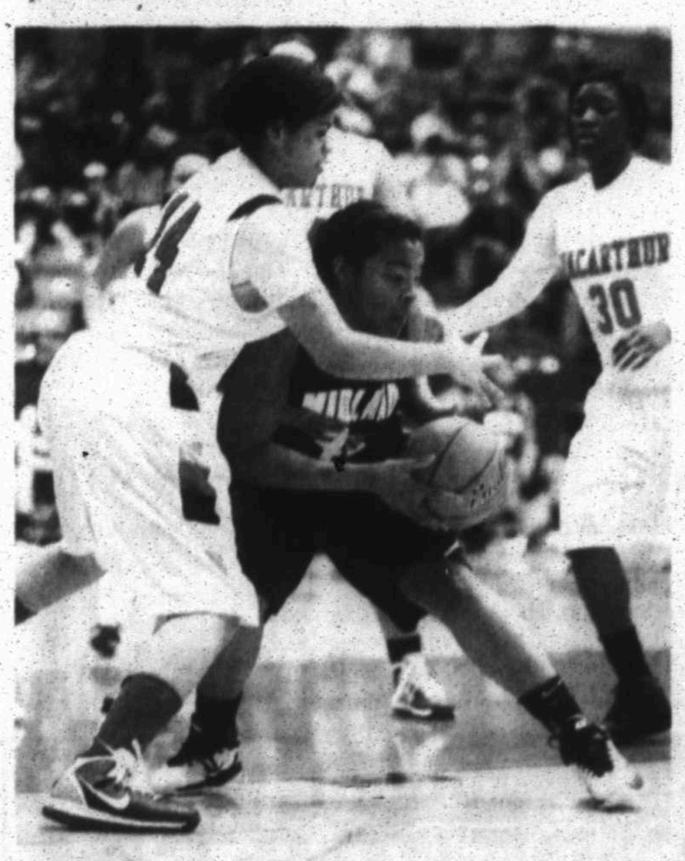
DREAM OVER

Richard Rodriguez/Special to the MRT

CAN'T BELIEVE IT Midland High's Krystal Valdez covers her face as she walks off the court with the rest of her teammates Saturday following the runner-up trophy presentation after losing to Irving MacArthur, 55-40, Region I-5A finals at Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center in Fort Worth.



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SURROUNDED Irving MacArthur's Cierra Robinson (14) defends against Midland High's Sabrina Banks in the Region I-5A finals at Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center in Fort Worth.

MHS can't slow MacArthur in Region I-5A final loss

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — For every change in defensive scheme and every bucket Midland High made, Alexis Jones had an answer and then some.

Irving MacArthur's do-everything junior guard shot over, sliced through and made highlight reel passes against the Lady Bulldogs' defense, leading the Lady Cardinals to a 55-40 victory in the final of the Region I-5A Tournament at Wilkerson-Greines Athletic Center.

Lady Cardinals	**55**
Lady Bulldogs	40

After having played in the regional tournament the last two seasons, but coming up shy of becoming one of the Class 5A's final four teams, MacArthur (33-2) finally broke through and announced itself as a legit contender to win it all in the process.

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"It feels good to finally get the win and get to state," said Jones, who had a game-high 29 points, 11 rebounds and four assists. "We've been fighting really hard for the last two years to get where we're at. We've got two more games to go to get the state title."

For a majority of the game's first eight minutes, Midland High (32-5) showed it had the ability to keep pace with the Lady Cardinals, despite Jones scoring 11 points in the opening frame, which included her knocking down three 3-pointers.

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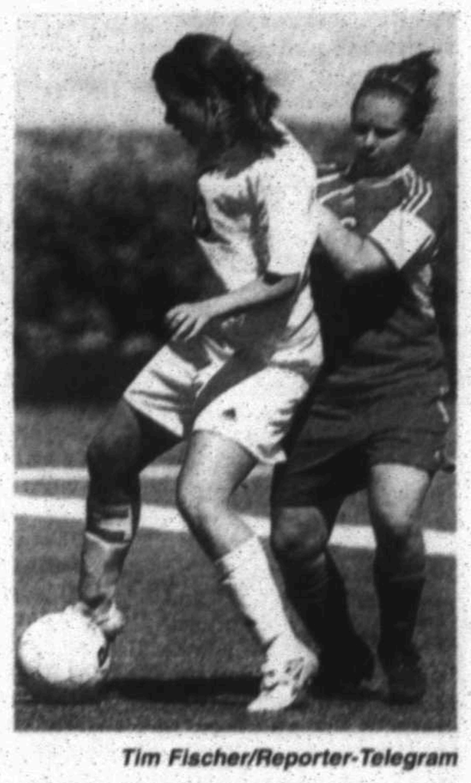

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

FIGHTING FOR ROOM Midland High's Shannon Byrd shields the ball from Abilene Cooper's Devan Forbes Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Holifield has hat trick as MHS routs Cooper

By Shawn Shroyer
Sports Writer

Don't tell Midland High's Laramie Holifield the Lady Bulldogs are having issues finishing scoring opportunities.

Holifield

Lady Dawgs	**3**
Lady Cougars	0

The senior moved to an attacking position for Midland High on Saturday and turned in a hat trick in a 3-0 Midland High victory against Abilene Cooper at Grande Communications Stadium. Thanks to Holifield's effort, the Lady Bulldogs (13-5-1, 5-0-1-0) maintained their near-perfect standing in the District 3-5A table with 17 points.

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"We played well. We're still having problems finishing, but we played well," MHS coach Kent Rivas said. "I was pleased with the possession and it was the first time all year we really played with a full team."

Rivas said it was the first time all season he was able to field his midfield core of Morgan Hannon, Shan-

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Bulldogs storm back to take 2nd at Tall City Invitational

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Saturday was a chance for the Midland High boys golf team to make up some ground playing on a more forgiving course at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, and show that the Bulldogs could overcome a deficit.

The Bulldogs did that by firing 305 as a team and vaulted from sixth place to second place on the final day of the Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational. Coupled with Friday's first round score of 327, the Bulldogs finished at 632, which was 14 strokes behind first place El Paso Coronado.

"I'm just really proud of our team," said Midland High's Michael Board. "For the improvement that we made, I was really happy for us. We didn't give up."

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The Bulldogs recorded one score above 80 as Board's 74 led the Bulldogs' No. 1 team. Board also finished tied for fourth in the medalist standings.

Alex Lyssy carded a 76, Zach Crowder a 79 and Cody Mulloy a 76. Chandler Smith, who was playing for the Bulldogs' II team, had the low round on either day with a 3-over 73 on Saturday.

"We knew that's what we needed to do was improve, and we came out here expecting to do that," Board said. "I'm just glad that it happened."

Scores were lower on Saturday as players navigated a shorter Ranchland Hills layout, and El Paso Coronado again set the pace for the rest of the field.

The Thunderbirds followed up their first round 317 at Midland

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

PURPLE POWER Midland High's Will Lester watches his drive Friday at the opening round of the Jack Ratcliff Tall City Boys at Midland Country Club.

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that while I'm wondering if MHS fans have to be thinking, how did she get away?

■ The Midland High girls basketball team's run to this weekend's Region I-5A finals was one of the most impressive by any team in West Texas regardless of sport in a number of years.

The Lady Bulldogs winning District 3-5A was a big key for the squad as they ended up on a side of the bracket that featured some games that were winnable, and they did win them.

Count me among those who thought Midland High's season would end on Friday night against Duncanville, but it seems this team was determined to go further than last year's squad and in the process proved me and other people wrong. Beating the Pantherettes anywhere in any year, let alone in the regional tournament, is tough.

This team was one of the best girls basketball teams this area has seen in a number of years, and will rank among the very best Midland High has produced in its history.

Good job ladies.

■ As far as the boys squads in District 3-5A, well let's just say, it wasn't pretty. All four playoff teams that came out of District 3-5A lost their opening round games to District 4-5A squads, and surprisingly, it was fourth-place Lee who put up one of the best fights.

The Rebels stayed as close to North Crowley as they could, but the Panthers had just too much talent. Midland High's big loss to Arlington Martin was surprising in that I thought that game might be closer.

In fact, of the seven teams from the old District 2-5A that made the playoffs this season, only one, Lubbock Coronado, won a first-round playoff game.

Better times may be ahead for Class 5A boys basketball in this area, but after this year it makes you wonder.

■ The Midland College men's and women's basketball teams enter this weekend's NJCAA Region V Tournaments as the top seeds in their respective brackets, and the two have a chance to qualify for the national tournament.

The women could have the toughest road. As our Midland College writer Oscar LeRoy said the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference in women's basketball is as good as it's ever been, so this could be one of the more interesting tournaments.

As far as the men, it looks like it is the Chaps' to lose. MC has the depth and talent to go back to the national tournament, and if they do get there they could win it.

■ This past weekend's Tall City Classic tennis tournament had about as strong a field as it has in any of the years I've been covering it. A notable absence was the two schools from Abilene, but when schools such as San Antonio Churchill and Allen come out here to play, that says something for the tournament.

The field featured some of the state's top players, and proved that in Region I tennis, cities such as El Paso, Lubbock, Amarillo and Wichita Falls still are as strong as ever.

■ Speaking of basketball, it seems that our boys basketball writer Shawn Shroyer may be kryptonite for area basketball teams when he covers their playoff games. Both Shawn and I figured out that he is 0 for his last seven games for area teams in playoff games that he's covered. The streak has got to end sometime.

Luckily, he doesn't have a streak like that on his other beat in high school baseball because baseball coaches can be superstitious and no telling what they might do if they saw Shawn at a game.

■ It's good that the high school golf season has gotten underway, but with no water and all the cold weather the area has had recently, it has to be tough on area golf courses in both number of rounds and course condition.

Both Midland Country Club and Ranchland Hills Golf Club looked in good condition for this weekend's boys tournament, but the past few winters out here have been tough for area golf courses.

Hopefully, a wet spring and mild summer will help that. I know, it's wishful thinking for rain and cool summer weather. I can dream, can't I?

■ It was tough to hear of the passing of Odessa American columnist Ken Brodnax late last week. When I started my career in Odessa in 1994, Brodnax sat across from me in the office and we had many a conversation about a number of things, but we talked a lot about NASCAR and football. I even took a trip with Nax and some of his friends to the Phoenix NASCAR race, and it was a blast. Plus, it was Nax who suggested I put in for a credential for the race, and that happened to be the first of many NASCAR races I've covered.

Brodnax proved invaluable when it came to covering Odessa Permian as a young reporter in 1995. He offered valued advice, and also kept me sane when things got crazy covering that beat.

Rest in peace my friend, and the world will be a much different place without you.

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On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

ATHLETICS
Indoor Championships, 3:30 p.m., ESPN

AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Subway Fresh Fit 500, 1:30 p.m., Fox
NHRA, Winternationals, (same-day tape), 6 p.m., ESPN2

BOWLING
PBA, U.S. Open, 2 p.m., ESPN

GOLF
PGA Tour/WGC, Accenture Match Play Championship, final round, 1 p.m., NBC
LPGA, HSBC Women's Champions, final round, (same-day tape), 1 p.m., TGC
PGA Tour, Mayakoba Classic, final round, (same-day tape), 6 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Purdue at Michigan St., Noon, ESPN
Xavier at Dayton, Noon, ESPN2
Pittsburgh at Louisville, 1 p.m., CBS
Indiana at Ohio St., 3 p.m., CBS
Washington St. at Washington, 9 p.m., FSS

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

NBA
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 1:30 p.m., ABC
Dallas at Toronto, 5 p.m., FSS
New York at Miami, 7 p.m., ESPN
tlanta at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NLL
All-Star Game, at Verona, N.Y., 1 p.m., Versus

RODEO
PBR, St. Louis Invitational (same-day tape), 7 p.m., Versus

SOCCER
Premier League, Fulham at Manchester City, 8:55 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Texas A&M at Texas, 2 p.m., FSS
Baylor at Oklahoma, 4 p.m., ESPN2
North Carolina at Duke, 4 p.m., FSS

Chaps cap weekend series with split

From staff reports

SNYDER — The Midland College baseball team split a doubleheader against Western Texas College on Saturday as the Chaparrals lost the first game 2-0 and then bounced back to win 10-7 in 10 innings.

With the split, Midland College (8-9 overall) completes the first weekend of Western Junior College Athletic Conference play with a 3-1 record.

In the first game, Western Texas College starter Kyle Breitner held the Chaps to four hits and MC assistant coach Hector Rodriguez said his team hit too many balls into the air and didn't adjust to the windy conditions.

Westerners	2-7
Chaps	0-10

Joe Wielbruda had two of MC's hits, including a double.

In the second game, MC took a 7-3 lead in the ninth inning before the Westerners (11-5, 1-3) rallied with four runs in the bottom of the frame to force extra innings.

Rodriguez said the good news for his team is that it answered right back in the top of the 10th with three runs. Nick Smelser and Matt Bienek had some big hits and the Chaps also had two runners score on bases-loaded walks.

Bienek was 3 for 6 with a home run, two runs scored and a stolen base.

Chris Posada got the win in relief as he went two innings, allowed one run and three hits and struck out two.

The Chaps return home to host a four-game WJCAC series against Clarendon College, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

GAME 1
WESTERN TEXAS 2, MIDLAND COLLEGE 0

Midland College	000	000	0	—0	4	0
Western Texas	001	001	x	—2	4	1

Levi Westerlund, Hunter Flake (7), Chris Posada (7) and Patrick Lopez. Breitner and Esposito. W — Breitner. L — Westerlund (1-1). 2B — MC: Joe Wielbruda, Nick Smelser, Alex Salas; WTC: Duarte, Esposito.

GAME 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 10
WESTERN TEXAS 7, 10 INNINGS

Midland College	000	210	031	3—10	12	2
Western Texas	000	300	004	0—7	10	3

Blake Stewart, Chris Fischer (4), Josh Stone (7), Nikko Gonzalez (7), A.J. Longoria (7), Nick Salois (9), Posada (9) and Ryan Small. Balderas, Glendinning (6), Morton (7), Levine (8), Olynyk (10) and Studer and Esposito (9). W — Posada (1-0). L — Olynyk. 2B — MC: Tate Baker. 3B — WTC: Kauten. HR — MC: Matt Bienek, Jordan Littlefield; WTC: Johnson.

Records: Midland College 8-9, 3-1; Western Texas 11-5, 1-3

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6

Lady Chaps complete Temple Tourney with pair of wins

From staff reports

TEMPLE — No. 6-ranked Midland College wrapped up the Temple College Tournament with a pair of victories on Saturday.

Midland College defeated Butler (Kan.) Community College, 7-1, and host Temple College, 8-5.

Yolanda Rios tossed a complete game against Butler to pick up the win, but Temple put up a fight late to test the Lady Chaps.

The combination of Kishti Kamaka, Debra Lovell, Meghan Macias and Genevieve Estrada gave Rios all the support she would need. The foursome combined to go 9 for 15 at the plate. Kamaka drove in three runs and hit the only home run of the game. Macias drove in two runs, as well.

In the second game, MC jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the third inning and led by 6 after the fourth, but Temple rallied for three in the bottom of the seventh to make it interesting. Nevertheless, starter Brittany Serrano picked up the win. Lovell and Macias had another solid game, going 2 for 3 with two RBI and 2 for 4 with two RBI, respectively.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 7, BUTLER (KAN.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1

Midland College	012	220	0—7	11	2
Butler CC	010	000	0—1	4	1

Yolanda Rios and Meghan Macias. Courtney Jasson and Kendra Hale. WP — Rios. LP — Jasson. HR — MC: Kishti Kamaka.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 8, TEMPLE COLLEGE 5

Midland College	005	100	2—8	5	5
Temple College	001	001	3—5	5	4

Brittany Serrano, Yolanda Rios (7) and Tami Sisneros. Emily Leib, Mary Yarbrough (4) and Linzie Russi. WP — Serrano. LP — Leib. 2B — MC: Hanna Robo, Meghan Macias; TC: Briana Chambliss. HR — MC: Debra; TC: Russi.

Records: Midland College 12-6

Next game: Midland College at Northeast Texas Tournament, Friday

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL ROUNDUP

ROCK HARDBALL CLASSIC

ROUND ROCK — In its final day at the Rock Hardball Classic, the Midland High baseball team split a pair of games on Saturday.

Midland High first lost to Southlake Carroll, 11-4, at Round Rock High School, but then bounced back with a 4-3 victory against Hurst L.D. Bell at McNeil High School. The Bulldogs head into their final tune up before the Tournament of Champions at 3-4.

A combination of veterans and newcomers came through in the Bulldogs' victory against the Raiders.

Sophomore Alex Mata (1-0) pitched a complete game against Bell, retiring the last 13 batters of the game. He allowed three runs on just four hits and a walk and struck out nine. His one walk, coming in the third, was the last base runner he allowed.

Then in the sixth, with the score tied 3-3, senior Matt Reyes singled to right with courtesy runner Brent Stewart on base. Stewart came around to score and break the tie, which proved to be the winning run.

Against Carroll, an eight-run fourth inning for the Dragons proved to be the difference.

After three innings, Carroll led 2-0, but the Dragons rallied for eight in the fourth. They did so with four singles, a double and a grand slam and, in the process forced Bulldogs starter Shane Sawyer from the mound. Sawyer did his most to make up for it at the plate, going 3 for 4 with two triples and three RBI.

Midland High will play its home opener this week, playing host to Lubbock High at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Zachery Field.

SOUTHLAKE CARROLL 11, MIDLAND HIGH 4

Carroll	011	801	0—11	13	1
MHS	000	030	1—4	10	3

Alexander, Booker (5) and Quintenilla. Shane Sawyer, Michael Dominquez (4), Connor Beck (5) and Travis Sims, Tyler Abney (4). W — Alexander (1-0). L — Sawyer (1-1). 2B — Carroll: McClendon, Quintenilla, Bailey. 3B — MHS: Sawyer 2. HR — Carroll: Seago.

MIDLAND HIGH 4, HURST L.D. BELL 3

L.D. Bell	210	000	0—3	4	1
MHS	000	022	x—4	8	1

Simmons, Podsednik (6) and Lockwood. Alex Mata and Sims. W — Mata (1-0). L — Simmons. 2B — MHS: Erick Callier, Jake Holifield. HR — L.D. Bell: Cook.

Record: Midland High 3-4

Next: Lubbock High at Midland High, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Zachery Field

LEWISVILLE TOURNAMENT

LEWISVILLE — The Lee baseball team split a pair of games on the final day on Saturday of the Lewisville tournament.

The Rebels lost their first game on Saturday, 7-4, to Frisco Centennial but rebounded to defeat Irving High, 3-0.

Against Centennial, the Titans tied the game in fourth inning at 3, and then took the lead with two runs in the sixth and added two more in the seventh.

For Lee in the game, Daniel Vargas was 2 for 3 with a double, and Skyler Estrella was 2 for 3 with a triple and an RBI.

The second game turned out as a much better result for the Rebels (4-2) as Lee pitcher Mick Limon gave up two hits and struck out eight in a complete-game shutout. At the plate, Lee's Randy Kidwell drilled a one-out double to drive in Estrella and Kyle Copeland to give Lee a 2-0 lead.

Daniel Ochs was 2 for 3 in the victory.

Lee will return to action at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ernie Johnson Field against Wolfforth Frenship during the first day of the Tournament of Champions.

FRISCO CENTENNIAL 7, LEE 4

Centennial	200	102	2—7	7	2
Lee	120	000	1—4	9	6

Mickell, Barnes (3), Harrell (6) and Pulsiker. Gharett Avery, Auturo Ponce (4) and Omar Madrid. W — Barnes. L — Ponce (0-1). 2B — Centennial: Cure, Cowse; Lee: Erik Ornelas, Daniel Vargas. 3B — Lee: Skyler Estrella. HR — Centennial: Harrell.

LEE 3, IRVING HIGH 0

Lee	000	201	0—3	7	1
Irving	000	000	0—0	2	1

Mick Limon and Omar Madrid. Atusso and Avosta. W — Limon (2-0). L — Atusso. 2B — Lee: Randy Kidwell, Mick Limon. 3B — Lee: David Ochs; Irving: Bayley. HR — Lee: Daniel Vargas (2).

Record: Lee 4-2

Next: Lee vs. Wolfforth Frenship, 1 p.m. Thursday, Tournament of Champions

EBERLE-BOECK MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

FREDERICKSBURG — Midland Christian made quick work of Llano in the championship game of the Eberle-Boeck Memorial Tournament on Saturday.

The Mustangs jumped out to a two-run lead in the first inning and rolled to a 12-2 victory at Fredericksburg High School.

Midland Christian's Nikko Velarde put the Mustangs on the board first with a two-run home run in the first and the Mustangs led 3-1 going into the fourth inning. Then the Mustangs offense went off in the bottom of the fourth, rallying for eight runs. A single run in the bottom of the fifth sealed the run-rule victory for the Mustangs.

Midland Christian returns home to play host to Odessa Permian at 6 p.m. Monday at Christensen Stadium.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 12, LLANO 2

LHS	001	01	—2	4	4
MCS	210	81	—12	8	1

Osbourn, Haverlah (4), Siejenthaler (5) and Redden. Cris Armstrong and Hunter Redman. WP — Armstrong (2-0). LP — Osbourn. 2B — MCS: Mason Smith, Nikko Velarde. HR — MCS: Velarde.

Record: MCS 8-1

Next game: Odessa Permian at Midland Christian, 6 p.m. Monday, Christensen Stadium

LAKE VIEW TOURNAMENT

SAN ANGELO — After splitting a pair of games on Friday, Coahoma put on a hitting clinic on Saturday against Fort Stockton at the San Angelo Lake View Tournament.

Led by Dakota Griffith, Coahoma beat Fort Stockton, 14-11, in a five-inning game shortened by the time limit. Griffith was 3 for 3 with a pair of home runs, four RBI, a double, a walk and four runs scored.

Through three innings, Coahoma actually trailed 8-1. In the fourth, though, Griffith capped a nine-run inning with a three-run go-ahead home run. The Bulldogs did their damage on just five hits in the inning.

For the game, Coahoma scored 14 runs on 13 hits to overcome five errors on defense. Caleb McAdams (2-0) picked up the win in relief.

On Friday, Coahoma lost to host Lake View, 5-4, but beat Crane, 9-4.

Coahoma 14, Fort Stockton 11

Coahoma	100	94	—14	13	5
Fort Stockton	152	11	—11	7	1

Tanner Ruiz, Caleb McAdams (3) and Adrian Grant. Mendoza, Sanchez (4) and Gervia. WP — McAdams (2-0). LP — Mendoza. 2B — CHS: Dakota Griffith, Grant, Jason Martinez, Pete Acosta, Keaton Martin 2. HR — CHS: Griffith 2 (3).

Compiled from staff reports

Pierce scores in overtime to give Jacks second straight win

From staff reports

ODESSA —Jeff Pierce's goal in overtime gave the Odessa Jackalopes their second straight victory as they beat the Arizona Sundogs, 4-3, on Saturday night at the Ector County Coliseum.

Much like Friday night, the Jacks lost a lead as the Sundogs scored two goals late in the third period to knot the game at 3.

Odessa (22-24-6) built a 3-1 lead with two goals from Todd Robinson and another score from defenseman Adam Dunn. Robinson scored 17 seconds in to the game when he finished off assists from Sebastien Thinel and Mike Ramsay.

With the third period and the score tied at 1, Dunn scored less than four minutes into the period after assists from Ramsay and Thinel. Then with less than three minutes remaining, Robinson made the score 3-1 after again finishing off assists from Ramsay and Thinel.

But late in the third, Arizona's Luke Erickson and Cam Keith each scored, with Keith's goal coming on a power play with 1:55 remaining.

Pierce won the game for the Jacks at the 3:16 mark of overtime.

The victory was the Jacks second straight against Arizona in overtime, and gives Odessa its first winning streak since the Jacks won five straight games from Dec. 28, 2010 to Jan. 7.

Odessa is in sixth place in the Berry Conference standings, three points behind fifth-place Mississippi.

The Jacks will return to action on Tuesday with a game against Texas at 7:05 p.m. at the Ector County Coliseum.

Thompson runs for 210 yards, 4 TDS in Drillers win

From staff reports

EL PASO — Chad Thompson rushed for 210 yards and four touchdowns in a 26-12 victory for the West Texas Drillers against the El Paso Seminoles.

The Drillers dominated in all facets of the game, led by Thompson, the 2010 MPFL Running Back of the Year.

The Drillers forced four turnovers beginning with a fumble recovery by Cary Lemons on El Paso's first drive. Thompson turned that turnover into a 2-yard touchdown run. Thompson found the end zone two more times in the second quarter.

Rich Garrett, Sean Parker and Devon Zimmerman all picked off passes for the Drillers defense.

Next week West Texas travels to Lubbock to face the Outlaws.

LOCAL SPORTS

King aces at Rachland

Karen King had ace at Rachland Hills Golf Club No. 8 hole on Saturday from 121 yards using a 5 hybrid. Witnesses were Jamie Pollard, Terry Tankersley and Rese Patterson.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	15	.732	—
New York	29	27	.518	12
Philadelphia	29	29	.500	13
New Jersey	17	42	.288	25 1/2
Toronto	16	43	.271	26 1/2
Southeast Division				
Miami	43	16	.729	—
Orlando	37	22	.627	6
Atlanta	36	23	.603	7 1/2
Charlotte	26	32	.448	16 1/2
Washington	15	43	.259	27 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	40	17	.702	—
Indiana	26	31	.456	14
Milwaukee	22	36	.379	18 1/2
Detroit	22	39	.361	20
Cleveland	11	47	.190	29 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	10	.828	—
Dallas	42	16	.724	6
New Orleans	35	25	.583	14
Memphis	33	27	.550	16
Houston	29	31	.483	20
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	36	21	.632	—
Portland	33	25	.569	3 1/2
Denver	34	26	.567	3 1/2
Utah	32	28	.533	5 1/2
Minnesota	13	46	.220	24
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	41	19	.683	—
Phoenix	29	27	.518	10
Golden State	26	31	.456	13 1/2
L.A. Clippers	21	38	.356	19 1/2
Sacramento	14	43	.246	25 1/2

Saturday's Scores
Detroit 120, Utah 116
Memphis 120, Sacramento 92
Dallas 105, Washington 99
Houston 123, New Jersey 108
Chicago 83, Milwaukee 75
Boston at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Phoenix at Indiana, 11 a.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 1:30 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES
MAVERICKS 105, WIZARDS 99

DALLAS (105): Stojakovic 2-6 0-0 5, Nowitzki 6-18 8-11 21, Chandler 10-14 3-4 23, Kidd 1-1 0-0 3, Beaubois 1-7 0-0 2, Marion 4-6 5-6 13, Terry 10-18 3-5 25, Mahinmi 0-1 0-0 0, Barea 4-8 0-0 9, Haywood 1-1 2-5 4, Stevenson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-81 21-31 105.

WASHINGTON (99): Howard 3-9 3-5 9, Lewis 5-7 0-0 13, McGee 3-9 0-0 6, Wall 11-26 1-4 24, Young 7-16 0-0 14, Seraphin 4-5 0-0 8, Booker 3-5 2-7 8, Bibby 1-5 0-0 2, Evans 2-4 0-0 5, Crawford 5-9 0-0 10, Yi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-95 6-16 99.

Dallas	23	36	19	27	— 105
Washington	22	27	23	27	— 99

3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-17 (Terry 2-5, Nowitzki 1-1, Kidd 1-1, Stojakovic 1-3, Barea 1-4, Stevenson 0-1, Beaubois 0-2), Washington 5-14 (Lewis 3-3, Wall 1-1, Evans 1-2, Crawford 0-2, Bibby 0-2, Young 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 59 (Chandler 13), Washington 54 (McGee 11). Assists—Dallas 28 (Kidd 14), Washington 17 (Wall 5). Total Fouls—Dallas 15, Washington 22. Technicals—Washington defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Evans. A—19,203 (20,173).

ROCKETS 123, NETS 108

NEW JERSEY (108): James 4-6 1-2 9, Humphries 5-9 3-4 13, Lopez 8-16 5-6 21, D.Williams 3-12 9-12 15, Vujacic 3-13 0-0 8, Morrow 4-12 2-2 11, Outlaw 2-6 1-2 6, Farmar 2-2 0-0 5, Petro 0-6 0-0 0, Uzoh 6-8 6-6 18, Gadzuric 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 37-92 29-36 108.

HOUSTON (123): Budinger 8-11 8-9 27, Scola 9-15 5-5 23, Hayes 3-7 2-3 8, Lowry 3-8 4-4 10, Martin 9-15 8-9 30, Lee 4-8 2-4 10, Patterson 1-3 0-2 2, Miller 1-2 1-2 3, Dragic 2-6 1-2 6, T.Williams 2-7 0-0 4, Hill 0-0 0-0 0, Thabeet 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-82 31-40 123.

New Jersey	33	25	24	26	— 108
Houston	37	34	28	24	— 123

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 5-20 (Vujacic 2-7, Farmar 1-1, Outlaw 1-3, Morrow 1-4, Uzoh 0-1, D.Williams 0-4), Houston 8-18 (Martin 4-6, Budinger 3-4, Dragic 1-3, Lee 0-1, Lowry 0-2, T.Williams 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 55 (Humphries 11), Houston 56 (Hayes 11). Assists—New Jersey 24 (D.Williams 17), Houston 33 (Lowry 9). Total Fouls—New Jersey 27, Houston 26. Technicals—New Jersey defensive three second. A—17,209 (18,043).

PISTONS 120, JAZZ 116

UTAH (116): Kirilenko 9-11 3-5 21, Millsap 9-12 5-8 23, Jefferson 10-17 0-0 20, Harris 3-9 9-11 17, Bell 6-9 0-0 14, Price 0-2 0-0 0, Favors 3-5 4-7 10, Watson 0-2 0-0 0, Miles 3-8 2-3 9, Elson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 44-74 23-34 116.

DETROIT (120): Daye 6-13 2-2 18, Wilcox 3-4 1-3 7, Monroe 6-12 0-1 12, Stuckey 9-18 10-11 28, Gordon 5-13 5-7 17, Summers 3-5 0-0 7, Bynum 4-9 3-3 11, Villanueva 6-10 0-0 16, Maxiell 1-2 2-4 4. Totals 43-86 23-31 120.

Utah	28	25	31	32	— 116
Detroit	27	31	31	37	— 120

3-Point Goals—Utah 5-13 (Bell 2-3, Harris 2-5, Miles 1-1, Kirilenko 0-1, Watson 0-1, Price 0-2), Detroit 11-17 (Villanueva 4-5, Daye 4-5, Gordon 2-2, Summers 1-3, Stuckey 0-1, Bynum 0-1). Fouled Out—Bynum. Rebounds—Utah 45 (Millsap 11), Detroit 47 (Monroe 16). Assists—Utah 37 (Harris 12), Detroit 22 (Stuckey, Bynum 8). Total Fouls—Utah 25, Detroit 30. Technicals—Bell, Utah defensive three second, Bynum, Detroit defensive three second. A—18,564 (22,076).

GRIZZLIES 120, KINGS 92

SACRAMENTO (92): Casspi 2-6 2-2 6, Thompson 1-6 2-2 4, Dalembert 3-7 1-2 7, Udrih 10-13 3-4 24, Taylor 4-9 0-0 9, Jackson 3-7 0-0 6, Jeter 2-6 0-0 4, Thornton 7-18 1-2 15, Cousins 5-12 4-7 14, Greene 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 38-85 13-19 92.

MEMPHIS (120): Young 5-9 0-0 10, Randolph 10-15 3-4 23, Gasol 10-15 1-1 21, Conley 3-8 2-2 8, Allen 1-2 2-2 4, Williams 3-6 0-0 6, Battier 1-3 0-0 2, Mayo 4-12 2-2 13, Vasquez 2-4 0-0 4, Arthur 7-8 3-4 17, Haddadi 5-11 0-1 10, Carney 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 52-95 13-16 120.

Sacramento	28	21	17	26	— 92
Memphis	23	33	33	31	— 120

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 3-12 (Greene 1-1, Udrih 1-2, Taylor 1-2, Jeter 0-1, Casspi 0-2, Thornton 0-4), Memphis 3-11 (Mayo 3-7, Williams 0-2, Battier 0-2). Fouled Out—Cousins. Rebounds—Sacramento 48 (Casspi, Dalembert 8), Memphis 51 (Randolph 12). Assists—Sacramento 22 (Thompson, Udrih 5), Memphis 23 (Williams 5). Total Fouls—Sacramento 19, Memphis 18. Technicals—Randolph. A—16,028 (18,119).

BULLS 83, BUCKS 75

CHICAGO (83): Deng 5-11 8-8 19, Boozer 5-9 3-7 13, Noah 4-8 0-0 8, Rose 7-19 2-2 17, Bogans 1-5 0-0 3, Brewer 2-5 1-3 5, Gibson 1-3 1-2 3, Asik 0-0 0-0 0, Watson 2-7 0-0 4, Korver 5-11 0-0 11. Totals 32-78 15-22 83.

MILWAUKEE (75): Delfino 3-13 2-2 9, Mbah a Moute 7-9 2-2 16, Bogut 2-10 2-4 6, Jennings 2-6 0-0 4, Salmons 5-16 2-2 14, Maggette 2-6 2-2 6, Sanders 3-7 0-0 6, Dooling 1-3 0-0 2, Brockman 0-1 2-2 2, Boykins 4-5 0-0 10. Totals 29-76 12-14 75.

Chicago	21	18	31	13	— 83
Milwaukee	25	14	20	16	— 75

3-Point Goals—Chicago 4-18 (Bogans 1-4, Korver 1-4, Rose 1-4, Deng 1-4, Watson 0-2), Milwaukee 5-14 (Boykins 2-2, Salmons 2-6, Delfino 1-5, Dooling 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 59 (Noah 17), Milwaukee 43 (Bogut 16). Assists—Chicago 19 (Rose 4), Milwaukee 12 (Delfino, Bogut, Jennings, Maggette 2). Total Fouls—Chicago 19, Milwaukee 20. Technicals—Jennings. A—18,717 (18,717).

NBA D League

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Iowa	27	10	.730	—
Erie	24	10	.706	1 1/2
Fort Wayne	16	20	.444	10 1/2
Maine	14	22	.389	12 1/2
Dakota	12	24	.333	14 1/2
Springfield	10	26	.278	16 1/2
Sioux Falls	6	27	.182	19
West Conference				
Tulsa	26	10	.722	—
Rio Grande Valley	26	11	.703	1/2
Reno	22	13	.629	3 1/2
Bakersfield	21	14	.600	4 1/2
Utah	20	15	.571	5 1/2
Texas	17	21	.447	10
Austin	15	20	.429	10 1/2
Idaho	15	20	.429	10 1/2
New Mexico	14	22	.389	12

Saturday's Scores
Rio Grande Valley 103, Springfield 70
Tulsa 94, Texas 86
Dakota 120, Fort Wayne 113
New Mexico at Austin, late
Bakersfield at Idaho, late

Today's Games
Iowa at Erie, 1 p.m.
Fort Wayne at Dakota, 3 p.m.
Sioux Falls at Tulsa, 4 p.m.
Rio Grande Valley at Maine, 4 p.m.
Utah at Reno, 5 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	62	40	16	6	86	203	159
Pittsburgh	64	37	21	6	80	187	159
N.Y. Rangers	63	33	26	4	70	178	155
New Jersey	61	26	31	4	56	130	163
N.Y. Islanders	63	23	32	8	54	172	205

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Northeast Division							
Boston	60	34	19	7	75	188	145
Montreal	63	33	23	7	73	165	164
Buffalo	61	29	25	7	65	176	177
Toronto	62	27	27	8	62	162	190
Ottawa	62	21	32	9	51	143	200
Southeast Division							
Tampa Bay	61	36	18	7	79	189	189
Washington	63	33	20	10	76	168	161
Carolina	63	29	25	9	67	184	193
Atlanta	62	25	26	11	61	175	203
Florida	61	26	28	7	59	158	169

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
Detroit	62	38	18	6	82	206	179
Chicago	61	32	23	6	70	194	168
Nashville	62	31	23	8	70	158	149
Columbus	60	31	23	6	68	168	178
St. Louis	61	28	24	9	65	173	179
Northwest Division							
Vancouver	62	39	14	9	87	207	147
Minnesota	62	33	23	6	72	163	162
Calgary	63	31	23	9	71	189	182
Colorado	62	26	29	7	59	181	214
Edmonton	62	20	34	8	48	156	208
Pacific Division							
San Jose	63	36	21	6	78	178	162
Phoenix	63	33	21	9	75	181	182
Los Angeles	62	35	23	4	74	174	149
Dallas	62	33	23	6	72	171	175
Anaheim	62	32	25	5	69	173	184

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores
Detroit 3, Buffalo 2, SO
Pittsburgh 6, Toronto 5, SO
Dallas 3, Nashville 2
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 3
Montreal 4, Carolina 3
Ottawa 4, Philadelphia 1
Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Boston at Vancouver, late

Today's Games
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, Noon
Columbus at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Boston at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY' SUMMARIES
STARS 3, PREDATORS 2

Nashville	0	2	0	— 2
Dallas	1	0	2	— 3

First Period—1, Dallas, Wandell 4, 18:06.
Second Period—2, Nashville, Suter 2 (C.Wilson, Legwand), 5:00. 3, Nashville, C.Wilson 14 (Franson, Legwand), 13:32.
Third Period—4, Dallas, Goligoski 10 (Morrow, Ribeiro), 6:02. 5, Dallas, Eriksson 21 (Goligoski, Morrow), 16:18 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Nashville 12-8-7—27. Dallas 11-5-9—25.
Goalies—Nashville, Rinne. Dallas, Lehtonen. A—15,860 (18,532). T—2:31.

PENGUINS 6, MAPLE LEAFS 5

Pittsburgh	1	2	2	0	— 6
Toronto	1	1	3	0	— 5

Pittsburgh won shootout 1-0.
First Period—1, Toronto, Lupul 6 (Phaneuf, Kessel), 16:43 (pp). 2, Pittsburgh, Kovalev 15 (Lovejoy), 19:13.
Second Period—3, Toronto, Armstrong 8 (Brown), 10:31. 4, Pittsburgh, Letestu 11 (Letang, Staal), 16:00 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Jeffrey 5 (Dupuis, Cooke), 19:44.
Third Period—6, Toronto, MacArthur 19 (Grabovski, Kulemin), 2:52. 7, Toronto, Lupul 7 (Gunnarsson), 3:27. 8, Pittsburgh, Talbot 7, 6:34 (sh). 9, Toronto, Phaneuf 3 (Brent, Kessel), 7:27 (pp). 10, Pittsburgh, Rupp 6 (Letestu), 9:08.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Pittsburgh 1 (Letang NG, Kovalev G), Toronto 0 (Lupul NG, Kessel NG, Grabovski NG).
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 11-12-11-6—40. Toronto 11-8-11-1—31.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury. Toronto, Reimer. A—19,551 (18,819). T—2:40.

SENATORS 4, FLYERS 1

Philadelphia	1	0	0	— 1
Ottawa	0	2	2	— 4

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Hartnell 19 (Giroux), 19:40.
Second Period—2, Ottawa, Foligno 10 (Kuba, Shannon), 12:18 (pp). 3, Ottawa, Condra 1 (Shannon, Greening), 16:10.
Third Period—4, Ottawa, Phillips 1 (Spezza, Butler), 11:15. 5, Ottawa, Condra 2 (Karlsson), 18:35 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 15-8-8—31. Ottawa 3-14-12—29.
Goalies—Philadelphia, Boucher. Ottawa, Anderson. A—19,934 (19,153). T—2:26.

KINGS 4, AVALANCHE 3

Colorado	0	0	3	— 3
Los Angeles	1	2	1	— 4

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Kopitar 20 (Richardson, Simmonds), 7:13.
Second Period—2, Los Angeles, Martinez 4 (Clifford, Lewis), 9:50. 3, Los Angeles, Doughty 10 (Kopitar, Smyth), 19:58 (pp).
Third Period—4, Los Angeles, Stoll 17 (Williams, Doughty), 5:47 (pp). 5, Colorado, D.Jones 21 (Liles, E.Johnson), 12:42 (pp). 6, Colorado, D.Jones 22 (E.Johnson, Liles), 13:21. 7, Colorado, Stastny 19, 19:30.
Shots on Goal—Colorado 5-5-7—17. Los Angeles 14-16-12—42.
Goalies—Colorado, B.Elliott. Los Angeles, Quick. A—18,118 (18,118). T—2:30.

CANADIENS 4, HURRICANES 3

Carolina	1	2	0	— 3
Montreal	2	1	1	— 4

First Period—1, Carolina, Jokinen 16 (Bra.Sutter, Tlusty), 7:25. 2, Montreal, Cammalleri 15 (Plekanec), 13:48. 3, Montreal, Eller 4 (Kostitsyn), 16:53.
Second Period—4, Carolina, Ruutu 15 (LaRose, Samson), 2:10. 5, Montreal, Plekanec 20 (Cammalleri, Hamrlik), 5:13. 6, Carolina, Stillman 8 (Skinner, Gleason), 10:49.
Third Period—7, Montreal, Kostitsyn 15 (Hamrlik, Subban), 16:07 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Carolina 11-13-7—31. Montreal 7-13-7—27.
Power-play opportunities—Carolina 0 of 4; Montreal 1 of 1.
Goalies—Carolina, Ward 26-21-8 (27 shots-23 saves). Montreal, Auld 5-2-1 (31-28).
A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:16.

CAPITALS 3, ISLANDERS 2

Washington	0	1	2	— 3
N.Y. Islanders	1	1	0	— 2

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 3 (Grabner, MacDonald), 13:48.
Second Period—2, N.Y. Islanders, Hamonic 3, :33. 3, Washington, Laich 13 (Carlson), 9:44.
Third Period—4, Washington, Knuble 15 (Laich, Johansson), 2:24. 5, Washington, Semin 22 (Ovechkin), 5:41.
Shots on Goal—Washington 5-10-7—22. N.Y. Islanders 14-8-9—31.
Power-play opportunities—Washington 0 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 4.
Goalies—Washington, Neuvirth 19-10-4 (31 shots-29 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Montoya 3-2-1 (22-19).
A—16,250 (16,234). T—2:21.

CHL

TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	LOL	Pts	GF	GA
Rapid City	56	33	19	4	70	181	176
Colorado	54	33	18	3	69	200	162
Bloomington	51	30	16	5	65	145	145
Missouri	52	28	18	6	62	160	138
Quad City	54	29	24	1	59	153	146
Wichita	52	26	20	6	58	196	185
Fort Wayne	51	25	21	5	55	149	148
Dayton	51	24	23	4	52	146	157
Evansville	53	17	28	8	42	151	201

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Allen	51	38	11	2	78	214	162
Texas	50	29	16	5	63	176	156
Tulsa	53	29	22	2	60	192	185
Bossier-Shreve	53	28	22	3	59	182	162
Mississippi	54	24	25	5	53	164	178
Odessa	**52**	**22**	**24**	**6**	**50**	**179**	**191**
Rio Grande Valley	55	22	27	6	50	164	185
Arizona	53	19	26	8	46	161	205
Laredo	53	18	28	7	43	157	188

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OL column, not the loss column.

Saturday's Scores
Allen 3, Bloomington 2, SO
Odessa 4, Arizona 3, OT
Tulsa 3 Mississippi 2, OT
Texas 5, Bossier-Shreveport 3
Missouri 4, Rapid City 0
Colorado 5, Wichita 4, OT
Evansville 5, Fort Wayne 3
Rio Grande Valley 3, Laredo 2
Quad City 4, Dayton 2

Today's Games
Fort Wayne at Dayton, 4 p.m.
Bloomington at Texas, 4 p.m.
Arizona at Laredo, 4 p.m.
Quad City at Evansville, 6:35 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Detroit	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000
Baltimore	0	0	.000
Boston	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Cleveland	0	0	.000
Kansas City	0	0	.000
Minnesota	0	0	.000
Oakland	0	0	.000
Seattle	0	0	.000
Texas	0	0	.000
New York	0	1	.000
Toronto	0	1	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Colorado	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
San Francisco	2	0	1.000
Atlanta	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Cincinnati	0	0	.000
Florida	0	0	.000
Houston	0	0	.000
Milwaukee	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
San Diego	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	0	.000
Washington	0	0	.000
Arizona	0	2	.000
Los Angeles	0	2	.000
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Detroit 4, Toronto 0
Tampa Bay 9, Pittsburgh 5
N.Y. Mets 5, Atlanta 5, tie, 10 innings
San Francisco 8, L.A. Dodgers (ss) 3
L.A. Angels 4, L.A. Dodgers (ss) 1
Colorado 8, Arizona 7, 10 innings

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees vs Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego vs Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs Arizona at Salt River Community, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Boston vs Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

Baseball Calendar
March 2 — Mandatory reporting date.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.
March 15 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.
March 29 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2011 salary.
March 31 — Opening day, active rosters reduced to 25 players.
July 12 — All-Star game, Phoenix.
July 24 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.
July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
Aug. 15 — Last day to sign selections from 2011 amateur draft who have not exhausted college eligibility.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Sept. 30 or Oct. 1 — Playoffs begin.
Oct. 19 — World Series begins.
November — Free agent period to sign exclusively with former teams, first 15 days after World Series ends.
Dec. 1 — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.
Dec. 5-8 — Winter meetings, Dallas.
Dec. 7 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept the offers.
Dec. 11 — Collective bargaining agreement expires.
Dec. 12 — Last day for teams to offer 2012 contracts to unsigned players.

GOLF

Nationwide

Panama CLARO Championship Scores
Saturday
At Golf Club of Panama
Panama City
Purse: $550,000
Yardage: 7,163; Par 70
Partial Third Round
Play was suspended due to darkness.

Tommy Biershenk	69-69-66	— 204
Matt Davidson	71-67-67	— 205
Darron Stiles	70-68-67	— 205
Mark Anderson	69-69-68	— 206
Scott Gardiner	68-72-66	— 206
Tyrone Van Aswegen	72-67-68	— 207
Diego Velasquez	68-71-68	— 207
Bubba Dickerson	72-67-69	— 208
Roger Tambellini	68-71-69	— 208
Nicholas Thompson	70-69-69	— 208
Camilo Benedetti	66-71-71	— 208
Martin Flores	70-69-70	— 209
Ron Whittaker	74-65-70	— 209
Andrew Svoboda	71-67-71	— 209
Brian Smock	68-71-71	— 210
Travis Bertoni	69-70-72	— 211
Andrew Buckle	71-69-71	— 211
Paul Claxton	72-68-71	— 211
Luke List	67-73-72	— 212
Mathias Gronberg	70-69-74	— 213
Bradley Iles	71-67-76	— 214
Brenden Pappas	73-67-74	— 214
Won Joon Lee	68-71-76	— 215
Jonas Blixt	69-70-78	— 217

Failed to complete third round

Alistair Presnell	69-65	— 134
Kyle Reifers	65-66	— 131
Erik Compton	64-67	— 131
Steve Wheatcroft	67-70	— 137

Mayakoba

Golf Classic Scores
Saturday
At Mayakoba Resort, El Camaleon Golf Club
Playa Del Carmen, Mexico
Purse: $3.7 million
Yardage: 6,923; Par 71
Third Round

Johnson Wagner	69-66-65	— 200
Chris Stroud	68-63-70	— 201
Bobby Gates	70-68-64	— 202
Spencer Levin	68-67-67	— 202
Jarrod Lyle	69-66-67	— 202
Jeff Quinney	71-67-65	— 203
John Merrick	68-70-65	— 203
Cameron Beckman	67-70-66	— 203
Briny Baird	67-70-66	— 203
Sunghoon Kang	67-67-69	— 203
John Cook	70-68-66	— 204
Charles Howell III	68-69-67	— 204
Tom Pernice, Jr.	69-68-67	— 204
Brian Gay	69-68-67	— 204
Tommy Gainey	68-68-68	— 204
Kent Jones	67-68-69	— 204
William McGirt	68-67-69	— 204
Cameron Percy	68-66-70	— 204
Andres Gonzales	66-72-67	— 205
Scott Gutschewski	70-68-67	— 205
Jerry Kelly	69-69-67	— 205
Jason Bohn	72-68-65	— 205
Scott McCarron	69-68-68	— 205
J.J. Henry	69-69-67	— 205
Steve Lowery	72-65-68	— 205
Scott Verplank	74-67-64	— 205
David Toms	66-70-69	— 205
Billy Horschel	70-65-70	— 205
Fredrik Jacobson	68-67-70	— 205
Kevin Stadler	68-66-71	— 205
Colt Knost	71-68-67	— 206
Rory Sabbatini	69-69-68	— 206
George McNeill	73-67-66	— 206
Zack Miller	73-64-69	— 206
Tom Lehman	70-70-66	— 206
Kyle Stanley	66-71-69	— 206
Brett Wetterich	69-68-69	— 206
Mark Hensby	66-70-70	— 206
Jose Manuel Lara	72-70-64	— 206
David Mathis	68-70-69	— 207
Alejandro Canizares	74-67-66	— 207
Tim Herron	71-71-65	— 207
Boo Weekley	72-66-70	— 208
David Hearn	69-70-69	— 208
Chad Collins	72-68-68	— 208
Chris Riley	70-67-71	— 208
Robert Garrigus	69-68-71	— 208
D.J. Brigman	70-71-67	— 208
Nick O'Hern	70-69-70	— 209
Jhonattan Vegas	74-65-70	— 209
Will MacKenzie	71-69-69	— 209

Match Play

Results
Saturday
At The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club at Dove Mountain
Marana, Ariz.
Purse: $8.5 million
Yardage: 7,791; Par 72
Quarterfinals
Seeds in Parentheses

Luke Donald (9), England, def. Ryan Moore (48), United States, 5 and 4.
Matt Kuchar (13), United States, def. Y.E. Yang (44), South Korea, 2 and 1.
Martin Kaymer (2), Germany, def. Miguel Angel Jimenez (23), Spain, 1 up.
Bubba Watson (19), United States, def. J.B. Holmes (22), United States, 19 holes.

Semifinals
Luke Donald (9), England, def. Matt Kuchar (13), United States, 6 and 5.
Martin Kaymer (2), Germany, def. Bubba Watson (19), United States, 1 up.

LPGA

HSBC Champions Scores
Saturday
At Tanah Merah Country Club
Singapore
Purse: $1.4 million
Yardage: 6,547; Par: 72
Third Round

Chie Arimura	68-66-71	— 205
Karrie Webb	70-66-70	— 206
Yani Tseng	70-72-69	— 211
Na Yeon Choi	69-71-71	— 211
Son Young Yoo	70-68-73	— 211
I.K. Kim	72-73-67	— 212
Morgan Pressel	73-69-71	— 213
Ai Miyazato	74-70-70	— 214
Mika Miyazato	72-72-70	— 214
Cristie Kerr	74-67-73	— 214
Karine Icher	77-69-69	— 215
Catriona Matthew	73-73-69	— 215
Brittany Lincicome	75-69-71	— 215
Stacy Lewis	72-72-72	— 216
Meena Lee	71-72-73	— 216
Jiyai Shin	71-72-73	— 216
Song-Hee Kim	79-68-70	— 217
Suzann Pettersen	73-74-70	— 217
Natalie Gulbis	71-75-71	— 217
Amy Yang	73-72-72	— 217
Karen Stupples	70-70-77	— 217
Paula Creamer	76-70-72	— 218
Candie Kung	74-70-74	— 218
Shanshan Feng	71-77-71	— 219
Eun-Hee Ji	72-76-71	— 219
Christina Kim	76-72-71	— 219
Jessica Korda	73-75-71	— 219
Anna Nordqvist	74-73-72	— 219
Hee Kyung Seo	72-75-72	— 219
M.J. Hur	71-70-78	— 219
Azahara Munoz	76-73-71	— 220
Amy Hung	73-73-74	— 220
Lindsey Wright	72-73-75	— 220
Hee-Won Han	71-73-76	— 220
Maria Hjorth	75-74-72	— 221
Angela Stanford	73-73-75	— 221
Katherine Hull	74-71-76	— 221
Beatriz Recari	75-70-76	— 221
Momoko Ueda	73-71-77	— 221
Michelle Wie	73-71-77	— 221
Jimin Kang	76-73-73	— 222
Sophie Gustafson	74-76-73	— 223
Hee Young Park	75-74-74	— 223
Inbee Park	74-72-77	— 223
Wendy Ward	72-74-77	— 223
Vicky Hurst	72-72-79	— 223
Se Ri Pak	76-71-77	— 224
Na On Min	81-73-71	— 225
Haeji Kang	74-77-74	— 225
Kristy McPherson	76-74-75	— 225
Stacy Prammanasudh	76-71-78	— 225
Amanda Blumenherst	75-75-76	— 226
Brittany Lang	77-73-76	— 226

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

NATIONWIDE
Bashas' Supermarkets 200 Results
Saturday
At Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200 laps, 150 rating, 0 points, $64,550.
2. (2) Carl Edwards, Ford, 200, 128.5, 0, $51,025.
3. (9) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 200, 117.1, 0, $35,625.
4. (6) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 200, 111.7, 0, $26,175.
5. (10) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 200, 103.9, 39, $30,818.
6. (3) Joey Logano, Toyota, 200, 105.7, 0, $19,000.
7. (15) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 200, 99.1, 37, $24,728.
8. (16) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200, 92.4, 36, $23,138.
9. (5) Brian Scott, Toyota, 200, 94.7, 35, $24,418.
10. (18) Kenny Wallace, Toyota, 200, 86.2, 34, $22,693.
11. (13) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 200, 86.3, 33, $20,268.
12. (11) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200, 86.3, 32, $13,200.
13. (25) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, 199, 78.5, 31, $19,543.
14. (14) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 199, 77.3, 30, $19,718.
15. (12) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 198, 74.3, 29, $21,093.
16. (26) Scott Wimmer, Chevrolet, 198, 68.9, 28, $18,268.
17. (20) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 197, 68.2, 27, $18,068.
18. (24) Josh Wise, Ford, 197, 66.1, 26, $18,818.
19. (17) Michael Annett, Toyota, 197, 68, 25, $17,693.
20. (19) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 197, 61.3, 24, $18,043.
21. (23) Charles Lewandoski, Chevrolet, 196, 57.6, 23, $11,200.
22. (22) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 196, 55.4, 22, $17,318.
23. (35) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 195, 44.6, 21, $17,593.
24. (31) Robert Richardson Jr., Dodge, 194, 45.8, 20, $17,118.
25. (27) Eric McClure, Chevrolet, 193, 47.6, 19, $17,618.
26. (21) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 193, 53.2, 18, $16,893.
27. (32) Blake Koch, Dodge, 193, 42, 17, $17,193.
28. (29) Shelby Howard, Chevrolet, 191, 51.5, 16, $16,718.
29. (30) Timmy Hill, Ford, 191, 37.4, 15, $16,668.
30. (8) Steve Wallace, Toyota, 190, 69.2, 14, $16,918.
31. (7) Trevor Bayne, Ford, accident, 164, 82.6, 13, $16,563.
32. (40) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Ford, 162, 33.1, 12, $10,035.
33. (28) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, handling, 108, 44.8, 11, $16,468.
34. (4) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, accident, 105, 89.8, 0, $10,965.
35. (34) Daryl Harr, Chevrolet, radiator, 101, 34.8, 9, $9,935.
36. (38) Carl Long, Ford, brakes, 19, 35.8, 8, $9,900.
37. (37) Kevin Lepage, Ford, overheating, 17, 36.7, $9,865.
38. (33) Kelly Bires, Ford, brakes, 10, 32.9, 6, $9,810.
39. (39) Brett Rowe, Chevrolet, handling, 8, 30.2, 5, $9,770.
40. (36) Justin Marks, Ford, brakes, 7, 30.4, 0, $9,715.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 112.272 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 46 minutes, 53 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.514 seconds.
Caution Flags: 3 for 15 laps.
Lead Changes: 0 among 1 driver.
Lap Leaders: K.Busch 1-200.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Busch, 1 time for 200 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1. R.Sorenson, 78; 2. R.Stenhouse Jr., 73; 3. J.Leffler, 71; 4. D.Patrick, 58; 5. J.Nemechek, 58; 6. A.Almirola, 56; 7. M.Bliss, 55; 8. J.Allgaier, 53; 9. K.Wallace, 50; 10. J.Clements, 50.

SPRINT CUP
Subway Fresh Fit 500 Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1.0 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 137.279.
2. (22) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 137.112.
3. (4) Kasey Kahne, Toyota, 137.096.
4. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 136.981.
5. (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 136.971.
6. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 136.945.
7. (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 136.809.
8. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 136.773.
9. (2) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 136.768.
10. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 136.674.
11. (6) David Ragan, Ford, 136.643.
12. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 136.581.
13. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 136.56.
14. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 136.457.
15. (43) A.J Allmendinger, Ford, 136.405.
16. (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 136.327.
17. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 136.116.
18. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 136.06.
19. (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 135.998.
20. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 135.772.
21. (47) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 135.731.
22. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 135.701.
23. (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 135.609.
24. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 135.578.
25. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 135.563.
26. (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 135.557.
27. (13) Casey Mears, Toyota, 135.527.
28. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 135.496.
29. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 135.471.
30. (34) David Gilliland, Ford, 135.471.
31. (7) Robby Gordon, Dodge, 135.232.
32. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 134.933.
33. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 134.756.
34. (66) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 134.685.
35. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 134.675.
36. (32) Mike Skinner, Ford, 134.273.
37. (60) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 134.048.
38. (46) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 134.043.
39. (09) Bill Elliott, Chevrolet, 133.784.
40. (38) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 133.393.
41. (71) Andy Lally, Chevrolet, 131.926.
42. (37) Tony Raines, Ford, Owner Points.
43. (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 133.353.

Failed to Qualify
44. (92) Brian Keselowski, Dodge, 131.238.

NHRA

Winternationals Pairings
Saturday
At Auto Club Raceway
POMONA, Calif.
Pairings based on results in qualifying, which ended Saturday. DNQs listed below pairings.

Top Fuel
1. Larry Dixon, 3.770 seconds, 324.98 mph vs. 16. Terry McMillen, 3.931, 299.06. 2. Antron Brown, 3.788, 323.35 vs. 15. Mike Strasburg, 3.924, 293.03. 3. Tony Schumacher, 3.789, 324.59 vs. 14. Troy Buff, 3.921, 306.81. 4. Spencer Massey, 3.801, 323.89 vs. 13. Ron August, 3.904, 308.50. 5. Del Worsham, 3.814, 321.96 vs. 12. Bob Vandergriff, 3.902, 309.27. 6. Shawn Langdon, 3.847, 314.31 vs. 11. T.J. Zizzo, 3.870, 312.57. 7. Doug Kalitta, 3.850, 318.62 vs. 10. Steve Torrence, 3.861, 316.60. 8. Brandon Bernstein, 3.856, 311.27 vs. 9. Morgan Lucas, 3.857, 314.90. Did Not Qualify: 17. Terry Sainty, 3.966, 291.57. 18. David Grubnic, 4.024, 291.07. 19. Steve Faria, 4.943, 152.28. 20. Steven Chrisman, 12.767, 265.33.

Funny Car
1. Cruz Pedregon, Toyota Solara, 4.015, 313.22 vs. 16. Tony Pedregon, Chevy Impala SS, 4.191, 278.00. 2. Johnny Gray, Dodge Charger, 4.049, 311.20 vs. 15. Jeff Arend, Solara, 4.179, 301.81. 3. Mike Neff, Ford Mustang, 4.060, 312.42 vs. 14. Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 4.168, 296.11. 4. Robert Hight, Mustang, 4.071, 313.00 vs. 13. Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 4.147, 296.76. 5. John Force, Mustang, 4.093, 305.84 vs. 12. Paul Lee, Impala SS, 4.131, 278.17. 6. Jim Head, Solara, 4.096, 307.51 vs. 11. Bob Bode, Impala, 4.121, 300.80. 7. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.099, 302.01 vs. 10. Gary Densham, Charger, 4.111, 301.54. 8. Ron Capps, Charger, 4.106, 306.88 vs. 9. Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.111, 313.58. Did Not Qualify: 17. Brian Thiel, 4.214, 293.28. 18. Melanie Troxel, 4.459, 293.03. 19. Jeff Diehl, 4.678, 258.67. 20. James Day, 5.413, 154.44. 21. Grant Downing, 14.023, 68.14. Pro Stock

1. Erica Enders, Chevy Cobalt, 6.553, 211.69 vs. 16. Richard Freeman, Pontiac GXP, 6.640, 208.78. 2. Greg Anderson, GXP, 6.556, 210.77 vs. 15. Shane Gray, GXP, 6.614, 209.88. 3. Allen Johnson, Dodge Avenger, 6.561, 211.36 vs. 14. Vincent Nobile, Avenger, 6.612, 210.54. 4. Ron Krisher, GXP, 6.562, 211.26 vs. 13. Rodger Brogdon, GXP, 6.600, 210.01. 5. Greg Stanfield, GXP, 6.562, 210.77 vs. 12. Buddy Perkinson, Ford Mustang, 6.593, 209.14. 6. V. Gaines, Avenger, 6.564, 209.95 vs. 11. Jason Line, GXP, 6.590, 210.54. 7. Kurt Johnson, GXP, 6.571, 210.21 vs. 10. Larry Morgan, Mustang, 6.588, 209.95. 8. Warren Johnson, GXP, 6.572, 210.80 vs. 9. Ronnie Humphrey, GXP, 6.584, 210.97. Did Not Qualify: 17. Bob Yonke, 12.562, 70.20. 18. Mike Edwards, 28.456, 59.78.

Tennis

Abierto Mexicano Telcel Results
Saturday
At The Fairmont Acapulco Princess
Acapulco, Mexico
Purse: ATP, $1,226,500 (WT500); WTA, $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Women
Championship
Gisela Dulko (4), Argentina, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja (6), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Doubles
Men
Championship
Victor Hanescu and Horia Tecau, Romania, def. Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares (4), Brazil, 6-1, 6-3.

WTA Qatar Ladies Open Results
Saturday
At The Khalifa Tennis Complex
Doha, Qatar
Purse: $721,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, 6-4, 6-4. Doubles
Championship
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (1), Slovenia, def. Liezel Huber, United States, and Nadia Petrova (2), Russia, 7-5, 6-7 (2), 10-8 tiebreak.

ATP World Tour Dubai Duty Free Results
Saturday
At Dubai Tennis Stadium
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $2.233 million (WT500)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles
Championship
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, and Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, and Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 10-3 tiebreak.

ATP World Tour Delray Beach Championships Results
Saturday
At Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center
Delray Beach, Fla.
Purse: $442,500 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
Janko Tipsarevic (6), Serbia, def. Kei Nishikori, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.
Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Mardy Fish (2), United States, 6-1, 7-5.
Doubles
Semifinals
Christopher Kas, Germany and Alexander Peya, Austria, def. Franco Ferreiro and Andre Sa, Brazil, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 10-8 tiebreak.
Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram, United States, def. Eric Butorac, United States, and Jean-Julien Rojer (1), Netherlands Antilles, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 10-8.

FIGHT SKED

March 4
At Kissimmee, Fla. (ESPN2), Ismayl Sillakh vs. Yordanis Despaigne, 10, light heavyweights; Hector Sanchez vs. Ray Nahr, 10, junior welterweights.
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif., Vicente Escobedo vs. Walter Estrada, 10, lightweights.
At Woodland Hills, Calif., Ray Beltran Jr. vs. Carlos Vinan, 12, for the vacant USBA lightweight title; Otis Griffin vs. Yusaf Mack, 12, for Griffin's USBA light heavyweight title.

March 5
At Prudential Center, Newark, N.J., Zab Judah vs. Kaizer Mabuza, 12, for the vacant IBF light welterweight title.
At the Honda Center, Anaheim, Calif. (HBO), Saul Alvarez vs. Matthew Hatton, 12, junior middleweights for the vacant WBC junior middleweight title; Adrien Broner vs. Daniel Ponce De Leon, 10, junior lightweights; Seth Mitchell vs. Charles Davis, 10, heavyweights.

March 11
At the Planet Hollywood Theatre, Las Vegas (PPV), Joel Casamayor vs. Michael Anchondo, 10, super featherweights; Tye Fields vs. Michael Grant, 10, heavyweights; Ron Johnson vs. Garrett Wilson, 10, light heavyweights.

March 12
At Glasgow, Scotland, Ricky Burns vs. Joseph Laryea, 12, for Burns' WBO junior lightweight title.
At Mendoza, Argentina, Jonathan Victor Barros vs. Miguel Roman, 12, for Barros' WBA World featherweight title.
At Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket, Conn. (HBO), Sergio Gabriel Martinez vs. Serhiy Dzinziruk, 12, for Martinez's WBC middleweight title; Andy Lee vs. Craig McEwan, 10, middleweights.
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Miguel Angel Cotto vs. Ricardo Mayorga, 12, for the WBA Super World light middleweight title; Miguel Vazquez vs. Leonardo Zappavigna, 12, for Vazquez's IBF lightweight title; Donnie Nietes vs. Raul Garcia, 12, for Nietes' WBO minimumweight title; Yuri Foreman vs. Pawel Wolak, 10, super welterweights; Joshua Clottey vs. Calvin Green, 10, junior middleweights.

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
Midland College at Bronco Invitational, Roswell, NM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB—Named Joe Torre executive vice president for baseball operations and Frank Robinson senior advisor to the commissioner.

American League
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP David Bromberg, RHP Alex Burnett, LHP Scott Diamond, LHP Brian Duensing, RHP Deolis Guerra, RHP Eric Hacker, RHP Jim Hoey, LHP Dusty Hughes, RHP Jeff Manship, LHP Jose Mijares, RHP Anthony Slama, RHP Anthony Swarzak, C Drew Butera, INF Luke Hughes, INF Chris Parmelee, INF Trevor Plouffe, INF Matt Tolbert, INF Danny Valencia, OF Joe Benson, OF Ben Revere and OF Rene Tosoni on one-year contracts.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with SS Elvis Andrus, RHP Omar Beltre, INF Andres Blanco, OF Craig Gentry, RHP Eric Hurley and RHP Alexi Ogando on one-year contracts. National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP John Axford on a one-year contract. Frontier League
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed RHP Casey Barnes.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled D Nick Leddy from Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Claimed D Craig Rivet off waivers from Buffalo.
MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned F Jed Ortmeyer and F Warren Peters to Houston (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned F Wade Belak to Milwaukee (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS—Acquired D Bryan McCabe from Florida for F Tim Kennedy and a 2011 third-round draft pick.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Reassigned RW Brett MacLean and D Nolan Yonkman to San Antonio (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Reassigned F Johan Harju to Norfolk (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Claimed LW Marco Sturm off waivers from Los Angeles. Recalled C Jay Beagle and G Todd Ford from Hershey (AHL). Assigned C Mathieu Perreault to Hershey.

American Hockey League
MANITOBA MOOSE—Signed G Mike Mole.

ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS—Signed F Mason Cossette.
READING ROYALS—Announced D Rob Kwiet was returned to the team by Bridgeport (AHL). Loaned G Bobby Jarosz to Hershey (AHL). Signed G Shane Davis.

COLLEGE
GEORGIA—Reinstated RB Washaun Ealey.

FISHING REPORT

PANHANDLE
GREENBELT: Water stained; 56-59 degrees. Black bass are fair on red Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Walleye are fair on live bait and suspending baits. No reports on catfish.
MACKENZIE: No reports available.
MEREDITH: No reports available.
PALO DURO: No reports available.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: No Water lightly stained; 50-58 degrees. Black bass are fair on shad pattern spinnerbaits and crankbaits along creek channels, and on jerkbaits, black/blue jigs and live baits suspended in trees. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on live baits.
ARROWHEAD: Water semi-turbid; 51-59 degrees; 3.46' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Blue catfish are good on cut or live shad.
COLORADO CITY: No reports available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 50-57 degrees; 2.85' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: 52-58 degrees; 9.5' low. No reports available.
NASWORTHY: No reports available.
OAK CREEK: No reports available.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 52-59 degrees; 27.16' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, Rat-L-Traps, jigs, Texas rigged lizards. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 54-62 degrees; 1.51' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. No report on catfish.
SPENCE: 69.47' low. No reports available.
STAMFORD: No reports available.
SWEETWATER: No reports available.
WHITE RIVER: No reports available.

CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water clear. Black bass are good on watermelon Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water clear; 56-58 degrees; 3.03' low. Black bass are good on purple/black and navy blue soft plastic worms in coves. Hybrid striper are good trolling Rat-L-Traps. White bass are good on minnows in coves. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night in coves. Channel and blue catfish are good on summer sausage, Vienna sausage, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 55 degrees; 9.70' low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms and trolling Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.
BUCHANAN: Water clear; 53-59 degrees; 10.78' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon Whacky Sticks on jigheads, Rattlin' Rogues, and Carolina rigged chartreuse lizards along ledges in 15-25 feet. Striped bass are fair trolling chartreuse Curbs striper jigs and Rattlin' Rogues, and drifting live bait in 25 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 14-18 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.
CANYON LAKE: Water clear; 56-60 degrees; 1.50' low. Black bass are fair on blue flake worms on jigheads, Carolina rigged watermelon lizards, and chartreuse worms on shaky jigs along break lines. Striped bass are fair trolling silver striper jigs and vertically jigging Pink Minnows. White bass are fair on Pink Minnows and small crankbaits in 30-40 feet. Smallmouth bass are fair on tomato red curl tail grubs and JDC smoke/red flake tubes in 15-25 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and crappie jigs upriver. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.
COLEMAN: Water clear; 56-59 degrees; 10.87' low. Black bass are good on pumpkinseed Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are good on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.
COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.
FAYETTE: Water clear; 58 degrees. Black bass are fair on chartreuse and pumpkinseed soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps in shallows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows and shrimp.
GRANBURY: Water clear; 54-60 degrees; 0.31' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon and pumpkinseed soft plastics and shallow running crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Catfish are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers.
GRANGER: Water clear; 58-61 degrees; 0.06' low. Black bass are fair on black jigs in heavy timber. White bass are fair on white grubs from Comanche Bluff to Dickerson's. Crappie are good on minnows from Fox Bottom to the primitive launch under lights at night. Blue catfish to 30 pounds are good on prepared baits and shad. Yellow catfish are slow.
LBJ: Water fairly clear; 56-62 degrees; 0.23' low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin tubes and watermelon JDC drop shot worms along docks and seawalls. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on Spoiler Shads and silver Pink Minnows near the power plant. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles and under heated docks. Channel catfish are fair on minnows and nightcrawlers. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.
NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 53-58 degrees; 0.19' high. Black bass to 2 pounds are fair on minnows and crappie jigs at the marina. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue/white jigs with crappie nibbles at the marina in 6 feet. Blue catfish are good on juglines baited with shad. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.
PROCTOR: Water stained; 53-59 degrees; 6.92' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms with chartreuse tails. Striped bass are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows in 10-16 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on juglines baited with shad and perch. Yellow catfish are slow.
SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 54-59 degrees; 1.91' low. Black bass are fair on small Rat-L-Traps and shallow running crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait. Yellow catfish are slow.
STILLHOUSE: Water stained; 55-60 degrees; 0.13' high. Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbaits. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.
TRAVIS: Water stained; 58-61 degrees; 14.86' low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastics, chrome jigging spoons, and crankbaits in 15-25 feet. Striped bass are fair on shad crankbaits and spinnerbaits in 25-40 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and Li'l Fishies in 30-40 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs in 15-30 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and bloodbait in 35-50 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.
WALTER E. LONG: Water stained; 57-60 degrees. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on minnows and green striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait and shrimp at the gravel pit. Yellow catfish are slow.
WHITNEY: Water stained; 9.88' low. Black bass are good on watermelon and June bug Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on minnows and green striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and green striper jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES
New Mexico
Angel Fire — Sat 8:22 am packed powder machine groomed 20 - 42 base 69 of 75 trails
74% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Pajarito — Sat Reopen TBA packed powder machine groomed 21 - 21 base 35 of 44 trails
5 of 7 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun.
Red River — Sat 7:07 am packed powder machine groomed 40 - 45 base 53 of 57 trails
92% open, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Sandia Peak — Sat 10:10 am packed powder machine groomed 28 - 30 base 28 of 30 trails
95% open, 5 of 5 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open: Wed-Sun.
Sipapu — Sat 6:17 am powder machine groomed 35 - 43 base 39 of 41 trails, 93% open
5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Ski Apache — Sat 2:30 pm packed powder machine groomed 22 - 33 base 41 of 55 trails
75% open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Ski Santa Fe — Sat 7:56 am packed powder machine groomed 45 - 45 base 70 of 72 trails
96% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p.
Taos — Sat 8:22 am powder machine groomed 52 - 59 base 95 of 110 trails, 87% open
13 of 13 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Enchanted Forest XC — Sat 5:35 am packed powder machine groomed 20 - 24 base 40 of 40 trails, 35 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p.

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Sat 6:15 am 9 new powder machine groomed 76 - 76 base 99 of 105 trails, 100% open, 900 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Aspen Highlands — Sat 5:17 am 8 new powder machine groomed 68 - 93 base 119 of 124 trails, 100% open, 1028 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p.
Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.
Aspen Mountain — Sat 5:13 am 5 new powder machine groomed 57 - 58 base 76 of 76 trails, 100% open, 673 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p.
Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.
Beaver Creek — Sat 7:11 am 5 new powder machine groomed 67 - 67 base 149 of 149 trails, 100% open, 1815 acres, 25 of 26 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p.
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p.
Breckenridge — Sat 7:14 am 4 new powder machine groomed 84 - 84 base 155 of 155 trails, 100% open, 2368 acres, 30 of 30 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Buttermilk — Sat 5:14 am 3 new powder machine groomed 49 - 53 base 43 of 43 trails
100% open, 470 acres, 6 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.
Copper Mountain — Sat 5:06 am 2 new powder machine groomed 73 - 89 base 134 of 134 trails, 100% open, 2465 acres, 21 of 22 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Crested Butte — Sat 7:15 am 14 new powder machine groomed 66 - 76 base 105 of 121 trails, 100% open, 1167 acres, 16 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Echo Mountain — Sat 7:42 am 2 new powder machine groomed 46 - 48 base 14 of 15 trails, 95% open, 82 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, sm Mon: 9a-9p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p.
Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-4p; Open Mon, Wed-Sun.
Eldora — Sat 11:47 am 6 new powder machine groomed 63 - 63 base 53 of 53 trails
100% open, 680 acres, 11 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Keystone — Sat 7:13 am 6 new powder machine groomed 59 - 59 base 135 of 135 trails
100% open, 3148 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Loveland — Sat 5:14 am 8 new powder 80 - 80 base 92 of 93 trails
98% open, 1600 acres, 9 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Monarch — Sat 12:38 pm 21 new powder machine groomed 99 - 99 base 64 of 64 trails
100% open, 800 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Powderhorn — Sat 8:09 am 5 new powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 44 of 44 trails
100% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Purgatory at Durango — Sat 5:18 am 8 new powder machine groomed 64 - 68 base 88 of 88 trails, 100% open, 1360 acres, 9 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Silverton Mountain — Sat 6:10 am 15 new powder 90 - 135 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open, 1819 acres, 1 of 1 lift Thu/Fri: 9a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Thu-Sun.
Ski Cooper — Sat 5:22 am 4 new powder machine groomed 65 - 67 base 26 of 26 trails
100% open, 26 miles, 400 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 8a-4p.
Snowmass — Sat 5:11 am 4 new powder machine groomed 55 - 83 base 91 of 91 trails
100% open, 3132 acres, 16 of 24 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p.
Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.
SolVista Basin — Sat 7:45 am 3 new powder machine groomed 52 - 52 base 34 of 34 trails, 100% open, 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Steamboat — Sat 12:58 pm 6 new powder machine groomed 83 - 110 base 165 of 165 trails, 100% open, 2965 acres, 16 of 20 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Sunlight — Sat 5:31 am 5 new powder machine groomed 66 - 72 base 67 of 67 trails
100% open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Telluride — Sat 5:26 am 2 new powder machine groomed 59 - 59 base 117 of 125 trails
94% open, 18 of 18 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Vail — Sat 7:08 am 6 new powder machine groomed 73 - 73 base 193 of 193 trails
100% open, 5289 acres, 31 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Winter Park — Sat 5:43 am 4 new powder machine groomed 74 - 79 base 134 of 145 trails, 95% open, 2680 acres, 24 of 26 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Wolf Creek — Sat 7:32 am 16 new powder 110 - 114 base 77 of 77 trails, 100% open, 42 miles, 1600 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p.
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Ashcroft XC — Sat No Recent information powder machine groomed 67 - 79 base 8 of 20 trails, 21 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Aspen/Snowmass XC — Sat 6:16 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 7 - 9 base 15 of 15 trails, 80 miles Mon-Fri: 7a-5p; Sat/Sun: 7a-5p.
Snow Mountain XC — Sat No Recent information packed powder machine groomed 54 - 72 base 80 miles Mon-Fri: 8:30a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-5p.

Bulldogs shut out Abilene Cooper

By Shawn Shroyer
Sports Writer

As the first half of the District 3-5A schedule came to a close on Saturday, the Midland High boys soccer team showed a glimpse of the squad that won a district title in 2010.

The Bulldogs scored early and often against Abilene Cooper in a 4-0 victory at Grande Communications Stadium. The Bulldogs credited their redethication to this season for the performance.

Ferguson

"It was really important and we put some really hard work into it and it's actually starting to pay off," said Midland High's Zane Ferguson, who scored the first goal of the match. "We've changed our mentality and it's starting to turn our season around. In the locker room we're serious, there's no joking around."

With the victory and a San Angelo Central loss, Midland High (7-5-4, 3-3-0-0) pulled into a third-place tie with the Bobcats with nine points in the district.

Midland High coach Warren Cottle has noticed a change in his team's attitude and said the results were evident against Cooper (6-7-0, 0-3-2-1).

"It's probably the most complete game we've played," Cottle said. "If you look at the goals Cooper's been giving up, their max has been two. They're a very well organized team, a very well-coached team. This was one of our few shutouts. It's all in the training. They finally got serious and remembered what won us a district title last year."

Midland High disrupted Cooper's organization just 13 minutes into the match when Zane Ferguson headed in a goal on a cross from the left from Sammy Ibarra. There the score remained until halftime.

"The ball was coming across so I thought I could get a head on it," Ferguson said. "I kind of thought the other forward would take it at first but I realized he wasn't going to get to it. After that, we kept up our intensity and just wanted to play harder."

In the 54th minute, Midland High's Robert Gonzalez made up for a missed scoring opportunity earlier in the half with a hard-earned goal. After taking aim from the left side of the goalie box, the ball deflected back in front of him where he and the keeper battled for position. Gonzalez took two more cracks at the ball, the last one finally finding the net to give the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead.

The Bulldogs struck again 14 minutes later when Kierre Woods sent a free kick over the top and Nico Francino snuck behind the Cougars' defense and beat the goalie for Midland High's third goal of the contest. Just eight minutes later, Manuel Aguero polished off the victory with a goal of his own.

The only blemish on the day for the Bulldogs came in the closing minutes.

With the game all but over, a Cooper player punched Midland High's Wes Blue, who in turn pushed the player back. Despite the difference in degree of the offenses, both were given red cards, meaning Blue must sit out Midland High's game against Permian on Tuesday.

But not even that incident could spoil the afternoon for the Bulldogs' coach.

"It shows the progression," Cottle said. "We stumbled there early on, but the guys put their nose to the grindstone in training and it's starting now to reflect the team we're supposed to be. I couldn't be prouder of my group of guys."

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3-5A Soccer standings

Boys

Team	W	L	SOW	SOL	District Pts.	Overall W	L	T
Odessa Permian	3	0	1	2	12	6	3	1
Lee	3	1	1	1	12	7	8	2
San Angelo Central	2	2	1	1	9	9	6	1
Midland High	3	3	0	0	9	7	5	4
Odessa High	2	2	1	1	9	8	10	1
Abilene High	1	3	2	0	7	6	10	0
Abilene Cooper	0	3	0	2	3	6	7	0

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 4, Abilene Cooper 0; Abilene High 2, Lee 1, SO; Odessa High 3, San Angelo Central 0; Odessa Permian was open.

Tuesday's Games

Midland High at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Lee; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper is open. All games at 6:30 p.m.

Girls

Team	W	L	SOW	SOL	District Pts.	Overall W	L	T
Midland High	5	1	0	0	17	13	9	1
San Angelo Central	4	0	0	2	14	8	3	3
Odessa Permian	4	2	0	0	12	10	5	1
Lee	3	3	0	0	9	8	4	6
Abilene Cooper	1	3	2	0	7	5	7	1
Odessa High	0	5	1	0	2	9	8	2
Abilene High	0	5	0	1	1	2	9	6

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 3, Abilene Cooper 0; Lee 1, Abilene High 0; San Angelo Central 3, Odessa High 0; Odessa Permian was open.

Tuesday's Games

Midland High at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Lee; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper is open. All games at 4:30 p.m.

Bulldogs 4
Cougars 0

Defense comes through for Lady Rebels

From staff reports

George

Conner

ABILENE — The Lee girls soccer team got back on track Saturday with a critical road victory.

Lee took on Abilene High and won, 1-0, at Shotwell Stadium. Lee (8-4-5, 3-3-0-0) now has nine points in the District 3-5A standings, just two points ahead of Abilene Cooper for fourth place. Meanwhile the Lady Eagles (2-8-6, 0-5-0-1) remained with just one point in the district.

"We dominated the play," Lee coach Brian Pollard said. "I don't know how many shots we had, but we had a couple breakaways and a penalty kick. Overall, it was an outstanding game. Our keeper (Kaitlin George) only had to make three saves. It was a great way to finish out the first half."

The lone goal of the match came in the 14th minute when Jessi Gonzalez found Haylie Conner and Conner found the back of the net.

After that, Lee's defense took over.

"We played shut down," Pollard said. "Abilene High has a TCU signee and we picked her up and ran with her all day and shut her down. Abilene didn't have much working against us."

Lee returns home to play host to Odessa High at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Lady Rebels.....1
Lady Eagles 0

Rebels drop shootout to Abilene High

From staff reports

Moore

ABILENE — The Lee boys soccer team saw a one-goal lead evaporate in the second half against Abilene High, and then the Rebels dropped a 2-1 shootout decision to the Eagles.

Lee (7-8-2, 3-1-1-1, 12 points in District 3-5A) took a 1-0 lead in the 33rd minute when Juan Valdivia scored off an assist from Colyn Moore. Lee held that lead for 35-plus minutes as it worked to hold off a relentless Abilene High attack.

"The Eagles finally broke through in the 70th minute when Samuel Musonera scored of an assist from Taylor Johnson.

Then in the shootout, Abilene High's Zachary McFerin put in the game winner in the shootout, which ended with a 3-2 decision for the Eagles.

Goals for Lee in the shootout came from Moore and Jakob Marquez.

Lee finishes the second half of district play by scoring at least one point in all six district games and is tied with Odessa Permian for first place in the 3-5A standings. The Rebels will take on rival Odessa High at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Bronchos beat San Angelo Central, 3-0 on Saturday.

Eagles 2
Rebels .....1 (SO)

SWIMMING

West Texas Champs Swim Meet
Mabee Aquatic Center
Note: Winners listed only

Teams competing: COM - COM Aquatics; LSC - Lubbock Swim Club; AST - Amarillo Swim Team; Abilene YMCA - Abilene YMCA; Caprock - Caprock Swimming

Saturday's Results
Girls
8 and under

50 free: Xen Gonzalez, COM, 42.06
50 backstroke: Xen Gonzalez, COM, 50.51
100 IM: Xen Gonzalez, COM, 1:53.25

9-10

50 free: Natalie Jones, COM, 32.88
50 butterfly: Natalie Jones, COM, 35.29

10 and under

100 breaststroke: Andrea Avila, COM, 1:37.12
100 backstroke: Natalie Jones, COM, 1:26.02

11-12

50 free: Samantha Haller, LSC, 26.93
100 breaststroke: Haley Bray, LSC, 1:17.56
50 butterfly: Madison Miller, LSC, 30.22
200 butterfly: Jennifer Sites, COM, 2:48.95
100 backstroke: Haley Hudson, LSC, 1:04.73

13-14

50 free: Lindsay Helfenich, COM, 26.04
200 breaststroke: Keely Martin, COM, 2:38.99
200 butterfly: Faith Moss, AST, 1:02.29
200 backstroke: Blythe Lary, COM, 2:14.06

15 and over

50 free: Jocelin Drennan, COM, 26.41
200 breaststroke: Kaylyn Adams, LSC, 2:36.37
100 butterfly: Natalie Hinds, COM, 56.26
200 backstroke: Jocelin Drennan, COM, 2:18.61

Boys
8 and under

50 free: D'Avante Polk, COM, 33.93
50 butterfly: D'Avante Polk, COM, 39.42
100 IM: D'Avante Polk, COM, 1:28.31

10 and under

100 breaststroke: Marc Justin Calamiam, Abilene YMCA, 1:32.97
100 backstroke: Marc Justin Calamiam, Abilene YMCA, 1:22.17

9-10

50 free: Damien Devirgilio, OAC, 33.57
50 butterfly: Tommy Frances, COM, 41.05

11-12

50 free: Rafael Flores, LSC, 29.85
100 breaststroke: Benji Cole, COM, 1:25.51
50 butterfly: Matthew Tubbs, COM, 33.78
200 butterfly: Braden Vines, COM, 2:27.16
100 backstroke: Matthew Tubbs, COM, 1:13.32

13-14

50 free: Cory Dean, Caprock, 23.86
200 breaststroke: Sam Higgins, LSC, 2:46.80
200 butterfly: Barak Bane, COM, 1:04.44
200 backstroke: Michael Glover, AST, 2:11.72

15 and over

50 free: Christopher Price, Abilene YMCA, 22.65
200 breaststroke: Kevin Martin, COM, 2:20.06
200 butterfly: Christopher Price, Abilene YMCA, 54.16
200 backstroke: Cameron Wood, LSC, 2:05.05

Friday's Results
Girls
10 and under

200 IM: Alexandria Soto, COM, 2:57.06
200 free: Natalie Jones, COM, 2:35.59

11-12

200 IM: Samantha Haller, LSC, 2:21.54
200 free: Samantha Haller, LSC, 2:06.60

13-14

400 IM: Lindsay Helfenich, COM, 4:51.77
200 free: Lindsay Helfenich, COM, 2:02.96

15 and over

400 IM: Jocelin Drennan, COM, 4:46.39
200 free: Natalie Hinds, COM, 1:52.76

Boys
10 and under

200 IM: D'Avante Polk, COM, 3:03.77
200 free: Marc Justin Calamiam, Abilene YMCA

11-12

200 IM: Braden Vines, COM, 2:28.40
200 free: Braden Vines, COM, 2:11.40

13-14

400 IM: Kyle Martin, COM, 5:05.28
200 free: Michael Glover, AST, 1:59.91

15 and over

400 IM: Cameron Wood, LSC, 4:35.01
200 free: Cameron Wood, LSC, 1:54.00

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NOT TAKING IT AWAY Midland High's Meagan Martin tries to control the ball as Abilene Cooper's Devan Forbes gives chase Saturday at Grande Communication Stadium.

