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Pastors' partners

The "first husband" role can be tough for the spouses of female clergy.

RELIGION, 1G



FUN at any PRICE

Have a cool holiday open house, whether you go budget or big bucks.

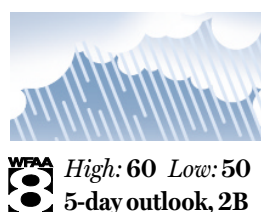
TEXAS LIVING, 1E

Holiday parade

The Neiman Marcus Adolphus Children's Parade is this morning in downtown Dallas.

METRO, 1B

Showers late



High: 60 Low: 50
5-day outlook, 2B

TEXAS

Perry at Pentagon without lawmakers

Gov. Rick Perry stirred up some political dust by not inviting members of the state's congressional delegation to join him for talks at the Pentagon. 9A

Service honors 7 in Black Hawk crash

More than 2,500 troops and other mourners packed a Killeen church to honor seven Fort Hood soldiers killed when their helicopter crashed this week. 8A

BUSINESS

Southwest to press case on Wright law

In an interview, Southwest Airlines chief executive Gary Kelly ratcheted up the company's opposition to the law that restricts flights from Dallas Love Field. 1D

COMING SUNDAY

When a parent becomes ill

With one phone call, Pamela Yip joined 5 million other Americans who provide long-distance care for elderly relatives. It was a journey that changed her life.

WORLD

Iraq police stations, mosque targeted

In the deadliest insurgent violence in weeks, militants stormed two police stations and a mosque in Baghdad, killing 30 people. 26A

Second election set for Ukraine

Ukraine's Supreme Court ordered a Dec. 26 rerun of the presidential contest between Viktor Yushchenko and the Kremlin-backed candidate. 22A

Also: Survivors of the world's worst industrial disaster marched to the gates of a former Union Carbide plant in India on the 20th anniversary. 21A

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Oil Patch gushes with good times



SMILEYN. POOL/Staff Photographer
Jose Carrillo Jr. (top) and his brother Rigo Carrillo work on a rig that services a well near Andrews, Texas. Drilling and well maintenance have increased with oil prices.

Price spike boosts Permian Basin, but some cautious

By BRUCE NICHOLS
Staff Writer

ANDREWS, Texas — Oil-field electrician Julian Lopez has bought a new truck. Independent producer Jackie Gilispie has built a new house. B-P Supply, seller of everything from rags to oilfield valves, has opened a new store in a neighboring town.

Across the Permian Basin, historically Texas' most prolific petroleum province, the highest prices ever seen for oil are spreading prosperity.

It's not a boom like the late 1970s and early '80s. Most of the Permian, which includes parts of West Texas and

southeastern New Mexico, is mature, and output growth will be limited. There's widespread caution because people remember the bust of the mid-'80s and the downturn of the late '90s.

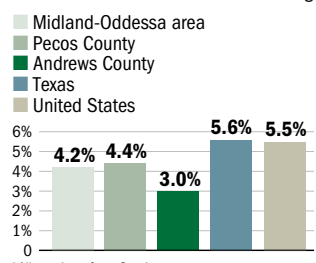
The price of oil has come off its high of \$55 a barrel. But expectations are growing that oil and natural gas have reached a new plateau, perhaps above \$30 a barrel long term for oil and \$5 per thousand cubic feet for gas.

The uptick has increased drilling and well maintenance to get more product to mar-

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Permian Basin unemployment

The jobless rate in the Oil Patch of West Texas is far lower than the national average:



*All numbers from October



SOURCES: State comptroller's office; Andrews, Ector, Midland and Pecos counties; Bureau of Labor Statistics

UNT to push for law school in downtown Dallas

By HOLLY K. HACKER
Staff Writer

Barring any major objections, the University of North Texas would like to establish a law school in downtown Dallas.

UNT System officials believe the region needs a public law school, and they want to open one in the historic Old City Hall com-

plex at Main and Harwood streets.

Chancellor Lee Jackson is scheduled to announce the system's intentions from the building steps Monday morning, not far from the spot where, after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald was gunned down by Jack Ruby.

"Everyone that we've spoken to believes there's going to be a public law school in the Dallas area before too long," Mr. Jackson told *The Dallas Morning News*. "It is going to happen over the course of the decade, and UNT's interest in serving this area is consistent and persistent."

For the law school to get off the

ground, it would need approval from the state Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. And, of course, it would need lots of money for renovations. Just how much money, UNT officials haven't figured out yet.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area has two private law schools, at

Southern Methodist University in University Park and Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. But the nearest public law school is 200 miles away in Austin, at the University of Texas.

In 2002, a study by the coordinating board, which oversees

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Bonds case fans steroid controversy

Sluggish acknowledges using substances, says he didn't knowingly take steroids

By EVAN GRANT
Staff Writer

The steroid scandal engulfing the sports world widened Friday.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that Barry Bonds — who is on the cusp of becoming Major League Baseball's all-time home run king — testified to a grand jury last year that he

SPORTSDAY

TIM COWLISHAW: All of Bonds' records should be erased. 1C

GERRY FRALEY: Now is the time for baseball to get tough. 1C

had used two substances provided by the laboratory at the center of the scandal. According to the report, however, Bonds testified he never thought the substances contained illegal steroids.

The report on Bonds' testimony came to light a day after it was reported that New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi had acknowledged before the same grand jury that he used illegal steroids. Giambi and Bonds are the sixth and seventh major leaguers who reportedly have acknowledged using substances from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative (BALCO).

The twin revelations could set into motion a series of events that could jeopardize Bonds' place in history or even his eligibility to play. In the wake of the report on Giambi's testimony, baseball commissioner Bud Selig once again called for a stronger steroid policy.

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Barry Bonds

ALL-TIME HOME RUN LEADERS

Hank Aaron.....	755
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Jason Giambi acknowledges using steroids.



Marion Jones denies injecting illegal drugs.

Dewhurst unveils openness package

Proposal calls for recorded votes, TV broadcasts of sessions

By KAREN BROOKS
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AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst called on Texas legislators Friday to record every vote, open state contracts to more public scrutiny and look for ways to expand public-information laws.

Open-government supporters called the proposal, including creation of a state government TV channel not unlike C-SPAN, unprecedented.

"It is a broad and sweeping and welcome plan," said Houston lawyer Joel White, president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

"I was surprised by its scope. ... This is the public's information, not the government's, and there is no excuse for not making it available to the public."

Mr. Dewhurst laid out eight proposals he said would improve the ability of Texans to know what's

Advocates applaud proposals. 11A

going on in their capital. They included greater transparency in the filing of state contracts and ethics disclosures and a review of exceptions to the state open records law.

He said "ready and easy access" to state government leads to "a more informed and confident public."

"Open the windows and let the sun shine in on state government," said Mr. Dewhurst, a Republican.

Most of Mr. Dewhurst's proposals would start in the Senate and work their way through the legislative process as bills once the Legislature convenes in January.

The recorded-vote requirement, however, will be a simple rules change in the Senate that would require only a vote by senators. It would go into effect immediately and would not apply to the House.

House Speaker Tom Craddick will take no position on recorded votes, instead leaving the issue up to House members, his staff said Friday.



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