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Warren releases list of imperatives for MISD

To-do list includes setting student-teacher ratio cap and creating budget action plan

By Meredith Moriak
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Much like the masterplan Midland ISD created for its facilities before the Nov. 6 bond election, Superintendent Ryder Warren unveiled a list of 10 imperatives for the district in regard to academic excellence, staff recruitment and retention.

The list, presented to trustees as an information-only item during Tuesday's regular meeting, suggests setting a district cap for student-teacher ratios in all classes, evaluating the salary schedules for all district employees, providing bonuses or salary stipends for teachers in critical instruction areas, reconfiguring secondary schools, implementing a merit pay program for teachers and creating a budget action plan now that MISD has become a Chapter 41 district and must send money back to the state.

"These are all achievable goals for our district but very challenging, too," Warren said. The list was created as a result of conversations and meetings with district administrators, principals and teachers, Warren said.

"We want to make sure everyone is aware we have a plan, so there's no perception that Ryder said all these things during the bond process and is not going to follow through — that the only thing that is important is just the facilities," he said. "That's not the case."

Though it's unclear how many years it will take MISD to evaluate all 10 items and implement some changes, Warren said class size is something he is working to address immediately.

"I'm not saying all will survive when we put the microscope on it, but they are things we want to look at," Warren said.

Warren's presentation calls for setting a district cap on class sizes for all grade levels. Though state law doesn't mandate class size for grades five through 12, Warren said he'd like the district to set a maximum number "to give teachers a fighting chance to control their classrooms."

The presentation recommends 22 students to one teacher in kindergarten through fourth-grade classes, 25-to-one in fifth- and sixth-grade classes and 30-to-one in seventh- through 12th-grade classes.

The Texas Education Agency mandates K-4 classes must not exceed 22 students

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PATIENTLY WAITING

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The $177.6 million new patient tower at Midland Memorial Hospital, above, opens this Wednesday.

New hospital tower to bring improvements

By Joseph Basco
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The population boom has brought visible changes to Midland's landscape — the latest is a nine-floor tower on Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway.

Midland Memorial Hospital's new Dorothy and Clarence Scharbauer Jr. Patient Tower, set to open Wednesday, was designed as a "replacement facility" for the current main campus and the set-to-close West Campus, said CEO and President Russell Meyers.

"We struggle for space due to demand," Meyers said. "The tower will alleviate demand."

The $177.6 million tower opening has been a long time coming for many. In 2009, Midland voters overwhelmingly passed a $115 million bond referendum to make the tower a reality. It was the first $100 million bond approved by Midland voters.

Campaign officials stressed the new facility would help employees provide the type of care Midlanders expect when they come through the doors of Midland Memorial. Officials expected that would be the case, even with Midland's recent population increase.

One example of the new facility helping relieve the pressure of a growing regional population of the tower's improvements is the number of inpatient beds, 230 compared to 209 in the past. In the Emergency Department, capacity will more than double to 43 beds, compared to 18.

"The consolidation of West Campus will bring efficiency," Meyers said.

One of West Campus' units, OBGYN, will now be in the new tower, Meyers said. A new anti-partem unit for women in early labor is located on the same floor as the delivery unit. There will be 10 labor and delivery recovery rooms compared to seven in the past.

Michael Hall, director of inpatient surgical services, said the inpatient rooms will have a lift that allows patients who have trouble walking to the bathroom.

He said features such as an automated supply and medication system and a tube system that can deliver blood from a downstairs blood bank to any floor is for patient safety and nurses' convenience.

"We can focus more on what we

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About the new tower

- **Parking:** Garfield Street parking garage expanded from original 500 parking spaces. Two extra levels provide an additional 300 spaces.
- **Surgery:** Two additional operating rooms were added. The cesarean section operating rooms were shifted in order to create space for future expansions.
- **Design elements:** These elements include water wells, landscape, water conservation and energy-efficient mechanical designs.
- **Additional medical equipment:** Equipment includes physiological monitors; patient entertainment and education system; IT improvements; the DaVinci robot; and IV pumps with a new "smart" pump design at a cost of $2.5 million.
- **From West Campus:** Labor, delivery and pediatric departments, emergency room and all in-patient care services will be transferred to the main campus. Physician offices, out-patient surgery and imaging services will remain at the West Campus.

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MISD sets construction timeline

■ Officials expect bond projects to be completed by January 2015.

By Meredith Moriak
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Tuesday's purchase of more than 11-acres for Midland ISD's newest elementary school was the first of many large decisions trustees will make during the next two years as they oversee the design and construction of three new elementary schools and improvements at 24 other campuses.

Trustees were presented with a preliminary timeline during Tuesday's meeting for construction projects paid for by the $163.1 million elementary schools bond.

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The bond projects, ranging in size from purchasing land for and building a new school to simple roofing repairs, are expected to be complete by January 2015, said MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren.

"Nothing is set in stone, but hopefully we'll be done with all construction in 2014 and have the new schools ready for classes in January 2015," Warren said.

Designing and constructing MISD's three new elementary schools — one at Bunche, one west of the Scharbauer Sports Complex in Legends Park and one at a site to be determined — is expected to take the entire two years. All other projects are scheduled for completion by August 2014, according to the bond project design and construction schedule James Riggen, MISD's executive director of construction and school plant services.

"Eight months minimum is needed for quality design of new elementary schools. We only get one shot doing this for the next few decades and I don't want to short change the community by speeding up the design process," Riggen said.

Twelve architecture firms responded to MISD's request for qualifications and will be interviewed by district officials for design projects, Riggen said.

Warren and Riggen mentioned that it might be possible to cut a few months of the design and construction phases, but it

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■ Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo, Jan. 3-12, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
■ Concert, Ray Price, Jan. 10, Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
■ B.B. King, Jan. 15, Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
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■ The Music Of ABBA, Jan. 20, Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
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Water Worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

Dec. 7: 13,332,000 gallons
Dec. 8: 13,287,000 gallons
Dec. 9: 13,097,000 gallons
Monday: 13,596,000 gallons
Tuesday: 11,844,000 gallons
Wednesday: 11,027,000 gallons
Thursday: 11,728,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 161,193 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 106,660 acre-feet. The average delivery from the CRMWD for November was 10,035,067. The current average for December is 9,608,154.

Source: City of Midland

How to help the train crash victims

The following are ways that you can help the victims of Nov. 15 train accident:

Bank accounts

Separate bank accounts have been set up at Security Bank, Western National Bank, My Community Federal Credit Union and Complex Community Federal Credit Union for the families affected by Thursday's train accident.

Donations will be accepted at all branch locations.

At Complex Community Federal Credit Union, make donations to CCFCU and put Hunt for Heroes donation on the memo line. An account number is not needed.

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STARTING THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION RIGHT

Heather Bishop, center, huddles with her daughters, Taylor Vines and Hannah Banks, 9, on Dec. 8 around one of the fire pits in Centennial Plaza as they wait for the city Christmas tree to be lit.

Photo by Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

Club meetings, support groups this week

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

■ Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

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

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

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

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 522-2273 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon Tuesdays, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

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

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 and 10 a.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely; 694-8347.

■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 5 p.m. third Sunday, First Presbyterian Church; 687-2588.

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas; third Thursday; 520-3512.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m. third Tuesday, Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

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

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Toastmasters Clubs

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

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

■ Permian Toastmasters 1509, noon Fridays at Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld; Celeste Perez, 682-2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

Midland International Airport report for November

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
November 2012: 41,307
November 2011: 40,096
Percent difference: 3.0
Year to date: 83,551 (3.7 percent increase from 2011-12)
November 2010: 37,802
November 2009: 33,094

Total Passengers
November 2012: 81,629
November 2011: 79,707
Percent difference: 2.4
Year to date: 166,153 (3.3 percent increase from 2011-12)

Fuel Sales
(in gallons)
November 2012: 565,371
November 2011: 564,493
Percent difference: 0.2
Year to date: 1,114,664 (10.5 percent decrease from 2011-12)
November 2010: 524,488
November 2009: 417,910

Parking Revenues
November 2012: $185,356
November 2011: $180,650
Percent difference: 2.6
Year to date: $383,399 (3.3 percent increase from 2010-11)
November 2010 total: $162,911
November 2009: $143,886

Sales tax report for Midland

December 2012: $2,998,914
December 2011 collection: $2,659,951
Percent increase: 12.34
December 2010 $1,055,238
December 2009 $1,642,101

Fiscal year-to-date total: $9,204,866
Percent increase from last year: 15.20
Amount dedicated in December to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $747,228
Amount dedicated this fiscal year: $2,301,216

Community Calendar

Camp Fire West Texas is offering a winter camp for children 5 to 12 from Dec. 27 through Jan. 8 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

The cost is $60 a week. The camp will operate 7:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each weekday. Kids must bring their lunch; snacks will be provided by Camp Fire.

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and requires waivers for those that do. MISD claimed 77 waivers in 2011-12 and 107 for this current year, something Warren said is not acceptable.

"I am not proud of the number of waivers we had to apply for," Warren said.

The cost associated with creating this environment is about $4.5 million a year, plus an additional $3.4 million for leasing portable buildings the first year.

MISD would need to create 24 new kindergarten through fourth-grade classes, 30 fifth- and sixth-grade classes and 22 secondary classes. The leasing of 76 portable classrooms would cost $3.4 million the first year and $250,000 each year thereafter. The annual expense for adding 71 teaching positions is about $4.35 million, according to the presentation.

Warren also discussed adjusting the teacher salary schedule to fix what is perceived as a "gap" for teachers in the middle of their teaching career. This adjustment would cost MISD an additional $1.34 million annually, but would fix what many, including trustee James E. Fuller, have long called a problem.

He also mentioned the district should evaluate offering signing bonuses and additional stipends for teachers in critical areas, to attract them to Midland.

"We've got to make good on what we've been promising them and create a system that attracts and retains the best teachers," Warren said.

While it may appear MISD's teachers are well-paid, based on statewide salary schedules, Warren said the district needs to ensure it's providing teachers with enough monetary assets to live in a booming economy.

Though MISD has discussed providing housing for teachers in the past, Warren said compensating them seems to be the easier solution.

"I think our private sector is going to take care of the housing issues," Warren said. "I don't think it would behoove of us to spend funds on that when it's being done as the private sector. It may not happen as quickly as I would like it, but it is happening."

Warren's presentation of the list at Tuesday's meeting is the first of many conversations that will be had during the coming year, Warren said.

Warren said there's no way of knowing how long the evaluation and implementation of these imperatives will take.

Imperatives

- Re-establish a true 22 students to 1 teacher ratio in all kindergarten through fourth-grade classrooms.
- Create a classroom ratio of 25 students to 1 teacher in all fifth- and sixth-grade classes.
- Create a classroom ratio of 30 students to 1 teacher in all seventh- through 12th-grade classes.
- Initiate a long-term and affordable salary plan to adequately compensate MISD professional and support staff.
- Adjust the current teacher salary schedule to fix the "gap."
- Provide special salary stipends for teachers in critical instructional areas/disciplines.
- Provide contract signing bonuses for teachers in critical instructional areas/disciplines.
- Reconfigure current grade configurations by moving sixth grade to current junior highs, thereby creating sixth through eighth grade middle schools.
- Implement a merit pay program for teachers.
- Create and implement a "chapter 41" plan of action for future budget cycles.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Five out of 13 portable classrooms at Bonham Elementary are pictured above. Trustees made the first of many decisions Tuesday with the purchase of more than 11 acres for the district's newest elementary school.

TIMELINE

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might be a lower quality.

"Our philosophy is to go for quality, not a timeline," Warren said. "We don't want to press or stress the process, but instead have a quality school that can last for five or six decades."

Riggen has been involved with MISD's last four building projects, all of which he said were on time and under budget. Trustees were adamant about ensuring everything is done well, not necessarily fast.

"The word cut shouldn't be anywhere in our vocabulary," said trustee James E. Fuller.

In addition to sharing plans for design and construction, Warren shared his plans for MISD's phase-two reconfiguration and secondary building initiative.

"I need to shut up about any more building and bond projects for the next three months and instead get the ball rolling with these other areas," Warren said, alluding to MISD's four-pronged plan that includes having a voice in Austin, hiring and recruiting the best teachers and achieving academic excellence.

Warren said he anticipates starting the community town hall process again after spring break, asking Midlanders to provide feedback on this district's high school configuration.

"I feel like the community's already made the decision about sixth- and ninth-graders," Warren said, noting it appears Midlanders would like to see sixth through eighth grade middle schools and high schools for freshmen through 12th-graders.

MISD bond timeline

Nov. 6
Voters pass a $163.1 million bond for MISD.

Nov. 28
MISD released the request for qualifications for architectural services.

Dec. 12
District deadline to receive completed RFQ's from architectural firms.

January 2013
MISD staff make recommendations to Warren/board for contracts for qualified architectural firms to complete district assigned bond projects.

- MISD to release Request for Qualification (RFQ) and Fee Proposal Request to interested Construction Manager at Risk Contractors (CMAR's).
- MISD Technology to contract with a Technology Integration Consultant to develop and formalize the Technology Blueprint for the district.
- All bond projects to be assigned to selected Architectural Firms; the architectural building and technology design process begins.

February 2013
Recommendation from MISD staff to the superintendent/Board to select one or multiple CMAR's as required to construct three individual bond construction packages.

March 2013
MISD financial services to release first debt with partial bond issuance.

March-May 2013
Selected general maintenance bond projects to be bid, awarded, and schedule for construction during the summer and fall of 2013.

July-August 2013
Select campus classroom building additions to be bid, contracted and awarded for construction (CMAR Construction Bid Package No. 1).

September-October 2013
Three new elementary schools to be bid, contracted and awarded for construction (CMAR Construction Bid Package No. 2).

October-November 2013
Remaining campus classroom building additions to be bid, contracted, and awarded for construction (CMAR Construction Bid Package No. 3).

May-August 2014
All classroom building additions and general maintenance projects to be completed and ready for district occupancy.

October-November 2014
Construction completion of the three new elementary schools; all three ready for district occupancy beginning the second semester in January 2015.

January 2015
All campus classroom additions and new school construction complete and occupied.

February-March 2015
Completion of all bond project close-out documents.

Top official out at troubled school district

Associated Press

EL PASO — A top administrator for the troubled El Paso school district has resigned in the scrutiny surrounding a test-cheating scheme that sent the former superintendent to prison for organizing a plot to boost personal bonuses by removing underperforming students from class.

The El Paso Times reported that former interim superintendent Terri Jordan resigned Friday and that two other administrators could be fired next week.

That decision could be the last by the school board, which the Texas Education Agency is seeking to oust in wake of the testing scandal.

The district is in turmoil over what prosecutors say was a conspiracy to remove low-performing students from classrooms and enrich bonuses for school officials. Jordan was most recently the district's chief of staff.

An attorney for assistant superintendent James Anderson, whose job will be on the line at the school board meeting Tuesday, told the newspaper the action is payback for Anderson being quoted earlier in the Times about his efforts to tell state and district officials about altered student transcripts.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ FUMC Chancel Choir's Songs of Christmas, 10:45 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St.

■ Sesame Street Live presents "Elmo Makes Music," 1 and 4:30 p.m., Ector County Coliseum. For tickets go online at info@centraltickettoffice.com or call 1-800-462-7979.

■ MOSC Chamber Concert: Lone Star Brass Christmas, 2 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

■ One Night in Bethlehem, 5-7 p.m., Where: First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St. To register for a tour visit www.firstmethodistmidland.com. Admission: Free.

■ Lessons and Carols service, 7 p.m., St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N.

Tuesday

■ The Flying J Wranglers, 7 p.m., Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. For more information on the Flying J Wranglers go to flyingjranch.com.

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday.