ROUT

From 1C

non Byrd and Molly Barham. Madison Morrow was also able to return to action, coming off the bench in the second half.

The midfield combination of Hannon, Byrd and Barham helped the Lady Bulldogs control possession of the ball virtually the entire game. Midland High had about a dozen more shots on goal than Cooper (5-6-1, 1-3-2-0), but only Holifield was able to cash in.

"I've been learning how to utilize our outside and taking the chances when we get them, so I took advantage of it," Holifield said. "It boosts your confidence and lets you be able to be comfortable and allows you to play a lot better."

Seventeen minutes into the contest, Midland High's attack began to gain momentum. Just six minutes later Hannon had a scoring opportunity from inside the goalie box, but her shot went wide right. Three minutes later Megan Maynard took aim from 12 yards out, but her shot was stopped by Cooper's keeper.

In the 28th minute, the Lady Bulldogs came tantalizingly close to getting on the board. At that point, Maryevelyn Ward launched a shot from about 15 yards out that hit off the cross bar and landed just in front of the goal line.

Finally, about 90 seconds before halftime, Holifield broke through with a goal from the right side of the goalie box and the Lady Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead into the break.

It was more of the same in the second half when in the 52nd minute — just a minute after another. Midland High shot hit the crossbar — Holifield took possession of the ball 10 yards in front of the goal, pulled up, turned and fired her shot left of the goalie into the back of the net.

Four minutes later Holifield nearly completed her hat trick with a header on a corner kick. However, she had to wait until the 64th minute for her third and final goal, scoring in the exact same circumstances. On a corner kick from Hannon, Holifield got her head on it and deposited the ball in the net.

After the game, Rivas said the play of his in-tact midfield, including Hannon, led to so many scoring opportunites.

"I would say they're probably tops in the district as far as midfielders," Rivas said. "Any time you've got those three together, you're able to hold the midfield."

Although it would seem Holifield could be the cure for Midland High's finishing issues, Rivas said he might have to use her in a defending role Tuesday against Odessa Permian.

After Saturday's performance, though, Holifield left no doubt she can finish when called upon.

"We're just going to go with who's hot," Rivas said. "But with Permian, we're going to need (Holifield) more defensively. Permian has some speed and we'll need to neutralize that speed from the beginning and we'll make adjustments from there."

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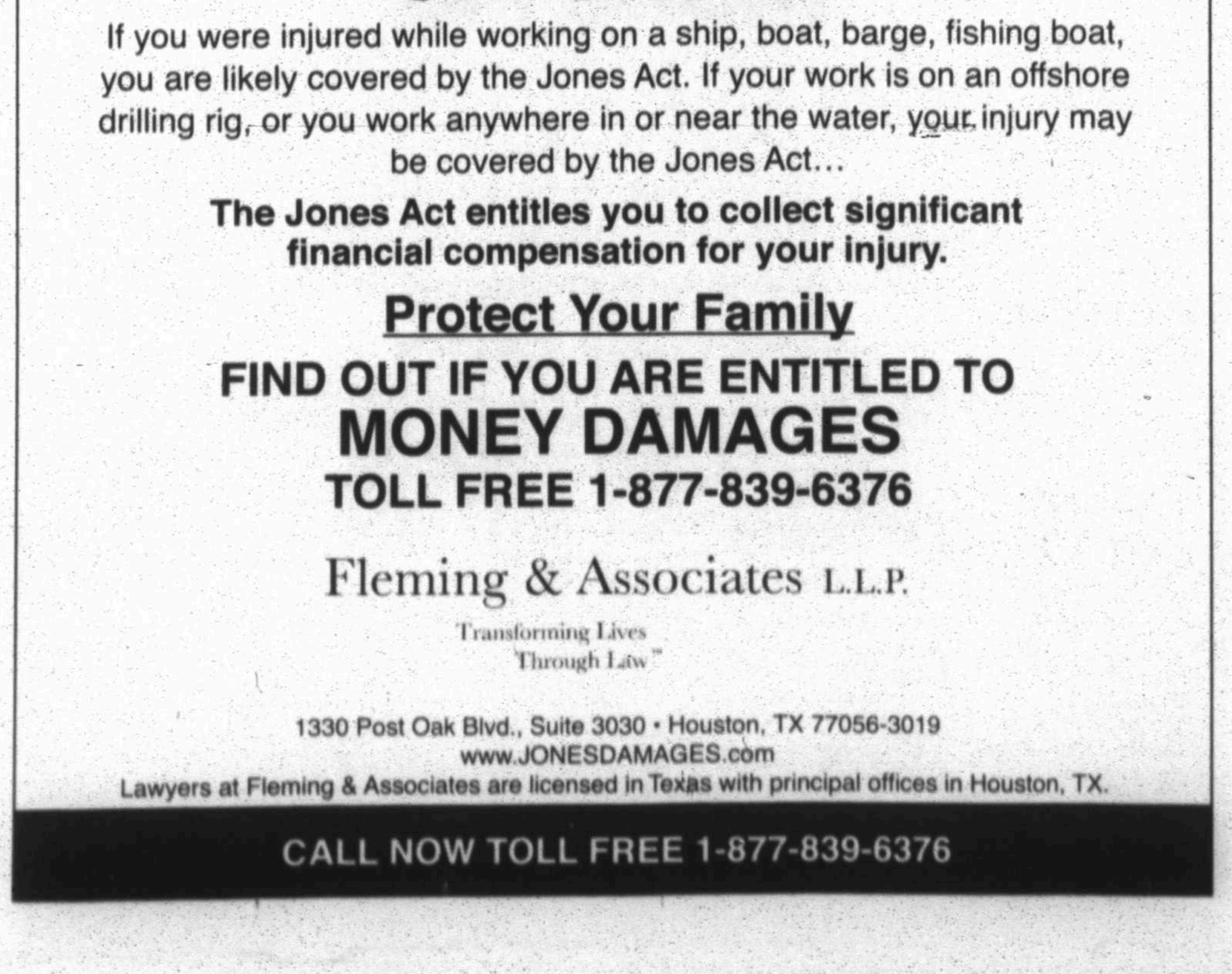

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Trinity finishes sixth in Division II

By Freddy Lopez
MRT Correspondent

Dumas High School golfer Drew Velasquez entered Saturday's Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational at Hogan Park tied for fifth in the medalist standings and by the end of the day he was first.

When results were first tallied for medalist honors, it was a three-way tie between Velasquez, his teammate Dylan Hatley and Canyon Randall's Austin Stogner.

The three players went to No. 9 on Hogan Park's Quail Course, and after all three players teed off on the par-3, the wind picked up and it was obvious a winner would be determined on that hole.

All three hit the green, but Velasquez knocked his shot to less than three feet from the cup, leaving him a tap-in birdie. Hatley and Stogner both missed their birdie putts, and Velasquez sunk his for the tournament title.

Velasquez was speechless after celebarating with his team who was there at the end of the hole the whole time cheering him on.

"It feels Great," Velasquez said.

"Drew was real consistant today shooting a 76," Dumas coach Charlie Nelson said. "Hopefully this is a sign of things to come for the Duams golf program."

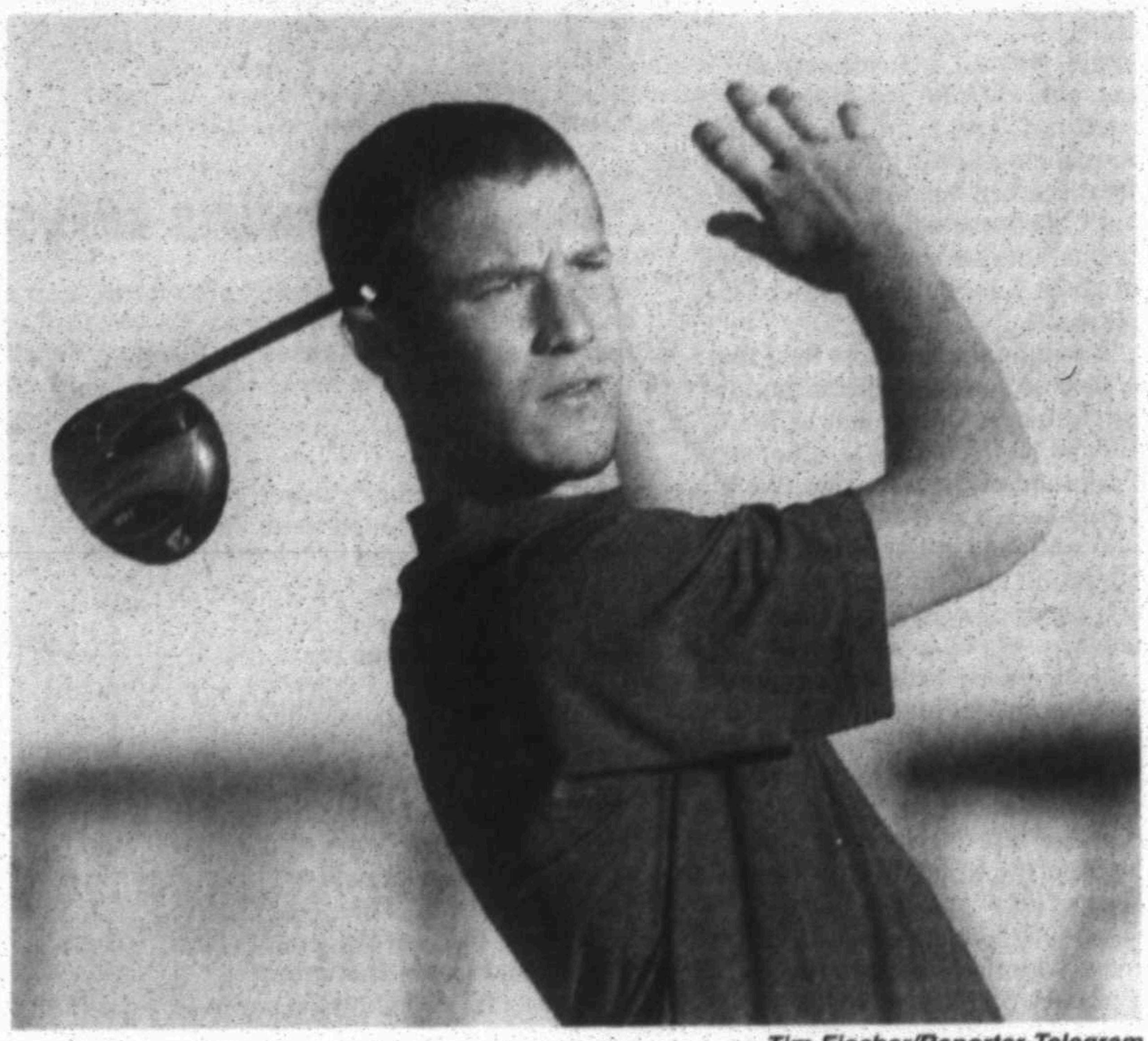
Not only was the medalist race a three-way tie at the end, but there was a three-way tie for first in the team standings. Canyon Randall was determined the winner through a scorecard playoff as Todd Hartley's 163 over two days made the difference for the Raiders. Canyon finished second and Dumas third.

"I thought we played good through out the tournament," Canyon Randall head coach Jeff Fields said. "The fun thing about golf is the winner with the lowest score wins."

Trinty seemed to be making some progress after the first day of play in the tournament coming in at fourth and having Brett Womack postioning himself to win medalist honors.

But Friday's momentum did not carry over into Saturday as the Chargers finished in sixth place, shooting 325-332—657. Womack finished 73-83—156 four strokes behind the leader for medalist honors. Teammate Trace Morrow rebounded from a tough first day to finish with a second-round 75 and also ended up at 156 for the weekend.

SATURDAY'S TALL CITY INVITATIONAL



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SEEING THE BALL Lee's Steven Wright watches his tee shot Saturday morning at the Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational
Saturday's Scores
Division I
Ranchland Hills Golf Club

Team standings: 1. El Paso Coronado 317-301—618; 2. Midland High I 327-305—632; 3. Odessa Permian I 330-303—633; 4. San Angelo Central 324-310—634; 5. (tie) Amarillo High 321-325—646; Lubbock Coronado 331-315—646; 7. Lee I 323-324—647; 8. El Paso Franklin 326-322—648; 9. Lubbock High 331-320—651; 10. El Paso Hanks 332-322—654; 11. Midland High II 334-322—656; 12. Lubbock Monterey 335-326—661; 13. El Paso Cathedral 347-317—664; 14. Midland Christian 331-334—665; 15. Abilene Cooper 348-338—686; 16. Odessa High 363-359—722

Medalist standings: 1. Cory Churchman, Cooper 72-69—141; 2. (tie) Adrian Contreras, EP Coronado 79-72—151; A.J. Auza, EP Coronado 77-74—151; 4. (tie) Michael board, MHS 78-74—152; Alex de Lyon, EP Franklin, 77-75—152; 6. Mason Taliaferro, Permian 78-76—154; 7. (tie) Michael Rodgers, Permian 80-75—155; Lawrence Feuer, Lee 76-79—155; Dylan De La O 77-78—155; 10. (tie) Chandler Smith, MHS 83-73—156; Sean Tate, Amarillo High 77-81—156

Invidual scores

El Paso Coronado (317-310—618): Adrian Contreras 79-72—151, Jere Pelletier 81-77—158, Carson Greathouse 80-78—158, A.J. Auza 77-74—151, Tanner Gore 82-80—162

Midland High I (327-305—632): Michael Board 78-74—152, Will Lester 84-83—167, Alex Lyssy 85-76—161, Zach Crowder 80-79—159, Cody Mulloy 90-76—166

Odessa Permian I (330-303—633): Micah Rodgers 80-75—155, Mason Taliaferro 78-76—154, Taylor Sparkman 82-75—157, Ty McDaniel 90-77—167, Kelby Bridges NS-77

San Angelo Central (324-310—634): Reed Stegall 82-75—157, Janzen Digby 78-80—158, Jeremy Grannado 81-77—158, Cal Arrott 83-78—161, Ben Batjer 88-80—168

Amarillo High (321-325—646): Sean Tate 77-81—156, K Hargis 82-80—162, Hogan Hudgins 78-79—157, Chase Gardner 84-86—170, Clarke Hudgins 84-85—169

Lubbock Coronado (331-315—646): Stephen Gage 86-72—158, Cody Maldonado 85-78—163, Jordan Sutherland 83-86—169, Tanner McLean 84-84—168, Travis Ward 79-81—160

Lee I (323-324—647): Mason Varner 84-82—166, Steven Wright 90-77—167, Lawrence Feuer 76-79—155, Jeremy Sanchez 81-86—167, M Jordan 82-88—170

El Paso Franklin (326-322—648): Alex de Lyon 77-75—152, Luke Hicks 87-81—176, Travis Crawford 78-80—158, Tanner Guiot 92-89—181, Alex Munoz 84-86—170

Lubbock High (331-320—651): Nick Zias 84-77—161, Kaylob Aguirre 83-88—171, Manning Pope 78-81—159, Jay Grattan 88-80—168, Anton Sonano 86-82—168

El Paso Hanks (332-322—654): Dustin Blair 80-78—158, Dylan De La O 77-78—155, Vince Rina 90-84—174, Manny Rodriguez 85-82—167, Ian Turner 91-86—177

Midland High II (334-322—656): Lucas McCubbin 80-83—163, C Babcock 84-83—167, Chandler Smith 83-73—156, B Taylor 87-83—170, Chris Terebessy 91-85—176

Lubbock Monterey (335-326—661): Justin Broskus 87-74—161, Patrick Peek 76-85—161, Cruuan McAlister 81-88—169, Tanner Fischer 91-79—170, John Mark Dominquez 95-89—184

El Paso Cathedral (347-317—664): Matthew Lopez 89-75—164, Arturo Cardenas 84-76—160, Juan Constandse 93-DQ, Jesus Gutierrez 88-84—172, Chris Montoya 86-82—168

Midland Christian I (331-334—665): Jacob Hibler 83-84—167, Klay Cunningham 82-82—164, Steven Rice 87-81—168, Daegan Blackwood 82-87—169, Brandon Herricks 84-88—172

Abilene Cooper (348-338—686): Cory Churchman 72-69—141, Zach Hanson 82-83—165, Kolin Hendrix 97-95—192, Brandon Neff 97-91—188, Jesse Keisling 108-98—206

Odessa High (363-359—722): Justin Holcomb 81-84—165, Austin Holcomb 88-91—179, Matthew Speer 102-89—191, Kenneth Burnette 92-97—189, John Crawford 105-95—200.

Individual medalists: Cade Parkinson, MHS 86-85—171

Division II
Ranchland Hills Golf Club

Team Standings: 1. Canyon Randall 319-318—641*; 2. Canyon 319-322—641; 3. Dumas 317-324—641; 4. Permian II 333-310—643; 5. Fort Stockton 333-321—654; 6. Trinity 325-332—657; 7. Odessa Permian III 335-331—666; 8. Amarillo Caprock 337-340—677; 9. Wolfforth Frenship 345-335—680; 10. Lee III 367-352—719; 11. Lee II 347-391—738; 12. San Angelo Lake View 352-434—786; 13. Odessa High II 358-446—804; 14. Amarillo Tascosa 366-449—815; 15. Midland Christian 395-507—902

* Won scorecard playoff

Medalist standings: 1. Drew Velasquez, Dumas 76-76—152*; 2. (tie) Austin Stogner, Canyon Randall 74-78—152; Dylan Hartley, Dumas 73-79—152; 4. (tie) Justin Jennings, Canyon Randall 75-79—154; Dakota Hart, Frenship 76-78—154; 6. (tie) Brandon Ezell, Fort Stockton 76-79—155; Eli Melendez, Permian 77-78—155; John Barnes, Canyon 77-78—155; Jacob Garcia, Wink 79-76—155; 10. Brett Womack, Trinity 73-83—156

* Won one-hole playoff

Individual Scores

Canyon Randall (319-318—641): Justin Jennings 75-79—154, Brad Foust 95-85—180, Austin Stogner 74-78—152, Cody Antwine 87-81—168, Todd Hartley 83-80—163

Canyon (319-322—641): John Barnes 77-78—155, Austin Hammil 80-84—164, Bill Bryant 81-80—161, Gentry Porter 85-86—171, Mark Nichols 81-80—161

Dumas (317-324—641): Dylan Hatley 73-79—152, Brandel Woodman 8077—157, Drew Velasquez 76-76—152, Chance Briffen 92-92—184, Colton Christman 88-93—181

Odessa Permian II (333-310—643): Andrew Moroles 90-79—186, Allen Baten 86-81—167, Eli Melendez 77-78—155, Hunter Burnett 84-76—160, Avery McCrury 86-77—163

Fort Stockton (333-321—654): Brandon Ezell 76-79—155, Omar Ramirez 87-79—166, Lance Luera 85-75—160, Deric Dominguez 92-88—180, Justin Sanchez 85-97—182

Trinity (325-332—657): Trace Morrow 81-75—156, Jackson Willingham 88-89—177, Brent Womack 73-83—156, Brandon Lee 83-85—168, Brantley Harrington 102—100-202

Odessa Permian III (335-331—666): Anthony Marin 81-77—156, Davis Browning 81-80—161, Michael Rosero 92-82—174, Dustin Payne 85-85—170, Alex Gutierrez 88-84—172

Amarillo Caprock (337-340—677): Jade Brown 81-86—167, Logan Wilkinson 85-79—164, Cullin Baetzel 88-90—178, Warren Edmond 83-85—168, Jon Mayes 93-94—187

Wolfforth Frenship (345-335—680): Kolton Conger 85-84—169, Hunter Hall 94-83—177, Austin Grimm 98-97—195, Dakota Hart 76-78—154, Ryan Faulkenberry 90-90—180

Lee III (367-352—719): Trey Cumbest 85-88—173, Corbin Melton 90-81—171, Kyle Wanta 97-89—186, Blake Loyd 95-94—189

Lee II (347-391—738): Alex Krol 87-71—158, Nathan Salois 83-78—161, Blake Roberson 86-81—167, Aaron Jacobs 93-78—171, Brandon Chavez 91-83—174

San Angelo Lake View (352-434—786): Hayden Ogle 85-80—165, David Castro 87-82—169, Ben Sanchez 92-85—177, Tyler Coplen 98-92—190, Alex Garcia 88-95—183

Odessa High II (358-446—804): Jacob Munoz 89-87—176, Matt Sparks 88-87—175, Aaron Castillo 110-98-208, Ruben Galindo 93-88—181, Victor Delgado 88-86—174

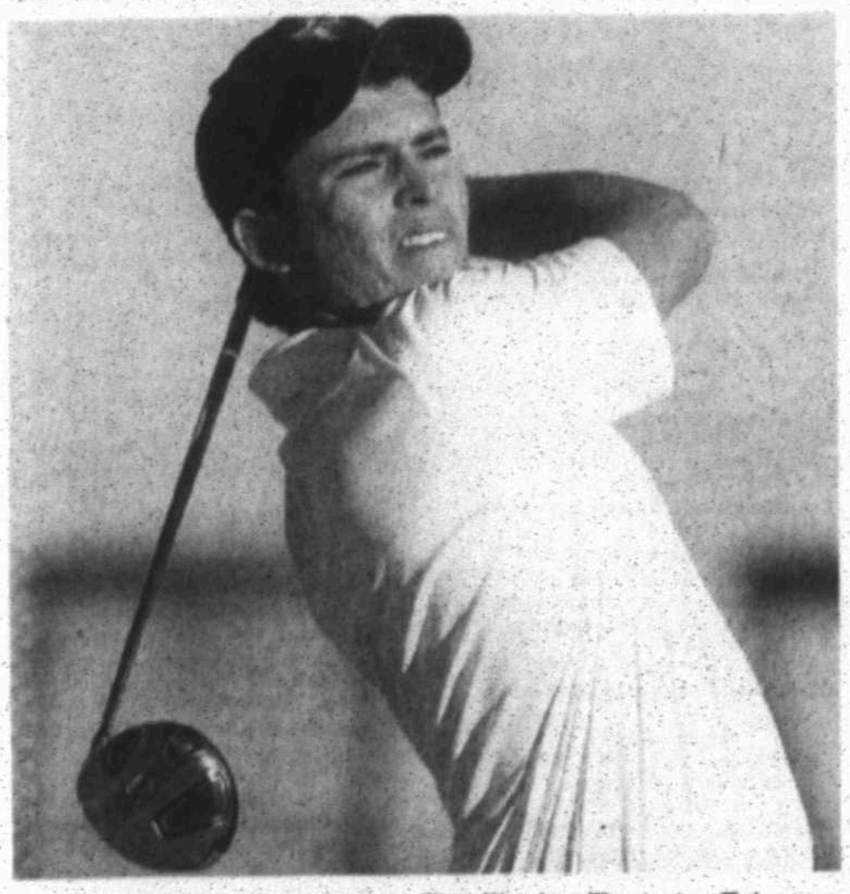
Amarillo Tascosa (366-449—815): Haihai Newby 98-87—185, Whit Collins 86-93—179, David Bryton 95-85—180, Trent Spencer 106-93—199, Bradd Sissel 87-91—178

Midland Christian (395-507—902): Dustin Courtney 95-98—193, Denton Rea 88-98—186, Corbin Light 98—109-207, Logan Garnett 114-107—221, Landon Ballard 116-95—211

Midland High III: Jake Gilmore 90-82—172, Kyle Logan 80-84—164, Alex Martinez 103-88—191, Blake Branum 101-NS

Wink: Jacob Garcia 79-76—155, JD Wilbourn 80-73—153, Seth Abbott 79-NS, Floyd Garrett 94-107—201

Invidual Medalists: Farmer Schaeffer, Canyon 79-85—164; Saul Leyva, Fort Stockton 100-90—190, Collin Crumley, Permian 90-NS



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STRAIGHT DOWN THE FAIRWAY El Paso Coranado's Adrian Contreras watches his tee shot Saturday morning at the Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

BULLDOGS

From 1C

Country Club with the low team score of the day at 301 as four of the five players shot below 80.

Adrian Contreras, who finished tied for second in the medalist standings, led Coronado with a 72 on Saturday.

"You get a little nervous and we had a four-shot lead and it could've been anybody's tournament," El Paso Coronado coach Robert Pounds said. "I was really proud of the boys for holding it together."

Odessa Permian finished in third after shooting a 303 on Saturday, with San Angelo Central fourth and Amarillo High and Lubbock Coronado tied for fifth.

Lee, meanwhile, had its share of struggles on Saturday as the Rebels fell from third to seventh. Lawrence Feuer's 79 and Steven Wright's 77 were the only two scores under 80 for the Rebels on Saturday.

"We have to work on our short game and putting, because I think everybody was striking the ball pretty well," Feuer said. "You beat yourself up a little bit because you know you should be able to do better."

Abilene Cooper's Cory Churchman won the medalist title after shooting the tournament's low round of 69, and tied in with his first-round 72, Churchman finished at 141 and won by 10 strokes.

This weekend's victory was the third of the fall and spring for Churchman, who is a sophomore.

"It was a really good round and you can't really ask for more because I probably could've got a few more shots but I got lucky a few times," Churchman said. "Everything just kind of evened out."

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Lee's Thomas finishes second in Fort Stockton

From staff reports

FORT STOCKTON — Lee sophomore Libby Thomas finished second at the Fort Stockton Girls Invitational on Saturday as she was one stroke behind winner Liz Chavarria of Sonora.

Thomas set the pace after the first day of the tournament with a 70, but on Saturday Thomas shot a 79, while Chavarria was 75-73—148 over the two days to take second.

The Lady Rebels finished fifth as a team as Andrews won.

Midland Christian was sixth.

Fort Stockton Tournament
Friday-Saturday, Fort Stockton
Desert Pines Golf Course
GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Andrews, 349-316—665; 2. Pecos, 362-339—701; 3. Odessa High, 356-349—705; 4. Monahans, 368-358—726; 5. Midland Lee, 380-351—731; 6. Midland Christian, 404-369—773; 7. Sonora, 408-385—793; 8. Permian, 401-398—799; 9. Monahans II, 417-409—826; 10. Alpine, 437-401—838.

Medalist standings: 1. Liz Chavarria, Sonora, 75-73—148; 2. Libby Thomas, Midland Lee, 70-79—149; 3. Mackenzie Barnes, Odessa High, 80-83—163; 4. Danley Hyer, Andrews, 89-76—165; McKenzie Long, Andrews, 83-82—165; 6. (tie) Sarah Black, Andrews, 89-77—166; and Tatum Windham, Pecos, 84-82—166; 8. Erin Fisher, Monahans, 87-81—168; 9. Whitlee Woods, Andrews, 88-81—169; 10. Heather Matta, Pecos, 90-83—173.

Area Individual Results

Andrews (349-316—665): Sarah Black, 89-77—166; Danley Hyer, 89-76—165; Whitlee Woods, 88-81—169; McKenzie Long, 83-82—165; Rebbekah Lambert, 94-87—181.

Lee (380-351—731): Libby Thomas, 70-79—149; Taylyn Standard, 123-88—211; Meagan Worrell, 103-91—194; Leah Schwope, 98-93—191; Cassie Sitz, 109-108—217.

Midland Christian (404-369—773): Madison Warpula, 93-88—181; Laren Cheatham, 99-84—183; Lynley Lewis, 97-93—190; Sara Calvin, 122-113—235; Emily Brown, 115-104—219.

Greenwood (509-514—1,023): Madison Pate, 97-83—180; Morgan Harris, 151-NS—NS; Haley Kemp, 154-138—292; Kailey Bouten, 149-144—293; Elyssa Selinger, 112-149—261.

Individual Medalists

Payten Payne, Andrews, 82-81—163; Whitney Light, Monahans, 116-113—229

Region I-3A Preview
Meadowbrook Golf Club

Team standings: 1. Andrews 305-308—633; 2. Graham 332-311—643; 3. Abilene Wylie 328-317—645; 4. Levelland 340-313—653; 5. Big Spring 337-317—654; 6. Borger 336-324—660; 7. Snyder 344-342—686; 8. Pecos 350-342—692; 9. Lubbock Cooper 351-344—695; 10. Lubbock Trinity 340-360—700; 11. Seminole 346-366—712; 12. Greenwood 371-366—737; 13. Brownwood 397-366—763; 14. Perryton 395-390—785

Medalist standings: 1. Taylor Grant, Wylie 76-73—149; 2. (tie) Andrews Lewis, Graham 79-71—150; Will Paulsell, Borger 73-77—150; 4. (tie) Hunter Montgomery, Andrews 74-77—151; Austin Jordan, Glen Rose 74-77—151; 6. (tie) Blake Broman, Big Spring 77-75—152; Trey Bearden, Wylie 76-76—152; 8. (tie) Mason Couch, Lubbock Cooper 74-80—154; Colton Driver, Seminole 75-79—154; 10. (tie) Jeff Joyce, Andrews 80-78—158; Brockan Bain, Levelland 87-71—158

Area Individual Scores

Andrews: Hunter Montgomery 74-77—151; Jeff Joyce 80-78—158; GK Morrisch 78-81—159; Josh Balzell 83-82—165; Matt Harper WD-94; Chance Woods 91-93—184.

Greenwood: Nathan Hartley 88-88—176; Calvin Adams 92-89—181; Grant Franklin 95-91—186; Matt Rose 96-98—194; Casey Fowler 100-106—206

Lee's Barnes, MHS' Middleton win golds at Tiger Relays

From staff reports

WOLFFORTH — Lee's Omar Barnes and Midland High's Tyler Middleton each won gold medals at the City Bank Tiger Relays at Tiger Stadium on Saturday.

Barnes' winning effort in the 400 meters helped the Rebels finish third overall in the boys point standings as Lee also won the 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

Barnes won the 400 with a time of 49.09 seconds, as he finished ahead of Odessa Permian's Jorrian Wilson.

Middleton won the 100 meters with a time of 10.62 seconds, winning by nearly a half-second over Lubbock Coronado's Tre' Scott.

Barnes was also part of Lee's 1,600-meter relay team that won as he combined with Anthony Portillo, Matt Gonzalez and Josh Shelton to come in with a time of 3:24.96.

In the 800 meters, Lee's Travis Williams, Adrian Horton, Cory McPherson and Shelton had a time of 1:29.89.

Barnes also won medals in the long jump and triple jump, as Barnes was third in the long jump and second in the triple jump. Shelton was second in the long jump with a leap of 21-feet, 7 1/2 inches

Also medaling for the Rebels on Saturday was Talor Nunez in the 110 hurdles (3rd) and Matt Gonzalez in the 300 hurdles (3rd).

For Midland High, Blake Bynum won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.03 seconds, and Chase Jones won the pole vault coming in at 14-feet.

On the girls side, Lee finished seventh as a team.

Lee's Shanses Ray finished second in the long jump at 16-2, and also medaling for the Lady Rebels was Kristen Galindo, who was third in the shot put with a throw of 33-9.

Lee and MHS at City Bank Tiger Relays
Wolfforth
Saturday
Lee
Girls

Shot Put: 3. Kristen Galindo, 33-9
Long jump: 2. Shanses Ray, 16-2; 4. Cori Rackow, 16-1/2
High jump: 6. Eliza March, 4-8
100 hurdles: 4. Shauna Standard, 17.88
400 dash: 5. Morgan St. John, 1:06.42
1,600 relay: 6. Lee, 4:30.39 (Hope Williams, Hope Stalder, Eliza March, Janae Bechner)

Boys

Long jump: 2. Josh Shelton, 21-7 1/2; 3. Omar Barnes, 21-2
Triple jump: 2. Barnes, 46-0
400 relay: 2. Lee, 43.76 (Hunter Aaron, Kenny Cleveland, Travis Williams, Josh Shelton)
110 hurdles: 3. Talor Nunez, 15.95; 6. Matt Gonzalez, 17.08
800 relay: 1. Lee, 1:29.89 (Travis Williams, Adrian Horton, Cory McPherson, Shelton)
400 dash: 1. Barnes 49.09
300 hurdles: 3. Matt Gonzalez 41.99; 5. Talor Nunez, 42.25
200 dash: 5. Cleveland, 23.00
1,600 run: 6. Fabian Martinez, 5:02.62
1,600 relay: 1. Lee 3:24.96 (Anthony Portillo, Gonzalez, Shelton, Barnes)

MHS
Girls

100: 5. Alexus Anderson, 13.50
Distance medly relay: 6. Midland, 15:46.24
400 relay: 4. MHS, 52.28

Boys

400 relay: 3. MHS, 43.85
100: 1. Tyler Middleton, 10.62
800 relay: 3. MHS, 1:32.92
300 hurdles: 1. Blake Bynum, 41.03
200: 4. Cameron Merydith, 22.99; 6. Brandon Williams, MHS
800: 5. Levi Weddle, 2:08.18
1,600: 6. Fabian Martinez, 5:02.62
1,600 relay: 5. MHS, 3:37.34
Long jump: 4. Jacoby Webster, 20-4 1/2
High jump: 5. Blake Bynum, 5-8
Discus: 4. Dolton Watson, 139-09; 5. Zach Byars, 126-06; 6. Landon Dory, 126-0
Shot put: 3. Zach Byars, 48-1
Pole vault: 1. Chase Jones, 14-0

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CONTACT Lee High's Becca Long connects for a hit Thursday against Plainview at the West Texas Classic.

Tennis tournament a growing experience for Lee, MHS

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

When a tournament the caliber of the Tall City Classic is happening outside a tennis team's back door, there is bound to be something learned.

And that is what both the Lee and Midland High tennis teams did this weekend after competing in the annual tournament that featured some of the top teams and players in Region I and in the state.

Between Lee and Midland High, the two teams had two singles players reach the quarterfinals in their respective divisions as Hillary Gilland's sixth place finish in girls singles was the best for either school.

Even without a player or team from either school reaching the semifinals, both teams finished the tournament knowing that there was plenty learned against a field they won't likely see again until the regional tournament and also found out about some future District 3-5A opponents..

"It will be the toughest field that we face because it is the second or third toughest tournament in Texas," Midland High coach Alan Biel said. "I'm proud of them for that. We kind of prepared them that you are going to do well, and at the same time understand that this is pretty fierce competition at eeach and every match."

As a team the Bulldogs accumulated 157 points as both Gilland and boys singles player David Krisa garnered top-10 finishes in their respective divisions.

Gilland lost to Lubbock Coronado's Kourtny Kouth in the quarterfinals on Friday and on Saturday rebounded to defeat Amarillo High's Bailey Warren in the fifth place semifinals. She lost to Allen's Megan Ziots, 6-2, 6-2 in the fifth place match.

"Hillary had a very good tournament, and that match she lost in the quarterfinals was really tight," Biel said. "She went up against a pretty good player, and that's a very good result for her in a tough tournament."

Krisa lost his round of 16 match to Lubbock High's Max Levine but then rebounded to work his way back through the main draw consolation bracket to defeat Allen's Jayce Miller in the consolation final, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Lee finished 13th overall, and coach Jayson Everett said that his team still has some work to do but he was pleased with how well his team played against the tough field.

The boys doubles team of Michael Endsley and Devin Hampton finished seventh, defeating a team from San Antonio Churchill by default in the seventh-place match.

Also, Lee's Hope Williams finished eighth in the girls singles after qualifying for the quarterfinals on Friday. Williams won her first two matches on Friday, inlcuding a 6-2, 6-2 win against San Antonio Churchill's Katie Kraft in the Round of 16.

"That was a really good result for Hope," Everett said. "She's just a really competitive girl and works really hard everyday, and now some of her hard work is starting to show up."

Both Lee and Midland High will play two more tournaments before the District 3-5A tournament, which is set for April 11-12 in San Angelo.

"That's what it's like with this tournament is that it will show you exactly where you are at," Everett said. "I think we played well, but it showed some weaknesses that we need to address in the coming weeks."

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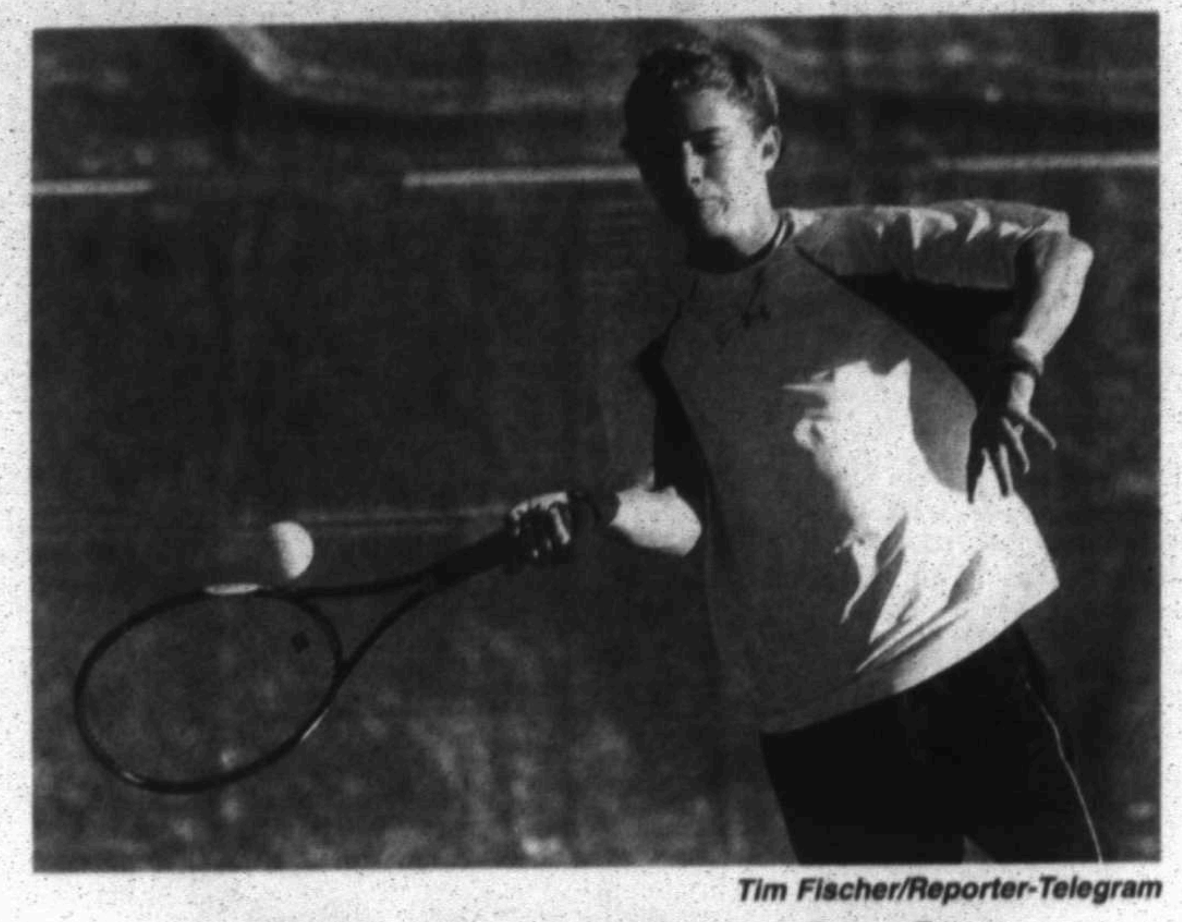

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Curry wins boys singles

Wichita Falls Rider's Connor Curry returns a shot Saturday morning in a semifinal match against Jack Rey from Coronado. Curry went on to defeat Rey 6-1, 6-4. He won the boys singles by defeating Agustin Garcia, of El Paso Coronado, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in the final.

SOFTBALL

From 1C

with three hits and three runs scored.

"We put the ball in play," Overton said. "We've been stressing that a lot. We just need to make the other team play defense. They're starting to catch on. We're just young all the way around expect for shortstop, right field and left field. We have some talented young ladies who will get nothing but better. We just have to play more games."

MHS coach Shawnda Vines said her team also did some good things over the weekend from her Lady Bulldogs (7-6).

"We had some kids come through over the course over the entire weekend in some clutch positions, and that was good to see," she said. "Some of our young ones stepped up and did some good things. Overall, it was good for us. It's a good learning experience."

Like Lee, MHS has a very young pitching staff, as shown in the Lady Bulldogs' classic finale against Greenwood. Freshman Madison Garcia was in a pitching duel with the Rangerettes' Kendall Maddox, a junior, before Greenwood broke through with the only run of the game in the sixth. Ambrey Stone had a leadoff double and then scored on a single by Krystal Hillis.

"We've got the two freshmen and the sophomore that are still working in the circle and all three of them are doing some good things and getting a little better," Vines said. "I thought (Garcia) did a very good job against Greenwood."

Both Lee and Midland High will get more games and more opportunities to get better before they face each other when District 3-5A play begins March 8.

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WEST TEXAS CLASSIC RESULTS

West Texas Classic
Thursday-Saturday
Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Division I

Maroon: Lee 56, El Paso Hanks 51, Lubbock Monterey 39, Plainview 29, Big Spring 27, Coahoma 24, Seminole 9

Purple: Burleson 59, Midland High 40, Greenwood 32, El Paso El Dorado 32, Hereford 31, Monahans 25, Kermit 8

White: El Paso Americas 56, Alpine 46, Andrews 35, Canyon 28, Midland Christian 27, Amarillo Palo Duro 8

Division II

Wolfforth Frenship JV 56, Lee JV 49, Odessa High JV 49, Midland High JV48, Odessa Permian JV 41, Fort Stockton JV 30, Monahans JV 22, Andrews JV 18, Big Spring JV 17, Greenwood JV 13

Thursday's Schedule
5 p.m.

MHS JV 6, OHS JV 4; Lee JV 7, Fort Stockton JV 6; Lee 18, Plainview 2; Burleson 7, El Paso El Dorado 0; Big Spring 9, Seminole 3; Andrews 17, Amarillo Palo Duro 1; Midland High 15, Kermit 0; Alpine 13, Canyon 8; Monahans 6, Greenwood 3

7 p.m.

Greenwood JV 16, Big Spring JV 11; Lee JV 17, Monahans JV 2; Big Spring 9, Coahoma 5; El Paso El Dorado 15, Greenwood 6; Lubbock Monterey 26, Seminole 3; Alpine 19, Amarillo Palo Duro 5; El Paso Hanks 9, Plainview 4; El Paso Americas 14, Midland Christian 2; Hereford 11, Kermit 5

9 p.m.

MHS JV 11, Big Spring JV 1; OHS JV 6, Andrews JV 3; Lee 7, El Paso Hanks 3; Burleson 10, Monahans 0; Lubbock Monterey 10, Coahoma 2; El Paso Americas 6, Andrews 2; Midland High 13, Hereford 1; Midland Christian 10, Canyon 9; Odessa Permian JV 17, Greenwood JV 0

Friday's Scores
11 a.m.

MHS JV 19, Greenwood JV 4; Frenship JV def. Big Spring, forfeit; Monahans 15, Kermit 3; El Paso Americas 11, Canyon 1; El Paso Hanks13, Coahoma 0; Andrews 8, Midland Christian 2; Lee 16, Seminole 0

1 p.m.

Permian JV 12, Andrews JV 5; MHS JV 5, Monahans JV 3; Plainview vs. Lubbock Monterey (No Score); OHS JV 16, Greenwood JV 1; Midland High 16, El Paso El Dorado 2

3 p.m.

Fort Stockton JV 10, Permian JV 9; Burleson 3, Greenwood 0; Palo Duro vs. El Paso Americas, no score; Frenship 9, Lee JV 4; Alpine 8, Andrews 5, Hereford 11, Monahans 1

5 p.m.

OHS JV 8, Fort Stockton JV 3; Alpine 5, Midland Christian 5; El Paso Hanks 14, Seminole 1; Frenship JV10, Monahans JV 6; Lee 5, Big Spring 4

7 p.m.

OHS JV 9, Permian JV 0; Lee JV 11, Big Spring JV 1; Greenwood 5, Kermit 1; Monahans JV12, Andrews JV 11; Coahoma 9, Plainview 5; Canyon 21, Palo Duro 1; Burleson 9, Midland High 6; Lubbock Monterey 15, Big Spring 6; Hereford 12, El Paso El Dorado 6

Saturday's Schedule
9 a.m.

Fort Stockton JV 10, Big Spring JV 9; Lee JV 22, Greenwood JV 0; Burleson 17, Hereford 0; OHS JV 9, Monahans JV 3; El Paso Hanks 5, Monterey 0; El Paso Americas 5, Alpine 0; Coahoma 10, Seminole 0

11 a.m.

Frenship JV 20, MHS JV 6; Lee JV 8, Andrews JV 4; El Paso El Dorado 7, Kermit 1; Canyon 7, Midland Christian 2; Plainview 14, Big Spring 6; El Paso Americas 5, Andrews 3; Midland High 5, Monahans 3; Greenwood 9, Hereford 6

1 p.m.

Fort Stockton JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 2; Greenwood JV vs. Frenship JV, Field 3; Monahans JV vs. Permian JV, Field 4; Plainview vs. Seminole, Field 5; Palo Duro vs. Alpine, Field 6; Lee 4, Monterey 3

3 p.m.

MHS JV 11, Fort Stockton JV 5; Permian JV 14, Big Spring JV 5; Burleson 14, Kermit 0; Andrews 11, Canyon 6; El Paso Hanks 17, Big Spring 0; Midland Christian 12, Palo Duro 4; Greenwood 1, Midland High 0; El Paso El Dorado 20, Monahans 3

5 p.m.

Frenship JV 13, Andrews JV 3; Lee 9, Coahoma 0

TALL CITY CLASSIC RESULTS

Tall City Classic
Saturday's Results

Team standings: 1. El Paso Coronado 252; 2. Allen 238; 3. San Antonio Churchill 314; 4. San Angelo Central 209; 5. Lubbock Coronado 205; 6. Wichita Falls Rider 176; 7. Odessa Permian 165; 8. Lubbock High 160; 9. **Midland High 157**; 10. El Paso Franklin 155; 11. Amarillo Tascosa 129; 12. Amarillo High 129; 13. **Lee 124**; 14. Odessa High 94; 15. El Paso Americas 59; 16. Granbury 54

Main Draw results and Placement matches
Boys Singles
Main Draw
Semifinals

Agustin Garcia, El Paso Coronado def. Max Levine, Lubbock 6-2, 6-2; Connor Curry, WF Rider def. Jack Rey, EP Coronado, 6-1, 6-4

Final

Curry def. Garcia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4

Third Place

Levine def. Rey, 6-0, 6-1

Fifth Place
Semifinals

Adam Cheney, EP Americas def. Andre Martinez, EP Franklin, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4; Ricardo James, EP Franklin def. Ryan DuBois, OHS, 6-3, 6-2

Final (Fifth Place)

James def. Cheney, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1

Seventh Place

Martinez def. DuBois, 6-4, 6-3

Main Draw Consolation
Semifinals

David Krisa, MHS def. Andy McNeff, Churchill, 6-0, 6-4; Jayce Miller, Allen def. Paxton Short, Amarillo, 6-3, 6-1

Final (9th place)

Krisa def. Miller, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1

13th Place
Semifinals

Daniel Betten, Allen def. Andrew Crain, Permian, 6-4, 6-1; Doug Charuk, MHS def. Kie Jones, Big Spring, 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-2)

Final (13th Place)

Charuk def. Betten, 7-5, 6-2

15th Place

Crane def. Jones, 7-5, 6-0

17th Place

Michael Dodd, Lubbock def. Barrett Barker, Amarillo, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9

19th Place

Bryan Leighton, Churchill def. Logan Powell, Tascosa, 6-1, 6-1

21st Place

Wilks Kothman, Lubb. Coronado def. Logan Gibbs, San Angelo Central, 6-0, 4-7, 10-3

23rd Place

Pete Hulder, Lee def. Remington Morris, Granbury, 2-6, 6-3, 10-5

25th Place

Matt Henderson, Lubbock Coronado def. Josh Ramirez, San Angelo Central, 6-2, 6-3

27th Place

Zach Powell, Permian def. Adrián Sandova, OHS, 7-5, 6-4

29th Place

Greg Gaskey, WF Rider def. Nick Smith, EP Americas, 6-4, 6-3

31st Place

Brandon Phillips, Lee def. Brandon Escareno, El Paso Franklin, 1-6, 6-0, 10-8

Girls Singles
Main Draw
Semifinals

Diana Roy, Allen def. Kourtney Kouth, Lubbock Coronado, 3-6, 6-0, 6-0; Melinda Johnson, WF Rider def. Andrea Ibarra, EP Coronado, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2

Final

Roy def. Johnson, 6-0, 6-1

Third Place

Ibarra def. Kouth, 6-2, 6-2

Fifth Place
Semifinals

Hillary Gilland, MHS def. Bailey Warren, Amarillo, 6-7 (7-5), 7-5, 7-6 (7-4); Megan Ziots, Allen def. Hope Williams, Lee, 6-0, 6-0

Final (5th Place)

Ziots def. Gilland, 6-2, 6-2

Seventh Place

Warren def. Williams, 6-1, 6-2

Main Draw Consolation
Semifinals

Jerrika Midkiff, Permian def. Dylan Stout, Tascosa, 6-0, 6-2; Bree Brosig, Lubb. Coronado def. Cheyenne Duncan, San Angelo Central, 6-2, 6-2

Final (Ninth Place)

Brosig def. Midkiff, 6-3, 6-3

11th Place

Stout def. Duncan, 6-2, 6-2

13th Place
Semifinals

Malorie Miller, WF Rider def. Sara Hildebrand, Churchill; Deesha Tripathy, Lubbock High def. Katie Kraft, Churchill, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5

Final (13th Place)

Tripathy def. Miller, 6-3, 6-0

15th Place

Kraft def. Hildebrand, def.

17th Place

Beth Turnbow, Amarillo def. Sayaka Hazama, EP Franklin, 6-3, 6-3

19th Place

Megan Wechner, EP Coronado def. Elia Barraza, EP Americas, 6-3, 6-0

21st Place

Shaniece Leshaw, OHS def. Katie Almaguer, MHS, 7-5, 6-4

23rd Place

Savannah Young, Permian def. Natalie Nehls, San Angelo Central, 6-4, 6-2

25th Place

Hannah Smith, Lubbock def. Chandler Dupriest, Tascosa 6-3, 6-4

27th Place

Tina Newton, Lee def. Yanira Navarette, OHS, 6-2, 7-5

29th Place

Valeria Amato, EP Americas def. Amanda Liem, EP Franklin, 6-3, 8-6

31st Place

Elizabeth Morton, Granbury def. Jessica Singer, Granbury, 7-5, 6-4

Boys Doubles
Main Draw
Semifinals

Mayer-Moreiras, Churchill def. Rotwein-Tomlin, EP Coronado, 6-1, 6-3; Morris-McDonald, Lubb. Coronado def. Melott-Gideon, San Angelo Central, 6-2, 6-2

Final

Mayer-Moreiras def. Morris-McDonald, 6-1, 6-2

Third Place

Rotwein-Tomlin def. Melott, 6-2, 6-4

Fifth Place Semifinals

Moss-Schmidt, Lubb. Coronado def. Endsley-Hampton, Lee, 6-7, 9-7, 6-2; Gutierrez-Bhalla, Allen def. Kochat-Galon, Churchill, 6-2, 6-2

Fifth Place

Gutierrez-Bhalla def. Moss-Schmidt

Seventh Place

Endsley-Hampton def. Kochat-Golan, def.

Main Draw Consolation

Semifinals

Norie-Beenhakker, WF Rider def. Boyce-Cramer, Tascosa, 6-2, 6-2; Benavidez-Hobbs, EP Coronado def. Burciago-Vechione, EP Franklin 6-2, 3-6, 6-1

Final (Ninth Place)

Benavidez-Hobbs def. Norie-Beenhakker, 6-4, 6-2

11th Place

Burciago-Vechione def. Boyce-Cramer, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3

13th Place Semifinals

Stump-Rodriguez, MHS def. Bostrom-Santanallef, Allen; Farquhar-Parkison, MHS def. Mangum-Albert, Lee, 6-3, 6-4

13th Place

Farquhar-Parkison def. Stump-Rodriguez, 6-0, 6-4

15th Place

Mangum-Albert def. Bostrom-Santanallef, 6-3, 6-2

17th Place

Wilson-Morton, OHS def. Kennedy-Woody, Lubbock, 6-1, 6-4

19th Place

Sellers-Fiscus, WF Rider def. Franklin-Juarez, San Angelo Central, 6-1, 6-0

21st Place

Pfarr-Rey, EP Franklin def. Sellers-Beakley, Permian, 6-2, 6-2

23rd Place

Casas-Yanez, EP Americas def. Merritt-Blankenship, Amarillo, 6-4, 3-6, 10-6

25th Place

Miller-Miller, Granbury def. Bush-Cramer, Tascosa, 7-6, 7-5

27th Place

Norris-Patel, Lubbock def. Schmidt-Trueba, EP Americas, 6-4, 5-7, 10-6

29th Place

Roserio-Roserio, Permian def. Slatton-Barrett, Amarillo, 6-3, 7-5

31st Place

Crist-Mueller, Granbury def. Ayalo-Tacker, OHS, 2-5, 6-4, 10-4

Girls Doubles
Main Draw
Semifinals

Collins-Denton, San Angelo Central def. Porter-Payne-Tascosa, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Lasater-Dawson, Permian def. Tello-Garland, Lubb. Coronado, 6-1, 6-3

Final

Collins-Denton def. Lasater-Dawson, 7-6, 6-4

Third Place

Porter-Payne def. Tello-Garland, 6-1, 6-3

Fifth Place Semifinals

Walker-Tribaldos, EP Coronado def. Theriault-McMullan, Allen, 6-1, 6-4; Schmidt-Pineda, Allen def. Strahl-Bryant, Churchill, 7-6, 2-6, 7-5

Fifth Place

Schmidt-Pineda def. Walker-Tribaldos, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5

Seventh Place

Theriault-McMollan def. Strahl-Bryant, def.

Main Draw Consolation
Semifinals

Rogers-James, Lubbock def. Reed-Miller, Churchill, 6-2, 6-2; Martin-Osborn, EP Franklin def. Willis-Tarabocchia, Lee, 6-0, 6-1

Final (Ninth Place)

Rogers-James def. Martin-Osborn, 6-3, 6-1

11th Place

Willis-Tarabocchia def. Reed-Miller, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4

13th Place Semifinals

Gilliam-Petterson, Lubb. Coronado def. Kratzer-Smith, MHS; Figueroa-Aguilar, Lubbock def. Hastings-Aldaco, WF Rider, 6-1, 6-0

13th Place

Figueroa-Aguilar def. Gilliam-Petterson, 7-5, 6-0

15th Place

Hastings-Aldaco def. Kratzer-Smith

17th Place

Garcia-Camara, EP Coronado def. Lamberth-Ramzan, WF Rider, 6-3, 7-5, 10-5

19th Place

Brokaw-Freeman, Permian def. Miller-Vermillion, Tascosa, 6-2, 6-1

21st Place

Jones-Valenzuela, OHS def. Swets-Gee, San Angelo Central, 4-6, 6-3, 10-7

23rd Place

Marichee-Khandheria, Amarillo def. Saur-Saur, 6-2, 5-7, 10-7

25th Place

Curry-Cheney, Granbury def. Elliott-Bustamante, EP Franklin, 6-2, 6-4

27th Place

Orras-Grametbaur def. Tigner-Wright, 6-3, 6-3

29th Place

Leary-Presley, Lee def. Mast-Carroll, Team X, 6-4, 6-7, 11-9

31st Place

Casillas-Flores, EP Americas def. Murillo-Ochoa, MHS, 6-4, 4-6, 15-13

Mixed Doubles
Main Draw
Semifinals

Williams-Johnson, San Angelo Central def. King-Ritchie, Tascosa, 6-0, 6-2; Bynum-Baker, San Angelo Central def. Urquidi-Billsbarrow, EP Coronado, 6-3, 7-5

Final

Williams-Johnson def. Bynum-Baker, 6-0, 1-0, def.

Third Place

King-Ritchie def. Urquidi-Billsbarrow, 6-3, 6-2

Fifth Place Semifinals

Durell-Haynes, Permian def. Shanker-Delgado, EP Coronado, 6-2, 6-4; Chilton-Reynolds, Lubbock def. Hunt-Bradshaw, Permian, 6-2, 7-5

Fifth Place

Chilton-Reynolds def. Durell-Haynes, 6-4, 6-2

Seventh Place

Shanker-Delgado vs. Hunt-Bradshaw, 6-0, 6-0

Main Draw Consolation
Semifinals

Jallad-Rovner, EP Franklin def. Young-Nelson, Churchill; Lowe-Miller, Allen def. Bramlett-Bramlett, Granbury

Final (9th Place)

Lowe-Miller def. Jallad-Rovner, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3

11th Place

Young-Nelson def. Bramlett-Bramlett, def.

13th Place Semifinals

Sparks-Hanson, MHS def. Milne-Rubio, Lee, 6-2, 6-1; Almaguer-Young, Churchill def. Jenkins-Simpkins, 7-6, (7-5), 6-4

13th Place

Sparks-Hanson def. Almaguer-Young, 7-5, 6-3

15th Place

Jenkins-Simpkins def. Milne-Rubio, 6-1, 6-2

17th Place

Maeker-Melchor, Lubb. Coronado def. Rehyer-Scharfenbuerg, Lubb. Coronado, 6-1, 4-6, 10-8

19th Place

Doyle-Ho, Allen def. Chavez-Ornelas, OHS, 6-4, 6-2

21st Place

Green-Plata, Amarillo def. Montellano-Ramzan, WF Rider, 3-6, 6-4, 10-4

23rd Place

Haynes-Miller, Tascosa def. Watts-Gregory, OHS, 6-3, 6-1

25th Place

Sanchez-Lamb, MHS def. Kelley-Swearington, Granbury, 6-2, 7-5

27th Place

August-Lambrick, EP Franklin def. Chu-Norman, WF Rider, 6-3, 6-2

29th Place

Paz-Holguin, Lee def. Felix-Hsu, EP Americas, 6-3, 6-3

31st Place

Shaver-Huffhines, Lubbock def. Palma-Campos, EP Americas, 6-1, 6-1

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

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COMING THROUGH Virginia Tech's Jeff Allen (0) center, celebrates beating Duke after an NCAA college basketball game in Blacksburg, Va., on Saturday.

Top 25 Men

VIRGINIA TECH 64, NO. 1 DUKE 60: At Blacksburg, Terrell Bell scored 12 points, including five straight to give Virginia Tech the lead for good, and the Hokies beat No. 1 Duke 64-60 on Saturday night.

The Hokies (19-8, 9-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), badly in need of a signature victory to enhance their NCAA tournament credentials, got it thanks to 12-4 run over a span of 4 1/2 minutes that turned a 53-47 deficit into a 62-57 lead with 2 minutes remaining.

NO. 3 KANSAS 82, OKLAHOMA 70: At Norman, Marcus Morris scored 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds, twin brother Markieff added 19 points and 10 boards and No. 3 Kansas moved into a tie for first place in the Big 12 by beating slumping Oklahoma 82-70 on Saturday.

The Jayhawks (27-2, 12-2) shot 57 percent, making more than half of their shots from the field for the 21st time this season, and notched their seventh straight win in the series.

COLORADO 91, NO. 5 TEXAS 89: At Boulder, Alec Burks scored 33 points and Levi Knutson added 21 as Colorado overcame a 22-point first-half deficit for the upset.

Colorado (18-11, 7-7 Big 12) was down 48-33 at halftime, but the Longhorns (24-5, 13-2) suddenly were affected by the altitude and the Buffaloes' push-the-pace style that led to first-year coach Tad Boyle's biggest win in Boulder.

Because of issues at the free throw line — where Burks, an 84 percent shooter, missed eight shots — the Buffs had to sweat out the final minute.

NO. 7 BYU 80, NO. 6 SAN DIEGO ST. 67: At San Diego, Jimmer Fredette scored 25 points and Charles Abouo added 18 as BYU spoiled the biggest game in San Diego State's history and took a one-game lead in the Mountain West Conference.

The Cougars (27-2, 13-1) swept the season series against the Aztecs (27-2, 12-2). The second loss came in one of the most eagerly anticipated games in this city's history. It was SDSU's first loss in 14 games this season at Viejas Arena. BYU also swept both games last season.

NO. 9 NOTRE DAME 60, SETON HALL 48: At South Bend, Tim Abromaitis scored 22 points and Ben Hansbrough added 21 to lead Notre Dame to a 60-48 victory over Seton Hall on Saturday night.

The win allowed the Irish (23-5, 12-4 Big East) to stay in second place in the conference and was another step toward the double-bye in the upcoming league tournament.

UCLA 71, NO. 10 ARIZONA 49: At Los Angeles, Reeves Nelson had a career-high 27 points and 16 rebounds, and UCLA moved into a tie with Arizona for first place in the Pac-10 in the last men's game played at historic Pauley Pavilion before it closes for renovation.

Joshua Smith added 17 points and Tyler Honeycutt had 15 for the Bruins (21-8), who share the league's top spot at 12-4 with two games remaining. They have won 12 of 14.

BAYLOR 58, NO. 21 TEXAS A&M 51: At Waco, LaceDarius Dunn and Perry Jones scored 16 points each as Baylor wrapped up a regular-season sweep of the Aggies.

Quincy Acy added 10 points for the Bears (18-10, 7-7 Big 12), who took a 76-74 overtime win in College Station on Feb. 5, the last loss before Texas A&M went on a five-game win streak.

NO. 17 SYRACUSE 58, NO. 11 GEORGETOWN 51: At Washingon, Scoop Jardine had 17 points and seven assists to lead Syracuse.

The Orange (24-6, 11-6) won their fourth consecutive game by pulling away down the stretch after the teams were tied at 45 with 7 minutes left.

NO. 22 KENTUCKY 76, NO. 13 FLORIDA 68: At Lexington, Darius Miller scored a career-high 24 points and Brandon Knight added 16 points and six assists for Kentucky.

The Wildcats (20-8, 8-6 Southeastern Conference) won their 33rd straight home game and gave coach John Calipari his 500th career victory.

NO. 18 VANDERBILT 90, LSU 69: At Baton Rouge, Jeffery Taylor scored 20 points and Vanderbilt outscored LSU 49-26 in the second half.

John Jenkins overcame a slow start to finish with 17 points for Vanderbilt (21-7, 9-5 Southeastern Conference), which bounced back from its first loss in six games.

KANSAS ST. 80, NO. 20 MISSOURI 70: At Manhattan, Jacob Pullen scored 24 points and joined Mike Evans as the only players in Kansas State history to top the 2,000-point mark.

Curtis Kelly added 15 points and six rebounds for the resurgent Wildcats (20-9, 8-6), who have won six of seven and are battling Missouri (22-7, 8-6) for the fourth and final bye in the Big 12 tournament.

NO. 24 TEMPLE 57, GEORGE WASHINGTON 41: At Washington, Lavoy Allen scored 19 points and had a season-high 16 rebounds for Temple, which overcame a horrific first 10 minutes.

After scoring just eight points in the opening 10 minutes, Temple (22-6, 12-2 Atlantic 10) finally took the lead for good when they held George Washington to just two points over the final 11:22.

Big 12 Men

OKLAHOMA STATE 69, TEXAS TECH 68: At Stillwater, Jean-Paul Olukemi scored 20 points, including the final six for his team, and Oklahoma State broke a four-game losing streak with a 70-68 win over Texas Tech on Saturday.

Olukemi's three-point play put Oklahoma State ahead 69-68 with 25.4 seconds left. After Texas Tech's Mike Singletary traveled with 8 seconds remaining, Olukemi made one of two free throws. Texas Tech's John Roberson missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

IOWA STATE 83, NEBRASKA 82, OT: At Ames, Diante Garrett scored 17 points, including a key layup in overtime, and Iowa State beat Nebraska 83-82 on Saturday to snap a 10-game losing streak.

Scott Christopherson added 14 points for the Cyclones (15-14, 2-12 Big 12), who handed the Cornhuskers a potentially crushing blow to their NCAA tournament hopes.

Texas Men

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM 68, HOUSTON 55: At Houston, Alabama-Birmingham won its 20th game of the season and maintained at least a share of first place in the Conference USA standings with a 68-55 victory over Houston on Saturday.

Jamarr Sanders scored 18 points for the Blazers (20-7, 10-4 Conference USA), who reached the 20-win mark for the fourth straight season. Ovie Soko and Preston Purifoy added 17 points each.

NORTHWESTERN STATE 78, TEXAS-ARLINGTON 71, OT: At Nathcitoches, Devon Baker scored 20 points and Northwestern State defeated Texas-Arlington 78-71 in overtime Saturday.

Northwestern State (17-12, 9-5 Southland Conference) made 6 of 8 free throw attempts in overtime and hit 26 of 42 free throws for the game. The Mavericks were 10 of 18.

ALABAMA STATE 68, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 61: At Montgomery, Tramaine Butler scored 22 points to lead Alabama State over Prairie View A&M 68-61 on Saturday.

Butler was 7 of 17 from the field and 6 of 10 from the free-throw line for the Hornets (12-16, 9-6 Southwestern Athletic Conference), who won their sixth straight.

TEXAS SOUTHERN 83, ALABAMA A&M 78, OT: At Normal, Harrison Smith scored 19 points and Travele Jones added 18 to lead Texas Southern to an 83-78 overtime victory over Alabama A&M on Saturday night.

The Tigers (16-10, 14-1 Southwestern Athletic Conference) shot 45.5 percent from the field (5 of 11), including 2 of 2 from 3-point range in the extra period en route to their eighth straight victory.

MARSHALL 64, SOUTHERN METHODIST 62: At Huntington, Damier Pitts scored 19 points to lead Marshall to a 64-62 win over Southern Methodist on Saturday night.

The Thundering Herd (20-9, 8-6 Conference USA) trailed 46-43 with less than 10 minutes to play before scoring nine straight and taking the lead for good, 52-46, with 5:23 remaining.

UTEP 74, MEMPHIS 47: At El Paso, Randy Culpepper scored 20 points to lead UTEP to a 74-47 rout of Memphis on Saturday in the Miners' first game since coach Tim Floyd was reprimanded by Conference USA for an on-court outburst.

John Bohannon added 15 points and Jeremy Williams 14, including three 3-pointers, as the Miners (21-8, 9-5) ran their home record to 16-2.

NEW MEXICO 80, TCU 70: At Fort Worth, Dairese Gary had 32 points and nine assists as New Mexico defeated TCU 80-70 on Saturday night.

A.J. Hardeman added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Lobos (18-11, 6-8 Mountain West), who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Top 25 Women

NO. 1 CONNECTICUT 52, NO. 18 GEORGETOWN 42: At Washington, Maya Moore scored 20 points, and No. 1 Connecticut overcame a season-high 26 turnovers against No. 18 Georgetown's helter-skelter defense, holding on for a 52-42 win Saturday that clinched the top seed in the Big East tournament.

The Huskies repeatedly found themselves unable to get the ball downcourt — they turned it over eight times in 10 possessions during a 6-minute stretch in the second half — but countered with some solid defense of their own, holding Georgetown to 26 percent shooting.

NO. 2 STANFORD 99, OREGON 60: At Stanford, Jeanette Pohlen scored 20 points, Kayla Pederson had 13 points and 10 rebounds and second-ranked Stanford clinched its 11th straight Pac-10 title.

The Cardinal (26-2, 17-0) dominated in every phase to set a new home record with their 60th consecutive win at Maples Pavilion. They haven't lost at home in more than four seasons.

NO. 8 NOTRE DAME 66, CINCINNATI 48: At South Bend, Becca Bruscewski scored 12 points in her final home game, and No. 8 Notre Dame cruised past Cincinnati.

Devereaux Peters also had 12 points for the Irish (24-5, 13-2 Big East), who jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first 2 1/2 miunutes, pushed it to 15-6 with 8:24 remaining in the first half and then started the second half with a 21-0 run that put the game away.

NO. 17 WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY 93, BUTLER 57: At Green Bay, Kayla Tetschlag scored 16 of her 20 points in the first half and No. 17 Wisconsin-Green Bay finished off a perfect home schedule.

The Phoenix (26-1, 16-0 Horizon League) may have saved their performance of the season for the Bulldogs, setting season highs in points and field-goal shooting at 64.2 percent.

RUTGERS 67, NO. 19 WEST VIRGINIA 58: At Piscataway, Chelsey Lee hit a go-ahead three-point play with 1:02 to go and Rutgers rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit.

Erica Wheeler scored a career-high 22 points and April Sykes added 18 as the Scarlet Knights (17-11, 10-5 Big East) won their third straight game and preserved their hopes for the No. 4 seed in the Big East tournament.

NO. 23 GONZAGA 80, SAN DIEGO 58: At Spokane, Courtney Vandersloot scored 20 points and No. 23 Gonzaga wrapped up its second straight undefeated conference schedule.

The Bulldogs (26-4, 14-0 West Coast Conference) have won seven straight conference titles, and 30 consecutive regular-season league games dating to the 2009-09 season.

Texas Women

TEXAS TECH 57, OKLAHOMA STATE 48: At Lubbock, Casey Morris scored 17 points to lead Texas Tech to a 57-48 victory over Oklahoma State, giving the Lady Raiders their first 20-win season since the 2004-05 season.

Tech (20-8, 7-7 Big 12) opened the game on an 8-0 run before Oklahoma State (15-12, 3-11) scored its first basket at 16:06 on a jumper by Vicky McIntyre.

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UTPB ROUNDUP

Men's Basketball

AUSTIN — The tension continued to build for the UTPB men's basketball team in its game against St. Edward's on Saturday. After playing 25 games throughout the season, none was bigger than this one.

At stake for the Falcons was a possible first in school history: a share of the Heartland Conference regular season championship and a No. 1 seed in the upcoming post season tournament. Elijah Jordan made both happen as he hit a half-court buzzer-beater in double overtime to give the Falcons a 96-95 victory against the Hilltoppers.

The Falcons' win coupled with a Texas A&M International loss to St. Mary's gave UTPB its share of the conference title. The Falcons and Dustdevils both share 8-4 league marks, but UTPB's sweep over Dallas Baptist and St. Mary's earlier this season gives it the tie-break and the No. 1 seed in the Heartland Conference Tournament. The winner of the post season tournament earns a berth in the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

Women's Basketball

AUSTIN — Miesha Blackshear poured in a game-high 19 points and pulled down nine rebounds while the rest of the UTPB women's basketball team took advantage of 41 turnovers by St. Edward's in a 78-58 UTPB victory.

Thanks to the abundance of miscues by the Hilltoppers, the Falcons tallied 23 steals, including seven by Blackshear and four by Tammy Acosta, who also finished with 10 points. Not only did the turnovers result in a field day defensively for UTPB, but also led to 43 points, including 26 in the paint.

The Hilltoppers kept the game close through the first part of the first half, taking a 20-18 lead after Brittany Ward hit a three-pointer with 8:07 before the break. A 12-0 run by the Falcons gave them a 30-20 lead and never looked back the rest of the way. UTPB eventually took a 34-22 halftime lead.

Softball

ODESSA — The UTPB used a squeeze bunt in the final game of the Black and Orange Tournament to break a tie and defeat Eastern New Mexico, 4-3, on Saturday. Earlier in the day, the Falcons fell to East Central Oklahoma, 5-4, in eight innings.

The Falcons thought they were not going to have to use their last at-bat in the bottom of the seventh leading 3-2 with two outs in the top of the frame. Eastern New Mexico got a sacrifice fly from Tessa Fioritti, plating Emily Livingston from third to tie the game at three.

UTPB's Cene Padilla hit a one-out double down the left line in the bottom of the seventh before advancing to third on a wild pitch. Tieifa Dueberry laid down a bunt toward the pitcher while Padilla raced home, but the throw to the plate was too late as Padilla gave the Falcons the game-winning run.

Baseball

ODESSA — The UTPB baseball team snapped its eight-game losing streak with an 11-5 vicotry against St. Edward's to take the third and final game of the series.

UTPB's Chandler Goode, Jeremy Miller and Travis Wilcox each had two hits on the day, while Wilcox had a pair of doubles with three RBI and two runs scored. Austin Wooldridge also picked up a hit with two RBI.

St. Edward's picked up where it left off the day before by scoring in the top of the first on an RBI single by Adam Shank to plate Dylan Schuch who reached on a one-out single.

The Falcons answered in the bottom of the second with two runs on back-to-back sacrifice bunts by Andy Quiring and Ryan Giacomini. They would later make it 3-1 in the third when Wilcox doubled to right center to score Miller, who hit a one-out single before advancing to second on a Hilltopper error.

St. Edward's tied the game at three with a pair of runs in the fifth before the Falcons put up three more in the sixth to take the lead for good. The Falcons improved to 5-9 on the year and now sport a 3-6 league mark.

Compiled from staff reports

NBA ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 105, WIZARDS 99: At Washington, Jason Terry scored 25 points, Tyson Chandler had a season-high 23 and 13 rebounds and Dallas earned its fifth consecutive victory.

Dirk Nowitzki added 21 points for the Mavericks, who have won 15 of 16 overall. Dallas improved to 8-1 in its last nine road games in the opener of a three-game trip.

John Wall had 24 points for lowly Washington, which has lost five in a row and 15 of 16. Nick Young scored 14 and Rashard Lewis finished with 13.Dallas.

ROCKETS 123, NETS 108: At Houston, Kevin Martin scored 30 points, Chase Budinger added 27 and Houston beat Deron Williams and the New Jersey Nets 123-108 on Saturday night in the Rockets' first game since trading away Shane Battier and Aaron Brooks.

Budinger took Battier's spot in the starting lineup and went 8 for 11 from the field. Luis Scola added 23 points and seven rebounds for the Rockets, who've won nine straight meetings with New Jersey.

Williams had 15 points and a season-high 17 assists for the Nets, who have lost five in a row and eight of 10.

BULLS 83, BUCKS 75: At Milwaukee Luol Deng scored 19 points and Derrick Rose had 17, leading the surging Bulls to the victory.

Chicago has won six of seven to improve to 15-4 since Jan. 14, putting pressure on Boston and Miami at the top of the Eastern Conference. Joakim Noah had eight points and 17 rebounds for the Bulls, who beat the Heat 93-89 on Thursday night.

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute scored a second-high 16 points and John Salmons added 14 points for the Bucks.

PISTONS 120, JAZZ 116: At Auburn Hills, Rodney Stuckey scored 28 points and made a big steal in the final minute, helping the Pistons bounce back from an embarrassing start to the weekend.

One night earlier, Detroit used only six players in a lopsided loss at Philadelphia after several Pistons missed at least part of a team shootaround. Stuckey and Austin Daye, who arrived late to the shootaround and didn't play Friday, were back on the court against the Jazz.

GRIZZLIES 120, KINGS 92: At Memphis, Zach Randolph had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Marc Gasol added 21 points, and the Grizzlies pulled away in the second half.

Both Randolph and Gasol were 10 of 15 from the field as Memphis shot 55 percent while winning for the sixth time in seven games. Darrell Arthur had 17 points, O.J. Mayo scored 13 and Hamed Haddadi added 10 points and a career-high 10 rebounds.

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MAJOR COLLETE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

Top 25 Fared
Saturday

1. Duke (26-3) lost to Virginia Tech 64-60. Next: vs. Clemson, Wednesday.
2. Ohio State (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Sunday.
3. Kansas (27-2) beat Oklahoma 82-70. Next: vs. No. 21 Texas A&M, Wednesday.
4. Pittsburgh (25-3) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Louisville, Sunday.
5. Texas (24-5) lost to Colorado 91-89. Next: vs. Kansas State, Monday.
6. San Diego State (27-2) lost to No. 7 BYU 80-67. Next: at Wyoming, Tuesday.
7. BYU (27-2) beat No. 6 San Diego State 80-67. Next: vs. New Mexico, Wednesday.
8. Purdue (23-5) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Sunday.
9. Notre Dame (23-5) beat Seton Hall 60-48. Next: vs. No. 15 Villanova, Monday.
10. Arizona (23-6) lost to UCLA 71-49. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.
11. Georgetown (21-8) lost to No. 17 Syracuse 58-51. Next: at Cincinnati, Saturday.
12. Wisconsin (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday.
13. Florida (22-6) lost to No. 22 Kentucky 76-68. Next: vs. Alabama, Tuesday.
14. Connecticut (20-7) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Sunday.
15. Villanova (21-8) lost to No. 23 St. John's 81-68. Next: at No. 9 Notre Dame, Monday.
16. Louisville (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Pittsburgh, Sunday.
17. Syracuse (24-6) beat No. 11 Georgetown 58-51. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
18. Vanderbilt (21-7) beat LSU 90-69. Next: at No. 22 Kentucky, Tuesday.
19. North Carolina (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland, Sunday.
20. Missouri (22-7) lost to Kansas State 80-70. Next: at Nebraska, Tuesday.
21. Texas A&M (22-6) lost to Baylor 58-51. Next: at No. 3 Kansas, Wednesday.
22. Kentucky (20-8) beat No. 13 Florida 76-68. Next: vs. No. 18 Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
23. St. John's (19-9) beat No. 15 Villanova 81-68. Next: at Seton Hall, Thursday.
24. Temple (22-6) beat George Washington 57-41. Next: at Massachusetts, Wednesday.
25. Xavier (21-6) did not play. Next: at Dayton, Sunday.

SCORES
SOUTH

Alabama St. 68, Prairie View 61
Alcorn St. 83, Southern U. 74
Appalachian St. 70, The Citadel 59
Arkansas 67, Auburn 55
Austin Peay 75, SE Missouri 52
Belmont 88, Kennesaw St. 41
Bethune-Cookman 76, S. Carolina St. 72
Boston College 63, Virginia 44
Chattanooga 77, Samford 72, OT
Clemson 63, Wake Forest 49
Coastal Carolina 81, Charleston Southern 77
Davidson 78, UNC Greensboro 67
Elon 72, Georgia Southern 57
Fla. International 83, Troy 76, OT
Florida St. 65, Miami 59
Gardner-Webb 64, High Point 40
George Mason 65, Georgia St. 58
Georgia 64, South Carolina 48
Hampton 71, Delaware St. 64
IUPUI 78, Centenary 57
Jackson St. 82, MVSU 63
James Madison 72, Va. Commonwealth 69
Kentucky 76, Florida 68
Louisiana-Lafayette 61, Louisiana-Monroe 46
Marshall 64, SMU 62
McNeese St. 71, Nicholls St. 51
Md.-Eastern Shore 73, Howard 63
Mercer 68, Lipscomb 67
Middle Tennessee 57, W. Kentucky 39
Mississippi 68, Alabama 63
Mississippi St. 70, Tennessee 69
Morehead St. 77, Tenn.-Martin 64
Murray St. 66, E. Kentucky 56
N. Carolina A&T 76, Coppin St. 72
N.C. Central 58, Florida A&M 55
N.C. State 79, Georgia Tech 74
Norfolk St. 69, Morgan St. 63
North Florida 53, Florida Gulf Coast 51
Northwestern St. 78, Texas-Arlington 71, OT
Old Dominion 77, William & Mary 58
Presbyterian 73, Liberty 66
Richmond 72, Charlotte 59
S.C.-Upstate 70, Campbell 64
SE Louisiana 74, Cent. Arkansas 63
Stetson 70, Jacksonville 62
Tennessee St. 66, E. Illinois 62
Tennessee Tech 77, Jacksonville St. 75
Texas Southern 83, Alabama A&M 78, OT
UCF 65, Southern Miss. 64
UNC Asheville 81, Radford 58
VMI 89, Winthrop 85
Vanderbilt 90, LSU 69
Virginia Tech 64, Duke 60
W. Carolina 70, Coll. of Charleston 62
Wofford 79, Furman 65

MIDWEST

Akron 69, Buffalo 60
Ball St. 65, Cent. Michigan 58
Bradley 90, Drake 64
Butler 63, Loyola of Chicago 56
Cleveland St. 64, Wis.-Green Bay 57
Creighton 63, N. Iowa 55
Evansville 73, Illinois St. 67
IPFW 82, UMKC 57
Illinois 81, Iowa 68
Indiana St. 75, S. Illinois 60
Iowa St. 83, Nebraska 82, OT
Kansas St. 80, Missouri 70
Miami (Ohio) 84, Bowling Green 77
Michigan 70, Minnesota 63
Missouri St. 69, Wichita St. 64
N. Illinois 75, Toledo 70, OT
N.J. Tech 59, North Dakota 52
Notre Dame 60, Seton Hall 48
Ohio 88, Kent St. 87, OT
Saint Louis 62, Duquesne 51
South Dakota 105, Chicago St. 73
South Florida 86, DePaul 76
Valparaiso 79, Ill.-Chicago 65
Wis.-Milwaukee 94, Youngstown St. 87, OT

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 71, Ark.-Little Rock 63
Baylor 58, Texas A&M 51
East Carolina 71, Rice 68
Grambling St. 75, Ark.-Pine Bluff 57
Kansas 82, Oklahoma 70
New Mexico 80, TCU 70
North Texas 63, Denver 41
Oklahoma St. 70, Texas Tech 68
Oral Roberts 69, W. Illinois 57
Sam Houston St. 67, Lamar 60
Texas St. 82, UTSA 80
Texas-Pan American 77, St. Thomas, Texas 72
Tulsa 66, Tulane 59
UAB 68, Houston 55
UTEP 74, Memphis 47

FAR WEST

Air Force 74, Colorado St. 57
BYU 80, San Diego St. 67
California 87, Oregon St. 76
Colorado 91, Texas 89
E. Washington 59, Montana 55, OT
Gonzaga 68, San Diego 31
Long Beach St. 71, UC Santa Barbara 53
N. Colorado 72, N. Arizona 71
Oakland, Mich. 82, S. Utah 68
Portland St. 69, Montana St. 64
San Jose St. 72, Louisiana Tech 60
Seattle 73, CS Bakersfield 54
Southern Cal 62, Arizona St. 46
Stanford 88, Oregon 71
UC Irvine 97, Pacific 86, 2OT
UC Riverside 85, UC Davis 81
UCLA 71, Arizona 49
Utah St. 84, Idaho 68
Utah Valley 67, Houston Baptist 62
Weber St. 73, Sacramento St. 70

Women

Top 25 Fared
Saturday

1. Connecticut (28-1) beat No. 18 Georgetown 52-42. Next: vs. Syracuse, Monday.
2. Stanford (26-2) beat Oregon 99-60. Next: vs. California, Thursday.
3. Baylor (25-2) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Oklahoma, Sunday.
4. Tennessee (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Sunday.
5. Texas A&M (24-3) did not play. Next: at Texas, Sunday.
6. Xavier (24-2) did not play. Next: at Temple, Sunday.
7. DePaul (25-5) lost to No. 24 Marquette 60-53. Next: vs. No. 8 Notre Dame, Monday.
8. Notre Dame (24-5) beat Cincinnati 66-48. Next: at No. 7 DePaul, Monday.
9. Duke (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 North Carolina, Sunday.
10. Michigan State (24-4) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
11. UCLA (23-3) at Arizona State. Next: vs. Washington, Thursday.
12. Miami (25-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday.
13. North Carolina (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Duke, Sunday.
14. Florida State (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
15. Maryland (22-6) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Sunday.
16. Oklahoma (19-8) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
17. Wisconsin-Green Bay (27-1) beat Butler 93-57. Next: at Wright State, Thursday.
18. Georgetown (21-8) lost to No. 1 Connecticut 52-42. Next: at South Florida, Monday.
19. West Virginia (21-8) lost to Rutgers 67-58. Next: vs. St. John's, Monday.
20. Kentucky (21-7) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Sunday.
21. Marist (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Fairfield, Sunday.
22. Georgia (20-8) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday.
23. Gonzaga (26-4) beat San Diego 80-58. Next: WCC tournament, Saturday or Sunday.
24. Marquette (22-6) beat No. 7 DePaul 60-53. Next: at Cincinnati, Monday.
25. Iowa State (20-8) beat Kansas State 58-51. Next: vs. Kansas, Tuesday.

SCORES
SOUTH

Alabama A&M 50, Texas Southern 46
Alcorn St. 54, Southern U. 52, OT
Appalachian St. 80, UNC-Greensboro 57
Austin Peay 71, SE Missouri 51
Barry 62, St. Leo 49
Belmont 50, Kennesaw St. 47
Campbell 98, S.C.-Upstate 70
Campbellsville 101, Cumberlands 72
Carson-Newman 74, Anderson, S.C. 65
Centenary 75, IUPUI 64
Chattanooga 59, W. Carolina 47
Cumberland, Tenn. 76, Mid-Continent 54
E. Illinois 69, Tennessee St. 54
Elon 61, Coll. of Charleston 51
Fairmont St. 75, W. Va. Wesleyan 71
Fla. International 71, Troy 47
Florida A&M 59, N.C. Central 58
Florida Gulf Coast 70, North Florida 54
Freed-Hardeman 65, Bethel, Tenn. 59
Furman 54, Georgia Southern 47
Georgetown, Ky. 69, WVU Tech 59
Hampton 77, Delaware St. 64
High Point 57, Winthrop 45
Lander 104, Augusta St. 46
LeMoyne-Owen 93, Lane 91
Liberty 64, Coastal Carolina 44
Limestone 87, Barton 73
Lincoln Memorial 81, Lenoir-Rhyne 77
Lipscomb 70, Mercer 67
Louisiana-Monroe 70, Louisiana-Lafayette 55
Louisville 59, Seton Hall 49
MVSU 67, Jackson St. 59
McNeese St. 75, Nicholls St. 58
Md.-Eastern Shore 53, Howard 50
Mount Olive 107, St. Andrew's 53
Murray St. 65, E. Kentucky 56
N. Carolina A&T 81, Coppin St. 58
N. Kentucky 61, Kentucky Wesleyan 51
Norfolk St. 66, Morgan St. 65
Pfeiffer 87, Erskine 76
Prairie View 50, Alabama St. 43
Presbyterian 73, Gardner-Webb 65
Radford 81, Charleston Southern 78, OT
Richmond 68, Saint Louis 57
S. Carolina St. 64, Bethune-Cookman 60
Stetson 69, Jacksonville 51
Stillman 74, Tuskegee 69, OT
Tenn.-Martin 88, Morehead St. 69
Tennessee Tech 63, Jacksonville St. 50
Trevecca Nazarene 68, Martin Methodist 55
UNC Pembroke 71, Flagler 51
Wheeling Jesuit 52, Alderson-Broaddus 39
Wingate 72, Brevard 69
Xavier, NO 59, Dillard 54

MIDWEST

Augustana, S.D. 76, Minn.-Crookston 63
Bowling Green 80, Kent St. 59
Cardinal Stritch 62, Calumet 54
Cent. Michigan 68, E. Michigan 67
Cleveland St. 76, Youngstown St. 71
Colorado 63, Missouri 59
Concordia, St.P. 86, St. Cloud St. 56
Dayton 69, Fordham 51
Detroit 71, Loyola of Chicago 62
Drury 71, St. Joseph's, Ind. 63
Ferris St. 65, Grand Valley St. 62
Hanover 93, Manchester 65
Ill.-Chicago 77, Wright St. 60
Iowa St. 58, Kansas St. 51
Kansas 77, Nebraska 61
Lake Superior St. 88, Findlay 66
Maranatha Baptist 79, Moody Bible 71
Marquette 60, DePaul 53
Miami (Ohio) 77, Akron 64
Michigan Tech 68, Northwood, Mich. 51
Minn. Duluth 66, Upper Iowa 48
N. Illinois 57, Toledo 53
North Dakota 58, N.J. Tech 37
Northern St., S.D. 75, Mary 66
Notre Dame 66, Cincinnati 48
Park 46, McKendree 41
S. Dakota St. 64, N. Dakota St. 51
Saginaw Valley St. 55, N. Michigan 45
South Dakota 66, Chicago St. 56
UMKC 80, IPFW 71
W. Michigan 68, Ball St. 51
Walsh 73, Roberts Wesleyan 41
Wayne, Mich. 76, Hillsdale 75
Wayne, Neb. 73, Minn. St., Moorhead 67
William Jewell 69, Lindenwood 64
Winona St. 79, Bemidji St. 67
Wis.-Green Bay 93, Butler 57
Wis.-Milwaukee 70, Valparaiso 69

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 54, Ark.-Little Rock 51
Cent. Arkansas 79, SE Louisiana 61
Denver 74, North Texas 50
Grambling St. 72, Ark.-Pine Bluff 43
Lamar 99, Sam Houston St. 88
Northwestern St. 66, Texas-Arlington 58
Oral Roberts 101, W. Illinois 75
Stephen F.Austin 89, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 78
Texas Tech 57, Oklahoma St. 48
UTSA 81, Texas St. 64

FAR WEST

Arizona 84, Southern Cal 74
BYU 56, San Diego St. 52
CS Bakersfield 94, SIU-Edwardsville 68
Cal Poly 61, Long Beach St. 48
Colorado St. 70, Air Force 49
E. Washington 71, Montana 63
Gonzaga 80, San Diego 58
Louisiana Tech 78, Utah St. 70
Loyola Marymount 87, San Francisco 60
N. Colorado 62, N. Arizona 56
New Mexico St. 63, Nevada 59
Pepperdine 91, Santa Clara 75
Portland St. 81, Montana St. 77
S. Utah 60, Oakland, Mich. 49
Saint Mary's, Calif. 62, Portland 52
Stanford 99, Oregon 60
TCU 84, New Mexico 71
UC Davis 83, UC Irvine 67
UC Riverside 72, Pacific 56
UC Santa Barbara 71, CS Northridge 52
Utah Valley 82, Houston Baptist 58
Washington 65, Washington St. 48
Weber St. 81, Sacramento St. 68
Wyoming 77, UNLV 56

MacArthur's Jones finds fans among Lady Dawgs

By Jonathan Hull
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FORT WORTH — Many of the Midland High faithful have to be wondering what might have been following the Lady Bulldogs' 55-40 Region I-5A Championship loss to Irving MacArthur at Wilkerson-Greines Athletic Center on Saturday.

But it has less to do with how they lost the game, than who they lost it to.

MacArthur junior guard Alexis Jones torched the Lady Dawgs for 29 points, 11 rebounds and four assists on Saturday. But had circumstances played out differently, Jones could have easily been playing with the Lady Dawgs rather than against them.

Jones, considered one of the top college recruits for the Class of 2012, grew up in Midland and played in youth basketball leagues and later on at San Jacinto Junior High before moving to Irving with her family after she completed the seventh grade.

During her time in the Tall City, Jones competed with and against Midland High seniors Paris Webb and Kelsey Hoppel. She remembers that time fondly, but obviously it didn't keep her from holding back on the court on Saturday.

"I love all those girls. I've been playing with them since I was real little and they've played for my dad," Jones said. "I knew I had to come down and play hard. I know they wanted the win as much as I did. I didn't have any (sentimental) feelings because there are no friends on the court. I couldn't let up at any time."

And despite Saturday's outcome, Hoppel and Webb have the same feelings toward Jones and will be cheering her on to win a state title.

"She's a sister to me. She's an awesome player," Webb said. "If we ain't the team going to state then I'm glad they are."

Added Hoppel: "I'm proud of her. I've known her since we were little. We even played softball together. I'm happy for her and her team also. She's going to do great things. She has a great family. I know she'll keep working hard and do what she always does."

And while Midland High coach T.C. Willis already knew what Jones was capable of coming into Saturday's regional final, he was still left in awe of her overall performance.

"Her ability to get to the basket and be an outside threat always puts a defender on her heels," Willis said. "She gets to the basket so often, but she's able to step out and hit the three as well. And she can see the floor so well and find the open player. She's outstanding."

While Midland High fans would prefer to be cheering the Lady Dawgs on at the Class 5A State Tournament, at least they can take solace in knowing they can pull for a player with ties to the Tall City.

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KEEPING UP WITH JONES Midland High's Paris Webb, left, gets the ball tipped away by MacArthur's Alexis Jones on Saturday during the Region I-5A finals at Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center in Fort Worth.

JONES

From 1C

But MacArthur finally took off with the game in the second period, opening it with a 10-2 run and pulling away with a 25-10 advantage. The Lady Dawgs never cut the deficit to less than 12 points for the rest of the game as they struggled to find any rhythm offensively.

Most notably was MacArthur's ability to keep MHS senior post Dreamika Merchant from controlling the paint. Merchant, who is Midland High's second-leading scorer averaging more than 14 points a game this season, was held to a six points.

"We got out of our rhythm a bit," MHS coach T.C. Willis admitted. "We wanted to get the ball inside more, but they did a good job keeping us out. They were really packed in. It was just another thing very uncharacteristic about us today and that had a lot to do with Irving."

Not only did the Lady Cards prevent Merchant from getting involved down low, they also kept senior point guard Paris Webb from penetrating the lane. For the first time this season, Webb didn't register a single assist after averaging more than six a game.

"We knew we had to shut down their big person," Jones said. "We got their coach to take her out. Then we wanted to keep them from penetrating. They got some 3-point shots off, but we didn't want them penetrating."

Meanwhile, Jones, who moved to Irving from Midland following her seventh grade year, was adjusting on the fly to every defensive change Midland High made in trying to prevent her from impacting the game so greatly. But even when the Lady Dawgs did keep MacArthur's standout junior guard from getting open looks at the basket, she still managed to hit a contested shot or find an open teammate.

"It seems everything we did try, she just countered," Willis said. "She has such good vision to get her teammates involved and get them the ball when we try to take her out of the game."

In particular, Jones consistently found junior Khoria Newman, who complemented with 15 points, including nine in the second period when the Lady Cards began to pull away.

"It was good she came down and showed she can knock a shot down," Jones said of Newman. "It showed I'm not the only person who can score on this team like everybody thinks. It showed we can work together."

Kelsey Hoppel had 12 points, knocking down four 3-pointers in her final game as a Lady Bulldog. Junior Krystal Valdez added 11, while Webb chipped in 10.

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NO. 5 IRVING MACARTHUR 55, NO. 20 MIDLAND HIGH 40

Midland High (32-5) — Kelsey Hoppel 12, Krystal Valdez 11, Paris Webb 10, Dreamika Merchant 6, Sabrina Banks 1.

MacArthur (33-2) — Alexis Jones 29, Khoria Newman 15, Cierra Robinson 5, Karmyn Jackson 4, Ayriel Anderson 2.

MHS	8	10	7	15	—40
MacArthur	15	18	10	12	—55

Free throws — MHS 5-8, IM 11-17. 3-point goals — MHS 6 (Hoppel 4, Valdez 2), IM 5 (Jones 4, Newman). Rebounds — MHS 27 (Merchant 7), IM 40 (Jones 11). Assists — MHS 2 (Valdez 2), IM 7 (Jones 4). Turnovers — MHS 10, IM 12. Total fouls — MHS 15, IM 6. Fouled out — None.

San Saba wins girls Region I-2A tournament

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Lady Dillos	**50**
Lady Tigers	41

It took three games but San Saba finally took down Hico.

And it couldn't have come at a better time.

The Lady Dillos defeated the Lady Tigers 50-41 in the Region 1-2A Championship on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

Hico (26-10) won the first two regular season games between the two District 6 opponents, making San Saba's victory even more impressive.

But it wasn't easy for the Lady Dillos (30-8).

After being outscored 16-9 in the second quarter — 14 by Hico's Cassi Stegall — coach Tony Taylor made an adjustment to slow the senior guard down.

Taylor said that the body language by his team wasn't good at halftime and that he had to find a way to get the ball out of Stegall's hands.

"We went to a little run-and-jump and made her throw out of it," Taylor said. "We scrambled and got a few turnovers and that seemed to give us a little life."

With under six minutes left and down 26-29 in the third period, San Saba forced two turnovers that led to baskets. Those two scores were a part of an 8-0 run for the Lady Dillos.

Hico coach Brad Stegall said that even though his team had faced the run-and-jump all season, they were caught off guard.

"We really didn't expect that out of them," Stegall said. "It really was the difference in the game. It hurt us. They did a good job of executing it."

Cassi Stegall only scored six points in the second half after being flustered and flummoxed by the Lady Dillo's pressure.

For San Saba, Haylee Oliver came alive in the final two quarters, scoring 21of her game-high 28 points. She finished the game with six blocks that helped turn the tide for the Lady Dillos after trailing early.

"The blocks are momentum changers," Oliver said. "Coach (Taylor) has always told me that it's not all about the offense and defense wins championships. Stopping Cassi Stegall is what won us this championship."

Taylor said that the Lady Dillos' improbably run to the UIL State Tournament is not something he expected entering the playoffs as the third place team from District 6.

"In the back of my mind I was thinking, 'Do I have track stuff ordered,'" Taylor said. "We do have it (ordered) but it's going to wait now."

SAN SABA 50, HICO 41

San Saba (30-8) —Tarah Crosby 7, Johna Reavis 2, Karlee Cromer 2, Haylee Oliver 28, Jaena Edwards 6, Danessa Vasquez 2, Joannah Crosby 3.

Hico (26-10) — Cassi Stegall 22, Stacey Underwood 11, Kim Ramos 5, Claudia Zuniga 3.

San Saba 50	14	9	13	14	—50
Hico 41	10	16	8	7	—41

Free throws — San Saba 7-11, Hico 10-13. 3-point goals — San Saba 5 (Edwards 2, Oliver 1, Tarah Crosby 1, Joannah 1), Hico 3 (Stegall, Underwood, Ramos). Total fouls — San Saba 10, Hico 13.

Next game: UIL State Championships, Frank Erwin Center, Austin on March 3.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Girls

Class 5A
Region I-5A Tournament
Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth
Friday's Semifinals

Irving MacArthur (W6, 34-2) 68, North Crowley 55

Midland High (W3, 32-4) 60, Duncanville 48

Saturday's Final

Irving MacArthur (W6, 35-2) 55, Midland High 40

Class 4A
Region I-4A Tournament
Scurry County Coliseum, Snyder
Friday's Semifinals

Plainview (R3, 32-4) 37, Waco Midway 27

Canyon (W3, 35-0) 29, Mansfield Summit 26

Saturday's Final

Canyon (W3, 36-0) 42, Plainview 40, OT

Class 3A
Region I-3A Tournament
United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Friday's Semifinals

Kennedale (W8, 25-7) 65, Lubbock Cooper 47

Abilene Wylie (W5, 20-13) 59, Shallowater 44

Saturday's Final

Abilene Wylie (W5, 21-13) 59, Kennedale 53

Class 2A
Region I-2A Tournament
Chaparral Center
Friday's Semifinals

San Saba (T6, 28-8) 65, Dimmitt 50

Hico (R6, 26-9) 45, Spearman 44

Saturday's Final

San Saba (T6, 29-8) 50, Spearman 41

Class A
Division I
Region I-A Tournament
Texan Dome, Levelland
Friday's Semifinals

Smyer (W6, 31-2) 56, Panhandle 50

Sudan (W5, 28-6) 60, Wheeler 32

Saturday's Final

Smyer (W6, 32-2) 34, Sudan 30

Division II
Region I-A Tournament
Texan Dome, Levelland
Friday's Semifinals

Hartley (R1, 22-6) 34, Paducah 33

Whitharral (W5, 28-6) 58, Follett 39

Saturday's Final

Whitharral (W5, 29-6) 48, Hartley 47

Division II
Region II-A Tournament
Moody Coliseum, Abilene
Friday's Semifinals

Newcastle (W16) 57, Highland 49

Lipan (R16) 57, Roby 30

Saturday's Final

Newcastle vs. Lipan, late

Boys

Class 5A
Regional Quarterfinals

North Crowley (30-5) vs. El Paso Franklin (F1, 26-8), TBA

Flower Mound Marcus-Duncanville winner vs. Lewisville High (24-10), TBA

Lubbock Coronado (R2, 15-15) vs. Arlington Bowie (R4, 23-11), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jim Ned HS

Colleyville Herigage (27-7) vs. Cedar Hill (31-3), TBA

Class 4A
Regional Quarterfinals

Denton Ryan (W4, 24-8) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (R3, 25-9), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Kimbrough Arena, Abilene

Fort Worth Southwest (R6, 24-11) vs. Fort Worth Arlington Heights (27-2), TBA

Amarillo Palo Duro (W3, 27-6) vs. The Colony (R4, 20-12), TBA

Fort Worth Trimble Tech (29-3) vs. Waco Midway (23-11), TBA

Class 3A
Regional Quarterfinals

Seminole (W4, 21-10) vs. Lubbock Estacado (W2, 33-1), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Texan Dome, Levelland

Kennedale vs. Burkburnett (29-3), TBA

Fabens (13-15), vs. Pampa (17-12), TBA

Wichita Falls Hirschi (21-12) vs. Lake Worth (T7), TBA

Class 2A
Regional Quarterfinals

Childress (30-5), District 1 (2), vs. Idalou (W2, 26-1), time TBA, Wednesday, West Texas A&M Events Center

Jim Ned (R5) vs. Hico (W6), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Cisco HS

Muleshoe (19-10) vs. Stanton (25-5), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Wall (W7, 28-3) vs. Eastland (W5, 29-4), 8 p.m., Wednesday, Merkel HS

Class A
Division I
Regional Quarterfinals

Hale Center (W4, 22-7) vs. Wheeler (R3, 21-6), TBA

Tahoka (W6, 24-5), vs. Olton (R5, 18-11), TBA

Clarendon vs. Gruver (21-11), TBA

Iraan (23-2) vs. Farwell (28-1), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mustang Arena, Andrews

Division II
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Nazareth (T2, 17-15) vs. Happy (W2, 18-11), TBA

Sands (W8, 28-4) vs. Paducah (W6, 23-5), TBA

Kress (R2, 24-6) vs. Texline Texline (W1, 18-11), TBA

Valley (R6, 24-6) vs. Anton (W5, 26-3), TBA

Region II
Regional Quarterfinals

Bronte (W12, 28-2) vs. Sterling City (T12), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Junell Center Angelo State University

Graford (W16, 22-10) vs. Throckmorton (W14, 14-4), 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Windthorst

Ira (W11, 25-4) vs. Garden City (R12, 15-7), time TBA, Wednesday, Post HS

Baird (W15) vs. Lipan (R16), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Breckenridge

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CELEBRATING MOOD Driver Kyle Busch celebrates a win in victory lane on Saturday after a NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz.

Kyle Busch earns chance for perfect weekend

By John Marshall
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Polesitter Kyle Busch dominated early and held off Carl Edwards late for the Nationwide Series' first wire-to-wire win in eight years on Saturday, setting up the chance for a perfect weekend at Phoenix International Raceway.

The Nationwide opener was a nail-biter, with Tony Stewart nipping Clint Bowyer by .007 seconds for the series' closest finish ever at Daytona. Busch had race No. 2 looking like a walkover until Edwards pulled beside him three times in the final 20 laps.

Busch never let him get around, though, leading a track-record 200 laps to become the first green-to-checkers winner in any NASCAR series national race since Dale Earnhardt Jr. did it during a Nationwide race at Daytona in 2003.

The trucks winner Friday night, Busch can make it three straight in Sunday's 500-mile Sprint Cup race, where he'll start fourth.

He won the trucks race in a dominating performance and was fast in his Nationwide car, too, setting a track record of 134.298 mph to secure the pole.

Of course, records have been falling everywhere this weekend.

Clint Bowyer set the trucks qualifying record on Friday and Edwards qualified on the pole for Sunday's Sprint Cup race with a track-record speed, one of 15 drivers to eclipse the record he set on the way to winning at Phoenix last fall.

The weather changed for the Nationwide race, as wind from an incoming storm whipped flags atop the grandstands and wobbled pit signs like giant fishing poles with a marlin on the end.

None of it slowed Busch down.

He pulled away from Edwards from the opening green flag and did the same on a couple of restarts, lapping more than half the field by the race's midpoint.

Edwards was the only driver who could stay in Busch's mirror, lingering a few seconds back while the rest of the field was 10 or more on green-flag racing for the last 60 laps or so. He was close to Busch after a restart with about 30 laps left and pulled beside him three times in about a 10-lap span, but could never make the pass.

Busch kept a few car lengths ahead after that to win for the fourth time in 12 Nationwide starts at Phoenix.

Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne had a solid day going before being bitten by a blown tire.

He had to go to a backup Sprint Cup car after a blown tire sent him into the wall on the first lap of practice on Friday, and the same thing happen with 35 laps left in the Nationwide race. Bayne started seventh and was steady in the top 10 before the accident, finishing 31st.

Kevin Harvick, Ryan Newman and Reed Sorenson rounded out the top five.

Martin Kaymer takes over No. 1 in the world

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Stoic as ever, Martin Kaymer rolled in an 8-foot par putt on the 18th hole Saturday and treated it like another day at the office, removing his cap to shake hands with his latest victim.

Kaymer

Kaymer is not ready to celebrate becoming the new No. 1 player in golf.

Right now, he just wants to be No. 1 at the Match Play Championship.

The 26-year-old German outlasted Bubba Watson to end a long day at Dove Mountain and reach the championship match, assuring that he will be No. 1 in the next world ranking.

Kaymer becomes the 14th player to top the ranking and the second-youngest player to be No. 1. Tiger Woods was 21 when he first reached No. 1 in the world in June 1997.

But the celebration will have to wait. Next up for Kaymer is Luke Donald, who set an Accenture Match Play Championship record by needing only 73 holes in five matches to reach the final.

"When I hear those things, that I'm No. 1 in the world on Monday ... I'm in the middle of a tournament," Kaymer said. "It would be fantastic tomorrow if I could win. Then it really feels like I deserve to be No. 1. I'm not saying that I don't deserve it, but it would make me feel better if I would win instead of finishing second tomorrow.

"So yes," he said with a smile, "it's a little strange."

There should be no debate whether the "Germanator" deserves to be No. 1. He ends the 17-week reign of Lee Westwood, who only had three wins on his world ranking ledger when he became No. 1.

SATURDAY'S GOLF ROUNDUP

PGA

MAYAKOBA GOLF CLASSIC: At Playa Del Carmen, Johnson Wagner shot a 6-under 65 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Chris Stroud after the third round in Mexico.

Wagner, the 2008 Houston Open winner, had a 13-under 200 total on the Greg Norman-designed El Camaleon course on the Caribbean coast. Stroud, the second-round leader after making eight straight birdies in a 63, shot a 70.

LPGA

HSBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS: At Singapore, Japan's Chie Arimura shot a 1-under 71 to maintain a one-stroke lead over Australia's Karrie Webb after the third round in Singapore.

The 23-year-old Arimura was steady on the third day of the event, shooting two birdies and one bogey for an 11-under 205 through three rounds.

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CITY OF LAMESA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids and proposals addressed to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas will be received at the office of Shirley Wilkie in City Hall of the City of Lamesa, Texas until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 15, 2011 for bids for a Oil and Gas Lease. Bids are to be delivered to the City of Lamesa, Texas. Bid forms and additional information are available at City Hall, Room 6, 601 South First Street, Lamesa, Texas.

Such Oil and Gas Lease shall provide for the lease of the mineral interest owned by the City of Lamesa, Texas, in all of the North 200 acres of the West one-half of Section 19, Block 35, T-5-N, T & P Railway Company Survey in Dawson County, Texas, and shall be on the lease form prescribed by the City of Lamesa, Texas, and available to prospective bidders in Room 6 of the City Hall at the address above stated. Any bid or proposal must provide for the payment of the City of Lamesa of a lease bonus in the amount of at least $400.00 per net mineral acre owned by the City and must provide for a Lessor's royalty of not less than 25% of the oil, gas and other minerals produced.

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CITY OF LAMESA, TEXAS
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Maria Hatchett
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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glassock County line.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for **REFRIGERATORS** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Bidders may obtain bid documents on or after Wednesday February 23, 2011 by contacting Mary J. Niles, Mitchell Planning Associates at the following address:

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Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

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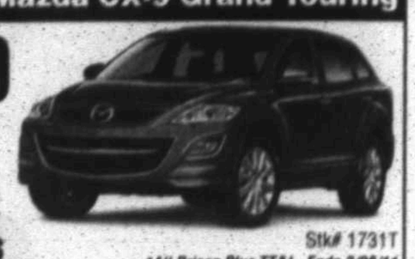

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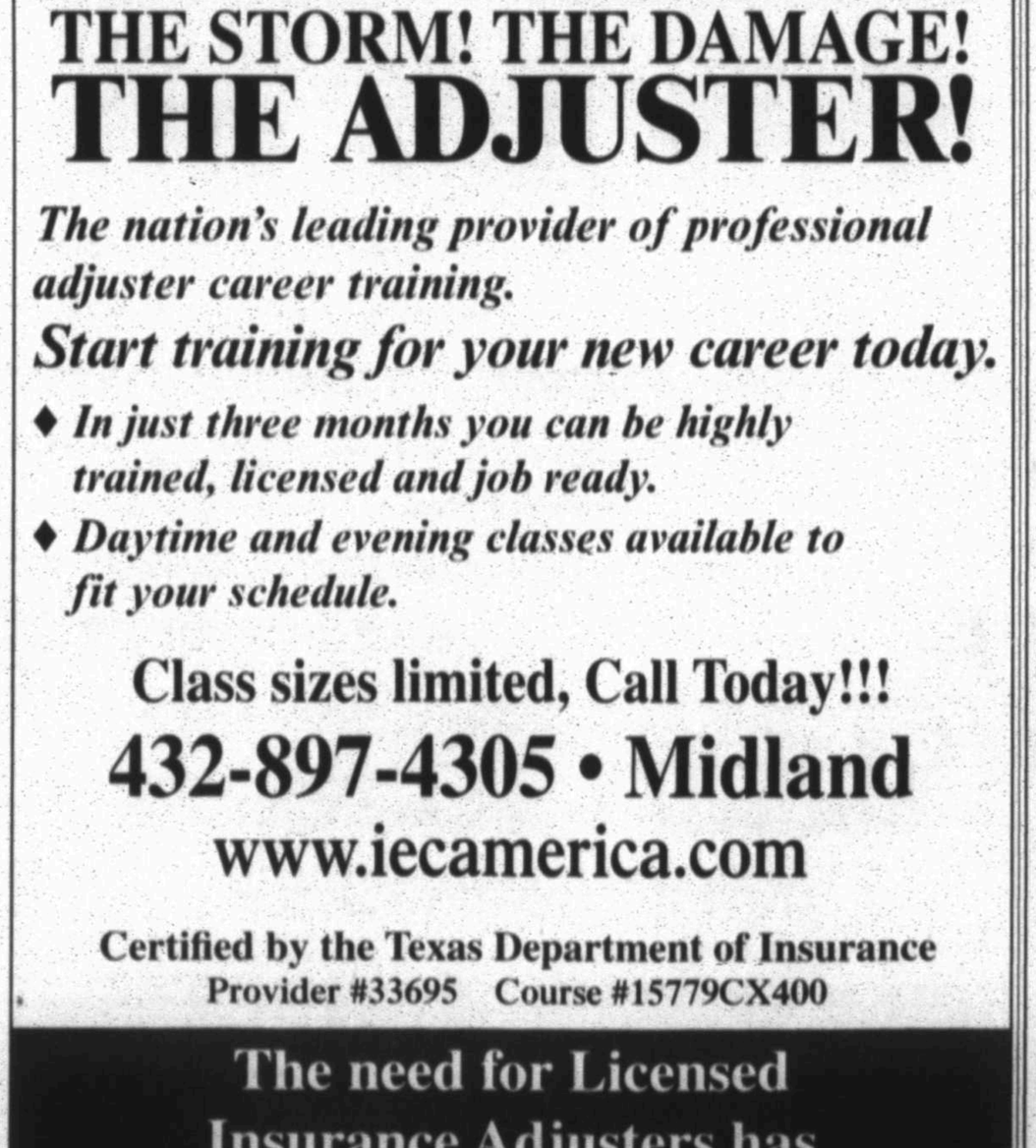

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Insurance Education Centers of America comes to offer adjuster training

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Regardless of whether oil prices take a drastic turn, the Executive Director of the Insurance Education Centers of America said hail, wind and rain damage likely will remain a West Texas constant.

And when those weather-related elements cause damage, Executive Director Jeanne Bratcher said she wants there to be enough locally-based insurance adjusters to fill the need. The Insurance Education Centers of America is offering a three-month course starting March 7th to train and prepare future adjusters to become licensed in Texas and ready to work.

"Every claim has to be signed off by an adjuster before it's paid," Bratcher said. "Insurance is certainly not going away."

When the economy is down, adjusters actually write more claims as individuals who might have previously decided to fix their car or home through their own savings no longer feel comfortable doing so. After the hail storm in May, adjusters from all over descended upon Midland to help look at claims. If more West Texans are licensed, she said, they're hoping that won't be necessary next time a storm hits.

"The demand keeps growing," she said.

The three month training course is meant to prepare adjusters to handle claims dealing with everything from homes to automobiles to farm land. Adjusters also can complete home inspections and remodeling and construction estimates as well as assessing workman's compensation claims. Most who graduate from the center, are working to become independent adjusters, though some chose to become sponsored by specific agencies like is required of insurance agents.

According to catastropheadjuster.org, in just a few months of work in North Texas during 2007, adjusters at one company earned $72,000 or more.

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Not everyone will earn that much in a period of weeks. But, she added, the center's staff tell new adjusters they can earn as much or more than they're making in the oil field or many other career fields.

Aside from weather-related claims, with 17,000 automobile accidents occurring in the U.S. each day, there always are some claims needing to be assessed. In West Texas, she said some also find specialties in agricultural adjusting.

About 70 percent of the class will be spent in the field learning how to scope claims, enter data and work with insurance agencies.

With damage from the May hail storm still being fixed throughout town, instructors have several roofs to work with and also can work from simulated-type situations they set up, as well.

"There's still a lot of damage," she said.

The other portion of the course will take place in the classroom, looking at information to prepare, in part, for the Texas All-Lines Exam.

Once the exam has been passed, adjusters can work in Texas and 32 other states without having to take the exam in those states.

Some course participants do come to the adjusting field after working elsewhere in the insurance industry. However, she has also seen recent high school and college graduates as well as several older adults simply looking for a career change.

A night course option is offered so those with full-time jobs can complete the training while still drawing an income and a daytime class is being taught as well.

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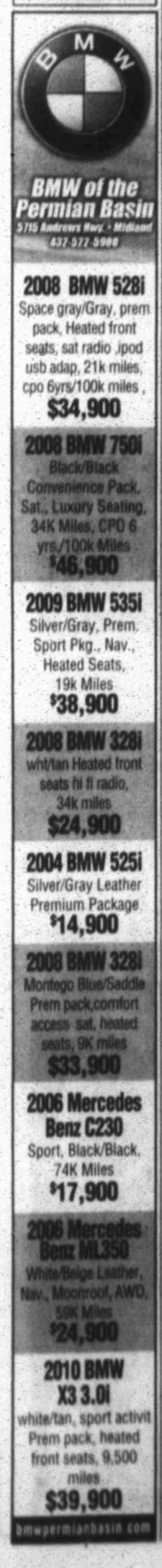

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JOB HUNT

NEW + OLD

By BOB LANKARD
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Does the tough job market require totally new techniques for job searching? Or are tried and true methods the best? Or do old rules need redefining for a new day?

I say, all of the above. Some of these ideas are old, some are new. Jobseekers need them all.

Network: Networking is a classic job search procedure but it has become extra important in the 21st century. Devote at least half your job-seeking time to networking. Set up a job search advisory board of people who know you well and are familiar with your field. Use social media in addition to face-to-face networking.

Be persistent: Looking for work is a full time job. Put in 40 hours a week. If it's work you want, work to get it.

Do your homework: Know yourself, the labor market, employers in your area and the skills important to your career. The jobseeker who has researched an employer before the interview has a great advantage over less-informed applicants.

Follow a plan of action: Focus your search – none of this 'I'll take anything' here. Target twenty employers in your field. Develop a plan to reach each one of them.

Hone your pitch: Develop an "elevator speech," how you'd present your goals, skills and experience in less than a minute to a prospective boss during an elevator ride. Be able to describe what you can do well and quickly.

Tailor your presentation: Craft a special cover letter and résumé and fine tune search efforts for each specific job opening.

Vary the approach: Don't limit your efforts to just one avenue. Use the Internet, but don't forget to include newspaper classifieds, networking and direct contact.

Take off weights: A sprinter takes off anything that will hold him back. Personal problems, bad experiences with former employers and recent rejection are all weights that can hold back a jobseeker.

Learn new tricks: Things have changed since many dislocated workers last looked for a job. Keep up with new social networking techniques, new skills in your field, and corporate realignments in industries pertinent to your job search.

Recharge your batteries: Job seeking in a recession is stressful, tiring, and occasionally depressing. Vigorous exercise, inspirational books, meditation, prayer or yoga may help keep your energy and spirits strong.

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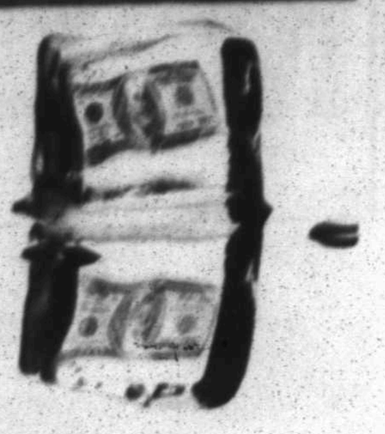

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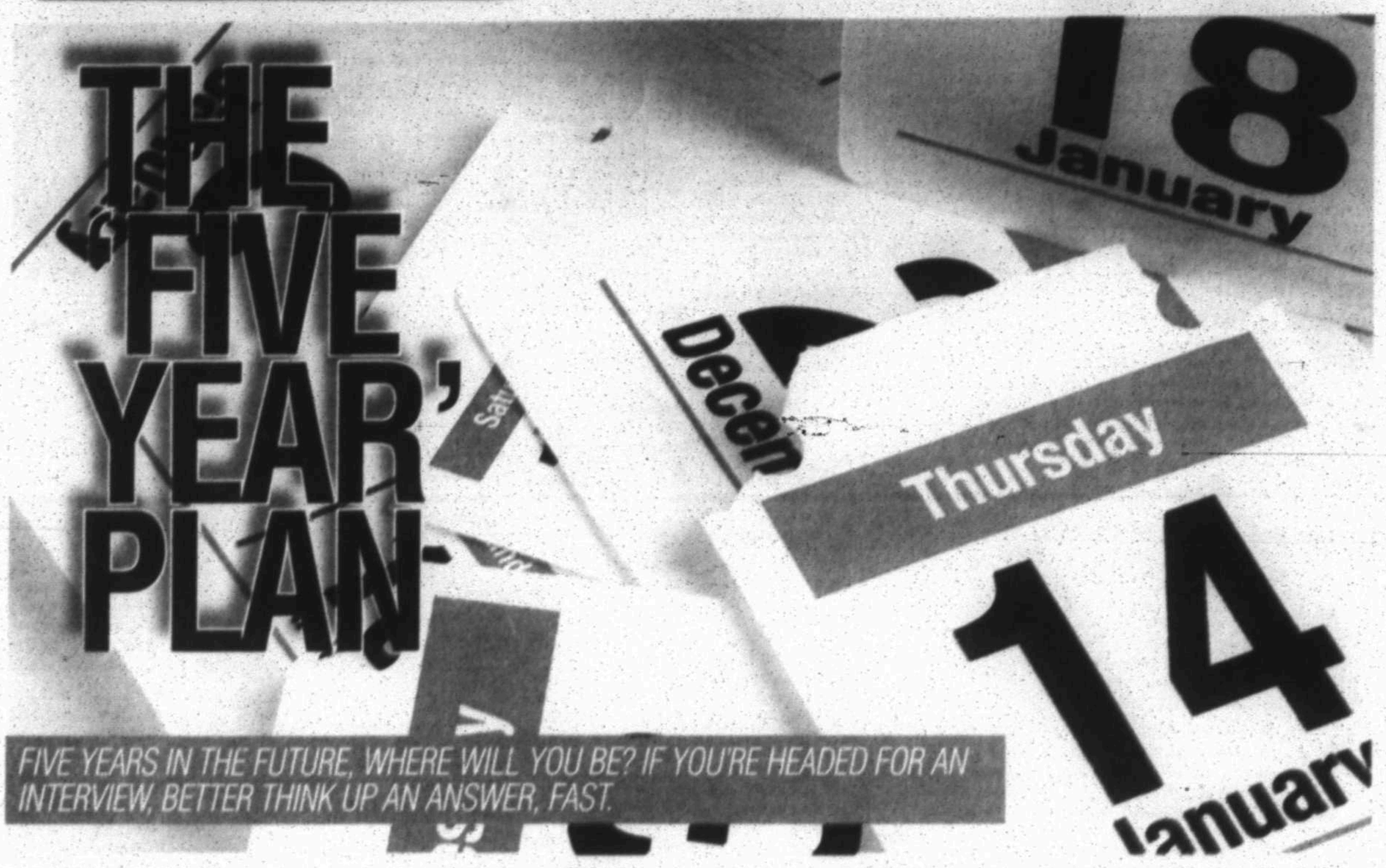

THE 'FIVE YEAR' PLAN

FIVE YEARS IN THE FUTURE, WHERE WILL YOU BE? IF YOU'RE HEADED FOR AN INTERVIEW, BETTER THINK UP AN ANSWER, FAST.

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW FEATURES

One question that should never come as a surprise in a job interview is, "Where do you see yourself in five years?"

In part because interviewers realize it's predictable, "Understanding how to answer that question is crucial to acing a job interview," says Holly Paul, the U.S. recruiting leader for PwC, a tax and advisory services firm based in New York, N.Y. "People always ask it, so come prepared with an insightful answer."

If you don't, your judgment might be called into question, she adds.

But what are employers trying to find out? Whether you are focused and ambitious? Whether you're flexible and open to change? Are there right answers and wrong answers?

"This can be a very tricky question. If your expectations are too aggressive, then the interviewer could see you as a threat wanting their job. If your answer is too mild, you can be seen as lacking drive," says Tracy Cashman, partner and general manager, Information Technology Group, Winter, Wyman & Co., Waltham, Mass. "You don't want to come across as wishy-washy, but you don't want to come across as egotistical or entitled, either."

So perhaps it's best not to say "in your job" when asked where you see yourself in five years.

Although the question is ostensibly about you, your response should show that you have thought about the company and its goals.

"I would like to hear that the job applicant has given thought to his or her future beyond a bigger salary. I also like to hear that the candidate's goals at least conceptually follow the company's goals to some degree," says business consultant Philip Guarino, Elementi Consulting, Boston. "I want to see someone who wants to grow and wants to help the company grow. And understanding where the company wants to go and how to contribute shows that an interviewee has done his or her homework."

On the other hand, "I strongly recommend that candidates do not indicate that they expect to still be working at the company," says Larry Chiagouris, author of "The Secret to Getting a Job After College" (Brand New World Publishing, 2010). "It's not likely to be very believable since people don't often stay at the same company for five years."

But don't give the impression you'll be job-hopping, either. When describing yourself five years from now, just say you hope to be carrying out your plans "in a company like this one," Chiagouris recommends.

Most interviewers realize they cannot expect you know all the specifics, yet the temptation is to provide them with the job title you expect to hold and the exact career trajectory you intend to take.

Offering that sort of answer misses the point of the question and may even suggest you're rigid and unrealistic, says Steve Langerud, director of professional opportunities at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

"Instead, be insightful about yourself and the industry you seek to enter; provide a strategic plan for your future instead of a list of steps; and, finally, keep the focus on how you will help your employers be successful because of what you bring to the table professionally," he says.

Although you need to finesse and tailor your response, a good way to frame it is to state which skills you plan to be using, which challenges you'll apply them to, which type of colleagues you'll be working with and the type of work environment you see this all taking place in, Langerud says.

"The description should be aspirational, take less than 10 seconds to state, and be behavioral enough so that the interviewer can see you doing it in their environment," he says.

Wrap up by telling the interviewer that while you have a clear direction for your career life, you're not sure what your title will be and you'll pursue opportunities and make adjustments as needed. Conclude with, "I'm excited that the position we are discussing today is a logical starting point for my long-term goals."

Like Langerud, Tyler L. Barnett, of Tyler Barnett Public Relations in Beverly Hill, Calif., believes vagueness will be held against you but so, too, will an unrealistic degree of specificity.

"The ideal answer to me would sound like this: 'Five years is a long time and a lot can change as people are always growing. I can tell you where I see myself in one year, and that's in this position.' To me, that sounds confident, strong and realistic," Barnett says.

INTERVIEW TIPS

FACE TO FACE

Before a job interview, most jobseekers research the company online and peruse the hiring manager's LinkedIn profile. While you're at it, do a Google Image search of the person whom you will be meeting. This might help you come across as more confident, says Anthony Tjan, Boston-based CEO of the venture capital firm Cue Ball.

The interviewer may have a postage stamp-sized head shot on LinkedIn, but see if you can turn up other photos that reveal more about that person and capture a sense of personality.

"It is always more comfortable, not to mention easier to spot the person, when you know what he or she looks like before the meeting," says Tjan, who offered this advice in his Harvard Business Review blog.

"I cannot tell you the psychology behind this," he writes, "but I believe that the more unknowns you eliminate before a meeting, the less anxiety you'll have… When I have seen the person's face, I go into a meeting feeling like I have met the person before and am more at ease."

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Dental Office is looking to hire a friendly outgoing dental assistant to join our staff. Must be aggressive and ready to work as a team player. Experienced preferred but not necessary. If interested please call 432-570-7080

HEALTHSOUTH®
Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland
1800 Heritage Boulevard, Midland, TX 79707

HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland is a 60-bed acute medical rehabilitation hospital that offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. Providing the latest technology, HealthSouth Midland serves patients throughout the Permian Basin. HealthSouth uses an interdisciplinary team approach, offering patients a more intense regimen and higher level of care. Work at a place that allows you to practice the heart of your profession to advance the patient's progress throughout their stay. Take pleasure in seeing the results of your efforts when patients return to independence within their everyday lives. A combination of experienced staff and innovative technology but, most importantly, quality patient care, is what makes HealthSouth a leader that you can count on!!

We are currently seeking:

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Total Compensation Package for Full Time Employees includes:
- Fantastic PTO Plan- starting day one
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Director of Human Resources
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Phone: 432-520-1607 **Fax:** 432-520-1704
Website: www.HealthSouth.com/careers
Check us out on:

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LVN/RN Pediatric Nurse
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Fast growing company seeking the following positions, LVN/RN Pediatric Nurse for PDN hours. RN Medicare Case Manager. Apply in person at 1030 Andrews Hwy Ste. 109, Midland or call 432-570-8880 for an application.

Manor Park, Inc. Is Accepting Applications For:
· Medical Records Coordinator - Full-time position available. Will maintain an organized system for managing medical records for all residents. High school diploma preferred or 1-2 years of experience. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00a.m. till 5:00p.m. Applications may be completed in the:
Human Resources Department
Manor Park, Inc.
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
Needing an experienced Medical Assistant for busy physician's office. 1 year medical experience will be required for this position (ORTH-5013). Please mail or fax your resume to: PO Box 5293 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284 Attn Alesha McCoy

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NURSING POSITION

Seeking an environment to advance or change your nursing career? Rock House currently needs an RN to provide nursing assessments and training in a setting for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Online: www.rockhouses.org
In Person: 211 E. Texas, Midland
Info: 1-800-588-4004, Ext. 160

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We are currently seeking:
Physical Therapists – FT/PT/PRN
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COTA – FT/PT/PRN
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Therapy Tech – PRN
Floor Tech (waxing/buffing floors) – FT
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Total Compensation Package for Full Time Employees includes:
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Phone: 432-520-1607 **Fax:** 432-520-1704
Website: www.HealthSouth.com/careers
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PRN
HomeCare Plus
Now hiring RN's for PRN on call for weekends. Apply at: 501 Andrews Hwy or fax resume to Attn: Amy 432-620-6675.

Providers
Interim Healthcare is searching for Providers in the Midland area to provide care for the elderly and disabled. Please call 432-617-0252 and talk with Amber or Georgia. EOE

RN/LVN's
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT
RN/LVN's to wok for private duty clients. Office Hours. M-TH 8-5 FRI 8-12. Call Bob 522-5080. EOE

RN
Martin County Hospital FT
Home Health Agency. 1-RN. 7a.m.-7p.m Nights. Contact Rancey Ramsey @ 432-607-3207

Martin County Hospital

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• Medical Lab Tech • PT Dental Hygienist
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432-367-7066 * 800-256-7106
Snelling@snellingodessa.com
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Surgical Assistant
Permian Basin Oral Surgery is seeking a full time surgical assistant to join our Midland staff. Please send your resume to PBOMS, attention: Surgical Supervisor, 4610 North Garfield, Suite A6, Midland Texas, 79705.

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Housekeeping/ Front desk
Confidential FT/PT
Hiring full time / part time housekeeping and front desk. No phone call please. Apply in person at: 5309 N. Loop 250 W. Midland, Tx 79707.

Housekeeping/ Front Desk/ Night Auditor
Midland Extended Stay FT
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House Keeping or Night Auditor
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Five years related administrative experience. Assist Regional HR Managers with recruiting efforts. Manage/maintain employee files. Use HRIS database to run reports and update information. Assist with administration of benefits programs. Maintain FMLA and general leave records. Performs administrative duties for the HR dept. Experience in human resources required. HS diploma or equivalent required. Excellent organizational skills and strong attention to detail. Outstanding communication skills, both written and oral, must communicate professionally and positively with employees and all levels of management. Knowledge of office practices, administrative procedures and Microsoft Office. Apply online at www.Rescare.com

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance & Housekeeper
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Maintenance Personnel. Pool certification preferred. Plumbing and electrical experience. Midland and Odessa Hotels. Apply in person. No phone calls.

Midland's Premier Country Club has openings for:
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MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Collector
Credit World PT
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MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Blast Crew - Midland, TX

Responsible for loading/unloading product, which results in frequent lifting of 40-60 pound product bags or boxes. Performs labor support at jobsites and location (e.g., inspect product bins, inventory of product, completion of required paperwork) under the direction of the Blaster in charge or Location Manager. Performs general maintenance of equipment and maintains safe working conditions.

Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Must meet requirements of all State and Federal explosive laws.

Will Train for CDL.

We provide outstanding career paths, personal safety, equipment, complete training program and full benefits package. Please forward your response information to Austin Powder Company,
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Email: humanresources@austinpowder.com

EOE

MARKETING

Security
Pinnacle Protection FT
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OTHER JOBS

The *Midland Reporter-Telegram*
has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman Trainee
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This 5- 6 day per week
*** fast paced * deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/ weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety.**

The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or come by 201 E. Illinois to fill out an application.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!

Air Condition/Heat Service Technician
Midland Pure Air PT
Are you an experienced tech who is interested in working for an established gross orientated local company that provided a great working environment and good pay? If so, apply in person at: Midland Pure Air , 3241 Franklin Ave, or call 432-570-1117.

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OUR LIFE'S WORK IS THE LIFE OF THE WELL

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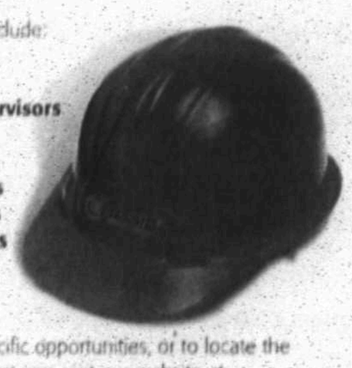
We have a continuing need in our corporate office for skilled professional and administrative support employees in these areas:

- **Accounting**
- **Safety & Health**
- **Human Resources**
- **Information Technology**

Field opportunities usually include:

- **Staff Assistants**
- **Rig Operators**
- **Rig and Trucking Supervisors**
- **CDL Drivers**
- **Floor & Derrick Hands**
- **Safety Representatives**
- **Fishing Tool Operators**
- **Reverse Unit Operators**
- **And more**



To learn more about specific opportunities, or to locate the Basic office nearest you, visit our website at **www.basicenergyservices.com** or submit resumes to
Basic Energy Services
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 10460
Midland, TX 79702

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Concession
The Midland Rockhounds PT
The Midland Rockhounds are hiring for part time seasonal positions inclucing conressions, ushers, tickets, clean up, custodial, housekeeping & others. Apply at City bank Ball Park, Monday-Friday, 8-5.

Driver/Loader
Gardendale Country Water
Gardendale Country Water - Needed Driver/Loader, Monday-Friday, 40 hours per week. Pay starts at $10 per hour. Please call 432-550-5210.

Family & Adoption Specialist
Children's Connections, Inc. FT
Immediate Opening
Children's Connections, Inc., is hiring a Full-Time Family and Adoption Specialist to work with parent education programs and adoption support services with families in the Midland/Odessa area. Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor's degree, knowledge of child development, and min 2 years exp working with children and families. Exp at CPS or adoption agency is preferred. Flexible work schedule; must be available to meet with families during daytime hours, some evenings and some weekends. Email resume to Sarah Ybarra at sarahy@childrensconnections.org

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram
has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department
(Mailroom)

Part-time shift work available:
Schedule consists of both day and night shifts.
Night shifts are 12 (midnight) until 3 – 4 am.

Starting pay is $8.25 hourly.

These positions require the physical ability to continuously lift, bend and stand through an entire shift. Work performed in this department includes but is not limited to mechanically inserting newspaper products and handling newspaper bundles.

Qualified applicants must be dependable, be over 18, have valid ID, social security card and dependable transportation.

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Lobby Information Desk
Monday-Friday 8-5 or email:
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No Phone Calls Please.

Floor Technician
American Facility Services
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Locksmith Apprentice
Mr. Key FT
Must have mechanical and problem solving skills, pass FBI background check and drug screen. Apply in person Monday- Friday, 8am-5pm. Mr. Key, 2507 W. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

MIDLAND COLLEGE IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME:

BEDC Project Assistant

PART-TIME:

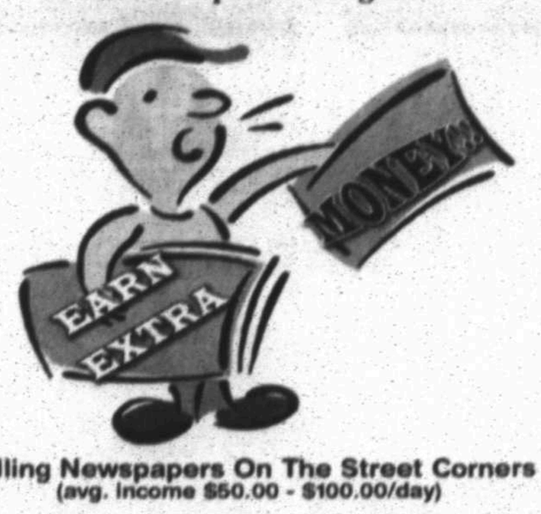
HSCE Nurse Aide (CNA) Instructors/Clinical Instructors

For additional information on these positions please visit our website at www.midland.edu/jobs, go directly to the Human Resources office located at 3600 N. Garfield or call 432-685-4532.

Molly Maid
Molly Maid FT
3404 W. Illinois, St. #202 **$8- $14 per hour**
Midland, TX 79701 **432-694-1700**

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES
Midland Reporter-Telegram



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snelling@snellingodessa.com
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Technician
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Lawn and tree care Tech needed, must have knowledge of chemical and plants. A valid driver's license a must. Call 432-528-3017.

Warehouse/Inventory Control
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Seeking individual for warehouse inventory control. Preferred knowledge of structural steel and metal building components. Apply in person at: 1809 West County Rd. 114, Midland, TX 79706, 432-617-4477.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Cleaning Help
Cleaning Service FT
Cleaning services company needs help. Please call 432-520-3707.

Hair Stylist
Emeritus at Saddleridge Lodge FT
1808 W. Loop 250 N
Midland, TX 79705
Hair Stylist needed for busy assistant living. Rental space available. No phone calls please. Please apply in person at Emeritus at Saddleridge Lodge

SPARKLE WINDOW CLEANING
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

UNION DRILLING, INC.

Union Drilling, Inc. has an immediate opening for

SAFETY SUPERVISOR AND TRAINER

- Conducts all safety training for new hire orientation and at rig site.
- Administers drug tests.
- Minimum of one year safety and training experience.
- Knowledge of OSHA requirements.
- Knowledge of drilling and oil and gas industry preferred.
- Must live in Midland/Odessa area.
- Travel 60% of time, including out of town.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel.

Union Drilling, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

Send resumes to: Keith Richey, Fax No. 817-546-3261

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Chef/Kitchen Help
Midland, TX
Osaka Japanese Steak house now accepting applications for all positions. Kitchen Help, Bartenderand service. No experience, will train. Also Hibachi Chef needed. Will train. Can make up to $15 - $20/hour. Apply at: 1204 Tradewinds Blvd, Midland, Tx. Applications accepted M-F from 11am-2pm.

Kitchen/Wait Staff
Hog Pit Pub & Grub FT
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Midland, TX 79706-2875
Hiring kitchen and wait staff. Apply in person or call 432-561-9301

Managers
Fazoli's Italian Restaraunt FT
FAZOLI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT is looking for friendly, energetic ★ **MANAGERS**. Background check required. *Please call **432-978-6282** or Fax resume to **432-362-5589**.* EOE

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Warfield Truck Plaza FT
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Personal Chef needed to work at a private residence in Midland, Texas. Work hours are Monday thru Friday, 2p.m. - 8p.m. Individual must be willing to work flexible hours as some weekend work is required. Cooking duties require the preparation of meals daily. You will also be responsible for routine housekeeping duties during your shift. Previous experience and excellent references are required. Non smoking environment. Drug screen required.

Please call 432/686-5904 and leave your name, phone and brief work history

Fax #432-686-1503 srotan@wbltd.com.

Preps/Cooks
Cattle Baron FT
Midland, TX 79705
Cattle Baron now hiring for Preps and Cooks. Apply in person to: 418 Wadley, Midland, Tx

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We need **Hourly Employees for all positions** who have career goals and want to succeed. Help us continue to make Rosa's Café one of the fastest growing Mexican food restaurant concepts in Texas!

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Sautee Cook/Line Cook
Petroleum Clud of Midland FT
Petroleum Club of Midland is seeking a career oriented individual who has a passion for cooking and who is advanced in culinary skills, to fill a position of Sautee Cook/Line Cook. PCM offers great pay and benifits, applications will ONLY be accepted at 501 W. Wall St, Mon -Thurs 9am - 11am, no phone calls please.

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SALES JOBS

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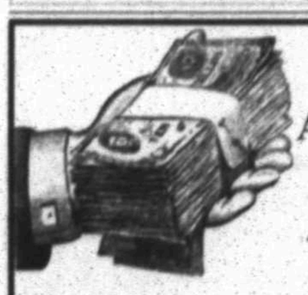
NEW BUSINESS!! 5 POSITIONS Immediate Hire FT $400-$600/wk
Call Ashley 832-251-2100.

Counter Sales
Affinity Steel FT
Counter sales person needed. Customer service experience preferred. Knowledge of steel, metal building component, hardware, etc. preferred. Apply in person at: 1809 West County Rd. 114, Midland, TX 79706. 432-617-4477.



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The Midland Reporter-Telegram Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising for all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all its online products, including mywesttexas.com.

The right individual will enjoy an excellent compensation and full benefits package. If you are the one we're looking for, please send current resume to:

We're Raising the Bar!

Desirable Qualifications & Skills:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment
- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Brandi Price, Advertising Director
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: bprice@mrt.com

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Sales Professional
Blue Sky Productions FT
Immediate opportunity for an experienced sales representative for a Permian Basin publication. Salary plus commission. Send resume to: info@pbreg.com

Sales Representative
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306 E. 2nd St.
Odessa, TX
Immediate opening for experienced sales representative with knowledge of motorcycles, ATV's and watercraft. Apply in person or send resume to GoldenPowerSports@yahoo.com.

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Top Ten ADT Authorized Dealer now hiring for *Sales Reps and Experienced Installation Technicians. Give away ADT Monitored Security Systems. Midland/Odessa/West Texas.* ***Call today: 806-368-7419 or 702-338-1600. Email: mfox@foxtechusa.com www.lubbockgaylordsecurity.com.***

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SALES JOBS

Sales Representative

Individual needed to expand our business through Outside Area Sales in the Permian Basin area. Preferred candidate should have 2 years of sales experience in the Petroleum industry including Fuel and Lubricants. Fifty percent travel is required.

Qualified candidate should submit resumes and salary history to openjobs@scfuels.com or SC Fuels, P.O. Box 1920, Midland, Texas 79702
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Chevron

Air Specialist

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Overview:

The Air Specialist will support the Midcontinent/Alaska (MCA) Operations Field Management Teams by providing air subject matter expertise, compliance and day to day support on new and existing projects and issues. Some of the responsibilities for this position will ensure compliance with applicable air regulation and/or permits, provide guidance to facilities on how to maintain the required records, prepare compliance documents, participate in implementation of environmental regulations, and develop processes, procedures and record-keeping tools needed to comply with permit conditions and regulations.

How to Apply:

To learn more about this exciting position and to apply, visit www.chevron.com/careers, select jobs in the United States and search by requisition 006415475. All applicants must apply via the Chevron online application process. .

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Keen Energy Services, a land-based contract drilling company, will be in the Midland/Odessa area on March 3, 2011 to interview for the following rig positions in the Permian Basin/West Texas area:

Rig Manager | Driller | Derrick Hand | Motorman | Floorhand

Keen provides competitive pay with benefits and a 7 or 14 day rig rotational schedule. Six months experience is preferred. Due to the nature of this work a background check and hair follicle drug screen are required. Company housing is provided while on rotation, if required.

Qualified applicants who are interested in working for a company who values Safety, Integrity, Teamwork and Respect should apply in one of the following ways:

Go to:
http://www.keenenergyservices.com/Careers/OnlineApplication.aspx and complete the on-line application; or
Call the Keen Energy Services office at
405-743-2132
to provide your name, contact number and related job experience and reference this job advertisement.
Keen will contact you about your participation in the interview process.

FRAC TECH

Frac Tech Services is a leader in High Pressure Pumping and is now hiring for the below positions at its Odessa District. If you are an individual that's seeking a Career, Challenges and Opportunity for advancement, then apply at Frac Tech Service.

Service Supervisors • Equipment Operators • Diesel Mechanics

Minimum Requirements:
Service Supervisors: Minimum of 2-4 years experience preferred in Fracturing & Acidizing.

Equipment Operators: Class A CDL license preferred but will train qualified individuals, experience with High Pressure Pumping equipment is a plus but not necessary.

Diesel Mechanic's: Shop and Field. Must have own tools. Class B or A licenses required for Field Mechanic.

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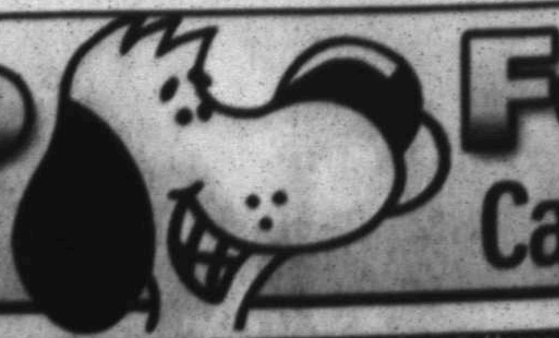

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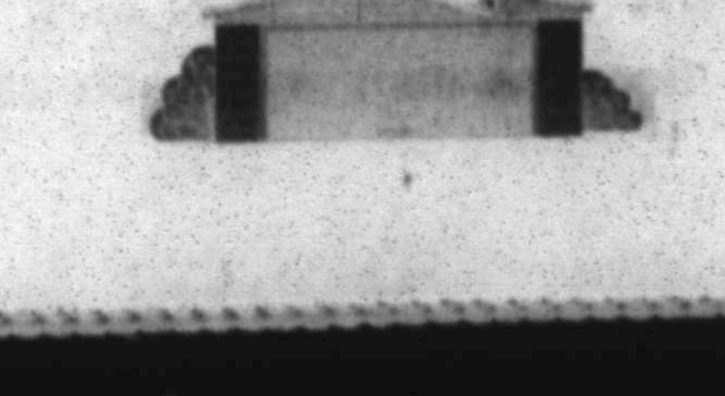

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Located at 5311 Wimberley Spring Court on a cul-de-sac, this home is constructed of mocha brick and chocolate trim. Matching raised brick flowerbeds, containing shrubs of various sizes and variety, surround the home and a curved, brick-lined sidewalk leads you to the front door. Two trees have been planted in the yard and will give color and shade to the lawn. Decorative lanterns hang on the front of the entry provide light, as well as, an understated welcome sign. You will be anxious to open the front door, which features inlayed metal scrollwork in the glass.

The home has three bedrooms, two full baths, one half bath, two dining areas, fireplace, one living area, a two-car garage, covered patio, a chef style kitchen and 2,567 square feet of living space. It is located in the Greathouse, Abell and Midland High school districts and has quick access to shopping and dining. The front door opens to arched entries to each area of the home and is accentuated by soaring ceilings. Beautiful tan tile flooring flows throughout and neutral tones are on the walls, making it easy for you to add your own style. Modern bronze fixtures and lighting are in place throughout the home. To the left of the front door is the dining room. In addition to recessed lighting, a beautiful chandelier hangs from the ceiling and a large window looks out to the front lawn. Imagine what this room could look like with all of your own furniture and accessories. This is a home you can truly make your own from the very start!

Follow the tile floor to the right of the entry and you will discover a room that could be used as a study or multi-purpose room. Plush tan carpeting covers the floor and a ceiling fan over head provides lighting and comfort. Two windows in addition to an arched window above them also add light to the room.

In the hallway, you will be excited to see two large closets with shelving and space to solve your storage problems. As you walk past these closets to the end of the hall, you will discover the sequestered master bedroom. A stacked ceiling makes the room feel open and airy, as in other rooms in the home. Windows look out to a fenced-in backyard and a doorway leads to the covered back porch. The master bathroom features dual sinks in granite countertops and dark wooden cabinets with bronze fixtures and lighting. An oversized tub is the place to relax after a long day and has been arranged in the corner of the bathroom at an angle. Two opaque windows above the tub add light to this spacious getaway. There is another linen closet in the bathroom to conveniently hold towels and sheets. A separate large shower features seating and nooks for soap and shampoo and an additional small room holds the toilet and extra cabinets. Open the door in the bathroom and you will find a huge His and Hers closet with built-in shelves and room for clothing galore!

The front entryway of the home also opens up to the living area. Your eyes will be looking up as you see the architectural touches that have been included. The arched doorways open up to the den and windows look out to the back porch and yard. A fireplace surrounded by granite and finished off with a mantle will be the perfect area to keep warm during cold winter days. On each side of the fireplace, you will discover an area for built-ins or your own freestanding bookcases or furniture.

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Down a short hallway, you will find a laundry room full of cabinets above and below a granite countertop and sink. There is ample space for a washer and dryer and a door to keep it all hidden away. A half bath is conveniently located here as well!

Another hallway off the kitchen takes you to the other bedrooms. Both bedroom floors are covered in the same plush carpeting as the other bedroom in the house and each has a decorative ceiling fan. They are connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom, which has a granite countertop and bronze fixtures. Both rooms have arched ceilings and walk-in closets.

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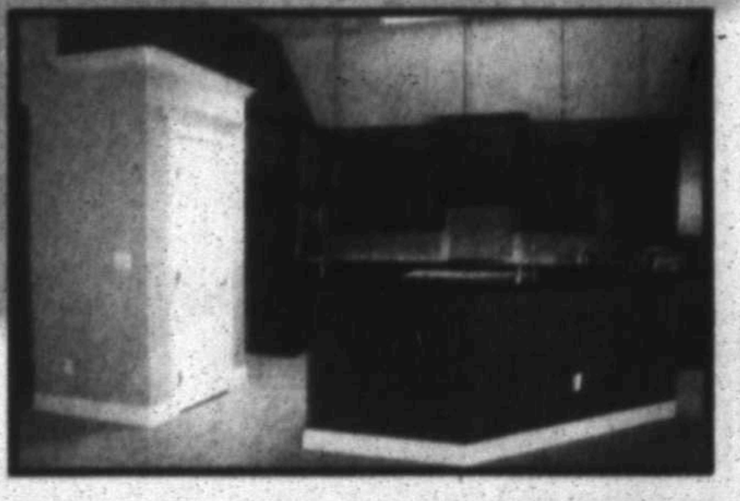

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Midland $200,000-$300,000

1110 Mogford; *REDUCED*...$279,900; 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3260 sq. ft. Completely remodeled home in Old Midland with tons of space! Fabulous large kitchen with granite countertops, tons of counter space and cabinets. Oversized, sequestered master bath with walk-in closets and updated bath ... *Call Brandi Geron 238-2402*

5513 Highland; $269,900; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2623 sq. ft. This immaculate home is light and open with fresh paint and miles of tile. You will love the plantation shutters, soaring ceilings, and island kitchen! Nice separation of bedrooms, 3 full baths, great backyard with auto sprinklers and covered patio ... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289*

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Midland Above $300,000

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Midland Above $300,000

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Residential Sales

DISCLOSING DEFECTS

QUESTION: Is it important for home sellers to disclose any and all material defects that could affect the value of livability of a home?

ANSWER: The days of closing the sale and letting the buyers discover problems about the home for themselves are long gone. Most sellers need to go to great lengths to inform potential buyers about important facts concerning the home.

The intent of the disclosure laws is that all of the facts need to be put on the table - with nothing hidden - so that all parties can then negotiate in good faith with full knowledge of the condition of the home.

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This article submitted by Victoria Printz & Jeaneen Pruitt of The Victoria Printz Team Realtors.

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Is the price I set for my home really that important?

Yes! Pricing your home well can make all the difference in how quickly it will sell. If you price it too high, you will have fewer buyers come by to see it. The fewer buyers you have looking at your home, the longer it will usually stay on the market. Pricing it at market value will bring in a larger number of buyers. This will give your home more exposure and will usually shorten the length time on the market. Pricing your home a little below market value will bring you the most buyers and most likely result in a faster sale. Price your home according to how quickly you need to sell it. Always call a Realtor for the best advice and representation when selling your home.

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Homeowner's Checklist For A Worry-Free Vacation

With Spring Break approaching many Americans will be heading out of town for vacation.

Planning a trip means more than pulling out a map and taking off from work. It also should include a "vacation checklist" of things to do to protect your home and valuables while you are away. Regardless of the length of your vacation, it's important to be sure that your home has a lived-in appearance. Tell-tell-signs that invite burglars or vandals include overgrown lawns, piled-up newspapers, a full mailbox and no lights at night.

This checklist will help you enjoy your vacation with the knowledge that you haven't forgotten to take the proper steps to protect your home.

*Ask a friend or neighbor to pick up your mail, or go to the post office and place a hold on delivery until you return.

*Call your newspaper's circulation department and request a vacation hold; some papers require a 48 hour's notice.

*Plug certain lights into automatic timers. These devices are inexpensive and are among the most effective means of giving your home a lived-in appearance. They will also make it more difficult for a burglar to work undetected by your neighbors. Some models have variable interval timers, which alter the times at which your lights go on and off from day to day.

*Leave a radio turned on.

*Arrange to have someone cut your grass. Leave a house key with a friend or neighbor in case of emergencies. This person could also open and close shades and drapes to alter the appearance of your home.

*Leave an itinerary with a neighbor or relative in case you need to be reached in an emergency.

*Just before you leave, be sure that all appliances are turned off and that all windows and doors are securely locked.

Neighbors, relatives and police are your best friends when you're away. If you remember too late that you left the iron on, you can call the friend who has your key instead of turning around on the freeway! And when it's their turn to vacation, you can return the favor.

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Article submitted by: Real Estate One, "The #1 ONE Company to Call" www.RE1Midland.com

New Construction and Custom Built

When you buy new construction, a reality check is in order. Are you and your builder on the same wavelength? Are you expecting absolute perfection? Your builder is not capable of absolute perfection any more than you are. However, if you, your Realtor and the builder have an understanding of what you expect, perhaps you will come close. When house shopping, try to see completed examples of a builder's work. If you are working from plans, ask if he has built the plan previously. Ask him if there are things he would change to make the house more livable. Take these suggestions into consideration. When you see something you like, such as cabinet styles, fireplace fronts, floor coverings, etc., take pictures and ask if this can be duplicated in your plan and how much the cost will vary. Try to find actual completed examples of your ideas, as your sketches or drawings may suffer in their interpretation. Also when you spot something you really don't want, such as a seam in the carpet right in the middle of the living room, let the builder know and be prepared to talk about price adjustments. Builders sometimes have trouble with measurements of "about this long or this high." Or colors that are somewhere between lemon and mustard. Try being as specific as possible when communicating your expectations to your builder. Seldom will you find a builder who does the actual work. He usually leaves this to subcontractors, which involves a third interpretation of the ideas for the house. While most builders don't want the buyers hanging over their shoulder, it is a good idea to visit the construction site frequently to check on the progress. Even builders will agree it is easier to catch things in progress, rather than taking out and starting over. Keep in mind that even brand new houses are not going to be perfect, however, you do want your money's worth and can expect quality if you make sure you and your builder have the same goals in mind.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

What to know about homeowners associations

If you're planning to buy a home or condominium, keep in mind that the property may be governed by a homeowners association (HOA). More than 60 million residents were governed by HOAs, according to the Community Associations Institute. That's up from 45.2 million residents in the last 5 years. Many buyers appreciate the benefits provided by HOAs, but the mandatory dues and covenants, conditions and restrictions (CCRs) occasionally rub some people the wrong way. Before you make an offer on a property governed by an HOA, here are some things to consider.

What do you get from the HOA?

Homeowners associations often provide access to amenities that individual residents couldn't otherwise afford—pools, gyms, tennis courts, walking trails—and their rules can protect property values. Some associations also take on services traditionally provided by government, such as trash pickup, landscaping, street lighting and street and sidewalk maintenance.

Look past the pool and golf course

Your perfect condo may have a great pool or your dream home might be sitting on the first tee, but remember that those things are only part of the HOA's scope. When you purchase a property governed by an HOA, you enter into a legal contract with the association. You agree to abide by the association's regulations and pay its dues. In exchange, you get a community guided by an HOA and the access to its facilities and perks.

Read before you buy

Make sure that any uses or freedoms you expect to come along with your property are allowed in the CCRs. Want to store your boat trailer in your driveway? The association's CCRs may not allow that. Want to paint the house? Some HOAs have restrictions on permissible colors, so check the palette allowed by the association. You may have heard horror stories of home repossessions and other legal squabbles involving property owners and HOAs. A common theme among many of these cases is homeowners not understanding the regulations or ignoring them. Review the CCRs carefully before you purchase the property and you'll be much less likely to run afoul of your HOA.

About those dues ...

HOAs run on dues, your annual fee for living in the community. These fees range from less than a hundred to thousands of dollars, depending on the neighborhood or building and what amenities it offers. Ask how much the dues are and if they've increased during the past few years. Find out what the dues cover and what they don't. For example, your condo association may perform all exterior maintenance. That means when the roof leaks, your dues pay for its repair, even if you live on the ground floor of a three-story building. If you live on that third floor, however, you don't have to pay to repair the entire roof yourself. If the association manages a pool, you're paying for it, even if you can't swim and never use the amenity.

Who's in charge?

When you review an HOA's documents, be sure to inquire about its finances. Is the HOA solvent? Does it have a reserve fund? Who controls the money? What kind of oversight is that person subject to? Find out who manages the HOA and what role residents have in its governance. There may be a board or other group of property owners who manage the association. Take some time and talk to people who currently live in the community. How do they feel about the neighborhood, development or building? Find out their impressions of how the HOA and how it's run. Perform due diligence before signing a contract to purchase a property governed by a homeowners association. You'll be able to make an informed decision about the HOA's pros and cons, as well as your responsibilities, without jeopardizing the transaction or subjecting yourself to regulations that aren't consistent with your lifestyle. For expert advice about HOAs and all kinds of information about owning, buying or selling a home, ask your REALTOR®

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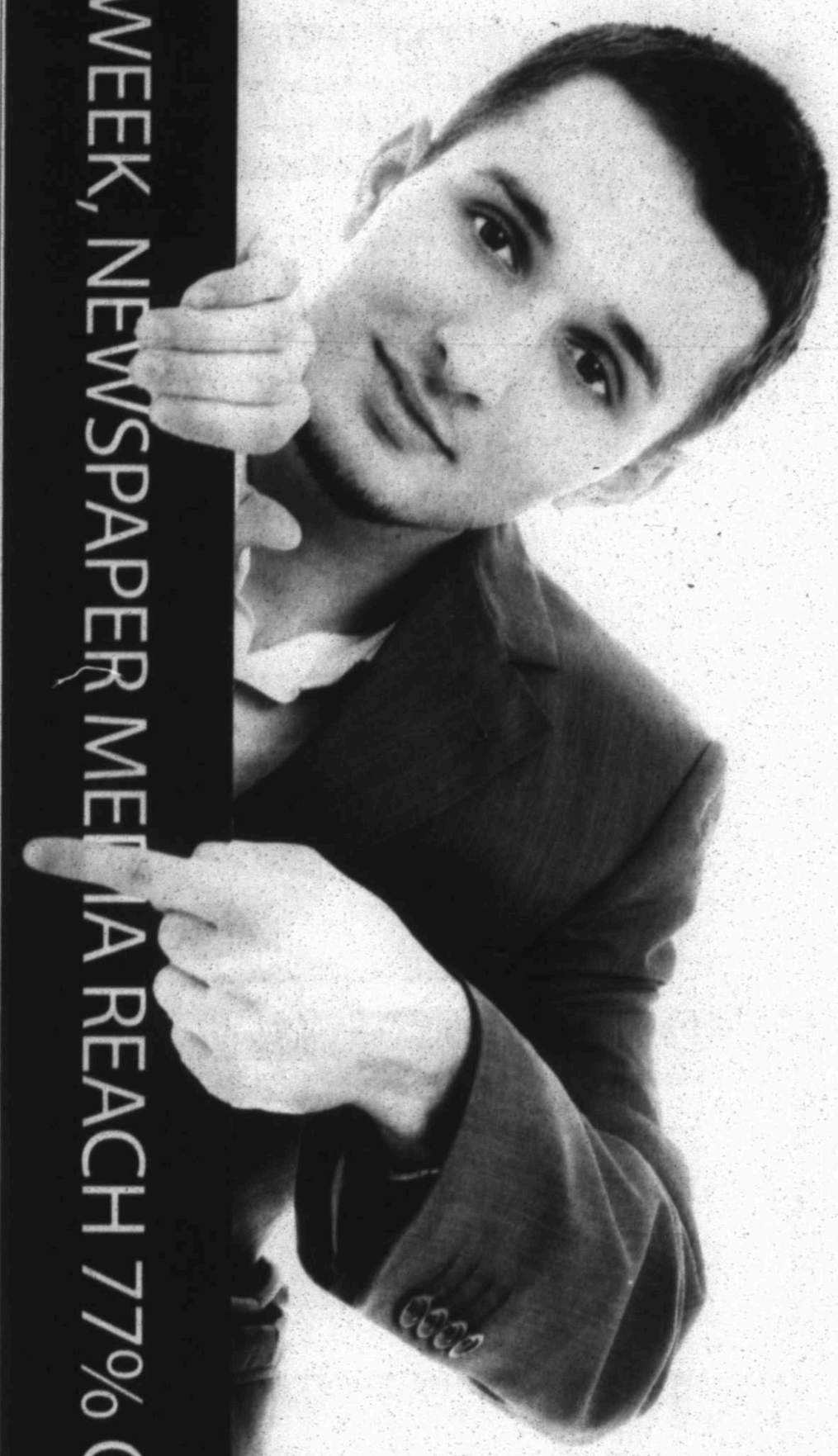

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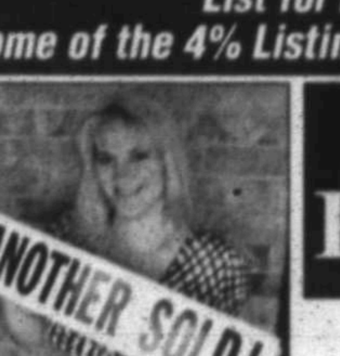

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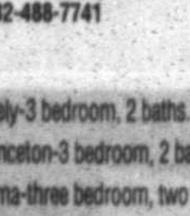

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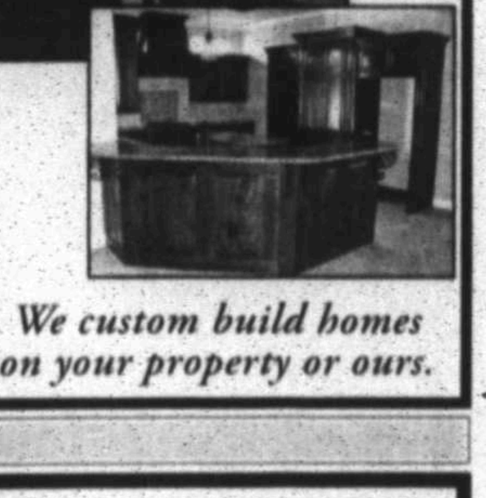

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By Tresa Erickson

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Considering using different treatments on the walls? Stucco, wallpaper and other treatments are great for adding interest to walls, but you don't have to stop with them there. You can continue your use of treatments up onto the ceilings.

You can also incorporate a number of treatments into your ceilings. Some of these include:

- Beams. This type of ceiling is created by installing long pieces of lumber across the width of the room. The beams may be left as is or painted.
- Coffered. This type of ceiling is created by installing solid or hardwood beams and molding into a grid and paneling or painting the surface beneath. The recessed, grid-like panels add height, space and elegance to any room.
- Faux finishes. This type of ceiling is created by applying any number of faux finishes to the surface. Colorwashing, ragging and stippling are just some of the faux finishes that can be used.
- Tin. This type of ceiling is created by attaching tin panels to the surface. The panels may be left as is or painted.
- Tray. This type of ceiling is created during construction with the sides angling or curving to another flat ceiling in one or more steps. It resembles an inverted tray and may include decorative molding for a dramatic flourish.
- Trompe l'oeil. This type of ceiling is created by handpainting the surface. Various designs may be used.
- Vaulted, arched or domed. These types of ceilings are created during the construction phase. They add drama and interest to a room.

These are some of the number of treatments that can be applied to ceilings. Some are more applicable than others. Homeowners interested in new construction or major renovation may be able to have a vaulted ceiling, whereas homeowners who are just looking to update a room inexpensively may not.

Whatever your situation, don't overlook the ceiling in your décor. There are a number of ways you can draw the eye upward from using wallpaper to suspending grillwork to installing intricate molding around the perimeter of the room. The sky's the limit. Use your imagination and be creative!

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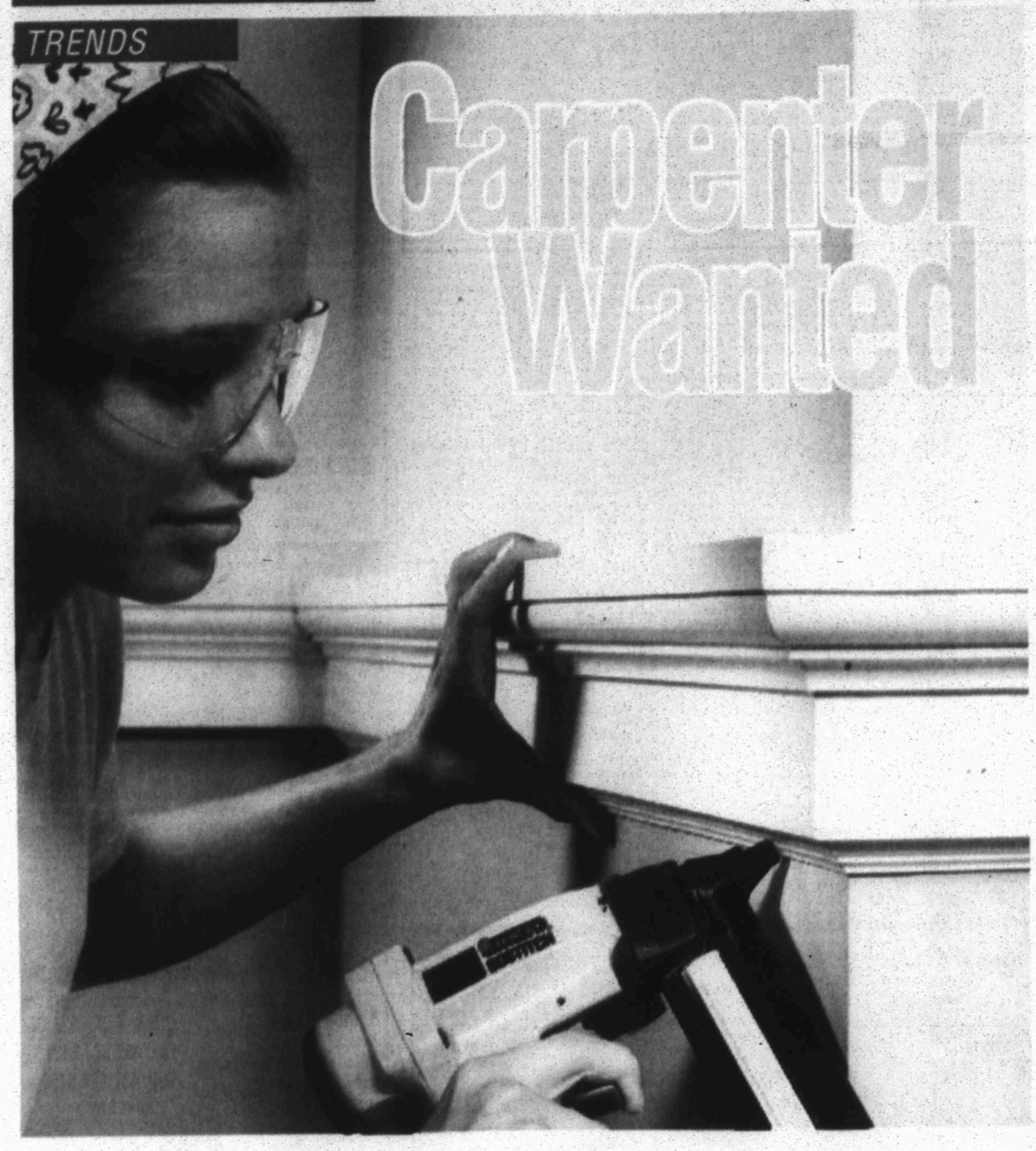

You are a do-it-yourselfer. You enjoy tackling projects around the house and spend many weekends doing so...

By Tresa Erickson

While you are skilled in many areas, you most certainly are not a carpenter. You can't cut a piece of wood straight, much less make the cabinets you need to house the entertainment components in your family room. You need a carpenter.

Carpenters generally fall into two categories: rough or finish. Rough carpenters specialize in building homes, particularly in framing them and making sure everything is level, square and plumb. Finish carpenters specialize in the detail work, installing trim, banisters and the like. Some finish carpenters specialize in building cabinets and furniture. They are known as cabinetmakers. Since you are interested in cabinets, you might want to look for a cabinetmaker or a finish carpenter who has experience in building cabinets.

You should treat the process for hiring a carpenter just like you would for any other professional. Ask family and friends for recommendations, browse through listings in the newspaper and phone book, and check online. From these sources, draw up a list of potential candidates. Conduct phone interviews and find out about the carpenter's skills, qualifications, availability and fees. Discuss the work you would like to have done and see if they are interested.

The information you gather from your phone interviews should help you narrow your list considerably. Then you can meet with each candidate face to face and find out more. Make sure you ask to see a sample of their work and get a list of references. Check out the references and find out what the customer did and did not like-about the carpenter's work. Discuss with the carpenter again the work you would like to have done and ask them to give you an estimate in writing.

Once you find a carpenter you like, hire them and ask them to write up a contract for the work. This will ensure there are no misunderstandings. Work out a schedule with the carpenter and keep in contact with them to ensure they meet your expectations.

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"The price of mortgage money is going to go up, and the availability of mortgage money may also be impinged," says Keith Gumbinger, vice president at HSH Associates, which tracks mortgage data.

The silver lining is that the rate for a 30-year fixed loan is hovering around 5% for those with good credit. That is up about a percentage point from last year's lows but is still an attractive rate by historical standards, though expected to keep climbing as the economy improves.