This month's featured book is "Priscilla and the Great Santa Search." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Meetings schedule

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

City Council
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Hospital District
1:10 p.m. Thursday
Boardroom near administration office

Railroad crossing closure to take place Monday

The Union Pacific railroad crossing located near the intersections between South Garfield Street and Industrial and Front streets will be temporarily closed starting at 9 a.m. Monday.

The city of Midland will be working in conjunction with Union Pacific to block traffic at the crossing during an inspection to be conducted by counsel for Bob Pottroff and Kevin Glasheen, as part of the discovery in their case related to the Nov. 15 train wreck at the crossing.

Pottroff and Glasheen will conduct their inspection while trains operate over the crossing by following worker-on-track safety standards.

All involved, including the public, are asked to take extra safety precautions as roadway traffic on Front Street and Industrial Avenue may be open to the public.

Mail time

Shipping dates for Christmas Eve delivery:

UPS
Dec. 19 for Three Day Select
Dec. 20 for Two Day Shipping
Dec. 21 for Next Day Air

FedEx
Dec. 17 for Ground Shipping
Dec. 22 for Express Shipping
Shipping deadlines vary for military bases. Go to fedex.com to find the transit time for a specific military base.

USPS
Today for Parcel Post
Dec. 20 for First-Class Mail
Dec. 21 for Priority Mail
Dec. 22 for Express Mail

I-20 service road signals to be phased in

Midland County motorists will see traffic control changes starting Monday on the service roads of Interstate 20 at Highway 158 and Farm-to-Market Road 715.

On Monday, all four service road intersections involving Highway 158 and FM 715 will become four-way stop intersections. All traffic signal lights will be flashing red at the four intersections.

On Wednesday, the traffic signal lights will begin a normal red-yellow-green progression that all motorists are familiar with.

The traffic signal lights are intended to improve safety (a top priority for TxDOT) and traffic flow in the area.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 1-9-7
Pick 3 night: 3-0-9
Daily 4 day: 8-8-1-0
Daily 4 night: 0-7-7-6
Cash Five: 10-26-28-29-36
Lotto Texas: 9-14-17-38-45-54
Powerball: 15-23-40-44-55 PB: 14
All or Nothing (morning): 2-3-4-5-10-11-12-13-15-20-22-24
All or Nothing (day): 4-5-6-7-12-14-15-17-18-20-21-22
All or Nothing (evening): 2-3-5-9-10-12-14-15-16-21-23-24
All or Nothing (night): 1-2-5-6-9-11-13-16-17-19-22-23

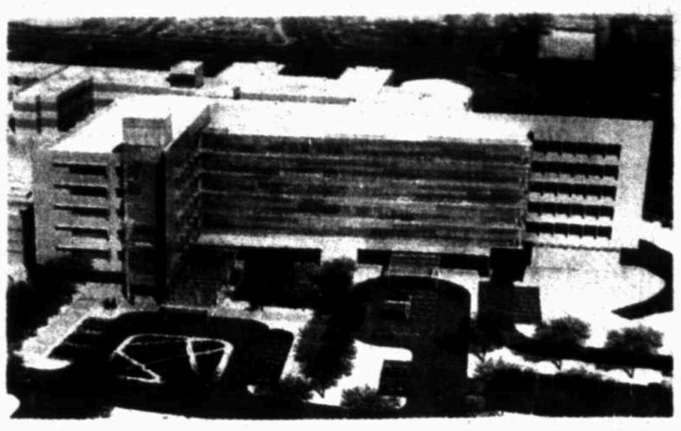
This date in Midland history

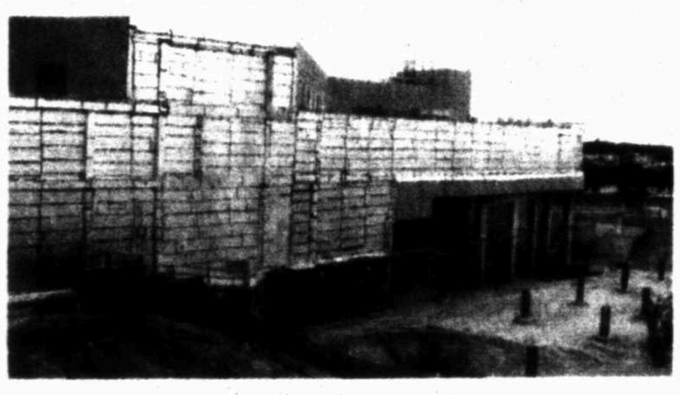
Dec. 16, 2000: Lee defeated Austin Westlake, 33-21, in Austin's Royal/Memorial Stadium to claim its third-straight Class 5A state football championship.

Today in history

On this date:
In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces in Belgium (the Allies were eventually able to beat the Germans back).

MMH patient tower





About the new tower

When tower opens this week, it will include $23 million in additions to the original design and still remain under the $177.6 million budget, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

Hospital history and timeline

2006: Board develops concept for new patient tower
2007 to 2008: Construction design begins
May 2009: $115 million general obligation bond passes
September 2009: Construction begins
Wednesday: Scheduled move-in date for the new patient tower

Floor by floor:

■ **Basement:** New kitchen will have state-of-the-art equipment to provide patient room service and individual cook-to-order meals.

The data center, IT department and hardware and servers also will be housed in the basement.

■ **First floor, lobby and entry point:** The west end will include the emergency department and operations. The middle area will house a waiting space and patient registration. The east end will have a new chapel and a department that will provide a variety of outpatient testings.

The first floor also will connect the new patient tower with the old hospital building and include a new gift shop and food court and cafeteria, along with a revised connection to the medical office building.

■ **Second**: There will be no second floor. The high ceilings in the new lobby expand into the second floor area.

■ **Third**: Labor and delivery along with antipartem care: The north side also will include a walk-through to connect the new patient tower with the old hospital building. Two new operating rooms also will be located here.

■ **Fourth:** OB/GYN department and pediatrics unit: The departments will provide care to mothers and babies and gynecological patients. An expanded nursery also has been constructed and a shell space has been set apart for a future neo-natal intensive care unit to be built, "when the time is right," said MMH CEO and President Russell Meyers.

■ **Fifth:** Forty-eight intensive care and intermediate care beds: Private individual rooms will house those in progressive care and the critical care unit.

■ **Sixth and seventh:** Both floors will have an identical room set-up and floor plan as the fifth floor. Each floor will also will house 48 medical beds.

The sixth floor will have a small pediatric unit, while the seventh floor will have the oncology and general surgery departments.

■ **Eighth (Orthopedic and physical therapy):** The eighth floor is not yet fully built, but it will house the orthopedic, neurology and neurosurgery departments, along with the physical therapy unit.

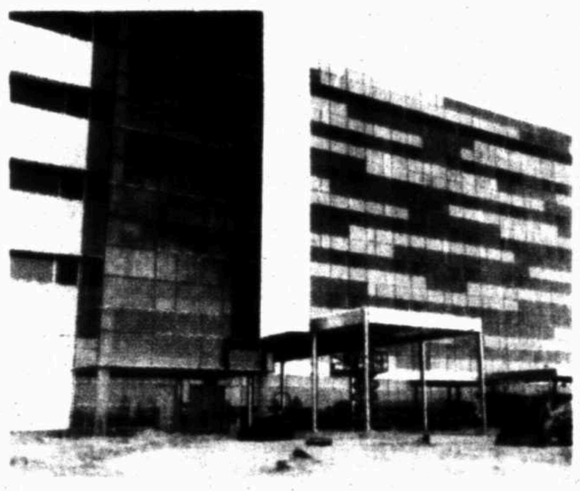
■ **Ninth:** The ninth floor, which will be empty, is a shell space for future expansion.

Budget breakdown for MMH's patient tower:

Site acquisition and assessment: $578,772
Designers and consultants: $12,761,758
Construction: $120,012,761
Equipment and furnishings: $28,584,646
Fees, testings, inspections, administrations: $1,275,217
Financing expense: $1,025,443
Contingency: $13,361,403
Total: $177,600,000

Of that total, $115 million was covered by the bond and $62.6 million in private donations.

From staff reports



TOP: Every floor of Midland Memorial Hospital's new patient tower is designed with a main nursing station, such as the one pictured above, to help with efficiency. The tower officially opens Wednesday. **LEFT:** The patient tower, which started as an illustration, opens Wednesday after a groundbreaking and years of construction. **BOTTOM:** Clarence Scharbauer Jr. hands a donation check for 5 million to Rosalind Redfern Grover in 2008.

MRT staff and file photos, courtesy photos

Wednesday will bring a new day for health care in Midland

RUSSELL MEYERS
Midland Memorial Hospital

In the moments before dawn on Wednesday (Dec. 19), the first patient will roll into a brand new room in Midland Memorial Hospital's Dorothy and Clarence Scharbauer Jr. Patient Tower. As the sun comes up, a new day will dawn in Midland health care, as our modern new hospital begins many years of service to our community.

The opening of the Scharbauer Tower concludes a journey that began in 2006, with the initial work on a plan to resolve the many long-standing facility challenges facing Midland Memorial Hospital. Despite our limited resources, the hospital's aging and obsolete insfrastructure demanded radical improvement if we were to properly serve our community in the challenging years ahead.

As the need to build all new inpatient facilities became clear, we faced the overwhelming task of assembling $175 million of new capital funding to execute this bold new vision. In 2008 and 2009, despite the worst national economy since the Great Depression, Midlanders chose to invest in our community's health.

With more than $60 million in private donations and the community's overwhelming support for a $115 million general obligation bond issue, the new facilities are fully funded without burdening the hospital's still limited operating funds.

It is still amazing to recount how much has happened in the six years since the planning work began. As a result of unexpected savings in construction and equipment cost, the project grew in scope to include a bigger garage, new operating rooms and two additional floors, allowing every inpatient to occupy a brand new room in the Tower. We have been able to add new technology like patient lifting devices in every room; smart IV pumps that help prevent medication errors; telemetry monitoring for any patient who needs it, regardless of location; and computers at every bedside to assure our staff members remain close to the patients at all times.

While our first priorities are patient safety and quality of care, the architects have also emphasized design elements proven to enhance the healing environment, not only for our patients but also for their families and caregivers.

The Abell Hanger Courtyard, just outside the main entrance, will become a place of solace for anyone needing a break, where a breath of fresh air and the soothing sounds of running water can help relieve the stress of hospital care. Beautiful art is found throughout the building, and music will fill the lobby.

Each patient room will include a family area, with comfortable accommodations for visitors to remain with the patient without hampering the work of our caregivers. Patients and their families will enjoy excellent food chosen from a hotel-style room service menu, and an interactive television system will provide information, education, and entertainment, all controlled right from the patient's bed.

What does all of this mean to the people of the Permian Basin?

■ A state-of-the-art inpatient environment, rivaling the finest hospitals in the country.

■ Greater capacity in the emergency department and critical care, assuring more immediate access to service when the need is greatest.

■ All hospital services on one campus, eliminating unnecessary transfers and improving access to key specialists.

■ A facility worthy of the great care and service our people deliver every day.

The incredible support of the people of Midland has created this beautiful new tower. We at Midland Memorial Hospital are humbled by the trust placed in us, and pledge to do all we can to honor that trust by providing the best care possible Our friends and neighbors deserve nothing less.

HOSPITAL

From 1A

need to do," Hall said. "The tower is designed to decrease nurses' walking distance by 30 percent."

While the tower's design has patient safety in mind, patient entertainment is another component the hospital thought of when designing the inpatient bed footboards.

Behind each television is a mounted computer with Internet access, Hall said. Both are attached to the footboard. Taylor Weens, director of information technologies for Midland Memorial, said the old entertainment setup was a TV with cable access.

Weens' department handles the data center in the tower's basement. He said the MMH outgrew the old one. New additions such as a new cooling system and power protection give the hospital a data center that may last 10 years or longer, he said. The data center manages the computers next to each inpatient bed and in alcoves located outside the room doors. These computers let nurses view patient documentation.

"This enables nurses to be closer to the inpatient population," Weens said. "They're not at a central location anymore, they're distributed evenly."

Meyers said the presence of professional staff will be the main indicator of how a patient judges not just the new tower, but the hospital as a whole.

New jobs

Although the new tower consolidates the West Campus with the main campus, Meyers said the need for new people is limited. The hospital will be looking to hire 27 new people in the food and nutrition services, he said.

"With food delivery in the patient rooms and the new dining facility, Meyers said, "we need more people than he have now."

He said it is a challenge to hire service staff with a good attitude and good presentation skills. As for nurses, Meyers said the search for them is the same as before the tower existed.

"There's a shortage of well-trained people," Meyers said, citing the general struggles Midland businesses have with hiring new employees.

Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway

In addition to the Scharbauer Patient Tower, the hospital's main campus has a new road named after one of its board of governors members.

Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway is the road between the tower and parking garage.

Grover was the chairwoman of Citizens for the Hospital Bond, the political action committee oversaw the successful campaign in 2009. Grover also led the Campaign for Tomorrow, which was responsible for the raising of $62.6 million that assisted in funding the new tower. Dorothy and Clarence Scharbauer Jr. topped the fundraising list with a $25 million contribution.

"Her importance is as great as anyone," Meyers said. "Adding her name to the street weaves her name to the identity of the hospital."

How to talk to kids about mass shootings

Associated Press

The killings at a Connecticut elementary school left parents struggling to figure out what to tell their children.

President Barack Obama said he and his wife, Michelle, would tell their daughters that they love them and hug them a little tighter.

Experts say that's a good example to follow. Parents also should allow children to talk about their feelings in the coming days while sheltering them from the 24/7 media coverage of the event, they say.

A man gunned down more than two dozen people Friday, most of them kids at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school. The shooter was among the 28 people left dead, apparently from a self-inflicted wound.

The international organization Save the Children, headquartered only 20 miles from where the killings occurred in Newtown, opened up a "child friendly space" in the community to give children a place to play while their parents seek counseling and support.

The group said parents should listen to children carefully, reassure them, give them extra time and attention, be a model for them of sensitivity to others, and help them return to their normal routine.

Clergy members had similar advice for those who turned to them for help. Added Rev. Linda L. Grenz on the Episcopal Rhode Island Diocesan News website: "...if your child doesn't want to talk about the events at all, they may not need to talk and you might just take a walk with them or read them a book or give them a hug to let them know you care."

Whitney Finucane wasn't sure how and when she would talk with her son, Nico, about the shooting. She kissed and hugged him when he came out from kindergarten at Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary in Providence, R.I., on Friday.

"I don't know how to explain insanity and evil to a 5-year-old," she said. "I don't know that he can really grasp it."

Even the youngest schoolchildren are likely to hear about it, said Glenn Saxe, chairman of the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at NYU Langone Medical Center.

"It's really important, especially at this time, for parents to check in with their kids, to be attuned to how they're feeling, how they're doing, and to answer questions honestly and straightforwardly," he said. "For any other kid in school, this has meaning. Parents need to understand that even in surprising ways, this can affect their kids."

Parents can start by asking their children what they've already heard and what questions they have, said Dr. David Schonfeld, a pediatrician and director of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. If they ask why someone would do something like this, it's OK to say you don't know.

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"I wouldn't provide false reassurance or dismiss legitimate concerns," he said. "We don't help children by telling them they shouldn't be afraid of things that are frightening."

Parents can tell their kids, "What is most important is that you're safe and you're going to be safe," said Dr. Louis Kraus, chief of child and adolescent psychiatry at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

Above all, parents need to try to help their children feel safe, he said. Helping kids return to or maintain normal routines can help minimize their anxiety, Kraus said.

Some children may ask the same questions over and over as a way to seek reassurance, and parents shouldn't dismiss them, said Dr. David Fassler, a child and adolescent psychiatrist in Burlington, Vt.