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4902 Canadian-Cute 3/2, spacious living area $139,900
3804 Monty-2008, bright & open, lots of tile U/C $137,655
4824 Shadylane-3/1.5, 2 living, 2 dining $129,900
4316 Erie-Fresh paint, carpet, fixtures & more in this 3BR, 2BA, 2LA w/FP $128,900
2100 W. Wadley #25-Spacious Chandelle Condo 3bd, 2ba $127,000
418 Stoneybrook-3 bd, 2 ba, 2 liv, recent carpet & tile, light fixtures $124,000
6311 Shawnee-Wow - loads of updating 3BR, 2BA, 1CR GR, great yard, covered patio U/C $120,000
1704 Hughes St.-Charming 3 bd/2 ba, great neighborhood, great storage + bonus room $119,000
5116 Belaire Dr.-3/2/2GA, new carpet & tons of updates U/C $112,000
1611 E. Golf Course Rd.-Huge Price Reduction! Open floor plan & great colors $109,900
4623 Thomason-Super 3BR, 2BA, 2 Liv, 2 Gar $107,900
1308 Cowden-Gorgeous kitchen, 2 liv, 3BR, 2BA and only $99,600
711 Beckley Dr.-3/2 w/high ceiling, new CA-CH-new roof REDUCED $94,900
104 S. Glenwood-Charming 3/2 U/C $89,900
2208 W. Kentucky-Completely renovated 3/2, lg. liv/din $84,900
4322 Brookdale-Cute 3BR with workshop $79,900
4310 Pasadena-3BR foreclosure, double garage $69,900
1301 Lynn-3BR, 2 living, fireplace $39,900

Four Bedrooms

3100 Palo Verde-Gorgeous 4BR, 3 1/2BA custom built home on 2 1/4 acres U/C $1,100,000
704 Solomon Lane-Gorgeous 4 or 5BR, large lot, exquisite condition $680,000
1501 Douglas-Fabulous 4-2 1/2-4 garage + pool in Old Midland $575,000
907 Woodland Park-Builders home 4/3 1/2/3LA, home theatre $499,900
4212 Timberglen-4 bed, 3.5 baths, 2LA, office, wood floors, granite countertops $475,000
6341 Prairie Ridge-4 bd, 4 1/2 bath, 2LV, 4CG, Grassland Construction U/C $467,120
12200 E. Co. Rd. 102-Greenwood w/pool, 4/3/2 built in 2008, 3272 sq. ft. 4 acres $394,900
5613 Heartland-Wonderfully maintained gorgeous updated kitchen, great plan U/C $349,500
900 Pine-4 bd, 3.5 ba, low maint., pool, pool house, granite, new appliances U/C $339,900
5524 Cypress-Stunning! Perfect entertaining home! Granite & shutters! $329,900
3229 Patrick-4BR, 3BA, 3GA, new construction $289,900
3217 Patrick-Mike Jackson new construction with 4BR, 3BA, 3GA U/C $289,900
603 Meadowpark-4/3, immaculate in great neighborhood $287,500
1329 Terra-4BR with so much space & beautiful updates $284,900
5211 Sherwood U/C $280,000
8606 FM 307-Greenwood, 4.11 acres, 4 bd, 2.5 ba, 2 dining, 1200 sq. ft. metal shop $259,900
4010 Crestgate-Enormous kitchen, 4 large bdrms, 4 1/2 bths, updated REDUCED $258,000
6007 Queens-Spacious 4 bd, 3 ba, great plan $255,900
5011 Whitman-Gorgeous 2003 - 4BR, 2BA, 2 living area, plus a pool U/C $249,000
4406 Kari Ct.-4BR/2LV/3BA/2CR GR, pool, spacious formal areas U/C $239,900
6011 Queens Ct.-New listing w/4BR, 2.5 BA & little pool $239,500
2917 Northtown-4bd, 2ba, study, sunroom, updated throughout-granite, shutters $237,500
2601 N. L St.-Spacious 4BD in Old Midland! $234,000
2907 Bluebird Land U/C $229,900
3603 Bermuda Ct-4BR, 2 1/2BA, formal dining, 2CR GR, RV parking $228,500
2607 Hughes-4/2, 3 living areas, terrific workshop $217,000
4623 Thomason-Like new, in great area $200,000
1105 Mogford-4bd, 3ba, 2 liv, 2 din, beautiful landscaping, recent roof $199,900
3903 Lehigh-Tree filled corner lot 4 bdrm, 3 bath, extremely clean U/C $184,500
2507 W. Shandon-4BR/2 1/2BA, 2 living, lovely yard, Fannin $179,000
1704 College-Charming 4/2, huge backyard $139,900
4620 Bowie-4-3-3LA, big house! Great possibilities! $120,000
2902 Mariana-Two story 4BR, 3BA, 2LA, dbl garage + storage, Special financing is available $77,900
1105 E. Nobles-4BR, 2 bath, foreclosure U/C $28,900

Five or More Bedrooms

Co. Rd. 101-Greenwood, 5/4/3, basement, guesthouse, pool, shop, built 2007 $589,900
4212 Timberglen-5Bd, 2LA, 3.5 baths, 3 garage, Mockingbird Heights $475,000
3213 Shell Ave.-5 bed/3LA, 3.5 bath, MaMar U/C $322,900
7600 E. Co. Rd. 110-Wow-Greenwood, 5BR, 4 1/2BA, 2LV, 2CR GR, 2.39 acres w/barn $319,999

Town Houses and Patio Homes

900 Pine-4 bd, 3.5 ba, pool, guest house, granite, new appliances U/C $319,900
903 Sorrel Lane-Bonus office, loads of updates $250,000
3206 Chelsea-3/2/3 patio home under construction in new subdivison U/C $227,500
1417 Pine-Low maint., 3 bd, 2 ba, 2 liv, huge kitchen $225,000
3209 Chelsea-3/2/3 in new fast selling subdivision SOLD $219,900
2301 Stutz-3/2.5, 2 living, workshop $209,900
2811 Golf Course-Spacious 3BR, 2 1/2BA patio home $209,500
4404 Ward-Spacious 3BR patio home $199,500
2618 Noel-Low maint. corner lot, 3 bd, 2.5 ba, 2 liv or 4 bd, 1 liv, new paint & carpet $199,000
2612 Garfield-3 bd, 2.5 bath, 2 dining patio home $179,900
2604 N. Garfield-Spacious patio home with many updates $169,900
1402 Pecan-3/2, Wallace Patio home $159,900
4712 Harvard Ave.-2BD/2BA spacious townhome! $109,000
501 W. Scharbauer Dr. #8-Fabulous pool view $52,900

Lots, Land and Acreage

Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott $650,000
2505 Mockingbird-5.574 Acres, complete baseball field, irrigated, metal building $550,000
2910 Passage Way-Ideal location on 24 acres $550,000
5506 Whitman-5.5 acres, water well $385,000
18 Desta Dr.-2.878 acres in Claydesta Plaza $325,000
Marlin St.-Development possibilities off Rankin Hwy $332,500
6000 N. Co. Rd. 1246-approx. 10 acres $299,000
2407 Texland-Over 2 acre lot in cul-de-sac/pie shaped $175,000
300 Charismatic-2.247 acres in Solomon Estates $169,900
16104 Windswept-Great get-a-way, shop/RV on 3.0 acres w/130 pecan trees $165,000
2300 Texland-2.014 Acres $160,000
4810 N. Co. Rd. 1147-Approx. 22 acres $159,000
4007 Tanforan-Little over 1/2 acre in Mockingbird Heights $156,000
900 W. Cuthbert-Build new in Old Midland $125,000
11.44 Acres-Cynthia-Super location close to town $80,000
5310 Ellen Jayne Way-Green Tree North $69,000
5312 Ellen Jayne Way-Green Tree North $69,000
5308 Ellen Jayne Way-Green Tree North $69,000
5327 Bella Place-Green Tree North $69,000
5325 Bella Place-Green Tree North $69,000
5000 Heather-Saddle Club South lot $55,000

New Construction

2310 S. Co. Rd. 1121-Greenwood's newest subdivision, 3bd, 3ba, Scott Dickerson $339,900
5313 Bella Place-Beautiful in Green Tree North $315,000
3229 Patrick-4BR, 3BA, 3GA, new construction $289,900
3217 Patrick-Mike Jackson Const. 4/3/3 nearing completion U/C $289,900
4817 Yearwood-Gorgeous 3BR in Greathouse district $266,650
3206 Chelsea-3/2/3 patio home under construction in new subdivison U/C $227,500
3209 Chelsea-3/2/3 in new fast selling subdivision SOLD $219,900
2802 S. Co. Rd. 1067-Greenwood 4/2/2, 1AC, whirlpool tub, open plan $209,900
1322 Dormard-Beautiful new construction by Michael Friday $175,000

Lease Property

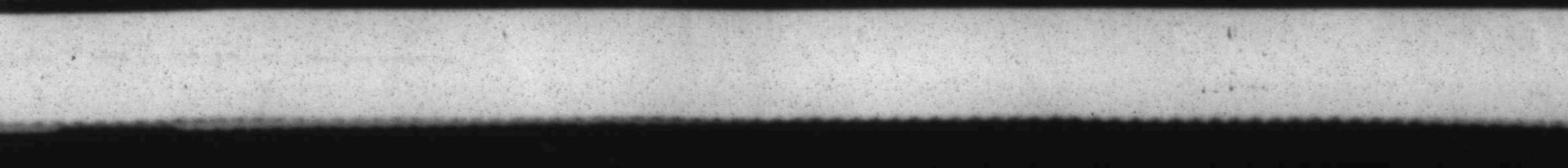
3314 Haynes $2,000/mo

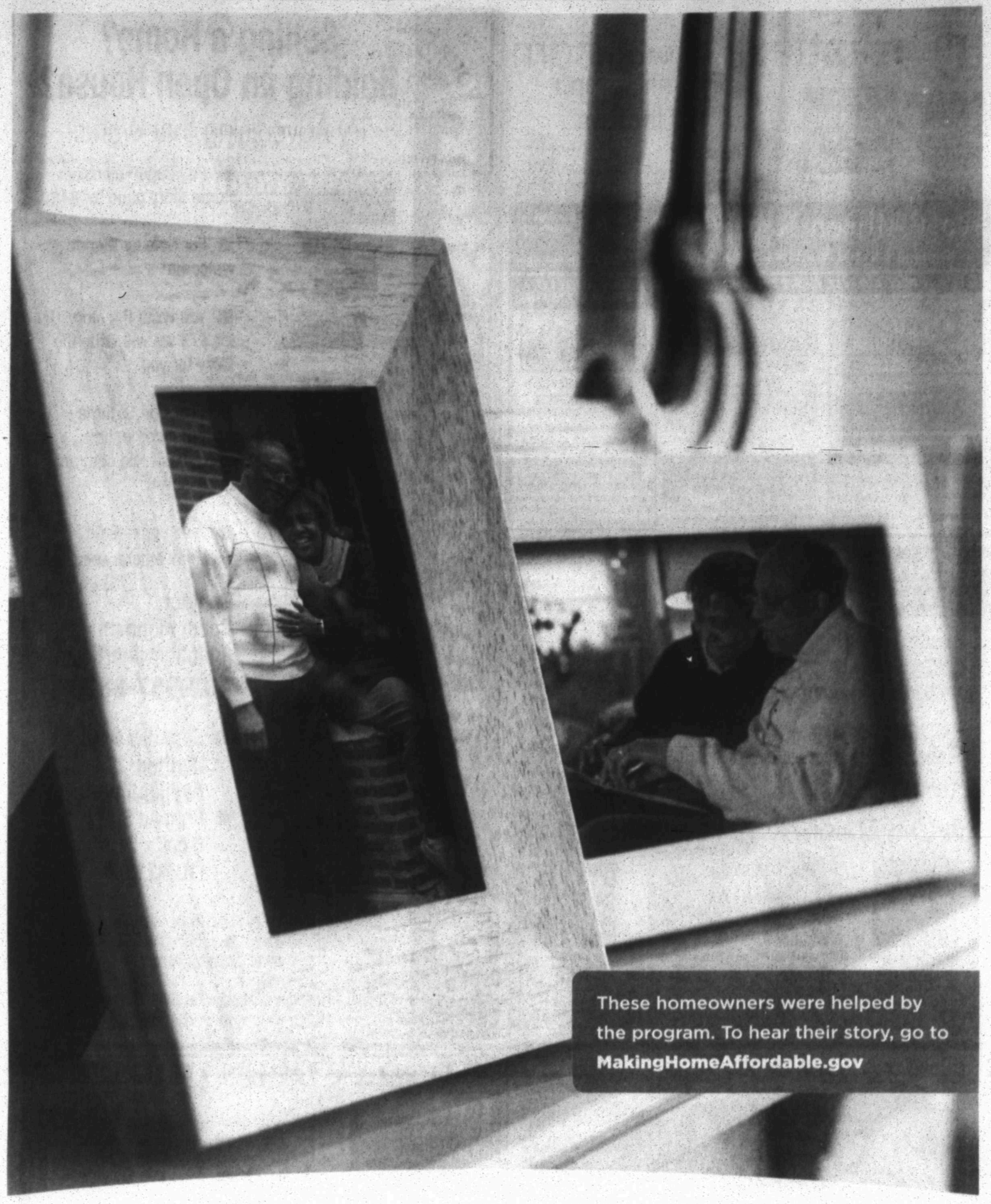
Commercial Investment Property

W. Wadley Avenue-1.232 acre retail or offc. pad site next to new West Texas Nat'l Bank Call Bill Scott
5500 Block of Wadley-Wonderful location in North Midland, zoned for retail. Across from Lowes. Vacant lot with approx. 53,663 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott $645,000
701-707 W. Indiana-Office building w/6 separate suites, 15,870 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott $475,000
811 W. Missouri-[illegible] $445,000
2900 W. Front St.-(The Sports Center) Industrial. 2 buildings $415,000
2820 Golf Course Rd.-Great office or retail space $389,000
3105 Bankhead Hwy.-[illegible] $325,000
18 Desta Dr.-Raw land for office in Claydesta Plaza. 2.878 acres $325,000
4910 N. Midkiff-Beautiful custom office building in Stone Oak Plaza w/small warehouse area. Call Cindy Kellough or Bill Scott $229,000
711 W. Tennessee-Comm., 26 Covered, 41 Uncovered parking space $222,000
#12 E. Industrial Loop-[illegible] Call Bill Scott $199,900
3609 Kermit Hwy., Odessa, Tx.-Approx. 4,650 sq. ft. office building. Call Bill Scott $180,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail. Call Bill Scott $125,000
1310 N. Big Spring-Commercial Building $85,000
3221 W. Storey-Duplex 2 bd each side-great investment property $60,000
#25 Village Circle-For Lease up to 31,000+/- sq. ft. perfect for medical office, office space or retail, competitive rates Call Bill Scott

Out of Town Properties

3625 Country Club/San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake Front $850,000





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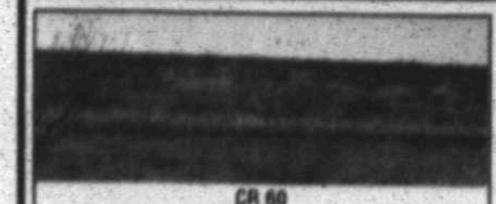

CR 60
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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS

241 Bass Road, Crane, Tx	$225,500	Justin 352-0927
2316 Country Club Dr., Odessa, Tx	$180,000	Anna 425-2706
5541 Winchester Ave., Odessa, Tx	$139,900	Tim 349-6774
511 Brownwood	$137,900	Donnie 210-724-9082
1910 Todd Rd.	$119,900	Sandra 889-3227
3601 Storey Ave.	$119,000	Lindsay 212-2272
1121 E 51st Odessa, Tx	$75,000	Brittany 212-2644

COMMERCIAL LISTING

6112 Big Spring St.	$2,250,000	Thomas 688-8200

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1150 Acres MLD Level 3, High Fence, Sonora	$1,750,000	Thomas 934-3333
3402 W. Co. Rd. 184	$502,000	Justin 352-0927
14383 Lakeside Dr Paint Rock, Tx	$144,900	Thomas 688-8200
18521 Ivie St.	$139,900	Thomas 688-8200
Lot 16 Haborview Estates	$75,900	Thomas 688-8200
11069 Wink St. Lake Ivie, Tx	$15,000	Thomas 688-8200
2420 acres Robert Lee	$1000/acre	Thomas 688-8200
Pecos River Ranch, 2200 Acres, State classified minerals	$325/acre	Thomas 688-8200
1707 acres in Imperial	$305/acre	Thomas 688-8200
25 Lots on Cloverdale Rd		Tim 349-6774

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5309 Widener Strip
4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, formal living and dining areas, 2,349 sq. ft., 3 car garage.
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4001 Crestridge
4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, formal living and dining areas, 3,371 sq. ft., 3 car garage.
Randy Wise 210-8846

4508 Mathis St.
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, in-ground pool and spa, 1,577 sq. ft., 2 car garage.
Linda Fieseler 559-5521

4110 Harlowe
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, formal living area, 1,858 sq. ft.
Dene Kelly 697-0500

4803 Ric Dr.
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1,299 sq. ft., 2 car garage.
Linda Fieseler 559-5521

205 N. Dewberry
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1,571 sq. ft., 2 car garage.
Dene Kelly 686-7809

6500 E. Co. Rd. 66
Greenwood, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Mobile home, formal dining areas, 1,792 sq. ft.
Julia Seifert 553-5853

3225 Travis
2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, formal living area, 1,304 sq. ft.
Dene Kelly 686-7809

COMMERCIAL

Industrial Warehouse 7 offices, kitchen, conference room, wired for 440 and 3 phase electrical ..... $485,000 *TINA*
Business/Living 307 and Cloverdale Rd., small restaurant/shop; 2/2 home in back, over 1/2 acre ..... $120,000 *DAVE*
Odessa-Business Opportunity! Pancake Alley Restaurant includes ALL inventory / furniture ..... $159,000 *BETTY*
Odessa 7.7 acres, 49,800 sq. ft., 3 buildings, 3 phase electrical, loading dock, previously machine shop ..... $700,000 *BETTY*
Loop 250 W. 4 Lots, Prime land across from Grande Stadium ..... $350,000 *DENE*

LOTS & LAND

2 Acres South Midland 202x404, no mobile homes ..... $14,400 *TINA*
1.5 Acres Possible owner finance, commercially zoned ..... $149,900 *DAVE*

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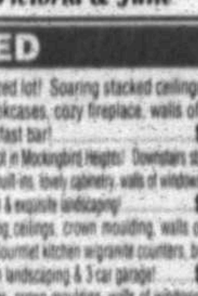

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NEW & REDUCED

2537 Country Club Dr.-Absolutely stunning 4 bed/4.5 bath home on an estate sized lot! Soaring stacked ceilings, stacked crown mouldings, arched doorways, rounded corners, incredible built-in bookcases, cozy fireplace, walls of windows & plantation shutters! Gourmet kitchen w/abundant cabinets, island & breakfast bar! $510,000
4114 Tanforan Ave.-NEW-Magnificent 3 bed/3.5 bath/5 living custom home on fabulous corner lot in Mockingbird Heights! Downstairs study could be 4th bedroom! Each guest bedroom has a private study! Soaring ceilings, custom crown mouldings, built-ins, lovely cabinetry, walls of windows & gleaming hardwood floors! Ceramic tile, French doors & 3 fireplaces! Enormous RV garage, wrap-around porch & exquisite landscaping! $499,900
4909 Crista Lane-NEW-Absolutely spectacular 4 Bed/3 Bath home in crestgate! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, incredible built-in bookcases, towering stone fireplace & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, breakfast bar & stainless appliances! Fabulous master suite w/dual vanities! Fantastic covered patio, lush landscaping & 3 car garage! $375,000
5306 Oak Valley Dr.-NEW-Fabulous 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Greathouse! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace, arched doorways & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, island, large pantry & breakfast bar! Fantastic master suite w/dual vanities, huge walk-in closet & separate shower & jetted tub! Wonderful sunroom! Lush landscaping! $339,900
6201 Prairie Ridge-Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3 bath home in Grassland Estates West! Soaring ceilings, crown mouldings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace & gleaming hardwood floors! Gourmet kitcen w/large corner pantry, island and abundant cabinets! Fantastic master suite w/ soaring stacked ceiling, patio access and a wonderful bath! Fabulous covered patio, large yard, lush landscaping & 2 car garage! $307,500
10306 W County Rd 58 - Peaceful retreat on almost 2 acres & 50+ ft. Front porch! 4 Bed/2 ba/2 la/2 gar. Large greatroom w/stained concrete floors, brick fp, custom speakers & media closet. Living & bedrooms have hardwood floors. Seq. Master w/jetted tub, shower and 2 walk-in closets. 30x70 shop w/4 overhead doors + rv hook-up! $279,900
1421 Ainslee-NEW-Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3.5 bath home! Soaring ceilings, skylights, walls of windows & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/ pantry, breakfast bar & abundant cabinets! Fantastic seq. master suite w/dual sinks & sep. shower & tub! Spacious guest bedrooms! 4th guest bedroom could be second living! Fabulous covered patio, lushly landscaped courtyard, circle drive & 3 car garage! $249,900

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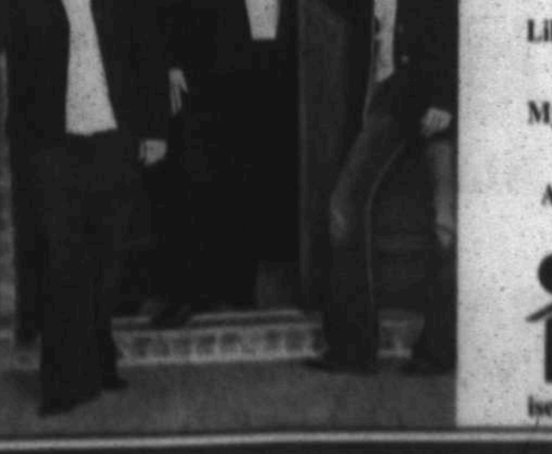

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5000 Canterbury-NEW-Spectacular 4 bedroom/2.5 Bath home in polo park estates! 1 Living & 2 dining areas w/soaring ceilings, walls of windows, brick fireplace & ceiling fans! Spacious kitchen with abundant storage, ceramic tile and huge walk-in pantry! Recent paint/tile. Large seq master suite boasts his & her closets, double vanity, and sep. Tub & shower! Additional bedrooms each with walk-in closet! 2 Car garage! $227,500
5218 Canadian-NEW-Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home on a nice tree-lined street! Soaring ceilings, crown mouldings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors & miles of tile! Fantastic kitchen w/breakfast bar & abundant cabinets! Wonderful master suite w/dual sinks, walk-in closet & sep. shower & tub! Fabulous covered patio & 2 car garage! $219,900
2200 Abbey-NEW- Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home with a 2 car garage. 2 Living areas, beamed ceiling and fireplace. Many recent updates. Located on a quiet Cul-De-Sac with a dazzling pool and blocks from the park! $204,000
2602 Cessna-NEW-Darling 4 bed/2 bath home in Fannin school district! Skylight, ceiling fans, neutral paint, cozy fireplace & miles of tile! Fabulous kitchen w/abundant cabinets, island & desk area! Great seq. master suite w/dual sinks sep. shower & tub & large walk-in closet! Spacious guest bedrooms! Fabulous covered patio, large yard, lush landscaping storage shed & 2 car garage! $194,900
1508 Alcove Ct.-Wonderful 3 bed/2 bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac! Recent paint and carpet! Walls of windows, built-in bookcases, ceiling fans & cozy fireplace! Darling kitchen w/abundant cabinets and miles of tile! Fabulous master suite w/separate closets and a spacious vanity! Great covered patio overlooking large yard w/mature landscaping! 2 car garage & circle drive! $144,900
4724 Leisure Dr.-Lovely 4 bed/1.5 bath/1 living area or 3 bed/1.5 bath/2 living area home in a quiet family neighborhood! Recently updated kitchen w/pantry & breakfast dining area! Wonderful master suite w/walls of windows! Recent paint, roof and water heater! Large backyard, lush landscaping & water well attached to sprinkler system! $82,000

4+ BEDROOMS

7401 Briarwood Ave. - 8 bd/5.5 Ba/4 la/sunroom overlooks pool/hot tub. Main home is 6389 ft. 2 Guest apartments 2 Garage, 4 car carport, boat & golf cart gar. Workshop, rv gar. 4 Drive-in horse stalls opens to pens! Fabulous lanscaped grounds w/ mature trees, tennis court, lrg circle drive $1,499,000.00
1917 Pagewood-beautiful 5 bed/3.5 Ba/4 gar on quiet cul-de-sac almost 1 acre lot! Formal la w/hardwood den, 3 living areas! Gourmet kit w/viking fridge/gas cook top, slate floors, 3 cantera custom doors & 3 fireplaces! ..... SOLD $690,900
2537 Country Club Dr.-Absolutely stunning 4 bed/4.5 bath home on an estate sized lot! Soaring stacked ceilings, stacked crown mouldings, arched doorways, rounded corners, incredible built-in bookcases, cozy fireplace, walls of windows & plantation shutters! Gourmet kitchen w/abundant cabinets, island & breakfast bar! $510,000
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7010 Courtney Ct.-Absolutely spectacular 5 bed/3 bath home located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Green Tree North! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy brick fireplace, custom paint & miles of tile! ..... SOLD $375,000
5306 Oak Valley Dr. -Fabulous 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Greathouse! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace, arched doorways & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, island, large pantry & breakfast bar! Wonderful sunroom! Lush landscaping! $339,900
3103 Lockheed-Extraordinary & updated 4 bed/4 bath/4 living/2 dining home in Old Midland with a dazzling pool and lovely waterfall! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, built-in bookcases, hidden closets for extra storage & gleaming hardwood floors! Fabulous gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, granite countertops & tumbled marble backsplash! $325,000
403 Springwood-Fabulous ACH home! 4 Bedrooms/2.5baths/2 dining areas! Gourmet kitchen with center island & custom cabinets! Gorgeous archways, hardwood in formal dining! Spacious master suite w/ jetted tub, sep. Shower & lg. Closet! Subdivision has private playground and pool! $314,900
6201 Prairie Ridge-Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3 bath home in Grassland Estates West! Soaring ceilings, crown mouldings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace & gleaming hardwood floors! Gourmet kitcen w/large corner pantry, island and abundant cabinets! Fabulous covered patio, large yard, lush landscaping & 2 car garage! $307,500
5006 Hilltop-4 bd/3 ba/3 gar w/archways, 23 inch tile, crown molding & recent paint! Spacious den w/fp & unique ceiling treatments. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, custom cabinets! ..... U/C $299,900
10306 W County Rd 58 - Peaceful retreat on almost 2 acres & 50+ ft. Front porch! 4 Bed/2 ba/2 la/2 gar. Large greatroom w/stained concrete floors, brick fp, custom speakers & media closet. Living & bedrooms have hardwood floors. Seq. Master w/jetted tub, shower and 2 walk-in closets. 30x70 shop w/4 overhead doors + rv hook-up! $279,900
1421 Ainslee-Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3.5 bath home! Soaring ceilings, skylights, walls of windows & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/breakfast bar & abundant cabinets! Fantastic seq. master suite w/dual sinks! 4th guest bedroom could be second living! Fabulous covered patio & lushly landscaped courtyard! $249,900
2209 Cimmaron Ave.-Absolutely fabulous 5 bed/4 bath home with 4 living areas! Soaring ceilings, crown mouldings, walls of windows, built-in bookcases, cozy brick fireplace and gleaming hardwood floors! Darling kitchen w/pantry, abundant cabinets and miles of tile! Workshop, storage buildings, 2 car garage, lush landscaping and open patio! $239,900
5000 Canterbury- Spectacular 4 bedroom/2.5 Bath home in polo park estates! 1 Living & 2 dining areas w/soaring ceilings, walls of windows, brick fireplace & ceiling fans! Spacious kitchen with abundant storage, ceramic tile and huge walk-in pantry! Recent paint/tile. Large seq. master suite boasts his & her closets, double vanity, and sep. Tub & shower! Additional bedrooms each with walk-in closet! 2 Car garage! $227,500
3412 Pinemont-Fabulous 4 bed/2 bath home in Fairmont Park! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, brick fireplace, frieze carpet and ceramic tile! Open kitchen w/island & lots of cabinets! ..... U/C $207,000
2200 Abbey- Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home with a 2 car garage. 2 Living areas, beamed ceiling and fireplace. Many recent updates. Located on a quiet Cul-De-Sac with a dazzling pool and blocks from the park! $204,000
2602 Cessna-Darling 4 bed/2 bath home in Fannin school district! Skylight, ceiling fans, neutral paint, cozy fireplace & miles of tile! Fabulous kitchen w/abundant cabinets, island & desk area! Great seq. master suite w/dual sinks! Fabulous covered patio, large yard, lush landscaping storage shed & 2 car garage! $194,900
2508 Emerson-Lovely 4 bed/3 ba/2 gar home in quiet neighborhood! Spacious living room w/beamed ceiling & brick fireplace. Kitchen w/recent cabinets, appliances & ceramic tile. Seq. In-law plan. Professionally renovated in 1998. Spacious yard! ..... U/C In 10 Days $165,000
4317 Greenbriar-Updated 4 bed/2 ba/2 gar. Remodeled kitchen w/granite, stainless appliances, custom cabinets, lighting & stone back splash. Tile throughout except beds; recent paint, crown molding, fixtures & marble fireplace. Spacious master w/large shower ..... U/C In 1 Day $165,000
201 Walker Court-Simply lovely 3 bed/2 bath townhome on an extra large lot! Granite countertops in kitchen and baths! Tile flooring in kitchen, dining area, utility and baths! Unbelievable price for quality! 2 car garage! $127,500
1011 Ainslee St. Spacious 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 living/2 dining home on lovely corner lot in old Midland! Darling kitchen w/recent countertops, R/O & miles of tile! Lovely yard with lush landscaping & dog run $119,900
4022 Monty Dr.-Spacious 4 bed/1 bath home! Ceiling fans, built-in bookcases, walls of windows and miles of tile! Kitchen with custom ash cabinets, tile, gas stove and breakfast bar! Sequestered master bedroom with fireplace and study! Recent roof and exterior paint! Large backyard with cinderblock fence and storage shed! $95,000
4724 Leisure Dr.-Lovely 4 bed/1.5 bath/1 living area or 3 bed/1.5 bath/2 living area home in a quiet family neighborhood! Recently updated kitchen w/pantry & breakfast dining area! Wonderful master suite w/walls of windows! Recent paint, roof and water heater! Large backyard, lush landscaping & water well attached to sprinkler system! $82,000

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2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4114 Tanforan Ave.-Magnificent 3 bed/3.5 bath/5 living custom home on fabulous corner lot in Mockingbird Heights! Downstairs study could be 4th bedroom! Each guest bedroom has a private study! Soaring ceilings, custom crown mouldings, French doors & 3 fireplaces! Enormous RV garage, wrap-around porch & exquisite landscaping! $499,900
5520 Cypress-Beautiful 3 bd/3.5 Ba/2 dr/2 la on the course! Spacious living w/soaring ceiling. 2 Bd/2.5 Ba downstairs (2 masters). Living area, bed/bath & deck upstairs. Formal dining w/hardwood, sunroom w/sweeping views of the course. ..... U/C In 1 Day $375,000
1418 Lanham- Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/3 bath home with a sparkling pool! Fantastic courtyard entrance to huge living area! Extra spacious master suite w/fireplace and large bath with separate tub, shower & indoor sauna! ..... SOLD $239,900
5612 San Saba Ct.-Exquisite custom home w/dazzling pool! 3 Spacious bed/2 baths, gourmet kitchen open to den. Beautiful custom cabinets, pantry & display shelves. Crown molding, walls of windows, ceramic tile & lovely drive-up appeal. Sequestered master suite w/jetted tub, dual sinks & sep. closets. ..... U/C $229,900
4507 Lennox Dr.-Wonderfully updated 3 bed/2 bath/3 living area home on a quiet cul-de-sac! Gleaming hardwood floors shine in the spacious formal living area! Gourmet kitchen w/fabulous granite countertops & beautiful cabinets! ..... SOLD $229,900
5600 Rio Grande Ave.-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage home! Spacious living area w/stained concrete flooring, crown moulding & gas fireplace! Darling kitchen w/breakfast area, custom cabinets, granite tile countertops, stainless appliances, pantry & bar open to living area! Lovely Sequestered master suite w/walk-in closet, dual sinks & sep. tub and shower! ..... U/C $205,000
5218 Canadian -Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home on a nice tree-lined street! Soaring ceilings, crown mouldings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace & gleaming hardwood floors! Fantastic kitchen w/breakfast bar & abundant cabinets! Wonderful master suite w/dual sinks & sep. shower & tub! $219,900
4007 St. Andrews Dr.-Beautiful 3bed/2bath updated home. Large utility w/sink and table. Beamed ceiling in la with gas log brick fireplace. Spacious kitchen with glass tile backsplash and stainless appliances. Sequestered master suite w/2 walk-in closets and master bath boasts 2 sinks and vanities ..... U/C $179,900
2200 Culver-Spacious 3 bed/2 bath home! Two living areas, one with beamed ceiling, built-ins & rock fireplace! Frieze carpeting, hardwood floor, ceramic tile & recent paint! Spacious kitchen is updated with recent countertops, backsplash, fixtures & hardware! Bedrooms have lots of storage! Covered patio & carport! $169,000
1505 W. Ohio Ave.-Fabulous 2 bed/2 bath home w/guest house! Soaring beamed ceiling, crown moulding, walls of windows, built-in bookcases, gleaming hardwood floors and stone fireplace! ..... U/C In 10 Days $155,000
1508 Alcove Ct.-Wonderful 3 bed/2 bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac! Recent paint and carpet! Walls of windows, built-in bookcases, ceiling fans & cozy fireplace! Darling kitchen w/abundant cabinets and miles of tile! Fabulous master suite w/separate closets and a spacious vanity! Great covered patio overlooking large yard w/mature landscaping! 2 car garage & circle drive! $144,900
4720 Country Club-spacious brick home in nice neighborhood! 3 Bedroom/2 bath/2 garage that just needs paint & some flooring! Living room w/beamed ceiling & lovely brick fireplace. Large backyard w/storage shed ..... U/C In 1 Day $105,000
4209 FM 307-Charming 3 bed/2 bath country home in Greenwood! Spacious open floorplan with many recent updates! Formal dining and living w/decorator paint colors! Updated heat & air, tankless water heater, covered patio & lrg. backyard $87,500

LAND & LOTS

5512 Golden Gate-7.2 Acres with barn and tack room	$515,000
5512 Golden Gate-4 Acres, perfect for those who want a big city lot	$220,000
5512 Golden Gate-3.28 Acres, inside city limits with city water	$180,000
5512 Golden Gate-3.08 Acres, perfect location to build custom home	$169,400

TOP AGENTS - Approx. 400 Midland Area Agents

Individual Agent Sales per $$ Closed per MLS

2006	
Victoria -	$38,395,613
#2 Agent -	$16,371,850
#3 Agent -	$15,124,374
2007	
Victoria -	$34,054,314
#2 Agent -	$25,499,312
#3 Jeaneen -	$18,591,050
2008	
Victoria -	$32,435,480
#2 Jeaneen -	$20,177,588
Julie -	Top 9%
2009	
Victoria -	#1 Agent
Jeaneen -	#3 Agent
Julie -	Top 5%
DEC. 31, 2010	
Victoria -	#1 Agent
Jeaneen -	#3 Agent
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3305 Canemont
$201,900
4BR, 2BA in Fairmont Park! New Price!

4900 Anetta
$166,500
Loaded w/Amenities! Veatch Resale!

2903 Savoy Pl.
$296,000
Gorgeous New Bernal Construction! Mayfield Place!

2708 Savoy Pl.
$358,777
Fabulous Custom Bernal Resale! $10,000 in Upgrades! In-ground Pool!

2005 Fringewood
$550,000
Custom McPherson Resale! 5BR, 3.5BA, 2 In-Law Suites! Inground Granite Hot Tub!

2905 Chelsea Pl.
$302,000
Stunning New Bernal Construction! Iron Front Door, Hardscraped Hardwood Floors, Plantation Shutters!

1807 'H' St.
$169,900
Unbelievable Price in Old Midland! Mid Century Designers Home!

4+ BEDROOMS

Tasforan Ave-Mockingbird Heights. Truly One of a Kind! Magnificent Home! 4 BR, Study, Gameroom, Workout Room, X-Mas Room, Panic Room. On .644 Ac. POOL, Spa, & fully equipped outside kitchen. Incredible Grounds! ... **Sold!**
2005 Fringewood-5 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3,750+ sqft. Custom McPherson 1 Owner Home! 2 In-Law Suites, Miles of granite. Party patio w/fireplace & in-ground granite hot tub!!! 4 Car Garage + extra parking pad! ... **New Listing! $550,000**
6339 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, + Study! Brand New McPherson Home in Grasslands Wests! ... **Sale Pending! $510,000**
4810 E. Co. Rd. 61-4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining + Study, 3 Car Garage. Absolutely Stunning Triple M New Construction! Custom features, Italian arches, stainless, granite & so much more! 3,718 sqft on 2.5 Acres in Bonita Estates! ... **New Listing! $479,900**
6308 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Brand New McPherson Beauty! 10' wrought iron doors, shutters, media room. Still time to select all colors! ... **New Listing! $474,900**
6002 Queens Ct-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 4 Car Garage, Double Wrought Iron Dr. Doors, 11' Ceilings, Hand Faux Finished Walls, Self Contained Villa Feeling! 4,300+ sqft, Green Hill Terrace ... **New Listing! $479,900**
2807 Country Club-4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, Captivating Contemporary Home! Fabulous Pool & Wood Deck! ... **Sale Pending! $339,900**
2905 Chelsea Pl-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Gorgeous New Bernal Construction! Fully Loaded! Iron Front Door, Rock Fireplace, & Much More! ... **New Listing! $302,000**
2903 Savoy Pl-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Stunning New Bernal Construction! Granite, High Ceilings, Oil Bronze Package, Hand Scraped WOOD Flooring! ... **New Listing! $296,000**
3113 Patrick-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Stainless, Granite, Plantation Shutters! New Refrigerator Included! ... **Sale Pending! $271,500**
5312 Greathouse-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Fabulous New Construction AGA-Home! Loaded w/granite, mouldings, oil bronze package! Still time to pick colors! ... **New Listing! $265,900**
2501 Fannin-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2 Story, Downstairs Master, Kitchen completely updated w/gourmet island & granite! LOADS of space! Game room, Flat Screen TV! ... **Sale Pending! $229,900**
6 Bristol Ct-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Living, over 3,400 sqft in Fannin! ... **Sold! $279,900**
2809 Caldera-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Extra large ceramic f.e. granite, 2" blinds, Brand New Bernal Home! ... **Sale Pending! $219,900**
2811 Caldera-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, INCOMPARABLE VALUE AT UNDER $90.00/sqft! Huge living area, Gorgeous granite throughout! ... **Sale Pending! $214,900**
3305 Canemont-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Designer upgrades! This one won't last! Fairmont Park! ... **Open Today! New Price! $201,900**
4509 Patman-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, + HUGE Game Room, Hardwood Floors, 2,600+ sqft in Northgate! ... **New Listing! $195,900**
4425 Gleneagles-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2,000+ sqft, Fabulous in Fairmont Park! ... **Sold less than 30 Days! $189,900**
3211 Cimmaron - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Stainless Appliances! Updated in Fannin District! ... **New Price! $164,900**
3519 Imperial-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Many Recent Updates! New Stainless Appliances! HUGE Game Room! New Roof! ... **New Price! $159,900**
3413 Louisiana Ave-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Big House/versatile plan! ... **Short Sale! $83,000**

3 BEDROOMS

2708 Savoy Pl-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2008 Fabulous Custom Bernal Resale! Tons of Upgrades- Gourmet Kitchen, Granite, Skylights, Double Patios, Entertainment Area with Heated In-Ground Pool! ... **New Listing! $358,777**
12200 W. Co. Rd. 56-3 Bedroom, 2.5, + Study! Gorgeous Italian Arches, Quiet Country Setting on 4+ Acres! ... **New Price! $295,500**
3502 Wedgwood St-3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Fabulous One Owner Townhome! 14x16.5 heated/cooled Craft Room! ... **Sold! $264,900**
4517 Monty-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Brand New Rosas Home! High Ceilings, Granite, Stainless Appliances, Tile & Much More! ... **Open Today! New Price! $179,900**
1807 N. 'H' St.-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Apprx 1,682 sqft, Mid Century Design! ... **New Price! $169,900**
4900 Anetta-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2005 Immaculate 1 Owner Veatch Construction! Kitchen is Loaded! Sequestered Master! ... **New Listing! $166,500**
2416 Santa Cruz, Odessa-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Oversized 2 Car Garage, Open Floor Plan! ... **Sold! $155,000**
1015 W. Normany, Pecos-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, HUGE Corner Lot! Workshop! ... **New Price! $115,000**
3215 W. Illinois Ave-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Investors Special! ... **New Price! $79,900**
3715 Monty Dr-3 Bedroom-2 Bath, Investors Special! ... **New Price! $69,900**
3406 Tanner Dr-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Investors Special! ... **Sale Pending! $49,900**

2 BEDROOMS

105 E. Illinois-New Renovation Construction in Downtown Midland! Tri Level Loft! ... **Special Builder's Price! $359,900**
103 E. Illinois-Downtown Midland's Urban Lifestyle Loft! Commercial Grade Custom Kitchen! ... **Special Builder's Price! $349,900**
101 E. Illinois-State of the Art Living, 2,000+ sqft, 20' Ceilings, Jacuzzi! Call for private showing! ... **Special Builder's Price! $349,900**
1209 E. Walnut-2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Handymans Dream! As Is Sale! ... **Sale Pending! $19,900**

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

11911 W. Co. Rd. 125-Expose your business to Success!! 3 Office buildings/warehouses! Call Ashley for details ... **Commercial! $850,000**
109 E. Cemetery Rd., Ford Davis-ATM Autoparts & Repair, 4,300 sq. ft. Call Chris for details! Opportunity Knocks! ... **New Price! $465,000**
3207 W. Front-Ray's Auto, 2,760 sq. ft. Call Chris for details ... **Commercial! $399,900**
E. Hwy 80-Zoned LR-3 High Traffic Location! Will accommodate car lot, storage units, etc. WILL OWNER CARRY OR LEASE! ... **Lot! $45,000**
4903 Crista Ln-Premium choice lot for your Custom Home in Rock Point! Large Lot .217 acres! ... **Sold! $44,900**
Ellen Jayne Way - Great Residential Lots in Green Tree North! 5200, 5210, & 5212 ... **Lots! $65,000/each**
1106 Cowden-Residential Lot in Glendale Subdivision, 0.180 Acres ... **Lot! $9,000**
4723 Douglas Ave-Residential Lot, West of Midland Dr off Andrews Hwy ... **Lot! $7,500**

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

2000 Westfalian Trail #3-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Steiner Ranch with too many Upgrades to list! Call 512-796-4340 ... **New Listing! $289,900**
7417 Brescourt Manor Way-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath on Circle C! Bank Owned with Buyer Incentives! Call 512-796-4340 ... **New Listing! $272,250**
299 Limestone Trail-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in like NEW Condition! Bank Owned & Value Priced! Call 512-796-4340 ... **New Listing! $247,500**
1505 Amberwood Loop-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Kyle with Upgrades Galore & Tons of Space. Call 512-796-4340 ... **New Price! $196,500**
103 Capistrano Dr-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in San Marcos with Giant Rooms. Call 512-796-4340 ... **New Listing! $154,900**
111 Amherst Ct-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Kyle! Value Priced & Clean! Call 512-796-4340 ... **New Listing! $108,900**
6405 Auburn Dr-4 Bedroom, 4 Bath Duplex, Bank Owned with Buyer Incentive! Call 512-796-4340 ... **New Listing! $89,900**

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3BDRMS/2BTHS #4984 - $105,500

3BDRMS/2BTHS #0314 - $122,500

3BDRMS/3BTHS #1844 - $268,000

2BDRMS/1BTH #1214 - $90,000

HOMES AVAILABLE

4 BEDROOM		
8236 SAN DIEGO DR.	#4984	$495,000
4900 KING RICHARDS ROW	#2424	$267,900
2611 CULVER DR.		REDUCED $224,900
6403 BOWMAN	#2274	$219,900
2905 CALDERA BLVD	#1004	$218,500
3502 CRESTMONT	#1684	UNDER CONTRACT
3 BEDROOM		
2001 HOLLOWAY AVE	#1844	$268,000
2708 WHITTLE WAY	#2904	UNDER CONTRACT
5000 SUNSHINE PARKWAY		UNDER CONTRACT
2502 BELLECHASSE CT		UNDER CONTRACT
2606 CULVER	#7414	$164,900
3811 GULF	#2744	$142,900
3317 W. LOUISIANA	#2094	$135,000
2100 WADLEY		UNDER CONTRACT
2501 KANSAS AVE	#0314	$122,500
2604 N A ST	#4984	$105,500
5003 E. CO. RD. 71	#1724	UNDER CONTRACT
4713 SHADYLANE DR.		UNDER CONTRACT
904 N. ST. PETER, STANTON, TX	#1054	$79,900
1 & 2 BEDROOM		
2100 FREEPORT LANE		$150,000
610 W. ESTES	#1214	$90,000
4700 BOULDER UNIT #206		$55,000
3000 ILLINOIS AVE		$49,900

1 & 2 BEDROOM		
4700 BOULDER UNIT #602		$43,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #1108		$43,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #1006		$34,500
4700 BOULDER UNIT #304		$29,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #308		$29,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT 1403		$29,900
LAND & LOTS		
64TH ST W.		$135,000
1203 E. CUTHBERT AVE.		$10,000
1205 E. CUTHBERT AVE.		$10,000
ODESSA		
11065 PALOMINO DR.		$65,000
2540 PALO VERDE DR.		UNDER CONTRACT
4021 SOUTHBROOK COURT		$297,500
7010 TOBOSA AVE	#4774	$245,000
6921 PINECREST	#4074	$239,500
4220 CANDY LANE	#4124	UNDER CONTRACT
15460 S. BONANZA	#0064	UNDER CONTRACT
8801 RAINBOW DR.	#1114	$175,000
2 DE VACA COURT	#2064	$169,000
FEMMER COURT		$159,500
2204 MADERA AVE		$95,900
3724 SPRINGDALE DR	#4064	UNDER CONTRACT
1403 ROSEWOOD AVE		$84,900
COMMERCIAL		
603 FITCH AVE., ODESSA, TX		$23,000

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Midland GALLERY HOMES

5304 Hilltop Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $369,900
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ASHINGDON HOMES

5815 Llano Court
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $275,000
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3105 Patrick Place
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $269,900

3205 Patrick Place
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $268,800

3113 Haynes Drive
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $219,900

3708 Ohio Avenue
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $129,000

"Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present." -Jim Rohn

NEW CONSTRUCTION

VEATCH CONSTRUCTION

3117 Chelsea Place
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $218,300

SSH Saenz Signature Homes

3205 Patrick Place
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $268,800

Carrasco Homes

5901 Llano Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage priced @ $309,800
Photo is representative of finished residence by Carrasco Homes

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL		
1501 Thistle Rd	1 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage/Odessa	$88,000
4613 Storey Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	SOLD
604 W. Estes Ave	3 Bdrm/1 Ba	$109,900
3708 W. Ohio Ave	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$129,000
3515 Baumann Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$132,000
3803 Kansas Ave	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$173,000
812 Stanolind Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$175,000
5104 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3113 Haynes Dr	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$219,900
5400 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$229,000
5701 San Saba	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$244,800
4905 Sunrise Ct	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
NEW CONSTRUCTION		
5311 Greathouse	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3116 Patrick	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
408 E. Pecan	Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$119,900
1210 E. Nobles	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$124,800
1208 E. Nobles	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$124,800
3117 Chelsea Pl.	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5007 Opal Ct	Morse Properties/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5001 Gateway Ct.	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5008 Gateway	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5712 Carmel Ct.	Texas Classic Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$249,500
5312 Oak Valley	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5907 Llano Ct.	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5306 Wimberley Spring	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5310 Wimberley Spring	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3205 Patrick Pl.	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$268,800
3105 Patrick Pl.	Henson Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$269,900
5815 Llano Ct.	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$275,000
5901 Llano Ct.	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$309,800
4800 Yearwood Dr.	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/Study/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4903 Granite Ln.	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5303 Castle Pine	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5306 Castle Pine	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5312 Castle Pine	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4903 Crista Ln.	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$355,000
5309 Mathis St.	Dominion Exclusive Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba	Under Contract
5304 Hilltop Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$369,900
5303 Hilltop Drive	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5302 Hilltop Dr.	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
6007 Los Conchos Ln.	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/4 Car Garage	SOLD
SUBURBAN/ACREAGE		
3801 Tumbleweed Trail	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14819 N. Chinaberry	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.914 Acres	$119,000
10808 E. Co. Rd. 107	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Shop	$185,000
10901 E. Co. Rd. 108	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$199,900
7413 N. Co. Rd. 1297	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$235,000
7511 E. Co. Rd. 110	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/5 Acres	$245,000
5803 Co. Rd. 1200 S	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/12.81 Acres	Under Contract
12044 Goldenrod Dr	Gardendale/30 Acres/Horse Farm	$645,000

RESIDENTIAL HOME SITES		
1600 Pueblo St	0.334 Acres	$22,000
1608 Pueblo St	0.344 Acres	$22,000
1610 Pueblo St	0.344 Acres	$22,000
6403 Bowman Circle	0.751 Acres	$27,500
307 Skywood Circle	0.177 Acres	$49,000
309 Skywood Circle	0.177 Acres	$49,000
403 Skywood Circle	0.26 Acres	$77,000
SUBURBAN HOME SITES		
Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
7405 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.219 Acres	$28,000
6400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres	$81,500
3911 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Hay Barn	$98,500
County Rd. 310	70.53 Acres	$110,000
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FEATURED HOMES

5701 San Saba
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $244,800

3803 W. Kansas Avenue
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $173,000

5400 Rio Grande Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $229,000

10808 E. Co. Rd. 107
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $185,000

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00

2820 MAXWELL - $220,000
Super charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath.
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:00-2:00

3505 LOCKHEED - $214,900
Spacious 6 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath with recent improvements.
Shown by Perkins Brasher

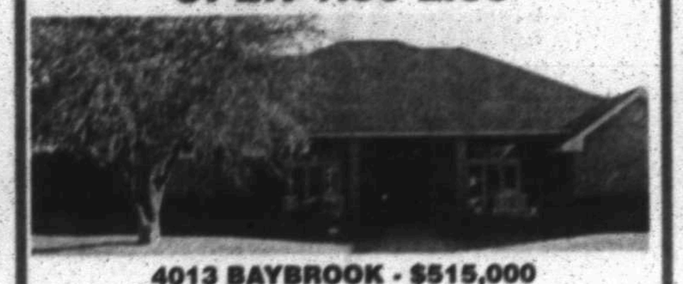
OPEN 1:00-2:00

4822 ILLINOIS - $126,500
3BR, 2BA, totally remodeled home!
Shown by Deborah Stewart

OPEN 1:00-2:00

4906 CRISTA LANE - $264,900
Lovely 3BR, 3BA, 3 car, w/granite, tons of tile!
Shown by Mark Phillibar

OPEN 1:30-2:30

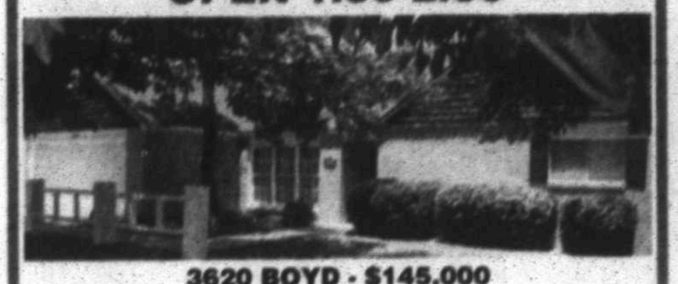


4013 BAYBROOK - $515,000
4 bedroom/3.5 bath!
Shown by Lisa Jansa

OPEN 1:30-2:30

3404 GOLF COURSE - $165,000
Spacious! Spacious! Spacious!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30



3620 BOYD - $145,000
Fresh Paint! Recent Fixtures!
Shown by Liz Plaisted

OPEN 1:30-2:30

4519 SPENCE - $169,900
Gameroom! Totally Updated!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

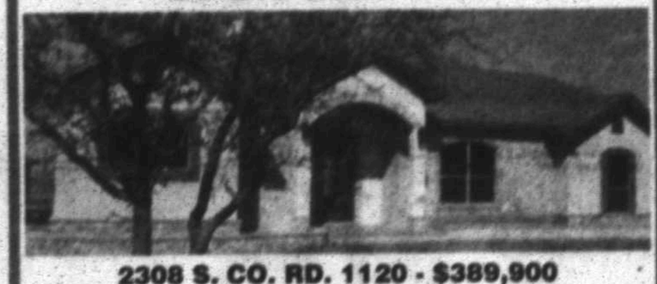
OPEN 2:00-3:00

4902 OAKWOOD COURT - $499,000
Beautiful 4 bedroom with pool.
Shown by Janice Murrell

OPEN 2:30-3:30

1100 HUMBLE - $168,000
Lovely, low-maintenance & totally remodeled townhome!
Shown by Deborah Stewart

OPEN 2:00-3:30



2308 S. CO. RD. 1120 - $389,900
New construction by Coby Farrow.
Shown by Larry Hatfield

OPEN 2:30-3:30

1102 E. CUTHBERT - $124,900
3 bed, 2 bath, spacious floorplan & great family home! Must see!!
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 2:30-4:00

6670 SANDHILLS, GARDENDALE - $389,000
(Turn North at Gardendale Water Towner in Pampas Estates) Gorgeous 2009 Custom built on 3+ acres. 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath.
Shown by Perkins Brasher

OPEN 2:00-4:00

5210 MATHIS - $259,900
Don't miss this 3 bed, 2 bath home that features 10' ceilings, stone fireplace & crown molding.
Shown by Melissa Sanders

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ASK THE EXPERTS:

Q: I am thinking of remodeling. Could you tell me which projects give the most bang for your buck?

A: Check out the "Cost vs. Value" report by Remodeling Magazine. The following are just some improvements and their return on your investment.

- Garage Door Replacement - 80%
- Steel Entry Door Replacement - 102%
- Minor Kitchen Remodel - 72.8%

Ask your Realtor for advice on any remodeling to learn if the investment will pay-off in a sale.

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Q: I would like to see a house that is on the market. Can I call my Realtor to look at the property, even if it is listed by another agent?

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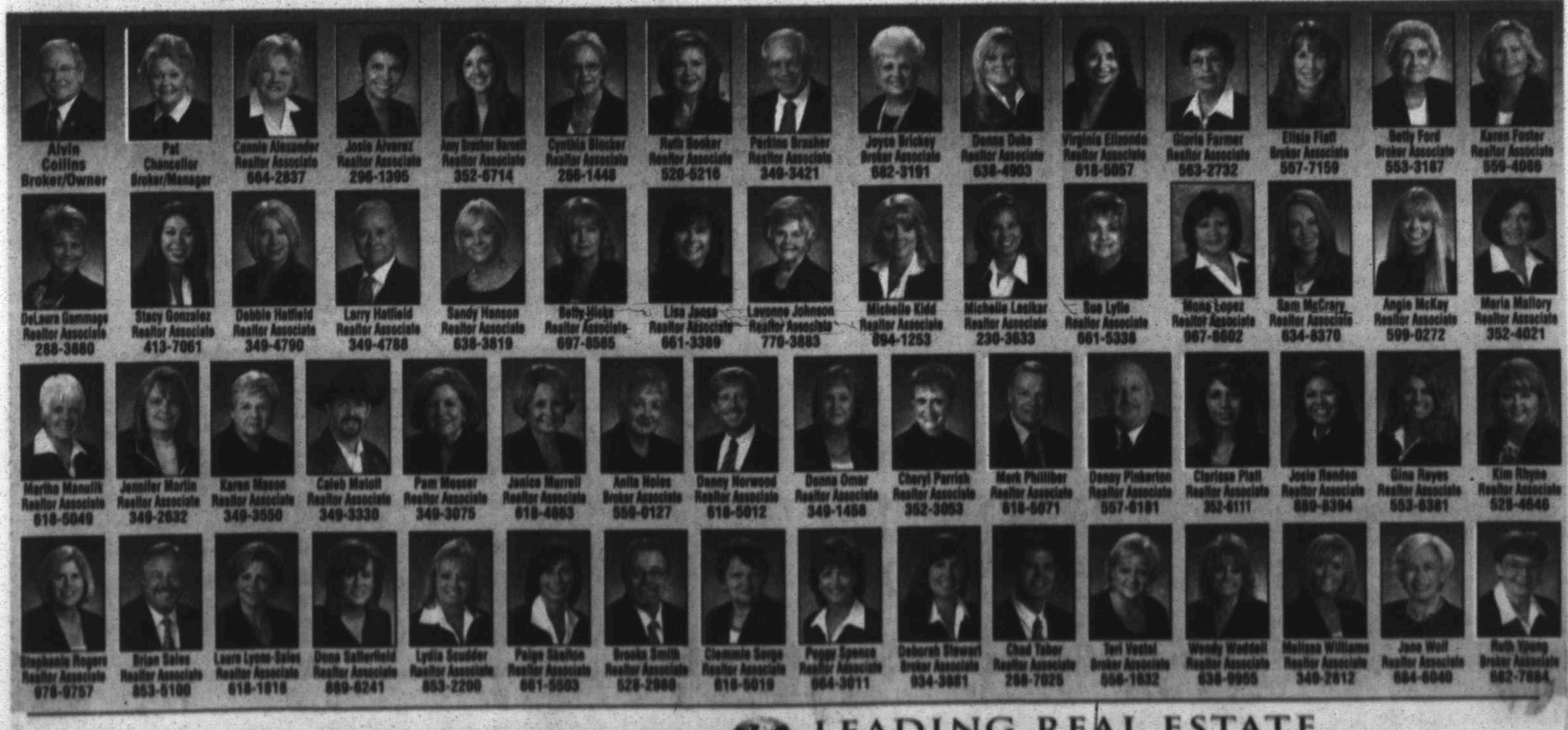

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6009 E. CO. RD. 84
- Fabulous Country Home
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- On Half Acre in Greenwood
- MLS# 85319, $129,900

NEW PRICE
1606 W. GOLF COURSE
- Spacious Home
- 2 Living, 2 Dining
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
- MLS #84490, $174,500

3501 S. CO. RD. 1230
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 1 Living, 1 Dining
- 1 Acre of Land
- MLS #84344, $120,000

UNDER CONTRACT
4200 CRESTWOOD
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- Enclosed Patio
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- MLS #84574, $183,900

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- 2 Living, 2 Dining
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- MLS #84487, $176,900

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- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- New Roof Installed June '09
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MLS #84373, $250,000

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4013 Reydrook – $500,000
4 Bedroom/3.5 Baths! Shown By Lisa Jones, 631-2309
Tons of space in this fantastic home! The formal living area has a beautiful fireplace and is adjacent to the formal dining area! Incredible kitchen offers a gas range & large island/bar is open to the spacious breakfast room & huge den with a cozy fireplace! Light & bright utility room, too! The extra large sequestered master suite is fabulous with a fireplace! Spa-like master bath has dual sinks, separate tub & shower & 2 closets! In-law plan with private bath! Jack & jill bath between other rooms! 2 Covered patios! 3 Car garage!

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3404 Golf Course – $165,000
Spacious! Spacious! Spacious!
Spacious 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home! The large living room with a cozy fireplace opens to the sun room! The great den would be perfect for a large home office or gameroom! Tons and tons of storage space! Great cul-de-sac off golf course with tons of parking! 2 Car garage!

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3620 Rand - $145,000
Fresh Paint! Recent Fixtures!
Shown By Liz Plaisted, 853-3787
Spacious home w/open floorplan! Living room is loaded w/tile & open to the kitchen/dining room! Updated kitchen has pretty countertops & tons of cabinets! Spacious dining room! Formal living would be perfect gameroom/office! Roomy bedrooms! Nice closets! 2 inch blinds throout! Master has updated bath! Great curb appeal! 2 Car garage! Big backyard w/open patio! Rear entry carport! Close to schools!

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4519 Spence - $169,900
Gameroom! Totally updated!
Totally updated 2 bedroom/2 bath home! Gorgeous kitchen with granite counters & breakfast bar! Large living area with hardwood floors! Huge gameroom is perfect for a man cave or second living! Sequestered master suite has 2 sinks & separate closets! Both baths are updated! Granite & crown moulding thru-out! 30 Yr. Roof!

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4505 NEELY COURT
Great home in Great neighborhood. This 3 bedroom 2 bath home has lots of potential. Nice tile in kitchen dining room bathroom and entry way. Home has been partially updated but needs flooring in living room and bedrooms. Huge backyard with large covered patio. Sold
This home is located in a Sub-Par Sec. $121,000. Call Cindy

2210 SINCLAIR AVE.
Wonderful 4 bedroom home in the old midland area is a must see. Both bathrooms have been beautifully updated. Lots of tile and hardwoods, in all bedrooms. Main living area is open and light with lots of windows overlooking the pool. $249,000. Call Deborah

1216 W. COUNTY RD. 125
Quiet, country living - Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2 large living areas with fireplaces on 5.6 acres. Sequestered master, large inside utility room/workshop. Prices at $99,900.

16741 N HOLLYHOCK AVE., GARDENDALE
This is a one of a kind home. This home has a huge basement with a tornado (Storm Shelter) that leads out to the shop from the basement. This home is total electric and newer windows. $173,000. Call Cindy

2107 N PECOS ST.
Investors take a look at this property! 3 bedroom 2 bath home, 1 living and 1 dining, 2 car garage. Pool and hot tub. $89,900. Call Deborah

421 E. OAK AVE.
New Construction ready to go. Has black appliances, stove, dishwasher, microwave and refrigerator, all the kitchen, stained concrete floors, 3-2-1 with fenced back yard. $114,900. Owner will help with closing. Call Carol 432-528-1622

4506 BROOKDALE DR.
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 car garage. Call Deborah 230-4402.
$199,900

201 HOLLY
Charming 2/2 cottage style home with sequestered master bedroom and bath. Nice open wood deck for hosting barb-b-ques or just relaxing and enjoying your yard. Wood floors are under the carpet and the home has a 7 seat cast laundry room. Good starter home for first time home buyer or great rental property for investor. Lots of room for your buck. See it is must see!!!! Call Myrna Everett 661-2510 for showing. $84,900

4310 LEDDY
Great floorplan. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living area with 2 car garage with nice size backyard. Call Sharon at 218-9566. $80,000

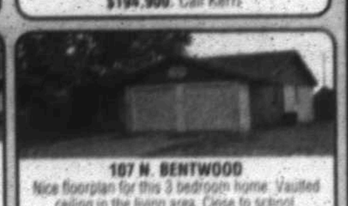
4319 CRENSHAW
3 bedroom, 2 bath with large living area with fireplace, tiled floors, breakfast area looks out to pool. Call Sharon. $89,900

1502 DELMAR
-Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, new Pergo and tile flooring. Call Sharon. $79,900

3707 CASADY COURT
Darling 2 bedroom patio home that is move in ready. There is a bonus room for an office in addition to 2 living areas. All for only $104,900. Call Kerri

5655 MARIGOLD DR.
This a very large property with about 12000 square feet of 2 metal buildings, a 2 bedroom apartment at the back of the property and 5 acres in mature bermi trees, a well on a windmill and a well on a pump for the house. Sold AS-IS. Call Carol at 699-0058. $363,905

2508 COLLEGE
This charming home is great for first time buyers. The kitchen and bathroom have been updated. The master bedroom is roomy with huge closets. Big backyard with a rock pond and storage shed. $79,900. Call Cindy at 413-8494.



107 N. BENTWOOD
Nice floorplan for this 3 bedroom home. Vaulted ceiling in the living area. Close to school, easy access to the Loop. Large lot with lots of possibilities. Call Don at 699-4127. $115,900

1002 SHIRLEY LANE
Patio home town house living at its best. Lots of storage, lots of new. Has been maintained perfectly for the last few years. Master bath is wonderful with 2 large closets, separate shower and jetted tub. It is 8 by 4 long and super. Den has a very large with built ins and sink. Great for hobby room. This home has lots of storage. Absolutely perfect. Call Carol at 699-0058. $89,900

3600 SPRINGMONT
3 bedroom, 2 bath in Fairmont Park. Includes an 18x30 workshop. Call Debbie at 230-4402 for more details. $174,900

114 PARKER
Great starter home or investment property. 2 bedroom 1 bath home, 1 living and 1 dining. Wood burning fireplace. Storage shed. $34,900. Call Kerri.

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2509 Stutz Place, Midland
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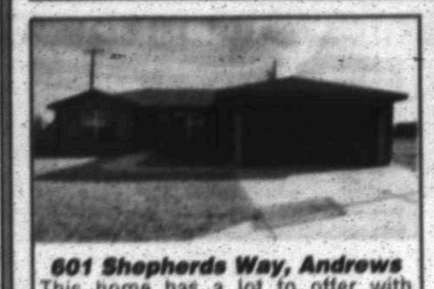
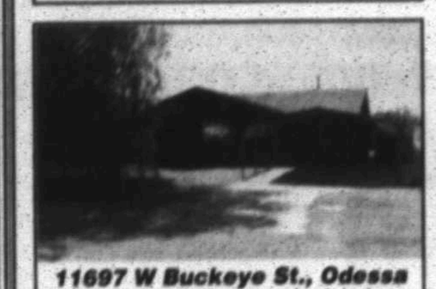


601 Shepherds Way, Andrews
This home has a lot to offer with laminate flooring and carpet. .Large living area with a fireplace and a dining area next to the open kitchen. Master bedroom is sequestered.
Call Bobby McCourt 432-967-0652

707 Colgate, Big Spring
Beautiful 1 story brick 3 bedroom, 2 and one-half baths built in 2007 located on a large lot. Features include stained concrete floors, carpet and tile, high ceilings throughout the house with vaulted ceiling in living area. Home includes and large master suite with jetted tub and a sprinkler system.
Call Sam Field 432-553-8791



11697 W Buckeye St., Odessa
Subject property is a ranch style home sitting on a large lot and interior features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining area, den, covered patio and 2 car carport.
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3523 Imperial Ave., Midland
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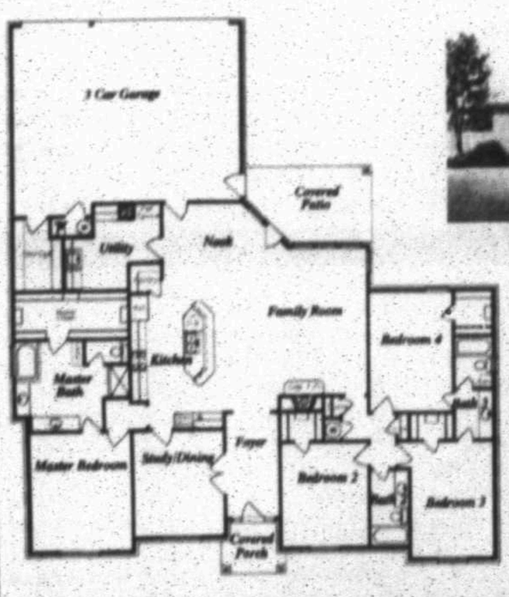
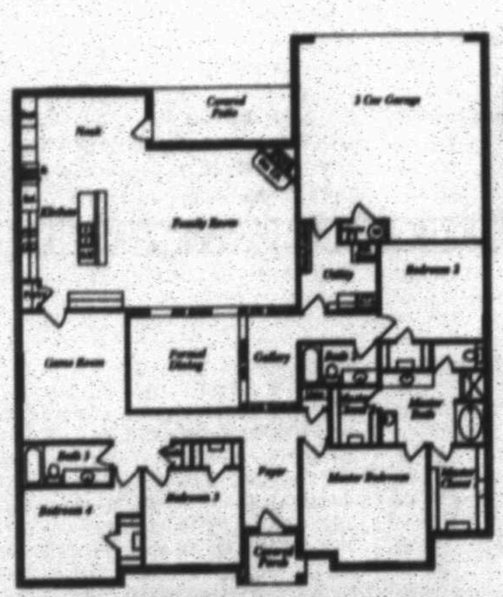
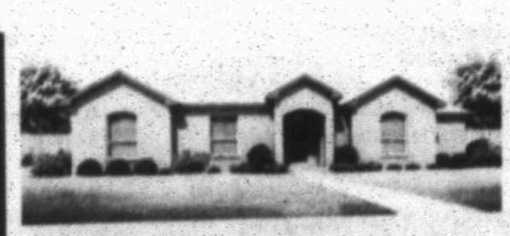


5914 Oak Creek..... $302,500
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage home in a fabulous new sub-division! This home features Stained Concrete floors, custom built alder cabinetry and a wonderful floor plan. Great storage area in the garage! Tons of storage and closet space!





5916 Oak Creek.....$295,500
This home includes; 4 large bedrooms, 3 full baths, magnificent family room, beautiful formal dining, wonderful game room right off the kitchen and 2 car garage. Gourmet Kitchen features beautiful dark custom built cabinetry, black applainces, and a desk area! New Mark Payne Home Floor plan!

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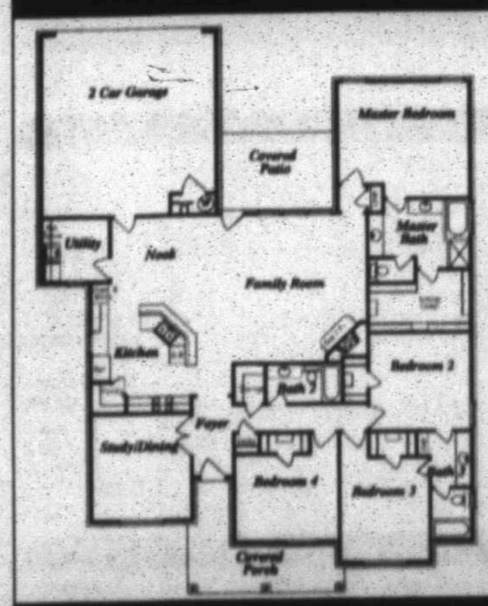
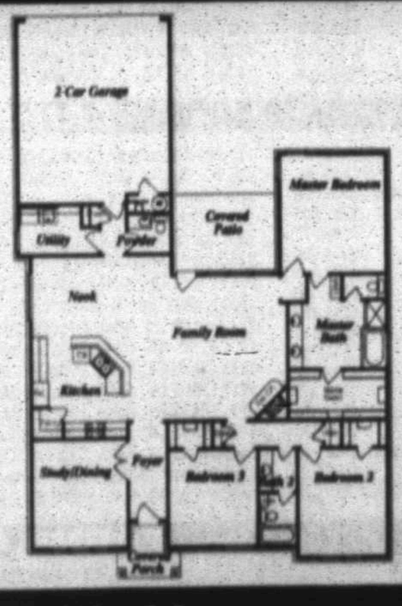


5918 Llano..... $272,500
Wonderful 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage home with tons of storage and cabinet space! Stained concrete floors throughout the main areas. Custom built cabinets and beautiful front porch! Master closet features his/her vanities, separate tub and shower and a huge walk-in closet!



5920 Llano..... $263,300
Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, + bonus room and 2 car garage home in a wonderful Mark Payne Home floor plan! You will not be disapointed with this amazing home! Gourmet kitchen, tile galore, great master suite and lots of storage!

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

5916 Oak Creek- 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living and 2dining, 2 car garage.....$295,500
5920 Pedernales- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, oversized 2 car garage.....UC
5918 Pedernales- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, built-in study, 2 car garage.....UC
5920 Llano- 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 living or 2 dining, 2 car garage.....$263,300
5918 Llano- 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living or 2 dining, 2 garage.....$272,500
5914 Oak Creek- 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living or 2 dining, 3 garage.....$302,500

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5306 GREATHOUSE Donna Duke 638-4903 MLS #84520 $321,500

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12105 E. CO. RD. 111 Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 MLS #82367 $171,900

LANCE FRIDAY HOMES
5208 ELLEN JAYNE WAY Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #83476 $309,900

TOM CANTON BUILDERS
3117 PATRICK Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #85109 $285,000

MIDESSA HOMES LLC
500 WAVERLY DR Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #85299 $157,500

DOUBLE E CONSTRUCTION
1605 WASHITA Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #85383 $299,500
1810 WASHITA Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #85385 $198,000

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

3403 MILBROOK PL Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #81310 SOLD
5300 TEAKWOOD TRACE Teri Vestal 556-1632 MLS #84720 $969,000
3900 TANFORAN Teri Vestal 556-1632 MLS #85196 $925,000
9382 GOLDENROD, GARDENDALE Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #82741 40 Acres/$900,000
3806 TRINITY DR Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 MLS #84960 SOLD
3610 CYNTHIA Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #84228 SALE PENDING
2000 GLADEWOOD Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #83747 SALE PENDING
418 AFFIRMED LANE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #85412 $570,000
1209 CASTLE ROCK CT Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 MLS #81489 $560,000
3605 WOODHAVEN CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85085 SALE PENDING
4013 BAYBROOK DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85027 $500,000
5212 MIDLAND DR Teri Vestal 556-1632 MLS #85037 $499,900
4902 OAKWOOD COURT Janice Murrell 349-7242 MLS #84440 $499,000
3506 S. HWY. 349 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #82165 SALE PENDING
201 S. H ST Peggy Spence 664-3011 MLS #84413 $475,000
4824 SPRING MEADOW LANE Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85103 $429,000
4405 IRVIN Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #85003 $389,900
3304 FELDSPAR Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #84207 SALE PENDING
3913 EDGEBROOK CT Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83769 $369,900
6317 PRAIRIE RIDGE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84541 $365,000
4517 CHERRYWOOD Larry Hatfield 349-4788 MLS #85231 SALE PENDING

4113 EDGEBROOK DR Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 MLS #83904 SALE PENDING
5306 GREATHOUSE AVE Donna Duke 638-4903 MLS #84520 $321,500
5401 LOS PATIOS Perkins Brasher 344-3421 MLS #84920 $319,900
4809 HILLTOP DR Peggy Spence 664-3011 MLS #84903 SALE PENDING
8709 CO. RD. 160 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #85152 $283,000
5 AUBURN CT Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #84933 $279,000
4706 TEAKWOOD TRACE Brian Sales 618-1818 MLS #83695 $274,500
5800 GREENRIDGE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85080 $269,900
5150 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #83801 $265,000
4612 ROSEWOOD Deborah Stewart 934-3881 MLS #84946 SALE PENDING
3511 NORTHFIELD Jane Wolf 684-6040 MLS #83717 SALE PENDING
5216 QUICKSAND DR Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 MLS #83692 $259,900
4900 LANCASHIRE Teri Vestal 556-1632 MLS #85327 $259,000
1412 NAVAJO Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 MLS #85264 SALE PENDING
1717 PUEBLO Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #85341 $248,500
4315 LEHIGH Peggy Spence 664-3011 MLS #83648 $245,000
6303 SEQUOIA DR Josie Alvarez 618-5013 MLS #83983 SOLD
7 BRISTOL CT Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #81398 $235,000
3904 HADDEN DR. Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #82626 $224,900
2820 MAXWELL Sam McCrary 634-8370 MLS #85204 $220,000
3008 MEADOWBROOK DR Joyce Brickey 352-4127 MLS #84176 $219,000

2 STUTZ Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 MLS #85002 $215,000
3505 LOCKHEED DR Perkins Brasher 344-3421 MLS #84926 $214,900
407 W. SHANDON Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #84619 SALE PENDING
3809 FAIRCIRCLE Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #85067 $199,900
4603 S. CO. RD. 1200 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84573 $195,000
4906 BROOKDALE Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #82100 SALE PENDING
1500 CASTLEFORD Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84566 $190,000
2904 ARROWHEAD Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #81923 SALE PENDING
4601 TAMMY COVE Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 MLS #83805 SALE PENDING
503 HOWARD DR Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #84620 $183,000
3212 ROOSEVELT AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #84412 $179,900
3600 HUMBLE AVE Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #85293 $179,000
4313 BOULDER AVE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84890 SALE PENDING
3409 CRESTMONT Gina Reyes 553-6381 MLS #84404 $169,900
2905 MARANATHA PL DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84446 SOLD
2304 CIMMARON DR Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84032 $150,900
1510 N. TERRELL Jennifer Martin 349-2632 MLS #85192 $135,000
4500 IRWIN CT Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84336 SOLD
319 E. 50TH, ODESSA, TX Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #82555 $108,900
6107 MIDWAY, BIG SPRING, TX Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #82819 SALE PENDING

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

10861 E. GOLDENROD Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #76977 $450,000
3105 SEABOARD Jane Wolf 684-6040 MLS #84570 SALE PENDING
5613 HATHAWAY COURT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85174 $388,000
4205 FM 307 Perkins Brasher 349-3421 MLS #83084 SALE PENDING
5208 ELLEN JAYNE WAY Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #83476 $329,900
5311 BELLA PLACE Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 MLS #83546 $305,000
4600 WOODHOLLOW Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #84862 SALE PENDING
6601 S. CO. RD. 1278 Lydia Scudder 853-2200 MLS #84040 $294,900
19 WINCHESTER CT Karen Mason 349-3550 MLS #85061 $293,000
#12 FAIRFAX CT Peggy Spence 664-3011 MLS #85091 SALE PENDING
3117 PATRICK Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #85109 $285,000
6820 E. CO. RD. 105 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84486 SALE PENDING
5492 CYPRESS COURT Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS# 84724 $271,000
5008 LOS ALAMITOS Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 MLS #83556 $270,000
2338 FM 1208 Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #84236 $269,900
4906 CRISTA LANE Maria Mallory 352-4021 MLS #84478 $264,900
4605 MEADOWOOD CT Teri Vestal 556-1632 MLS #84885 SALE PENDING
100 CO. RD. 120 Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84755 SALE PENDING
5607 CARMEL CT Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS#83966 SALE PENDING
5704 CARMEL CT Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #84470 SALE PENDING
1404 HARVARD AVE Michael Brasher 352-3300 MLS #83602 $229,900
1800 KENSINGTON LN Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 MLS #84484 SALE PENDING
12215 W. CO. RD. 54 Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84612 $218,000
2906 SANDHILL CIRCLE Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #84879 $217,000
3206 HAYNES DR Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83012 $217,000
2503 BELLECHASSE Peggy Spence 664-3011 MLS #85255 $215,000
6502 CISCO CT Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #82763 $215,000
2906 SAND HILL CIRCLE Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #84879 SALE PENDING
2201 WYDEWOOD Larry Hatfield 349-4788 MLS #85270 SALE PENDING
3217 DURANT Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #85272 $204,900
1309 E. CO. RD. 128 Jane Wolf 684-6040 MLS #84347 $199,900
3402 STANOLIND AVE Connie Alexander 664-2837 MLS #R85287A $189,500
3531 HYDE PARK AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85223 $185,000
2820 DURANT DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85164 $185,000
4412 LANHAM Elisia Flatt 557-7159 MLS #84864 SALE PENDING
4200 CRESTWOOD AVE Sandy Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84574 SALE PENDING
3709 OAKMONT Donna Omar 349-1450 MLS #83580 SALE PENDING
3503 DOUGLAS AVE Lydia Scudder 853-2200 MLS #84202 SALE PENDING

3601 PRINCETON Mark Philliber 618-5071 MLS #84884 SALE PENDING
3212 ROOSEVELT AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #84412 $179,900
5113 SAN ANTONIO ST Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 MLS #84887 $178,500
4502 DENGAR AVE Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS# 83536 $177,500
4507 ST. ANDREWS DR Gina Reyes 553-6381 MLS #85179 SALE PENDING
700 W. DORMARD AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #84141 SALE PENDING
2411 W. SHANDON Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84487 SALE PENDING
4607 DEBBIE COVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84845 $172,000
5134 REEVES CIRCLE Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #85139 $171,900
1606 W. GOLF COURSE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84490 $169,900
5308 ANETTA Dona Satterfield 889-6241 MLS #84732 $169,900
6300 HOPI CT. Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #83884 $169,500
2803 ARROWHEAD TR Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 MLS #85291 SALE PENDING
3609 STANOLIND Jane Wolf 684-6040 MLS #84605 SALE PENDING
4808 ANETTA Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 MLS #84500 $168,000
3404 GOLF COURSE RD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85224 $165,000
1108 AINSLEE Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #84625 $164,900
10904 E. CO. RD. 104 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84760 SALE PENDING
5104 ASHDOWN PL Sandy Hanson 638-3819 MLS #82943 SOLD
4209 DOWNING Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #85038 SALE PENDING
1711 COMMUNITY LN Karen Mason 349-3550 MLS #83683 SALE PENDING
3910 NASWORTHY PL Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #84889 SALE PENDING
3620 BOYD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85289 $149,900
3213 MARK LANE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #85221 SALE PENDING
108 MCDONALD Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #85153 $145,000
1802 MAIN ST Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #83123 $145,000
302 S. GLENWOOD Gloria Farmer 563-2732 MLS #85043 $143,000
4511 CIMMARON Martha Manulik 618-5049 MLS #85165 $142,500
709 BOYD AVE Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 MLS #84861 $142,500
4408 W. DENGAR Janice Murrell 349-7242 MLS #85229 $141,000
717 SHELL Maria Mallory 352-4021 MLS #84275 $139,900
4739 BOULDER DR Josie Alvarez 296-1396 MLS #83811 $139,000
1310 TENNESSEE AVE Dona Satterfield 889-6241 MLS #84936 SALE PENDING
3103 PRINCETON AVE Mark Philliber 618-5071 MLS #82918 SALE PENDING
5001 PLEASANT DR Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS# 84768 $137,500
3314 W. LOUISIANA Martha Manulik 618-5049 MLS #85242 SALE PENDING
3114 OHIO Jennifer Martin 349-2632 MLS #83766 $135,000

3101 MARIANA Delaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84736 $130,000
207 E. SPRUCE AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #84958 $129,900
4714 LAURA Mark Philliber 618-5071 MLS #85141 $127,500
4822 ILLINOIS Deborah Stewart 934-3881 MLS #85254 $126,500
6812 E. CO. RD. 98 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #84859 $125,000
1102 CUTHBERT AVE Angie McKay 599-0272 MLS #85355 $124,900
116 W. CUTHBERT AVE Maria Mallory 352-4021 MLS #85167 $124,900
604 CANYON DR Maria Mallory 352-4021 MLS #85123 $124,900
105 N. DEWBERRY Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #85170 $119,900
4623 CROCKETT Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #85126 $119,900
4211 WAVERLY, ODESSA, TX Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84244 $119,900
308 TANGLEWOOD Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 MLS #85290 $117,500
609 KANSAS AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #85163 $117,500
4508 AMIGO DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84296 SALE PENDING
5204 STOREY DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84846 $116,900
609 CANYON DR Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #85028 $115,000
200 PINE Melissa Williams 349-2812 MLS #83975 $115,000
1001 TARLETON Jennifer Martin 349-2632 MLS# 84604 $113,000
1400 COLLEGE DR Josie Alvarez 296-1395 MLS #85391 $105,000
13813 CR 122, ODESSA, TX Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84948 $105,000
710 NW 11TH, ANDREWS, TX Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83629 $98,000
4710 THOMASON DR Amy Barnett 352-6714 MLS# 84766 SALE PENDING
4305 CEDAR SPRING DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84848 SALE PENDING
6811 E. CO. RD. 92 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #82999 SALE PENDING
601 NE-AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #83832 $89,900
3010 OHIO AVE Danny Pinkerton 557-6181 MLS #82705 $84,900
400 HARLOWE DR Wendy Waddell 638-9955 MLS #85288A SALE PENDING
4010 AVONDALE Elisia Flatt 557-7159 MLS #85295 $83,900
1322 E. ESTES Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #84857 $83,000
1218 WEATHERFORD ST Brian Sales 618-1818 MLS #85045 SALE PENDING
3201 HWY. 80 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #82438 SALE PENDING
218 N. DEWBERRY Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #85258 $70,900
4315 DOUGLAS AVE Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #84606 $70,000
3621 SINCLAIR Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #85406 $60,000
1310 FRANCIS AVE Maria Mallory 352-4021 MLS #84941 SOLD
420 HICKORY Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84178 $55,000
4505 S. CO. RD. 1200 Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #85016 $44,900

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4900 ANDREWS HWY Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #85114 $175,000
4902 ANDREWS HWY Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #85113 $175,000
4519 SPENCE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84985 $169,900
1100 HUMBLE Deborah Stewart 934-3881 MLS #84192 $168,000
1311 E. COWDEN Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #84127 $87,500
1404 MICHIGAN AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84847 SALE PENDING
3207 DELANO Mark Philliber 618-5071 MLS #85065 $68,500
501 SCHARBAUER DR. #11 Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #83935 $64,900
3213 STOREY Jennifer Martin 349-2632 MLS #83604 $44,000
3118 DELANO Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #84858 SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

6009 E. HWY. 80 Amy Brasher 352-6714 MLS #85159 $1,200,000
9382 GOLDENROD, GARDENDALE Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #82741 40 Acres/$900,000
3610 CYNTHIA Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #84228 $795,000
3506 S. HWY. 349 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS# 82165 SALE PENDING
10861 E. GOLDENROD DR Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #76977 $450,000
2308 S. CO. RD. 1120 Larry Hatfield 349-4788 MLS #83533 $389,000
4205 FM 307 Perkins Brasher/Amy Barnett 349-3421 MLS #83084 SALE PENDING
6100 HWY. 80 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84537 $299,900
6100 I-20 SERVICE RD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84538 $299,900
515 RIMER RD., CRANE, TX Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #84751 $299,000

6601 S. CO. RD. 1278 Lydia Scudder 853-2200 MLS #84040 $289,900
8709 CO. RD. 160 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #85152 $283,000
2338 FM 1208 Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #84236 $269,900
3900 CO. RD. 1184 Sue Lytle 661-5338 MLS #83729 SALE PENDING
5610 S. CO. RD. 1213 Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 MLS #85008 SALE PENDING
100 E. CO. RD. 120 Virginia Elizondo 618-5057 MLS #84755 SALE PENDING
5150 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #83801 $250,000
10906 E. CO. RD. 104 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #84414 $231,500
12215 W. CO. RD. 54 Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84612 $218,000
1309 E. CO. RD. 128 Jane Wolf 684-6040 MLS #84347 $199,900

12105 E. CO. RD. 111 Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 MLS #82367 $171,900
10904 E. CO. RD. 104 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84760 SALE PENDING
8701 US HWY. 87, STERLING CITY Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #84708 $134,000
6812 E. CO. RD. 98 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #84859 $125,000
3501 S. CO. RD. 1230 Sandy Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84344 $120,000
13813 CR 122, ODESSA, TX Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84948 SALE PENDING
6811 E. CO. RD. 92, GREENWOOD Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #82999 SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES Caleb Matott 349-3330 6 Lots Left 3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 3+ Acre Lots/Lots $70,000/EA

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

6953 SLEEPY HOLLOW, ODESSA, TX Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85104 $1,495,000
9382 GOLDENROD, GARDENDALE Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #82741 40 Acres/$900,000
6670 SANDHILLS, GARDENDALE, TX Perkins Brasher 349-3421 MLS #83984 $389,900
4500 FM 2401 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85130 $302,910
515 RIMER RD., CRANE, TX Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #84751 SALE PENDING
2338 FM 1208 Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #84236 $269,900
7003 STONEGATE, ODESSA, TX Kim Rhyne 528-4646 MLS #84628 $269,900
3821 MAYER, ODESSA, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84841 $250,000
3904 HADDEN, ODESSA Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #82626 $224,900
2264 SE CO. RD. 3601, ANDREWS, TX Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #83600 $199,900
4455 SE CR 1000, ANDREWS, TX Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #83011 $189,900
1103 GOLF COURSE RD., ANDREWS, TX Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #84166 $186,500
1130 GOLF COURSE RD., ANDREWS, TX Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #83680 $184,500
709 GRAY ST., STANTON, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #83594 $149,900
1103 ST. PETER, STANTON, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #84426 $145,000

504 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #82759 $135,000
1304 12TH ST., ODESSA, TX Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #82823 $135,000
8701 US HWY. 87, STERLING CITY Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #84708 $134,000
4154 CLAYTON PL., ODESSA, TX Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84956 $132,500
407 2ND, STANTON, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #85154 $129,900
3821 MAYER, ODESSA, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84843 $129,900
3823 MAYER, ODESSA, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84842 $129,900
600 SHEPHARDS WAY, ANDREWS, TX Danny Norwood 618-5012 $119,900
4211 WAVERLY, ODESSA, TX Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84244 $119,900
1002 SCHOOL DR., STANTON, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #85195 $115,000
404 SANTA ROSA AVE., ODESSA, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #83881 $115,000
305 E. 42ND ST., ODESSA, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #83939 $109,000
319 E. 50TH, ODESSA, TX Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #82555 $108,900
13813 CR 122, ODESSA, TX Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #84948 $105,000
LOT 609-POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #82554 $100,000

710 NW 11TH, ANDREWS, TX Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83629 $98,000
516 CO. RD., SWEETWATER TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #84576 $97,000
601 NE-AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #83832 $89,900
5605 FORT WORTH, ODESSA, TX Chad Tabor 288-7025 MLS #83630 $79,900
806 13TH ST., ANDREWS, TX Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #79701 $79,500
2181 LIVE OAK LAKE, BROWNWOOD, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #84003 $70,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES Sandy Hanson 638-3819 $70,000
401 S. ST. JOSEPH, STANTON, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #79043 $45,000
LOT 579-POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #82555 $42,000
503 S. ST. THERESA, STANTON, TX Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #84144 $30,000
CO. RD., STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #75480 $10,000
1212 ELM ST., ANDREWS, ST Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #80951 $3,500
Trailer House #10, CR 112 PECOS, TX Perkins Brasher 349-3421 FOR LEASE (3) 32,000 SF buildings $3,066.67/MONTH

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

7720 HWY. 80 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #76017 $2,850,000
1118 S. FM 1788 Lydia Scudder 853-2200 MLS #82225 SALE PENDING
3900 S. CO. RD. 1285 Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 MLS #74663 $1,325,000
6009 E. HWY. 80 Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 MLS #85159 $1,200,000
5405 HWY. 80 Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 MLS #85321 $999,999
2101 E. 8th St. ODESSA Perkins Brasher/Amy Barnett 349-3421 MLS# E82979 La Playa night club business and property for sale $900,000
FAUDREE RD Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85131 $751,608
FAUDREE RD Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85133 $685,687
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 MLS #74975 $620,000
2029 E. 8th St. ODESSA Perkins Brasher/Amy Barnett 349-3421 MLS #81504 17,654 sq. ft. $500,000
1707 W. WALL ST Amy Barnett 352-6714 Office MLS #83376 $435,000
1009 N. BIG SPRING Brooks Smith 528-2980 ML #85135 $425,000
4321 ILLINOIS AVE Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83490 $355,500
4205 FM 307 Perkins Brasher 349-3421 MLS #83084 SALE PENDING

103 'A' STREET Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85262 $335,000
106 'A' STREET Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85263 $335,000
1506 GARDEN CITY HWY Perkins Brasher 349-3421 MLS #83733 $329,000
4301 W. ILLINOIS Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 MLS #80440 $325,000
610 ANDREWS HWY Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83489 $315,000
13220 E. HWY. 80, ODESSA, TX Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83493 $315,000
4500 FM 2401 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85130 $302,910
1611 WALL ST Ruth Young 682-7884 MLS #84123 $294,500
125 N. FORT WORTH Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #81931 $269,000
0 AIR PARK RD Amy Barnett 352-6714 MLS #79796 $260,000
2108 MICHIGAN AVE. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #84373 $250,000
3821-3823 MAYER DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #84841 $250,000
4900 N. MIDKIFF Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #85039 $239,000
1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83958 $230,000

4315-4319 W. ILLINOIS Clemmie 618-5019 MLS #70904 $199,000
FAUDREE RD Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #85132 $184,529
5501 E. HWY. 158 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #84310 SALE PENDING
4533 GLENEAGLES DRIVE Josie Alvarez 618-5013 MLS #84014 $179,900
2501 W. WALL ST Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #83092 SALE PENDING
412 N. TERRELL Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #82897 $169,500
408 WAKEFIELD Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #84320 $155,000
2138 COMMERCE Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 MLS #84302 $149,900
608 E. BROADWAY Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS# 79703 $140,000
8701 HWY., STERLING CITY, TX Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #84708 $134,000
4315 DENGAR AVE Josie Alvarez 618-5013 MLS #84016 $119,900
3201 HWY. 80 Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #82439 SALE PENDING
3400 E. HWY. 80 Joyce Brickey 352-4127 $65,000
Trailer House #10, CR 112 PECOS, TX Perkins Brasher 349-3421 FOR LEASE (3) 32,000 SF buildings $3,066.67/MONTH

LANDS AND LOTS

CO. RD. 1120 S Brooks Smith 528-2980 MLS #78101 $12,500/ACRE
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25 years of SHRIMPFEST

Cooks use cement mixer, forklift to prepare shrimp

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Fundraisers at the Ellen Noël Art Museum are hoping the way to art lovers' hearts is through their stomachs.

The museum will host its 25th annual Shrimpfest, featuring all-you-can eat shrimp, Monday at the Ector County Coliseum. The event will include music by the Main Stream Jazz Quartet, and silent and live auctions to raise money for the institution.

Perhaps the busiest man at Shrimpfest will be Odessan Gabe Grewell, who is in charge of cooking 1,400 pounds of shrimp for the event.

The job is so big that Grewell, who took over shrimp-cooking duties in 2006, uses an electric concrete mixer to add flavors and seasoning to the shrimp. The mixer was passed down from Shrimpfest's original cook, Odessan Jon Smith.

Smith said the event's first attendees required only about 100 pounds of shrimp, which was prepared and served at Manuel's Mexican Restaurant in Odessa. When the crowds began to grow, Smith said the event had to be moved outside of the restaurant, and he had to find a way to cook more shrimp.

"We devised some methods to prepare the shrimp using the same recipe concept but in a way to produce more shrimp," said Smith, who mentioned he learned to cook through the Boy Scouts and as a kitchen manager at his fraternity house at the University of New Mexico.

Smith said he found a cement mixer was a perfect solution to the problem, because it was capable of mixing 50 pounds of shrimp at a time. But when the county's health department caught wind of the cook's unconventional preparation techniques through a story in the local newspaper, Smith said authorities imme-

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PRAWNS Volunteer cook Don Wright, left in photo at left, cooks up a batch of the traditional Shrimpfest recipe shrimp, creole style, as head volunteer chef Gabe Grewell watches during a recent media preview party.

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Heirloom or Hazard?

Parents re-examine drop-side cribs after recalls

By Lisa A. Flam
Associated Press

Margie McGlone brought one key item into her nursery when she was pregnant last summer. It was her sister's crib, one they both loved and looked forward to keeping in the family.

"I thought it'd be cool for my son to have grown up in the same crib as his cousins," said McGlone, whose older sister had held onto the crib through three moves after her children outgrew it.

Then McGlone got nervous, learning that millions of drop-side cribs were being recalled after at least 32 strangulation and suffocation deaths were linked to them. "I was like, wait a minute, this is a drop-side," said McGlone, of Bronxville, N.Y.

Her niece and nephew had been fine in the crib, an antiqued-white model with painted gold accents. And the company had a kit to make the sides immobile. But as a new mom-to-be, she was too worried, especially after seeing depictions of the potential hazard — a baby's head getting stuck after a side detached.

Though nervous to break the news to her sister, she took apart the beloved heirloom and bought a crib with stationary sides for her son, Finley, born in November.

"I thought, I can't in good conscience — knowing they're all being recalled and all being changed, I can't keep it. I can't use it," she said. "Every time he was in it I wouldn't feel comfortable."

More than 10 million drop-side cribs were recalled in recent years, culminating with the Consumer Product Safety Commission's announcement in December that after decades of use, the sale of drop-side cribs was being banned.

Starting in June, it will be illegal to sell a crib with a side that moves up and down, a once-common feature that lets you reach in and pick up a baby with ease.

"We're sensitive to tough economic times," says commission spokesman Scott Wolfson. "We hope people will go out and buy the safer cribs."

Many large retailers stopped selling drop-side cribs more than a year ago in anticipation of the new standard, and experts believe many parents are using cribs with fixed sides. But baby furniture is so frequently passed down, to preserve memories and cut costs, that the traditional style remains in nurseries, grandparents' homes, basements and attics everywhere.

So where does that leave parents who used a drop-side crib without a problem for one child but now, as a new baby arrives, find the design being outlawed?

For some, a close examination of the crib is just what it takes to feel safe.

In Indianapolis, Heather Ray uses a crib given to her by another family before her daughter, Hadassah, was born in June. The family told her it hadn't been recalled, and Ray made sure the hardware was fastened correctly, testing the crib by putting weight on it.

"We saw it as a blessing from God we didn't have to spend that extra money," she said. "We don't have any safety issues with it. I feel that it's perfectly safe, and I'm not nervous about her being in it."

Jenine Capano puts her daughter to sleep in the same drop-side crib her two sons slept in without any trouble. News about the crib style caught her attention, but the company that made the crib was out of business, so she couldn't check for a recall.

"I put the side up and down a few times to try to decide if it was safe or not, and my husband and I felt it was still safe," said Capano, of Yonkers, N.Y. "It's always been great."

"Since I thought what we have is perfectly safe, I see no reason to spend more money on a new crib," she added.

Other families are deciding that a replacement crib is in order.

Last summer, Jessica Drukin of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., replaced her 15-month-old son's hand-me-down drop-side crib because the side wasn't locking properly, and she was aware of the potential hazards. "We got rid of it once I did not feel it was safe," she said.

While it won't be illegal to have a drop-side at home when the new standard takes effect, the safety commission urges parents to get one with fixed sides. If they can't, they should investigate whether their crib has been recalled, is missing any pieces or has sustained any damage.

"These types of issues have caused babies to be in harm's way," Wolfson said. "We don't want them to be a problem in the future."

The commission says the newer the crib the better, and is wary of cribs older than a decade. If non-recalled drop-side cribs are used, Wolfson said parents should not lower the side and should use an immobilizer if the manufacturer offers one.

The Juvenile Products Manufacturing Association, an industry group, says any crib that was purchased new and has not been recalled should last for a decade if it's been properly stored and assembled.

On the other hand, Keeping Babies Safe, a child safety group, strongly discourages the use of any drop-side cribs.

"Parents shouldn't be using them," says Joyce Davis, president of the group, which together with the commission and the American Academy of Pediatrics, made a safe sleeping video that's being shown in hospitals and doctor's offices. "They should not be lackadaisical. They should get a new crib that meets the current standards."

Davis said she believes more and more families are getting rid of drop-side cribs. She realizes parents' desire to save money or hold onto a crib out of nostalgia, but says that because a crib is a place where a baby can be left alone, safety must come first. "You can't have a sentimental attachment to that crib because it's no longer safe," she said.

For now, McGlone's first crib is back in her attic at her sister's behest.

"She wouldn't let me get rid of it," she said.

FAMILY MATTERS

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Relationship with God, forgiveness help make marriage successful

DEAR FAMILY: I just found out one of our couple friends who everyone always thought was the perfect couple is getting a divorce. We were all talking about how this could happen and concluded, "if it can happen to them it can happen to us." This conversation ruined our afternoon get-together and we all left a little upset. I talked to my husband about it when he got home and he said he didn't know why the couple was splitting up. He did say there were a lot more women in the workplace and most of them were divorced and looking.

You have a lot of experience with this sort of thing, is there anything we can do to make our marriage a success and not just another failure? All the women in my group are ready for some advice. — IT'S GOING AROUND

DEAR IT'S: Trying to determine what makes a marriage successful is a somewhat perplexing question for both the general population and the marital researchers alike. There does not seem to be any clear answer; although there are a number of factors that do seem to help. I would offer the following thoughts I have learned and observed over the years on making a marriage successful.

First and foremost, I believe God always must be involved as the divine third in the husband-wife-God trinity. When God is kept foremost in the marriage then that means, according to the Bible, we are to "love one another as He has loved us." That is a steep order when we reflect upon how Jesus described loving us. In numerous parables and by his example, Jesus defines love as being sacrificial to the other, even to the extent of laying down one's life. Building on this definition, Dr. Scott Peck states, "Love is the will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth." The Rev. Thomas Merton said, "True happiness is found in unselfish love, a love which increases in proportion as it is shared. It must be given not merely taken." While this might sound pretty co-dependent to some; when God is the divine third co-dependency has no meaning.

Passages in Ephesians and in Luke instruct Christians to forgive as often as is necessary. Forgiveness is incredibly difficult for me; I am much more comfortable with justice. However, as many have discovered, if we can truly forgive the other person, then life can move forward again with a spiritual calm. As Earnie Larson and Carol Hegarty observe in "Days of Healing," "Forgiveness is an act, not a feeling. Though it may generate feelings, forgiveness is an act of the will. When we forgive, we refuse to be further damaged by the wrongdoing of others. A refusal to forgive is called a 'resentment.' And the victim of the resentment is always the one who carries it." In marriage, both parties are the victims of resentment as resentments affect all of the couple's interactions in some form. In marriage God gives us the opportunity to practice both giving and receiving forgiveness almost on a daily basis. When we forgive our spirits rejoice.

As a practical matter and leading to a more spiritual perspective, I encourage couples to attend marriage seminars whenever possible. For example, Dr. Gary Chapman, author of "The Five Love Language" book series, will be at First United Methodist Church on March 5, leading a seminar on "The Marriage You've Always Wanted." I believe marriages require knowledge and sacrificial effort in order to function and that is a good thing — it is all part of our spiritual journey. If God is the divine third, then in sacrificing (loving) for our spouse each will come to know God more intimately.

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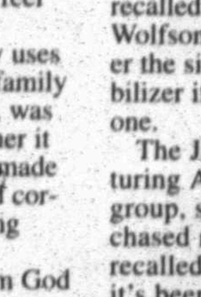

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Electricity customer bill of rights, annuity protection and payday and auto-title loan reform are state legislative issues for which AARP will fight.

Something needs to be done about giving consumers more informed choices on electricity providers. Consumers are given choices, but do we really know what they mean? We have more than 40 retail electric providers (REPs) offering more than 140 different plans. How is the consumer supposed to sort through these plans and decide what is best? I recently received an e-mail from an electric company that gives away points that can be used toward vacations. How does this company compare to the one I now use and have used for many years? More information would be helpful.

AARP supports several pieces of legislation requiring REPs to offer one standard electricity plan. Standard plans will have identical elements and only vary on price. REPs will retain the right to offer any other plans in addition to the standard plan. It also would be wise for all electricity companies to use a standard contract as many have clauses that are hard to understand and read.

What happens when the weather gets very hot and people are unable to pay their bill? What payout options do customers have? These flexible payment arrangements need to be made very clear.

Protecting Texans' assets during these tough economic times also is an issue about which AARP feels very strongly. Last session AARP worked hard with the Legislature to pass several bills creating new protections for purchasers of annuities, yet the Department of Insurance has received more than 600 consumer complaints on annuities in the past year. There still is room for more to be done. After annuities are purchased AARP strongly supports a "free look" period to allow the purchasers a reasonable timeframe to make sure these long-term investments are right for them.

Large, up-front commissions paid to insurance agents selling annuities also need to be examined. Everyone needs to make a living, but not at the expense of people who cannot afford to invest in this manner.

The same holds true for small dollar loans. Payday and auto-title lenders in Texas are using a loophole in state law to avoid being licensed, regulated or subject to any meaningful consumer protections. Information has been provided finding that at least 20 percent of these borrowers are age 50 and older. The lenders need to be licensed and regulated, and interest rates need to be reasonable and not abusive. I don't see how anyone would want it differently. Midland has adopted resolutions calling on the governor and Legislature to close the loophole. AARP supports the bipartisan HB410 presented by Tom Craddick, as well as other bills.

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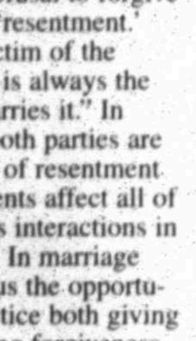
Woman must break free of past

DEAR ABBY



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DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old woman. I recently was contacted by the boyfriend I had when I was in my 20s. "Byron" was the love of my life, but I foolishly broke up with him. I then married a bum and had a child I am raising by myself on a very limited income.

I live in an apartment with mismatched furniture and have no money in savings. My former flame has done well and is now married with three children. I sent him a letter telling him how proud I am of him and of what he has achieved. His reply has brought back a flood of memories, and I feel terrible about where I am and being alone. How can I get over this? — BYRON'S LONG-AGO EX

DEAR EX: If you want more frustration and heartbreak, continue swimming in your flood of memories. Keep in mind you dumped Byron "foolishly," and use that life lesson to guide you going forward. Because you are alone now does not mean you'll be alone forever.

Living in an apartment with mismatched furniture does not mean your circumstances can't or won't improve. The answer to your question is to stay focused on the opportunities in front of you rather than looking over your shoulder. That's how you get over this.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a serious difference of opinion, and I'd like your input.

I am of Indian (Asian, not Native American) origin, and I would like our children to have Indian names because I think they are more unique and prettier.

My husband, who is American, contends they are often difficult to spell and pronounce, and moreover, since we're an "American" family, we ought to chose American names. I disagree.

One of the names he would like to give, I particularly dislike. He says it was his grandfather's name and he would like to carry it on. We don't have kids yet — and at this rate we're not likely to anytime soon. What do you think about this stalemate? — CONTEMPLATING PARENTHOOD

DEAR CONTEMPLATING: I think the two of you should compromise. Give the children American first names and Indian middle names. Problem solved.

DEAR ABBY: I was with my boyfriend for two years when he left me for another woman. She was a lunatic who was possessive and jealous, not to mention desperate.

After a while, he realized what he had with me and wanted to come back. Because I still loved him, I gave him another chance.

Abby, she hasn't stopped calling him! She parks in his driveway overnight. She refuses to take no for an answer, although he stopped having anything to do with her.

Now for the kicker: For his birthday, she bought them both a trip to a Caribbean island — and he accepted! He said he was going only for the trip, but I'm here and he is there with her now. What should I do? — WEEPING IN WINNIPEG

DEAR WEEPING: Send him on another trip — a one-way trip out of your life once and for all. Your boyfriend is an opportunist, and you deserve better.

SPROUTS

Ted S. Warren/AP

Erica Kerwien, right, poses for a photo Jan. 28, with her dog Dexter while she holds a pre-made pizza crust made with sprouted wheat at her home in Sammamish, Wash. ABOVE: The ingredient list on the back of a package of pre-made pizza crust made with sprouted wheat is shown at Kerwien's home in Sammamish, Wash.

Sprouted food trend moves beyond alfalfa

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

Is it really possible that sprouts are hip again?

Maybe that's a bit much to ask of a sprout. But they are hot. And they look — and taste — nothing like what you remember.

In the 30 or so years since they seemed to rule the sandwich and salad bar scenes, sprouts have, er, grown. They aren't just frilly green tendrils anymore. They are "sprouted" whole-wheat bread, rye crackers, baking flour, even brown rice.

Advocates say these foods — which are made from sprouted, or germinated, grains and other seeds — are tastier and better for you. Nutrition experts paint a more nuanced picture about that latter claim, but sprouted foods nonetheless appear to be a natural food niche that is, yes, sprouting.

"It's really been kick-started in the last four or five years as our customers have been demanding raw foods and sprouted grains, pulses and legumes to add to their diet," says Errol Schweizer, Whole Food Market's senior global grocery coordinator.

Alfalfa sprouts have been a health food staple for years and mung bean sprouts are common in Asian food. But many people don't realize grains such as rice and wheat also can be sprouted through a process of soaking and draining.

As producers have caught on to this, they have unleashed a torrent of sprouted foods. At Whole Foods alone, there are sprouted versions of breads, quinoa, lentils and granola.

None of this is surprising for Whole Foods, known for its organic foods selection. But more mainstream chains are offering sprouted foods, too. The natural Asian food brand Annie Chun's says sales of its microwavable sprouted brown rice, which is sold in large chains like Safeway, Kroger and Wegmans, grew by more than 24 percent last year.

"I think we're just at the cusp of people starting to understand what that product is and why it's a better choice," says Diana Wang, marketing director for Annie Chun's.

Sprouted food often tastes different. Sprouted brown rice, for instance, can have a softer texture and some people say it has a mild nutty flavor. Sprouted breads — there even are sprouted bagels and English muffins — tend to be denser and chewier.

But taste is just part of the attraction. Erica Kerwien, who lives in the Seattle area and blogs healthy recipes at comfybelly.com, has purchased sprouted breads, bagels and frozen pizza dough for her family. They like much of it. Kerwien also finds it easier to digest sprouted foods.

"I still feel full, but I don't feel stuffed up," she said.

That's a common claim. Proponents say sprouting breaks down carbohydrates and other compounds, thereby easing digestion.

It's true that grains do change their makeup when they sprout.

Researchers have found decreases in starch, increases in sugars and an increase in the quality of protein, according to a summary of scientific studies by University of California Davis doctoral student Anna Jones. Some changes could increase digestibility. But Dr. Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr, a nutrition specialist at the university, cautioned the changes are slight and there is no research yet showing humans have an easier time metabolizing sprouted grains.

"What actually is measured in the laboratory might show some potential for increased digestibility," Zidenberg-Cherr said, "but it's so small that it most likely wouldn't have an impact, and no study has actually shown that it would."

There also are people who claim sprouts are so dense with nutrients they can help people fight disease.

Dr. Paul Talalay at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the '90s found that broccoli sprouts contain a cancer-fighting chemical called sulforaphane at concentrations much higher than mature broccoli heads. Separately, Japanese researchers reported a decade ago that germinating brown rice increases the levels of fiber and beneficial amino acids.

There also is research showing certain sprouts with higher levels of bioactive compounds that have been linked to health benefits — such as isoflavones in soybean sprouts and reservatol in germinated peanut kernels, says Chang Yong Lee, a professor of food chemistry at Cornell University. But Lee said that does not necessarily mean all sprouts contain higher levels of beneficial nutrients. He said it needs to be considered on a case by case basis.

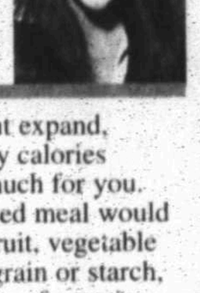
Despite some intriguing findings, sprout research remains an "emerging field," says Alice Bender, registered dietitian with the American Institute for Cancer Research.

"It will be interesting to see where it goes," Bender said. "But in terms of making any one food sort of a magic bullet or the key, we want to look at the overall pattern of diet."

Ironically, sprouts tend to make headlines occasionally for a negative health effect. There have been at least 30 reported outbreaks of foodborne illnesses associated with raw or lightly cooked sprouts since 1996, according to the Centers for Disease Control. A good number of these cases involve alfalfa sprouts and salmonella, including an outbreak late last year that sickened more than 100 people in 18 states.

Girl Scout cookies: A delicious American tradition

JESSICA MARIE



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Just when I think I have my diet under control, a sweet little girl approached me with a box of Girl Scout cookies.

For most of us, cookies are hard enough to resist, but offering someone a Girl Scout cookie is like placing drugs in front of a recovering addict. They are delicious and they are an American tradition, and I would never turn down a delicious American tradition.

Thus, the dilemma ensues as to how many Girl Scout cookies we can eat before we completely sabotage our diets and feel terrible about ourselves. The answer can vary depending on which cookies you choose. But a good rule of thumb for eating cookies is never sit down to eat the entire box all at once. Eating one or two cookies is not a crime, and we should not beat ourselves up over the small indulgence.

Snacks are a good thing and we should allow ourselves an occasional indulgence, especially as a reward for sticking to our diets, or else we probably would go crazy.

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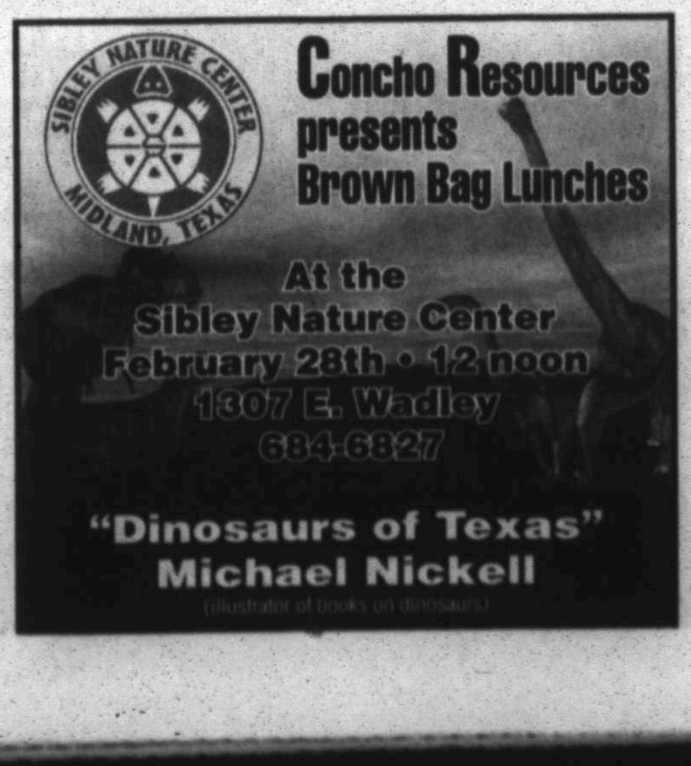

Heirloom or Hazard?

Parents re-examine drop-side cribs after recalls

By Lisa A. Flam
Associated Press

Margie McGlone brought one key item into her nursery when she was pregnant last summer. It was her sister's crib, one they both loved and looked forward to keeping in the family.

"I thought it'd be cool for my son to have grown up in the same crib as his cousins," said McGlone, whose older sister had held onto the crib through three moves after her children outgrew it.

Then McGlone got nervous, learning that millions of drop-side cribs were being recalled after at least 32 strangulation and suffocation deaths were linked to them. "I was like, wait a minute, this is a drop-side," said McGlone, of Bronxville, N.Y.

Her niece and nephew had been fine in the crib, an antiqued-white model with painted gold accents. And the company had a kit to make the sides immobile. But as a new mom-to-be, she was too worried, especially after seeing depictions of the potential hazard — a baby's head getting stuck after a side detached.

Though nervous to break the news to her sister, she took apart the beloved heirloom and bought a crib with stationary sides for her son, Finley, born in November.

"I thought, I can't in good conscience — knowing they're all being recalled and all being changed, I can't keep it. I can't use it," she said. "Every time he was in it I wouldn't feel comfortable."

More than 10 million drop-side cribs were recalled in recent years, culminating with the Consumer Product Safety Commission's announcement in December that after decades of use, the sale of drop-side cribs was being banned.

Starting in June, it will be illegal to sell a crib with a side that moves up and down, a once-common feature that lets you reach in and pick up a baby with ease.

"We're sensitive to tough economic times," says commission spokesman Scott Wolfson. "We hope people will go out and buy the safer cribs."

Many large retailers stopped selling drop-side cribs more than a year ago in anticipation of the new standard, and experts believe many parents are using cribs with fixed sides. But baby furniture is so frequently passed down, to preserve memories and cut costs, that the traditional style remains in nurseries, grandparents' homes, basements and attics everywhere.

So where does that leave parents who used a drop-side crib without a problem for one child but now, as a new baby arrives, find the design being outlawed?

For some, a close examination of the crib is just what it takes to feel safe.

In Indianapolis, Heather Ray uses a crib given to her by another family before her daughter, Hadassah, was born in June. The family told her it hadn't been recalled, and Ray made sure the hardware was fastened correctly, testing the crib by putting weight on it.

"We saw it as a blessing from God we didn't have to spend that extra money," she said. "We don't have any safety issues with it. I feel that it's perfectly safe, and I'm not nervous about her being in it."

Jenine Capano puts her daughter to sleep in the same drop-side crib her two sons slept in without any trouble. News about the crib style caught her attention, but the company that made the crib was out of business, so she couldn't check for a recall.

"I put the side up and down a few times to try to decide if it was safe or not, and my husband and I felt it was still safe," said Capano, of Yonkers, N.Y. "It's always been great."

"Since I thought what we have is perfectly safe, I see no reason to spend more money on a new crib," she added.

Other families are deciding that a replacement crib is in order.

Last summer, Jessica Drukin of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., replaced her 15-month-old son's hand-me-down drop-side crib because the side wasn't locking properly, and she was aware of the potential hazards. "We got rid of it once I did not feel it was safe," she said.

While it won't be illegal to have a drop-side at home when the new standard takes effect, the safety commission urges parents to get one with fixed sides. If they can't, they should investigate whether their crib has been recalled, is missing any pieces or has sustained any damage.

"These types of issues have caused babies to be in harm's way," Wolfson said. "We don't want them to be a problem in the future."

The commission says the newer the crib the better, and is wary of cribs older than a decade. If non-recalled drop-side cribs are used, Wolfson said parents should not lower the side and should use an immobilizer if the manufacturer offers one.

The Juvenile Products Manufacturing Association, an industry group, says any crib that was purchased new and has not been recalled should last for a decade if it's been properly stored and assembled.

On the other hand, Keeping Babies Safe, a child safety group, strongly discourages the use of any drop-side cribs.

"Parents shouldn't be using them," says Joyce Davis, president of the group, which together with the commission and the American Academy of Pediatrics, made a safe sleeping video that's being shown in hospitals and doctor's offices. "They should not be lackadaisical. They should get a new crib that meets the current standards."

Davis said she believes more and more families are getting rid of drop-side cribs. She realizes parents' desire to save money or hold onto a crib out of nostalgia, but says that because a crib is a place where a baby can be left alone, safety must come first. "You can't have a sentimental attachment to that crib because it's no longer safe," she said.

For now, McGlone's first crib is back in her attic at her sister's behest.

"She wouldn't let me get rid of it," she said.

FAMILY MATTERS

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Relationship with God, forgiveness help make marriage successful

DEAR FAMILY: I just found out one of our couple friends who everyone always thought was the perfect couple is getting a divorce. We were all talking about how this could happen and concluded, "if it can happen to them it can happen to us." This conversation ruined our afternoon get-together and we all left a little upset. I talked to my husband about it when he got home and he said he didn't know why the couple was splitting up. He did say there were a lot more women in the workplace and most of them were divorced and looking.

You have a lot of experience with this sort of thing, is there anything we can do to make our marriage a success and not just another failure? All the women in my group are ready for some advice. — IT'S GOING AROUND

DEAR IT'S: Trying to determine what makes a marriage successful is a somewhat perplexing question for both the general population and the marital researchers alike. There does not seem to be any clear answer; although there are a number of factors that do seem to help. I would offer the following thoughts I have learned and observed over the years on making a marriage successful.

First and foremost, I believe God always must be involved as the divine third in the husband-wife-God trinity. When God is kept foremost in the marriage then that means, according to the Bible, we are to "love one another as He has loved us." That is a steep order when we reflect upon how Jesus described loving us. In numerous parables and by his example, Jesus defines love as being sacrificial to the other, even to the extent of laying down one's life. Building on this definition, Dr. Scott Peck states, "Love is the will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth." The Rev. Thomas Merton said, "True happiness is found in unselfish love, a love which increases in proportion as it is shared. It must be given not merely taken." While this might sound pretty co-dependent to some; when God is the divine third co-dependency has no meaning.

Passages in Ephesians and in Luke instruct Christians to forgive as often as is necessary. Forgiveness is incredibly difficult for me; I am much more comfortable with justice. However, as many have discovered, if we can truly forgive the other person, then life can move forward again with a spiritual calm. As Earnie Larson and Carol Hegarty observe in "Days of Healing," "Forgiveness is an act, not a feeling. Though it may generate feelings, forgiveness is an act of the will. When we forgive, we refuse to be further damaged by the wrongdoing of others. A refusal to forgive is called a 'resentment.' And the victim of the resentment is always the one who carries it." In marriage, both parties are the victims of resentment as resentments affect all of the couple's interactions in some form. In marriage God gives us the opportunity to practice both giving and receiving forgiveness almost on a daily basis. When we forgive our spirits rejoice.

As a practical matter and leading to a more spiritual perspective, I encourage couples to attend marriage seminars whenever possible. For example, Dr. Gary Chapman, author of "The Five Love Language" book series, will be at First United Methodist Church on March 5, leading a seminar on "The Marriage You've Always Wanted." I believe marriages require knowledge and sacrificial effort in order to function and that is a good thing — it is all part of our spiritual journey. If God is the divine third, then in sacrificing (loving) for our spouse each will come to know God more intimately.

AARP supports consumer protection

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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Electricity customer bill of rights, annuity protection and payday and auto-title loan reform are state legislative issues for which AARP will fight.

Something needs to be done about giving consumers more informed choices on electricity providers. Consumers are given choices, but do we really know what they mean? We have more than 40 retail electric providers (REPs) offering more than 140 different plans. How is the consumer supposed to sort through these plans and decide what is best? I recently received an e-mail from an electric company that gives away points that can be used toward vacations. How does this company compare to the one I now use and have used for many years? More information would be helpful.

AARP supports several pieces of legislation requiring REPs to offer one standard electricity plan. Standard plans will have identical elements and only vary on price. REPs will retain the right to offer any other plans in addition to the standard plan. It also would be wise for all electricity companies to use a standard contract as many have clauses that are hard to understand and read.

What happens when the weather gets very hot and people are unable to pay their bill? What payout options do customers have? These flexible payment arrangements need to be made very clear.

Protecting Texans' assets during these tough economic times also is an issue about which AARP feels very strongly. Last session AARP worked hard with the Legislature to pass several bills creating new protections for purchasers of annuities, yet the Department of Insurance has received more than 600 consumer complaints on annuities in the past year. There still is room for more to be done. After annuities are purchased AARP strongly supports a "free look" period to allow the purchasers a reasonable timeframe to make sure these long-term investments are right for them.

Large, up-front commissions paid to insurance agents selling annuities also need to be examined. Everyone needs to make a living, but not at the expense of people who cannot afford to invest in this manner.

The same holds true for small dollar loans. Payday and auto-title lenders in Texas are using a loophole in state law to avoid being licensed, regulated or subject to any meaningful consumer protections. Information has been provided finding that at least 20 percent of these borrowers are age 50 and older. The lenders need to be licensed and regulated, and interest rates need to be reasonable and not abusive. I don't see how anyone would want it differently. Midland has adopted resolutions calling on the governor and Legislature to close the loophole. AARP supports the bipartisan HB410 presented by Tom Craddick, as well as other bills.

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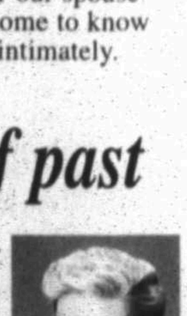
Woman must break free of past

DEAR ABBY



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DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old woman. I recently was contacted by the boyfriend I had when I was in my 20s. "Byron" was the love of my life, but I foolishly broke up with him. I then married a bum and had a child I am raising by myself on a very limited income.

I live in an apartment with mismatched furniture and have no money in savings. My former flame has done well and is now married with three children. I sent him a letter telling him how proud I am of him and of what he has achieved. His reply has brought back a flood of memories, and I feel terrible about where I am and being alone. How can I get over this? — BYRON'S LONG-AGO EX

DEAR EX: If you want more frustration and heartbreak, continue swimming in your flood of memories. Keep in mind you dumped Byron "foolishly," and use that life lesson to guide you going forward. Because you are alone now does not mean you'll be alone forever.

Living in an apartment with mismatched furniture does not mean your circumstances can't or won't improve. The answer to your question is to stay focused on the opportunities in front of you rather than looking over your shoulder. That's how you get over this.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a serious difference of opinion, and I'd like your input.

I am of Indian (Asian, not Native American) origin, and I would like our children to have Indian names because I think they are more unique and prettier.

My husband, who is American, contends they are often difficult to spell and pronounce, and moreover, since we're an "American" family, we ought to chose American names. I disagree.

One of the names he would like to give, I particularly dislike. He says it was his grandfather's name and he would like to carry it on. We don't have kids yet — and at this rate we're not likely to anytime soon. What do you think about this stalemate? — CONTEMPLATING PARENTHOOD

DEAR CONTEMPLATING: I think the two of you should compromise. Give the children American first names and Indian middle names. Problem solved.

DEAR ABBY: I was with my boyfriend for two years when he left me for another woman. She was a lunatic who was possessive and jealous, not to mention desperate.

After a while, he realized what he had with me and wanted to come back. Because I still loved him, I gave him another chance.

Abby, she hasn't stopped calling him! She parks in his driveway overnight. She refuses to take no for an answer, although he stopped having anything to do with her.

Now for the kicker: For his birthday, she bought them both a trip to a Caribbean island — and he accepted! He said he was going only for the trip, but I'm here and he is there with her now. What should I do? — WEEPING IN WINNIPEG

DEAR WEEPING: Send him on another trip — a one-way trip out of your life once and for all. Your boyfriend is an opportunist, and you deserve better.

SPROUTS

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Erica Kerwien, right, poses for a photo Jan. 28, with her dog Dexter while she holds a pre-made pizza crust made with sprouted wheat at her home in Sammamish, Wash. ABOVE: The ingredient list on the back of a package of pre-made pizza crust made with sprouted wheat is shown at Kerwien's home in Sammamish, Wash.

Sprouted food trend moves beyond alfalfa

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

Is it really possible that sprouts are hip again?

Maybe that's a bit much to ask of a sprout. But they are hot. And they look — and taste — nothing like what you remember.

In the 30 or so years since they seemed to rule the sandwich and salad bar scenes, sprouts have, er, grown. They aren't just frilly green tendrils anymore. They are "sprouted" wholewheat bread, rye crackers, baking flour, even brown rice.

Advocates say these foods — which are made from sprouted, or germinated, grains and other seeds — are tastier and better for you. Nutrition experts paint a more nuanced picture about that latter claim, but sprouted foods nonetheless appear to be a natural food niche that is, yes, sprouting.

"It's really been kick-started in the last four or five years as our customers have been demanding raw foods and sprouted grains, pulses and legumes to add to their diet," says Errol Schweizer, Whole Food Market's senior global grocery coordinator.

Alfalfa sprouts have been a health food staple for years and mung bean sprouts are common in Asian food. But many people don't realize grains such as rice and wheat also can be sprouted through a process of soaking and draining.

As producers have caught on to this, they have unleashed a torrent of sprouted foods. At Whole Foods alone, there are sprouted versions of breads, quinoa, lentils and granola.

None of this is surprising for Whole Foods, known for its organic foods selection. But more mainstream chains are offering sprouted foods, too. The natural Asian food brand Annie Chun's says sales of its microwavable sprouted brown rice, which is sold in large chains like Safeway, Kroger and Wegmans, grew by more than 24 percent last year.

"I think we're just at the cusp of people starting to understand what that product is and why it's a better choice," says Diana Wang, marketing director for Annie Chun's.

Sprouted food often tastes different. Sprouted brown rice, for instance, can have a softer texture and some people say it has a mild nutty flavor. Sprouted breads — there even are sprouted bagels and English muffins — tend to be denser and chewier.

But taste is just part of the attraction. Erica Kerwien, who lives in the Seattle area and blogs healthy recipes at comfybelly.com, has purchased sprouted breads, bagels and frozen pizza dough for her family. They like much of it. Kerwien also finds it easier to digest sprouted foods.

"I still feel full, but I don't feel stuffed up," she said.

That's a common claim. Proponents say sprouting breaks down carbohydrates and other compounds, thereby easing digestion.

It's true that grains do change their makeup when they sprout.

Researchers have found decreases in starch, increases in sugars and an increase in the quality of protein, according to a summary of scientific studies by University of California Davis doctoral student Anna Jones. Some changes could increase digestibility. But Dr. Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr, a nutrition specialist at the university, cautioned the changes are slight and there is no research yet showing humans have an easier time metabolizing sprouted grains.

"What actually is measured in the laboratory might show some potential for increased digestibility," Zidenberg-Cherr said, "but it's so small that it most likely wouldn't have an impact, and no study has actually shown that it would."

There also are people who claim sprouts are so dense with nutrients they can help people fight disease.

Dr. Paul Talalay at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the '90s found that broccoli sprouts contain a cancer-fighting chemical called sulforaphane at concentrations much higher than mature broccoli heads. Separately, Japanese researchers reported a decade ago that germinating brown rice increases the levels of fiber and beneficial amino acids.

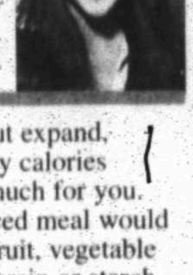
There also is research showing certain sprouts with higher levels of bioactive compounds that have been linked to health benefits — such as isoflavones in soybean sprouts and reservatol in germinated peanut kernels, says Chang Yong Lee, a professor of food chemistry at Cornell University. But Lee said that does not necessarily mean all sprouts contain higher levels of beneficial nutrients. He said it needs to be considered on a case by case basis.

Despite some intriguing findings, sprout research remains an "emerging field," says Alice Bender, registered dietitian with the American Institute for Cancer Research.

"It will be interesting to see where it goes," Bender said. "But in terms of making any one food sort of a magic bullet or the key, we want to look at the overall pattern of diet."

Ironically, sprouts tend to make headlines occasionally for a negative health effect. There have been at least 30 reported outbreaks of foodborne illnesses associated with raw or lightly cooked sprouts since 1996, according to the Centers for Disease Control. A good number of these cases involve alfalfa sprouts and salmonella, including an outbreak late last year that sickened more than 100 people in 18 states.

Girl Scout cookies: A delicious American tradition



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Just when I think I have my diet under control, a sweet little girl approached me with a box of Girl Scout cookies.

For most of us, cookies are hard enough to resist, but offering someone a Girl Scout cookie is like placing drugs in front of a recovering addict. They are delicious and they are an American tradition, and I would never turn down a delicious American tradition.

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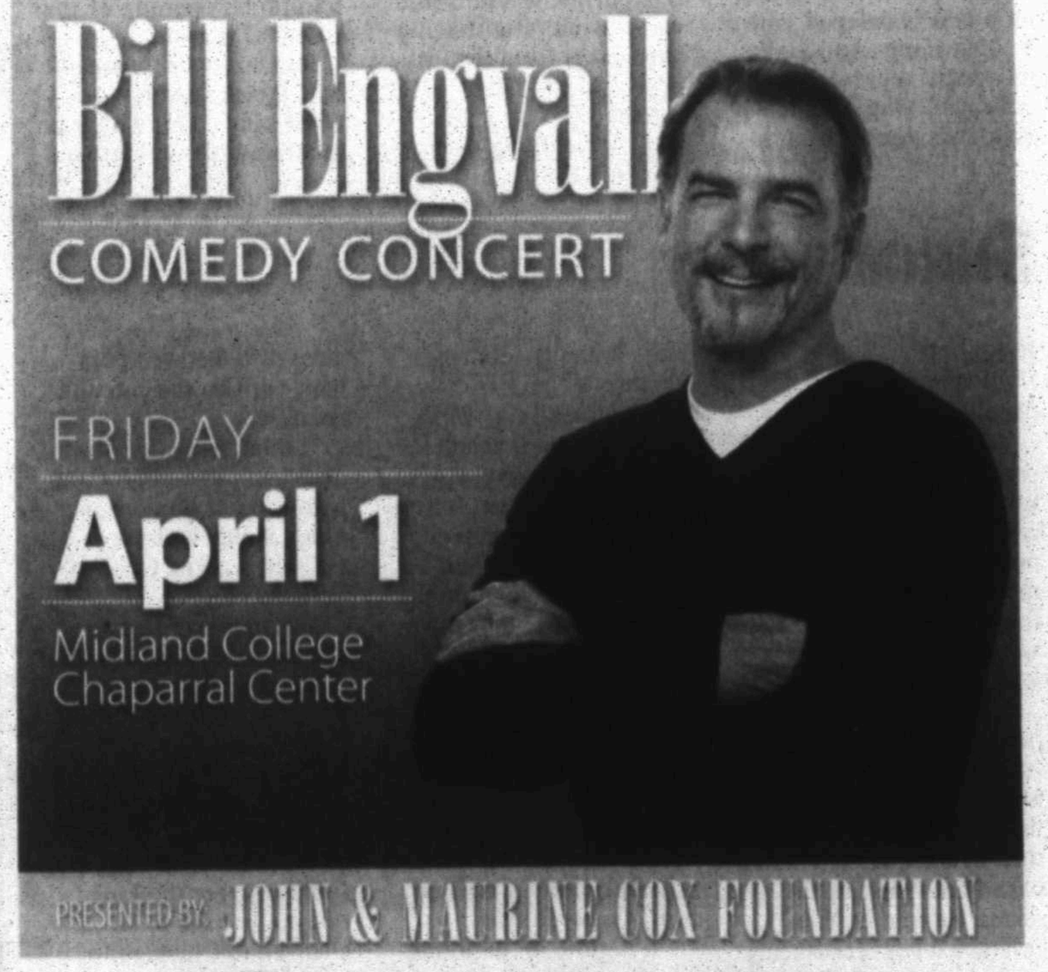

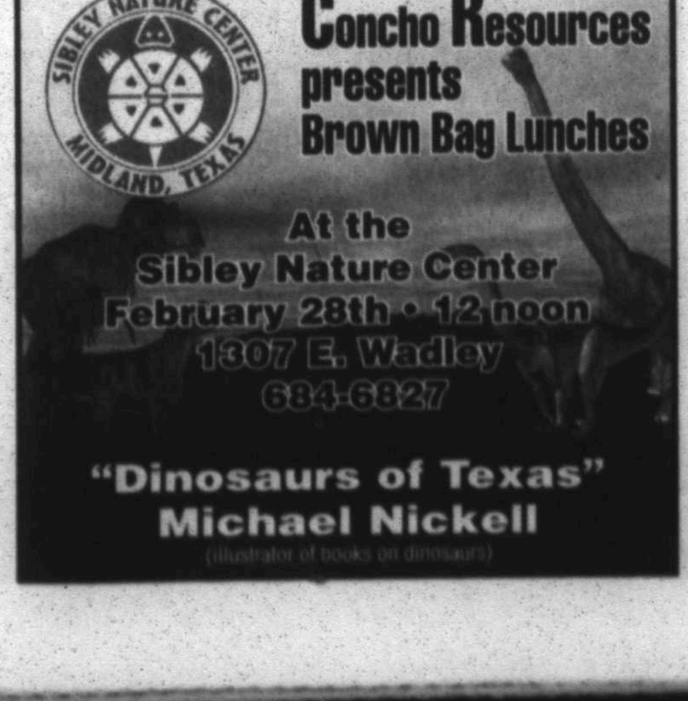

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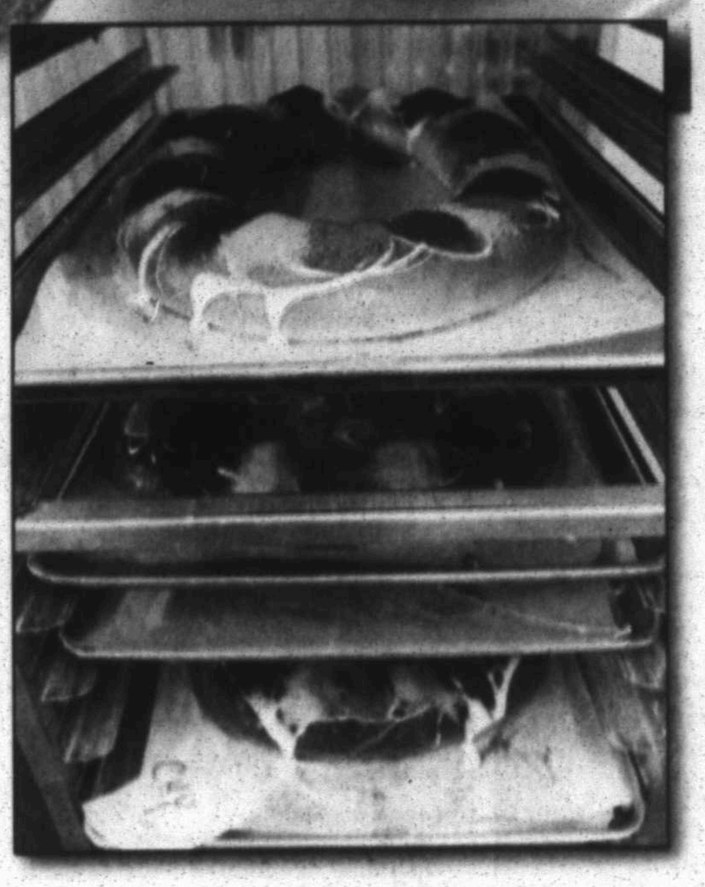

Pastry chef Jean-Luc Albin, above center, makes some of his Mardi Gras King Cake creations Feb. 10, with employees Senada Tursunovic, left, and Suada Muminovic at Maurice French Pastries in Metairie, La.

Bakers reinterpret classic king cake

By Mary Foster
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Pastry chef Jean-Luc Albin certainly can turn out a delicious traditional king cake — one with a premium brioche dough, rich with butter and eggs. But these days it's his inspired variations on that classic that he's most passionate about.

His Bourbon Street king cake, for example, has chocolate custard, bourbon and toasted pecans. Or there is his General Foster king cake with a banana's Foster-type filling; the Woodlawn Plantation, with praline cream and Southern Comfort; or even the Pontchartrain, filled with Bavarian cream custard, sliced strawberries, almonds and whipped cream.

"Every year I do something a little different, something new," Albin says. "It makes things interesting."

Interesting, and perhaps unrecognizable to those first French settlers who brought the annual Mardi Gras celebration — as well as its king cake — to Louisiana 300 years ago.

Traditional versions are a simple circle of buttery dough spiced with cinnamon and sweetened with a sugar icing. And while those still represent the dominant king cake, each year sees more variations as bakers pump them full of fruits, cheeses, chocolate and other flavors.

"The filled king cake trend started in the 1970s," says Liz Williams, president of the Southern Food and Beverage Museum in New Orleans. "People wanted things that were sweeter and sweeter, and bakers wanted to be different. Before that, king cakes looked the same and were pretty much the same."

These days, at least two dozen flavors and fillings are readily available. In addition to most fruits, you also can get such exotic flavors as praline, cream cheese and almond paste.

At Navarre's Famous King Cakes in Springfield, La., about 45 miles northwest of New Orleans, Earnie Navarre has even introduced a sweet potato praline king cake.

"A friend of mine is a big fan of sweet potatoes, and he asked me to make a king cake with them for him," Navarre said. "It's a lot like a sweet potato casserole, with brown sugar and pecans."

Rhonda Ruckman, pastry chef for the Donald Link restaurants and retail shop Butcher, was eager to experiment with some new flavors, after having been away from the city — and Mardi Gras — for several years.

"I'm definitely doing the classic cake, but I wanted to try some new things," Ruckman said. "I'm making a chocolate creme cake with a wonderful brioche dough, a layer of sour cream, devil food crumbs and chocolate chips."

For most bakeries the cream cheese cakes, or a combination of cream cheese and fruit, is the most popular of the king cakes. Strawberry fillings were close behind.

At Randazzo's King Cakes, customers lined up by the hundreds to get their king cakes on Jan. 6 (or Twelfth Night), the traditional opening of the Carnival season.

Randazzo's offers a half-dozen flavors — royal king cake, which is quartered off with cream cheese, apple, lemon and strawberry fillings in each section, and even a fleur-de-licious king cake, with black and gold icing in a nod to the "Who Dat" Saints fans.

Manny Randazzo, the second generation to operate the bakery, says the new flavors and fillings may have their fans, but at his bakeries the traditional king cake remains the big seller.

"It can get pretty crazy with all the fills, the double fills, the flavors," Randazzo said. "But still 75 percent of our sales are still the traditional cake. People who say it's dry or not flavorful enough have not had one with a rich brioche and the hint of cinnamon. It's definitely a crowd-pleaser."

COMING SOON

- Joan Huff dishes out some traditional Fat Tuesday recipes in Food Etc. **WEDNESDAY**
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ROGERS-BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wilson, Jr. of Midland, TX and Mr. and Mrs. Dusty R. Rogers of Lubbock, TX are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke De'Shae Rogers to Alexander James Brown. Alexander is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell (Scooter) L. Brown Jr. of Midland, TX.

Brooke is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sphuler of Wellman, TX and the late Don Tankersley of West Columbia, TX. She is also the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Finis R. Rogers of New Moore, TX.

Alexander is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Adams of Lubbock, TX and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell L. Brown of Midland, TX.

The bride elect is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Midland and is currently attending Wayland Baptist University majoring in Education. She is employed by J-Ferg Roofing and Foam in Lubbock,TX and Encore Dance Academy in Brownfield, TX.

The groom is a graduate of Midland High School and now attends Texas Tech University. He will graduate from Texas Tech in May with a bachelors in Business Administration.

The couple plans to marry at 7:00 p.m., June 25th, 2011 at First United Methodist Church, Midland, TX.

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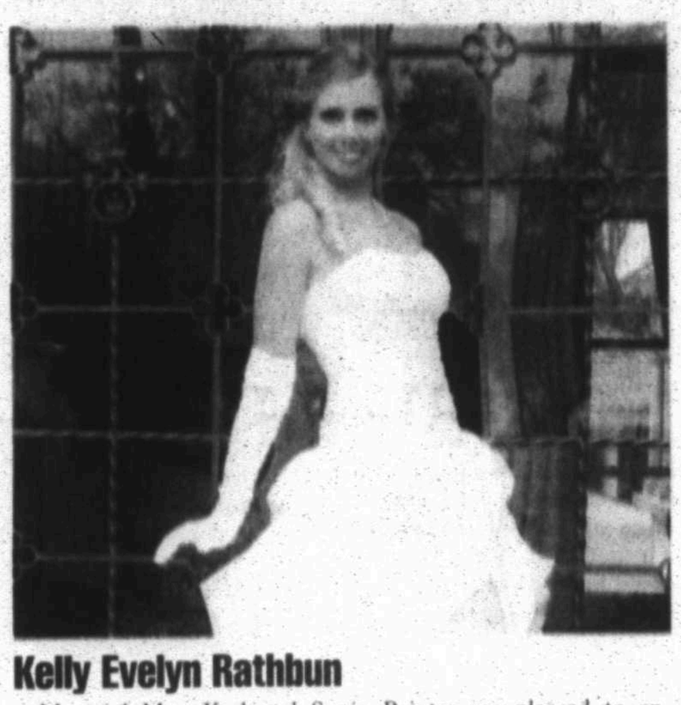

Kelly Evelyn Rathbun

Mr. and Mrs. Karl and Sonja Painter are pleased to announce the presentation of their granddaughter, Miss kelly Evelyn Rathbun, at the 2011 Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Debutante Ball which took place on February 19th at The Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. Miss Rathbun was presented by her parents, Mr. David Rathbun, formerly of El Paso, and Mrs. Joni Brittain Rathbun, formerly of Midland.

Miss Rathbun is a graduate of Parish Episcopal School in Dallas and is currently a sophomore at Texas A&M University. She is majoring in Spanish and International Studies with a focus in communication and media. Kelly is the Transfer Chairperson for the Tri Delta Sorority at Texas A&M. She is also a member of the Committee on Student Government Association, Aggie International Ambassadors, and the Bilingual Education Student Organization. She has studied Spanish extensively during past summers in Spain and Costa Rica, and plans to study in Argentina this summer.

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diately contacted him.

"They identified their primary concern as the iron in the steel of the cement mixer, which had a potential to leech out onto the shrimp," he said. "I think they were right. They were really doing their job very well."

Smith said the event's board of directors found a coating used in food service that also can be used in the oil field to prevent corrosion, and had the coating baked onto the cement mixer. He said he then conducted tests measuring the iron content before and after the coating, and found results that pleased the health department. Grewell still uses the mixer to coat the shrimp with flavors and seasoning. He then distributes the shrimp to smaller pans where it cooks for an hour.

"We've always been figuring it out along the way," said Joe Moya, who has been a board member since Shrimpfest's first year. Moya also acknowledged Grewell's importance in the fundraising event.

"The cook is so important — it's your product," he said. "Everyone else is operational support for the food guy."

Grewell said he will be cooking Monday morning and afternoon, after many preparations in the days beforehand. During the event, he will enlist the help of Odessa's Chuck Wagon Gang by using their facilities and transporting food with forklifts.

"It's a lot of work, it's not everybody's kind of fun," Grewell said.

"It's quite an undertaking to pull it all off in one afternoon."

The fixings this year will include five hors d'oeuvres for company sponsor tables: Noel shrimp, which contains a dill seasoning; shrimp Ponchartrain; traditional boiled shrimp; Mexican shrimp cocktail; and fried fritters. The plated, all-you-can-eat shrimp that will be available for all attendees of the event is cooked in a Cajun blend of spices and served with sides of boiled red potatoes, corn on the cob and coleslaw.

"I think he's doing an excellent job and he's got a great team supporting him," Smith said of Grewell and the Chuck Wagon Gang.

Shrimpfest chairman Liz Roberson said H-E-B donated $5,000 worth of Texas gulf shrimp for this year's event. She also mentioned the Barn Door will donate hundreds of loaves of bread.

"Because of the oil spill, we were thinking this might have to be changed to Chickenfest, but turns out we're going to be fine," Roberson said with a laugh.

Moya said Shrimpfest has been crucial in affording operating costs for the museum, since there aren't many grants to help pay the electricity bill.

"We dreamed big and this is where it ended up," the board member said. "It's kept 'free admission' on that sign outside since day one, and we're really proud of that."

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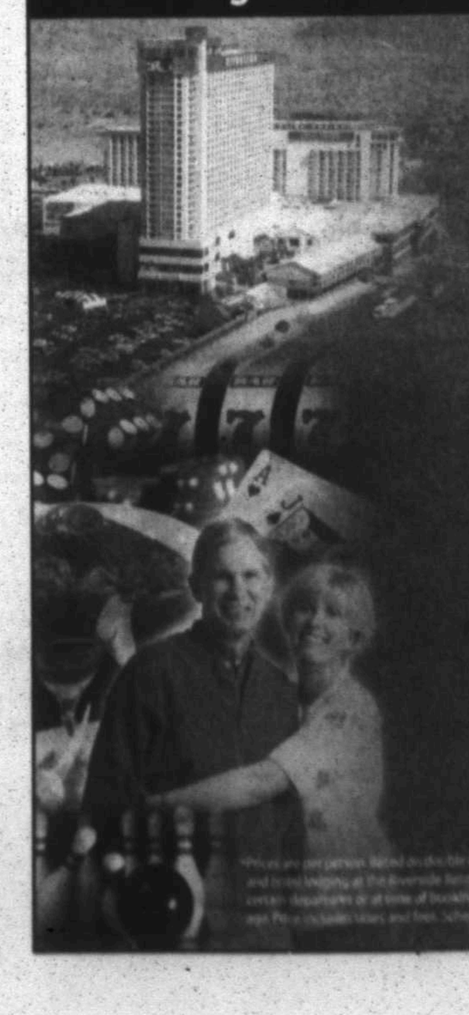

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Celebrating Homecoming, Honoring Chap "Birdman"

By Melissa Mudge

Thursday, February 17, marked Midland College's (MC) annual Homecoming celebration held during half-time of the Men's Basketball game versus New Mexico Military Institute.

Streamers, balloons and proud smiles decorated the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center as homecoming king and queen nominees were announced from six MC organizations: Ambassadors, Athletics, Cheerleader/Spirit Club, International Students Club, Students in Philanthropy and Student Government Association. Teetering on the edge of their seats, students rocketed the arena with cheers as Angel Lopez and Bret Holley, MC Softball and Golf athletes, were crowned the 2010-2011 Homecoming Queen and King (seen at left).

New to the festivities this year was a scholarship presentation in honor of one of MC's most ardent supporters and dearest fans, Severo Raul Enriquez, more fondly known as "Birdman." Both the MC men's and women's basketball teams stayed on the court in hopes to reflect the time, energy and passion Severo brought to all of their games. This "Super Fan" could not only be seen at the events, but he would often be heard when using his trademark "Bird Call" as the opposing team shot free throws during a basketball game. Forrest Allen, MC's Athletic Director, noted, "He was at his best when his infamous bird call disrupted the concentration of any team that dared to compete against his beloved Chaparrals."

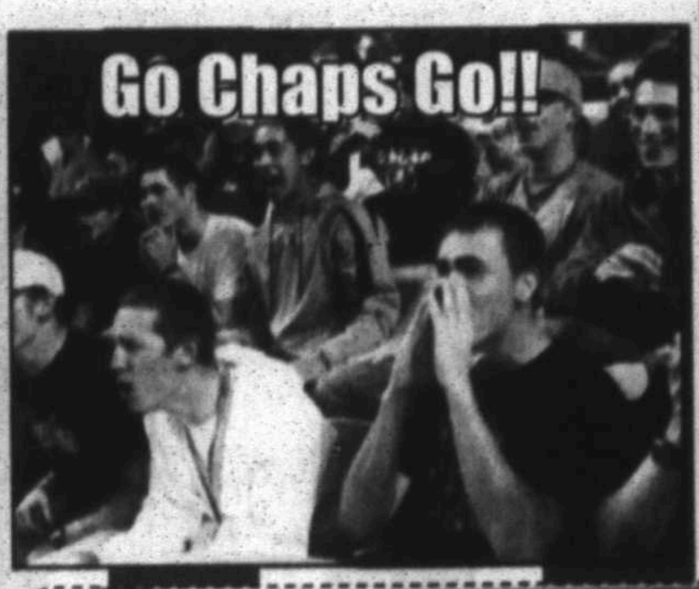
Severo was a 1990 graduate of Midland High School and earned an Associate degree from Midland College. He was actively involved with MC, whether it was with through the Student Activities Department, Intramurals, working in the residence hall or attending a Midland College sporting event.

Shortly after his passing in September of 2010, a generous anonymous donor wanted to honor Severo by making a scholarship donation in his name. During Thursday evening's ceremony Severo's parents, Severo, Sr. and Olga Enriquez, carried on their son's legacy by presenting the Severo Enriquez Scholarship to three Midland College student recipients: Andre Chance, Joe-Daniel Granado, and Jake Wallace (seen right).

After the presentation, many chuckled and smiled in fond remembrance as it was announced "... the Chaparral Center is a much quieter place these days. Who knew one person's voice could lift so many to such great heights?! ... Your son's memory will always be with us, wrapped in the rich legacy of this institution and we thank you for sharing him with us."

Severo would be so proud that in true Chaparral fashion, both the men's and women's basketball teams are currently ranked first in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, securing them, at the very least, a Conference Co-Championship for the 2010-2011 season! Keep an eye out for our Chaps at the Regional Tournament on March 3-6 at Lubbock Christian University.

For game times, results and more information, visit MC's Athletic webpage at ***www.GOCHAPS.com***



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Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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For more information, contact Melinda Teel, RHIA, CCS, MC Program Director, Health Information Technology, (432) 685-5573, mteel@midland.edu

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The instructor, Eric W. Stiles Sr., is a master tailor and designer with over 35 years experience. He was formerly Supervisor and Head Tailor for Giorgio Armani, Polo-Ralph Lauren, Bigsby & Kruthers, Brittany LTD., Robert Vance, Turner Bros., Whitehouse & Hardy and others. Stiles now owns and manages the EWS Fashion Design Academy. He has been teaching classes for 16 years.

Two online courses are available: *Basic Sewing/Tailoring 1* and *Basic Sewing/Tailoring 2*. Each course costs $48, plus supplies. Students will also need a sewing machine. To register or obtain more information, visit ***www.midland.edu/cpce*** or call **(432) 685-4518**.

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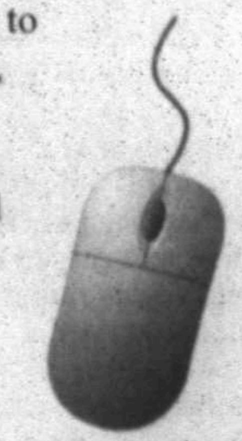
Don't miss the final *Basic PowerPoint 2010* course of the spring!

Discover how to create engaging PowerPoint presentations in this basic course! Through hands-on exercises, students will learn how to create new presentations that include text, graphics, WordArt, tables, charts, and diagrams. Editing, formatting slide content and applying transition effects will also be covered. The course meets 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 8, and Thursday, March 10. Course fee is $139, which includes course materials.



Both courses meet at the convenient location of the MC Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert. Online registration and course information is available at www.midland.edu/workforce.

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■ Beginning March 9, the Garden page with Seeds for Thought and Neil Sperry's Gardens will be featured in our new midweek West Texas Living section.

SECTION B WEDNESDAYS

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Deborah Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Midland and Ector counties.

West Texas soil needs added organic matter

Give your soil a makeover right now by adding organic matter before you plant.

Organic matter (OM) is comprised of dead and decomposing plants and other once-living organisms. Leaves, grass clippings and kitchen peelings are all good examples. OM is decomposed by various soil microbes, insects and other soil animals.

An ideal soil contains 5 percent OM, but West Texas soils typically have less than 1 percent. This is why adding OM and using organic mulches is so important. Some of the benefits of adding OM to soil are:

■ better aeration, drainage, and water penetration;
■ better soil structure;
■ retention of water and nutrients for plant use;
■ increased beneficial soil microbes populations;
■ reduced soil pH; and
■ added nutrients

Some of the most obvious and readily available forms of OM are leaves, grass clippings, shredded newspaper, leafy kitchen wastes and shredded dead plant tops. Other good forms of OM include cotton burs, spoiled hay, sawdust, pine needles, wood chips and pecan shells. Green weeds can be used, but avoid noxious species or those that have gone to seed. Raw OM is that which you can see and recognize with your eyes, such as leaves, grass clippings, and stalks. Fully decomposed OM cannot be recognized because it looks like a dark, crumbly, earthy potting soil. A variety of bacteria, fungi, beetles, earthworms, springtails, nematodes and other critters feed on raw OM.

For fast composting it's best to mix green, or raw, and brown, or decomposed, OM in a 30 to 1 ratio. Green materials often are green in color and are higher in nitrogen. Brown materials often are brown and are high in carbon. By weight, more browns are needed than greens. In addition to the raw OM, oxygen and moisture are needed. If you provide everything microbes need, they will feed and have a population explosion that will lead to compost.

Sheet composting is one of the easiest ways to get compost in vegetable gardens and new beds. Spread a thick layer, 4-8 inches, of raw OM over the bed and till or spade it into the soil. By keeping the soil moist and adding a little nitrogen if needed the raw stuff will decompose quickly. With warmer weather, now would be a great time to use this method to get your bare beds ready.

Mark your calendar for the Grow Great Tomatoes demonstration 6 p.m. March 31 at the CAF. The best varieties, soil preparation, planting and growing techniques will be demonstrated, along with several methods of cold, wind and insect protection. We also will be offering large tomato cages constructed of concrete reinforcement wire.

Pruning: A necessary evil that can be done well

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Pruning can't help but wound a plant. But the injury doesn't have to compromise its health.

Your job, as a pruner, is to pinch, snip, lop or saw in such a way as to facilitate your plants' natural healing.

Plants have an uncanny ability to deal with wounds. Immediately after any wound, whether from high wind or from the sharp edge of your pruning saw, cells around the wound burst into activity. Their goal: to prevent the spread of infection and seal off the wound.

Unless the weather is frigid, rapid respiration ("breathing") and cell division occur, during which natural antimicrobial chemicals are released and new cells grow to seal off the wound. With little or no microbial growth in frigid weather, the plant can wait to begin repair.

Plant, heal thyself (with some good cuts)

The first thing you can do to encourage healing is to make all cuts clean. Ragged edges leave more damaged cells and more surface area to close over. Sharp pruning tools are a must.

Smaller cuts leave smaller wounds, so prune off that misplaced maple limb when you can do it with hand shears rather than when you need a chain saw. Pruning away small stems, rather than large ones, also removes less stored food or food-producing tissue of a plant, which is desirable unless you are deliberately attempting to dwarf a plant.

Pruning off diseased stems can be a way to thwart diseases, but watch out that you don't inadvertently spread infection in the process. When disease transmission is a hazard — as it is, for example, with fire blight disease of pears — sterilize your pruning tool between cuts by wiping the blades with alcohol.

Young, actively growing stems heal easiest and quickest, which makes pinching out a growing point between thumbnail and forefinger the least damaging method of pruning. No special instructions here, except, perhaps, to clean under your fingernails. (Just kidding.)

Pruning stems, pruning large limbs

Shortening a stem must be done with more care. Cut it back to a bud, which is where a leaf is growing or grew the previous season. To avoid leaving a dead stub, or killing the bud, shorten the stem to a little beyond the bud, at an angle, so that the cut slopes down ever so slightly behind the bud.

Removing a large limb with a single pruning cut can tear long shreds of bark from a tree as the limb comes toppling down. Avoid this by making three separate cuts. First undercut the limb one-quarter of the way through about 12 inches further out than your eventual cut. Next, saw through from the top, near the first cut but a couple of inches further out on the limb. After the limb falls (without tearing any bark), saw off the easily held, foot-long stub that remains. But do not cut it back flush to the trunk; cut back to just beyond the ring of bark at the base of the limb.

Yellow gardenias could have iron deficiency

NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS

"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: A friend has two gardenias in South Texas that are always yellow. They're more than 30 years old, but they do bloom. They were fertilized once with azalea/gardenia/camellia food. What should be done to help them?

A: That sounds like iron deficiency. If they were my plants, I'd trim and reshape them this winter, even if it cost me the spring's flowers. I would apply a high-nitrogen fertilizer every six to eight weeks until late summer, and I'd add iron around them monthly starting in April. (Keep iron products off concrete, brick and other surfaces that could be stained.)

Dear Neil: I bought a 6-foot potted bur oak tree three years ago. It has grown taller, but it hasn't branched. The few limbs it does have now are hanging downward. Should I top it, wait on it or take it out?

A: That kind of columnar new growth isn't uncommon for young bur oaks. It probably wouldn't hurt to come down 12 to 16 inches from the top of the tree and remove its top growth just above a side shoot that could develop into a major branch. However, if you never did that at all, the tree probably still would turn out to be handsome. Eventually, you'll want to remove one or two of the lowest branches. They're too close to the ground. But, you need to leave them there for the next couple of years to help the tree's trunk thicken. You're going to be just fine.

Dear Neil: You mention the need for soil tests. Where can I have this done? How do I collect samples from a large yard?

A: Some nurseries offer soil tests to help their customers get ready for spring gardening. However, the easiest way may be to work through your local office of the Texas AgriLife Extension. They have a state-of-the-art soil-testing laboratory at College Station. Instructions on how you should collect small, random samples from your landscape and garden will come with the mailing materials. I normally collect a couple of tablespoons from each of 10 or 15 parts of my lawn and a similar gathering from my flower beds and vegetable gardens. By collecting those two samples, I get a pretty good representation of what my soils need.

Dear Neil: Is there a reference book that would help me grow houseplants in Texas? Wouldn't our light intensities, humidity, temperatures matter? Would books written elsewhere work in Texas?

A: I'm not aware of any reference on flowering or foliar houseplants that is that specific. I've never felt the need to have information that detailed. You plunge in with the best types, and you venture into the unknowns a few at a time. Some do well. Others do not. Honestly, in my decades of answering plant questions, I've found people make much more basic mistakes than all that. They forget to water, or they water way too often. They never leach the soil to eliminate excess minerals, and they put bright-light plants in really dark conditions.

Dear Neil: Where can I find the pre-emergent weedkillers you recommend? Are they in weed-and-feed products?

A: I lean toward independent retail garden centers, because I've always found they have the best information for me. They're the dedicated plant people who live and garden in a locale. They'll also be the most likely sources of locally useful plants and products. They also can order anything in for you. Look for a Texas certified or master certified nursery professional for the most reliable advice. As to the "weed-and-feed products," I'm not an advocate. I think those two procedures need to be done separately. It's too early to feed now, but it will be too late for pre-emergent when the fertilizing time comes.

Dear Neil: I've been told it's harmful to plant live oaks near red oaks. Is that true? I have live oaks, and I'd like a couple of red oaks.

A: Absolutely not true! The two species grow in close and happy proximity all over big bands of Texas. Plant the red oaks. Just be sure they have ample room to develop, at least 40 feet from other trees.

Dear Neil: Why would my 18-year-old nandinas not have any berries? The plants have thrived, but never any berries. Have any suggestions?

A: You either have a type like Gulfstream, Moonbay or dwarf types, none of which bears fruit, or you have them in enough shade they're not flowering in the spring. The only advice I can offer is to enjoy them for their foliage and great winter color.

Dear Neil: I had a large crape myrtle removed, and now I have shoots coming up everywhere. I mowed them last year, but they keep coming back. What can I use this year?

A: They will give up after a year or two of hoeing or mowing. However, you could spray them with a broadleafed weedkiller containing 2,4-D if you wanted to get rid of them a little bit faster. Keep it off desirable plants nearby.

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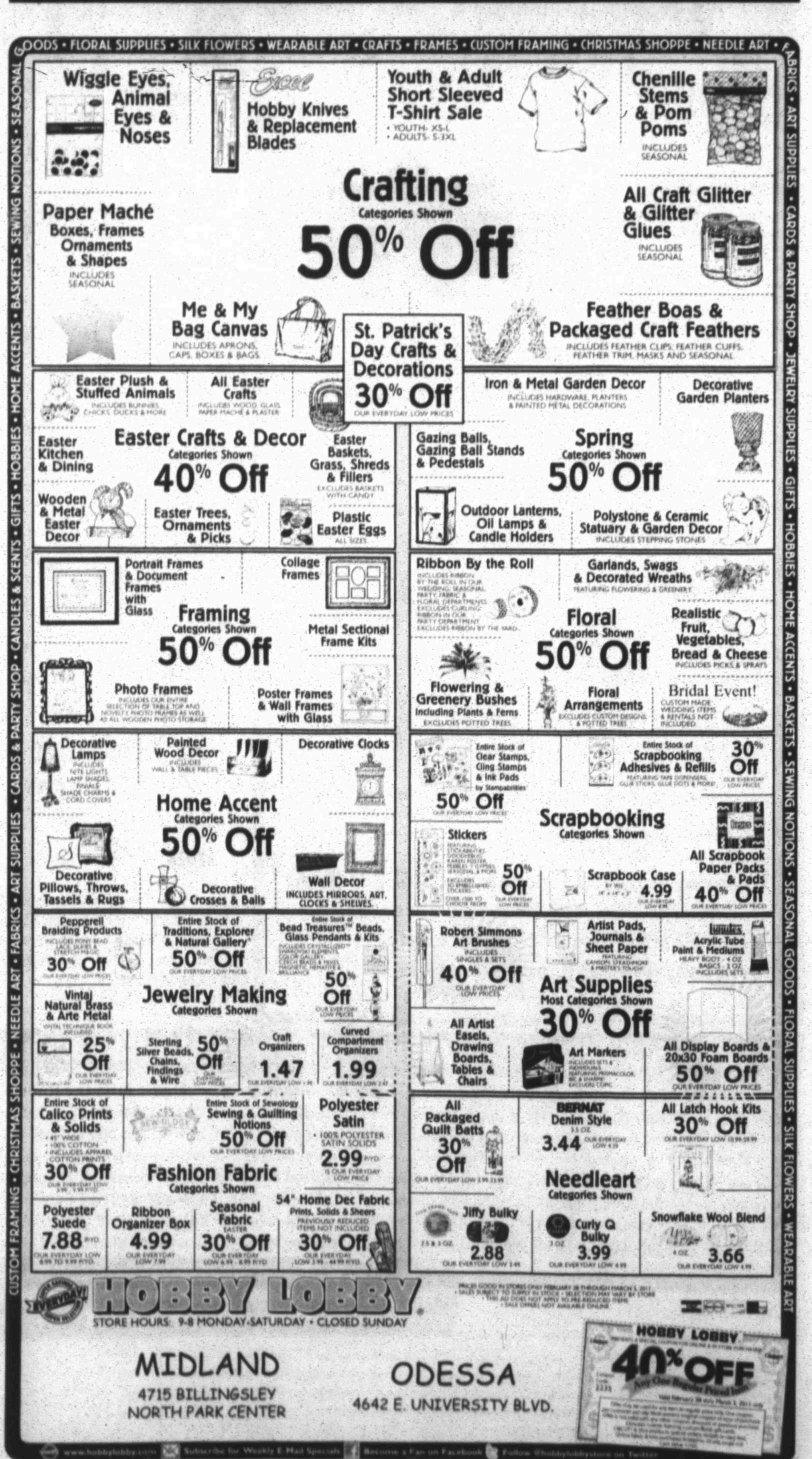

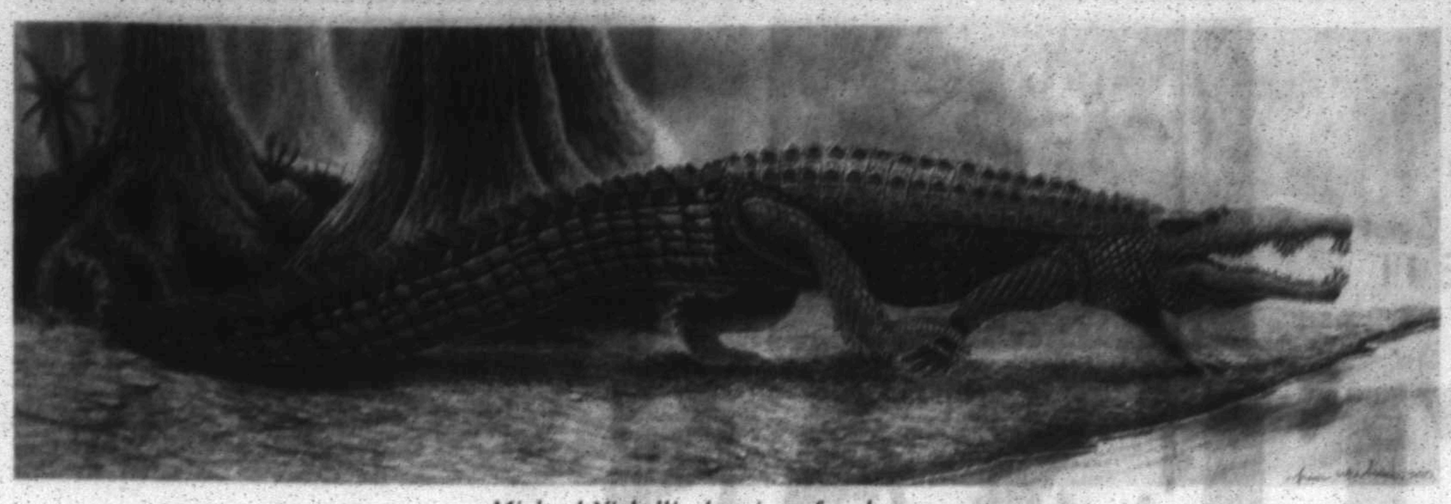

Michael Nickell's drawing of a phytosaur

fossil phytosaur skull

Concho Resources sponsoring brown bag lunch series at Sibley

The Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave., will present a brown bag luncheon, sponsored by Concho Resources, on the fourth Monday of every other month. The 30-minute talks will begin at 12:10 p.m. The first presentation is scheduled for Monday and will be "Dinosaurs of Texas" by Michael Nickell. If the weather is nice, come early and have lunch outside on one of our benches along the icons of the Llano Estacado colonnade, which features wonderful paintings of people and organisms that symbolize our home bioregion. Sibley will provide lemonade and cookies.

Nickell, who painted the icons of the Llano Estacado, has been a professional practicing scientific illustrator and nature artist for more 30 years. His clientele have included National Geographic, Texas Parks and Wildlife, The Museum of Texas Tech University, Lubbock Lake Landmark, The University of Texas at Austin, The University of Oklahoma, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, The Square House Museum and Encyclopedia Britannica. His work is in numerous private collections and he also is the illustrator for Texas Tech University's Dr. Sankar Chatterjee's books on dinosaurs. Nickell also has participated in a number of fossil digs in West Texas.

The Sibley Nature Center has on display several Triassic and Cretaceous fossils found on or near the Llano Estacado, including the 4-foot-long head of a phytosaur from Lake Mackenzie. Our teaching pavilion includes an inset wall with the most common fossils found in West Texas. Have you seen our Triassic coprolites? Take a look at Sharon Mitchell's incredible, and mostly local, collection of Cretaceous fossils that she collected as a high school student. We also have a Pleistocene fossil, a mammoth tooth that is a somewhat common find on the Llano Estacado. Western Heritage Museum in Hobbs currently is working on a mammoth dig in Lea County, N.M.

Lea County is synonymous with some of the interests of Concho Resources. Its recent acquisition of Marbob holdings focused on the Bone Spring and Abo geologic formations. Some of the holdings are in a part of Lea County that is rough and remote country between the Mescalero Escarpment — the western edge of the Llano Estacado — and the Pecos River. Scattered among the gravelly hills and sanddunes, a number of archaeological sites have revealed pithouses, and what is considered the easternmost kiva.

Oilfields have become place names in regional cartography. Geologists, landmen and roughnecks alike bounce down rough roads, seeing flora and fauna, finding arrowheads and fossils. Nickell's talk will be of interest to all whose jobs take them to the field. Instead of seeing creosote bush and tarbrush, I sometimes imagine the landscapes that were present when the fossils were living animals and plants. In remote landscapes that never seem to really change, a person can connect emotionally with the vast periods of time geology and paleontology represent.

We would love to have retired oil field personnel attend the event. If people get a chance to stay after the talk, I would like to hear some folks talk about fossils they have found in the field. We would like to know where some of the best fossil-finding places are located. What are some of your favorite fossils found in the region? Which ones do you think symbolize our home bioregion?

The Sibley Nature Center will present six brown bag lunches in 2011. We are deeply grateful to Concho Resources for funding our marketing of the talks. On April 25, Richard Galle will speak about "Extreme Adventure." Have you ever rappelled? Have you ever explored a cave? Have you ever rafted whitewater rapids? Have you ever mountain climbed? Galle has been leading extreme adventure groups for almost 40 years. His climbing class at Midland College for 17 years has inspired many West Texans, including some who went on to become world-class climbers and conquered some of the toughest mountains in the world. Come to the April 25 presentation and be inspired to go on an adventure of a lifetime this summer. Be sure to ask Galle about his attempt to climb "The Eiger!" He was one of the first people to go down the lower canyons of the Rio Grande downstream from Big Bend National Park, and the only person to climb the needle at the Boy Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains.

BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

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Pearlstein's Life Story Enthralls Community

By Iris Foster, Public Information Officer

What do Andy Warhol, World War II, and drawing plumbing fixtures for American Standard have in common? If you are 86-year-old realism artist Philip Pearlstein, these names and events shaped his early experiences, he told a crowd of 150 artists and art aficionados February 17 at UTPB's CEED auditorium. The visit of this world renowned painter came about because of a long-lost cousin now living in Midland, an enterprising art historian at UTPB, Dr. Marianne Woods, and a Target Community Grant.

Pearlstein wove his life story around images of his early work—published in color in *Life* magazine after he won a 1941 *National Scholastic* magazine art contest. The accompanying scholarship enabled him to attend Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie-Mellon University) for a year before he was drafted into the infantry during World War II. In and out of basic training, Pearlstein said he first learned the art of graphic design and printmaking when he made 4' high, silk-screened posters of weapons. His military service took him to Italy where he kept a "visual diary" with sketches of troop ships, the aftermath of battles, and basic training.

Pearlstein returned to Carnegie on the GI Bill, and worked as a graphic designer for catalogs and the engineering school magazine. He remembers Andy Warhol as a young classmate, later a roommate in New York City, where he became a highly-successful illustrator while Pearlstein toiled as a graphic designer although he began studying art history at New York University.

A thesis on the Dada painter Francis Picabia helped him make the leap from drawing toilet lids for plumbing catalogs to painting huge (6' x 5') nudes. During a Fulbright Fellowship in 1958 in Rome, he sketched and painted the Roman Forum to transition from a graphic designer to an abstract expressionistic artist. A visit to Maine, where he focused on the rocky Atlantic coastline, and a NYC Museum of Modern Art show: "New Images of Man" helped him turn his paintings of rocks to large-scale portraits of nudes using sophisticated models.

Pearlstein wound up his presentation by discussing a 1995 painting in which he used human models as an element of a complex composition. He claimed the nudes are "an excuse" and should not be seen as the focus of his work. Lucky UTPB art students were able to learn from him in class and visit with him over meals during the two days he spent on campus. Now whenever they pick up any art history book, they will know the back story behind work by Philip Pearlstein.

Preparations Underway for Science Fair

The 2011 Permian Basin Regional Science Fair will be a showcase of 429 projects from area youngsters through high school age. As always, it will be held at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin gym on Saturday, March 5. It is an Intel ISEF-affiliated fair.

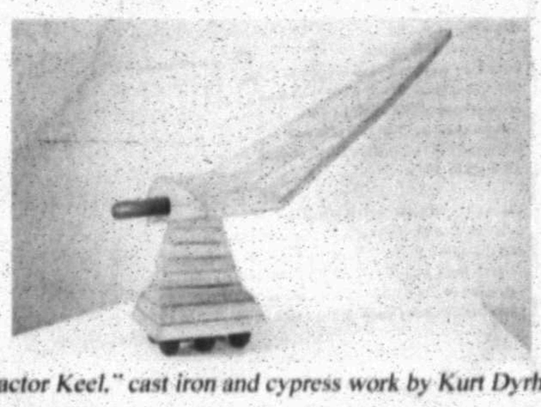
Like any community event, numerous volunteers are needed to make it successful. UTPB students will help on Friday afternoon, March 4, between noon and 9 p.m. during project set up. Tables are numbered, students and parents will be given their table assignments, and other tasks will need attention. Community volunteers are needed on Saturday from 8-noon to help keep things running.

There is a critical need for judges on Saturday, March 5, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending about noon. A short orientation will be given in the gym foyer (where donuts, coffee, and juice will be available), and then judges will be assigned to various levels of projects. Lunch will be provided after judging concludes. To register to judge, please visit the science fair website, http://www.utpb.edu/scifair. The judge's form may be e-mailed back to science fair coordinator Dr. Stephen Nelson, assistant professor of physics at UTPB.

If you have a background in science and can spare a few hours, area students will benefit from your time and attention to their projects. While this event will be financially rewarding for those students who win some of the over $152,000 in scholarships and have the opportunity to advance to state and international science fairs, judging will be personally rewarding because you will see what great scientific minds are being developed in this area.

For more information, contact Dr. Nelson at 432-552-2114 or nelson_s@utpb.edu.

"The Blue Yonder" Opens In Gallery



"Tractor Keel," cast iron and cypress work by Kurt Dyrhaug

One of the Permian Basin's tourist attractions, the Commemorative Air Force, was the inspiration behind the upcoming exhibit at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery on the UTPB campus. "The Blue Yonder," which opens with a free, public reception on Friday, March 4, from 7-9 p.m., will highlight the aesthetics of flight through various artifacts and the work of artists inspired by them.

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 will comprise the show. It will run through April 17, and gallery hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday-Sunday, 2 -5 p.m.

For more information about "The Blue Yonder," contact Dan Askew, gallery director, at 432-552-3288 or by e-mail: askew_d@utpb.edu.

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Though cute, ladybugs aren't indoor pets

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

"Ladybug, ladybug fly away home ..." Whoops, she did! And her home is also my home and your home.

With spring just around the corner, she's awakening and coming indoors.

Ladybugs are such lovable creatures that it's hard to call them a pest even when they act like one. Just now they're creeping on windows along with cluster flies; also benign creatures but "pests" not at all welcome in my house. Ladybugs do get even peskier indoors: I occasionally find them marching across a pillow or scuffling along the edge of a teacup.

It's not your imagination that the annual ladybug migration indoors has increased in recent years. These homebodies are one particular kind of ladybug, known officially as Asian multicolored lady beetles (*Harmonia axyridis*).

Like other species of ladybugs, the Asian multicolored lady beetle is friend to gardener and farmer, and she was introduced from Asia deliberately to help us out here. She's happy in her new home and so far has escaped enough natural predators to let her numbers soar and spread.

Asian multicolored lady beetles are not easily distinguished from the 4,000 other ladybug species worldwide. She has a red, orange or yellow-orange back dotted with anywhere from zero to 20 dark spots. Recognize her mostly as the ladybug that comes to your breakfast table.

This season's encounters with lady beetles began last fall. Asian multicolored lady beetles are also known as Halloween beetles for their habit of clustering on walls in late October, preferably light-colored walls that face southwest and are not too far from wooded areas. Later in the season, frosty weather drove them to seek shelter in cracks and small openings in the wall.

With spring around the corner, the beetles are awakening. They creep around looking for light, and some find their way into our homes.

Still, ladybugs don't want to be indoors and neither do we really want them here — at least, not so many.

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March 2nd

Republic. I like the sound of the word. It means people can live free, talk free, go or come, buy or sell, be drunk or sober, however they choose. Some words give you a feeling. Republic is one of those words that makes me tight in the throat - the same tightness a man gets when his baby takes his first step or his first baby shaves and makes his first sound as a man. Some words can give you a feeling that makes your heart warm. Republic is one of those words.

John Wayne, as Davy Crockett in the movie, The Alamo

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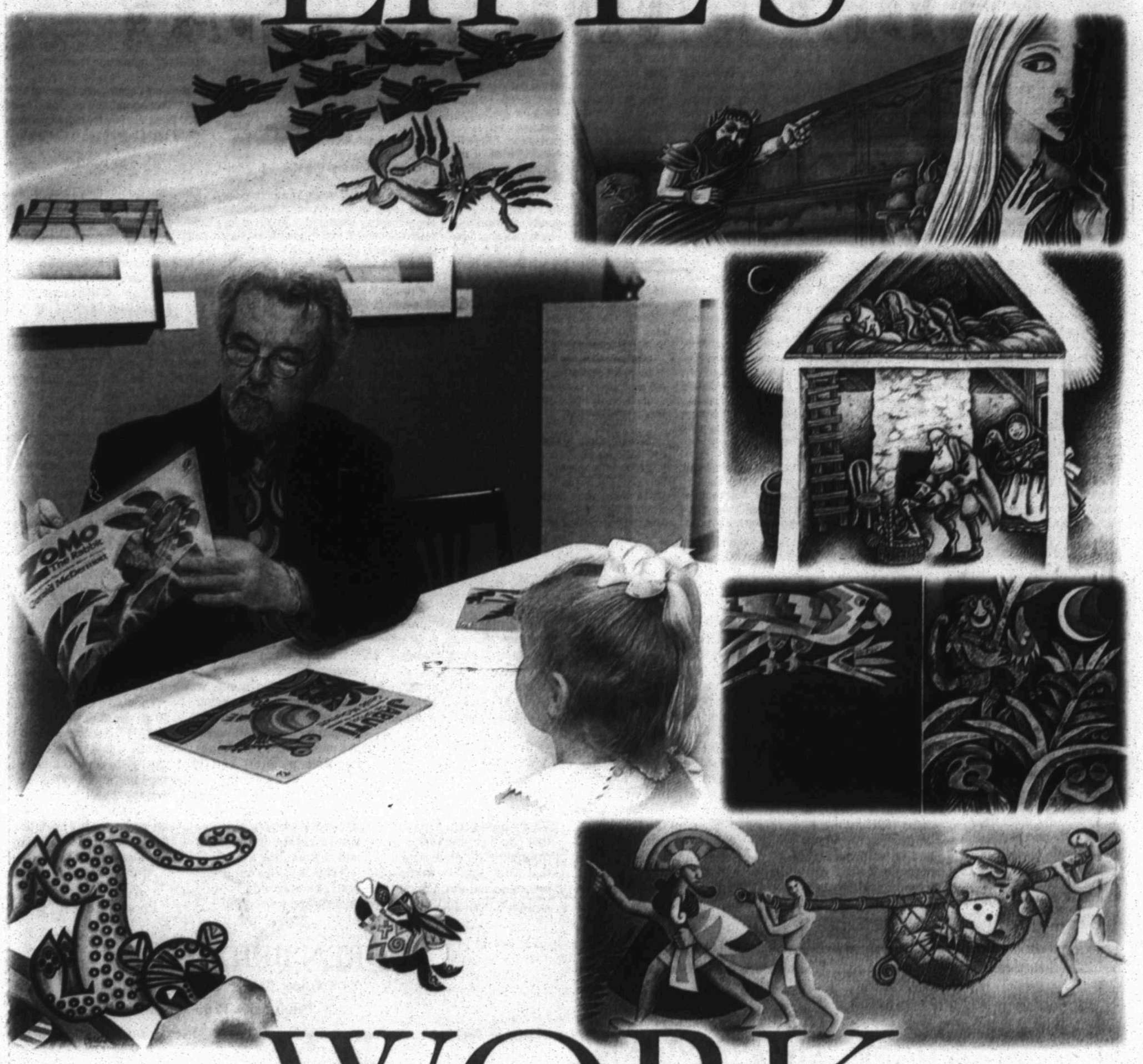

Artist, storyteller was immersed in art as a child

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

"I was before time. I was everywhere. I was nothing. I was there. My spirit moved over the deep. I floated in darkness."
— "Creation" by Caldecott Medalist Gerald McDermott

An award-winning filmmaker, artist, children's book author and illustrator, Gerald McDermott began studying art when he was 4 years old.