"Acknowledge and validate the child's thoughts, feelings, and reactions. Let them know that you think their questions and concerns are important and appropriate," he said.

Parents of young children should keep their children from hearing reports on TV, radio, and social media and to closely monitor exposure to media for all children, several experts said.

Children who show persistent signs of anxiety and stress, including recurring nightmares or sleep problems, should see their pediatrician or a mental health expert, Kraus said.

While parents might feel the need to teach their children what do in such an emergency, the next few days is not the time to develop your disaster preparedness, Saxe said.

"Right now, kids' sense of safety and security is shattered," Saxe said. "It's very good parenting practice, in general, to have a kid know what to do in times of emergency, but it undermines the immediate message that you're trying to convey."

Obama to travel to Newtown today

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will attend an interfaith memorial service today in Newtown, Conn., the site of Friday's deadly elementary school shooting.

Hours after the shooting, a tearful Obama said he grieved first as a father.

In those remarks and later in his Saturday radio address, Obama called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings, but did not say what it should be. Obama's visit to Newtown for an interfaith vigil would be the fourth time he has traveled to a city after a mass shooting.

The president had planned to travel to Maine Wednesday for an event promoting his positions in "fiscal cliff" negotiations, but the White House canceled that trip because of the shooting.

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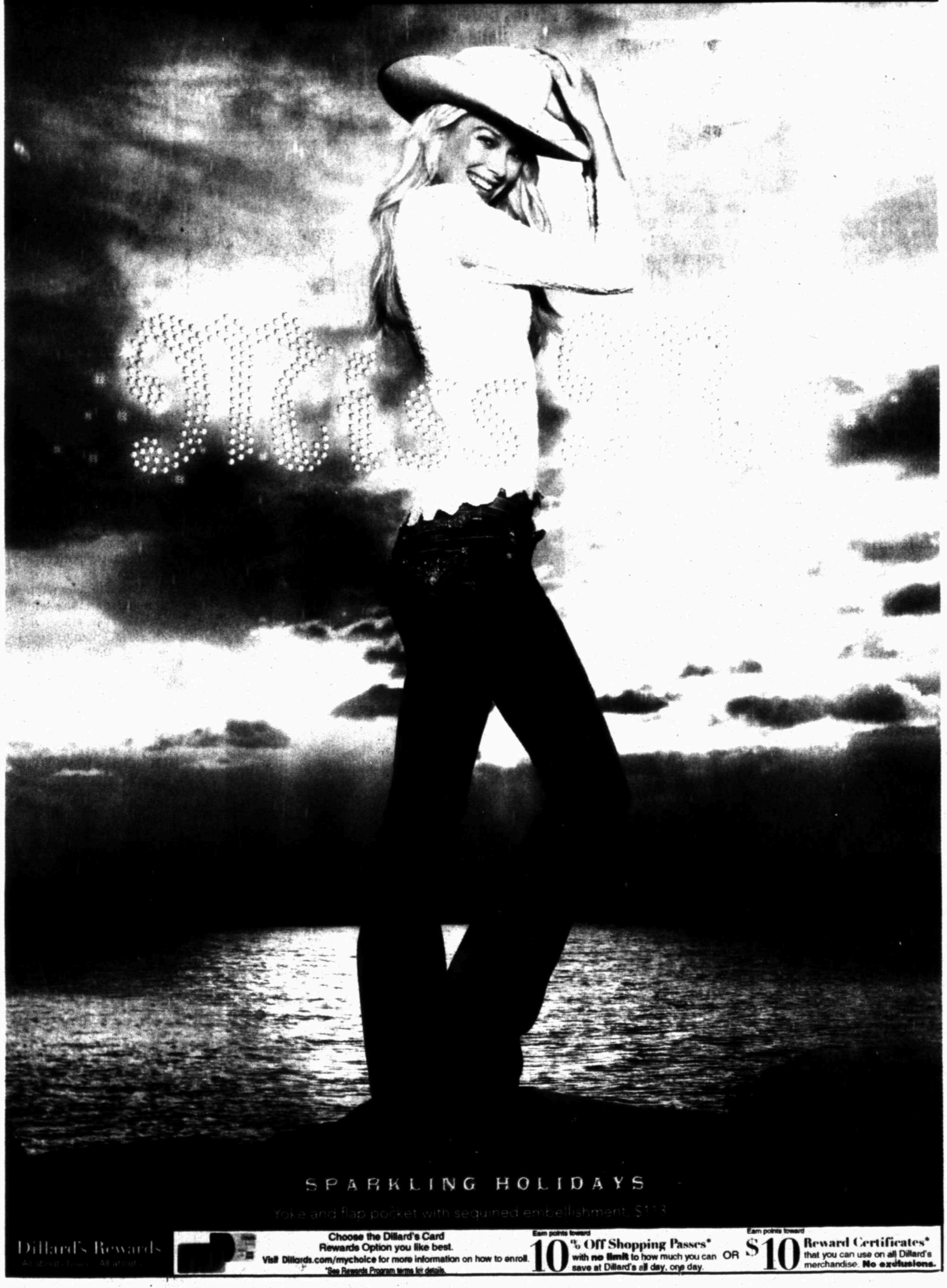

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Teacher: Gunman was loner who didn't feel pain

Associated Press

SOUTHBURY, Conn. — At Newtown High School, Adam Lanza had trouble relating to fellow students and teachers, but that was only part of his problem. He seemed not to feel physical or emotional pain in the same way as classmates.

Richard Novia, the school district's head of security until 2008, who also served as adviser for the school technology club, said Lanza clearly "had some disabilities."

Lanza

"If that boy would've burned himself, he would not have known it or felt it physically," Novia told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "It was my job to pay close attention to that."

Novia was responsible for monitoring students as they used soldering tools and other potentially dangerous electrical equipment.

He recalled meeting with school guidance counselors, administrators and with the boy's mother, Nancy Lanza, to understand his problems and find ways to ensure his safety. But there were others crises only a mother could solve.

"He would have an episode, and she'd have to return or come to the high school and deal with it," Novia said, describing how the young man would sometimes withdraw completely "from whatever he was supposed to be doing," whether it was sitting in class or reading a book.

Adam Lanza "could take flight, which I think was the big issue, and it wasn't a rebellious or defiant thing," Novia said. "It was withdrawal."

Authorities on Saturday continued a wide-ranging investigation into the second-deadliest school shooting in U.S. history, trying to understand what led the young man to kill his mother in their home and then slaughter 26 children and adults at a Connecticut elementary school before taking his own life.

Back in their teenage years, Adam and his older brother, Ryan, were both members of the tech club, which offered students a chance to work on computers, videotape school events and produce public-access broadcasts.

It was popular among socially awkward students. But Adam, while clearly smart, had problems that went beyond an adolescent lack of social skills, Novia said.

"You had yourself a very scared young boy, who was very nervous around people he couldn't trust or he refused to speak with," Novia said.

The club provided a setting for students to build lasting friendships. But while other members were acquainted with Adam, none was close to him.

"Have you found his best friend? Have you found a friend?" Novia asked. "You're not going to. He was a loner."

Adam was not physically bullied, although he may have been teased, Novia said.

The club gave the boy a place where he could be more at ease and indulge his interest in computers. His anxieties appeared to ease somewhat, but they never disappeared. When people approached him in the hallways, he would press himself against the wall or walk in a different direction, clutching tight to his black case.

"The behavior would be more like an 8-year-old who refuses to give up his teddy bear," Novia said. "What you knew with Adam is it was a possession. It was not a possession to be put at risk."

Even so, Novia said, his primary concern was that Adam might become a target for abuse by his fellow students, not that he might become a threat.

"Somewhere along in the last four years, there were significant changes that led to what has happened," Novia said. "I could never have foreseen him doing that."

Jim McDade, who lives a few houses from where Nancy Lanza was slain, said his family became acquainted with the two brothers and their mother because their children were about the same ages and rode the school bus together.

"There was certainly no indication of anything unusual that lets you think that a kid's going to do something like that," said McDade, who works in finance in New York. "There was nothing that would indicate anything going on behind the scenes that would lead to this horrible mess."

He recalled Adam Lanza as "a very bright kid."

Olivia DeVivo, a student at the University of Connecticut, was in Adam Lanza's 10th grade English class.

"He was very different and very shy and didn't make an effort to interact with anybody," she said.

DeVivo said Lanza always carried a briefcase and wore his shirts buttoned up to the top button. She said he seemed bright but never really participated in class.

"Now looking back, it's kind of like 'OK, he had all these signs,' but you can't say every shy person would do something like this."

On Saturday, a police car was parked in the driveway of the Stamford, Conn., home of Lanza's father, Peter Lanza. An officer stopped reporters who tried to approach the house.

News outlets struggle with story

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The scope and senselessness of the Newtown, Conn., school shooting challenged journalists' ability to do much more than lend, or impose, their presence on the scene.

Pressed with the awful urgency of the story, television, along with other media, fell prey to reporting "facts" that were often in conflict or wrong.

How many people were killed? Which Lanza brother was the shooter: Adam or Ryan? Was their mother, who was among the slain, a teacher at the school?

Like the rest of the news media, television outlets were faced with intense competitive pressures and an audience ravenous for details in an age when the best-available information was seldom as reliable as the networks' high-tech delivery systems.

Here was the normal gestation of an unfolding story. But with wall-to-wall cable coverage and second-by-second Twitter postings, the process of updating and correcting it was visible to every onlooker. And as facts were gathered by authorities, then shared with reporters (often on background), a seemingly higher-than-usual number of points failed to pan out:

■ The number of dead was initially reported as anywhere from the high teens to nearly 30. The final count was established Friday afternoon: 20 children and six adults, as well as Lanza's mother and the shooter himself.

■ For hours on Friday, the shooter was identified as Ryan Lanza, with his age alternatively reported as 24 or 20.

The confusion seemed explainable when a person who had spoken with Ryan Lanza said that 20-year-old Adam Lanza, the shooter who had then killed himself, could have been carrying identification belonging to his 24-year-old sibling.

This case of mistaken identity was painfully reminiscent of the Atlanta Olympics bombing case in 1996, when authorities fingered an innocent man, and the news media ran with it, destroying his life. Such damage was averted in Ryan Lanza's case largely by his public protestations on social media, repeatedly declaring "It wasn't me."

■ Initial reports differed as to whether Lanza's mother, Nancy, was shot at the school, where she was said to be a teacher, or at the home she shared with Adam Lanza. By Friday afternoon, it was determined that she had been shot at their home.

Then doubts arose about whether Nancy Lanza had any link to Sandy Hook Elementary. At least one parent said she was a substitute teacher, but by early Saturday, an official said investigators had been unable to establish any connection with the school.

That seemed to make the massacre even more confusing. Early on, the attack was said to have taken place in her own classroom and was interpreted by more than one on-air analyst as possibly a way for Adam Lanza to strike back at children with whom he felt rivalry for his mother's affection.

■ At first, authorities said Lanza had used two pistols (a Glock and a Sig Sauer) in the attack and left a .223-caliber Bushmaster rifle in the trunk of a vehicle. But by Saturday afternoon, the latest information was that all the victims had been shot with the rifle at close range.

■ There were numerous versions of what Lanza was wearing, including camouflage attire and black paramilitary garb.

With so many unanswered questions, TV correspondents were left to set the scene and to convey the impact in words that continually failed them.

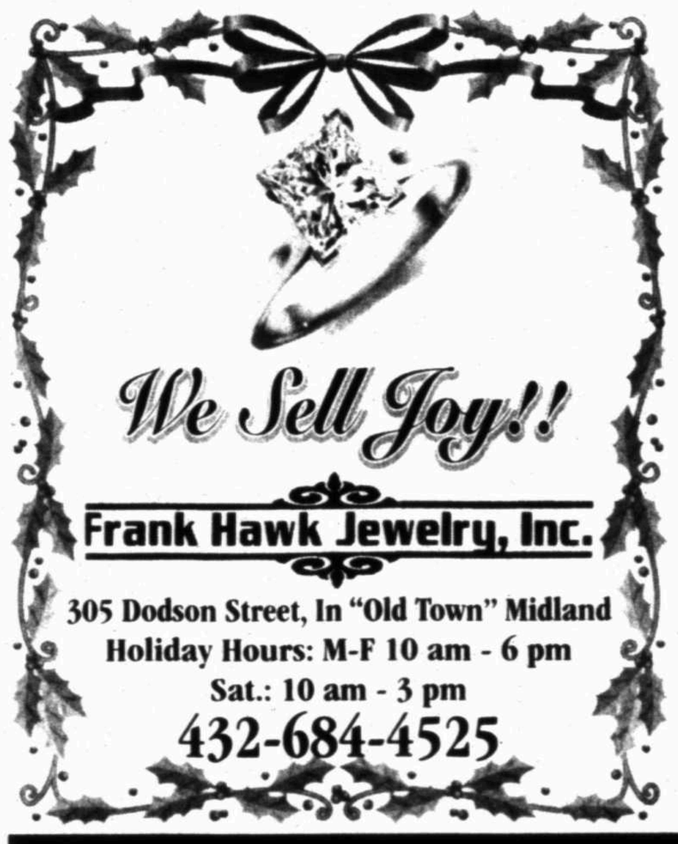
However apt, the phrase "parents' worst nightmare" became an instant cliche. The word "unimaginable" was used countless times. But "imagine" was exactly what the horrified audience was helpless not to do.

When key elements of the story changed, the AP issued two advisories — one to correct that Adam Lanza, not his brother, was the gunman, and another that called into question the original report that Lanza's mother taught at the school.

But TV had hours to fill.

Children from the school were interviewed. It was a questionable decision for which the networks took heat from media critics and viewers alike.

But the decision lay more in the hands of the willing parents (who were present), and there was value in hearing what these tiny witnesses had to say.