"I grew up in Detroit, Mich., and the Detroit Institute of Art was a great institution which had Saturday classes for kids," Dermott told the Reporter-Telegram in a telephone interview. "My parents enrolled me in that program when I was 4 years old. Studying in the halls of that museum had a profound impact on me as a child, and I as a result stayed with the visual arts and it became my life's involvement, my life's work.

"A crucial point here is, especially since the arts are under attack and there is not encouragement for the arts for young people, I think that it's important for me to say about that time that the immersion in the arts was essential for giving me a life as an artist. And I don't know how many kids today have that opportunity."

On display at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum are 54 creative works by McDermott including the books he has written. This exhibit was organized by the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, Abilene, and is sponsored by The Arts Assembly of Midland.

His early attachment to art "is on display in this exhibit, too," McDermott said. "It shows how my love of color and form and artistic endeavor became my life's work and sustains me to this day. As I continue as an artist, graphic artist, designer, storyteller, the creative spark generated by the arts can be applied in any area to do something new and original.

"The arts give children that ability. As they go on their life's path, they can apply it in any area of endeavor. That's something that's never considered when they are cutting programs."

McDermott continued his studies and pursued his passion for the visual arts through Cass Tech, a public school for the gifted with an art curriculum based on Bauhaus principals.

"I had a full academic program, but there was a very powerful emphasis in the high school on graphic arts," McDermott said of Cass Tech. "The teachers were really superb. The teaching was at a very advanced level. By the time I graduated from Cass Tech, I had a very enriched grounding in the arts."

McDermott "loved" to play baseball when he was a child, but his focus was on art.

"I was convinced from the time I was about 8 or 9 years old that I was going to be an artist," he said. "I was not sure how I was going to achieve that in my life."

Following high school, he was awarded a National Scholastic scholarship to New York's Pratt Institute, a well-respected art college in Brooklyn.

"That was an important transition from Detroit to New York and to be immersed in the world of New York," said McDermott. "It had become a continual aspect of my life from my childhood to adolescence -- to study art and to produce art."

As an extracurricular summer project, McDermott produced an animated film based on a story he had been fond of as a child, "Stonecutter." During his junior year at Pratt, McDermott took a leave of absence to work as a graphic designer for WNET, a New York education television channel. He also produced several animated pieces for The Electric Company on PBS.

He graduated from Pratt in 1964 and produced three more short films soon after graduation, "Sunflight" in 1966, "Anansi the Spider" in 1969 and "The Magic Tree" in 1970. In 1970, George Nicholson, a children's book editor, contacted McDermott and suggested adapting his films into picture books.

"Even while I was still in school, at the top of my interest was animation," McDermott said. "I loved creating animation films. I had already begun in college to make animation. Upon graduation I found a producer and continued to produce these short animation films based on folklore and mythology, which was already an interest of mine.

"At that point, I met a great scholar and mythologist. His name was Joseph Campbell. With him I continued to work on producing films about myth. Those are the twin pillars of my work: The graphic artist and my interest in myth and folklore as the foundation for storytelling.

"The experience of being told a story just draws us all in. It's absolutely compelling. You capture all sorts of people.

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Gerald McDermott signs his book, "Zomo the Rabbit," for Claire Scharbauer Tuesday evening at the Children's Museum.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

MIDLAND MARQUEE

THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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SUNDAY

Arts Assembly of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 687-1149. EXHIBIT: Art in the Park, four new sculptures will be coming soon.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: William Schickel: Spirit Made Manifest through March 27. EXHIBIT: The Art of Devotion: Latin American Religious Art from the Collections of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts through April 3. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696. No admission charged.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two Presidents, two Governors, and a First Lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

The Globe: MUSICAL: "Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert & Sullivan. 2:30 p.m. 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. For more information call 432-332-1586 or 432-580-3177. Admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery: EXHIBIT: Studio 3600 Series presents: "Past and Present" current and collected works by Warren Taylor, through March 25. Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mccormick. No admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: AUDITIONS: "Hairspray" 6:30 p.m. Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley. For more information please call 682-2544.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-2931. Open by appointment.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series presents "Paul Folwell: Painting", through March 27. 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, 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. No cost.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: EXHIBIT: Westward for Wealth: Maps of exploration, territorial expansion and the quest for prosperity in the Americas through March 15. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: EXHIBIT: Rachel Manera: Architectural Anthropology. Sculpture, installation, photography, and video become the byproduct of excavated frontier repositories, through February 27. 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 twelfth grades, at Casa de Amigos, 1101 East Garden Lane. For more information call Paul or Tracie at 682-9701.

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana. 682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Clara Johnson, artist of the month of February, 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 694-7153.

Midland Community Theatre: AUDITIONS: "Hairspray" 6:30 p.m. Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley. For more information please call 682-2544.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Petra Eubanks, artist of the month of February, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

Sibley Nature Center: LECTURE: Brown Bag Series by Concho Resources presents "Texas Dinosaurs" by Michael W. Nickell, a practicing scientific illustrator with special knowledge of dinosaurs that roamed our great state. 12 noon, 1307 East Wadley. For more information call 684-6827. Free admission.

TUESDAY

Biskemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 683-2882.

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Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: 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, 683-2882. Admission charged to non-members.

WEDNESDAY

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

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 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 Ave. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "Oklahoma". 8 p.m. Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 570-4111. Admission charged.

Midland/Odessa Symphony and Chorale: CONCERT: Pops II: The Four Freshmen. 7 p.m., CAF Museum Hangar, 3100 LaForce Blvd, 563-0921. Admission Charged. Music Students are Free.

West Texas Writers: MEETING: Monthly meeting to inform, educate, and help local writers. 2-4 p.m. at Midland Public Library, 301 West Missouri. For more information call 688-4334.

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ARTIST

From 1F

Everything stops. In a way, time stops when the storyteller begins."

His books include, "Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti," which was named a Caldecott Honor Book; "Arrow to the Sun: A tale from the Pueblo," which won the Caldecott Medal; and "Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest," another Caldecott Honor Book. His book, "Musicians of the Sun," a parable of the artist's journey based on an Aztec myth, brought recognition from the American Orff-Schulwerk Organization, a national organization of music and movement educators.

In 2003 he published "Creation."

"The words and images of my book, 'Creation,' grew out of my desire to cast in a new light the often-told and much beloved story of creation and to welcome everyone, regardless of the direction from which they come, to enter into this ancient mystery with an open heart," McDermott says on his Web site. "The voice of the story is an inner one that begins with a breath and a whisper, a spark ignited within us all that grows to illuminate the universe."

McDermott's work as a storyteller and author "has ranged over many topics and many different cultures.

"Some of the best loved of my books are Native American tradition and also African tradition," said McDermott. "Even though the stories may come from a wide range of cultures and time periods, what unifies them is their common humanity. And that's an important goal of mine from my books is to help children realize we are all connected.

"Even though we may never meet a person or be in a place, those people have the same hopes and aspirations that we do. That's a powerful concept that can be conveyed through traditional stories, that we are and continue to be connected through our common humanity and our universal emotions, emotions that we all share."

The exhibit at the Children's Museum offers an uncommon opportunity to visitors and to McDermott.

"I was very pleased with what the curator did with the presentation and hanging of the pictures. And it's like visiting my family. These paintings represent a span of a 35-year period, so it's really wonderful to see them hanging on the walls and surrounding you.

"This is a rare opportunity to compare side-by-side the original art with the printed book and get a sense of how one artist creates a body of work. The exhibit is very successful at that. And my hope is that people will come away from the exhibit with a sense of excitement and the richness that's inherent in the myths and folk tales of the cultures that I've been writing about."

McDermott's interest in art preceded his enrollment in the Saturday classes at the Detroit Institute of Art.

"I think I already had an

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ACROSS
1 "1964
7 "2006
12 Award since WWI
15 Try for a contract
18 Dressed like Cinderella
19 "Pardon my ___"
21 Letter after pi
22 With 39-Across, soapbox racer, e.g.
23 Concerned with pupils?
24 Shoemaker on a horse
25 2009-'10 "At the Movies" cohost
27 Sprayed in defense
28 "1968
30 Prefix with gram
31 Venetian evening
33 Yule VIP
34 "I Put a Spell on You" singer Simone
35 Bygone ruler
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43 "1972 with "The"
47 Item, such as interest, recorded only when earned
49 "Man alive!"
50 Prizes
53 J.D. holder
54 1981 World Series co-MVP, Ron
55 Rental ad abbr.
57 Made misty
60 Muslim pilgrim
64 Fertility clinic cells
65 "1982
67 "With 71-Across, 1962
71 See 67-Across
72 "1969
78 Baseball's "Master Melvin"
79 Record of the year?
80 Take on, as tenants
81 Kyrgyzstan city
82 Op. ___
85 Cyclotron bit
87 Make sense
89 Peerless
91 Eye of round, etc.
96 "1980
98 Part of ETO: Abbr.
99 Tennis shoe that debuted at Wimbledon in 1966
102 78-Across's answers to starred clues
103 Told, as a tale
104 Some PX patrons
106 Creeps
109 "Love Me, I'm a Liberal" singer
111 It always increases
112 See 127-Across
116 Egyptian sky god
118 Needing serious help
119 Make it to
120 Schleppers
121 Have the flu, say
122 Valuable deposit
123 Mambo' bandleader Tito
124 Vital supply lines
125 Once known as
126 According to
127 With 128-Across, performer nominated for 112-Across (he didn't win any) in all of the answers to starred clues
128 See 127-Across

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1 Like the most secure passports
2 Summarize
3 Vitally
4 Leafy green
5 "Gadzooks!"
6 Original Dungeons & Dragons co.
7 Facilities for many ex-GIs
8 Buffalo's lake
9 "Gimme a Break" star Carter et al.
10 Turned off
11 Descendants
12 Toasted
13 Tell partner
14 Squeeze album ___ Fan Tutti Frutti"
15 Soft shoes
16 Like nail-biters
17 Take away
20 '20s-'30s skating gold medalist
26 King's station
28 Hints
29 Empowering motto
32 Hunt subject
36 Kid
38 Didn't act
40 Grandmother of Spain's Juan Carlos
41 Instead of
44 Remedy for a pain in the neck
45 Note to ___
46 "I ___ Darkness" 1999 Bonnie "Prince" Billy album
48 Patronize, as an inn
51 Dallas cager
52 Sign of a big hit
56 Loads of
58 Psyche's lover
59 Variance, in the vernacular
61 Gettysburg general Stuart
62 "___ Ho": 2008 Best Original Song
63 Glass on the radio
64 Decree
65 "Who wants candy?" response
66 Kit Carson House site
67 Queens, N.Y., airport
68 Chicago Loop's ___ Center
69 Broke the tape
70 "Ice Age" unit, e.g.
73 Dorm VIPs
74 Winnipeg winter hrs.
75 Spiciness
76 Rash reaction
77 It may involve drawing
81 Light-minded pursuit?
82 Rate against
83 Quadrennial national rite
84 Titans' home
86 Letters before xis
88 It runs through four Great Lakes
90 Superiors of 104-Across
91 Either parent in "Heather Has Two Mommies"
92 Prince Andrew's younger daughter
93 Place to buy prints
94 Site with tweets
95 ___-Japanese War
97 Find a seat for, in slang
100 Throw out
101 Grew quickly
105 Peter, Paul and Mary: Abbr.
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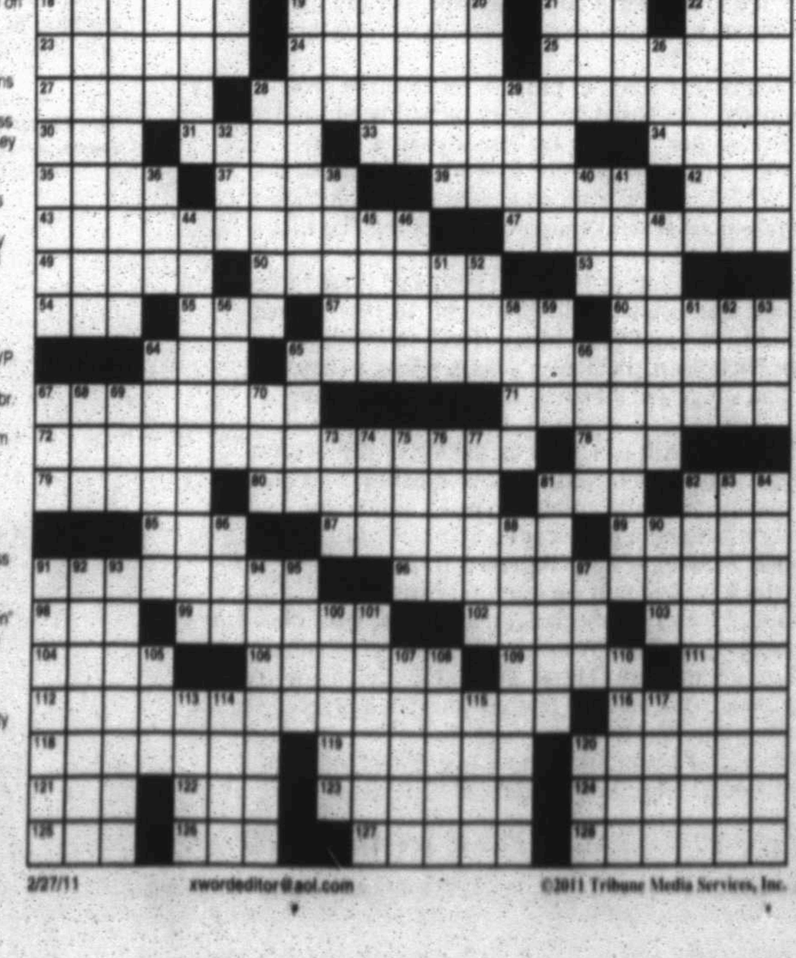

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Penny Wise, Pound Foolish

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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SOUTH
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The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

The peripatetic Pakistani, Zia Mahmood propounded a theory that has become known as Zia's Law: "If a pre-empter leads a suit other than the one bid, it is a singleton. If the pre-empter leads the bid suit, he holds a singleton trump."

West pushed North-South just as high as could be afforded. A sacrifice of five hearts can be defeated by four tricks with accurate defense — South can ruff the third diamond with the jack of hearts. Since four spades could have been defeated, the par result would be for North-South to extract +500 from four hearts doubled, but South can hardly be blamed for trying for a vulnerable gamble.

When West led the jack of clubs, declarer played low from dummy and East signaled with the 10 for a continuation. No matter what West did next, declarer was able to gain the lead and get to dummy in diamonds for the trump finesse. After cashing the ace, declarer ran diamonds until East ruffed and lost only two club tricks and a trump. Since it was clear from the lead that West held at most two clubs, East should have protected against the possibility that the opening lead was a singleton by overtaking the jack of clubs with the queen. Even if West followed to the second club, the defender was surely going to ruff the third, permitting the defense to prevail. East's spot cards in spades assured the defenders of a trump trick to complement the book, which would have been completed right off the bat.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011:

This year, you see life with more seriousness and carefully weigh life's many opportunities. You will alternate between being happy, content and mellow, and studious, serious and quiet. CAPRICORN is a friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Once more, others seek you out for guidance. You might be giving some thought to changing this role. Tonight: Check in with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You like what is happening between you. Perhaps the time has come to plan on meeting halfway. Tonight: Surf the Internet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Friendship plays a significant role in an important relationship. Nurture this friendship. Tonight: Add more romance to your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Some of the responsibilities you normally carry could be lessened. A parent or someone older whom you enjoy appreciates your attention. Tonight: Go along with plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Why not try to open up and share more of what you are going through? Someone who cares a lot might be unusually testy. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You wake up feeling mischievous, and you end the day the same. If you are attached, a partner could be delighted to see this side of you. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is a workday?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Staying close to home is your pleasure. Whether reading the Sunday paper or taking time to play a game, you relax. Tonight: Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Connect with others and stay on top of news. Though the phone does work, visiting in person is very different. Tonight: Return calls; make a to-do list.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Be aware of a very possessive streak that can cause you to become unnecessarily competitive. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You are in tiptop shape, ready for anything. You come from a position where you feel secure with a child or loved one. Tonight: You spark another person's energy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Whether deciding to go for a drive in a forest, go to the mountains or maybe just go to the movies, make choices for yourself. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Join friends. What you do is not necessarily important; it is the company that counts. Tonight: Where the action is.

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BORN TODAY
Actress Joanne Woodward (1930), first daughter Chelsea Clinton (1980), playwright Irwin Shaw (1913)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

By Graham Dixon

Honeydrops featuring John Cocuzzi

The small hangar at the CAF was the setting for the West Texas Jazz Society earlier this month as it brought the California Honeydrops for a Mardi Gras celebration that featured pianist/vocalist John Cocuzzi. While Cocuzzi is the most well-known musician in the group, it was the less heralded, younger members who shone brightest at the concert. Cocuzzi is one of those rare true gentlemen, and it was obvious he was perhaps holding back a little in some of the solos.

The Honeydrops is a unified band without the normal competition between soloists that occurs in jazz sets. In reality the music ranges from jazz to swing to blues to a little boogie-woogie and even country. The leader is the multi-talented Lech Wierzynski. He plays trumpet and guitar with equal virtuosity. He sings seductively and mournfully. He even led the traditional Mardi Gras line as the band snaked its way through the audience at the end.

They started with some New Orleans jazz — and Wierzynski used the cavernous heights of the aircraft hangar to good effect. His trumpet was almost vertical as the notes soared, and their echo — which managed to be both ghostly and piercing — enveloped the audience. From the first few moments it was obvious we were in for a treat.

Wierzynski is a great improviser — deftly explorative in solos, and uses a little Tupperware container as an impromptu mute. Once noticed, it was difficult to turn one's eyes from this mundane object turned to artistic ends. Vocally, Wierzynski was aggressively expressive during his original song, "Pardon Me Love," while he showed his versatility with a funny "The King is Gone" and in spare guitar work when he was joined by drummer Ben Malament on washboards in "Pumpkin Pie." Wierzynski is a dab hand at a jazz tradition — suggestive songs about food.

I have always loved the washboards since first hearing them in original Cajun music more than 20 years ago. Malament's neck is as animated as his hands when playing, his head dipping far down until it almost touches the board.

On saxophone, clarinet, bell, percussion and — in one song — piano, the wonderfully named Johnny Bones is a powerful musician who occasionally juts his sax so far onto the microphone that you might think he intends to swallow it up. Like the best saxophonists, he uses the hermaphroditic nature of the instrument — at one moment challenges us with thrusting sound, at the next enveloping us in warm harmonic folds — to fine effect.

Lurking in a dim light stage-right, John Cocuzzi wore a cap that hid much of his face and yet was scintillating when he chose to let loose on the keyboard. Occasionally that look of vague, ecstatic pain that I have noticed before would cross his face in the middle of solos, as if he was exploring depths that were almost too much to bear. Yet he was also hilarious in his version of "Your Mind is on Vacation" — a deservedly scurrilous ode to those who simply will not stop talking.

The California Honeydrops is obviously a band with a very bright future. The band's original songs — especially the slyly sensual "Carolina Peach" — are as good as the classic material that the band covers. Apparently these three young men were playing in Oakland BART stations just two years ago, but their obviously rare talent has deservedly opened doors for them.

The contrast between Cocuzzi's intense, shy virtuosity and the brash, exhilarating genius of Wierzynski makes for both a fascinating and intriguing experience. Intriguing because such a variety of personalities can find a unified voice through music.

But however different their minds, jazz musicians share a common theme of inclusiveness. Talking with band members, I was reminded how modest and down-to-earth jazz artists tend to be. Their casually virtuosic technique leaves most other musicians — from classical to rock — in the dust, but they maintain an unassuming attitude toward their art. I remembered chatting with Bucky Pizzarelli about the seventh string on his guitar, and the genuine interest he had in my ideas, even though I am just an amateur guitarist of modest ability.

The Honeydrops will be off to Europe soon. We can only hope they will return to the Permian Basin when they become, as they surely will, a better-known group than they currently are.

The West Texas Jazz Society holds its 45th Annual Jazz Party on May 13-15 at the Midland Hilton. Legends such as Pizzarelli and Jim Galloway, an expert on the tiny, rare but gorgeously nuanced sopranino saxophone, will be in attendance, along with a host of others.

For tickets call 800-458-2878 or go to www.wtjs.org/

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West Texas Music Fest

The Horseshoe Arena was largely empty at 7 p.m. last Sunday for the opening act of the West Texas Music Fest, presented by the Catholic Churches of South Odessa and Fast Talk'n Productions. The audience was also sparse when Willie Nelson's daughter, Paula, and her band, The Guilty Pleasures, took the stage at about 8:20 p.m. There were a few more people when Los Lonely Boys ripped into an explosive set at just before 10 — but still most of the Arena's seats were empty.

Perhaps it was the steep ticket prices, or maybe the Sunday night timing, together with a lack of advertising — but whatever the cause, something had obviously gone distinctly wrong with the publicity for Music Fest.

Those who could have filled the cavernous emptiness of most of the Arena missed three contrasting acts that made for a surreal atmosphere that varied from a bar-like feeling with Jarrett Schaub and Paula Nelson, and an extended sound-check by some mega-band when Los Lonely Boys came on stage.

Jarrett Schaub and his band were good enough as opening acts go, but suffered from a schizophrenic uncertainty as to what type of music they were playing. Thus the famous Elvis song "Suspicious Minds" was delivered with a thunderous bass rather than the subdued, almost taunting little runs of the original. Unless a band can bring something original to the song, I think that "Folsom Prison Blues" should be banned from the cover repertoire. Their "Sister Golden Hair" was better, a passable homage to the America hit. "Natalie" was interesting -- introduced as a "country punk song," it veered aggressively from one genre for to the other. Their cover of the Hendrix classic "Red House" started uncertainly, but ended with a certain amount of fire — albeit sputtering.

A different, languid type of heat exudes from Paula Nelson and her band. She has a casually seductive, but undeniably powerful voice that moves easily from ballad to country rock. Nelson was wearing a cap that hid the top third of her face in deep shadow — I was expecting her to take it off about half-way through her set, as her father tends to remove his cowboy hat. But disappointingly, this did not occur. Nelson has such an open and natural demeanor — friendly with the audience without being cloying -- that she should show her face openly. Perhaps it is something about being one of Willie Nelson's children — her brother hides under a large hat when playing his blues guitar.

Nelson's songs included a beautiful version of "Have You Ever Seen The Rain" and a spirited "Riddles and Rhymes." Her anthem to past boyfriends managed to be both funny and melancholy. She is backed by a solid band, including consummate lead guitarist Landis Armstrong, and a deceptively reticent bassist, Chris Johnson.

Obviously being the offspring of a music legend does not hinder a musical career, but Paula Nelson neither relies upon this foundation nor milks it. She has a silky voice and songwriting ability that would have assured her success without that last name.

Before Los Lonely Boys came on stage we enjoyed an unheralded drum solo from Tony Miranda, longtime drummer for Madonna. He started with his own invention — fingerstix — which are little drum sticks attached to your fingers. I have never seen or heard anything quite like it. A great treat for the audience — adding to the jam-like atmosphere of the evening. Indeed, sitting or standing in the seats that were filled immediately in front of the stage, the audience could soon forget that most of the arena was largely empty.

Los Lonely Boys came on at a little before 10. Henry Garza is as exciting and virtuosic as anyone can be on lead guitar without entering that rarefied region of the real greats whose sound is immediately recognizable. His Marshall amps scream, as if he is channeling the sadly-departed guitarists of the past. Listening to him, I understood why the immortal Santana would want to play with the band. Yes, they are that good. Jojo Garza is one of those rare bassists who transforms his instrument into a fully expressive vehicle rather than a supporting act. The synergy between the two brothers is fascinating to behold. Their other sibling, the humorously named "Ringo" on drums, appears to have about six hands he plays so fast and fluidly.

Perhaps Henry could explore some of the slower, more reflective moments that he starts songs with more fully. There are "Little Wing" echoes of SRV and Hendrix — but he needs to extend them into complete songs.

But as a whole, Los Lonely Boys is about good as it gets.

So the West Texas Music Fest was a peculiar affair in some ways — mainly due to the lack of an audience and those hundreds upon hundreds of empty seats. But those who were there received their money's worth and more.

John Cocuzzi

Los Lonely Boys

Photos by Graham Dixon

ARTIST

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interest," said McDermott. "We all come into the world with a connection with our visual sense. I saw this in the classroom in Midland. Children in the second or third grade, you ask who loves to draw and every hand goes up.

"We start (life) connected to the visual arts, but we aren't encouraged to flourish. My parents, even though no one in the family was involved in the visual arts, encouraged me throughout my life.

"It was crucial to me to be able to sustain that and grow into a life as an artist. A love of drawing and art and painting is not sustained by our society, and a few of us continue, and I feel fortunate in that regard."

ALL THE DETAILS

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Woodward (1930), Chelsea Clinton ght Irwin Shaw

Radiohead continues evasion of standard music-business practices

By Jon Pareles
N.Y. Times News Service

This time, Radiohead went for an ambush.

On Valentine's Day the band announced that its first album since 2007, "The King of Limbs," would be released digitally five days later, with a retail CD arriving March 28 and an elaborate package, including vinyl discs, billed as the "Newspaper Album," on May 9. Unlike the pay-what-you-will policy for the "In Rainbows" album online in 2007, the band set prices: $9 for MP3 files and $14 for CD-quality WAV files. Then, keeping listeners off-balance, it suddenly released the album Feb. 18 instead.

Review

Because by my guess, about 99.8 percent of Radiohead fans are online, there was a tsunami of Internet buzz and instant reactions, like this one, to an album that is likely to reveal itself far more gradually. Near the end of "Separator," the album's finale, an echoey Thom Yorke croons, "If you think this is everything, you're wrong."

"The King of Limbs," named after a gnarled ancient tree in a Wiltshire forest, holds eight songs in just under 38 minutes. The sonic abstractions that have fascinated Radiohead since "Kid A," back in 2000, are essential to "The King of Limbs," and the band's new songs use them brilliantly. Most of the new album is so vertiginously layered that it's plausible the band spent nearly four years in the studio making it.

"In Rainbows" had a long and often public gestation, with Radiohead road-testing new songs onstage while speculation raged until the band, free of its major-label contract, decided how to release it. By contrast, it seems "The King of Limbs" materialized out of secret deliberations, with most of its songs previously unheard by all but Radiohead and the inner circle that includes its producer, Nigel Godrich.

Yorke played the exception, "Lotus Flower," on tour with his band, and he dances, twitches and partly lip-synchs through it all by himself in a new video clip. It's the new album's most down-to-earth, hip-shaking song, as well as its most sustained melodic one. While the lyrics bemoan "an empty space inside my heart," they also offer what could be the album's mission statement: "I will slip into the groove and cut me up and cut me up."

One song, "Feral," does just that: It programs a galloping rhythm and a throbbing low bass line akin to the British dance music called dubstep, and chops Yorke's vocals into unintelligible stray syllables.

Rhythms, loops and noise are the makings of "The King of Limbs." So are reflections on what might be rapture or annihilation, or (sometimes simultaneously) on the strains of a shaky romance. Radiohead irregularly posts what it's listening to on its website, and spooky experimental dance music has long been one of its staples. Even with more decipherable verses, songs rarely concern themselves with what the five-man band — Yorke, Jonny Greenwood, his older brother, Colin Greenwood, Ed O'Brien and Philip Selway — might be able to perform onstage. The parts within Radiohead's arrangements fan out across beats and bar lines, meshing in ways that overdubbing and programming can accomplish more easily than human hands.

"Bloom" opens the album with loops of piano, drums and less identifiable instrumental tones. A staggered rhythm barely resolves itself as a dazed ballad, and the production keeps mutating, sprouting strings and horns and who knows what else: "Open your mouth wide/A universe inside," Yorke sings.

"Morning Magpie" has a more clearly delineated underlying riff, but it's disputed by cymbal taps and overlaid guitars. "Little by Little" has intertwined acoustic guitar picking and a descending chord progression akin to older Radiohead songs like "Reckoner," but even more than its predecessors, it is engulfed in percussion. It's an infidelity song: "The last one out of the box/The one who broke the spell," Yorke sings. "I'm such a tease, and you're such a flirt."

The closest thing to the sound of live music is "Codex," a piano dirge hinting at suicidal thoughts, with an abyss of reverberations under its instruments. "Give Up the Ghost" offers the comforts of an acoustic guitar and a wish for benediction — "Gather up the pitiful in your arms" — against a phantom choir of Yorke, shakily harmonizing with himself. Is he singing, "Don't hurt me" or "Don't want me"?

By now, Radiohead's evasion of standard music-business practices is ancient news, but the band may still be thinking about pop's economy of copying and dissemination. "Morning Magpie" complains, "You've stolen all my magic/Took my melody." But the new songs demonstrate otherwise. More likely, Radiohead is defying that mindset, creating exactly what it wants on its own timetable, to make another sudden digital splash.

"The King of Limbs" is Radiohead in its familiar richly depressive mode: full of pained longing and fixated on musical nuance, getting lost in sound and then clawing its way out beautifully. As an album, it's too brief. But these are songs to dive into.

Coming Attractions

Tuesday Lucinda Williams 'Blessed'

Tuesday Marsha Ambrosius 'Late Nights, Early Mornings'

Tuesday Aaron Lewis 'Town Line'

Tuesday Dropkick Murphys 'Going Out in Style'

Tuesday Lykke Li 'Wounded Rhymes'

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March

2 **DJ Rob** @ Sedona Bar & Grill
3 **Buckshot Bradley** @ Rockin' Rodeo
3 **DJ Albert** @ Sedona Bar & Grill
4 **DJ Rob & Albert** @ Sedona Bar & Grill
4 **In This Moment, Us From Outside** @ Dos Amigos
4 **Cory Yeager** @ The Detour
4-5 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
4-5 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Hot Shots
4-5 **Kaczyk** @ Your Place
5 **The Four Freshmen** @ CAF
5 **Los Matadors** @ Sedona Bar & Grill
5 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
10 **Micky & the Motorcars** @ Rockin' Rodeo
11 **Greg Maldo Band** @ The Detour
11 **Smoke 'n' Mirrors** @ Zucchi's
11-12 **Road Kings** @ Your Place
16 **Owen Hart, Funeral Pyre, The Secret** @ Pine Box
16 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
17 **Roger Creager** @ Rockin' Rodeo
18 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
18 **Farewell to Freeway, It Prevails, The World We Knew, Betrayal** @ The Pine Box
18-19 **GloveBox** @ Hot Shots
18-19 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
18-19 **Smoke 'n' Mirrors** @ Your Place
22 **Monty Branham** @ Riley's
24 **Bart Crow** @ Rockin' Rodeo
25 **Bobby Champion Band** @ The Detour
25-25 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Hot Shots
25-26 **The Stateline Band** @ Escape Lounge
26 **Bill Harley** @ Yucca Theatre
26 **Driving Blind** @ Your Place
29 **The Ghost Inside, Man Overboard, Transit** @ Pine Box
31 **Brandon Rhyder** @ Dos Amigos
31 **Fred Andrews & Honeybrowne** @ Rockin' Rodeo

April

1 **Black Eye Shiner** @ The Detour
1 **GloveBox** @ Flash's Cantina
1-2 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
1-2 **Loudfinger** @ Hot Shots
1-2 **GloveBox** @ Flash's Cantina
2 **GloveBox** @ Corky's
2 **Hybrid Child** @ Cossacks (Goldsmith)
5 **Quartetto Gelato** @ MHS auditorium
8 **Hybrid Child** @ The Detour
8-9 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Hot Shots
8-9 **GloveBox** @ Grant St. Bar & Grill
9 **The Shades** @ Memorial Gardens Park
15 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
15 **Smoke 'n' Mirrors** @ Zucchi's
29 **Matt Stapp Band** @ Hog Pit
29-30 **Smoke 'n' Mirrors** @ Your Place

May

6 **Accept, Sabaton** @ Dos Amigos
6-7 **GloveBox** @ Flash's Cantina
10 **Jim Witter — The Piano Men** @ MHS auditorium
12 Crude Fest with **Larry Joe Taylor and Friends**
13-14 **GloveBox** @ Hot Shots
13 Crude Fest with **Kyle Park, No Justice, Kyle Bennett, Turnpike Troubadors, Charla Corn, 6 Market Blvd.**
14 Crude Fest with **Jason Boland & the Stragglers, Brandon Rhyder, Mark McKinney, Rich O'Toole, Buckshot Bradley, Whiskey Myers**
20 **Gold City** @ Bellview Baptist

June

17 **Roger Creager** @ Graham Central Station

LUBBOCK

March

5 **Korn, Disturbed, In This Moment, Sevendust** @ Lone Star Pavilion
6 **10 Years** @ Jake's
14 **Dance Gavin Dance, Iwrestledabearonce, In Fear and Faith, Tides of Man, Closer to Home, DJ Big Chocolate, Abandon All Ships, The Color Morale, For All Those Sleeping, Upon a Burning Body, the Word Alive** @ Cactus Courtyard
25 **George Strait, Reba McEntire, Lee Ann Womack** @ United Spirit Arena

April

16 **Stone Sour, Theory of a Deadman, Skillet, HaleStorm, Art of Dying** @ Amphitheatre at Lone Star Event Center
16 **Texas Tornados** @ Cactus Theater

MESCALERO, N.M.

March

5 **Foreigner** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods
27 **Charlie Daniels Band** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

March 18-19 **GloveBox** @ Hot Shots

March 16 **Owen Hart** @ Pine Box

March 3 **Buckshot Bradley** @ Rockin' Rodeo

May 6 **Accept** @ Dos Amigos

March 25 **George Strait** @ USA

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Group says its device can contain a huge oil spill

By Tom Fowler
Houston Chronicle

A consortium of oil companies says it is ready to deploy a system that can contain and control an undersea oil spill like the one that hit the Gulf of Mexico last year, a key step toward resuming deep-water drilling.

The Marine Well Containment Co. has assembled the needed equipment and completed testing on a capping stack, allowing companies to include the system in deep-water drilling permit applications.

In the wake of last year's BP Macondo well accident, federal regulators now require new drilling permitted in more than 500 feet of water to include access to such a containment system. Six pending deep-water permits are being held up by the containment issues, two of them for new wells and four for revised permits.

Depths to 8,000 feet

The new system, which would take two to three weeks to deploy on a well site, is designed for water depths of up to 8,000 feet. It can cap a well, stopping its flow altogether, or send up to 60,000 barrels of oil and 120 million cubic feet of natural gas per day to surface vessels for collection.

A second version of the system, scheduled to be completed next year, will be able to operate in up to 10,000 feet of water and handle up to 100,000 barrels of oil per day.

BP's Macondo well, which took 85 days to plug, was in 5,000 feet of water and is estimated to have had a top flow of around 60,000 barrels per day.

It spilled oil for almost three months starting last April 20 before the bleeding was stopped by a makeshift system of valves similar to the sturdier device the Marine Well Containment Co. is developing now.

The company, led by Exxon Mobil Corp. engineers but including Chevron Corp., Shell, ConocoPhillips and BP, will be based in Houston. It will have 40 to 50 employees and locate equipment throughout the Gulf for quick deployment in an emergency.

Houston-based Helix Energy Solutions Group is also developing a containment system for permit applicants to use, but that system isn't expected to be ready until the end of March. It will be similar in design but will be able to deploy more quickly and is based on vessels that Helix deployed in the capping of the Macondo well.

Others can pay to use it

The five companies in the Marine Well Containment Co. will have access to its system. Other companies can pay a fee to use the system and include it in permit applications.

Officials with the permitting agency — the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement - observed testing of the capping stack in Houston and will be reviewing the results over the next few weeks.

"We appreciate Marine Well Containment Company's significant progress to address this issue, and we continue to encourage them to make their containment system available as quickly as possible to deep-water operators so that new, responsible oil and gas drilling in deep water can proceed," ocean energy bureau spokeswoman Melissa Schwartz said in a statement.

'Open for business'

Clay Vaughn, vice president of deep-water projects at Exxon Mobil, said the company has been in constant contact with bureau officials, particularly in the last couple of months, to make sure the system complied with the new requirements.

"We believe we've given them all the information they've requested," Vaughn said. "We're open for business."

The newly formed management team of the Marine Well Containment Company includes (left to right) Carmine Dulisse, health, safety and environment officer; Marty Massey, chief executive officer; Astley Blair, chief financial officer; Dan Smallwood, chief operating officer; and Charles Miller, chief technology officer.

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A consortium of companies comprising Exxon Mobil, Shell, ConocoPhillips, Chevron and BP has completed assembly and testing of a subsea well containment system required for new deep-water drilling. It includes:

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- A system for carrying up to 60,000 barrels of oil and 120 million cubic feet of gas to the surface.
- Surface vessels able to process and carry away the oil and gas, as well as remote-controlled submarine vessels.

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8:30 - 9:20: Protecting Your Assets
9:30 - 11:30: H_2S Certification
11:30 - 1:00: Lunch
1:00 - 2:00: H_2S Certification
2:10 - 3:00: The Legal Ramifications of Ignoring Safety Training
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THE WORLD'S NEXT OIL BOOM

Lula is industry's final friendly frontier and Brazil's 'passport to the future'

By Brett Clanton
Houston Chronicle

ON BOARD THE CIDADE DE ANGRA DOS REIS — Brazil's quest to remake itself into a global oil superpower is gaining momentum on this giant ship anchored about 200 miles south of Rio de Janeiro in the deep waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

Crews on this tanker-like vessel recently began extracting the first barrels of oil from a giant field known as Lula, more than three miles below, that has been called the biggest oil discovery in the Americas in three decades.

Production is still at a trickle as the project ramps up. But lessons learned here will be critical in developing a vast network of nearby "pre-salt" reservoirs that are estimated to hold 50 billion to 100 billion barrels of oil — enough to turn Brazil into one of the world's top five producers of crude.

"The challenges to develop this area are very big," Humberto Americano Romanus, a senior engineer with Petrobras, Brazil's state-owned oil company, acknowledged as he stood on the Cidade de Angra Dos Reis on a hot, clear February day in the Southern Hemisphere's summer.

The stakes may be even bigger.

Expected oil wealth from the region could be a "passport to the future," as Brazil's new President Dilma Rousseff said, for what is already one of the fastest-growing emerging economies in the world.

The region also represents one of the last friendly frontiers for western oil companies, which are running out of places around the world to explore.

"It's easy to say that this is an area that the industry is very, very interested in," said Marvin Odum, director of Shell's upstream oil and gas business in the Americas.

But there remain many technical challenges to pulling barrels of oil out of fields buried beneath more than a mile of water and two miles of rock. High pressures and corrosive conditions can wreak havoc on equipment, while a thick layer of shifting salt poses the constant threat of well bores collapsing in on themselves.

Regulations a concern

In addition, Brazilian lawmakers last year passed new protectionist regulations for the pre-salt region that some experts fear will add costs and impede growth.

The situation highlights how the soaring promise of investing in a fast-growing developing nation like Brazil often collides with the frustrating reality of operating there.

Still, experts say, when it comes to oil and gas, Brazil may be too good an opportunity to pass up.

Analysts with Tudor Pickering Holt & Co., an investment bank in Houston, went so far as to title a recent report on Brazil, "The Big Kahuna of This Decade."

In recent years, the oil and gas industry has found large oil deposits hidden beneath thick layers of salt in Brazil, the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and West Africa.

Left by ancient oceans and compressed by layers of rock, the salt strata provided what Petrobras' Romanus calls a "perfect seal" for organic matter to become crude. But only recently did seismic instruments advance to the point that geologists acquired the ability to obtain good images of these pre-salt layers — so named because the layers that became oil were deposited earlier in geological time than the salt.

Announced in 2007, the Lula field — originally called Tupi — was Brazil's first major pre-salt discovery and is estimated to have 6.5 billion recoverable barrels of oil. It will figure prominently in Petrobras' plan to spend $224 billion between now and 2014 on projects that double its current output of 2 million barrels per day.

The Cidade de Angra dos Reis — a giant vessel called a floating production, storage and offloading unit, or FPSO — moved into position in October. Anchored by more than a dozen pilings plunged into the seabed, it is producing about 14,000 barrels of oil a day. But soon it will reach 100,000 barrels per day as more wells come online and a natural gas pipeline is connected in March.

Big Oil playing catch-up

Perhaps just as valuable as the oil coming from those wells will be the knowledge gained at Lula — whose name changed in December from Tupi to the Portuguese word for "squid," and perhaps not coincidentally, is the name by which popular former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, a champion of offshore development, is known to Brazilians.

It was on this vessel last fall that Lula, wearing bright orange coveralls, a hard hat and safety glasses, held up his crude-stained hands for the cameras to mark the start of oil production at the field.

Petrobras CEO Jose Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo said the idea at the Lula field is to proceed slowly, determine how the pre-salt reservoirs behave and then apply the best recovery methods.

"The only way to learn with new reserves is producing," he told reporters in a recent group interview at Petrobras corporate headquarters in Rio de Janeiro. "That's what we are doing."

Meanwhile, the world's biggest oil companies - after largely missing out on pre-salt discoveries in Brazil - find themselves playing catch-up.

Britain's BP, France's Total and China's state-backed oil company recently made deals to enter the region, while others — including Shell and Chevron Corp., which have small presences in Brazil today — are aiming to expand in coming years.

But revamped oil laws that give the Brazilian government greater control over pre-salt fields could end up deterring some future foreign investment.

Previously, oil companies had competed to lease offshore concessions, much like in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, with winners gaining the right to explore and produce in the areas and paying royalties to the government on output.

Oil laws revised

That changed last year when Brazil's Congress approved a new production-sharing system that requires operators to give part of their production from pre-salt fields to the Brazilian state. Proceeds will go to a fund set up to invest in education, technology and other domestic programs.

The bigger shift: Petrobras is now required to be the lead operator of all pre-salt fields, with a minimum 30 percent stake in multi-company partnerships formed to develop them.

That's on top of existing regulations that require more than half of equipment and services on offshore projects be sourced from Brazilian companies.

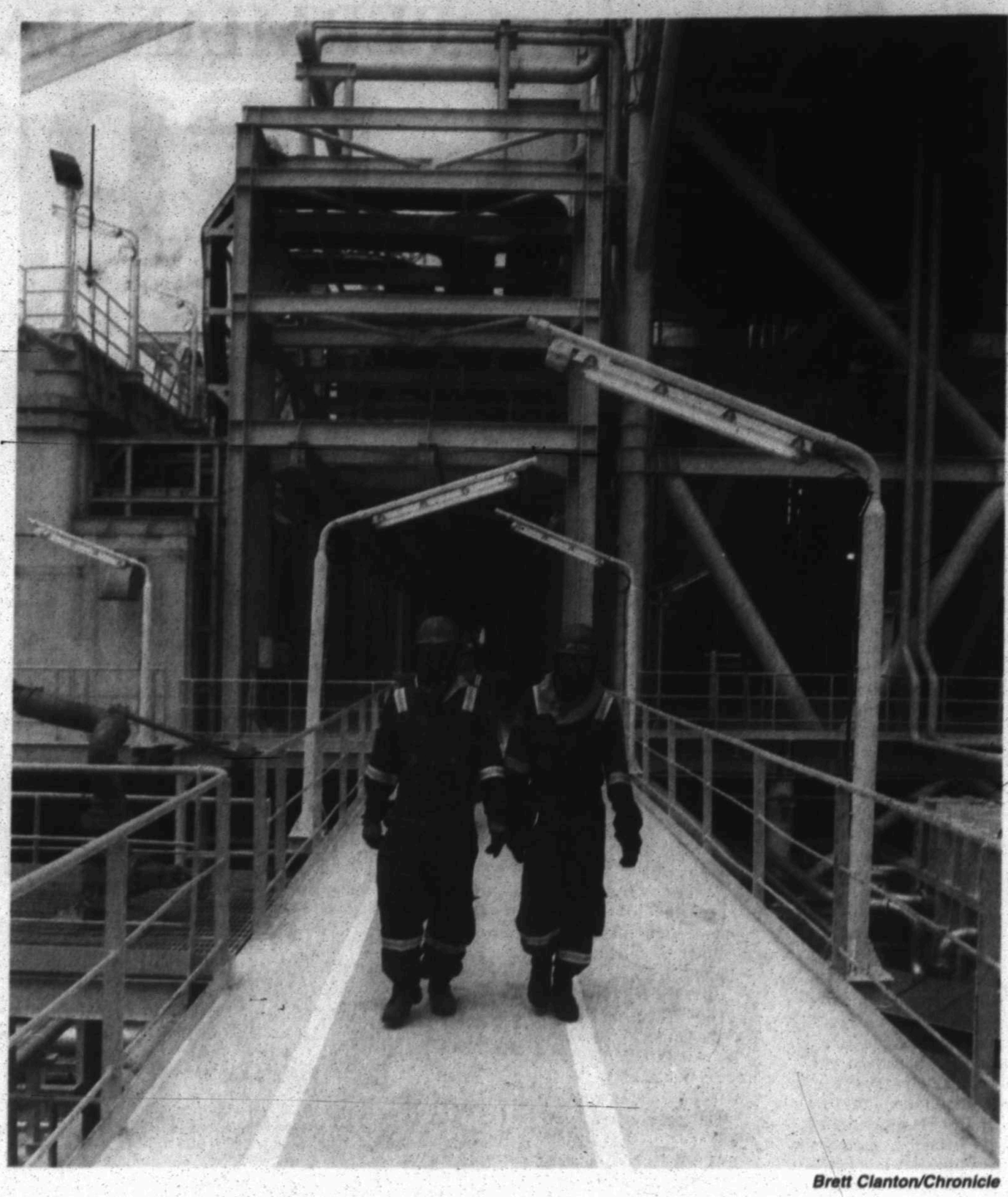
Oil companies said they are still getting clarity on new oil laws for Brazil's pre-salt region. Rights to explore more than half of the region could be auctioned later this year.

Shell's Odum said that if contract terms are stable and transparent, "there's a reasonable chance we would want to participate in that."

Ali Moshiri, president of Chevron's Africa and Latin America exploration business in Houston, said the new requirements are stricter, but not deal-breakers.

Petrobras' Gabrielli said he is aware that the new regulatory framework is a departure from the previous way of doing things. Yet he's also keenly aware of the huge prize lying in Brazil's pre-salt fields, and knows major oil companies will have trouble staying away.

Flashing a grin, he says, "I bet with you that they will come."



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Workers on board the Cidade de Angra Dos Reis, a giant oil production vessel off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, are slowing ramping up oil production from a giant deep water field known as Tupi that was recently renamed Lula.

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Deal to boost Houston's role in GE energy plans

■ Conglomerate signals that it wants to be a bigger player in oil and gas.

By Brett Clanton
Houston Chronicle

GE's $2.8 billion deal to buy the Wood Group's well support division is the latest sign of the U.S. conglomerate's desire to be a bigger player in the oil and gas business — and may give Houston a bigger role in getting it there.

With the deal, GE will gain product lines that help boost oil output from aging fields and unlock oil and natural gas from shales and other unconventional rock formations. Both are significant growth areas.

And Houston will gain strategic importance to GE, as it folds the newly acquired company into a drilling and production division of GE Oil & Gas run from Houston.

That division now represents about a third of GE Oil & Gas' $10 billion in annual revenue, but could become a bigger piece in time considering growth opportunities, said Sam Aquillano, vice president of the GE unit.

After the deal closes, which is expected in the second quarter, GE's local employment could rise to more than 6,000 from 4,500 late last year, he said.

There's even been talk of moving GE Oil & Gas' headquarters from Florence, Italy, to Houston.

"It's come up a number of times," Aquillano said. But no active discussions are under way about relocation.

Bulking up

The Wood Group acquisition is the latest in a string of transactions by Fairfield, Conn.-based GE in recent years to bulk up its oil and gas business.

In December, the company announced a $1.3 billion deal to buy oil field services provider WellStream Holdings. And GE said in October it would spend $3 billion to buy Dresser, with headquarters in the Dallas suburb of Addison, a maker of parts for gas engines and well pressure control equipment

Those followed a $1.9 billion deal in 2007 to buy Houston-based Vetco Gray, and a $1.1 billion transaction in 2008 to buy Hydril's Pressure Control business from Luxembourg-based Tenaris.

Analysts with Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., a Houston investment bank, said the Wood Group deal marked an evolution of GE, from provider of services and equipment targeting deep-water drilling and production to more general oil patch manufacturing.

GE said its rationale for the latest deal was bolstered in part by forecasts that maturing fields will account for over 70 percent of global oil production output by 2012. The addition of Wood Group's electric submersible pumps will enable the company to go after stranded oil in previously tapped fields from West Texas to the Middle East.

"Enhanced oil recovery is a big target for us, and this puts us right in the middle of that," Aquillano said.

The shale factor

Another big driver: Oil and gas producers are expected to spend $40 billion to $60 billion a year in shale gas fields in North America, and unconventional gas production will account for 35 percent of the increase in global supply by 2035, the company said. The addition of Wood Group's pressure control equipment allows GE to compete more aggressively in that market.

GE has a goal to double its oil and gas unit's revenue to $20 billion by 2020. It hopes to accomplish that largely through existing businesses, but may also make more acquisitions, Aquillano said.

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	In Search	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			The Nation	First Baptist-Midland		First Baptist	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	In Touch		Tomorrow	In Touch		Key/David	Wommack	Van Impe	Hollywood	Hollywood	Edgemont	Edgemont
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid Prog.	Sexy Hair!	Prostate	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday		Faith	Faith Ave	Paid Prog.	Bible	Gospel Music	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Light of SW		Church	Morris	In Touch		Rabbi Ralph Messer		Heart of City		Ministerio Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Texas	Secrets	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Storms	Storms
KBPT PBS	13	13		13	8	Curious	Cat in the	Super Why!	Dinosaur	Sid	Martha	Arthur	WordGirl	Wild Kratts	Electric	Sews	Quilting Art
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Crema de	Crema de	Desayuno	Agenda	Muchachitas Como Tu		Al Punto (N) (SS)		Republica Deportiva (SS)			
MyTV	16	16		16		Jewelry Boutique		Estate	Home	Family	HouseCalls	Old House	Hometime	Methodist	Cars.TV	Latino	Basketball
FLIX	340	65		165		(:15) ★★★ "Inside Moves" (1980) John Savage.				(:15) ★★★ "The Sterile Cuckoo" (1969)				(:05) ★★★ "Voyage of the Damned" (1976)			
HBO	300	68	14	14		"Kung Pow: Fist"		★★ "Alex & Emma" (2003) PG-13			Adjustment	★ "I Love You, Beth Cooper"			(:45) "Thurgood" (2011)		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Honey	★★ "Songcatcher" (2001) Janet McTeer				"The Sunset Limited" (2011)		★★ "A Perfect Getaway" (2009)				Gothika
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Cinderella	(:45) ★ "Life or Something Like It" (2002)				★★ "Taking Woodstock" (2009) Demetri Martin.				★★ "Love Happens" (2009)		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) ★★★★ "West Side Story"			(:45) ★★★ "Out of Africa" (1985, Romance) Meryl Streep. PG						★★★ "Working Girl" (1988) R		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:30) "Super Troopers"		(:15) ★★ "My Blue Heaven" (1990)				★★ "Mystery Men" (1999) Hank Azaria.				(:15) ★ "Resident Evil"	
PLEX			96			(5:50) Warren Miller's Playground			★★ "Jumanji" (1995)			(:15) ★ "The Master of Disguise"			(:40) ★★ "Fluke" (1995)		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Get Over It	★★★ "George Washington" (2000)			NASCAR	★★ "The Cable Guy" (1996) ITV			(:15) ★ "The Spirit" (2008, Action) Gabriel Macht.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:45) ★★ "Gordy" (1995) G			(:20) ★★ "Love N' Dancing" (2008)			★★ "The Other End of the Line" (2008) PG-13				Filmmaker	Filmmaker
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Biography "Will Smith"		Biography		Private Sessions		★★ "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch.					First 48
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	"The Princess Bride"		★★★★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire.					★★★★ "Taxi Driver" (1976) Robert De Niro, Jodie Foster.				
BET	58	26		40		Inspiration	In Touch	Popoff	Inspiration	Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Lift Voice	Video Gospel		Bernie Mac	Bernie Mac
BRAV	65	63		41		Inside Actor's Studio		Housewives/Atl.		Happens	Real Housewives		Happens	Million Dollar Listing		Million Dollar Listing	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Get Hot!	TRIALaser	Twist	Hot Bodies of 2011		90 Days!	Paid Prog.	People	Get Hot!	Paid Prog.	TRIALaser	Paid Prog.
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid Prog.	Jentezen	J. Osteen	In Touch	Dirty Jobs		Man vs. Wild		Flying Wild Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska	
DISN	56	27	36	25	36	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) Bassmasters		Winners Bracket (N)		NASCAR Now		English Premier League Soccer				Cheerleading (N)	
FAM	53	54	34	42	33	My Wife	My Wife	Boy World	★★ "Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin.				★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997) Chevy Chase.				Good Bgr
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX and Friends Sunday						America's News HQ				America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	30-Minute	Day Off	Secrets	Nigella	Rachael Ray's		Giada	Giada	Cooking	Aarti Party	Money	Dinners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Final Score	Final Score	Shirt Off!	Paid Prog.	Twist	Paid Prog.	Fisherman	Horse.	Bid Wars	Motorhead
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ "Rules of Engagement" (2000) Tommy Lee Jones.					★★ "Eagle Eye" (2008) Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan.					"The Transporter 2"	
HALL	54	49	58		34	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Kitchen	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		Over Head	Disaster	Yard	Income	House	Hunters
HIST	71	62	29	50	43	Decoding the Past		Decoding the Past		The Lost Book of Nostradamus				Nostradamus: 500 Years Later			
LIFE	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch		Hour of Power		J. Osteen	Meaningful	Chris	Chris	"Infidelity" (2004) Kim Delaney, Kyle Secor.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Dead Men Talking	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Rugrats	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Planet	Power	iCarly
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Trailers	Auction	Xtreme 4x4	Horse.	Trucks!	MuscleCar	(:01) "Breakdown"	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	★ "Mutant Chronicles" (2008, Action) Thomas Jane.				
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	★ "Underclassman" (2005) Nick Cannon.				★ "Code Name: The Cleaner" (2007)				★ "College Road Trip"	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:15) "Silkwood" (1983)		★★★ "Sister Kenny" (1946) Rosalind Russell.					★★★ "I'll Cry Tomorrow" (1955)				I Want To
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Sheildon	Willa's	Pearlie	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Enfoque	Musical	Ritmo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order "Sects"		Law & Order		Law & Order "Harm"		Law & Order "Seed"		★★★ "3:10 to Yuma"	
TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Cleveland	Retired at	Retired at	Retired at	Retired at	Retired at	Retired at	Jeannie	Jeannie	Jeannie	Bewitched	Bewitched
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	White Collar "Payback"		Royal Pains		NCIS		NCIS "Singled Out"	
VS.	38	39				Parker	J. Houston	Gun Talk	Americana	Big Fish	Hunting	Quest One	Alaska	Fishing	Fisherman	Bass Pros	Bill Dance
WGN-A	19	18				Winston	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Meaningful	Word	Videos	★ "Bait" (2000, Action) Jamie Foxx, David Morse.				

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Supercross		College Basketball Pittsburgh at Louisville.				College Basketball Indiana at Ohio State.				Business	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	★★ "Futuresport" (1998) Wesley Snipes.				★★★ "Dick" (1999) Kirsten Dunst.				Smash Cut	Smash Cut	King	King
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Gospel Superfest		3 Wild Life	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Subway Fresh Fit 500. From Phoenix International Raceway in Phoenix.								Paid Prog.
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Upd News	Enarson	Dr. Booker	Scrivner	Light of the Southwest Authors, musicians.				Bible	Sid Roth	Bill Cloud	Dr. Young
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	First Tee	Global Golf	PGA Tour Golf WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, Final. (Live)								Inside Edit.	NBC News
KBPT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sewing	Quilting	Scrapbook	Sewing	Crafting	Knitting	Ideas	Contrary	Daytripper	Parks	This Old House Hr	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Vidas Paralelas (SS)		Camaleones (SS)				Cero	Noticiero	Futbol de la Liga Mexicana			
MyTV	16	16		16		Movie				Athelete	Business	Scrubs	Access Hollywood (N)		The Insider	Seinfeld	Frasier
FLIX	340	65		165		Voyage	(:45) ★★ "Shirley Valentine" (1989)				(:35) ★★★ "Reuben, Reuben" (1983)				★★★ "Ironweed" (1987)		
HBO	300	68	14	14		Thurgood	Black List	Real Time/Bill Maher		(:15) ★★ "The Losers" (2010) PG-13				Conchords	(:45) ★ "I Love You, Beth Cooper"		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(11:45) ★★ "Gothika" (2003)			★★ "The Time Traveler's Wife"			I Knew It Was You		★★★ "The Informant!" (2009) Matt Damon.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Love Hap	★★★ "Taken" (2008)			★ "Swept Away" (2002) Madonna.			Big Love		★★ "Alex & Emma" (2003)		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Work. Girl	★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith. PG-13					★★★ "Lost in Translation" (2003)			(:45) ★★★ "The Blind Side" (2009)		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:15) "Resident Evil"		★ "Collateral Damage" (2002, Action)				★ "Our Family Wedding" (2010)			(:45) ★★ "Watchmen" (2009)		
PLEX			96			★★ Fluke	(:20) ★★★ "Parenthood" (1989) Steve Martin.				★★ "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams.				(:20) Warren Miller's Playground		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Alonzo Bodden: Paying		★ "I Hate Valentine's Day" (2009)			★★★ "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" 'R'				(:25) "Killshot" (2009) Diane Lane.		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Filmmaker	"Prom Wars" (2008) Ricky Ullman.			★ "Motherhood" (2009) PG-13			★★ "Bottle Shock" (2008) Alan Rickman.				Fanboys
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	(11:30) The First 48		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★★★★ "Million Dollar Baby" (2004) Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank.						★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett.					
BET	58	26		40		Bernie Mac	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	★★★ "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson.					"Down in the Delta"	
BRAV	65	63		41		Million Dollar Listing		Real Housewives		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Miracle	Paid Prog.	Sexy Hair	Paid Prog.	eBay	Get Hot!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Get Ripped
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Alaska: Most Extreme		Auction	Auction	Desert Car Kings		Sturgis: Motorcycle		American Chopper		American Chopper	
DISN	56	27	36	25	36	Good Luck	Shake It	Sonny	Sonny	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	Shake It	Shake It
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	College Basketball Purdue at Michigan State.				PBA Bowling			Track and Field (Live)			SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	College Basketball Xavier at Dayton. (Live)				Bassmasters From New Orleans.				Women's College Basketball			
FAM	53	54	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★ "Good Burger" (1997)			★ "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler.				★★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller.				HappyGil
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		The O'Reilly Factor		America's News HQ				Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Home	Guy's, Bite	Best Thing	Best Thing	Diners	Diners	Food	Candy	Cupcake Wars		Restaurant: Impossible	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Spotlight	Thunder	World Poker Tour: Sea		Women's College Basketball				Mavericks	Mavs Live	NBA Basketball	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	"The Transporter 2"		★★ "Death Race" (2008) Jason Statham, Tyrese Gibson.					★★ "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan.				
HALL	54	49	58		34	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My First	First Place	Estate	Selling NY	Bang, Buck	Get It Sold	House	Hunters	For Rent	Unsellable	Designed	To Sell
HIST	71	62	29	50	43	The Next Nostradamus				Nostradamus: 2012 Predictions of cataclysm.				Larry the Cable Guy		Larry the Cable Guy	
LIFE	28	25	25	28	48	"Kidnapping" (2007) Amy Carlson.				"Mother Knows Best" (1997) Joanna Kerns.				"Eight Days to Live" (2006) Kelly Rowan.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Dead Men Talk		Meet the Press		Scenes From a Murder				Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Parents	Fanboy	Fanboy	Penguins	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jackson	Big Time
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(11:01) ★★★ "Breakdown" (1997)			(:16) ★★★ "A Bronx Tale" (1993) Robert De Niro, Chazz Palminteri.						"Star Wars: Ep. III"		
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ "Judge Dredd" (1995) Sylvester Stallone.				★★ "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) Patrick Stewart.					★★★ "Serenity" (2005)		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Coll Road	★★ "Major Payne" (1995) Damon Wayans.				★★ "Meet the Browns" (2008) Tyler Perry.				★★ "Why Did I Get Married?"		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:45) ★★★ "I Want to Live!" (1958)				★★★ "Sunrise at Campobello" (1960) Ralph Bellamy.					★★★ "Joan of Arc" (1948)		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Futbol de la Liga Mexicana				Musical	★ "El Dia Final" (1999) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (SS)					Camara	Franjas
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(11:00) "3:10 to Yuma"		★★ "The Guardian" (2006, Drama) Kevin Costner.					★★★★ "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War) Tom Hanks.				
TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Bewitched	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	Married	Married	Married	Married... With Children		Married
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Once a Hero"		NCIS "Blowback"		NCIS "Trojan Horse"		NCIS "Angel of Death"		NCIS "Recoil"		NCIS	
VS.	38	39				FLW Outdoors		NLL Lacrosse All-Star Game. (N)					Sports	Cycling Tour of Oman.		Dirt Knights (N)	
WGN-A	19	18				★ "Held Up" (2000) Jamie Foxx.				★★ "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith.				Scrubs	Chris	Vault	Chris

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Channels	G	S	R	C	W	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Oscar's Red Carpet Live Guests arrive for the Academy Awards.			The 83rd Annual Academy Awards James Franco and Anne Hathaway host. (Live)						News	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (Live)	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes (N)		The Amazing Race: Unfinished Business (N)		Undercover Boss "Chicago Cubs"		CSI: Miami "Stoned Cold" (N)		CBS 7 News	CBS 7 Sports	The Closer A man wearing a wire is shot.	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "The Long Road Home"		★★ "White Chicks" (2004) Shawn Wayans. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.				High School Football					
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Simpsons	3 Wild Life	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy "Road to the North Pole"		3 Wide Life	Texas Roadhouse	NUMB3RS A weapons smuggler is acquitted.		Paid Program	Paid Program
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Update News	Brad Scott	Light of the Southwest Authors, musicians. (N)				Valerie Moody	Dr. Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC		Minute to Win It A family of five competes.		(:03) Minute to Win It A family of five competes.		(:06) Minute to Win It (Part 2 of 2)		(:08) News	Ctry. Reporter	Red Raider Weekly	Whacked Out Sports
KBPT PBS	13	13		13	8	NOVA The planet's most deadly creatures.		Nature Grizzly and the wolf. (DVS)		Masterpiece Classic Logan eventually retires. (N)			Remembered	Austin City Limits "Allen Toussaint"		Nature Grizzly and the wolf. (DVS)	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Hora Pico (SS)		★★ "Zurdo" (2003) Alex Perea. Policia corrupto obliga a un jugador de canicas a perder un juego.				Sal y Pimienta (SS)		Impacto Extra	Noticiero	SOS: Sexo y Otros Secretos (SS)	
MyTV	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case "Red Glare"		The Closer		Comedy.TV		The Office	Family Guy	Aggie	Longhorn
FLIX	340	65		165		(4:30) "Ironweed"		★★★ "The Rock" (1996, Action) Sean Connery					★★ "The Molly Maguires" (1970)				Street Smt
HBO	300	68	14	14		Beth Coop	★★ "Date Night" (2010) PG-13			Big Love (N)		Big Love		(:05) ★★ "The Losers" (2010)			R. Gervais
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Real Time/Bill Maher		Big Love		"The Sunset Limited" (2011)			★★★ "The Best Man" (1999) Taye Diggs.				Informant
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:15) ★★★ "(500) Days of Summer" (2009)				★★ "Taking Woodstock" (2009) Demetri Martin.				★★★ "Taken" (2008)			Enough
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:45) "The Blind Side"		★★ "Edge of Darkness" (2010) Mel Gibson. R				★★ "Fast & Furious" (2009) Vin Diesel. PG-13				Life on Top	Life on Top
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(4:45) ★★ "Watchmen" (2009) Billy Crudup.				★ "Collateral Damage" (2002, Action)				Lingerie	(:25) ★★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004)		
PLEX			96			★ "Jaws the Revenge" (1987)			(:35) ★ "The Master of Disguise"			(:05) ★★ "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams.				(10:50) "Parenthood"	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shameless (iTV)		Episodes	Californ.	Californ.	Californ.	Shameless (iTV) (N)		Shameless (iTV)		Californ.	Desperado
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★★ "Fanboys"		★★★ "Changing Lanes" (2002) Ben Affleck. 'R'				★ "Avenging Angelo" (2002) 'R'			(:40) ★ "Original Sin" (2001) 'R'		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds "Unfinished Business"		Criminal Minds "Nameless, Faceless"		Criminal Minds Murders at a pharmacy.		Criminal Minds A case in Rossi's hometown.		Criminal Minds "Hopeless"		(:01) Criminal Minds "Nameless, Faceless"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(3:00) "Pearl Harbor"		★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck. Friends join a war effort after the Japanese attack Hawaii.								"The Longest Day"	
BET	58	26		40		"Down in the Delta"		BET Honors Honorees include Cicely Tyson.				The Game	Together	Ed Gordon	Ed Gordon	Popoff	Inspiration
BRAV	65	63		41		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Bethenny, Married	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Diabetes	Wall Street	The Facebook		Millions	Millions	Price of Admission		Surviving the Future		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Newsroom		Taliban		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		Taliban		Piers Morgan Tonight	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons
DISN	56	27	36	25	36	Shake It	Shake It	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Hannah	Hannah
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Miami Heat. (Live)					NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Portland Trail Blazers.				
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NHRA Drag Racing Kragen O'Reilly Auto Parts Winternationals.						Bassmasters From New Orleans. (N)				Final	Boston
FAM	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ "Happy Gilmore" (1996)		★★★ "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller.						Funniest Home Videos		J. Osteen	Ed Young
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		Huckabee		Justice With Jeanine		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Justice With Jeanine	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Worst Cooks		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cupcake Wars		Iron Chef America	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(5:00) NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Toronto Raptors. (Live)			Mavericks Live (Live)	College Basketball Maryland at North Carolina.		College Basketball Washington State at Washington. (Live)				World Poker Tour: Season 9 (Part 2 of 2)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith.				★★ "Step Brothers" (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell.				Lights Out		★★ "Hancock" (2008)	
HALL	54	49	58		34	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Hunters	House	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection (N)		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection	
HIST	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men "Lock & Load"		Ax Men "Fallout Zone"		Ax Men "Tipping Point"		Larry	Larry	Swamp People		(:01) Ax Men	
LIFE	28	25	25	28	48	"Seventeen and Missing" (2007, Drama) Dedee Pfeiffer.				"Taken From Me: The Tiffany Rubin Story" (2011) Taraji P. Henson, Terry O'Quinn.				"Taken From Me: The Tiffany Rubin Story" (2011) Taraji P. Henson, Terry O'Quinn.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	Victorious	★★ "Baby's Day Out" (1994) Joe Mantegna.				Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	"Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith"				★★★ "Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith" (2005) Ewan McGregor.							Waterworld
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:30) "Serenity" (2005)		★★★ "Casino Royale" (2006, Action) Daniel Craig, Eva Green.						★★★ "The Rocketeer" (1991) Bill Campbell.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(4:30) ★★ "Why Did I Get Married?" (2007)		★★ "The Family That Preys" (2008, Drama) Kathy Bates, Alfre Woodard. Premiere.				(:15) ★★ "The Family That Preys" (2008) Kathy Bates. Greed and scandal test the mettle of two family matriarchs.							"Code Cleaner"
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:30) "Joan of Arc"		★★★ "Mildred Pierce" (1945) Joan Crawford.				★★★★ "Annie Hall" (1977) Woody Allen.				"The Informer" (1935)	
TELE	20	8	10	20		"Franjas: La Cebra"		★★ "El Hombre Araña 3" (2007) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. (SS)						Titulares	Camara	"Doom Puerta"	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	48 Hours: Hard Evidence "Into Thin Air"		48 Hours: Hard Evidence "The Letter"		48 Hours: Hard Evidence "Innocence Lost"		48 Hours: Hard Evidence "The Last Take"		48 Hours: Hard Evidence "Innocence Lost"		48 Hours: Hard Evidence "The Last Take"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(3:30) ★★★★ "Saving Private Ryan" (1998)		★★★ "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger. A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War. (DVS)						Leverage "The Inside Job" Parker is trapped.		Leverage The team tries to rob a Boston vault.	
TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Married	Married	AfriCobra	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Cloak"		NCIS Criminal targets government secrets.		NCIS Tony looks into Ziva's personal life.		NCIS Tony questions Ziva's loyalty to NCIS.		Royal Pains Hank suspects a misdiagnosis.		White Collar Selling witness locations.	
VS.	38	39				Bull Riding		Bull Riding St. Louis Invitational. From St. Louis.				Cycling Tour of Oman.		Poker Aussie Millions		Bull Riding	
WGN-A	19	18				How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N)	Instant Replay	Monk Monk's paperboy is murdered.		Monk Monk's brother helps solve a murder.	

BP to pay $7.2 billion for stake in oil fields in India

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MUMBAI, India — British oil giant BP said Monday it would pay $7.2 billion to buy into India's fast-growing oil and gas industry. It is BP's second big deal in two months, as it seeks to rebuild after last year's Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

BP will take a 30 percent stake in 23 oil and gas fields operated by Reliance Industries, India's largest private company. Reliance would receive an additional $1.8 billion if the companies found more oil and gas than expected.

The companies also said they would create a 50-50 joint venture to buy, transport and market natural gas, which is increasingly in demand in India as the country's economy grows at nearly 9 percent a year.

Last month, BP signed an agreement with Russia's Rosneft to drill in the Arctic. That deal, worth $7.8 billion, was the first big investment by BP after its oil spill last year, which resulted in an estimated $40 billion in damage claims.

From a larger perspective, the current wave of unrest from North Africa to the Persian Gulf makes countries like Russia and India look even more attractive to multinational oil companies.

Although India imports more than 70 percent of its energy supplies, in recent years it has opened vast swathes of territory to oil and gas development. Reliance, which is led by India's richest man, Mukesh Ambani, has become India's largest producer of gas because of a rich offshore field in the Bay of Bengal near the state of Andhra Pradesh.

BP would gain access to reserves in India while offering its expertise in deep-sea drilling and its technology, said Christine Tiscareno, an analyst at Standard & Poor's.

"It's a deal of equals," she said. "There are very few places now that you can find oil, and this is a win-win situation."

BP's U.S.-born chief executive, Robert Dudley, is eager to steer his company on a new growth path after it was forced to sell assets to pay for the accident in the Gulf of Mexico. Its shares still trade well below their levels before the rig explosion last year.

Dudley said earlier this month that he wanted BP to be a "safer," "smaller" and "more agile" company.

Dudley has sought to reverse a drop in production by increasing investment and lining up 32 projects, including in Russia and Canada, for the next six years.

The deal in the Russian arctic with Rosneft was generally seen as a coup. It would give BP access to exploration licenses in one of the world's last unexplored basins. A seal of approval from the Russian government for the deal also guaranteed some safety to operate in what has proved in the past to be a challenging country for BP and other oil majors.

For international oil companies like BP, forging cooperation agreements with national oil majors is one of the few ways to gain access to new exploration projects and meet growing energy demand, especially in fast-growing economies like India, Russia and China.

"Virtually all of the growth will come from emerging economies like India," Carl-Henric Svanberg, BP's chairman, said during a news conference in London on Monday.

The Reliance deal will require approval from Indian regulators, which could take some time. Indian officials have been slow to approve a deal announced in August by London-based Vedanta Resources to buy a controlling stake in Cairn India, an oil-producing subsidiary of Edinburgh-based Cairn Energy. Officials say they want better terms for Cairn's Indian partner, the state-owned ONGC, as a condition of approval.

Dudley visited India in October and met with the prime minister, Manmohan Singh, and other officials. BP already has a joint venture with Reliance on one exploratory offshore field, and it has a partnership to make solar panels with the Tata Group, a large Indian conglomerate.

In a show of symbolism meant to highlight the long history of relations between Britain and India, Dudley and Ambani signed their agreement Monday at 11 Downing Street, the home of George Osborne, the British chancellor of the Exchequer, who witnessed the ceremony.

For Reliance the deal provides a large hoard of cash and, perhaps more importantly, oil and gas expertise that it needs as it explores and produces in fields that cover 270,000 square kilometers, or about 104,000 square miles. The output on Reliance's most productive gas field in the Bay of Bengal has declined in recent months, which has worried analysts and policymakers who are counting on the field to fuel power plants and fertilizer factories.

In addition to its interests in India, Reliance has been investing in U.S. shale gas fields, including a joint venture with Atlas Energy to drill in the Marcellus Shale.

The Indian government estimates that it has large reserves of oil (1.2 billion metric tons or 8.8 billion barrels) and gas (1.4 trillion cubic meters or 50.7 trillion cubic feet). That is only a small fraction of the oil and gas reserves of Russia — which has an estimated 1,680 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 60 billion barrels of oil, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

But India's estimated reserves are still significant, as global demand continues to rise. And the country has tapped but a small fraction of its potential supplies. A big chunk of those resources lie deep under the seabed around the Indian peninsula and would be hard to reach safely.

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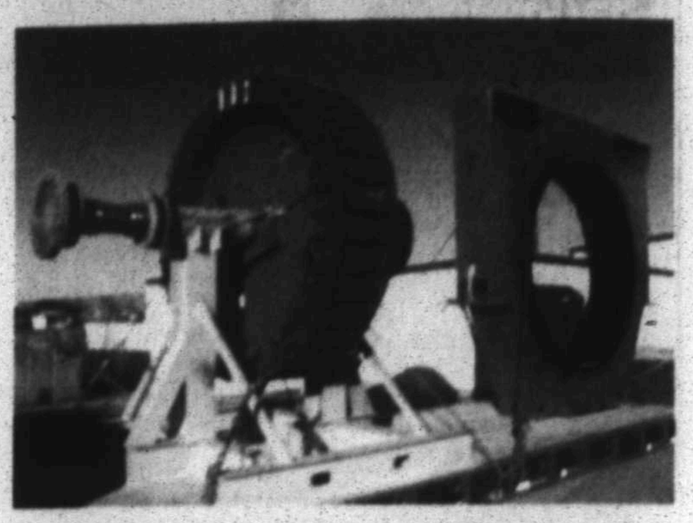

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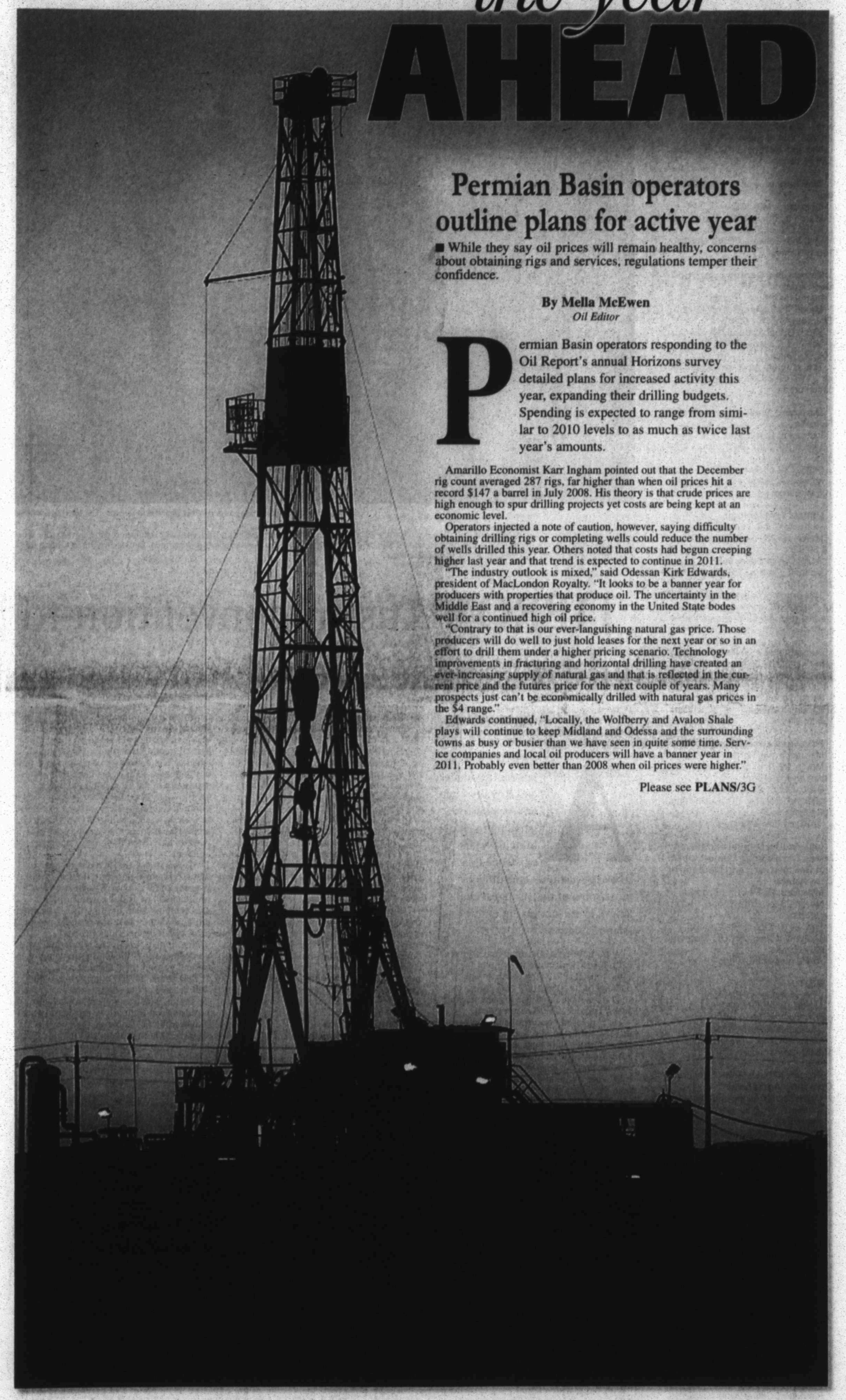

Permian Basin operators outline plans for active year

■ While they say oil prices will remain healthy, concerns about obtaining rigs and services, regulations temper their confidence.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Permian Basin operators responding to the Oil Report's annual Horizons survey detailed plans for increased activity this year, expanding their drilling budgets. Spending is expected to range from similar to 2010 levels to as much as twice last year's amounts.

Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham pointed out that the December rig count averaged 287 rigs, far higher than when oil prices hit a record $147 a barrel in July 2008. His theory is that crude prices are high enough to spur drilling projects yet costs are being kept at an economic level.

Operators injected a note of caution, however, saying difficulty obtaining drilling rigs or completing wells could reduce the number of wells drilled this year. Others noted that costs had begun creeping higher last year and that trend is expected to continue in 2011.

"The industry outlook is mixed," said Odessan Kirk Edwards, president of MacLondon Royalty. "It looks to be a banner year for producers with properties that produce oil. The uncertainty in the Middle East and a recovering economy in the United State bodes well for a continued high oil price.

"Contrary to that is our ever-languishing natural gas price. Those producers will do well to just hold leases for the next year or so in an effort to drill them under a higher pricing scenario. Technology improvements in fracturing and horizontal drilling have created an ever-increasing supply of natural gas and that is reflected in the current price and the futures price for the next couple of years. Many prospects just can't be economically drilled with natural gas prices in the $4 range."

Edwards continued, "Locally, the Wolfberry and Avalon Shale plays will continue to keep Midland and Odessa and the surrounding towns as busy or busier than we have seen in quite some time. Service companies and local oil producers will have a banner year in 2011. Probably even better than 2008 when oil prices were higher."

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The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association convention celebrating 65 years of existence will be held this week in Austin. Rich Varela, from left, is the organization's senior vice president, Justin Furnace is the president, Midlander Steve Castle is the Chairman and Teddy Carter is director of public affairs.

TIPRO's Austin convention to address taxes, regulatory issues

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

As the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association gears up to celebrate 65 years of existence this week in Austin its constituency faces some of the strongest challenges ever from taxing entities and from regulators.

With those issues in mind and with the 87th Texas Legislature meeting at the same time, TIPRO plans to take part of one day of its March 1-2 convention to send its message to those legislators, said Justin Furnace, TIPRO's president.

He expressed concern that any time there is a state budget deficit the oil and gas industries will be seen by legislators as a big source for increased tax revenue.

"One way we're going to address that is by having a capital call-up in which our membership is going to go meet with key legislators the afternoon of the second and address a number of issues." One of those issues, he said, will be to help legislators understand that the oil and gas industry creates a large number of jobs in local communities — and to consider how many of those jobs could be lost if producers must pay more taxes.

Higher taxes, said Furnace, would not only result in less drilling activity and therefore fewer oil field jobs, there would be a ripple effect through those communities, causing the possible loss of non-oil-related jobs as the oil field workers lost their jobs and no longer had money to spend into the local economy.

In Furnace's view one of the biggest regulatory issues is the possible "sunsetting" of the Texas Railroad Commission, a process every state agency must go through every 10 years. The purpose of the sunset law is to evaluate and eliminate any agency whose existence is no longer necessary.

Legislators are looking at renaming, overhauling or leaving it exactly the same. Renaming the agency has been discussed for years since it no longer has anything to do with railroads. "Certainly from issue to issue our members will have valuable input from the perspective of a producer that has to deal with the Railroad Commission and what is the most efficient way to manage and run that agency," Furnace said.

The Wednesday afternoon call-up will also address this issue by pointing out that "we do need a healthy, active regulatory body in the state so as to rebut federal intervention." Furnace listed local regulation as a line of defense against federal agencies such as the EPA stepping in to regulate the state from Washington. "The state is the proper venue to regulate this business," he added.

A prime example for Furnace of overly strong Washington regulation is seen in the continued delays in restoring drilling in the Gulf of Mexico after last summer's Deepwater Horizon fiasco. "Those of my members who participate in the offshore arena are still feeling that pinch," he acknowledged. "There are a lot of people that want nothing more than to get back to work, especially in the Houston area, that are unable to do so because the federal government refuses to allow offshore activity to start up again." While drilling has technically been opened up again, no actual permits have been issued by regulatory agencies.

"At the end of the day you wonder if that (regulatory) structure they're creating is going to be so onerous that it makes it impractical" to drill, he wondered. "It scares me to death to think that same mentality is wanting to come onshore now and deal with independents onshore."

Higher taxes and more regulation would go against Texas' historic embracing of the oil and gas industry, Furnace said.

This year's TIPRO convention, which will be held at the Omni Hotel Downtown in Austin, will feature former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee as the keynote speaker. Other speakers will include Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and others. TIPRO will present its Hats Off award to Representative Rick Hardcastle, R, Vernon, the former chairman of the House energy committee.

Furnace expects 150-200 attendees including both TIPRO members and legislators. Registration is available online at www.tipro.org or at the door.

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Industry analyses see high level of oil industry optimism

ALEX MILLS
President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

A study of eight oil and gas industry analyses reveals a high level of optimism for the oil industry in 2011 and 2012, but the analysts expressed caution toward natural gas. Here's a summary of the eight reports:

The Oil & Gas Journal: "With worldwide capital spending budgets of exploration and production companies expected to rise 11 percent in 2011 to $490 billion from $442 billion – according to the 402 oil and gas firms surveyed by Barclays Capital – this year will undoubtedly be an exciting one on which to report."

World Oil magazine: Drilling will increase 10.6 percent in the U.S., and 15.4 percent in Texas in 2011 over 2010.

Texas Petro Index: The index improved 22 percent in 2010, rising from 181 points to 220.3.

Goldman Sachs: "We expect the cyclical oil market recovery to enter its second stage in 2011 on the road to a structural bull market in 2012."

Citigroup Global Markets: "Shale plays' share of total U.S. gas production continues to expand."

Energy Information Administration (DOE): Oil: "Gradual tightening in global oil markets continues to support world oil prices (of $90). Gas: "Expanding domestic shale gas resources are expected to lead to increased domestic natural gas production at lower prices," EIA 2011 Annual Energy Outlook.

The Wall Street Journal: "And a recent survey of oil companies indicated an increasing confidence that prices in 2011 will be robust. Many analysts now expected crude to move above $100 a barrel next year."

"Review on the Oil Field Services Sector" by IHS Herold forecasts a healthier growth outlook for oil and gas service companies in 2011 than what those companies faced in 2010.