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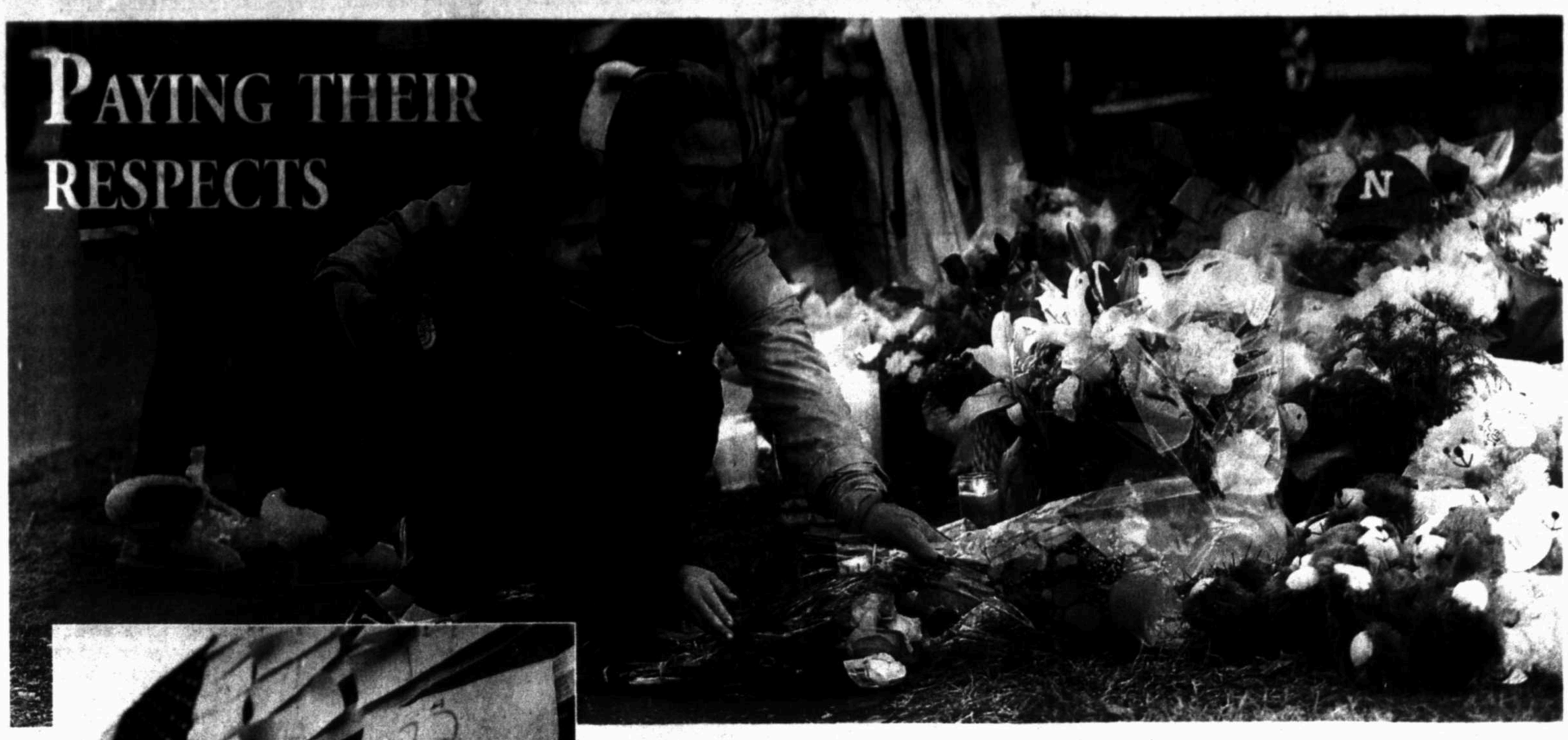

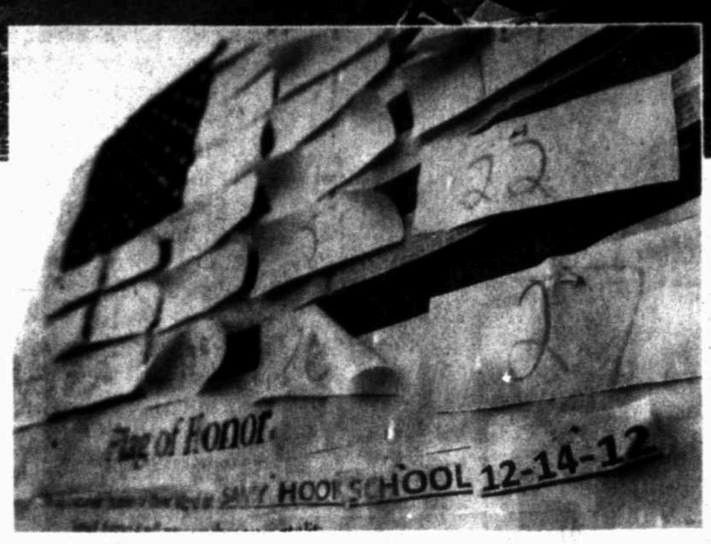

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TOP: Mourners pay their respects at a memorial for shooting victims near Sandy Hook Elementary School on Saturday. **LEFT:** A U.S. flag is covered with numbers representing the people who died when a gunman opened fire during a shooting rampage.

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Emilie Parker, 6
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Conn. dad recalls loving, creative 6-year-old

Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — Fighting back tears and struggling to catch his breath, the father of a 6-year-old gunned down in the school shooting in Connecticut told the world Saturday about a little girl who loved to draw and was always smiling, and he also reserved surprising words of sympathy for the gunman.

Robbie Parker's daughter, Emilie, was among the 20 children who died Friday in the one of the worst attacks on schoolchildren in U.S. history. He was one of the first parents to speak publicly about their loss.

"She was beautiful. She was blond. She was always smiling," he said.

Parker spoke to reporters not long after police released the names and ages of the victims, a simple document that told a horrifying story of loss.

He expressed no animosity, said he was not mad and offered sympathy for family of the man who killed 26 people and himself.

Associated Press

This photo posted to the Emilie Parker Fund Facebook page shows Emilie Parker. Robbie Parker, father of the 6-year-old, told the world about a little girl who loved to draw and was always smiling.

To the man's family, he said, "I can't imagine how hard this experience must be for you."

He said he struggled to explain the death to Emilie's two siblings, 3 and 4.

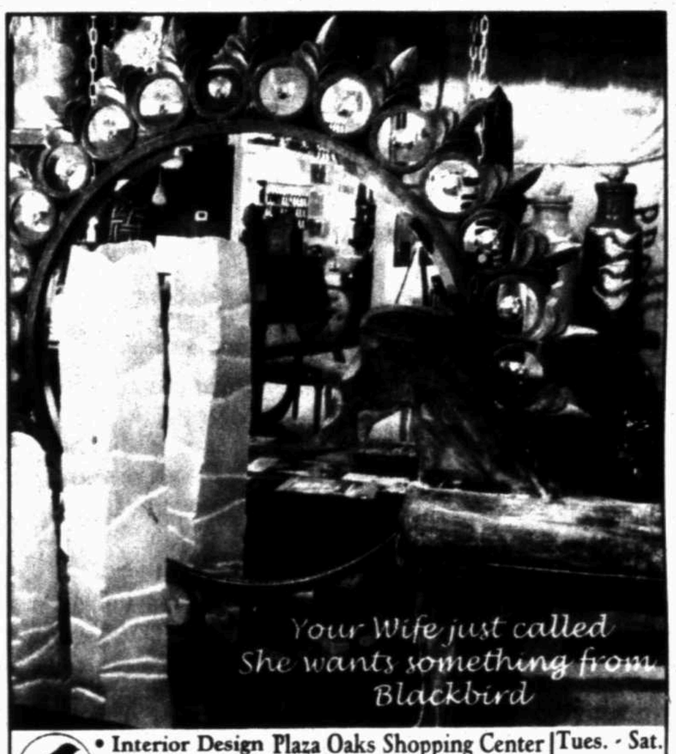
"They seem to get the fact that they have somebody they're going to miss very much," he said.

Parker said his daughter loved to try new things — except for new food. And she was quick to cheer up those in need.

"She never missed an opportunity to draw a picture or make a card for those she around her," he said.

The world is a better place because Emilie was in it, he said.

"I'm so blessed to be her dad," he said.



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There are 150 million reasons it's so hard to cut federal spending

By Lesley Clark
McClatchy Newspapers

Don't mess with Big Bird. And don't even think about touching Medicare.

Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney ran into a brick wall of protests and ridicule when he proposed ending subsidies for Big Bird parent the Public Broadcasting Service as one small step toward curbing runaway budget deficits.

Now advocacy groups warn that cuts to Medicare or any other part of the nation's social safety net, even reductions in projected increases, would be devastating.

As President Barack Obama and Congress debate ways to avert a pending fiscal crisis, the country broadly agrees that they need to cut federal budget deficits. There's solid support for raising taxes on the wealthy, but those tax increases alone wouldn't solve the problem. And cutting spending is extremely difficult.

Look in the mirror for the key to the problem: An ever-increasing number of Americans get a piece of federal spending.

Nearly 150 million Americans — 49 percent — receive some government benefit. That includes Social Security, veterans' benefits, Medicare or Medicaid and food stamps, according to Census Bureau figures from last year, the most recent available.

Among them:

- 80 million get help from Medicaid, the health insurance for the poor.
- 49 million get Social Security.
- 48 million get food stamps.
- 45 million get Medicare.

Beyond that, there are price supports for farmers. Money for schools. Road, bridge and highway construction programs that employ thousands. Popular public broadcasting shows.

"It's really quite simple: People who get the spending like to keep getting it," veteran Washington budget analyst Stan Collender said. "Almost any spending that's still in the budget has substantial political support."

Numerous polls show widespread enthusiasm for cutting spending in general, but there's resistance to specific trims, Collender said.

"With the possible exception of foreign aid, and every once in a while NASA, almost nothing has a majority of support for cutting," Collender said. "If you read the public opinion polls, Americans don't want their government to do less, they just want it cost less."

Indeed, a recent McClatchy-Marist Poll found overwhelming opposition to every option mentioned to cut spending. Fully 85 percent of voters oppose any reductions in Medicare, for example. Fifty-nine percent oppose raising the eligibility age for Medicare. The opposition cuts across party lines, with a majority of Republicans joining Democrats in opposing cuts to Medicare or Medicaid.

The personal stake in the federal budget has grown by leaps and bounds since the creation of Medicare in the 1960s and the expansion of it to cover prescription drugs in the last decade.

Federal spending sent to individuals for entitlements such as food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security has more than doubled as a share of the federal budget, from 25 percent in 1960 to more than 60 percent today.

Erskine Bowles, a former Clinton White House chief of staff who co-chaired a bipartisan budget commission, said the broad vested interest made it difficult to cut spending.

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OPINION

Right to choose cripples labor unions, liberals

■ Michigan joins list of right-to-work states. Expect union contributions to plummet.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

Rick Snyder, who is hardly a human cactus, warned Michigan's labor leaders. The state's mild-mannered Republican governor, currently in his first term in his first public office, has rarely been accused of being, or praised for being, a fire-breathing conservative. When unions put on Michigan's November ballot two measures that would have entrenched collective bargaining rights in the state Constitution, Snyder told them they were picking a fight they might regret.

Both measures lost resoundingly in the state with the fifth highest rate of unionization (17.5 percent, down from 28.4 percent in 1985) and, not coincidentally, the sixth highest unemployment rate (9.1 percent). And Republicans decided to build upon that outcome by striking a blow for individual liberty and against coerced funding of the Democratic Party. Hence the right-to-work laws passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature to prohibit the requirement of paying union dues as a condition of employment.

The unions' frenzy against this freedom is as understandable as their desire to abolish the right of secret ballots in unionization elections: Freedom is not the unions' friend. After Colorado in 2001 required public employees unions to have annual votes reauthorizing collection of dues, membership in the Colorado Association of Public Employees declined 70 percent. After Indiana's government in 2005 stopped collecting dues from unionized public employees, the number of dues-paying members plummeted 90 percent. In Utah, the automatic dues deductions for political activities was ended in 2001; made voluntary, payments from teachers declined 90 percent. After a similar measure in Washington state in 1992, the percentage of teachers making contributions fell from 82 to 11. The Democratic Party's desperate opposition to the liberation of workers from compulsory membership in unions is because unions are conveyor belts moving coerced dues money into the party.

Nationwide, resentment of union power has been accumulating like steam in a boiler. The Wall Street Journal reports that in the last four years "nearly every state ... has enacted some form of pension changes" clawing back unsustainable benefits promised to unionized government employees. The most conspicuous battle was in Wisconsin, where Republican Gov. Scott Walker survived organized labor's attempt to recall him as punishment for restricting collective bargaining by unionized government workers. After Walker's reforms, Indiana under Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels became the 23rd right-to-work state, and the first in the industrial Midwest.

By becoming the 24th right-to-work state, Michigan is belatedly becoming serious about what Daniel Boorstin, the late historian and Librarian of Congress, called entrepreneurial federalism. This is the wholesome competition among states to emulate others' best practices, and to avoid and exploit others' follies.

Indiana and Wisconsin are, fortunately for them, contiguous to Illinois, where Democratic power is completely unrestrained and spectacularly unsuccessful. Indiana noticed Wisconsin's competitive advantage in attracting businesses from Illinois and elsewhere. Michigan also has noticed. Yet unions call what Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin have done a "race to the bottom." This flapdoodle and folderol come from unions that have contributed mightily to Michigan's painful acquaintance with the bottom.

If you seek a monument to Michigan's unions, look, if you can without wincing, at Detroit, where the amount of vacant land is approaching the size of Paris. And where the United Auto Workers, which once had more than 1 million members and now has about 380,000, won contracts that crippled the local industry — and prompted the growth of the non-unionized auto industry that is thriving elsewhere. Detroit's rapacious and oblivious government employees unions are parasitic off a near-corpse of a city that has lost 25 percent of its population just since 2000. The Wall Street Journal reports that because some government workers with defined-benefit pensions can retire in their 40s, "many retirees living into their 80s are drawing benefits for nearly twice as long as they work."

Many liberals who, with solemn self-congratulation, call themselves "pro-choice" become testy when the right to choose is not confined to choosing to kill unborn babies. They say the right to choose is not progressive when it enables parents to choose their children's schools, or permits workers to choose not to fund unions' political advocacy.

Democrats who soon will celebrate two of their party's saints at Jefferson-Jackson Day dinners should jettison either their opposition to right-to-work laws or their reverence for Jefferson, who said: "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

OUR VIEW

Medical tower opening marks the beginning of city's great expectations

Christmas is full of great expectations, but for many in Midland, those expectations will be unwrapped by an eager public Wednesday, just under a week before Christmas Day.

That's when Midland Memorial Hospital will publicly unveil the Dorothy and Clarence Scharbauer Jr. Patient Tower, beginning a new medical era as part of the Tall City's landscape.

This alone causes a great deal of excitement throughout the city as the hospital provides Midland residents with a facility that should serve our medical needs well into the future.

It has been an ambitious project from the very beginning, and it's exciting to see the vision come to fruition. The opening is only the beginning because our expectations remain charged for our medical future. We fully expect that Midland residents will get their money's worth out of the new tower and vault MMH into the lead of medical care in the Permian Basin.

It is a credit to Midland voters, who overwhelmingly passed the bond in 2009, and the millions of dollars that were raised privately. Midland voters passed a $115 million bond initiative, while an additional $62.6 million came from private donations, including $25 million from Clarence Scharbauer.

We also credit Rosalind Grover, who spearheaded the campaign to pass the referendum. Her leadership set a standard not only for the hospital, but how the community thinks about long-term investments. Her work has placed us on the threshold of a new era in Midland, and she deserves a lot of credit for selling this vision.

There is no question this is a huge commitment on the part of the community, and a commitment now must be honored by the administration and staff of MMH. It's now time to produce what was promised.

It is imperative that we remind those at MMH that during the campaign they promised a facility that would improve our medical care.

We also remind them that they used the phrase of "when the doors open, how good do you want it?"

We expect the care for patients to equal or exceed what we have put into it. We think an investment far above $170 million should provide the medical needs we seek.

MMH must make sure the treatment that is offered inside matches the investment Midlanders made in the new facility. That's far more important in the long run than the amount that was spent. That's where our expectations begin, not where they end.

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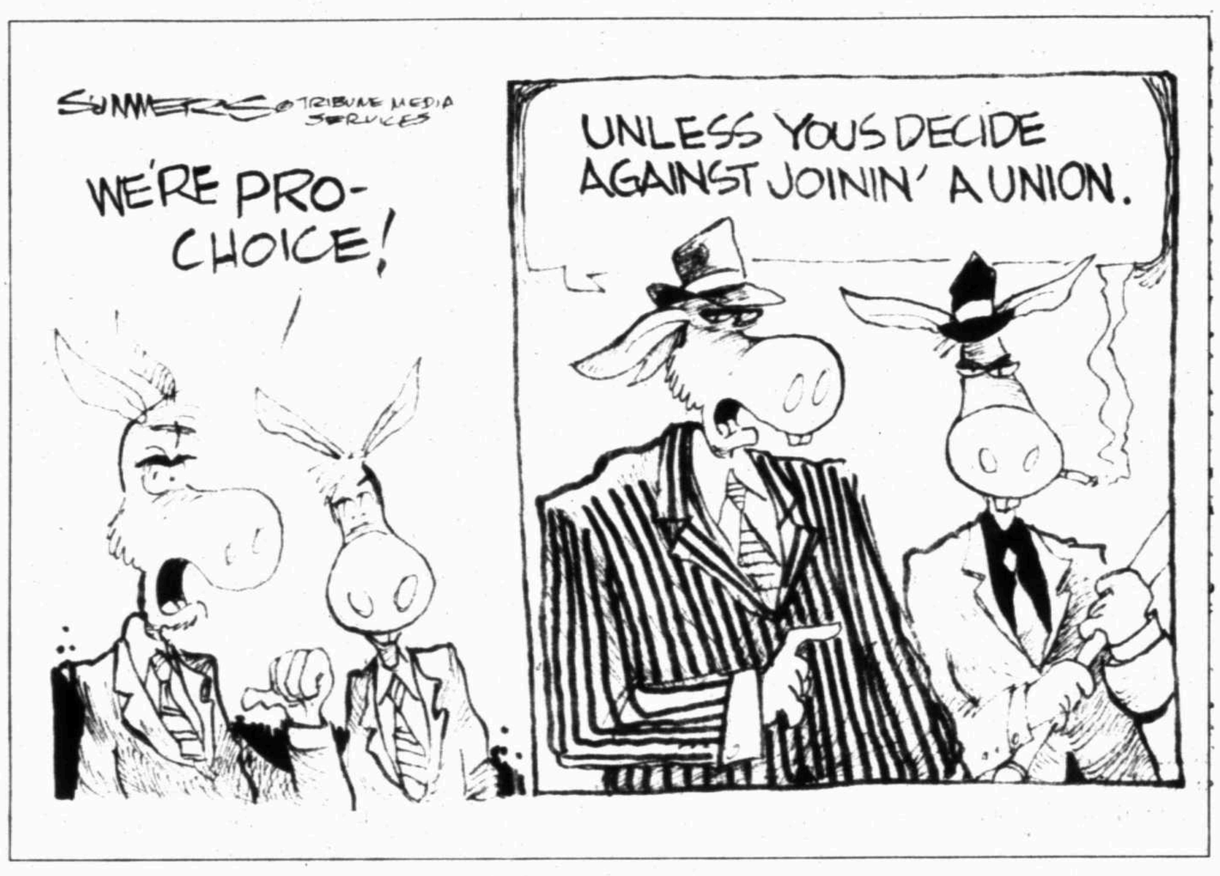

Why thuggery was OK in Michigan

■ It was right wingers being overzealous about some random subject, but unions fighting for their existance. That made blood-on-the-street tactics OK.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

It was an ugly spectacle in Lansing, Mich., the other day. A Republican lawmaker predicted blood on the streets. Profanity-spewing Chamber of Commerce goons went after union demonstrators. Anarcho-capitalists tried to push their way into a state building protected by the police.

The events chagrined editorialists around the country, and Sunday show producers scrambled to book the most excruciatingly thoughtful guests they could find to hold forth about the importance of civility in politics.

Of course, none of these things actually happened. The inflammatory rhetoric and small-time thuggery in Michigan were all the work of the left in response to a new right-to-work law and will surely go all but unnoticed by the people who always tsk-tsk about "the tone" of political debate.

Civility is one of the most absurdly abused of our political values. It is always centrally important to our functioning as a democracy — right up until the time someone proposes crossing the unions. Then, it goes from "Can't we all get along?" to "Nothing to see here." Then, out come the Hitler signs, the accusations of dictatorship, the sit-ins, the threats and even the fists, and all anyone can think to say is, "Isn't it a shame someone had to go and get the unions angry?"

State Rep. Douglas Geiss achieved his 15 minutes of notoriety by taking to the floor of the Michigan Legislature to warn "there will be blood" in response to the right-to-work law. He couched his prediction in terms of past corporate-union conflicts. But why would Michigan companies want to beat anyone up over a right-to-work law? Come to think of it, why would anyone consider a law allowing people hired at a unionized shop to decide freely whether or not to join a union an incitement to violence? No one is forced to join the Rotary Club, yet Rotarians still go about their business peaceably.

Outside the Michigan Capitol the day of the vote, union protesters tore down the large organizational tent of the pro-right-to-work free-market group Americans for Prosperity and punched Fox News contributor Steven Crowder. It could have been worse. Crowder sustained a chipped tooth and a small cut on his forehead. But it was notable who was doing the punching.

At least it should have been. Some on the left have condemned Crowder for having the temerity to get assaulted (or as Stephen Douglas said of Charles Sumner before he was caned by Preston Brooks: "That damn fool will get himself killed by some other damn fool"). A writer at the website Gawker argued, in effect, that it was really stupid of Crowder to get in the way of a mob involved in the good, clean work of trashing other people's property.

Opponents of right-to-work complained of the rapid legislative action in Michigan during a lame-duck session. But Michigan's GOP legislators didn't want to repeat the experience of Wisconsin, where lawmakers were hounded and personally threatened in a drawn-out fight over collective bargaining. The business of banging drums, shouting and occupying buildings is not about rational persuasion so much as a show of muscle to intimidate.

These aren't tactics favored by the right, and if they were it would be an ongoing national scandal. It was considered a danger to the republic at the inception of the tea party when constituents merely asked sharp questions of the late Sen. Arlen Specter and booed at a town-hall meeting.

The same standards will never apply to the unions. Not that they would abide by them. Too much is at stake. For them, the Wisconsin and Michigan fights are fundamentally about power. They need the coercive power of the state to force as many people as possible to become members and cough up dues. And they need the dues to fund the election of politicians who will protect their interests. By inserting worker choice into the equation, right-to-work risks crimping the whole enterprise.

So they will fight and claw — civility be damned.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Midland area ground water wake-up call

Practically all of the ground water shall be salted out unless some changes are made where the rustler or salt section exist and oil and gas wells are drilled on close spaces. It's not uncommon for 1,000 barrels of brine drilling fluid containing 70,000 pounds of pure salt to be circulated and deposited in the reserve pits of a location during drilling operations. This brine drilling fluid can be disposed of as per Texas Railroad Commission rule 3.8 or illegally released on the surface by various means to save disposal expense.

When this brine drilling fluid is left to seep or evaporate, the 70,000 pounds of salt left on the surface shall eventually trickle down into the ground water when it rains. Do the simple math: 10 pound per gallon brine minus 8.3 pound fresh water gives you 1.7 pounds of salt per gallon. Multiplied by 42 gallons per barrel gives you 71.4 pounds of pure salt per barrel. The Texas RR Commission is extremely lax in enforcing the proper disposal of this salty fluid. The Railroad Commission seems more concerned with a small amount of highly visible crude oil that is degradable than this huge amount of invisible salt that lasts forever. They neither have the resources or personnel to enforce or police the disposal of this salty drilling fluid in the Permian Basin. This fluid is approximately 10 times as salty as formation or sea water. The improperly named Railroad Commission was created to protect the oil industry from railroads before adequate pipelines existed. The Texas Railroad Commission has been completely dominated by big oil since its inception.

I have observed one local operator — Fasken Oil and Ranch — that apparently voluntarily adheres to Texas Railroad Commission's rule 3.8.

I challenge anyone's capability to dispute these simplified figures and facts. Plus record keeping and enforcement needs to be addressed. Rule 3.8 states that operators must keep trip tickets three years to verify that they properly dewater pits within 30 days after the drilling of wells are finished.

Sam Rhodes

Time for a momument to fools

Somewhere there should be, for all of the world to see, a monument built of stone with images of our children and grandchildren, with fear stricken faces, gazing at images of their parents and grandparents who are hanging their heads in shame for willingly letting freedom slip through their hands.

We should build such a monument, and build it high, and we should dedicate it to the world's greatest fools and name it after "We, the People" of the United States of America.

Dennis Madison Pomroy

Where's the anger in America?

This is actually getting to be funny, no, maybe a better term would be tragic. An article about saving the prairie chicken in the same section of the newspaper with an article that says rural America is becoming less relevant. The secretary of Agriculture says, "It's time to have an adult conversation with folks in rural America." Maybe he's going to tell them that the earthworm is about to be put on the endangered species list and there won't be any more planting. But wait, we'll pay you for abiding by that regulation, never mind the fact that a loaf of bread will cost $3. This is the same agency that was worried about kids being in danger while working on the farm and the fact that chickens might not have enough room in the hen house to lay their eggs.

Give me a break. Spotted owls, sand lizards, prairie chickens, what's next? They need to put "common sense" on the list as being endangered. On the other hand, it may already be extinct. It seems to be disappearing the fastest in Washington D.C. Not to worry though, with the worst possible economic situation in our history staring us in the face, our president is going to take a three-week vacation. Now there's some common sense. It actually defies imagination.

You're right, I'm just a little angry about the direction in which this country is headed. My question is, "Where is the rest of the anger and outrage?"

Charles Henry

Train changes interrupt good night sleep for some

I am sensitive to the tragedy that befell everyone involved in the railroad crossing accident last month here in Midland. My heart goes out to the families of those who suffered and were killed on that fateful day. I agree that what measures can be taken to prevent such tragedies should be taken.

And I submit to you that blaring the trains' horns at maximum volume repeatedly during the middle of the night, and until 8 a.m. each day, is doing nothing to relieve those involved in prior accidents, and it is an act most disrespectful to the residents of Midland who live within a few blocks of the railroad tracks and who need an uninterrupted night's sleep so that they, themselves, do not pose a threat to our residents who encounter them on our streets the next day. In addition, many residents in this neighborhood are seniors and elderly, in less than optimum health, who also need sleep uninterrupted by the regular blaring of the horns all throughout the night.

If the warning lights and crossing barricades are not enough to alert people to the fact of an approaching train, then can't the trains be required to slow down to a reasonable rate of speed once they are within our city limits? We should not all be made to suffer because of the misguided actions of those who will not use good old common sense.

Nancy Maberry

There is too much debt in this community

I have lived in Midland for more than 35 years, and I am overwhelmed. How in the world did our leaders get us in this mess? I am amazed as I talk to bankers, teachers and just about everyone else who doesn't know. And it is funny to see the look of just plain old disgust, when I point out what I learned from the Midland paper concerning what the state comptroller had to say. Some people can't believe this is true, and I can't believe it myself. And as a matter of fact, it sickens me to know that our future in Midland will be changing and not for the better. In the days past we had people who lived within their budget. We lived well. We are spending ourselves into bankruptcy.

Wake up Midland residents. We over $1 billion in debt and that is probably underestimated. We are going to be the laughing stock of Texas. We must stop this spending or no one will be able to live here (we won't be able to afford it). It is almost too expensive now.

The schools just finished getting made over, and here we go again. The hospital was remodeled, and it was done again. A high school football stadium was way over done, and we tossed the baseball stadium in with that deal. EZ Rider buses are usually empty and now there is are new accomodations for parking them. There's the Horseshoe, the new library — I could go on and on. But look at our public parks, mostly outdated and dirty with gorgeous dead grass. This town is a disgrace. Midland has a real progressive problem, but it likes to think of itself as conservative.

One billion dollars plus in the red? Divide 100,000 into $1 billion and see how much you owe. Midland's taxes will be going up. I guess we will have to all move on. We can't pay for someone's awful mistakes one right after another. Sounds like Washington, don't you think? And, the oil booms never last, so don't count on that gift horse.

John Richards

NARFE offers thanks to those who donated

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) would like to thank all the residents of Midland who saved and donated their aluminum tabs and cans to NARFE to benefit a Texas Ronald McDonald house and Alzheimer's research.

NARFE collected close to 200 pounds of aluminum tabs that will be given to a Texas Ronald McDonald house to help with expenses of running the house where families of sick children can stay free or for very little. The money from the tabs helps buy toiletries, kitchen supplies and food.

The aluminum cans that are collected are sold by NARFE and the money sent to the NARFE Alzhimer's Research Fund. This past year the members of chapter 1281 Permian Basin collected and sent more than $600 to NARFE Alzhimer's Fund. Nationally NARFE has collected and donated more than $10 million since the establishment of the NARFE Alzhimer's Fund. Thanks to all members and residents who have donated to this fund.

A special thanks to Jimmy and Helen Whitehead for their generous donation this month.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the members of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees of the Permian Basin.

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Is turning 100 a big deal?

■ The census told us there were 53,364 centenarians in 2010.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Happy birthday to Lillie Kelly, who turned 100 on Wednesday. I went to Round Rock last week to tell her that in person because I think 100 is kind of a big deal. She doesn't think so. The U.S. Census Bureau says she's kind of right.

Kelly was born the last time 12/12/12 popped up on the calendar. William Howard Taft was president. Kelly has lived an interesting, international life, and I don't think you'd guess she's been around for a century.

Turning 100 is a big deal, right? Well, not so much and certainly not as much as it used to be, the census folks reminded us in a report this week. When the 2010 count was taken, the U.S. had 53,364 centenarians (stay tuned for some interesting stats about them). That's up from 50,454 in 2000 and 37,306 in 1990 (stay tuned for some interesting facts about why the stats might be wrong, including old people who lie about their age).

Kelly said she's been too busy enjoying life to "think about ages."

"To me, it's just normal. The thing I was interested in my whole life was learning. I just wanted to learn stuff, and so that's what I did," she said. "And when you're learning, you're not thinking of time or the years."

Kelly was born in Lamar County in Northeast Texas. She grew up in Wichita Falls and, after college, took a secretarial job with an American construction company in Whitehorse in the Canadian Yukon. She met engineer John T. Kelly there. They married in 1943, and his career took them to Bahrain, Australia, Italy and Holland. They had two kids, and he died in 1981. Lillie Kelly spent most of her time since then in Wichita Falls. She now lives with a daughter in Round Rock.

For me, the comment that best describes Kelly's upbeat view of life was this one: "I enjoyed life during the Depression."

And because she doesn't think 100 is a big deal, she had no special plans for the day.

The census report says Texas had 2,917 centenarians in 2010, placing us behind California, 5,921; New York, 4,605; and Florida, 4,090. The Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska have the most centenarians per capita. Hardy stock up there, I guess.

The census folks advise caution in comparing centenarian counts from different years because of "variations in data quality across censuses."

"Misreporting occurs when a respondent does not answer the question accurately. With respect to centenarian data, it can result from illiteracy, cognition difficulties, proxy reporting or simply a desire to attain the status of being a centenarian," the report says, noting studies showing the 2000 numbers were "artificially high."

Here's a non-shocker from the new report: "Centenarians are concentrated in the 'youngest' centenarian ages," as in 62.5 percent in 2010 were 100 or 101, only 8 percent were over 104 and only 0.6 percent (a total of 330) were 110 or more.

Some other stats: For every 100 female centenarians, there were only 20.7 men, a promising stat for heterosexual centenarian males looking for dates.

The most common living arrangement for male centenarians (45.3 percent of them) was "living with others in a household." Among the women, 35.2 percent were in nursing homes and 34 percent were living alone at home. A third of the men were living alone at home.

Let's close with advice from Kelly, who's planning to live until she's 114, for hitting the century mark.

"Enjoy it, and do what you love, if there is something that you love," she said.

Good advice, and though I respect the wisdom of the elders I'm sticking to my guns on this one. Kelly is wrong and I don't care what the census numbers show. Turning 100 is a big deal (at least it's going to be when I reach it).

President should pay attention to what happens in Vegas

■ The effect of personal decisions are on display. Obama could learn a thing or two.

BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

This is a town that looks better at night. Millions of lights pierce the darkness creating a visual that is both energetic and trance-inducing. The multilayered lightshow is dazzling and unique in America.

But when the sun comes up, Las Vegas speaks directly to the recession. Half-completed buildings loom over the landscape like giant steel skeletons. Some developers ran out of money and simply walked away leaving huge, hulking abandoned structures to absorb the desert wind.