EIA expects the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil to average about $93 per barrel in 2011, $14 higher than the average price last year. For 2012, EIA expects WTI prices to continue to rise, with a forecast average price of $99 per barrel in the fourth quarter 2012. EIA's forecast assumes U.S. real gross domestic product (GDP) grows 2.2 percent in 2011 and 2.9 percent in 2012, while world real GDP

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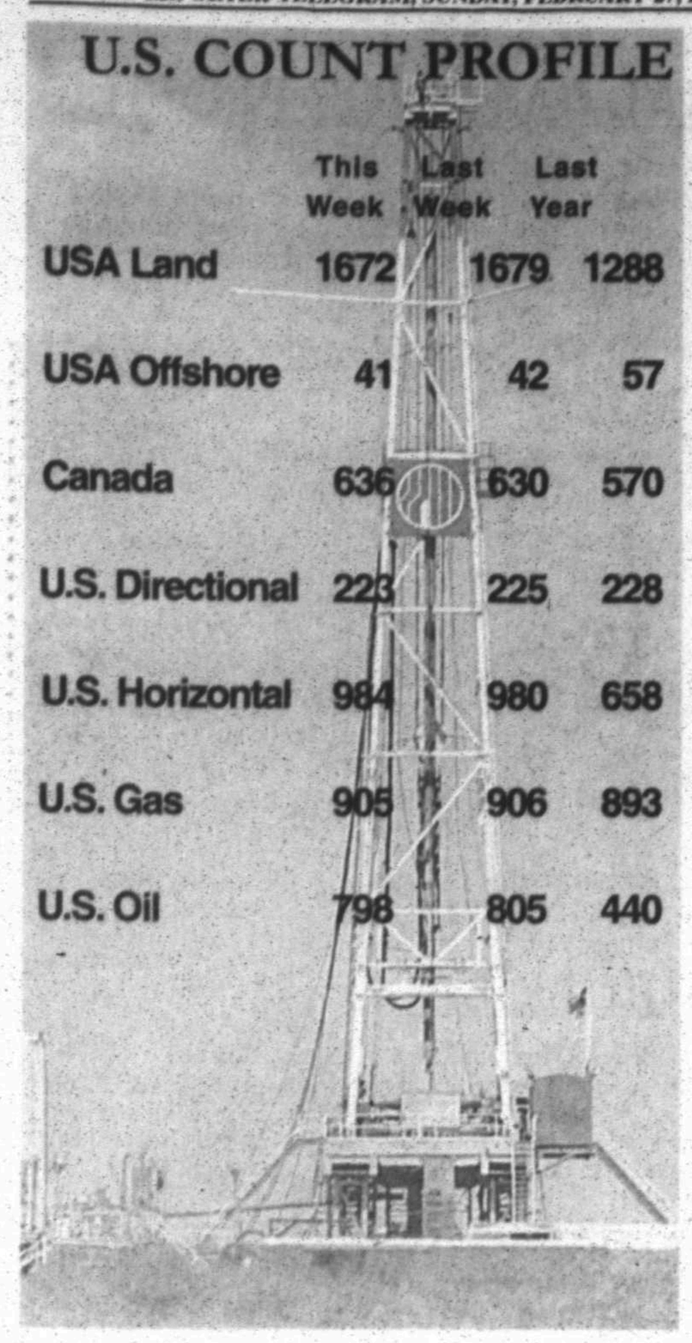
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
USA Land	1672	1679	1288
USA Offshore	41	42	57
Canada	636	630	570
U.S. Directional	223	225	228
U.S. Horizontal	984	980	658
U.S. Gas	905	906	893
U.S. Oil	798	805	440



By Norman Johnson

Baker Hughes forecasts growth in drilling activity

■ Permian Basin to lead way with 30 percent jump in rig count.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Expectations are drilling rigs will be dotting the horizon around the country with greater frequency this year.

And Baker Hughes says a heavy concentration of those rigs are expected to appear in the Permian Basin, thanks to its crude oil reserves.

"There is no end to sight for activity growth" in the Permian Basin, said Robin Robinson, vice president, marketing and business development with Baker Hughes during a recent visit to Midland. He said the company forecasts a 30 percent increase in the Permian Basin rig count this year, growing from roughly 300 rigs to just under 400 rigs at work in the region. While the number of directional wells drilled in the Permian Basin is expected to flatten, the percentage of horizontal wells is expected to grow, he said.

The Permian Basin will see the biggest increase in activity of the various regions Baker Hughes follows, Robinson said as he addressed the American Association of Drilling Engineers.

Don White, vice president, marketing and contracts with Performance Drilling, said his company has three of its five rigs in the Permian Basin and has been bringing drilling personnel from Louisiana and Mississippi to work the rigs.

"We have five rigs and all are working," he said, adding there is a possibility the two rigs not already in the Permian Basin could be brought to the region.

The first rig arrived in October and the other two in December in January and have been put to work drilling for Apache Corp. and Linn Energy, one near Stanton and two in Howard County.

The two rigs that aren't at work in the Permian Basin are bigger and "the market's not here yet" for them, White explained.

Sometime in the first quarter, Baker Hughes officials expect the number of rigs drilling for crude oil surpass the number of rigs drilling for natural gas, citing weak natural gas prices since 2008.

Agreed White, "Oil is what's driving the market."

Despite soft natural gas prices, Robinson pointed out that several unconventional fields have been developed and cited the Marcellus Shale, a huge geographical area of dry gas production with a high level of permitting activity. With gas prices weak, he said current rig activity is driven by lease production and rig growth is expected to growth in the first quarter.

Rig and permit activity are declining in the Haynesville, like the Marcellus a dry gas play, Robinson said, due to the deep, high temperature, high-cost wells in the field.

The Williston Basin, like the Permian, is oil-driven, with enormous reserves and marked by long lateral length wells. Activity there, Robinson said, is limited by infrastructure.

The emerging Eagle Ford Shale play in South Texas contains natural gas, oil and condensate and Robinson said operators are focusing on the areas containing the oil and liquids. He forecast continued growth in the play.

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FEED study to precede Kinder Morgan's possible expansion of Cortez, McElmo CO2 pipelines

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

With drilling and production activity continuing to skyrocket, it is no surprise demand for CO2 in enhanced oil recovery (EOR) is also booming. With this in mind, Kinder Morgan is considering expanding its Cortez, NM and McElmo Dome pipelines that bring CO2 into Texas, according to Darrell Ricketson, VP of Permian Basin operations for the company.

Kinder Morgan is one of the sponsors of this year's Executive Oil Conference, to be held at the Midland Center on March 28-29. This year's theme is "The Unconventional Permian."

A major part of reviewing Kinder Morgan's options will be doing a front end engineering design, or FEED study. That will involve "assessing the market, assessing how much cost there would be to expand," he said.

"We are really excited about all the demand we're seeing," Ricketson continued, "and all the operators' desire for CO2 and the growth of the EOR business."

Caution is called for, however, before investing the millions of dollars needed for a pipeline expansion of that magnitude. The company wants to make certain, Ricketson said, that the current demand is sustainable and not just a bubble.

He feels, however, that $70-$80 per barrel oil is here "at least for a little while," and, while that could change, the industry currently seems to be confident enough to go ahead with plans for all types of development, including EOR.

Current prices should make most EOR floods profitable, although Ricketson stated that the oil price at which a particular field is profitable for EOR varies widely.

As recently as the end of last year Kinder Morgan completed a $200 million 90-mile pipeline bringing CO2 from its operated SACROC field to the Katz field near Knox City. They started injecting 30 million cubic feet of CO2 per day in the field in December.

Although the planning for that field began in a $40 per barrel environment in 2009, the company felt that "somewhere north of $60" would make it profitable.

Over the next several years the company will move forward with new wells and moving pattern development through the Katz field. "Production should peak at just over 7,000 BOPD in the 2014-2015 time frame," he said, a huge increase over its 250 BOPD current production.

Kinder Morgan purchased the field in 2006, engineered the optimum flood design, began building the pipeline in 2009 and finished it at the end of last year.

The fact that there has not yet been an increase in production is a good sign, Ricketson noted. "It should take several months before we see response; that means the flood should be working. If it's coming out too soon there could be issues." If there is an early production increase it means there has been a short-circuit somewhere instead of uniform processing throughout the formation.

The company's SACROC field, one of the largest CO2 floods, will continue to see its CO2 flooding expanded through 2014, Ricketson said.

Sharing of outlooks and plans among companies is one thing that Ricketson enjoys about the Executive Oil Conference. "Hearing the panel speak about what's going on in their companies is always interesting." This coupled with the opportunity to take away new ideas makes it worthwhile, he stated.

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Three Rivers Oper. Co. LLC
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Menard County

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Schleicher County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Marigliano #1610
Wildcat-D; GC & SF RR Co./Strothers, A A; A-1706, Blk 2, Sec 16; 1478 FNL 4730 FEL of lse; 550 FNL 550 FWL of survey; 15 miles SW of El Dorado; obj: 8600; permit #709404; API #413-32733

Andrews County

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
ULS BC 4-10 #1
Wildcat-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 4, Sec 10; 750 FSL 479 FEL of lse; 750 FSL 1800 FEL of survey; 11.3 miles NE of Andrews; obj: 11500; permit #699797; API #003-41914

Culberson County

Manhattan Pet., Inc.
Sibley 2 #1
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Glasscock County

Broad Oak Energy, Inc.
Lane Trust -A- Oil Unit #42J
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Williamson, M H; A-1124, Blk 34, T5S, Sec 42; 479 FNL 587 FWL of lse; 2160 FSL 2075 FEL of survey; 14 miles S of Garden City; obj: 10500; permit #709134; API #173-34009

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Martin County

R K Pet. Corp.
John 2 #5
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Borden County

Primexx Oper. Corp.
Nan Martin "A" #2734
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Dawson County

Mak-J Energy Partners (TX), LTD.
SPL Echols & Clay "268" #2102
Wildcat-D; Moore CSL/League 268/Labor 21; A-408, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 2110 FSL 2079 FEL of lse; 700 FNL 700 FWL of survey; 3.1 miles NW of Patricia; obj: 12800; permit #709370; API #115-33368

WTG Expl.
Holladay Jones #1
Wildcat-D; Glasscock CSL/League 278/Labor 66; A-418, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 1980 FWL 3442 FNL of lse; 1980 FWL 4903 FSL of survey; 11 miles SW of Lamesa; obj: 12500; permit #709637; API #115-33369

New Mexico

Roosevelt County

Armstrong Energy Corp.
Mustang Sally #1
Wildcat; T5S, R34E, Sec 19; 461 FSL 2085 FWL; 6 miles SW of Dora; Rot 8100 Fusselman; API #30-041-20943

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(weighted by oil consumption) grows by 3.3 percent and 3.7 percent in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

EIA expects regular-grade motor gasoline retail prices to average $3.17 per gallon this year, 39 cents per gallon higher than last year and $3.29 per gallon in 2012, with prices forecast to average about 5 cents per gallon higher in each year during the April through September peak driving season.

Natural gas working inventories ended 2010 at 3.1 trillion cubic feet (Tcf), about 1 percent below the 2009 record-setting end-of-December level. Inventories are expected to remain at or near record-high levels through most of 2011. The projected Henry Hub natural gas spot price averages $4.02 per million Btu (MMBtu) for 2011, $0.37 per MMBtu lower than the 2010 average. EIA expects the natural gas market to begin to tighten in 2012, with the Henry Hub spot price increasing to an average $4.50 per MMBtu.

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Baker Hughes is forecasting the rig count in its Permian Basin segment will grow 30 percent this year, the fastest of the domestic segments it tracks. The company also forecasts that the number of rigs drilling for crude will surpass those drilling for natural gas in the first quarter of the year.

Another concern expressed by operators responding to the survey was the increase in regulations, particularly by federal regulators. Some operators say they fear last year's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has also cast a spotlight on onshore operations. Operators are particularly concerned about any new regulations limiting or eliminating hydraulic fracturing, which they say would impact the Permian Basin. Any new regulations, whether at the state or federal level, they say, will result in more paperwork and higher drilling costs, which will end up being passed along to the consumer and could result in fewer wells being drilled.

Even as operators watch developments in Austin, Santa Fe and Washington D.C., they say they are confident crude prices will remain at a healthy level, allowing them to drill prospects.

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MID-WEEK WTI POSTED PRICES

Enterprise Crude	$90.00
Flint Hill Resources*	$90.00
Navajo WTI	$90.05
Navajo NMI	$89.40

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 2/22/11	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$4.316	$3.867	$5.819
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$4.220	$3.836	$4.960
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$4.087	$3.834	$4.823
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$4.145	$3.853	$4.895
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$4.080	$3.842	$4.895
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$4.235	$3.813	$4.941
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$4.255	$3.839	$5.013

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TEXAS

DIST. #7C

Coke	3
Concho	0
Crockett	5
Irion	10
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	13
Runnels	0
Schleicher	2
Sutton	1
Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	27

DIST. #8

Andrews	35
Brewster	0
Crane	4
Culberson	4
Ector	16
Glasscock	33
Howard	14
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	2
Martin	28
Midland	33
Mitchell	1
Pecos	2
Presidio	0
Reeves	16
Sterling	0
Ward	10
Winkler	1

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	3
Cochran	1
Cottle	0
Crosby	0
Dawson	4
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	4
Garza	2
Hale	0
Hockley	4
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Lubbock	1
Lynn	1
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ENERGY WATCH

Despite Mubarak's ouster, Egypt remains a risk

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Last week we discussed the major risk on investor's radars — the unrest in Egypt. After a disappointing announcement last Thursday evening, President Mubarak delivered the news Egyptians wanted to hear Friday and immediately resigned from office. The big implication is that his resignation has seemingly removed one big obstacle from the investing climate: The potential for increased violence and disruption to oil supplies. There are still many questions, however. Most important, who in the military high command will emerge to run the country and can the military deliver on promises of reform?

A weekend article in The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) aptly pointed out that the biggest challenge for the Egyptian military is whether it can create a functioning democratic political system. Obviously, what American officials worry about the most is whether the military would let a group with terrorist ties in as part of a transitional regime. For now, the stock market showed relief and decided these near term uncertainties are a better alternative than chaos in Cairo's streets.

The longer term uncertainties, as the WSJ reported, will be the complicated relationships and delicate balance for peace between the United States, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel. Mubarak had been a key figure in keeping the peace. The other uncertainty is the front page images of copycat protests in Bahrain, Yemen and Iran. Our message is that it is premature and naïve to believe Egypt has vanished as a risk.

Stocks had a solid week as the major averages finished at their highest levels since June 2008 for the second straight week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 rose 1.5 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively. There was a slight personality change in the market last week as investors largely ignored the Chinese central bank's third rate increase in four months. In the past, we have seen knee jerk reactions lower for U.S. stocks, but this announcement apparently left investors basically unfazed.

Merger Monday mania returned on February 7 as three large deals propelled stocks higher. Investors like to see mergers because it says that companies have confidence in the economy, and it is well known that earnings have been good and firms have plenty of cash. It also says something about stock valuations. Companies see it as cheaper to buy other companies on the exchanges than to go out and build these businesses themselves. A weekend Barron's story evaluated historical price/earnings valuations and concluded that while stocks are not as "cheap" as they have been the past two quarters, they are still relatively attractive.

Other big news is that President Obama's 2012 budget proposal has been sent to Congress, and now the arguments and political wrangling can begin. The president says his proposal makes difficult, unpopular spending cuts and freezes spending in some parts of the budget for five years while also supporting investments in important areas to keep the United States competitive. For their part, Republicans are unsurprisingly arguing that the proposal is not aggressive enough in making real spending cuts. The 800 pound gorilla in the room is that neither side is willing to take on the real political hot potato: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid reform. We do not believe there will be any quick solutions or compromise to push debt reduction forward. However, we also think the stock market is not expecting any dramatic cuts coming soon and it will not be a major near term worry for stocks.

We continue to argue that the U.S. stock market is still the best place for investors at this time, and both foreign and domestic money is finding its way into our market. Even the chaos in Egypt offered sidelined investors just one market pullback day during the 18 days of protesting and riots. The market's message remains that momentum is firmly in place, liquidity is ample and stocks are making it very difficult for anyone waiting for a pullback to get onboard.

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OIL BRIEFS

ConocoPhillips boosts dividend, buybacks

NEW YORK — ConocoPhillips said Friday it will reward investors with a 20 percent dividend increase and a plan to buy back $10 billion of shares.

The Houston oil producer will pay 66 cents per share on March 1 to shareholders of record on Feb. 22. The share repurchase plan, if completed, would more than double the amount spent on buybacks last year. Repurchasing shares takes them off the open market and pushes remaining shares higher.

Conoco has been aggressive in rewarding shareholders while transforming its business with the sale of some oil-producing assets during the past few years. The sales helped Conoco boost earnings last year nearly threefold to $11.4 billion.

Morningstar Inc. analyst Allen Good said Conoco wants to make up for poorly timed acquisitions, including a $35 billion deal for Burlington Resources, that haven't been worth as much as the company paid.

The company is focusing on its North American properties and using proceeds from the asset sales to pay back shareholders. The stock repurchase program is the industry's largest behind Exxon Mobil Corp., Good said.

"They're just trying to be more shareholder friendly," he said.

Shares rose 2.1 percent to $71.58.

Separately, Conoco announced it will boost capital spending to $13.5 billion this year. Most of that money will go toward finding and producing new sources of petroleum.

About $6 billion will be used to develop liquids-rich shale fields in the continental United States. Other spending will be directed to oil sands projects in Canada and development of oil wells in Alaska.

Another $6 billion will be spent on operations in Europe, Asia and Africa. Conoco will continue to develop a coalbed methane-to-liquid natural gas joint venture in Australia and new fields offshore in Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam. Projects also will be funded in the North Sea, Africa and the Caspian Sea.

Conoco will spend $1.2 billion on its refining and marketing business, with $1 billion to be spent in the United States.

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Exxon Mobil adds 3.5 billion barrels to reserves

IRVING — Exxon Mobil Corp. said Tuesday it added 3.5 billion barrels of oil and gas last year to the company's massive reserves.

The amount, more than twice what Exxon produced in 2010, is the largest addition for Exxon since it merged with Mobil in 1999. It includes expansions of existing fields as well as acquisitions of other petroleum-rich fields around the world including Russia, Canada, the United States, Nigeria, Norway and Abu Dhabi.

Altogether, Exxon said its proven reserves held 24.8 billion barrels of oil and gas. That includes 2.8 billion barrels from its acquisition last year of natural gas company XTO Energy.

Shares fell $1.83, or 2 percent, to $83.08 in afternoon trading.

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Carter's is a third generation furniture retailer with their first location at 711 E. Hi-Way 80 known as "Carter's Stop and Swap." They opened a downtown location in the 1950's and then moved to their new modern, larger and easier to find showroom about a year ago. The tradition and flavor of the old store remains with various categories, collections and displays.

Thoughts of decorative changes that can be accomplished in your home or office start the minute you drive into their spacious parking lot. Faux finishes on the outside of the building as well as inside, provide a backdrop for creative furniture displays and arrangements. With over 38,000 square feet of floor space, tall ceilings and fewer walls, the showroom offers an open palette.

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If you need accessories for your home or office, Carter's is the place to begin your search. With all of the venues set up throughout the store, you can imagine how items will look once you take them home. Creative, decorative artwork and pictures are on the walls for you to see and examine. Examples of dining rooms, living areas, bedrooms and children's rooms are set up for you to wander through and enjoy.

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Development drilling dominates plans for 2011

From Staff Reports

Permian Basin operators began the year with bank accounts boosted by crude prices hovering between $70 and $80 a barrel. Those responding to the Oil Report's annual Horizons Survey say their budgets for the year are either similar to a year ago or higher.

Much of those budgets are going to drilling projects, primarily development drilling, though some operators have exploratory projects on the books. Vertical drilling will dominate, though some horizontal wells are on the drawing board. Other spending will go towards restimulation projects, secondary and tertiary recovery projects and facility upgrades.

Apache Corp.

Apache, which last year opened its Permian Region office in Midland, plans to operate 20 rigs in the region this year while absorbing the Permian Basin assets acquired from BP and assets acquired in Apache's acquisition of Mariner Energy.

David H. Arrington Oil & Gas

Arrington's capital budget for 2011 is $70 million, of which $60 million will go to drilling. All of the company's unspecified number of wells will be developmental, including some horizontal wells. No major capital projects are in the works for this year.

Concho Resources

Total capital budget figures for Concho come to $1.1 billion, with $940 million of that earmarked for drilling. From that will come 864 gross wells, with a net of 578.1 wells. There will be 518 gross exploratory wells and 329.5 net exploratory wells. In the development category the numbers are 346 gross and 248.5 net. Horizontal projects are in the mix as well.

Concho has allocated $100 million for facilities and $60 million to exploration, including land and title work.

Discovery Operating

From a total capital budget of $28 million Discovery plans to spend $27.2 million on drilling 17 gross wells, all of which will also be net. One will be exploratory and the other 16 will be development. No horizontal projects are in the budget.

Compared to last year both the budget and the number of wells are about the same.

Energen Resources

Entering 2011 with a $557 million overall capital budget, Energen expects to spend $530 million on 400 wells, 355 of which will be net. One project will be a horizontal well in the Bone Springs play.

Other capital projects include facility upgrades for the Wasson flood projects and pay-add/restimulations for a number of existing wells. The company has earmarked $27 million for these projects.

This year's capital budget represents more than a 150 percent increase over the 2010 version. The difference is mostly in the addition of 190 gross wells over last year's count. Other capital spending is about the same as last year's.

ExL Petroleum

The overall capital budget for ExL will be $30 million in 2011. Out of that, $28 million will go toward drilling 17 gross wells, 11 of which will be net. There will be four exploratory wells and 13 of the development variety. ExL has no horizontal and no capital projects in the pipeline for the year.

ExL's budget and well drilling count are about double the 2010 levels.

Fasken Oil & Ranch

In Fasken's 2011 plans are 106 gross wells, 103 of which will be net. Five will be exploratory and 101 will be development wells. The mix does include horizontal wells.

The company's drilling budget for 2011 is approximately 45 percent higher than that of last year.

Great Western Drilling

Most of the company's $20 million capital budget will go to drilling approximately 38 net wells. Of those, 12 will be exploratory and the other 26 will be development wells. Great Western plans no operated horizontal projects.

The 2011 budget is somewhat higher than that of last year.

Henry Resources

Henry expects to spend $50 million on capital projects in 2011. Forty million of those dollars will drill 105 gross and 30 net wells. The 30 net wells will be in the development category.

There are no horizontal projects in Henry's plans this year. Their 2011 budget is similar to the one from a year ago.

Robert Landreth

This independent producer has two gross wells, both of which will be net, Both will also be development wells. Landreth expects to participate with a 25 percent share in one horizontal well. A small waterflood project is also in the plans.

The budget for this year will be the same as last year's.

Legacy Reserves

Legacy's 2011 capital budget comes in at $47 million with $40 million in the hopper for drilling. Plans are for 47 gross wells, of which 25 will be net. All will be development wells.

Recompletions, restimulations and waterflood enhancements are also in the 2011 budget.

The 2011 budget is $16 million higher than 2010's $31 million number.

Penroc Oil

The 2011 capital budget for Penroc is set at $10 million. Of that, $4 million will be spent to drill six gross wells, of which two will be net. All six will be development wells, including horizontal projects.

Other capital projects include several deep workovers in order to reestablish production, at a projected cost of $2 million.

Compared to last year the overall capital budget is about the same, with slightly higher numbers for drilling.

Pioneer Natural Resources

Out of a total capital budget of $1.1 billion, Pioneer has set aside most of it, $1 billion, to drill 700 gross wells in 2011. Of those, 690 will be net. Just one exploratory well is in the works, the rest will be development wells. One horizontal project is in the planning stages.

The other $100 million in capital expenditures will go toward miscellaneous facilities upgrades and maintenance, mineral lease extensions, acquisitions and seismic data.

The 2011 figures are almost double the $580 million overall numbers of 2010. Of that figure, $530 million was set for drilling and the other $50 million for capital projects.

Reliance Energy

Reliance has a capital budget of $200 million for 2011. Of that, $185 million will be spent drilling 93 gross wells, all of which will also be net. There will be two exploratory wells and the rest, 91, will be development wells. Horizontal wells are in the picture also.

Approximately $10 million will go toward a crude gathering system and to expand a gas processing plant.

These budget figures are double the numbers from 2010.

Summit Petroleum

The capital budget for Summit for 2011 is $70 million. Out of that figure, $65 million will go toward drilling 130 gross wells, with 45 net wells. All will be in the development category, with no horizontal projects planned.

The remaining $5 million in capital money will go toward "additional acquisitions as opportunities become available."

The 2011 figures represent a modest increase over 2010. The drilling figures are very similar in gross well count.

XOG Operating

XOG's capital budget is $117 million. Drilling activities will absorb $65 million of that on the way to drilling 140 gross wells with 14 net wells. Just one will be exploratory. XOG does plan some horizontal projects.

Additionally they expect to see the initiation of two waterfloods and the unitization of a CO2 project, at a total cost for all of them at $40 million.

All budget figures are 10 times those of 2010.

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New drilling method opening vast oil fields

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

A new drilling technique is opening up vast fields of previously out-of-reach oil in the western United States, helping reverse a two-decade decline in domestic production of crude.

Companies are investing billions of dollars to get at oil deposits scattered across North Dakota, Colorado, Texas and California. By 2015, oil executives and analysts say, the new fields could yield as much as 2 million barrels of oil a day — more than the entire Gulf of Mexico produces now.

This new drilling is expected to raise U.S. production by at least 20 percent over the next five years. And within 10 years, it could help reduce oil imports by more than half, advancing a goal that has long eluded policymakers.

"That's a significant contribution to energy security," says Ed Morse, head of commodities research at Credit Suisse.

Oil engineers are applying what critics say is an environmentally questionable method developed in recent years to tap natural gas trapped in underground shale. They drill down and horizontally into the rock, then pump water, sand and chemicals into the hole to crack the shale and allow gas to flow up.

Because oil molecules are sticky and larger than gas molecules, engineers thought the process wouldn't work to squeeze oil out fast enough to make it economical. But drillers learned how to increase the number of cracks in the rock and use different chemicals to free up oil at low cost.

"We've completely transformed the natural gas industry, and I wouldn't be surprised if we transform the oil business in the next few years too," says Aubrey McClendon, chief executive of Chesapeake Energy, which is using the technique.

Petroleum engineers first used the method in 2007 to unlock oil from a 25,000-square-mile formation under North Dakota and Montana known as the Bakken. Production there rose 50 percent in just the past year, to 458,000 barrels a day, according to Bentek Energy, an energy analysis firm.

It was first thought that the Bakken was unique. Then drillers tapped oil in a shale formation under South Texas called the Eagle Ford. Drilling permits in the region grew 11-fold last year.

Now newer fields are showing promise, including the Niobrara, which stretches under Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas; the Leonard, in New Mexico and Texas; and the Monterey, in California.

"It's only been fleshed out over the last 12 months just how consequential this can be," says Mark Papa, chief executive of EOG Resources, the company that first used horizontal drilling to tap shale oil. "And there will be several additional plays that will come about in the next 12 to 18 months. We're not done yet."

Environmentalists fear that fluids or wastewater from the process, called hydraulic fracturing, could pollute drinking water supplies. The Environmental Protection Agency is now studying its safety in shale drilling. The agency studied use of the process in shallower drilling operations in 2004 and found that it was safe.

James MacPherson/AP

NEW TECHNIQUES A combine cuts durum near an oil well in this Aug. 19, 2008 file photo, in Tioga, N.D. Domestic production of oil is rising for the first time in two decades thanks to new drilling techniques that are opening up vast fields of previously out-of-reach oil in the western United States.

In the Bakken formation, production is rising so fast there is no space in pipelines to bring the oil to market. Instead, it is being transported to refineries by rail and truck. Drilling companies have had to erect camps to house workers.

Unemployment in North Dakota has fallen to the lowest level in the nation, 3.8 percent — less than half the national rate of 9 percent. The influx of mostly male workers to the region has left local men lamenting a lack of women. Convenience stores are struggling to keep shelves stocked with food.

The Bakken and the Eagle Ford are each expected to ultimately produce 4 billion barrels of oil. That would make them the fifth- and sixth-biggest oil fields ever discovered in the United States. The top four are Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, Spraberry Trend in West Texas, the East Texas Oilfield and the Kuparuk Field in Alaska.

The fields are attracting billions of dollars of investment from foreign oil giants like Royal Dutch Shell, BP and Norway's Statoil and also from the smaller U.S. drillers who developed the new techniques like Chesapeake, EOG Resources and Occidental Petroleum.

Last month China's state-owned oil company CNOOC agreed to pay Chesapeake $570 million for a one-third stake in a drilling project in the Niobrara. This followed a $1 billion deal in October between the two companies on a project in the Eagle Ford.

With oil prices high and natural-gas prices low, profit margins from producing oil from shale are much higher than for gas. Also, drilling for shale oil is not dependent on high oil prices. Papa says this oil is cheaper to tap than the oil in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico or in Canada's oil sands.

The country's shale oil resources aren't nearly as big as the country's shale gas resources. Drillers have unlocked decades' worth of natural gas, an abundance of supply that may keep prices low for years. U.S. shale oil on the other hand will only supply one to two percent of world consumption by 2015, not nearly enough to affect prices.

Still, a surge in production last year from the Bakken helped U.S. oil production grow for the second year in a row, after 23 years of decline. This during a year when drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, the nation's biggest oil-producing region, was halted after the BP oil spill.

U.S. oil production climbed steadily through most of the last century and reached a peak of 9.6 million barrels per day in 1970. The decline since was slowed by new production in Alaska in the 1980s and in the Gulf of Mexico more recently. But by 2008, production had fallen to 5 million barrels per day.

Within five years, analysts and executives predict, the newly unlocked fields are expected to produce 1 million to 2 million barrels of oil per day, enough to boost U.S. production 20 percent to 40 percent. The U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates production will grow a more modest 500,000 barrels per day.

By 2020, oil imports could be slashed by as much as 60 percent, according to Credit Suisse's Morse, who is counting on Gulf oil production to rise and on U.S. gasoline demand to fall.

At today's oil prices of roughly $90 per barrel, slashing imports that much would save the U.S. $175 billion a year. Last year, when oil averaged $78 per barrel, the U.S. sent $260 billion overseas for crude, accounting for nearly half the country's $500 billion trade deficit.

"We have redefined how to look for oil and gas," says Rehan Rashid, an analyst at FBR Capital Markets. "The implications are major for the nation."

Producers answer questions about climate for oil and gas industry

From Staff Reports

Producers were asked three questions about the current business and regulatory climate for the oil and gas industry. They were as follows:

"Last year saw the Deepwater Horizon oil spill tarnish the entire industry and the EPA seeking to take over issuing air permits in Texas. While E&P operations are not directly impacted, how do you see such actions affecting producers?"

"Are you confident enough in business conditions to increase your hiring plans?"

"With the rig count surpassing levels seen when oil was $147 a barrel, are you having trouble getting wells drilled or completed and does this affect your 2011 plans?"

While operators responding to the survey were upbeat about their industry this year, they reported some clouds on the horizon.

Several operators reported that difficulty obtaining drilling rigs or completion services, especially fracturing services, was resulting in fewer wells being drilled. And they expressed concern about rising costs, saying costs rose slightly last year and that trend is expected to continue into 2011.

Being closely watched are developments in Austin, Santa Fe and Washington, D.C., where operators worry new regulations covering the industry are on the way. Whether those regulations are implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, producers say they will increase permitting costs, add paperwork and ultimately result in higher costs to consumers and less activity.

Despite these worries, survey respondents say they are confident the economic outlook for the industry this year will remain healthy and will likely result in more jobs being created.

David H. Arrington Oil & Gas

"We are encouraged about the quality of the drilling projects we see, and we look for staff to help fill new positions that these opportunities create," the company said in answer to the second question.

On the hiring issue, they responded, "Our industry needs to continue to train our field drilling personnel to keep up with the drilling pace, and to keep the drilling equipment updated to keep up with technology."

Concho Resources

"While these (environmental) risks are difficult for companies to control, our industry has always been one of innovation and progress. At this point, we do not foresee this affecting producers, but we will continue to monitor these type of regulations," Concho said.

They report that they are aggressively hiring in 2011.

As for drilling plans, the company responded, "We saw costs go up slightly in 2010 and we expect a modest additional increase in 2011."

Discovery Operating

"Discovery sees the EPA regulatory push resulting in, "More government regulations and higher costs. Should the Federal Government reduce the business deduction in 2011 for drilling operations, we expect it would create a significant reduction in drilling."

Hiring for this year would be done only if a position opens up.

The company reports that the tightness of rig supplies could reduce their drilling plans by up to one-third this year.

ExL Petroleum

Speaking to looming EPA or Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations, ExL said, "E & P companies will have to begin consideration of how to meet the EPA and/or TCEQ regulations if they are pressed. It will be an added cost of doing business that will go, ultimately, into product pricing to the end user."

As for having the confidence to hire, the company noted, "We feel that commodity prices should remain in a constant rise in 2011. If we needed to staff up, business conditions, while a consideration, would not be a driving force.""

Rig availability is an issue for the company. "Availability of services is an issue for all E & P companies in the Permian Basin and nationwide. While we try not to let this affect our planning, it necessarily limits the number of wells we can drill and complete in 2011."

Fasken Oil & Ranch

Increased regulation is a concern for Fasken. "We are seeing significant new regulations coming out of Washington, Austin and Santa Fe. Permitting costs are going up and the time for approvals is increasing significantly," the company said. "All of these result in higher costs and lower production."

The company reports that it is hiring "as our activity increases and justifies. We try to maintain financial flexibility to be able to weather the cycles of our industry."

And while they are able to get wells drilled and completed as planned, "some services are getting tight, particularly stimulation services."

Great Western Drilling

Great Western is upbeat about the current oil and gas economy, saying, "At this time we feel confident that oil will remain at its present level, so we plan to continue exploration and development."

That is even though rig availability is tight. "Although drilling rigs are harder to schedule, we have been able to obtain good rigs for our projects and anticipate no major problems," the company reported. "However, completions that require frac treatments will be troublesome due to the scarcity of frac equipment."

Robert Landreth

In answer to the first question, Landreth stated, "The offshore spill has resulted in much more scrutiny of onshore drilling, generating much more suspicion surrounding issues such as hydraulic fracturing, even in Texas. Any state legislation or regulation of frac treatments, as is currently being considered, will affect the Permian Basin also."

And while Landreth feels the outlook for the industry is good, he currently has no hiring plans.

There is a delay in getting rigs, but, said Landreth, getting one is not impossible. The greater concern would be with fracturing, which their wells typically do not require.

Legacy Reserves

Legacy started by responding, "The federal government used the Macondo accident as a mandate to elevate federal involvement in state regulatory affairs."

They continued by affirming that they are hiring to fill open positions in this economy.

Finally, they said, "Legacy has excellent relations with its drilling and completion contractors, but services are tight."

Penroc Oil

"Regulators - Feds in particular - may impose more rules even though they do not make sense for the onshore industry," Penroc said. "This is creating and will continue to create more paperwork, hence costs and delays."

On the oil patch economy, they are "cautiously optimistic, but still need to take the licking and keep on ticking - like a Timex!"

There are issues for the company with completions. "Other than drilling, fracing is the tightest service - running out of various ingredients," they said.

Pioneer Natural Resources

Pioneer said they were not sure how producers would be affected by the Deepwater Horizon/Macondo spill regarding further regulations.

They are confident enough to boost hiring.

Finally, they note that drilling and completion services are becoming stressed.

Reliance Energy

Expressing confidence in the current oil and gas economy, Reliance said, "Yes, we will be hiring field personnel, frac supervisors, reservoir engineers and drilling engineers."

They do see an effect due to high rig counts. "We have 15 percent less (drilling) than planned originally because of curtailed services."

Summit Petroleum

In responding just to the issue of getting wells drilled Summit said, "Because Summit continued its drilling plans through the 2009 low oil prices, we have maintained good relationships and contractor access throughout 2010 and forward into 2011."

XOG

XOG sees any regulatory effects from the Deepwater Horizon disaster as being negative to the oil business.

They are ready to hire for 2011. Their response to the question of the ability to get wells drilled was, "Yes and no."

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Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 702 fsl, 757 fwl, Sec 165, Blk O, Abst. 1657, GH&SA RR, 23.8 se Ozona; TD 5,311; Comp 10-27-10; producing from 4,831-5,064, treated with 2,041 gals. 15 percent HCL, 192,317 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 291 MCF, 12.3 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 79 psi; API #42-105-41203

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Baggett "OZ F" #1125Q
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 487 fnl, 2,125 fwl, Sec 125, Blk O, Abst. 1498, GH&SA RR, 25.05 se Ozona; TD 5,049; Comp 10-21-10; producing from 4,617-4,798, treated with 2,197 gals. 15 percent HCL, 200,839 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 123 MCF, 20 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 88 psi; API #42-105-441190

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Rowland "A" #980G
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 560 fwl, 1,761 fnl, Sec 88, Blk O, Abst. 5127, GH&SA RR, 27.5 se Ozona; TD 4,714; Comp 9-10-10; producing from 4,283-4,466, treated with 2,008 gals. 1[illegible]rcent HCL, 191,866 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 194 MCF, 17.5 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 115 psi; API #42-105-41053

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Rowland "A" #880D
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 2,175 fnl, 201 fel, Sec 88, Blk O, Abst. 5127, GH&SA RR, 27.5 se Ozona; TD 4,770; Comp 9-15-10; producing from 4,354-4,518, treated with 2,020 gals. 15 percent HCL,190,853 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 222 MCF, 10 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 218 psi; API #42-105-41157

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Rowland #489D
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 449 fsl, 296 fel, Sec 89, Blk O, Abst. 1480, GH&SA RR, 2.5 se Ozona; TD 4,617; Comp 9-10-10; producing from 4,209-4,344, treated with 2,003 gals. 15 percent HCL, 194,020 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 159 MCF, 12.4 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 185 psi; API #42-105-40550

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Baggett "OZ G" #1116G
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 2,405 fnl, 677 fwl, Sec 116, Blk O, Abst. 5000, GH&SA RR, 26.28 se Ozona; TD 4,825; Comp 9-21-10; producing from 4,402-4,533, treated with 2,003 gals. 15 percent HCL, 187,354 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 160 MCF, 14.6 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 70 psi; API #42-105-41186

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Baggett "OZ B" #1116B
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 380 fnl, 1,011 fwl, Sec 116, Blk O, Abst. 5000, GH&SA RR, 25.93 se Ozona; TD 4,887; Comp 10-5-10; producing from 4,460-4,680, treated with 2,029 gals. 15 percent HCL, 190,756 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 268 MCF, 31 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 186 psi; API #42-105-41184

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Baggett "OZ B" #3165F
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 1,684 fsl, 248 fwl, Sec 165, Blk O, Abst. 1657, GH&H RR, 23.59 se Ozona; TD 5,305; Comp 9-15-10; producing from 4,842-5,099, treated with 2,079 gals. acid, 191,159 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 202 MCF, 20 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 74 psi; API #42-105-41170

FIML Natural Resources LLC
James Baggett #1156K
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 2,833 fsl, 406 fwl, Sec 156, Blk O, Abst. 5002, GH&SA RR, 24.35 se Ozona; TD 5,207; Comp 9-29-10; producing from 4,777-4,999, treated with 2,041 gals. 15 percent HCL, 245,667 gals. fluid, 233,000# sand; flow 201 MCF, 47.5 Bw on adjustable choke, FTP 77 psi; API #42-105-41191

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Baggett "B" #14E
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 2,361 fwl, 1,558 fsl, Sec 164, BLk O, Abst. 4998, GH&H RR, 24.09 se Ozona; TD 5,308; Comp 9-2-10; producing from 4,856-5,088, treated with 2,113 gals. 15 percent HCL, 189,849 gals. fluid, 169,000# sand; flow 125 MCF, 22.4 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 68 psi; API #42-105-41163

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Seahorn "K" #3125F
Adams-Baggett Ranch (Canyon Sand); 2,857 fsl, 985 fwl, Sec 12-1/2, Blk G, Abst. 4518, W.S. Riddle, 21 se Ozona; TD 5,611; Comp 11-2-10; producing from 5,257-5,404, treated with 1,722 gals. 15 percent HCL, 118,705 gals. fluid and sand; flow 195 MCF, 4.8 BW on adjustable choke, FTP 138 psi; API #42-105-41219

Reagan County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
SRH "9" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 2,243 fel, Sec 9, Blk 1, Abst. 477, T&P RR, 17.9 ne Big Lake; TD 9,774; Comp 1-3-11; producing from 6,245-9,643, treated with 27,157 bbls. fluid, 450,860# sand; pump 41 BO, 85 MCF, 130 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-36878

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
SRH-Carlton "10B" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fel, 660 fsl, Sec 10, Blk A, Abst. 50, C.B. Carlton, 18.3 sw Big Lake; TD 9,626; Comp 1-7-11; producing from 6,148-9,560, traeted with 23,925 bbls. fluid, 884,320# sand; pump 42 BO, 80 MCF, 85 BW, 38.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-36884

Prime Operating Company
Ham Ranch #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,196 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 1947, Abst. 433, SA&MG RR, 6.7 sw Stiles; TD 9,151; Comp 12-9-10; producing from 6,328-8,950, treated with HCL and proppant; pump 50 BO, 54 MCF, 131 BW, 40.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-36758

Schleicher County

Telesis Opeating Co. Inc.
CJM BX-7 #3
Fort McKavitt (Lime 4150); 660 fel, 467 fsl, Sec 7, Blk 8, Abst. 642, TW&NG RR, 25 e Eldorado; TD 4,483; Comp 1-9-11; producing from 4,254-4,266, treated with 500 bbls. crosslink gel, 30,000# sand; pump 27 BO, 70 MCF, 10 BW, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32667

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Edwin S. Mayer Jr. "27" #2
Sawyer (Canyon); 1,280 fsl, 720 fel, Sec 27, Blk EF, GC&SF RR, 22 sw Eldorado; TD 8,760; Comp 6-25-10; producing from 7,366-8,278, treated with 16,000 gals. acid, 48,000 gals. gel, 80,000# sand; flow 767 MCF on 14/64 inch choke, FTP 900 psi; API #42-413-32592

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Uni versity "55-10" #1
Ozona Northeast (Canyon 7520); 933 fnl, 933 fel, Sec 10, Blk 55, ULS, 22 nw Eldorado; TD 8,180; Comp 9-15-10; producing from 7,224-7,274, treated with 500 gals. acid, 27,000 gals. gel, 50,000# sand; flow 266 MCF on 9/64 inch choke, FTP 1,200 psi; API #42-413-32654

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Powell "23" #12
Sawyer (Strawn North); 2,149 fnl, 1,171 fel, Sec 23, Blk 2, GC&SF RR, 20 w Eldorado; TD 8,450; Comp 6-1-10; producing from 7,999-8,318, treated with 4,750 gals. acid, 66,567 gals. gel, 72,150# sand; flow 157 MCF on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 110 psi; API #42-413-32625

Sutton County

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Gerald Nicks "5" #12
Sawyer (Canyon); 540 fnl, 2,010 fwl, Sec 5, Blk IJ, GC&SF RR, 18 nw Sonora; TD 8,738; Comp 3-25-10; producing from 7,286-8,568, treated with 5,000 gals. acid, 43,800 gals. gel, 91,500# sand; flow 48 MCF, FTP 100 psi; API #42-435-39246

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Jones Ranch #1869
Sawyer (Canyon); 2,135 fsl, 730 fwl, Sec 186, Blk A, HE&WT RR, 9 nw Sonora; TD 8,197; Comp 5-4-10; producing from 6,664-8,162, treated with 15,000 gals. acid, 53,000 gals. gel, 80,000# sand; flow 192 MCF on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 200 psi; API #42-435-39265

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Diebitsch "70" #18
Sawyer (Canyon); 2,372 fnl, 1,0767 fwl, Sec 70, Blk 70, GC&SF RR, 9 nw Sonora; TD 8,164; Comp 8-4-10; producing from 6,524-6,838, treated with 18,000 gals. acid, 48,000 gals. gel, 85,000# sand; flow 88 MCF on 24/64 inch choke, FTP 100 psi; API #42-435-39279

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
H.C. Epps "38" #13
Sawyer (Canyon); 510 fsl, 2,080 fwl, Sec 38, CCSD&RGNG, 19 s Sonora; TD 6,803; Comp 6-25-10; producing from 4,496-6,392, treated with 1,000 gals. acid, 124,666 gals. gel, 167,000# sand; flow 181 MCF on 16/64 inch choke, FTp 250 psi; API #42-435-39285

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Edwin S. Mayer Jr. "B 38" #9
Sawyer (Canyon); 2,625 fnl, 1,905 fwl, Sec 38, Blk EF, GC&SF RR, 19 nw Sonora; TD 8,800; Comp 6-8-10; producing from 7,300-7,534, treated with 1,000 gals. acid, 28,000 gals. gel, 60,000# sand; flow 39 MCF on 24/64 inch choke, FTP 220 psi; API #42-435-39276

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
W.R.Cusenbary "39" #8
Sawyer (Canyon); 712 fsl, 500 fwl, Sec 39, Bl C, HE&WT RR, 16 se Sonora; TD 6,026; Comp 6-16-10; producing from 5,288-5,640, treated with 1,000 gals. acid, 47,000 gals. gel, 100,000# sand; flow 168 MCF on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 380 psi; API #42-435-39283

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
H.C. Epps "38" #14
Sawyer (Canyon); 1,840 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 38, CCSD&RGNG, 19 s Sonora; TD 6,005; Comp 6-24-10; producing from 4,518-5,268, treated with 2,000 gals. acid, 57,375 gals. gel, 242,250# sand; flow 182 MCF on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 510 psi; API #42-435-39287

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Duke Wilson #1618
Sawyer (Strawn North); 880 fsl, 800 fwl, Sec 161, Blk C, HE&WT RR, 13 sw Sonora; TD 9,000; Comp 7-2-10; producing from 8,230-8,858, treated with 23,750 gals.acid; flow 504 MCF on 14/64 inch choke, FTP 300 psi; API #42-435-39292

Highmount E&P Texas LLC
Cauthorn Ranch "134" #3
Sawyer (Canyon); 700 fnl, 700 fwl, Sec 134, Blk C, HE&WT RR, 15 sw Sonora; TD 7,800; Comp 1-12-10; producing from 5,650-7,567, treated with 1,500 gals. acid, 68,000 gals. gel, 130,000# sand; flow 123 MCF on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 100 psi; API #42-435-39235

Upton County

Pioneer Natural Resources USA
XBC Giddings Estate "B" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 3,330 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 1, Abst. 770,GC&SF RR, 14.8 nw Rankin; TD 10,745; Comp 11-30-10; producing from 7,394-10,504, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,558,062 gals. gel, 1,388,982# sand; pump 32 BO, 42 MCF, 166 BW, 44.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36669

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Andrews County

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University Consolidated XII #4511
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 45, Blk 13, ULS, 4.1 se Frankel City; TD 7,300; Comp 10-23-10; producing from 4,479-7,060, treated with 119 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 6,153 bbls. fluid, 309,448# sand; pump 74 BO, 6 MCF, 264 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41993

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Munger Nix "A LZS" #39
Fuhrman-Mascho; 825 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 18, Blk A-47, Abst. 1997, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,925; Comp 6-10-10; producing from 4,578-4,781, treated with 82,404 gals. fluid,194,237# sand; pump 194 BO, 48 MCF, 118 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41600

SM Energy Company
University 7 "Berkley" #1
University Block 9 (Pennsylvanian); 660 fnl,1,980 fel, Sec 7, Blk 1,ULS, 7 se Andrews; TD 10,200; Comp 12-9-10; producing from 8,524-9,906, treated with 12,500 gals. acid, 785,988 gals. gel, 403,406# proppant; pump 47 BO, 31 MCF, 146 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42023

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Samson University "14" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,850 fel, 1,700 fsl, Sec 14, Blk 4, ULS, 11.6 ne Andrews; TD 11,418; Comp 12-10-10; producing from 7,496-11,293, treated with 557 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 23,433 bbls. water/gel, 1,168,840# sand; pump 124 BO, 40 MCF, 130 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42003

XTO Energy Inc.
University Block 9 #2E
University Block 9 (Devonian)-Recomplete from University Block 9 (Wolfcamp); 2,173 fel, 2,208 fsl, Sec 22, Blk 9, ULS, 8 s Andrews; TD 10,625; Comp 9-29-10; producing from 10,558-10,625, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 298 BO, 288 MCF, 444 BW, 43.17 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-05267

Glasscock County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Perry Brooks "2" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 1047, T&P RR, 19 nw Garden City; TD 10,490; Comp 10-15-10; producing from 7,611-10,286, treated with 23,705 bbls. fluid,1,004,000# proppant; pump 81 BO, 116 MCF, 208 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33747

Howard County

Linn Operating Inc.
Talbot "26" #3
Hill Ranch (Mississippian); 667 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 26, Blk 34, T-2-N, T&P RR, 11 nw Big Spring; TD 10,253; Comp 12-28-10; producing from 7,112-10,253, treated with 20,334 gals. 15 percent HCL, 21,334 gals. gelled water, 981,454# sand; pump 261 BO, 440 MCF, 119 BW, 45.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36437

Martin County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Cypert "57" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,169 fel, 1,980 fsl, Sec 57, Blk A, Abst. 333, Bauer & Cockrell, 4.4 sw Knott; TD 10,660; Comp 1-4-11; producing from 7,547-9,449, treated with 24,801 bbls. fluid, 932,890# sand; pump 50 BO, 203 MCF, 107 BW, 37.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36139

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Cox "11A" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fel, 467 fsl, Sec 11, Blk 36, T-3-N, Abst. 180, T&P RR, 23.7 sw Stanton; TD 11,516; Comp 12-4-10; producing from 8,732-11,362, treated with 1,085,240# sanad, 23,239 bbls. fluid; pump 14 BO, 10 MCF, 193 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36114

Pioneer Natural Resources USA
Slatton #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 487 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 692, T&P RR, 16.6 nw Stanton; TD 10,799; Comp 12-8-10; producing from 7,659-10,677, treated with 12,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 723,078 gals. linear gel, 407,768 gals. crosslink gel, 1,198,497# sand; pump 23 BO, 26 MCF, 276 BW, 41.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-35992

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Slaughter "8A" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 8, Blk 35, T-3-N, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 25.4 nw Stanton; TD 10,588; Comp 11-11-10; producing from 8,628-10,280, treated with 6,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 85,848 gals. crosslink gel, 1,062,220 gals. linear gel, 181,275# sand; pump 3 BO, 2 MCF, 121 BW, 41.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-35447

RK Petroleum Corp.
John "2" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 1 n Tarzan; TD 11,130; Comp 12-11-10; producing from 7,548-11,230, treated with 929,026 gals. fluid,1,014,000# sand; pump 69 BO, 72 MCF, 185 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36194

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Holt Ranch #403
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsel, 660 fswl, Labor 4, League 249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL, 32 nw Stanton; TD 10,900; Comp 11-17-10; producing from 8,366-10,274, treated with 6,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 668,000# sand, 14,879 bbls. crosslink; pump 49 BO, 59 MCF, 87 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36192

Midland County

E.G.L. Resources
Spanish Trail #3807
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,162 fsl, 2,250 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 829, T&P RR, 6 w Midland; TD 10,805; Comp 11-13-10; producing from 8,142-10,700, treated with 13,982 gals. 10 percent HCL, 1,445,136 gals. fluid, 1,132,830# sand; pump 36 BO, 15 MCF, 375 BW, 42.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36528

Linn Oopreating Inc.
Robbie #2414
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,416 fnl, 590 fwl, Sec 24, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 1392, T&P RR, 6.2 nw Midland; TD 10,872; Comp 12-4-10; producing from 8,610-10,670, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 484,404 gals. water, 526,664 gals. gel water, 762,327# sand; pump 108 BO, 240 MCF, 210 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36337

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
TXL "N 9-1" #8
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 9, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 222, T&P RR, 16 s Midland; TD 10,280; Comp 11-22-10; producing from 7,730-9,990, treated with 6,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 17,237 bbls. crosslink, 805,000# sand; pump 50 BO, 59 MCF, 90 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36831

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
TXL "N 9-3" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 695 fwl, 710 fsl, Sec 9, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 222, T&P RR, 13 se Midkiff; TD 10,423; Comp 11-9-10; producing from 7,658-9,958, treated with 7,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 17,300 gals. crosslink, 940,000# sand; pump 67 BO, 60 MCF, 98 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36750

Summit Petroleum LLC
West Parks "31" #3114
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 1,980 fnl, Sec 31, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 267, T&P RR, 11.7 sw Midland; TD 10,583; Comp 9-22-10; producing from 8,631-10,380, treated with 1,022,016 gals. fluid, 754,300# proppant; pump 55 BO, 47 MCF, 40 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36611

Mitchell County

Energen Resources Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #2144
Westbrook; 2,255 fnl, 2,320 fel, Sec 10, Blk 28, T-1-N, Abst. 1188, T&P RR, 11 w Colorado City; TD 3,390; Comp 10-28-10; producing from 2,562-3,098, treated with 4,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 10,600 gals. N2 foam, 30,600# sand; pump 16.6 BO, 1 MCF, 8 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35398

Energen Resources Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #2146
Westbrook; 1,640 fsl, 1,780 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 28, T-1-N, Abst. 1639, T&P RR, 11 w Colorado City; TD 3,371; Comp 10-24-10; producing from 2,379-3,153, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 48,700 gals. N2 foam, 158,800# sand; pump 56 BO, 2 MCF, 247 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35395

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Garza County

Geo R. Brown Partnership LP
Sainger-Long Unit #13BA
Buenos; 450 fnl, 4,100 fwl, Sec 4, Blk D-18, Abst. 894, D&SE RR, 4 se Southland; TD 3,660; Comp 7-30-10; producing from 3,360-3,542, treated with 7,500 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 30 BO, 304 BW, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34008

New Mexico

Chaves County

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Cottonwood 22 Fed #3
North Cottonwood Draw; T25S, R26E, Sec 22; 530 FNL 360 FEL; EL 3332 GL; TD 4948; PBTD 4948; Treat: 27994 gals 20# XL Borate, 25737# 16/30; IP: 12-26-09 Flow 24 hrs 25 BO, 261 BW, 49 MCF, WO Ch, TP 170, CP 50, GOR 1960, Gty 41.1; API #30-015-37311

Eddy County

Yates Pet. Corp.
ASM State Com #2
Crow Flats; T16S, R28E, Sec 32; 1100 FNL 480 FEL; EL 3550 GL; TD 10,814; PBTD 10,814; Spud 8-6-10; Comp 11-3-10; production is through perfs: 6765-10,752; IP: 11-13-10 Pump 24 hrs 154 BO, 348 BW, 134 MCF; API #30-015-37061

COG Oper. LLC
G J West Coop Unit #240
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 16; 1062 FSL 990 FEL; EL 3557 GL; TD 5545; PBTD 5481; Spud 8-16-10; Comp 9-23-10; production is through perfs: 3989-5250; IP: 9-27-10 Pump 24 hrs 206 BO, 491 BW, 240 MCF; API #30-015-37562

COG Oper. LLC
Folk Fed #38
East Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 17; 1500 FSL 2310 FWL; EL 3619 GL; TD 5070; PBTD 4999; Spud 7-28-10; Comp 9-2-10; production is through treated perfs: 3920-4120; Treat: 16,500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/325,287 gals gel, 532,629# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 105,040# siberprop sd; IP: 9-25-10 Pump 24 hrs 158 BO, 658 BW, 157 MCF, Gty 37.3; API #30-015-37516

COG Oper. LLC
G J West Coop Unit #307
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 21; 2310 FSL 660 FWL; EL 3604 GL; TD 5545; PBTD 5477; Spud 8-8-10; Comp 9-20-10; production is through perfs: 4560-5300; IP: 9-27-10 Pump 24 hrs 175 BO, 475 BW, 210 MCF; API #30-015-37862

COG Oper. LLC
Tex Mack #239
Fren; T17S, R31E, Sec 2; 1650 FNL 1650 FEL; EL 4015 GR; TD 6740; PBTD 6681; Spud 9-30-10; Comp 11-3-10; production is through treated perfs: 5780-5980; Treat: Acdz w/7500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/331,355 gals gel, 417,436# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 92,728# 16/30 Super LC sd; IP: 2-27-10 Pump 24 hrs 133 BO, 722 BW, 51 MCf, Gty 36.4; API #30-015-37419

BOPCO, LP
Hudson 1 Fed #9
Quahada Ridge; T23S, R30E, Sec 1; 2375 FSL 1780 FEL; EL 3271 GL; TD 15,675; PBTD N/A; Spud 2-7-10; Comp 9-9-10; production is through perfs: 8001-15,627; IP: 9-20-10 Flow 24 hrs 230 BO, 1507 BW, 191 MCF, w/o ch, TP 1120, CP 230; API #30-015-37310

Yates Pet. Corp.
B. Graham BPU State #1
South Red Bluff; T26S, R28E, Sec 1; 380 FSL 200 FWL; EL 2941 GL; TD 11,375; PBTD 11,328; Spud 6-30-10; Comp 11-19-10; production is through perfs: 7245-11305; IP: 11-22-10 Flow 24 hrs 375 BO, 2395 BW, 5074 MCF, TP 940, CP 870; API #30-015-37549

COG Oper. LLC
SRO State Unit Com #107
Hay Hallow; T26S, R28E, Sec 15; 660 FNL 330 FWL; EL 3032 GL; TD 11120; PBTD 11071; Spud 9-17-10; Comp 12-4-10; production is through perfs: 6970-11050; IP: 12-5-10 Flow 24 hrs 134 BO, 1874 BW, 4200 MCF, 39/64" Ch, CP 1065; API# 30-015-37427

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Warren Unit Bli/Tubb WF #335
Warren; T20S, R38E, Sec 34; 10 FNL 1310 FWL; EL 3530 GL; TD 7084; PBTD 7025; Spud 5-7-10; Comp 6-10-10; production is through perfs: 6488-6855; IP: 6-11-10 Flow 24 hrs 21 BO, 38 BW, 60 MCF; API #30-025-39513

Harvard Pet. Co. LLC
Ramsland #1
East Garrett; T16S, R38E, Sec 27; 330 FNL 500 FEL; EL 3705 GL; TD 11,398; PBTD 11,398; Spud 2-18-10; Comp 5-1-10; production is through treated perfs: 8785,8785,9595k,9958; Treat: 31,000 gals 15% NEFE, 388,000 Gals 30# gel, 442,000# 20/40 sd; IP: 5-3-10 Pump 24 hrs 108 BO, 770 BW, 100 MCF, GOR 925, Gty 38; API #30-025-39622

COG Oper. LLC
BC Fed #34
Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 19; 990 FNL 1190 FWL; EL 3942 GL; TD 6945; PBTD 6835; Spud 5-15-10; Comp 6-29-10; production is through treated perfs: 5270-5430; Treat: Acdz w/12,500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/489,710 gals gel, 550,006# 16/30 white sd, 107,492# 16/30 siberprop sd; IP: 7-1-10 Pump 24 hrs 40 BO, 436 BW, 22 MCF, GOR 550, Gty 37.6; API #30-025-39607

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Nana 30 Fed #1
North Lusk; T18S, R32E, Sec 30; 2310 FSL 660 FEL; EL 3697 GL; TD 9807; PBTD 9715; Spud 6-16-10; Comp 7-15-10; production is through treated perfs: 9295-9297; Treat: 2000 gals + 47.6 bbls 7.5% Hcl, 463 bbls 10# linear gel, 8462 bbls Spectra Star 2800 gel, 16544# 100 mesh sd, 385,306# 20/40 sd, 113,844# 20/40 Super LC; IP: 9-6-10 Pump 24 hrs 127 BO, 443 BW, 174 MCF; API #30-025-39365

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Coke County

L.C.S. Prod. Co.
Higgins #10WI
Higgins Ranch (Canyon)-Re-Enter; EL & RR RR. Co./Collyns, R O; A-1686, Blk N/A, Sec 76; 1796 FNL 567 FEL of lse; 2620 FNL 567 FEL of survey; 11 miles S of Robert Lee; obj: 6205; permit #709234; API #081-30741

Irion County

FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Highland A #3048B
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; H & TC RR Co./Cannon, N E; A-903, Blk 24, Sec 3048; 662 FNL 774 FWL of lse; 662 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 27 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 9500; permit #709294; API #235-34654

Menard County

Paint Rock Oper. LLC
Russell #25
Danny Mae (Lower Cisco "A")-D; Zollner, J H; A-828, Blk N/A, Sec 1601; 2339 FW'LY WL 2810 FS'LY SL of lse; 416 FEL 145 FSL of survey; 9 miles NE of Ft. McKavett; obj: 3000; permit #709440; API #327-31106

Reagan County

BC Oper., Inc.
University 9-11 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 9, Sec 11; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 2.8 miles E of Texon; obj: 11000; permit #708756; API #383-37150

Apache Corp.
SRH 17 #1710
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Taylor, Mrs. S; A-439, Blk A, Sec 17; 467 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 2334 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 17 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 10000; permit #707374; API #383-37110

Broad Oak Energy, Inc.
SRH -B- #7E
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-476, Blk 1, Sec 7; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 18 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 10500; permit #709363; API #383-37162

Broad Oak Energy, Inc.
Holt -R- #136K
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Shockley, R W; A-425, Blk 2, Sec 136; 1980 FSL 671 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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FWL of survey; 22 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 10500; permit #709391; API #383-37164

Apache Corp.
SRH 17 #1709
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Taylor, Mrs. S; A-439, Blk A, Sec 17; 821 FNL 531 FWL of lse; 821 FNL 531 FWL of survey; 17.5 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 10000; permit #707373; API #383-37119

Apache Corp.
SRH 12 #1221
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Glass, S A; A-156, Blk A, Sec 12; 467 FSL 872 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 872 FWL of survey; 17.7 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 10000; permit #707380; API #383-37112

Energen Res. Corp.
Nueces #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Books (Strawn)-D; Barton, J R/B&B; A-19, Blk L, Sec 2; 660 FNL 3960 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 3960 FWL of survey; 31 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 11000; permit #709246; API #383-37161

Sutton County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Randee Fawcett Trust "B" #18RS
Sawyer (Canyon)&(Strawn, North)-D; Bridge, Mrs. C J; A-1377, Blk D, Sec 78; 4658 FSL 610 FWL of lse; 4658 FSL 610 FWL of survey; 12 miles SW of Sonora; obj: 9000; permit #709237; API #435-39348

Upton County

COG Oper. LLC
Neal Ranch "78" B #15
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; CGSD & RGNG RR Co./Brunson, W W; A-1380, Blk D, Sec 78; 467 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 19.9 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #698399; API #461-36821

Berry Oil Co.
Neal #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Amacker-Tippett (Strawn -A-)-D; T & P RR Co./Hall, J G; A-1418, Blk 40, T5S, Sec 14; 660 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 26.6 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #707800; API #461-37160

Callon Pet. Oper. Co.
Neal #504
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Blue Danube (Strawn)-D; E L & R R. RR. Co.; A-N/A, Blk A, Sec 5; 705 FWL 591 FNL of lse; 705 FWL 591 FNL of survey; 5.84 miles NE of Rankin; obj: 10600; permit #709501; API #461-37196

COG Oper. LLC
American Republics "A" #40
Pegasus (Consolidated)-D; T & P RR Co./Miller, F E; A-1434, Blk 40, T5S, Sec 18; 1800 FWL 2190 FNL of lse; 1800 FWL 2190 FNL of survey; 27.5 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11500; permit #709140; API #461-37195

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Andrews County

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
South Fuhrman Mascho Unit #1732
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 10, Sec 17; 340 FSL 362 FWL of lse; 1010 FNL 2350 FEL of survey; 11 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #708295; API #003-42528

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Thornberry-NWS #33
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL; A-N/A, Blk A42, Sec 2; 870 FNL 1006.65 FWL of lse; 870 FNL 1640 FEL of survey; 8 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #709297; API #003-42564

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Thornberry-NWS #34
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL; A-N/A, Blk A42, Sec 2; 1058 FSL 1077 FWL of lse; 1580 FNL 1580 FEL of survey; 8 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #709302; API #003-42565

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
University Southern Minerals #14
Martin (Consolidated)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 11, Sec 14; 220 FWL 184 FSL of lse; 220 FWL 2510 FNL of survey; 17.2 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 7700; permit #709351; API #003-42570

Opal Res. Oper. Co., LLC
University 7-3 #6
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Breedlove, South (Strawn)-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 7, Sec 3; 541 FWL 1747 FNL of lse; 1747 FNL 541 FWL survey; 21.9 miles NW of Lenorah; obj: 12000; permit #708827; API #003-42572

Chesapeake Oper., Inc.
University 5-14 #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; UL; A-U118, Blk 5, Sec 14; 470 FWL 1917 FNL of lse; 470 FWL 1917 FNL of survey; 14.7 miles NE of Andrews; obj: 14000; permit #709372; API #003-42583

Sloan Pet. Inc.
Lucky #1
Deep Rock (Wolfcamp)&(Devonian)-D; PSL; A-2300, Blk A43, Sec 3; 660 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 5 miles W of Andrews; obj: 10900; permit #709541; API #003-42593

Ector County

Legacy Reserves Oper. LP
West Jordan Unit #618
Jordan-D; PSL/Graham, E; A-490, Blk B16, Sec 26; 1984 FEL 2869 FNL of lse; 2396 FSL 1984 FEL of survey; 4 miles S of Penwell; obj: 3950; permit #709283; API #135-40775

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
J.E. Parker 20 #1
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)&(Pennsylvanian)-D; T & P RR Co./Higgins, B; A-1104, Blk 44, T2S, Sec 20; 990 FWL 992 FSL of lse; 990 FWL 1650 FNL of survey; 5 miles NW of Penwell; obj: 9500; permit #709292; API #135-40776

Devon Energy Prod. Co., LP
Rose Marie #6
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Martin, E S; A-470, Blk 42, T3S, Sec 4; 890 FNL 770 FEL of lse; 890 FNL 770 FEL of survey; 4.6 miles S of Odessa; obj: 10400; permit #707723; API #135-40726

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lupin TXL Fee #2511E
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp) & Azalea (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-144, Blk 42, T3S, Sec 25; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 8.3 miles NW of Odessa; obj: 11000; permit #708763; API #135-40781

Apache Corp.
TXL South Unit #3748H
TXL (Tubb)-D; T & P RR Co./Couch, J A L/Langford, G E; A-1182, Blk 45, T2S, Sec 4; 5221 FEL 10390 FSL of lse; 1120 FSL 2535 FEL of survey; 8.8 miles NW of Penwell; obj: 9500; permit #709400; API #135-40779

Pride Energy Co.
Steakley "5" #10
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-296, Blk 44, T2S, Sec 5; 1654 FSL 990 FWL of lse; 2976 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 7.7 miles NE of Penwell; obj: 6050; permit #708973; API #135-40791

Glasscock County

Adventure Expl. PTRS, LLC
Weaver #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-339, Blk 35, T4S, Sec 7; 467 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 11.7 miles NE of Garden City; obj: 10500; permit #709258; API #173-34008

Howard County

Cobra Oil & Gas Corp.
Grantham 13 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Petty 48 (Upper Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-398, Blk 34, T2N, Sec 13; 467 FNL 1200 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 1200 FEL of survey; 9 miles S of Ackerly; obj: 12000; permit #708923; API #227-36588

Martin County

Henry Res. LLC
Kimberly #505
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Betty Sue (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-448, Blk 39, T1N, Sec 5; 1980 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 23.1 miles NW of Stanton; obj: 11000; permit #701111; API #317-36235

Henry Res. LLC
Kimberly #2907
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Betty Sue (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-311, Blk 39, T1N, Sec 29; 5969 FSL 3216 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 2057 FWL of survey; 22 miles SW of Stanton; obj: 11000; permit #701420; API #317-36254

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Nail "1" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & J.L.M. (Mississippian)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-291, Blk 38, T1S, Sec 1; 467 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 11.3 miles N of Stanton; obj: 12000; permit #708812; API #317-36602

Henry Res. LLC
Kimberly #1703
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Betty Sue (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-306, Blk 39, T1N, Sec 17; 13969 FNL 4615 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 21.8 miles W of Stanton; obj: 11000; permit #708725; API #317-36593

Midland County

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD.
Fee "AT" #1104
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe, West (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-246, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 11; 1210 FNL 1210 FWL of lse; 1210 FNL 1210 FWL of survey; 1 mile N of Midland; obj: 11400; permit #707544; API #329-37009

COG Oper. LLC
Reed, S.J. (SE/4) #1
Parks (Consolidated)-D; T & P RR Co./Davis, C L; A-776, Blk 40, T2S, Sec 40; 467 FEL 660 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 10.9 miles SW of Midland; obj: 11500; permit #708637; API #329-37048

Summit Pet. LLC
Shirley "A" #3411
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Edwards, C; A-715, Blk 41, T2S, Sec 34; 653 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 1980 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 14.8 miles SW of Midland; obj: 11100; permit #708140; API #329-37022

Berry Oil Co.
Cook #5
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Tom Ranch (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Houston, W Y; A-787, Blk 36, T1S, Sec 34; 467 FWL 911 FNL of lse; 467 FWL 1787 FSL of survey; 3.1 miles NE of Stanton; obj: 12000; permit #698403; API #329-36697

Pecos County

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Yates Field Unit #47 A27
Yates-Recompletion; I & GN RR Co.; A-726, Blk 1, Sec 60; 9779 FSL 10807 FEL of lse; 860 FSL 296 FWL of survey; 2 miles SW of Iraan; obj: 1999; permit #708904; API #371-36103

Reeves County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Davis-Owens Unit #1
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; PSL/Coone, B & H M; A-3830, Blk C9, Sec 6; 1980 FNL 492 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 1451 FEL of survey; 5 miles N of Pecos; obj: 13000; permit #709382; API #389-32744

Energen Res. Corp.
Abel 2-30 #1
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; H & GN RR Co./Bell, A W; A-1511, Blk 2, Sec 30; 250 FSEL 250 FSWL of lse; 250 FSEL 250 FSWL of survey; 20.1 miles NW of Pecos; obj: 10500; permit #708278; API #389-32733

Sterling County

Stetson Pet. Corp.
Bade "B" #6
Parochial-Bade (Clear Fork)&(Queen Sand, LO.)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-278, Blk 22, Sec 21; 330 FSL 1010 FEL of lse; 990 FSL 1010 FEL of survey; 11.3 miles SE of Garden City; obj: 2300; permit #677170; API #431-33259

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
Parramore "66" #672
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; SP RR Co.; A-442, Blk 17, Sec 67; 4914 FEL 1980 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 17.6 miles NW of Sterling City; obj: 7500; permit #709472; API #431-33306

Ward County

Whiting Oil & Gas Corp.
Obrien, G.W., Etal #852W
Ward-Estes, North-Recompletion; G & MMB & A; A-5, Blk F, Sec 19; 8250 FSL 990 FEL of lse; 2310 FNL 990 FEL of survey; 1.5 miles N of Wickett; obj: 4200; permit #708244; API #475-01778

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
University 17-17 #2
Caprito (Delaware Middle)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 17, Sec 17; 1980 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 1980 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 3 miles NW of Pyote; obj: 6750; permit #709387; API #475-35684

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
University 17-17 #3
Caprito (Delaware Middle)-D; UL; A-N/A; Blk 17, Sec 17; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 3 miles NW of Pyote; obj: 6750; permit #709388; API #475-35685

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
University Pyote #1
Dimmit (Delaware Cons.)-Re-Enter; UL; A-N/A, Blk 17, Sec 19; 1680 FWL 1980 FNL of lse; 1680 FWL 1980 FNL of survey; 2.5 miles W of Pyote; obj: 7000; permit #706325; API #475-10786

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Cochran County

Tema Oil & Gas Co.
Reed Wright "B" #10A
Levelland-D; Brewster CSL; A-82, Blk N/A, Sec 97; 3164 FNL 460 FWL of lse; 469 FNL 460 FWL of survey; 8 miles S of Morton; obj: 5000; permit #709457; API #079-33228

Crosby County

Juno Oper. Co., LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #6515
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-322, Blk NA, Sec 1037; 1334 FSL 2006 FWL of lse; 1334 FSL 683 FWL of survey; 10 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #708918; API #107-31251

Juno Oper. Co., LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #6525
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-322, Blk N/A, Sec 1037; 1354 FSL 3296 FEL of lse; 1354 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 10 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #708922; API #107-31248

Gaines County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Parmer "1" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Magutex N. (Strawn)-D; Parmer CSL, Labor 1; A-1378, Blk N/A, Sec 315; 467 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 16.1 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 11900; permit #708544; API #165-37295

Dyad Pet. Co.
Agostino Cacciavillan #1
Homann (San Andres)-D; WT RR Co.; A-236, Blk G, Sec 97; 330 FEL 1500 FSL of lse; 330 FEL 1500 FSL of survey; 8 miles NE of Seminole; obj: 5700; permit #709070; API #165-37296

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Landreth C #10
Tex-Mex, SE. (Wichita Albany)-D; PSL/Terry, O; A-1956, Blk A28, Sec 2; 21 FWL 157 FSL of lse; 157 FSL 2615 FEL of survey; 22 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 9000; permit #709200; API #165-37298

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Hancock #11
Tex-Mex, SE. (Wichita Albany)-D; PSL/Boone, D; A-361, Blk A12, Sec 23; 1325 FNL 1323 FEL of lse; 1323 FEL 1325 FNL of survey; 23.8 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 12000; permit #709333; API #165-37302

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Weltmer #3
Tex-Mex, SE. (Wichita Albany)-D; PSL/Reed, W J; A-605, Blk A12, Sec 14; 130 FSL 1410 FWL of lse; 130 FSL 1410 FWL of survey; 24.8 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 7900; permit #709332; API #165-37303

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Bailey #22
Tex-Mex, SE. (Wichita Albany)-D; PSL/Hartman, M A; A-2272, Blk A30, Sec 1; 5442 FSL 1099 FEL of lse; 5441 FSL 1099 FEL of survey; 22 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 7750; permit #705643; API #165-37265

Hockley County

Occidental Permian LTD.
Odin #1
Levelland (Cisco Lime)-D; Val Verde CSL, League 71, Labor 23; A-N/A, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 669 FSL 1345 FEL of lse; 669 FSL 1345 FEL of survey; 2.1 miles W of Levelland; obj: 10500; permit #708825; API #219-37188

Kent County

Cholla Pet., Inc.
Marts #1
Girard (Tannehill) & Browning (Tannehil)-D; H & GN RR Co./Jackson, W R; A-642, Blk 1, Sec 90; 473 FWL 477 FSL of lse; 2171 FEL 2176 FNL of survey; 2 miles W of Girard; obj: 4999; permit #709452; API #263-31945

King County

Cholla Pet., Inc.
Springer Wilson #1
Springer (Tannehill)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-140, Blk F, Sec 131; 1703 FWL 4339 FNL of lse; 349 FWL 948 FSL of survey; 8 miles S of Guthrie; obj: 4999; permit #708984; API #269-32807

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co., LLC
Katz (Strawn) Unit #110
Katz (Strawn)-D; Orsborn, Mrs J T; A-1287, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 1759 FNWL (Off Lse) 539 FNEL (off lse); 1759 FNWL 539 FNEL of survey; 22.5 miles S of Guthrie; obj: 5500; permit #707189; API# 269-32805

Lubbock County

Texon Oil Co., Inc.
Lindsey #2
Smyer, SE. (Clear Fork)-D; ACH&B; A-293, Blk P, Sec 47; 467 FNL 1320 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 1320 FEL of survey; 12 miles NW of Lubbock; obj: 5900; permit #709257; API #303-31559

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #299-4A
Kelly-Snyder; H & TC RR Co./White, R H; A-2468, Blk 97, Sec 204; 7824 FSL 19566 FEL of lse; 1073 FNL 2140 FEL of survey; 6.1 miles SW of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #708864; API #415-34652

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #287-01
Kelly-Snyder-Re-Enter; H & TC RR Co./Smith, J M; A-1833, Blk 97, Sec 190; 2025 FSL 640 FEL of lse; 646 FNL 683 FWL of survey; 3.8 miles SW of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #708889; API #415-01710

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #33019
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./Wolf, M; A-2520, Blk 97, Sec 385; 20350 FNL 2767 FEL of lse; 920 FSL 2600 FWL of survey; 6.7 miles N of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #708915; API #415-34654

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #280-3A
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./Herrington, S H; A-2323, Blk 97, Sec 207; 2086 FSL 2227 FEL of lse; 1910 FNL 1743 FWL of survey; 3.4 miles W of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #709156; API #415-34659

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #33-1B
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./Wolf, M; A-2207, Blk 97, Sec 385; 20585 FNL 5939 FEL of lse; [illegible] FSL 431 FWL of survey; 6.7 miles N of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #708652; API #415-34644

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #33-1A
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./Wolf, M; A-2207, Blk 97, Sec 385; 20610 FNL 5037 FEL of lse; 654 FSL 333 FWL of survey; 6.7 miles N of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #706656; API #415-34645

King Oper. Corp.
Ernest "S" #21H
Mirage (Strawn)-D; H & GN RR Co.; A-35, Blk 3, Sec 69; 330 FEL 450 FNL of lse; 330 FEL 2240 FNL of survey; 7.4 miles SE of Snyder; obj: 7500; permit #696667; API #415-34625

Occidental Permian LTD.
Cogdell Canyon Reef Unit #6054
Cogdell (Area)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co./Coppinger, C; A-2271, Blk 97, Sec 614; 15144 FNL 6000 FEL of lse; 1989 FNL 666 FEL of survey; 14 miles NE of Snyder; obj: 7200; permit #709263; API #415-03915

Yoakum County

Occidental Permian LTD.
Denver Unit #2761
Wasson-D; Gibson, J H; A-25, Blk D, Sec 827; 6847 FNL 12572 FWL of lse; 1080 FSL 2007 FWL of survey; 2.1 miles NE of Denver City; obj: 5600; permit #693030; API #501-35689

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Oper. LLC
Continental State #7
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 15; 990 FNL 1650 FWL; 5 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 5500 SR/Qu/GB/Glo; API #30-015-38369

Yates Pet. Corp.
Marmot BJF St Com #1
Aid; T17S, R28E, Sec 13; 9 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 10,300 Morrow; API #30-015-38358

COG Oper. LLC
Continental State #15
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 15; 2310 FNL 1650 FWL; 5 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 5500 SR/Qu/GB/Glo; API #30-015-38370

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Mayaro 22 St #4
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 1730 FSL 1470 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5010 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38394

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson A #38
Cedar Lake; T17S, R30E, Sec 12; 2310 FSL 2160 FEL; 4 miles NE of Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38372

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Mayaro 22 St #8
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 2310 FSL 1168 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5010 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38395

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Stevens A #17
Cedar Lake; T17S, R30E, Sec 13; 1090 FSL 670 FWL; 3 miles NE of Loco Hills; Rot 7251 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38373

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Mayaro 22 St #11
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 1480 FSL 990 FEL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5010 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38396

COG Oper. LLC
Skelly Unit #646
Fren; T17S, R31E, Sec 14; 189 FSL 965 FEL; 4 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 3901 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38362

Lime Rock Res. A, LP
Aid 24 State #15
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 24; 330 FSL 2165 FEL; 9 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5500 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38359

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Aries 20 Fed Com #2
Sand Tank; T18S, R30E, Sec 20; 2054 FNL 201 FWL; 6 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 12671 Bone Spring; API #30-015-38392

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OXY USA Inc.
Sundance 4 Fed #32
SWD; T24S, R32E, Sec 4; 660 FNL 458 FWL; 21 miles SW of Halfway; Rot 54000 Delaware; API #30-015-38393

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Gem Dandy BCG St #3
NW Empire; T16S, R27E, Sec 35; 1447 FNL 470 FWL; 8 miles NE of Artesia; Rot 10407 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-38401

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Gissler B #67
Loco Hills; T17S, R30E, Sec 8; 2310 FSL 430 FEL; 2.5 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38383

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COG Oper. LLC
Tex Mack 11 Fed #15
Fren; T17S, R31E, Sec 11; 330 FNL 1650 FWL; 4 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 6725 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-38375

Nadel & Gussman Heyco, LLC
Aid State #9
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COG Oper. LLC
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Mewbourne Oil Co.
Quick Draw 10 HA #1
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Fed V #5
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EOG Res. Inc.
Elk Wallow 11 St #5
East Pierce Crossing; T25S, R29E, Sec 11; 2200 FNL 1000 FEL; 9 miles SE of Malaga; Rot 8000 Bone Spring; API #30-015-38388

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State HH Com #5
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South House; T20S, R38E, Sec 13; 990 FNL 480 FWL; 2 miles SE of Nadine; Rot 7400 Drinkard; API #30-025-40019

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Blinebry; T20S, R38E, Sec 14; 2310 FSL 330 FEL; 2 miles S of Nadine; Rot 7400 Drinkard; API #30-025-40020

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Thistle Unit #20
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Toyota, Alderson latest dealerships to make Loop 250 or 191 new home

By Katie Schneider
MRT Correspondent

While Wall Street has long been home to Midland car dealerships of all stripes — new and used, manufacturer franchises and independent outfits — as Midland's retail growth is increasingly concentrated along Loop 250 and Andrews Highway, the landscape for large, franchised dealerships is gradually shifting to this area as well.

Currently, 20 car dealerships are situated along the Wall Street corridor, ranging from the large-scale, full-service dealerships, such as All American Chevrolet and Rogers Ford, to the smaller, used-car dealerships, such as Integrity Auto Sales and Golden Eagle Motors.

However, two of these dealerships — Toyota of Midland and Alderson Auto Group — are in the process of building new facilities that will mean both will depart from their Wall Street locations. Already, Nissan of Midland and Mazda of Midland have found new homes on Loop 250, and BMW of the Permian Basin has set up shop on Andrews Highway, next to Clear Springs Café.

While following the city's retail growth may seem like the most obvious reason for these dealerships to shift locales, that's only part of the reason. Land availability played a significant role in the decision process for Alderson, Toyota and Nissan's moves, all of which, while on Wall Street, have housed their new and used vehicles in separate facilities due to size constraints.

Michael Fisher, general manager of Toyota of Midland, said that it makes business sense to consolidate into one facility; it's simply not an option on Wall Street. Toyota's two Wall Street locations encompass approximately 17,000 square feet; its new facility will be more than 38,000 square feet. "Building a store from the ground up -- doing it on Wall Street would just hamper us right now." And that was the dominant factor in deciding to build a facility on Loop 250, which is scheduled to open in the spring of 2012.

"There was some conversation and a look at remodeling this facility," he said. "There's several reasons to it. First off, we needed more space. Right now, for what we're selling now and what we're expecting to sell in the future, we have to have more space."

And for Toyota of Midland, more than needing additional inventory space, Fisher said the dealership's service department played a larger role in the need for expansion, driven by Toyota's maintenance program called Toyota Care, which provides free vehicle servicing for up to two years or 25,000 miles.

"We've got to be able to handle the increased business," he said. "Our RO (repair orders) account has almost doubled in the past year, and we're expecting it to grow. We're outgrowing the facility, and we need a new one."

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Thumbs up for local economy in 2011

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Economies at all geographic levels — national, state and local — experience cycles of growth and decline, and the net result is usually economic growth and expansion over the long-term course of those cycles.

The Midland-Odessa economy is no exception to that rule, and in fact, is the steroidal embodiment of that rule, as is typical of resource-based economies like the oil and gas economy of the Permian Basin.

The Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index has documented three such complete cycles over the course of its 15-year history and is presently in the process of chronicling the growth stage of the fourth. The MOREI is simply an analytical device for tracking growth rates and economic cycles in the combined Midland-Odessa general economy, underwritten by the Midland Development Corp. and Security Bank of Midland and Odessa and presented in partnership with the Reporter-Telegram.

Predicting the short-term economic future has everything to do with understanding the short-term economic past and realizing just where the economy is in the cyclical process. The Midland-Odessa economy is about a year into a new round of growth on the heels of a deep, 14-month recession during which aggregate economic activity as measured by the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index declined by about 18 percent. Locally, the recession came to an end in February 2010, and since that time the local metro area economy has grown steadily and continues to enjoy the much coveted v-shaped recovery, adding more than 7 percent to the index since its trough in February 2010.

Even at that, the economy has yet to reach its pre-recession levels of activity; at the current rate of recovery, the return to that pinnacle is well into 2012. But it certainly appears at this point that 2011 will be a year of continued recovery and economic growth in Midland-Odessa and the Permian Basin. And there is every reason to believe that growth will continue into 2012, and that aggregate local economic activity will surpass its prior peak level and move on into record territory once again.

The reasons for these optimistic expecta-

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David Alderson, owner of Alderson Auto Group, also said the space to consolidate new and pre-owned cars into the same facility influenced the decision to move. The new facility, which is scheduled for completion June 30 and also will be located near Clear Springs Café on Andrews Highway, will be a 25,000 square-foot facility (compared to the 15,000 combined square feet of Alderson's two current locations — one on Wall Street and one on North Midkiff). However, from the time that Alderson came to Midland in December of 2006, its locations were considered temporary.

"We leased the facilities that the Britt family had there at West Wall and Midkiff. Our plan all along was to build a new dealership. We bought the land out there nearly 1 1/2 years ago," Alderson said. "Location is important, but we're pretty handicapped right now just with size. To have more inventory on display will be the biggest benefit that we'll have. Our visibility will be much improved."

Charles Baker, general manager of Nissan of Midland, which relocated from Wall Street to Loop 250 in 2008, explains an increased lot size and one single facility improves customer service.

"The ultimate is to be able to take care of our customers better," Baker said, noting the service building previously on Wall Street was very small. "It's considerably larger," he said of the Loop 250 location. "We have more cars for display. Our shop's a lot bigger. We can get a lot more cars and vehicles in the shop and get them serviced at a faster rate. There are simply more amenities available."

But while size logistics were crucial in the decision process, all three agreed that location was also an important consideration.

"We're in retail," Alderson said. "Anytime you look at a dealership, you look at where retail growth is. You have the sports complex, all the restaurants. That area is where everyone is moving. It was not a matter of, we don't want to be downtown. It was the best place for consumers and shopping and getting enough land to do what we needed to do."

Baker said Nissan had a large voice in where the Midland franchise relocated to, and building a new facility was part of the agreement with Nissan when the franchise was purchased.

"Anytime they bring in a new franchise owner, Nissan wants to upgrade their image. They're wanting you to build a new franchise to their specs," Baker said. "It's a better part of town, and just, on the loop you'll have more drive-by traffic than what you'll have on Wall Street."

Fisher agreed Toyota played a role in its new facility as well.

"Obviously it's their product," he said of Toyota. "They want to be sure the products can be displayed in a way that meets their standards. They want to be sure we're branding the facility and coordinating the facility with their standards. Most manufacturers do that — they have an image or a brand they want us to abide by."

But not every dealership in town is convinced that moving away from Wall Street is the best business choice.

Doss Rogers, second-generation owner of Rogers Ford, which has been in business since 1964 and in its present location since 1966, has ample reasons for staying put.

"I wouldn't move at all," he said. "I've kind of looked at it," he admits, but said there are simply no compelling reasons at present to give it serious thought.

"We've remodeled several times and enlarged," he said. "It's not the same building as it used to be. If you looked at the building then, you wouldn't even recognize it."

Rogers said his dealership just completed a 40 percent expansion of its service department and undergoes a few designated renovation projects each year to keep the facility clean and updated, which, he emphasizes, is considerably less expensive than building a new facility on a new piece of land. He estimates that such a move would quadruple the dealership's overhead costs.

"Anytime you raise your overhead by building a multi-million dollar facility, you have to pass that on," he said. "Just like anything, it gets passed through to the customer." Keeping Rogers Ford's overhead lower means his customers will pay less.

Rogers also said keeping control over his facility's costs will bolster the dealership's long-term viability.

"Midland's economy is good right now," he said, while quickly adding that it could change based on the energy industry's trends. "We're all in the oil business in Midland, Texas. Do you want to raise your overhead and raise your price over something you can't control? I don't."

He said his lower-cost strategy prevented the dealership from laying off workers during the economic downturn in 2008. "We've weathered a lot of storms, and Rogers Ford will be fine," he said. "That's why we've been here for 47 years."

He also said Midland is a small enough town that, no matter the location, all the dealerships are in a proximity to allow customers to easily shop around. He also is not convinced that a move to Loop 250 would generate more business.

"Some of the guys that have gone to the loop aren't selling any more," he said.

Baker agrees with that assessment, saying sales have not increased significantly since Nissan's move but attributes the problem to the broader economy.