But just down Las Vegas Boulevard are the winners: lavish hotels that cater to one's every need. This is a city that best defines the two Americas and our very competitive capitalistic system. If you want to understand the free marketplace, Las Vegas is an excellent classroom.

Millions of hardworking folks come here to have fun. In order to maximize the entertainment, you have to spend money. Whether you spend it on gambling, live shows or fine dining, it's up to you. The money flow supports tens of thousands of service workers and, at a much higher level, the movers who run the tourist businesses. If you can't make a decent living in Vegas, you are in major trouble. Responsible workers are sorely needed.

But still there is destitution on display. Addiction is the primary driver of that, although laziness is featured, as well. Some of the poor in this town simply want to play all the time. And they pay a price for that, as prosperity eludes them.

Some of the have-nots sit on sidewalks hoping for money from passersby. Sometimes, gamblers give the beggars casino chips. Panhandlers say the best time for them is after midnight when the winners emerge from the gambling dens. Redistribution is much easier when you've just run the table.

President Obama should spend some time in Vegas. Maybe then he would understand capitalism better. No matter how many handouts the panhandlers get, their circumstances rarely change. The money is mostly used to feed their compulsions.

On the other end, the rich 1 percenters hustling the gambling tables are trying to increase their affluence by taking chances. In the process, they are providing salaries for the hardworking men and women who keep the entertainment establishments running. Bottom line: Both the wealthy and the poor in Vegas are exercising their personal freedoms.

From observing the action in Vegas, Obama might finally realize that it's freedom of choice that most often dictates who fails and who succeeds in the capitalistic system. In Vegas, no outcomes are guaranteed and no government can level the playing field. Prosperity or lack thereof is all about individual decision-making.

But the president would most likely never admit that, because it goes against his belief that government can impose a form of social justice by forcibly redistributing the wages of the successful.

For Barack Obama, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.

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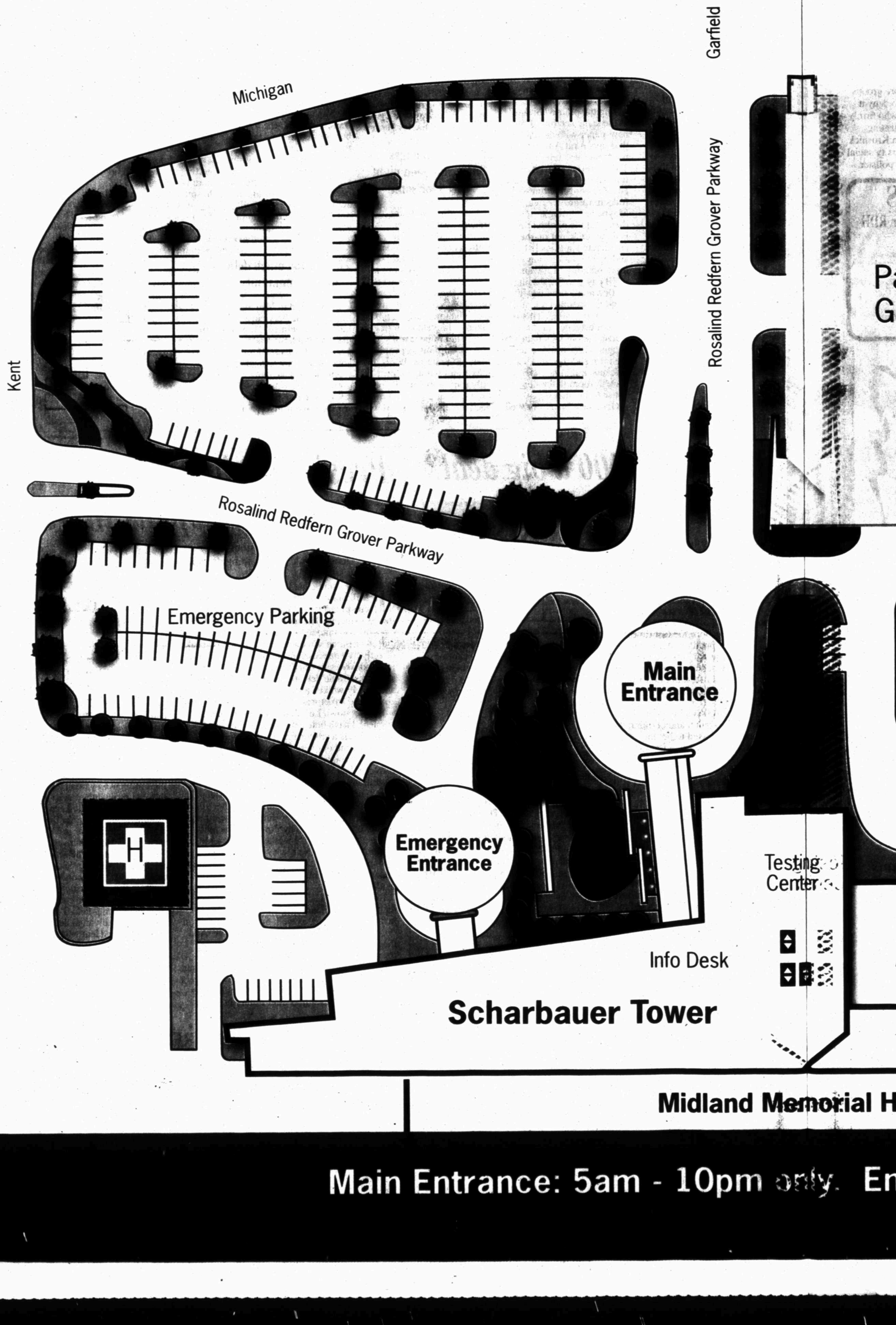

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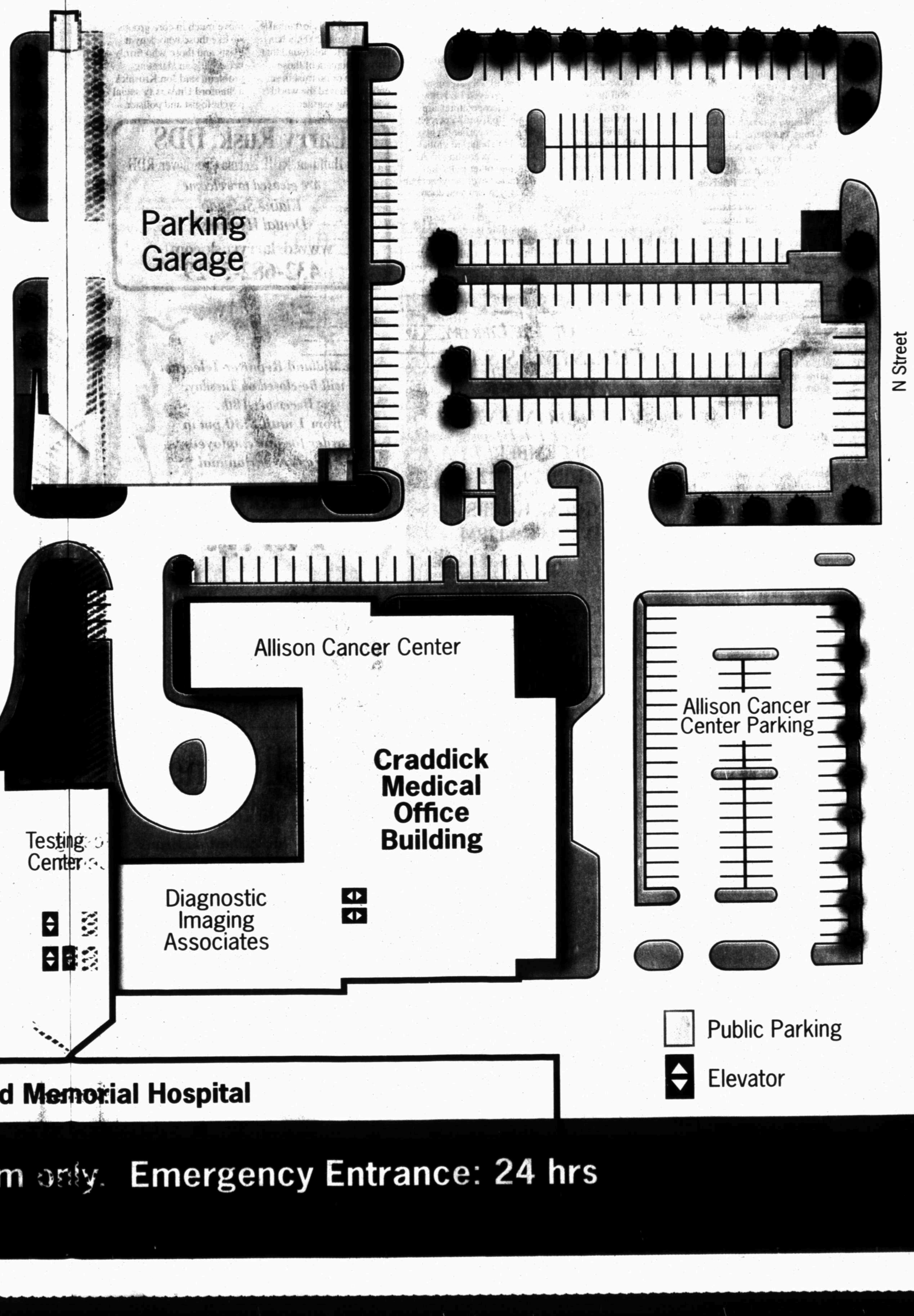

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Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 67 and west winds between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 34 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 66 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph. Expect clear skies in the evening, with a low around 36 and west winds around 10 mph.

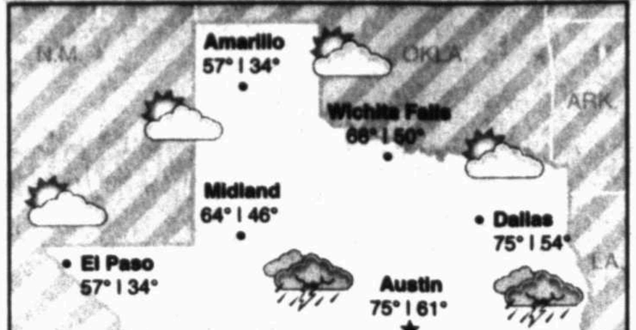
Tuesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 70 and a low around 41.

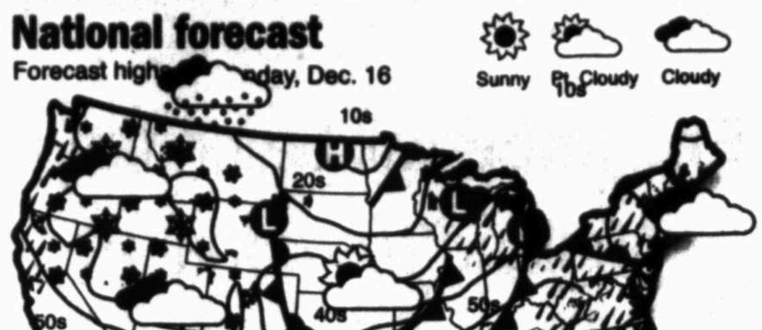
The high on Saturday reached 65, while the low dropped to 47. The record high for Dec. 15 is 82 set in 1995. The record low is 14 set in 1985.

National forecast

A storm system approaching the East Coast today will bring unsettled weather to much of the eastern third of the nation.

Areas of rain and snow will move into New England, and showers will damper locations across the southern Great Lakes and the mid-Atlantic.





Rain And Snow Move Through Great Lakes

Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	12.72 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.28 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	65
Low	47
Normal high	58
Normal low	31
Sunrise	7:43 a.m.
Sunset	5:47 p.m.

Second Arizona, NM storm brings heavy snow, rain

Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — A strong winter storm walloped much of Arizona on Saturday, bringing heavy snow and rain and the temporary closure of a large section of Interstate 40.

The storm combined with another that hit the state Friday to drop as much as 2 feet of snow in the mountains north of Flagstaff, at least a foot in Flagstaff and along the Mogollon Rim and about 6 inches in Prescott, according to the National Weather Service.

Scattered power outages were reported.

West of Flagstaff, a 50-mile section of I-40 was shut down for several hours Saturday afternoon after heavy snow caused limited visibility and multiple vehicle spinouts, Arizona Department of Transportation spokesman Garin Groff said. The department recommended tire chains and four-wheel drive vehicles on Interstate 17 between the Sedona turnoff and Flagstaff, but no official limits were in place, Groff said. That section of highway also has seen many spinouts and crashes since early Saturday.

State Route 64 from State Route 89A to the Grand Canyon south entrance and the road to Mount Lemmon outside Tucson also are closed. The storm largely tapered off Saturday and was expected to mostly leave the state before today, weather service meteorologist Ben Peterson said.

Most of the heavy snowfall in Flagstaff had ended by early afternoon.

"Essentially, the heavy and persistent snow is over right now, although it's kind of hairy out there," he said.

Heavy rain was persisting in Phoenix as evening approached, but should also taper off overnight, Peterson said.

The forecast for central Arizona called for lingering rain through early Sunday. A minor weather system is expected to move through the northern part of the state Sunday, but it will only drop about an inch of snow in the northern parts of the state before moving out and leaving the state dry until at least Tuesday.

That's when another winter system is expected to move into Arizona, bringing more rain to Phoenix and snow in the higher elevations of the state.

A second blast of winter also brought more rain and snow to New Mexico.

The National Weather Service in Albuquerque said precipitation was moving into the central part of the state at midafternoon Saturday. The weather service posted winter storm warnings for northwestern mountains and the Sangre de Cristo mountains, with winter storm advisories posted south of Chama and in the foothill of the middle Rio Grande Valley.

Poll: Science doubters say world is warming

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A growing majority of Americans think global warming is occurring, that it will become a serious problem and that the U.S. government should do something about it, a new Associated Press-GfK poll finds.

Even most people who say they don't trust scientists on the environment say temperatures are rising.

The poll found 4 out of every 5 Americans said climate change will be a serious problem for the United States if nothing is done about it. That's up from 73 percent when the same question was asked in 2009.

And 57 percent of Americans say the U.S. government should do a great deal or quite a bit about the problem. That's up from 52 percent in 2009. Only 22 percent of those surveyed think little or nothing should be done, a figure that dropped from 25 percent.

Overall, 78 percent of those surveyed said they believe temperatures are rising, up from 75 percent three years earlier. In general, U.S. belief in global warming, according to AP-GfK and other polls, has fluctuated over the years but has stayed between about 70 and 85 percent.

The biggest change in the polling is among people who trust scientists only a little or not at all. About 1 in 3 of the people surveyed fell into that category.

Within that highly skeptical group, 61 percent now say temperatures have been rising over the past 100 years. That's a substantial increase from 2009, when the AP-GfK poll found that only 47 percent of those with little or no trust in scientists believed the world was getting warmer.

This is an important development because, often in the past, opinion about climate change doesn't move much in core groups — like those who deny it exists and those who firmly believe it's an alarming problem, said Jon Krosnick, a Stanford University social psychologist and pollster.

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With Rice, Obama saw a battle not worth fighting

By David Lightman and Lesley Clark
McClatchy Newspapers

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UN Ambassador Susan Rice leaves a meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington about the Benghazi terrorist attack in this Nov. 28 file photo.

News analysis

A month ago, a freshly re-elected President Barack Obama was defiant as he dared Congress to battle him over his apparent choice of close friend Susan Rice to be the next secretary of state.

He told a national television audience that Republican criticism of Rice, the U.S ambassador to the United Nations, was "outrageous," and he offered a lengthy, vigorous and unusually personal defense. "They should go after me," he dared.

Thursday, Obama blinked, backing down quickly from a brawl he had yet to officially engage in, and signaling to lawmakers that despite his political bravado, he may not be ready for a big fight. At least not this fight.

"This will be viewed as a minus in the presidential column," said Aaron David Miller, a vice president at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and a former adviser to Democratic and Republican secretaries of state. "We're not even done with the fiscal cliff and Republicans have made it unmistakably clear: 'We don't care if you're one of only 17 presidents to be re-elected. Don't think you can have your way. Here, you can't.'"

Presidential scholar George Edwards agreed.

"Susan Rice's withdrawal is a bit of an embarrassment for the president and shows the limits of his ability to move opposition party senators. It is also a means of cutting his losses and moving on," said the Texas A&M University political science professor.

It's unclear whether the incident will have lasting damage. It does permit Obama to avoid what Rice predicted would be a "lengthy, disruptive and costly" nomination fight.

John Pitney, a professor of American politics at Claremont McKenna College in California, called it a "blip," but, he said of Obama, "Sometimes he picks fights he doesn't have to pick."

And the calculus may have been not to, especially with an battle over taxes and spending that could dominate Washington beyond the looming fiscal-cliff crisis and into the next year.

"He probably just has his plate full and didn't need another fight," said Marc Thiessen, a fellow at the conservative American Enterprise Institute and former chief speechwriter for President George W. Bush.

When or whether Obama fights has long perplexed his supporters.

During his first four years, backers criticized him for being too unwilling to challenge Republicans, perhaps because he was too unschooled in the ways of Washington. He had been a U.S. senator for only two years before he began running for president, and he had never really engaged in the maw of negotiating with Congress.

Backers were aghast at his willingness in 2010 to extend Bush-era tax cuts for two more years, including retaining tax cuts for the wealthy. They also felt that Republicans dragged out the 2009-10 health-care debate with procedural roadblocks and tormented Democrats with unfair criticisms, creating doubts about the plan that helped the GOP regain control of the House in 2010.

Last month, though, after becoming the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to win a majority of the popular vote twice in a row, Obama was energized and more willing to engage in political combat.

He has refused to give much so far in negotiations over averting the fiscal cliff. Republicans thought they had conceded a lot by saying they'd agree to $800 billion in new revenue, and perhaps accept higher taxes on the wealthy, but Obama infuriated them with a counterproposal to raise $1.6 trillion in revenue.

Nominating Rice seemed a logical step from this new, feistier White House. She had the resume as a career diplomat and support among Senate Democrats, who will control 55 of the chamber's 100 seats starting in January.

But some Republicans opposed Rice as soon as her name was floated in the news media. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., Obama's 2008 opponent, led the charge with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Obama seemed to be ready for a brawl.

"If Sen. McCain and Sen. Graham and others want to go after somebody, they should go after me," he said during a news conference a week after his re-election. "And I'm happy to have that discussion with them. But for them to go after the U.N. ambassador? Who had nothing to do with Benghazi? And was simply making a presentation based on intelligence that she had received? To besmirch her reputation is outrageous."

Republicans, though, didn't back down. Immediately after the news conference, Graham, known as someone Democrats can do business with, struck back.

"Mr. President, don't think for one minute I don't hold you ultimately responsible for Benghazi," he said, referring to the September attack on the U.S. consulate where four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya, were killed.

The next fight may not be a fight at all. "I don't think there will be long-term consequences, because it does not reveal anything new about his strategic position," said Edwards of Texas A&M. "It just shows that he chose not to fall on his sword in a lost cause."

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Single women, a key bloc, are avoiding GOP

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

DENVER — Sara Stevenson spends her working hours surrounded by Republicans, namely the married men who work alongside her in a Denver oil and gas firm company. But after hours and on weekends, she usually spends her time with other single women, and there's not a Republican in sight among the bunch.

"There was just no way I could have supported any Republican this year," said Stevenson, 31. "They skew so much to the religious right. ... They focused so much on taxes. It's not something that women in my demographic really care about. I've never heard my friends lament their taxes."

As Republicans dust off their Election Day drubbing last month, their party must confront the reality that the ranks of unmarried women are growing rapidly, and these voters overwhelmingly have backed Democrats for decades.

Women increasingly are graduating from college and joining the workforce, and postponing marriage. From 2000 to 2010, the number of unmarried women increased 18 percent, according to census data.

Republicans have spent the past month tallying up all their demographic weak spots, including with Hispanics and Asian-Americans. But some warn that single women, already one-quarter of the electorate, represent the most serious threat to the party's viability.

"It's a faster-growing demographic than most others," said Kellyanne Conway, a Republican pollster. "That's a cultural zeitgeist that demands a political response."

In 1960, the average American woman married at age 20. Now it's 27. That reflects, and is partly the cause of, a boom in solo living, with nearly one-third of all U.S. households comprised of single people living alone, according to Eric Klinenberg, a New York University sociologist and author of a book on the subject. In 1950, it was 9 percent.

Around the world, as women gain more education and earn more money, they increasingly are delaying marriage, said Stephanie Coontz, who teaches history and family studies at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., and is director of research for the Council on Contemporary Families. "Nowadays, women don't feel so driven to get married because they can support themselves," she said. "A lot of this is driven by women and a combination of lowering payoffs to just marrying any man and rising expectations" of what marriage will bring, she added.

In a presidential election dominated by debates over women's health and abortion, unmarried women backed Obama over Republican Mitt Romney by a 67-31 margin.

Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who wrote a book with Conway on the women's vote, said unmarried women are a tough group for the GOP to crack.

"Any way you cut it, this demographic is much more on their own and much more precarious and much more interested in a safety net," Lake said. "If you're married, you're much more likely to be a churchgoer and have your church as a community. If you're married, you're much more likely to have owned your home for a while and have that community to rely on. If you're married, you're more likely to have your spouse to depend on."

Katy Atkinson, a GOP consultant in Denver, said that two elections in a row should be a warning sign for the GOP.

"That whole fighting social issues with economic issues just doesn't work," she said. Atkinson noted that both Romney, as well as Bennet's opponent, Ken Buck, contended that women really cared about pocketbook issues rather than reproductive issues. "While women care about pocketbook issues, they don't want to elect an extremist."

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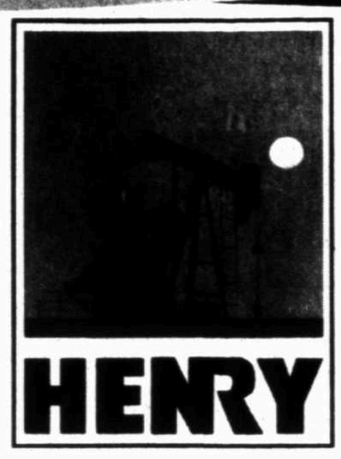

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Greenwood trustees mull bond options

Package options range from $37 million to $50 million

By Meredith Moriak
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GREENWOOD — With enrollment in Greenwood ISD reaching an unprecedented 1,899 students and campuses filled at or beyond their intended capacity levels, trustees have started to discuss future building projects.

Three options — one that would add capacity to all campuses through renovations, one that would build a new middle school and one that would build a new elementary school — are on the table and trustees are seeking community input.

Trustees submitted names for a 10- to 15-member citizen's bond committee at the conclusion of Monday's meeting. Those selected for the committee will meet weekly in January to review the three plans and designate what are district needs, rather than wants, before delivering a cohesive recommendation to the board at the Feb. 11 meeting.

Bond packages before the board range from $37 million for renovations and classroom additions at every campus to $50 million for the construction of a new elementary or middle school and renovating the other campuses, according to a master-planning cost summary established by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, whom GISD has been working with since 2011.

"We're at a point now where we're ready to bring citizens in and get input. We want to make sure the options we put together are appropriate for our community and instructionally," said GISD Superintendent Doug Young.

Greenwood's enrollment of 1,899 is 178 students more than it was in 1998 when the community recorded its previous high of 1,721.

The elementary school, built to hold 950 students, currently has about 1,098 students enrolled. There are seven classes each in kindergarten and first grade and eight classes each in second and third grades, Young said. A portable building with two classrooms was purchased weeks before classes started in August to accommodate enrollment growth.

Brooks Middle School and Greenwood High School are both at capacity with little room to grow. Brooks, built for 305, has 298 students, and the high school, built for 515, has 503 students enrolled, according to Young.

Population studies conducted show that Greenwood could reach as many as 2,800 students by 2026, Young said. All three of the plans proposed would prepare GISD for that growth.

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FUNDRAISERFORVETERANS

VFW, PGR raise money for Show of Support victims

By Tyler White
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A trumpeter's vibrato bounced against the walls of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4149 on Saturday afternoon with a moving rendition of taps, the bugle call for "lights out" commonly played at military funerals.

VFW member Sandy Dunlap said more than 400 people gathered throughout the day to partake in a fundraiser for the victims of the Nov. 15 train accident that killed four veterans and injured 14 others on a parade float.

This was not a somber day of regret but a welcoming day of remembrance and recovery for a community gutted by the loss of veterans.

Guests embraced each other in hugs as people socialized over food and beverages provided by Baker Hughes, while live bands

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Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

TOP: Volunteers serve food during an event Saturday at the VFW Post 4149 hosted by the Patriot Guard Riders and the VFW to benefit the families involved in the fatal Nov. 15, 2012 parade accident. **ABOVE:** Car show attendees check out a 600 horsepower road course-prepped Corvette during the event.

RYDER WARREN
MISD Superintendent

Quality is priority No. 1 during elementary school building program

We are very quickly approaching our Christmas break, and not many of us associated with the school district can believe we are already ending our first semester of school. Please be proud of our kids and the staff — everyone is working very hard to end the first semester on a positive note.

Our elementary students are ending their third six weeks' grading period, and our secondary students are preparing for their semester finals. I want to thank everyone who has supported our students and our campuses this first semester because it has been one of the most positive of my career.

There are two subjects I want to discuss in my articles this week, and both are equally important to MISD and, I believe, to our community as a whole. This past Tuesday, the MISD board of trustees conducted its regular monthly meeting and during that meeting, I gave two reports/presentations to our school board members.

The first report focused on our elementary building program. With the passage of the bond in November, we have been focused on initiating the improvement program for our 24 current elementary schools and the building of our three new campuses. As reported to the school board, we have mapped out a tentative timeline and schedule that will run for the next 2 1/2 years, so I wanted to present that schedule to our community, as well. I feel it is of the utmost importance to be as transparent as we can in regards to the progress of the building project with our community. So, beginning with the passage of the bond on Nov. 6, let me run through the preliminary schedule with you, which is as follows:

■ About three weeks after the passage of the bond, MISD released RFQs (Request for Qualifications) for architectural services. The first step in the building process is to hire an architectural firm(s) that will come in and begin the initial planning and design

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To-do list gets longer when world is coming to an end

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

This is going to be a busy week for me. The world is coming to an end Friday, and I need to get some things done.

If the Mayans have this end of the world thing right, we've got less than a week to wrap it all up. I figure that I can eliminate a few things and add a few things to my lifestyle.

Here are some things that I shouldn't even bother doing. First, I'm not going to pay any bills because there will be no one there to collect payment. I'm not going to work because I've got enough money to last the week. The diet is gone because how much weight can I gain in less than a week? I'm talking about a sugar high here.

I can also forget Christmas shopping, and I need to cancel a future cruise I have booked because that ship is now going to be sailing empty. I could do a lot of worrying about how the end will come on Friday, but I mentioned to you last week that I don't do worrying. I'm just going to take it like a man and swing from the vine all week like our ancient ancestors did when they were faced with adversity.

The list of things I need to do is much longer. I probably should finish reading the Bible through again and maybe I'll understand Revelation this time around. I wish I had started that read the Bible in a year program last January, so I could finish it by Friday.

I also want to watch a couple of football games, but the bowl games don't start until Saturday. If you don't get the connection, that's the day after the world comes to an end. I guess football is out.

For the last week, I would like to spend time with all my family members. I'd like to take all the grandkids out for ice cream one last time. I'd like to sit down and write a letter to all my friends and tell them what they have meant in my life all these years.

I'd like to hold the hand of the wife all day on Friday until the end comes. That's probably the best thing about this end-of-the-world event because we will be facing eternity together hand-in-hand.

Somehow, this whole thing just doesn't feel right though. If I need to change my lifestyle for the end of the world, isn't that

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Obituaries

Alfred Niblett Sr. (Uncle Bully)

Alfred Niblett Sr. was born July 21, 1923 in Calvert, Texas to the late Coral Pearl Starks-Niblett and Marshall Niblett Sr. His parents died when he was a very young child and he was raised by relatives in Hearne, Texas. Alfred was nicknamed Bucham and was later known by loved ones and friends as Uncle Bully. He accepted Christ at an early age and united with Garrett Grove under the direction of Rev. A.L Taylor.

Alfred received his greetings from the U. S. Military in 1943. He was classified as a Private First Class in Company C 1899th Engineer Aviation Battalion where he served as an airfield construction worker. He received Decorations and Citations: American Theater, Asiatic- Pacific Theater, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1946.

He returned to Midland where he met and married Myrtle Lee Walker. He united with Macedonia Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. H.F. Doyle. He was a faithful member trustee and deacon and held several offices in the church. In 1975 he helped to establish Mt. Calvary Baptist Church under Rev. H.F. Doyle, which was later pastured by Rev. R.E.Lathan. He was a chartered member, an active and dedicated servant for 30 years serving as Deacon, Trustee, Sunday school superintendent, BTU director, President of the Usher board, and church maintenance man, until his health failed. He was presented as one of the first Deacon Emeritus for Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on March 27, 2011 under the current pastor, Rev. Tommie Lo Hale.

He was called home to glory on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at the age of 89 by his Heavenly Father and he will spend his first Christmas in Heaven with Jesus Christ.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Myrtle Lee Niblett of 60 years, a son Jessie Lee, his sister, brother, grandson, Alfred Niblett III, and his parents.

He leaves to cherish his loving and fun filled memories daughters, Betty Niblett Sanford, and Norma Jean Niblett Mosley, of Ft. Worth, Texas. A son Alfred Niblett Jr., (Janet) and daughters; Brenda Joyce Niblett and Callie Wallace (Quincy) of Midland, Texas. Granddaughters: Wyndolyn Walter-Hall (Timothy) Tamara Sanders and Asia Odhams, and seven grandsons; Warden Walter (Carla), Eldon Niblett, Adrain Niblett , Anthony Niblett, Sylvester Stemley (Nakiba), Jamian Jackson and Quinten Wallace. Twelve great-grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

A funeral service has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 11:00am at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Asuzena "Suzie" Subia

Asuzena "Suzie" Subia was born February 25, 1929 in Ft. Worth Texas. She went to be with the Lord on December 14, 2012 in Midland. A devoted member of Our Lady of Guadalupe all of her life.

She was a Cursillita for a number of years and a member of the Guadalupanas. She retired from Midland Memorial Hospital after 47 years of service.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jose Subia, her sons Gabriel Subia, Joe Subia Jr., her parents, Jose and Francisca Robledo, and a brother Carmelito Robledo.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Lupe Subia Dominguez, her Sisters, Mary Carrasco, Hortencia Robledo, Lucy Raphael, Josie Davis (Ernie) Chona Rodriguez, Linda Guzman (Gonzalo) her brothers, Jesus Robledo, Carmen "Pino" Robledo (Gloria), and Joe Robledo (Olivia); 11 Grandchildren and Seven Great Grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Willard Davis, Robert Guzman Joseph Granado, Mark Subia, Nick Davis, and Santana Subia.

A Rosary Prayer Vigil will at 7 pm at the Thomas Chapel, Sunday Night.