"There's so many other factors other than your location," he said. "The whole industry has slowed down a bunch from what it was in 2006 and 2007. 2010 was better than 2009, and we expect 2011 to be better than 2010."

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tions are really pretty simple — the two most prominent and relevant external influences to the Midland-Odessa economy are expected to continue to improve in the coming year, thereby providing expansion stimulus to the local economy. These two influences — quite interconnected themselves — are the regional oil and gas economy and the general condition of the national economy.

The Texas economy and all of its metro area economies are much more connected to the broader national economy than they were in, say, the 1980s, and are therefore much more inclined to follow the economic trends at the national level. That means the state and local economies are very likely to enter into recession simply as a result of recession at the national level. It may take a while — Texas and its metro areas entered into recession almost a full year after the national economy — but it will happen.

While this largely holds true in Midland and the Permian Basin, the region remains unique in its connection to the oil and gas industry. In fact it is safe to say that the Midland-Odessa and Permian Basin economies are more connected to their base industry than perhaps any other metro area and region in the nation. Therefore, it remains possible for a dip in crude oil and natural gas prices to cause a regional recession when the state and national economies are in expansion. This was the case in 1998 and 1999. The US and Texas economies experienced recessions in 1991 and 2001; however, the Midland-Odessa economy suffered a severe downturn from mid-1998 through January 2000 entirely based on a sharp decline in crude oil prices and the resulting contraction in the regional oil and gas economy.

The response of the general metro and regional economies to the Permian Basin oil and gas economy is not difficult to understand given the realization that the Permian Basin economy is not simply heavily influenced by the oil and gas economy — it really is the oil and gas economy. Some very rudimentary calculations suggest that the regional oil and gas economy as a share of the Permian Basin total economy astoundingly may have surpassed 80 percent in 2008 before dropping to the low 70 percent range in 2009. The actual numbers may or may not be that high under a more thorough and complicated analysis, but the relationship between the oil and gas economy and the general economies of the Permian Basin and Midland-Odessa is extraordinary. It simply is not possible for cycles of expansion and contraction in the regional oil and gas economy to not result in a similar cyclical response in the general economies of the region and metro area.

Indeed, that is what happened in 2010 and what is likely to happen in 2011. Crude oil prices enjoyed a remarkable and surprising recovery in 2009 and 2010 after bottoming out in early 2009. The Permian Basin oil and gas exploration and production industry responded impressively, so much so that the regional rig count in 2010 actually surpassed the rig count in 2008 when prices were well above $100 a barrel, and the Permian Basin once again became the darling of the U.S. onshore domestic oil and gas industry. The impact to the local economy is evident, and quite simply, there is little sense that the regional industry will not remain strong in 2011.

An improving national economy in 2011 will do nothing but strengthen energy demand and provide upside support to prices for energy commodities. Therefore, under the supposition the national economy will continue to improve, crude oil prices will remain strong in 2010 (and that is the expectation), and natural gas prices may even improve modestly as well, all signs point to a growing economy in Midland and across the Permian Basin in 2011 and beyond.

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A for-sale sign sits on the front lawn at 2201 Hughes St in Midland. Inventory levels for homes are down to what they were at the close of 2008 and Realtors say that may be a continuing trend with oil activity up in the area.

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Housing market expected to follow oil industry activity

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

With rig counts on the rise, housing industry professionals say the level of building, home buying and renting is likely to follow this year.

And while real estate agents and home builders say they don't expect quite the housing market boom that occurred in 2008 when properties were difficult to come by, they do anticipate being busy in the coming months.

"We live and die by the price of oil," said Carol Fulfer at Darrell McDonald Realtors.

Already, apartment complexes were reporting in January an average occupancy rate of 97 percent, said Brent Lyday at the Permian Basin Apartment Association. During the same period in 2010, occupancy rates were at about 91 percent, which Lyday said is a more average level.

With the above-normal occupancy rates seen, monthly rental rates have followed. Several complexes reported their charges have increased from this time last year — some by as much as $100 or more. Rental prices from 2009 to 2010 actually dropped overall, Lyday said, leading some to offer move-in deals or other sales. In 2011, professionals said, those types of offers won't be nearly as common.

Home builders, too, say activity has been steady at the start of the year.

"There's been a large number of sales," said Billy Bassett, president of the Permian Basin Home Builders Association.

Bassett said they're seeing several buyers moving up from their previous home to another location in Midland. But, he said, builders also are working on a higher number of entry-level home contracts during the last 12 months than has been the case in previous years.

There were 394 building permits issued in Midland County during 2010, according to data from the Texas A&M Real Estate Center. That's up from 2009 when 330 permits were issued, but not quite to the level seen in 2007 and 2008 when 514 and 483 permits were issued, respectively.

Real estate agents said some clients looking for high-end homes are choosing to build because there's not much on the market in their range, which also should contribute to increased construction.

Home sales through 2010 were just slightly above 2009 with more than 1,4600 homes sold in 2010 compared with the about 1,450 sold in 2009, according to the Texas A&M Real Estate center. The median price of homes sold, though, reflected the upward trend of the economy, agents said. At $180,000, the median price of homes sold was up just more than 11 percent at the close of 2010 when compared with the previous year, according to statistics from Real Estate Center.

"The market here is very strong, it's very robust," said Damon Crelia, general manager at Coldwell Banker Covenant.

Inventory levels still were normal at the close of 2010 with just more than 700 homes listed in December down from the more than 800 that were listed for sale in the summer months, according to the Real Estate Center.

Larry Hatfield, past president of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors, had said he expects inventory levels to continue dropping as spring nears. If levels dip toward 350 or less, then home buyers may have to start scrambling to grab a home before the next offer comes in.

Fulfer said the first few months of the year typically are slow both for selling and purchasing. But, she said, as spring approaches, families will start looking to move since most prefer to sell and settle into their new home between the time school ends in May and begins again in August.

"I think we're going to have a really good year," she said. "Almost every person I've talked to in the oil industry, they're looking to hire more."

Crelia said particularly when compared with other markets in Texas, Midland continues and likely will continue to be strong.

In December, the average number of days it took a home to sell was 68, according to the Permian Basin Board of Realtors. Crelia and others said that likely will decrease as already buyers are finding they have to move swiftly if they want to close on their top home choice.

"The average days on market is extremely good as compared against any other market, especially in Texas," he said.

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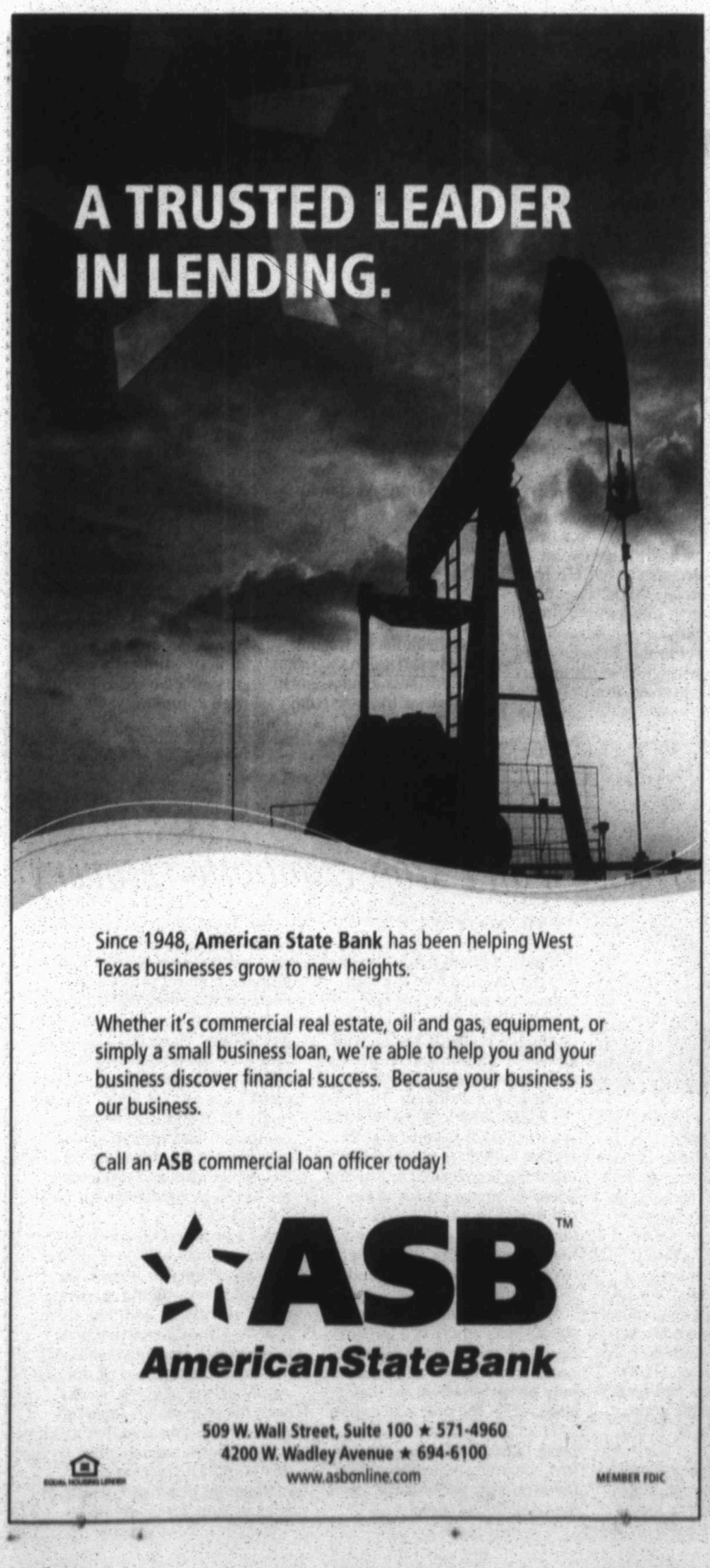

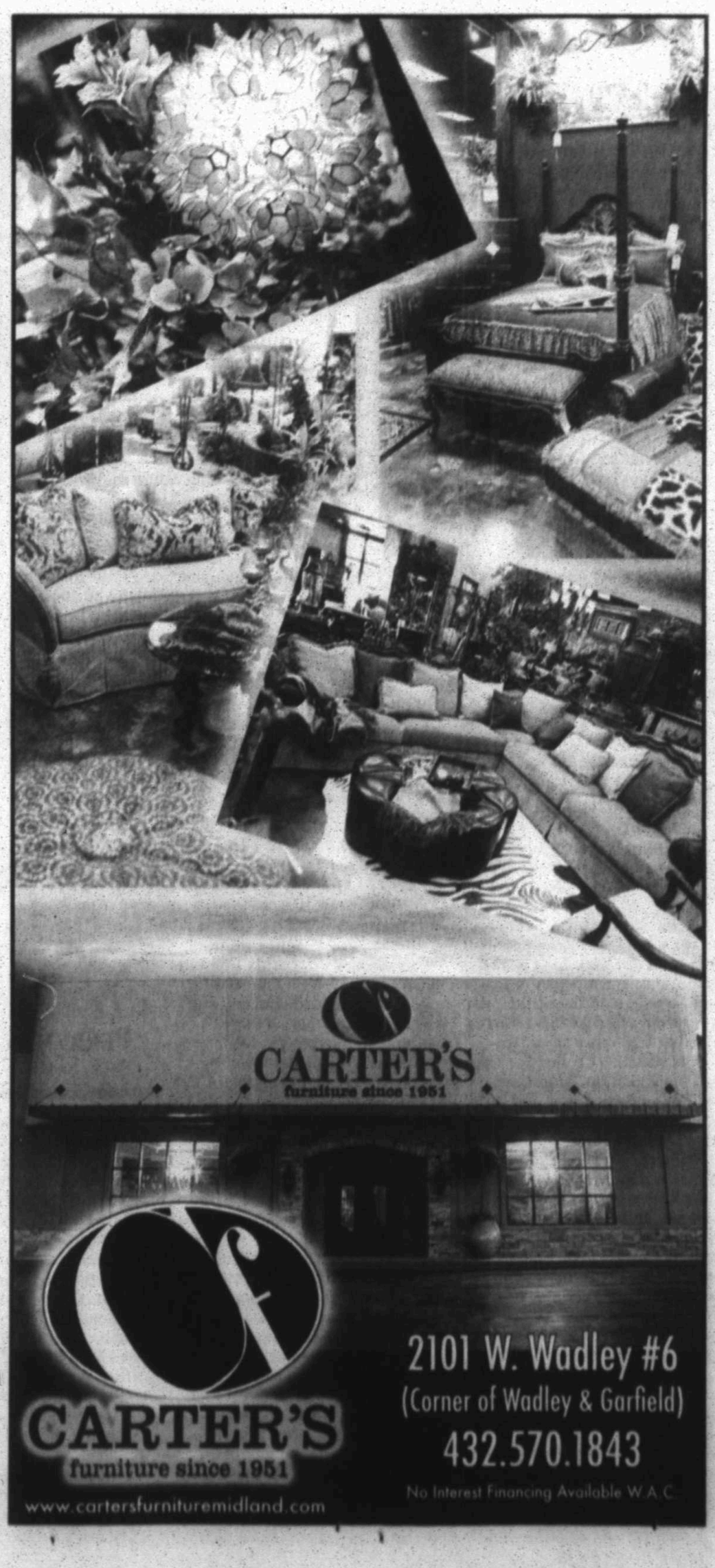

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191 DEVELOPMENT Highway 191, between Loop 260 and Highway 1788, is an up-and-coming hot spot for development.

Midland Development Corp. sees 2011 as year for growth

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

With the national economy starting to rebound from the recession, staff and board members with the Midland Development Corp. say their momentum is strong as they start the new year.

"I really believe by the end of 2011 we're really going to see companies looking at moving out here," said Robert Rendall, chairman of the board.

Rendall said MDC has its systems in place to make the right contacts with businesses and this year the board will look to see staff bringing companies to Midland for second and third visits in hopes of eventually brokering a deal.

"The infrastructure is in place," said vice chairman David Mims. "Our momentum is strong."

MDC President Mike Hatley said bringing new businesses to the area hinges, in large part, on the national economy. However, he said, knowing that, the board was able to invest in other areas during the downturn, such as the Garfield extension project and the water line extension along Highway 191. This year, he said, they should be in position to help facilitate more business development in Midland.

"Our national economy really drives economic development more than people think it does," he said. "We kind of run in cycles."

Rendall said in drawing businesses to the area, the MDC will focus on Midland's prime industry but also will work to diversify the region's economic base through things like manufacturing and aeronautical-type companies.

"We need to focus on what has been our bread and butter, which has been oil and gas," Rendall said.

In addition to that activity, Mims said he anticipates the need for parking will continue to be an issue they look at in the Central Business Development District or downtown.

Talks already have started about facilitating a parking study for the area and Mims said they know part of creating a place retail, entertainment and other businesses will look to go depends on having enough parking.

"That's where we keep coming back to; we need more parking," he said.

Rendall said the board and staff also will continue its focus on workforce development through partnerships with Midland College, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Texas Tech University.

Midland College, he said, has done a great job of working with the MDC to provide training needed to fill new jobs, which is something they want to continue. He said they also will focus on relationships with UTPB and Texas Tech, particularly with the e ngineering program at UTPB.

"Of course with the budget cuts we hope that doesn't go away," Rendall said. "I think we've worried about it because it's just getting off the floor."

All three said they see Highway 191 as being a major location of future development. MDC agreed in late 2010 to fund up to $6 million in costs to install a city water line along 191. The city then will fund the about $6 million needed to add sewer lines.

Interest already is forming from companies considering the area. Rendall said with it being one of the few places a business can have quick access to an airport, interstate and railroad, it's a prime location.

"In an organization like this, you stand on the shoulders of the people who went before you," Mims said. "I think our momentum is strong."

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MDC's investment in Midland has brought back considerable returns

■ Even as the development corporation looks to the future, it is necessary to see how the city has benefited from the MDC after nearly a decade.

ROBERT RENDALL
Midland Development Corp. Board Chairman

Outlook. Field of View. Vista. Prospect. Compass. All words that describe the theme or focus of the Midland Reporter-Telegram's news supplement "Horizons." Coincidentally enough, these are words that also may describe the role the Midland Development Corp. (MDC) plays for our community.

However, before we look into the future, let's spend just a few moments reflecting on the nine years of MDC. Created in 2002, MDC goals are simplistic in theory, yet can become cumbersome in execution:

■ keep existing jobs and businesses in Midland,

■ foster the expansion of existing Midland businesses,

■ attract target industries and businesses to Midland,

■ provide long-term employment opportunities for Midlanders,

■ promote and develop industrial and manufacturing enterprises in order to reduce unemployment and underemployment,

■ promote and encourage employment and the public welfare of, for, and on behalf of the city of Midland, and

■ develop areas of the city of Midland that meet the city's development objectives.

In the last nine years, MDC has made sizable contributions to the retention and growth of new jobs in Midland, starting with the creation of 792 jobs in nine years. Utilizing the state of Texas' average wage of $35,658, these 792 jobs mean $28.24 million in new wages for Midland. The combined nine years of payroll and other capital expenditures made by corporations incentivized by MDC prove to be a healthy investment for our community. To put it simply, the return on investment is $14.83 per every single dollar spent via the MDC incentive.

The attraction of new industry and expansion of existing Midland businesses is what seems to be the primary inquiry of activity for MDC. The business' names — both new and not-so-new — MDC has worked closely with in terms of expansion or relocation reads like a who's who of Midland: Sentry, BCCK Engineering, Natural Gas Services, Trace Engines, Apache Corp., Fiber Composite.

Though MDC's role in the community is somewhat different than the day-to-day responsibilities of city hall, we do work closely with the overall objectives of our elected officials. MDC's contribution to the Garfield Street extension and the commitment to infrastructure and construction at the airport are primary illustrations of encouraging development — though perhaps in their infancy stages, all for the betterment of Midland and its future generations.

Back to our focus: the outlook, vista, horizon.

As West Texas crude oil approaches a $100 barrel mark again, the MDC's role becomes even more critical: diversifying our economy while retaining and creating employment opportunities for Midland and the region.

Because of Midland's strong work ethic, and our West Texas values, coupled with MDC's strong presence in select industry association the last 36 months, we — Midland, the Permian Basin, West Texas — have been on the short list of several opportunities. And, as recent as last year, that "short list" has catapulted Midland, via the MDC, to the radar for business expansions in industries like wind and renewable energy; aviation and aerospace; health care; education; and commercial real estate development.

MDC's effective stewardship of sales tax revenue to efficiently grow Midland's economic stability and the quality of life is the cornerstone of all our actions. While not an "overnight" process, this model of economic development is more similar to a marathon rather than a sprint.

We will continue to grow Midland through the cultivation of key business relationships, including our relationship with you, a member of this vibrant community. This investment in our future requires deliberate action, a steady hand, consistency, planning and execution, all possible through the common-sense utilization of Midland's many resources of partnership and community.

THE ECONOMIST

Middle East turmoil will shake up markets, won't stop economic recovery

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As the Mideast conflict continues to spread, economies around the world are beginning to feel the fallout. What began in Egypt and Tunisia with long-time rulers forced out of office has now rippled out into other areas. In Libya, protesters called for Gadhafi's resignation. Moroccans seek more democracy, and, in Yemen, the president is also under pressure to step down. Bahrain remains in turmoil after police violently quelled protests.

As violence escalates and becomes more widespread, oil prices have surged, approaching $100 per barrel (as we go to press). Libya was the first notable supplier country to see major protests; crude prices could go even higher if problems spread to other oil-rich areas.

Fear of future supply problems caused traders to bid up prices. Libya is the world's 18th largest oil producer (2 percent of the world total) and controls substantial reserves. While Egypt is not a large producer, it controls important points of export from the region.

In the U.S., gasoline prices were already up sharply to multi-year highs even though supplies were growing and demand was weak. While other, domestic constraints in moving gas from refineries to markets were the primary reason, the uptick in crude prices will certainly work to push them upward.

One of the most damaging aspects of this situation is that it will tend to cause inflation. Oil and gasoline are primary inputs to a number of industries. Petroleum products are used for goods ranging from paints to fertilizers to plastics. Higher fuel prices affect the cost of transportation, pushing up expenses and adding to inflationary pressures.

A primary method used by the Federal Reserve to deal with inflation is to shift interest rates higher. This would act to cool the economy. As interest rates rise, business investment and consumption slow. While staving off inflation is an important goal, the U.S. economy needs little cooling when momentum is just beginning to really grow.

Uncertainty is the bane of markets and decisionmakers. As I write this, the stock market is in the midst of a notable retrenching, though good news about consumer sentiment helped it recover some of the losses. Investors large and small are taking note and feeling less confident as they watch portfolio values take a hit. Decisionmakers in offices across the nation are listening to news reports and feeling more uncomfortable about extending themselves by hiring or spending.

Nonetheless, it is important to keep the current situation in perspective. If you look at a list of the top countries the U.S. imports oil from, the first two (Canada at about 2.5 million barrels per day and Mexico with almost 1.4 million) are far removed from the violence. Next on the list is Saudi Arabia with about 1.1 million barrels per day, and other Mideast and African countries are in the top 10. Even so, South American nations, Russia, the Virgin Islands, and the United Kingdom appear. New technologies are also improving domestic prospects for exploration and production. The bottom line is that a supply shock would certainly be damaging, but over time, markets could and would adjust.

While civil unrest can interrupt supply lines, there is a huge financial incentive for governments in power — whoever they may be — to sell oil. In many areas, oil is the only real export product and one of a few ways to bring in hard currency. Nonetheless, uncertainty is difficult for the economy, particularly given the recent downturn.

For Texas, high oil prices bring some offsetting benefits. However, these are no longer sufficient to make high oil prices good news for the entire state, though it does boost certain regions and government budgets. (This situation is in sharp contrast to the 1970s, when the national "energy crisis" was an "oil boom" for virtually all of Texas.) For some companies and some regions, which are more driven by oil and gas exploration and production, the unrest is good news for business activity.

As it becomes clearer how these conflicts will be resolved and uncertainty decreases, the U.S. economy should react relatively quickly. In addition, there is always the chance that new regimes will be more stable and democratic than those of the past. All in all, the next few weeks have the potential to shake up markets and investors, but an all-out meltdown appears unlikely at this point. The recovery's momentum is strong enough to keep it from being stopped.

MATTER OF CONVENIENCE

Online elements allow customers to be as efficient as they choose

By Kay Crites
MRT Correspondent

MRT file photo

Love it or hate it, there's no doubt that technology has forever changed the face of banking. Gone are the days of waiting for copies of checks to arrive in the mail in order to balance the checkbook and determine the state of a checking account. Today, with a few clicks of the mouse, bank customers can — almost instantly — know where they stand with their savings or checking account. They also can track loan payments and pay bills.

From the banking industry's point of view, the changes brought about by technology appear to be positive.

"Technology is a wonderful thing," said American State Bank Marketing President Allen Pruitt, who believes that the speed and shortened response times allowed by online banking and the Internet are a definite improvement over the good old days.

"Fifteen years ago, I remember communicating with a business client, and I made a comment that one of these days you will be able to send me your financial information electronically," he said. "We both laughed. These days I get a lot of financial statements electronically. Technology has vastly improved banks' relationships with their customers.

"We can communicate better, and it allows us to be more responsive. Technology has been wonderful to allow the flow of financial information to be expanded. One of the most notable changes is that we seldom send letters. We use e-mail. If a customer needs money or needs to get an advance on a line of credit or if we're doing a construction loan, information can all be sent electronically."

Pruitt sees the immediacy of technology as a definite advantage.

"Customers can view their account activity online and know the status of their savings and checking accounts or their loan payment histories. They can view it immediately instead of calling or coming to the bank or waiting on the mail. The days of receiving your checks back in the mail are gone," he said. "Now I get a monthly listing and photocopy of my checks. If I want to view my bank accounts, I can go online and see my statement and know exactly where I stand.

"In summary, technology has improved the flow of business financial information and helped improve customer relationships with the bank through online capabilities that make the bank and the customer more efficient than ever."

Wells Fargo Community Banking President David O'Neil also believes technology has changed the face of banking.

"I think technology has changed the personal relationship banks used to have with their customers. Customers can choose how they want to interact with their bank. They can pick up the phone and call. They can use the Internet, or they can get in their vehicle and drive to the bank's office. Banking today is much more efficient; it's good in that aspect. We stay in touch with our clients through a number of technologies."

O'Neil said a number of effective business applications now are available through online technology to streamline and speed banking for companies.

"There are things like treasury management features that are really great, from a fraud prevention perspective. If you have checks in a certain range coming through the bank, and a check shows up that is out of sequence, the computer will kick it out for your review. This helps prevent someone from forging a check from the back of the checkbook, in the hope that you won't notice it missing. It helps save money. There are lots of little products and features that banks have now that really enhance banking for small businesses."

John West, president and chief operating officer for Community National Bank, believes banking has become more of a commodity than it used to be.

"The determining factors for banks used to be such things as the friendliness of tellers, convenience of the bank office or the ambiance of that office. Now, it's your website and Internet banking and how convenient it makes it for a customer. You'll probably have to go into the bank to open an account, but after that, you may never have to see someone at the bank again. Even if you're in Indiana, you can be a customer of a bank in Midland.

"In many ways, it has made banking a lot more convenient for customers, and in many ways, it's more difficult for banks to compete because we all have the same technologies," West said. "That's leveled the playing field between us and the really big, worldwide banks."

The critical factor in technology is keeping staff who are aware of, and who stay on top of, the current trends in technology, West said.

"You don't want to be on the leading edge, but you don't want to be a laggard, either," he said.

Bucking the national trend, banks have money to lend businesses

By Kay Crites
MRT Correspondent

The sub-prime market crash two years ago continues to affect businesses nationwide as they try to find financing, and while a strong regional economy has helped, there still are difficulties for the smallest and start-up companies.

"It's obviously more difficult that it was up to 2008," said David O'Neil, Wells Fargo Community Banking president for Midland and Odessa. "Most banks have taken a good, hard look at their loan guidelines and policies, and in a lot of cases have tightened those up some.

"However, we've always been pretty conservative on what we look for. We're the No. 1 small business lender in the United States. Last year we did significantly more loans than we did in 2009. While my perception is that it's very difficult to get loans in other parts of the country, the good news is that, locally, there's money out there."

John West, president and chief operating officer for Community National Bank, agreed the local economy is a definite factor in loan availability for businesses.

"It's not more difficult for business in our market to get credit. Our market was not harmed in the financial debacle like other markets, so we didn't get into having to become more conservative in our lending. If you're a bank in Florida, you may not be able to make any loans at all because of your bank's financial condition, but if you're a bank in Midland, you have not experienced that financial reversal," West said.

"We're in a bubble out here. In many ways, we are different from the rest of the world, because the rest of the world needs our oil and gas. It's a good position to be in right now," he said.

Allen Pruitt, marketing president for American State Bank, echoed the thoughts of O'Neil and West, as regards to the economy.

"In Midland, Texas, right now, we are in a fortunate situation. Our economy is strong. Oil and gas are strong. For the most part, these area banks in Midland have a lot of capacity to lend, where banks in other parts of the country got caught up in the sub-prime market. We manage our deposits to where we are only lending 50 to 60 percent, so we don't get overextended," he said.

But even with a strong economy, Pruitt said the smaller businesses and start-up companies might find it more difficult to obtain credit.

"Real small and start-up companies can be difficult (to obtain loan approval for) because of limited capacity to borrow. Smaller means they have less capitalization in their company, and in many cases, people try to start a business with not much of their own money invested," Pruitt said. "They're looking to banks to be the major funding source for their operation. Those companies may find it difficult to get a loan without some type of enhancements," which can include things like Small Business Association loan programs.

Enrique Romero, director of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Small Business Development Center, concurred.

"I have banks tell me, 'don't send me anything that's a start-up or anything that hasn't been in business for at least 10 years.' The banks are lending, but the criteria are a lot tougher than even two to three years ago."

However, there are steps a business owner, or potential owner, can do to improve the odds, Romero said.

"The No. 1 thing to do is establish a relationship with a business or commercial banker. Sit down, tell them about your idea and your plans. I had someone tell me once, 'but I don't have a business plan.' You don't have to have a business plan to have a conversation," he said.

Romero said having a mortgage or loan through a bank isn't the same as having a relationship with a commercial lender.

The second step a business owner should take is to understand their credit.

"I tell everyone they should have a credit score of at least 670 to start. If you don't, but you know why and can explain why your score is below that, that may help," Romero said. "They need to understand where that score came from."

The third step is to understand

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"We deal a lot with rotting brick," says George Rood, owner of George Rood Masonry. "All around Odessa, people have problems with it. By the time they finally realize it, the problem has been going on for 10 years." Frequently, homeowners won't notice areas of rotting brick until they try to sell the house. Then, when the damage is noticed, the real estate agent often recommends that the homeowner call George Rood. However, George says, there is good reason to repair the damage now - long before you try sell the home.

Rotting areas of brick can cause a loss of heating and cooling

"The rotting areas of the brick can cause a loss of heating or cooling," George says. "Holding down energy use, lowering your utility bills and keeping your house comfortable are good reason to keep your brickwork in repair." Often the repair costs less and takes less time than the customer imagined.

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George can usually be found working right alongside his crew. Often, he is the only bricklayer on the project. "If I'm right there, I can be sure the job will be done right," he says.

George has been repairing brickwork and building fences for 43 years, 30 of those years in this area. Many years ago, George started a trend in fence building that has kept up till this day . Columns built into the fences about every 20 feet ensure fences that are strong, sturdy and built to last. "Before I came here and started doing it, no one had really used columns before," George says. "The columns keep the fences from cracking and falling over."

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Scams sure to continue even during the good economic times

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The economy seems to be on the rebound. The national unemployment rate dropped to 9 percent in January, the lowest it's been in two years. January sales tax revenues were higher compared to last year. While a poor economy seems to bring out the worst in people, scam artists don't stop working just because things are looking up.

The Better Business Bureau tends to see many of the same scams repeated year-to-year. Sometimes they are altered a little, but the end result is still the same. The consumer loses. Whether it is money or time or some of their sanity, they still lose.

Following, in no particular order, is BBB's list of top scams and rip-offs in 2010. Be vigilant. Do your research. You just might see the end of 2011 without being one of the statistics in these infamous scams.

■ Job hunter scams

Scams targeting job hunters vary and include attempts to gain access to personal information such as bank account or Social Security numbers and requirements to pay a fee in order to even be considered for the job.

■ Debt relief and settlement services

Seriously consider third-party assistance for getting out of debt. These companies often require upfront fees and potentially leave the consumer drowning in even more debt.

■ Work-from-home schemes

Some work-from-home schemes promise to teach the secrets to making money online. Others claim you can make money assembling items at home or get paid to be a mystery shopper. Some victims even found that their opportunity to work from home was a job to fence stolen goods. The end result is that instead of getting paid, you can end up losing hundreds — if not thousands — of dollars.

■ Timeshare resellers

Timeshare owners who are desperate to get rid of their costly vacation property are being targeted by companies that claim they have an eager buyer. The company tells the seller they have to pay up to several thousand dollars to cover fees. After paying the fees, the seller never hears from the company again.

■ Not so "free" trial offers

Misleading free trial offers online for diet supplements, penny auctions and money-making schemes blanket the Internet, resulting in thousands of complaints ever year. The free trial offers seem no-risk, but complainants state they were repeatedly billed every month and found it extremely difficult to cancel.

■ Itinerant home repair/roofers

BBBs across the country received complaints from consumers who answered a knock from a salesman or itinerant worker who eventually failed to deliver on promises to fix their roof or conduct other work to the home.

■ Lottery and sweepstakes scams

The victim receives a letter in the mail or phone call from someone pretending to be with Reader's Digest, Publisher's Clearing House or a phony foreign lottery. The scammer claims the victim has won millions, but must first wire hundreds or even thousands of dollars back to the scammers to cover taxes or some other bogus fee. The victim wires the money, but the prize never arrives.

■ Identity theft

There are any number of ways a person can become a victim of identity theft. Through low-tech theft, phishing e-mails, vishing phone calls, smishing text messages, or even through no fault of your own as the result of a corporate data breach, millions fall victim to identity theft every year.

■ Advance fee loan scams

A perennial problem, advance fee loan scams prey on consumers and business owners who are struggling financially. Victims are told they qualify for large loans, but must pay upfront fees. The victim wires money to the scammers, but never receives the loan.

■ Over-payment scams

Over-payment scams typically target small business owners, landlords or individuals with rooms to rent and sellers on classifieds or sites like Craigslist. The scammers overpay the amount for the services or products and then ask the victim to wire the extra amount back to them or to another fraudulent entity. Ultimately though, the check is forged and the victim is out the money wired back to the scammers.

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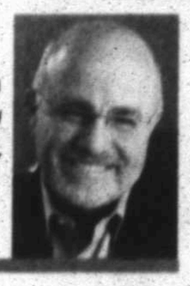
the banker.

"After what happened a couple of years ago, bankers want to feel confident in the loans they are making," he said. "They want to see that you have — what they call — skin in the game. They want to see that you have equity in your business, and today that number is 20 percent. If you want a loan of $10,000, you need to have $2,000. This tells them you're serious. Bankers also want to see collateral to mitigate their risk.

"If you understand your credit, develop a relationship with the banker and know what bankers expect, you'll get a much different reaction. There's still no guarantee of obtaining credit, but when a business owner's prepared, it helps the banker feel more confident."

DAVE SAYS

Take care of own debt before saving up for dad's retirement



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
I'm single, and I make about $70,000 a year. I've been able to set aside a nice bit of money in savings, and I'm paying off my student loans and car payment. One student loan is $4,000, the other is $30,000, and my car note is $21,000. Since I'm on the right track now, should I save up some for my dad's retirement? He's getting older, and he's horrible with money.

Colby

Dear Colby,

Right now, you need to be getting out of debt, saving and building wealth for you. As you do this you can choose to use some of your money to help family, friends or your community, if you want. But just because you're headed in the right direction, and being responsible with your money, is no reason to set up a "my dad's an idiot with money" account.

In your situation, you need to be working the debt snowball. List your debts — and it'll be easy because there are only three of them — from smallest to largest. For you, this means you'll make minimum payments on the car and the big student loan while you attack the $4,000 loan with a vengeance. Scrape together every penny you can to throw at that thing, and once it's paid off, take the money you were putting toward it, plus any other you can scrounge up, and knock that car out.

It may take you a couple of years of rolling up your sleeves and really attacking these things, but you can do it!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm 58, my kids are all out on their own, and I rent a great little apartment. It's a perfect setup for me, because I travel quite a bit. However, I've had several people tell me I should really look into buying a house. I've saved about $450,000, I make $90,000 a year, and my rent is $1,100 a month. So, I guess I'm looking for validation. Is it OK for me to continue being a renter?

Alan

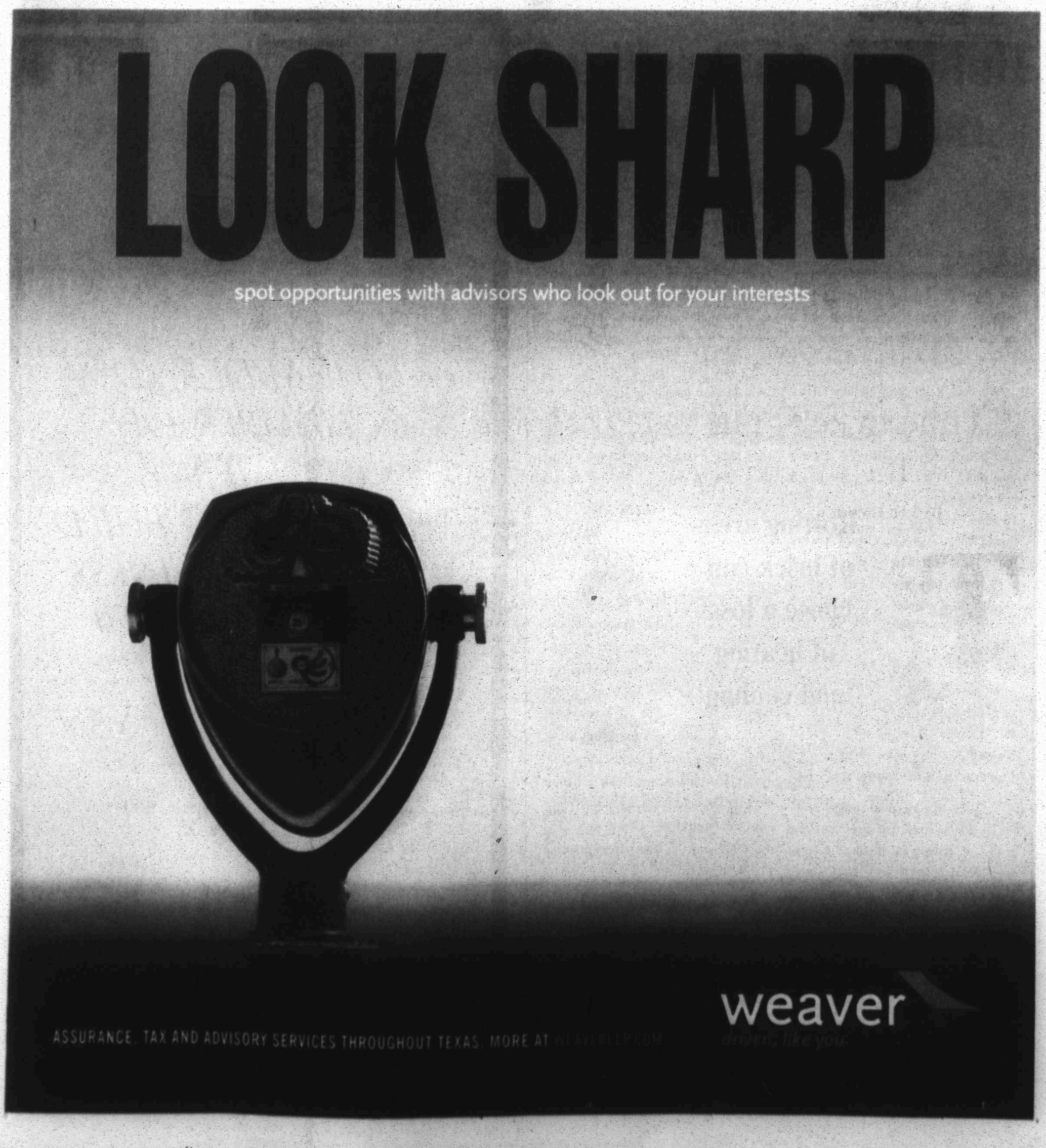
Dear Alan,

I think it depends a lot on the ratio of rent to wealth. By this, I mean if the rent isn't much compared to the size of your income and nest egg, then I'd say keep the apartment. It's not doing you any real financial damage, plus you still have the ability to invest in things other than a personal residence.

Now, if you're not doing any other investing because your income is being eaten up by rent, then apartment living starts to become a bad idea pretty fast. But the only real downside, long term, is that market rents will go up eventually. If they rise faster than your income, then you could lose control of that part of your life. Or what if the current owners sell the building, and the new management jacks up the rent? Then, you'd need to look into buying something so you could regain control of all that.

Still, if I'm in your situation, with your lifestyle and having piles of cash saved up, I'd stay put. It sounds to me like you've got a pretty sweet situation, Alan. But if things get sassy instead of sweet, you'll be forced to revisit this issue.

—Dave



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Time to celebrate two weekends when Midland becomes the mecca for high school sports in West Texas

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

There officially has never been a name created for the two weekends in late winter when high school athletes, fans and parents from across Texas congregate in Midland.

But for those two weekends (Feb. 24-26 and March 3-5), Midland puts its best foot forward in hosting high school and junior college sporting events that touch all corners of the city.

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"There are always big weekends every year, and in all honesty we really kick in our spring sports around this time," said Christopher Havens, a covention sales manager for Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau. "For Midland, we are a great destination, and we have great facilities and we put a lot of focus on sports in general."

There are tournaments for baseball, softball, golf, tennis and basketball. This year, the calendar is a little more crowded with the addition of a high school track meet. And on top of that, high school soccer is in season, and junior college baseball and softball also are on the field.

Havens said many of each sport's booster clubs run the tournaments, and the city and chamber of commerce is limited as to what support they can give to each event because of University Interscholastic League rules.

But he said the city can help tournaments and teams with finding hotel rooms, and other things during this weekend.

"We assist and enhance any event that comes to town," Havens said.

On those two weekends, it's not uncommon to see more buses from various school districts in Texas in restaurant parking lots than regular cars, and hotel rooms are hard to come by.

Put all that together, and it's not only a chance for Midland to show off its athletic facilities but also is an economic bonanza for the city.

"I am amazed all the stuff that comes through Midland," Havens said.

Here's a brief look at each sports event coming to Midland during these two weekends:

Feb. 24

Junior College Basketball, Odessa College vs. Midland College: The Western Junior College Athletic Conference rivals meet for the final time this season.

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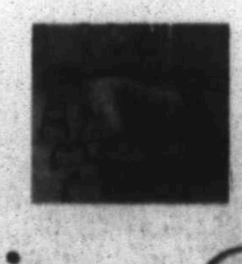

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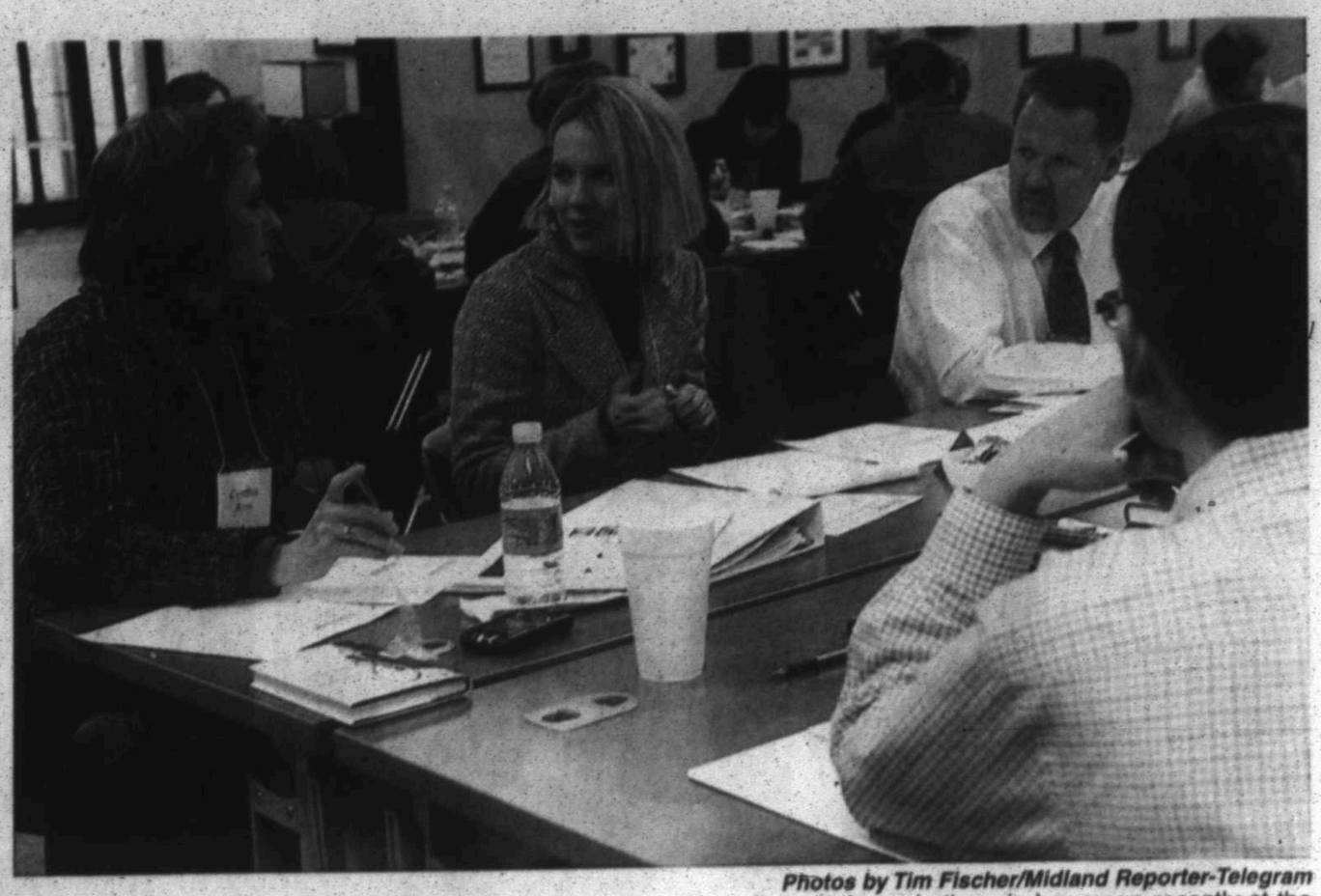

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Shawnna Boren, center in photo above, talks with Cynthia Rowe, Scott Hefty and others in her group recently at the Generations Program for nonprofit management. LEFT Alice Freidline, top center, with United Way, leads a training group for local area employees about volunteering.

Nonprofit Management Center offers valuable resource for local organizations

By Joan Huff
MRT Correspondent

Strategic planning, cutting costs and preparing for the future in times of recession can be problems faced by many nonprofit organizations. Midland and the surrounding areas are privileged to have a resource available at their fingertips that can help them.

The Nonprofit Management Center, located at 200 N. Loraine St., Suite 500, provides these organizations consulting and training to improve their capacity to serve. Initial consultations to assess an organization's needs and observation of a nonprofit's board meeting are two complementary services provided by the center. This assistance alone can prove invaluable when trying to determine areas of improvement.

Additional services such as start-up assistance, board training, planning, management review, executive director search, marketing, organizational development, accounting and auditing, examination of organization documents, training workshops and consultations for fund development are provided at a fee.

Laurie Johnson, associate director of the center, said, "Even with the recession, donors in this area continue to be generous to the nonprofit community of Midland and Odessa. We have seen an increase in counseling hours for new and existing partners of the center."

This could be attributed to those companies wishing to spend their dollars on training versus travel and those that realize the potential information and help available right here in Midland through the center. Since the increase in oil prices is fairly recent, the center has not yet felt an impact of those prices.

The center anticipates needs and issues facing nonprofit groups. One such topic is leadership. Since most of the Permian Basin's nonprofit executive directors are baby boomers, the center has realized that in time this group of individuals will be retiring. This will affect the leadership of nonprofit organizations. The Nonprofit Management Center has stepped in with a new program, "Executive Leadership Certification," that will help train individuals interested in taking on the challenge of working in the nonprofit area.

"This program helps train those looking for a role in nonprofit management and provides the skills necessary to help them become successful," Johnson said.

This is a series of nine full-day courses held on Fridays. Participants will receive a certificate in nonprofit management from the John Ben Shepherd Public Leadership Institute at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin upon completion of the course.

"Another popular program continues to be 'Generations, Past, Present and Future,'" Johnson added. This training seminar helps equip individuals with the skills needed to serve the nonprofit community effectively. Board governance, human resource management, fundraising, mission and program issues are just a few of the topics discussed.

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> —LAURIE JOHNSON
> associated director of Nonprofit Management Center

Nonprofit organizations have the opportunity to become "center partners" by paying a yearly fee. As a partner, nonprofits become part of the work of the Nonprofit Management Center. There are a myriad of advantages in partner membership such as participation in bi-monthly luncheons with other center partners, obtaining discounts for consulting and training, discounts for workshops and seminars as well as receiving informational e-mails pertaining to nonprofit managers.

One of the center's partners is the United Way of Midland. Executive Director Cindy Benson said, "The Nonprofit Management Center has been a great strategic partner for us and we are fortunate to have such a high-caliber facility available to us in this area. We receive applications from many organizations for funding and identify the needs of these applicants whether it is in fundraising or board development. If the United Way feels they meet a need of the community, we will offer them a grant. Then, we contract with the Nonprofit Management Center to help the organization with their marketing and development."

The center also has helped the United Way as they have gone through their strategic planning process for the future. The United Way and the center co-chaired the Introspective Community Needs Assessment, which analyzed government, churches, schools and the city to determine health and human service needs for Midland. They teamed up to identify the most pressing requests and then prioritized them and brought groups together that could meet those needs. This helps put money where it can make the largest impact.

Donations to the United Way have been down about 10 percent as an increase in numbers of nonprofits vie for dollars donated to organizations. "The United Way is looking at it in their strategic plan and is finding positive solutions to maximize resources in the community," Benson said.

Bynum School Executive Director Molly Wallace had been on various boards before, but she had never run a nonprofit organization.

"I think the Nonprofit Management Center is wonderful. They gave support in order to learn what is needed to do a good job and were available for questions at any time."

As a center partner, Wallace thinks they obtain invaluable information at training sessions and seminars held by the center as well as board development and strategic planning. "They are helping us as we kick off our capital campaign and providing us their expertise in getting it started."

Donations to Bynum decreased during the recession, Wallace said, "There is no better place to have a nonprofit than in the Permian Basin. This community helps nonprofits and step up to assist when needed. Not only do they give money, but time and effort," she said.

Mission Center Adult Day-Care also has used the expertise offered by the Nonprofit Management Center in numerous ways, said Executive Director Michelle Seghier, "We have used their training for our board in addition to strategic planning, marketing provisions, lunch and learns, conferences, workshops and help with fundraising. They have assisted us as we develop and grow and have expanded their services each year with the number of programs they offer to nonprofits."

As far as the recession affecting Mission Center, Seghier said, "Overall, we are very blessed because Midland is a giving community and continues to support us."

For more information, the Nonprofit Management Center can be reached at 432-570-7971, 866-682-4704 (toll free) or by visiting www.nmc-pb.org. To become a Center Partner, click on the link at the website to complete the application form.

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Nate Smith pumps his fist after making a 35 foot birdie putt on the 18th to seal his victory at last year's Nationwide Tour Western National Bank Golf Classic with a -18 final total.

A feather in Midland's cap...

Nationwide Tour celebrates 20th year in Permian Basin

■ Organizers hope Midlanders will take advantage and embrace the golf's next great stars.

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

It might be the best-kept sporting secret in the Permian Basin.

Each year professional golfers on the Nationwide Tour make their way to Midland Country Club to compete in the annual Western National Bank Golf Classic.

Players from this tournament, which dates back to 1992, have gone on to win PGA Tour events year after year, and one of the tournament's former winners is Andrews native Chad Campbell.

This year's tournament, scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 2, will be its 20th version, and as it ends its second decade both organizers and officials are hoping to figure out a way to connect more to the local community.

"The biggest deal is that for some reason or another, we haven't connected with the Permian Basin golfing community," said tournament director Scotty Niemann, who is in his ninth year heading up organizing the annual tournament. "They can come out and watch these guys who go on to become stars on the PGA Tour. The main thing is the more people we get out, the easier it is to fill our pro-am and get other sponsorships, and raise money for charity."

Midland is the lone Nationwide Tour stop in Texas, one more sports business feather for the Tall City. The sports landscape in Midland includes Double-A baseball, developmental league soccer, junior college and high school sports. Include Odessa and sports fans also can watch professional hockey and indoor football.

Contributing to charities is a big part of having a PGA Tour event, and the tournament has made an impact on the community, donating more than $1 million to local charities through the years.

But both Niemann and PGA Tour officials continually are surprised at how hard it's been for the tournament to garner crowds.

The tour players are more accessible at Nationwide Tour events and are considered the golf's up-and-coming stars. Players will give away dozens of signed golf balls to any children who are around on the 18th green. Plus, tour officials and players rave about the hospitality they receive each year from the tournament's staff.

And to top it off, the Midland Country Club course is considered one of the best layouts on the Nationwide Tour, where golfers come off raving about it when they play in any type of weather West Texas can throw at them.

In recent years, tour officials have added ways to attract older fans by having a "Birdies for 30" promotion, where fans sitting on the No. 16 green would receive $1 beer for 30 minutes after a player cards a birdie, and by hosting live music after the event.

But some are left scratching their heads as to why more people aren't coming to the tournament.

"I think it really adds to the quality of life in Midland," said PGA Tour official Rich Pierson, who has served as the tour's advance official in Midland for nearly 20 years. "The problem that we have in Midland is trying to educate the golfing public, and just people in general, to come and enjoy how lucky they are to have this event here in Midland."

Pierson cited an example of seeing future stars such as Jhonattan Vegas, who won the PGA Tour's Bob Hope Classic in February. Last September, Vegas was competing in Midland in the WNB Golf Classic, and now he is in the PGA Tour's Fed Ex Cup points rubbing elbows with Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods.

"He was there for the whole week, and parents could've had their kids get his autograph and get right up there next to him and hung out with him," Pierson said. "Now, he's on national TV."

Pierson said the tour is more than willing to host local high school teams, and give them an "inside view" of life on the tour, and be able to meet with the golfers and officials.

Plus, he said most players are more than willing to sign autographs and chat with fans whenever they can during the week.

Niemann said the tour's economic impact is that it brings in a number of rules officials and caddies, along with the players, but he said he hopes people in Midland and around the Permian Basin will embrace what a unique event the tournament has become.

"It's something that the Midland community and Midland Country Club really take pride in hosting," Niemann said. "We are one of 29 events across the country."

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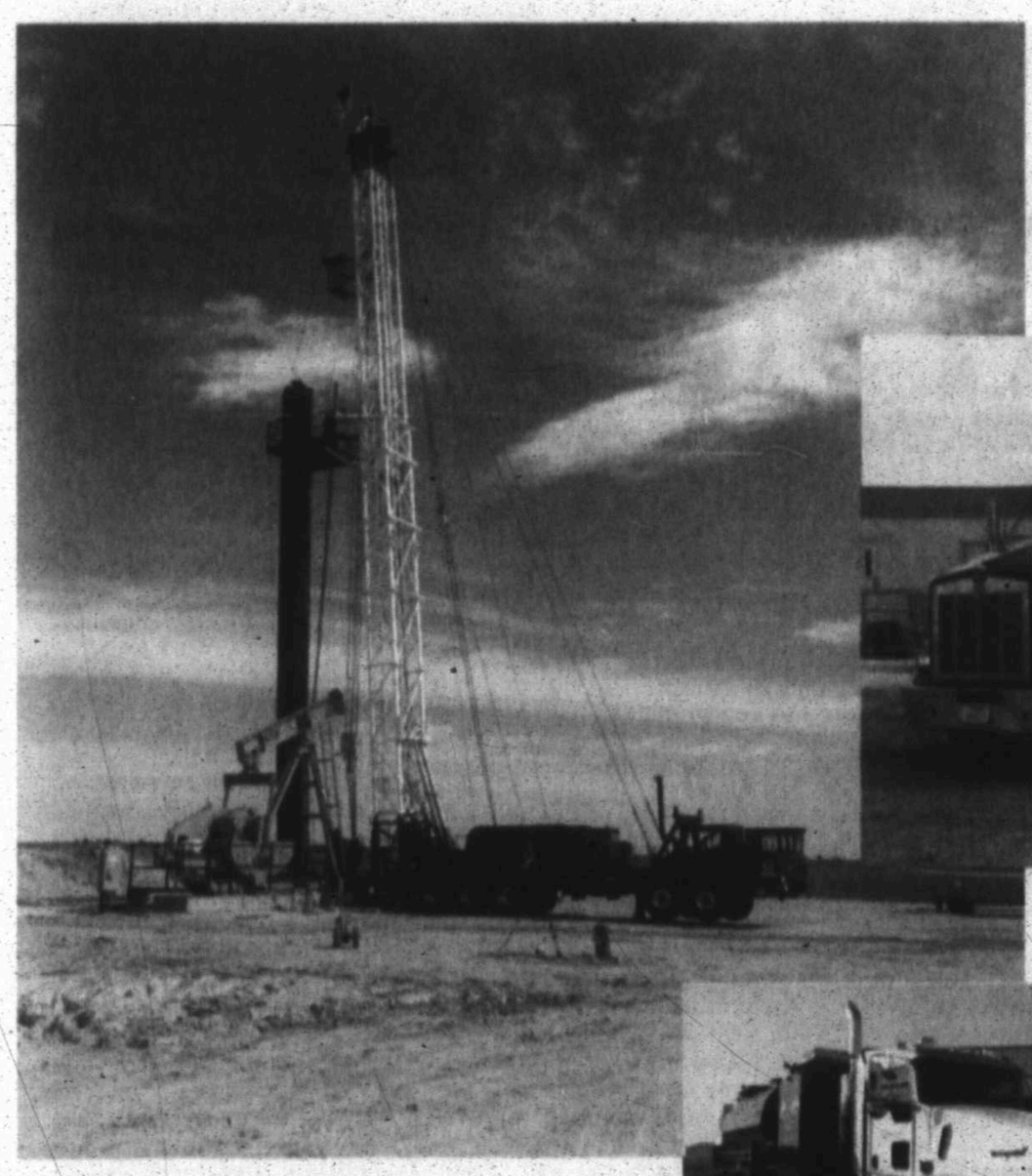

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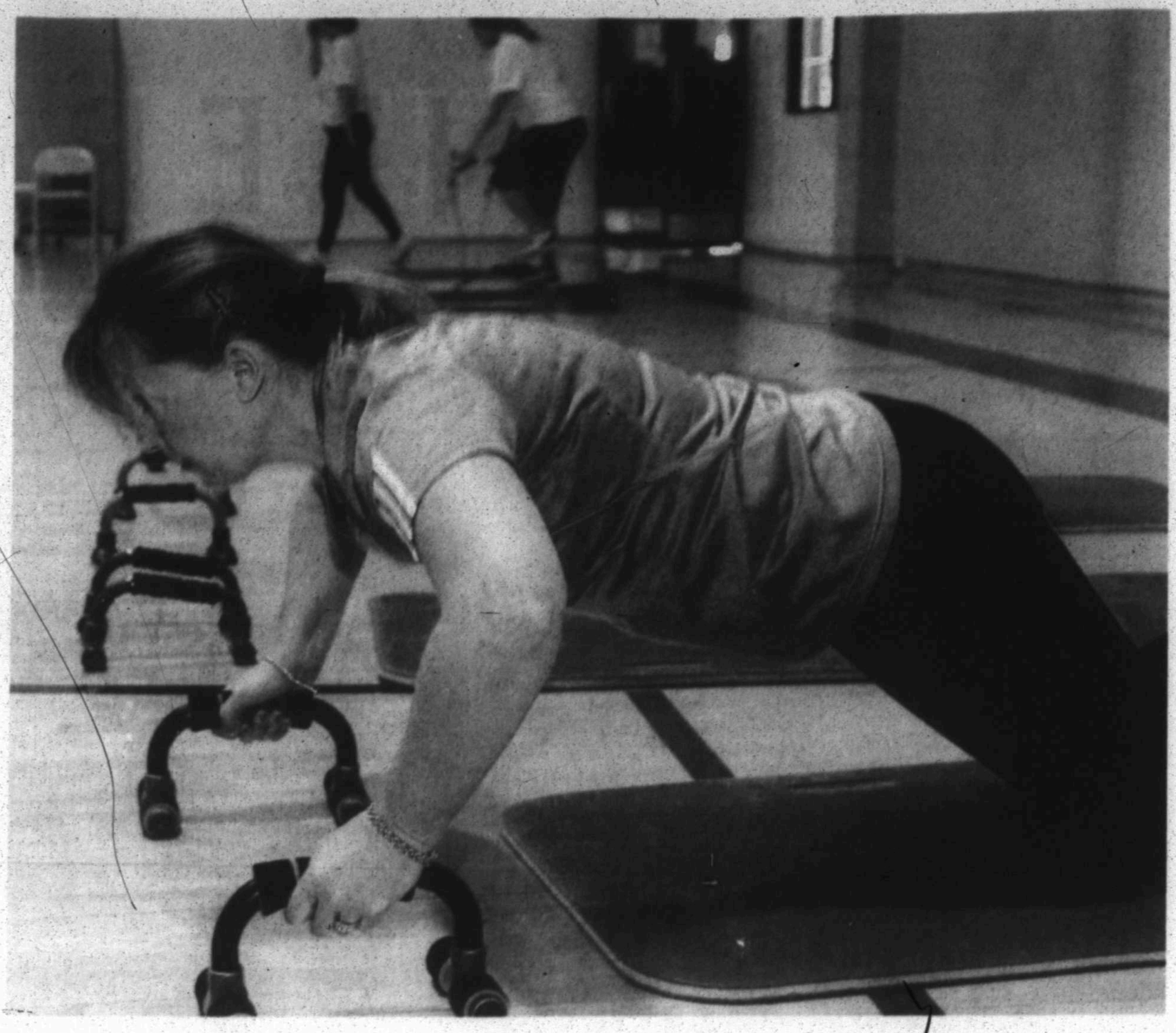

Lisa Lutka works out at the pushup station during a morning Midland Boot Camp exercise class.

Tim Fischer
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Plenty of options for those looking to get fit, be healthy in 2011

By Joan Huff
MRT Correspondent

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to get in shape and start a workout regimen, you may have checked into gym memberships and programs you can join. Maybe monthly fees and limited hours were not for you. Or, perhaps the classes you were interested in were at inconvenient times. Maybe you prefer to do it on your own.

Fortunately, there are a myriad of choices when it comes to alternatives to traditional gym memberships. While gyms may have exercise equipment and classes, variety is yours when you take the other route. Whether you start walking, purchase a video to exercise to at home, buy your own gear, attend boot camp or yoga classes or start riding a bike, you will be making a positive impact — both mentally and physically.

One option for exercising is at Midland Parks and Recreation Department's boot camp. The class meets 6:20-7:20 a.m. and 8:30-9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Led by Ben Telesca, superintendent of recreation for the city of Midland, it is a six-week program held at the First Baptist Church activities building.

"This class focuses on establishing healthy habits and lifestyle," Telesca said. "It will be held year round in six-week increments. You may start the class at any time during the six weeks."

"It basically is a self-paced class as we are all at different levels of fitness," said participant April Clay. "We do a lot of cardio exercises and strength training using resistance bands. It has been a lot of fun working out with friends."

Yoga in the park is planned from noon-12:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays beginning March 15 at Windlands Park. It also is sponsored by the Midland Parks and Recreation Department.

"This class focuses on physical aspects and is a generic form of yoga," Telesca said. "We provide the mats and you are welcome to drop by in your work clothes. It will also run for six weeks."

Both the boot camp and yoga classes are tied to an upcoming Mayor's Fitness Council that is dedicated to making Midland a healthier place to live, Telesca said.

"We hope to have a centralized location for information on fitness classes that are held not just by the city but from all sources, whether they are free or have a fee so everyone in town can benefit," he said.

For more information on these or other city-sponsored exercise programs, call 685-7379, or visit www.ci.midland.tx.us/.

For more personalized attention, you probably will have to join a gym to use the services of a personal trainer. Most gym facilities, country clubs and the YMCA have certified personal trainers. Shelia McGill, fitness director of the YMCA of Midland and a personal trainer, said, "You should sign up for at least three sessions to get started with a personal trainer. They will write up a fitness program for their clients. You can then go on your own and come back for a refresher with the personal trainer."

When asked how to motivate a person who doesn't think they have time for exercise, McGill said, "You should treat exercise just like you do brushing your teeth. It is not something you wouldn't do, so just get out there and start exercising. You should look at exercising from a health standpoint in addition to an exercise program. It also is motivating to do your exercise program with a group of people rather than by yourself."

Purchasing your own exercise equipment is as simple as visiting a discount store or sporting goods store. Tom Robinson, manager of Team Sports at Academy Sports and Outdoors in Midland, said, "The No. 1 item sold for home fitness is a treadmill. The most popular ones include a fan and speaker attachments for your iPod or MP3 player. Next, would be the stationary recumbent bikes."

These bicycles put the rider in a laid-back position and their feet out in front of them instead of down below as in a traditional stationary bike. Some of the treadmills will fold up and have rollers on them making them easy to move around

The third most popular, according to Robinson, is the elliptical, and fourth are the ab products. You may have seen many of these advertised that promote weight loss or toning. These are available at Academy, Robinson said. Stores such as Walmart and Target also carry them.

Of course, weight sets, from simple single weights all the way to at-home gyms with bars, pulleys and weights, are available at stores or online. Resistance bands, mats and pull-up bars also are options for exercising at home. Another small popular item is a personal trampoline to jump on for fitness.

If you currently are exercising with a program in your Wii or Xbox 360, you have joined the world of "exergaming." This is a mix of exercising and gaming in console games.

Wii came out with a program (Wii Fit) for those interested in using their Nintendo for more than just gaming. Wii Fit Plus and the original Wii Fit are designed to improve the user's fitness. It includes athletic activities such as yoga, aerobics, strength training and balancing games. With the Wii Fit Plus, users are able to personalize options to create a specific workout routine that meets their needs.

Wii also has other fitness workout games, such as Gold's Gym dance workout, that can be used on the Nintendo system. Dancing to popular songs, learning choreography and playing mini-games, provides a fun way to workout.

EA Sports Active NFL Training Camp is another fitness game Nintendo owners can utilize for fitness. This training regimen focuses on agility, aerobic, stamina and strength training exercises that NFL players routinely are exposed to during their pre-season training camps. It was developed with the help of NFL strength and conditioning coaches.

There also are numerous options for exercising with your Xbox 360. "Your Shape Fitness Evolved" is a popular program that includes a martial arts class developed by celebrity trainer Michael George and a special weight loss class led by Michelle Bridges, trainer for all five seasons of Australia's "The Biggest Loser."

Another game for the Xbox is Kinect Sports. This allows you to turn your living room into a world-class stadium, bowling alley, soccer pitch or track and field arena. It features soccer, beach volleyball, bowling, table tennis, track and field and boxing.

Purchasing a video is an easy way to start an exercise routine. Scheduling around class times and wearing appropriate clothing are not a concern when working out to a video. Before you make a purchase, consider what you enjoy, so you are interested enough to take the video out of the box. There are all types of videos from kickboxing, yoga, country line dancing and Pilates, just to name a few.

In addition to choosing the type of exercise video purchased, you may want to take into consideration the instructor as well as the background music. Jillian Michaels, co-host of "The Biggest Loser" has several videos available. A new one "Ripped in 30," is to be released Tuesday. Similarly, Bob Harper, also of "The Biggest Loser," has his own library of videos available to help the at home viewer lose weight or gain fitness. Videos are available at sporting goods stores, discount and retail stores as well as online.

If you are undertaking the video exercise route, you may want to try out various videos by renting them or checking them out at the local library before you make a purchase. You may find a video you enjoy so much that you would like to ask your friends to join you in your new exercise routine.

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Feb. 25

Junior College Baseball: Mixed in among all the tournaments is the beginning of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball season for Midland College. The Chaparrals took on Western Texas College in a doubleheader.

Feb. 25-26

Region I-2A Girls High School Basketball Tournament: A day after the Chaps and Wranglers battled it out at Chaparral Center, the four best teams in Class 2A, Region I girls basketball will fight for a place at the state tournament. Teams come from the Panhandle and other points, and this event typically brings in raucous crowds for the two days.

Jack Ratcliff Tall City Boys Invitational: At its peak, this boys golf tournament had three divisions and nearly 100 teams. This season, the tournament will feature two divisions and around 40 teams — some of West Texas' top Class 5A teams. From Amarillo to El Paso, teams played at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, Green Tree Country Club, Hogan Park and Midland Country Club.

Feb. 24-Feb. 26

West Texas Softball Classic: The annual high school softball tournament plays hosts to more than 20 teams from across West Texas, and a few from the Metroplex, at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex at Ulmer Park. For three days, there is high school softball continuously from late morning until late evening.

Tall City Classic tennis tournament: The annual high school tennis tournament featured some of the best tennis teams in West Texas. The tournament is played on nearly every tennis court in town, including facilities at Lee High School, Midland High School, Midland College, Midland Country Club and The Racquet Club.

The tournament began on Wednesday with a tournament for smaller schools, and on Thursday and Friday some of West Texas' best Class 5A and 4A schools hit the court.

March 3-5

Tournament of Champions: The baseball tournament hosted by the boosters clubs at Lee and Midland High annually brings in some of the top high school baseball talent from West Texas and the state. This year's field not only features Lee and Midland High, but also Class 3A power Andrews, Highland Park, Lubbock Estacado and El Paso Franklin.

March 4-5

Region I-2A Boys High School Basketball Tournament: It's the boys turn this weekend, as the four best boys basketball teams in Region I-2A vie for a spot in the state tournament in Austin.

Tall City Girls Invitational: One week after the boys fill courses in Midland, the girls get their chance on this weekend. The tournament will have nearly 20 teams playing at Green Tree Country Club, Ranchland Hills and Hogan Park.

Tall City Relays: This track meet has been moved to different dates the last few years, and this year it will be one of a number of events that will bring athletes, coaches and fans to Midland. The two-day meet will help showcase Memorial Stadium's state-of-the art, eight-lane track.

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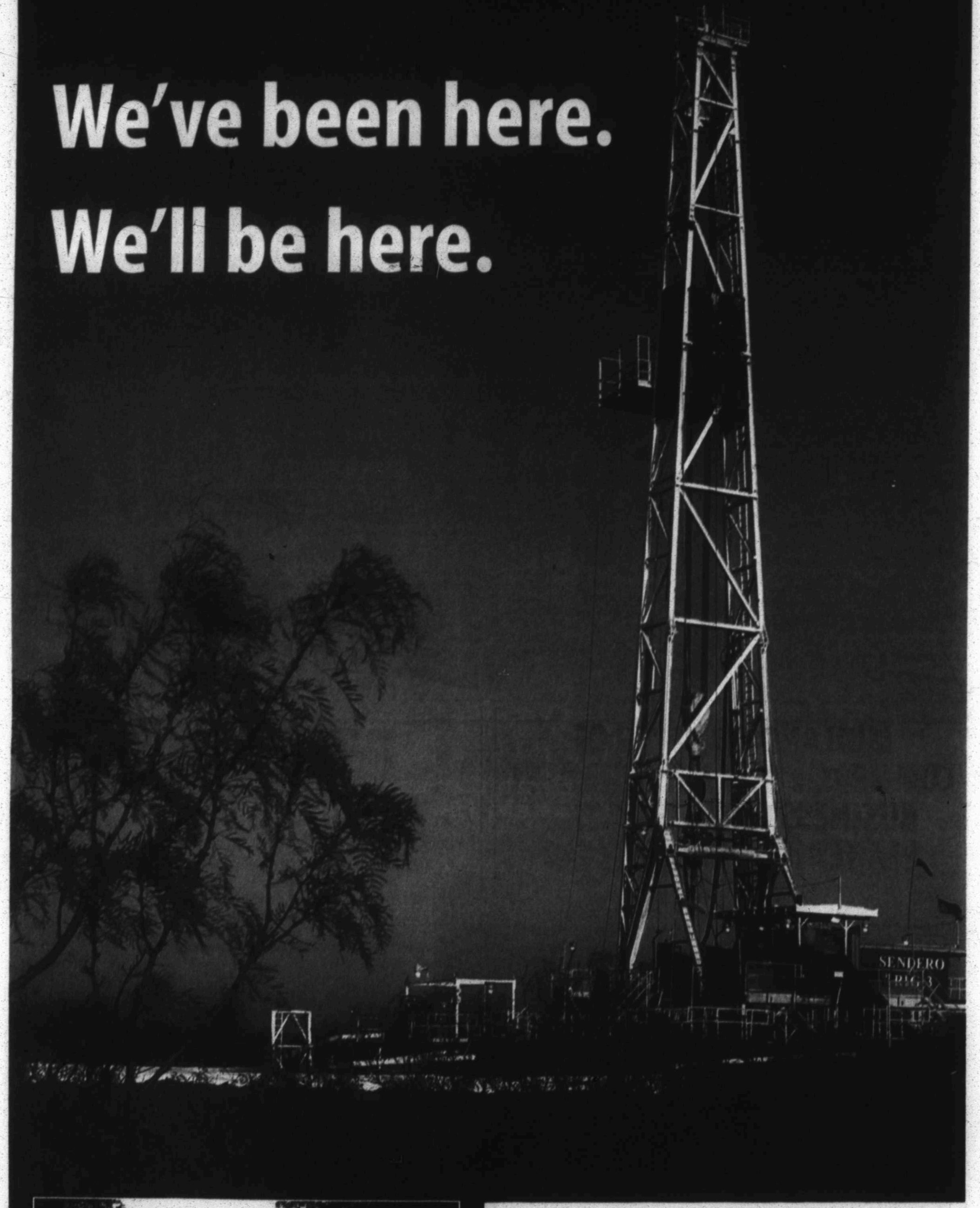

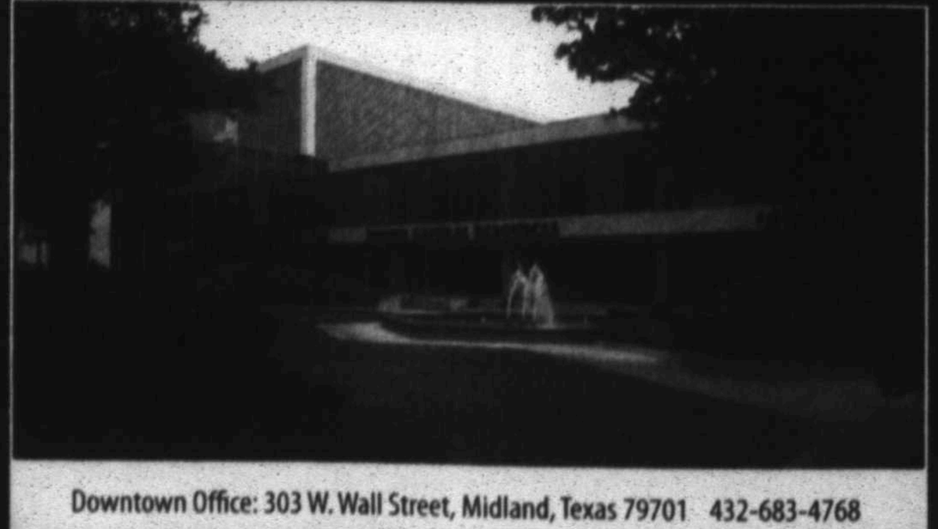

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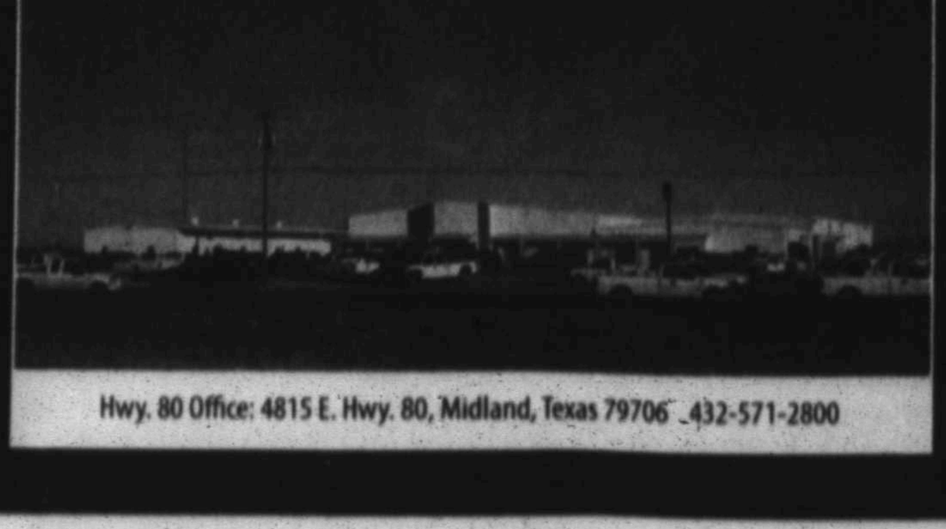

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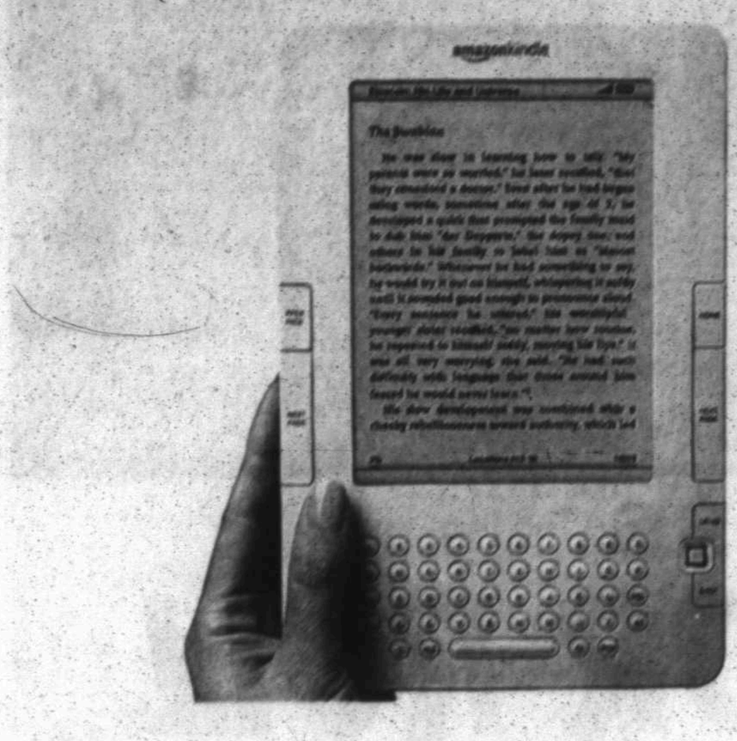

Electronic devices making business, leisure reading easier

By Katie Schneider
MRT Correspondent

Midlander Barbara Elphick normally steers clear of devices such as iPods and smart phones, but when she received the Kindle as a gift a year ago, she was surprised by how much she enjoyed the added technology in her life.

"I do love my Kindle," said Elphick. "I do read a lot, I don't have to carry the book with me. I have my Kindle with me. And I don't have to find a book before I leave the house to take with me."

It's becoming increasingly clear that devices such as the Kindle, Amazon's electronic reader, and the iPad, Apple's computer tablet that is a hybrid of a laptop and iPhone, are becoming more than the latest buzz-generating technological gadgets. It can be argued that these and similar technologies are shifting the paradigm for how society interacts with and consumes media.

Consider recent reports that bookseller Barnes & Noble now sells more electronic books than paper books, and that electronic book sales are expected to total 381 million copies by 2013 — and it's easy to see how the Kindle and similar devices are rapidly changing how books are read. Or take into account the 15 million iPads sold in 2010 — when the iPad only became available in the latter part of the year — and it's clear that it has the potential to change the computing landscape.

With these high sales figures, it begs the question: What makes these devices so popular, and how do the ordinary people driving the high sales figures use them?

Steve Pruitt, vice president of sales and marketing at Teraco, a Midland plastic-card manufacturer, said the impact the iPad has had on how he does business is striking.

"It's exceeded my expectations, I think, even though I had lofty expectations to begin with," Pruitt said. He has owned his iPad for approximately six weeks. "After about three weeks of having it, I went and found a new type of case because I realized I wanted to have it at hand pretty much all of the time."

For Pruitt, his heavy travel schedule and his need to connect with work while at home or on the road made the iPad's remote-desktop access an irresistible draw.

"What made me pull the trigger was realizing I could use it to connect with my computer at the office. I can literally run everything I could on the PC," he said. "The portability of the iPad won out over having a laptop. I have all the productivity tools of a laptop."

Pruitt said the iPad facilitates better productivity over a traditional laptop.

"When you have a laptop, the amount of time it takes to get it booted and get it loaded can be a several-minute ordeal," he said. "Kind of the thing that's changed is that if I have a quick minute I can open it up and send an e-mail a lot more quickly. It tends to be used and used more often because of the ease of turning it on and off."

Pruitt added that it also is making traveling much easier for him. Previously, while traveling, he would rely on e-mailing travel itineraries to himself and carrying various pieces of paper along with him, but said the iPad is an excellent travel organizer that eliminates the hassles of storing information in multiple ways.

And while at the office, the iPad has become an important business tool as well.

"I might want to reference something on the computer rather than printing it and I might take the device with me down the hall and share it that way rather than printing it," he said.

Pruitt also believes that the volume of inexpensive iPad applications, known as apps, has far-reaching business implications because of the vast array of different apps, covering many different needs, and because of how inexpensive they are to try.

"I think devices like this, because of the efficiency and all of the tools that are available inexpensively, rather than expensive software, I really do think it's going to change the way people approach business," he said. "I think it's going to spark ingenuity."

One such software application he enjoys is provided by Google. He has entered 20 industry-specific phrases into the application, and Google runs a daily search on these words and sends him a consolidated update with the applicable news results.

"It's a daily briefing magazine on the industry," he said, noting that previously, gathering that amount of industry-specific data would be a time-consuming task that wouldn't have occurred regularly.

For Elphick, life with her Kindle hasn't stopped her from frequenting local bookseller Miz B's when she has paperbacks she wants to swap, but the convenience of ordering books through the Kindle and having them immediately accessible, while also being able to store her collection of books electronically, often win out over trips to the bookstore. And she said reading a book electronically doesn't diminish the experience at all.

"The Kindle to me is just like holding a book," she said. "Size-wise and everything, it's like holding a paperback."

Plus Elphick has discovered a perk that traditional booksellers can't compete with: an availability of free books, such as Jane Austen's "Pride & Prejudice" or Webster's Dictionary.

Kim Kjelland, who has owned a Kindle since December, said the large availability of free books has meant she has had to purchase only one electronic book thus far, and the device has made reading cheaper for her.

"Amazon's pretty good to always have a rotating collection of free books," she said. And when the books aren't free, she looks for low-priced ones, such as a recent find for $3.69.

Elphick notes that there are many free or inexpensive books, such as the Bible, which she purchased for $3, but new releases not yet available in paperback, such as Laura Bush's "Spoken from the Heart," are closer to $13.

For Kjelland, who was a heavy reader before receiving a Kindle, the device has simply made her love of reading more accessible.

"It's just the convenience of always having it," she said. "You finish one book on vacation and you're onto the next one without having to fill up your suitcase with books." And she purchased a special cover with a reading light so that, on car trips, she can read at night without distracting her husband with the overhead light on.

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The Midland Chamber of Commerce is a partnership of over 1,175 businesses, organizations and individuals supporting the community and each other. The Chamber is about making connections. Individuals become a collective voice on issues while retaining their independence. One business can speak a lot louder when joined with others – and it's powerful.

Since it's inception in 1924, the Midland Chamber of Commerce has played a vital role in providing vision and leadership to enhance the quality of life for everyone in the community.

The Midland Chamber is in business for business, and businesses can take action through the Chamber for community progress. The Chamber creates job opportunities, seeks the improvement of community facilities and infrastructure, brings conventions and tourism to the area, provides networking and training opportunities, monitors legislative issues, and expresses the opinions of Chamber members to every level of government.

Members can take advantage of networking opportunities such as monthly Business After Hours mixers, the Chamber Golf Classic, the Holiday Business Bash, and the Annual Meeting. The Chamber also provides business development seminars and committees. In conjunction with other organizations in the community, the Midland Chamber sponsors monthly Networking Breakfasts that offer owners of large, small, and minority-owned businesses the chance to network with representatives of other companies and business owners to exchange information and business opportunities.

The Chamber offers a great pool of potential new clients and partners to do business with. Leadership Midland, another program of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, brings together people from all areas of the city's life for sharing, learning, and participating. Leadership Midland classes include about 30 participants selected from various segments of business, professional, educational, and civic organizations. Graduates of Leadership Midland have been effective in shaping Midland's destiny for the better.

Also playing a vital role in the Midland Chamber of Commerce is the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). The Midland CVB's mission is to encourage economic growth by developing, promoting, enhancing, and supporting the city as a vibrant visitor destination. Its services include visitor information, community calendars, planning, promotion, publicity, transportation coordination, and support for conventions, sports, meetings, and social events.

For more than 80 years, the Midland Chamber of Commerce has been sustaining and improving economic and community vitality.

For more than 80 years, the Midland Chamber of Commerce has been sustaining and improving economic and community vitality. With more than 1,175 members, the Chamber is comprised of individuals and businesses who want to achieve this goal. Along with local government and civic organizations, the Chamber is busy working to build the best business climate on the planet in Midland Texas.

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Pioneer Natural Resources Company is living up to that adage.

The large, independent U.S. exploration and production company is headquartered in the Dallas area, but its roots run deep here in West Texas with an asset base and growth plan that is still anchored by the Spraberry oil field.

Pioneer was formed through a merger in 1997 and has decades of Spraberry operating experience based on the experience of its predecessor, Parker and Parsley Petroleum Company; which was based in Midland. Downtown Midland continues to be home to key land administration, accounting and technology functions, and area offices serving the company's field operations and well and pumping services have been added and expanded to support substantial growth.

Growth is the word that best sums up Pioneer's Spraberry plans. With close to 6,000 active wells and a 2011 Spraberry budget of approximately $1.1 billion, Pioneer has 30 rigs operating in the Spraberry field today and expects to be at 35 rigs running by mid-2011 and to have 40 or more rigs running in 2012. The Spraberry field is the fifth largest oil field in the U.S., and Pioneer is the field's largest acreage holder, driller and producer - producing more than the next four companies combined.

And Pioneer's roots in the Permian Basin just keep getting deeper. Pioneer has a somewhat unique integrated services business model – to support its accelerated drilling program, Pioneer has established in house well services and pumping services divisions to handle part of its [illegible] activity.

Pioneer owns and operates its own equipment, including pulling units, fracture stimulation and coil tubing units, water transport and hot oil trucks, tanks and fishing tools. New equipment arrives almost daily. In fact, Pioneer recently started operating its third company-owned fracture stimulation fleet in the Permian Basin and has two additional fleets being built for this area.

But that's not all. They also have ownership in a drilling company, Sendero Drilling, which is currently running 12 of the 30 rigs Pioneer has operating today.

Keeping this large an operation up, running and growing takes a great deal of hard work, and Pioneer says its 680 current employees deserve all the credit. And with their aggressive growth plans, Pioneer anticipates significant growth in headcount in 2011.

Texas Monthly, February 2011

Best Companies to Work for in Texas 2011

Looking for a new job? Pioneer has more than [illegible] positions currently open in the Midland area, covering a broad range of job types in the field and office.

Pioneer was recently named to *Texas Monthly's* list of the "Best Companies to Work for in Texas" in the February 2011 edition of the magazine. Excellent compensation, great benefits and a positive and respectful work environment helped propel Pioneer to near the top of the list.

Pioneer employees also appreciate the opportunity to participate in community service and are proud of Pioneer's support for local charities, particularly those that serve area youth and enhance education.

Among the many establishments that Pioneer supports are the Midland Independent School District and the MISD Education Foundation, the Midland Bush Tennis Center (the youth education component of the center), the Midland Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Sibley Nature Center, local volunteer fire departments, other school districts and youth and agriculture organizations.

The primary Midland office for the company is located at 303 W. Wall Street. Field and services offices are on East Highway 80. For more information about job openings at Pioneer Natural Resources, visit their web site at **www.pxd.com/careers.**

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Pioneer in the Community

Employees visit Parker Elementary as mentors in the "Partners in Education" program.

Employees box care packages consisting of donated items for military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Midland ISD receives $39,000 from Pioneer to fund specialized math and science equipment.

Two employees delivering lunches for "Meals on Wheels."