Funeral Mass will be Monday at 10 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Betty Nell Kinsey Boren

Betty Nell Kinsey Boren, 81, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on December 14, 2012. She was born on October 18, 1931, in Dawson County, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Susie Emfinger, sister, Shirley Emfinger, first husband Kenneth Kinsey and son, Ronnie Kinsey. Betty was blessed to have been married to two men who loved her dearly and a large family who adored their Mama Betty. She was cherished by family and friends for her warmth, wit and style. She was also known as a woman who lived her faith daily. Betty never met a stranger and all who met her loved her, soon becoming best friends. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched as she was truly the wind beneath so many wings. Betty is survived by her loving husband, Robert Boren, daughter, Jeanette Lyons (Joe), son, DeWayne Kinsey (Leslie), 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 pm on December 17, 2012, at Klein Funeral Home located at 16131 Champion Forest Dr., Houston, TX. The funeral will be held at 11:00 am on December 18, 2012, at Bammel Church of Christ located at 2700 FM 1960 W, Houston, TX. Burial will be in Hill Country Memorial Gardens, New Braunfels, TX. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association (http ://alz.org) or the charity of your choice in Betty's name.

Jack L. Sherman

Jack L. Sherman, age 82, of South Lyon, MI, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI and Midland, TX, passed away peacefully on December 1, 2012.

Loving father of John, Karen, and the late Greg; Adored grandfather of Matthew, Annie, Christina, Ashlee, Stefanie, and Jack; and great grandfather of Isaiah, Clara, and Zoe. Jack worked as a corporate executive with Chevrolet Division of General Motors; following his retirement in 1985 he was the owner of Jack Sherman Chevrolet in Midland, TX for 18 years.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held Sunday, January 13, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at Table 5, 126 E. Main, Northville, MI.

Contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607.

To express condolences or share a memory, please visit: casterlinefuneralhome.com.

John Ernest Pass, Jr.

John Ernest Pass, Jr. 86, passed from this world to glory on December 12, 2012 from his home in Midland, TX surrounded by his wife and son. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He was born October 2, 1926 in Ft. Worth, TX. He was a graduate of Paschal High School, Ft. Worth, TX and Texas Christian University (Fear the Frog!). He served in the United States Air Force during World War II and was stationed in Puerto Rico.

John began his career in real estate development in 1952 in Odessa, TX with Friday, White & Donk Realtors. In 1953 he began developing real estate with U.M. Tadlock, Jr. and in 1956 he joined the Beck Companies as Chief Executive Officer. The company developed 6,000 single-family residences and 6,500 multi-family residences in seven states and twenty-seven cities as well as warehouse facilities and shopping centers. John Pass Investments was formed in Dallas, TX in 1968 and upon graduation from TCU his son, J.T., and J.T.'s friend Scott Rogers joined John along with Walker F. Hunter III in 1974. For the next twenty-five years the partnership developed 5,762 multi-family residences along with other office and warehouse facilities and a medical condominium complex.

John and Diann Walker were married on September 20, 1984 at the Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, TX and were a great team for 28 wonderful years.

In 1993 John joined his son, J.T. Pass, in J.T.'s new venture as a Whataburger franchisee, Whataco. John returned to Midland, TX in 1997 and served as Senior Vice President for Real Estate for Whataco. Whataco bought or developed over 90 Whataburger stores in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana. At the time of his death, John was consulting at the Kent Companies with his dear friend, Bill Kent.

John served on many Boards of Directors including First Bank and Trust of Richardson, TX; Dallas Home and Apartment Builder; Equity Management (later known as Equity Residential), and Next Step Discipleship through Midland Bible Church. John's relationship with his son, J.T. (deceased) was shared in his business ventures for over thirty years with John Pass Investments and Whataco, but he especially enjoyed his activities with J.T. in the breeding and showing of Chianina cattle. Together they owned five Grand Champion animals at the national Chianina shows. John and J.T. imported the first Chianina cattle from Italy in the late 1970s. They then bred the white Chianinas with the Black Angus to achieve an animal that was both extremely large and the black color that the judges liked.

In 1986 John's interest turned to quarter horses and his Junior Calf Roping Horse won the World championship at Oklahoma City, OK.

John was a member of Midland Bible Church and found great joy in growing his faith there. He looked forward to his Wednesday study group and belonged to the small group - The Old, The Rugged and The Cross. In the latter years, he mentored young men who joined him afternoons for a root beer float on the porch. John was forever young at heart and that was most evidenced by the number of young men he mentored and took an interest in.

John was known by the names: Mr. Pass, John, Dad, Big Sir, Daddy Jar, PaPa and Honey. He will be missed by all whose life he came into with his hardy laugh and gentle spirit.

John was preceded in death by his father and mother, John and Marie Pass; brother, Ted Pass; and his beloved son, J.T. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Diann; daughter, J'Nevelyn Melton and husband Larry; daughter, Cynthia Marie Pass; son, Shayne Walker and wife Cindy; daughter, Christi Mitchell and husband Gregg; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Pass; 10 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Midland Bible Church, 2800 North A ST, Midland, TX with Tyler Beard, officiating. A visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, 3800 N Big Spring ST, Midland, TX 79705 on Monday, December 17, 2012 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The Pass family extends special thanks to Hospice of Midland for their tireless love and care of John and his family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Next Step Discipleship at Midland Bible Church, 2800 North A ST, Midland, TX 79705 or the charity of your choice.

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

L.J. Kelly

L.J. Kelly, 75, of Canutillo, Texas passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2012. L.J. was born on January 15, 1937 in Lubbock, Texas to Thelma Jobe and Lorenzo Kelly. He joined the army in 1954 and after serving 20 years he retired, April 30, 1974. He married Beverly on March 14, 1981; they enjoyed taking the grandkids to see things and being on the road together every summer, the more the better.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Jane Kelly; his parents and a sister Ella Mae Barton.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory are his sons, Wayne and wife Candy Stroud, Roger and wife Shirley Stroud; a daughter, Theresa and husband Johnny Walters. He also leaves behind ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends Sunday, December 16, 2012 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701, between the hours of 6:00pm-8:00pm. A graveside service has been scheduled at 1:00pm on Monday, December 17, 2012 at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Virginia Johnson Moore

Virginia Johnson Moore, 94, of Midland, Texas passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at her home. She was born on May 17, 1918 in Crowell, Texas to D.P. Yoder and Pearl Fay Yoder. Mrs. Moore graduated from Snyder High School in Snyder, Texas. She graduated Illinois College of Podiatry, Chicago, Illinois. Virginia was active in practice of Podiatry in Midland from 1948 until 1983 when she retired. She attended St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband's, A.V. Johnson, and Percy H. Moore; four brothers and two sisters.

Those left behind to honor and cherish her memory are her son; James H. Johnson and wife Alice of Hearne, Texas; daughters, Pat Creighton and husband Jay of Rosanky, Texas and Virginia "Bunny" Williams and husband Steven of Stephenville, Texas. Virginia also leaves behind four grandchildren: Justin and wife Kendra Creighton, RoAnn and husband Brent Bartsch of Dale,Texas. Karen and husband Brandon Greenhaw of Glen Rose, and Jennifer Williams of Stephenville. She also leaves behind nine great grandchildren: Jesse, Jake and Jett Creighton, Bradie and Bailey Bartsh, Corbin and Will Boyd, Evan Greenhaw and Sam Williams.

A Visitation has been scheduled for Sunday, December 16, 2012 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701 between the hours of 6:00pm-8:00pm. A graveside service has been scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2012 at Resthaven Memorial Park at 10:00am. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

Dennis Richardson

Dennis Richardson, 59, died on Thursday, December 13, 2012 in Big Spring. Memorial services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Monday, December 17, 2012, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Frank "Porky" Overton

Frank "Porky" Overton, 28, of Big Spring, died Thursday, December 13, 2012 in Big Spring. Funeral services 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors: Wife Catisha Cook of Big Spring; stepchildren: Branne' Cook and Jeremy Minter, both of Big Spring; mother: Hassona Overton of Big Spring; brothers: James Overton of Lubbock, Jerry Overton, Tim Overton, Shawn Overton and John Overton, all of Big Spring; sisters: Shawna Overton, Danelle Overton and Jamela Overton, all of Big Spring; aunts, uncles, cousins, 13 nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

George Martin Vendrick

George Martin Vendrick, 83, of Andrews passed away December 14, 2012 after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Monday, December 17, 2012 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. H.A. Hanks will officiate. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Vendrick of Andrews, three daughters, two sons, one brother, one sister, three sisters-in-law; many wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, all who loved him dearly.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Gloria Jean Watson

Gloria Jean Watson, 61, died on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at her residence. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Monday, December 17, 2012 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Joann Cambell

Joann Cambell, 77, of Midland passed away on Friday, December 14, 2012.

Family will receive friends Monday, December 17 at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 6:00-8:00pm. A funeral service has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 18 at 10:00am in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Sergio Hernandez Gonzalez

Sergio Hernandez Gonzalez, 32, died on Thursday, December 13, 2012 in Big Spring. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Monday, December 17, 2012 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas.

A Vigil will be held at 7:00 PM, Sunday, December 16, 2012, Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

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From 1B

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If I wake up on Saturday morning, and the world is in a state of calm except in Washington, I'll instantly know the Mayans were wrong. If not, I'll never know I was wrong and I prefer to keep it that way if I can.

I have to admit that giving up the job and the diet sounded like a really good idea for a few moments, but I think I'll face this end time like I face every other day. In fact, I like my lifestyle just the way it is.

My coming week just returned to normal.

Thought for the Week:
"Be content with what you are, and wish not change; nor dread your last day, nor long for it." Marcus Aurelius (Roman emperor, best known for his Meditations on Stoic philosophy, A.D. 121-180).

Nashville drummer Ackerman dies

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville drummer Willie Ackerman, who played with artists such as Loretta Lynn, Willie Nelson and Louis Armstrong, has died. He was 73.

According to an obituary from the funeral home, Ackerman died Thursday.

The obituary said Ackerman was a professional musician from the age of 17. He was a staff drummer for such country music institutions as the Grand Ole Opry, RCA Studios and "Hee Haw."

He played with numerous country stars, including Patsy Cline, George Jones, Waylon Jennings and Chet Atkins. He recorded classic hits such as "El Paso."

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The first and least expensive option calls for renovating the existing schools and adding 24 classrooms at the elementary school and 16 classrooms at the middle school.

The second option calls for the construction of a new 160,000 square-foot, 800-student, fifth- to eighth-grade middle school. In this scenario, the high school would absorb the existing middle school and the elementary school would get extensive renovation.

Option three calls for the construction of a new 145,000 square-foot, 1,200-student elementary school, converting the existing elementary into a middle school and allowing the high school to absorb the existing middle school.

If a new elementary is built, Young said the proposal calls for two schools within one building. Pre-kindergarten through second-grade students and their principal would be on one side of the building and third- through fifth-grade students on the other side, Young said. Common facilities including a cafeteria, library and gym would be located in the center of the school.

Greenwood now has space to build an additional campus after trustees approved the purchase of 40 acres adjacent to the district's current property at the southeast corner of Farm-to-Market Road 1379 and FM 307, for $1.4 million during Monday's meeting. If Greenwood voters decided a new elementary or middle school is necessary, this land will be used for the construction.

Other items included in the master plan include adding expandable bleachers along the north end of Greenwood High's competition gym.

Completing the $1.25 million gym renovation would decrease the existing cafeteria's size, prompting a recommendation to build a new kitchen and cafeteria for $4.5 million, according to the master-planning cost summary presented to trustees Monday.

The existing cafeteria and dining area could be converted into the school's administrative area for $1 million and the main entrance of the school reoriented to the north side of the building if the community wants, Young said.

Many of the projects on the table right now may not end up in the final bond proposal because the community may not deem them immediately necessary, Young said.

For inclusion on the May 11 ballot, trustees must call a bond election by March 1. There are 4,117 individuals eligible to vote on a GISD bond election, said Ruth Sloan, Midland County elections administrator.

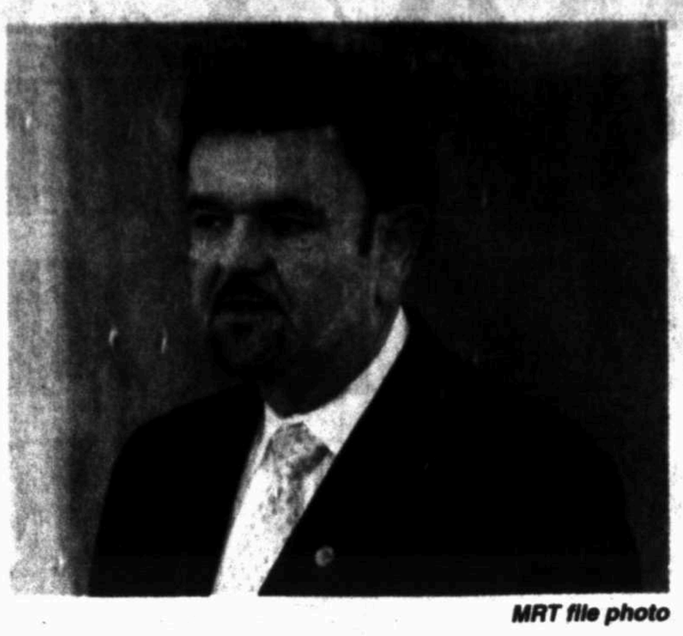
The master plan

Items included in the Greenwood ISD master-planning cost summary, regardless of which option trustees pursue:

Add seating in high school gym along north wall ($1.25 million), construct new high school kitchen and dining hall ($4.5 million), convert existing high school cafeteria/kitchen into administration offices ($1 million), renovate existing high school administration area into eight classrooms ($900,000), replace high school carpet ($500,000), replace middle school carpet and paint ($250,000), build new vocational building/shop ($750,000), build new bus canopy and wash ($100,000), construct bus drop and service drive south of elementary school ($460,000), complete liner and repairs to sewer line ($250,000), upgrade data, fire alarm and communications districtwide ($2.79 million), pave existing softball practice field ($240,000), construct new concession stand and restroom at football stadium ($1.4 million), install new football stadium lights ($400,000), build indoor athletic practice facility ($2.5 million).

Ellen Noel Art Museum director resigns

From staff reports



MRT file photo

Les Reker, executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum, was awarded the Excellence in Technology award at the Beacon Awards luncheon in this September 2011 photo. The nuseum has announced that Reker is leaving his position as of Feb. 1.

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum has announced that Les Reker, its executive director, will be leaving his position as of Feb. 1.

Reker has taken a position as museum director near Asheville, N.C. He will be re-joining his wife, who is employed in Asheville as a hospital administrator.

Reker was appointed executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum in February 2010. While at the museum, Reker facilitated the museum's becoming an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution.

He also was responsible for the construction of the new museum store and the Mark and Jane Knox Visitor's Orientation and Welcome Center.

"This is a bittersweet moment for me," Reker said. "I have enjoyed serving this community, and I have loved the Ellen Noel Art Museum. These have indeed been good years for the museum; it is truly a 'cultural gem' in our community."

Under his leadership, the museum's foreign and domestic travel program was rejuvenated. He initiated the museum's first fall fundraiser, Oktoberfest, and revitalized the growth and professionalism of the exhibition program.

Reker supervised the installation of 27 changing exhibitions and expanded the educational offerings. He also facilitated the museum becoming a member of the Odessa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and enhanced its relationship with the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

During his time in Texas, he was appointed to the grant review panel of the Texas Council for the Arts and was elected vice president of the Odessa Rotary Club.

Board President Liz Roberson expressed her regret.

"It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our Executive Director Les Reker," said Roberson. "It has been a wonderful experience working with him. He has challenged the board and staff to strengthen our mission and to engage our community through a program of first class exhibitions with a cross-cultural focus. With his leadership and guidance, our education programs have grown and flourished, offering new opportunities for everyone in the Permian Basin."

The museum has begun a national search for Reker's successor, Roberson said. She added the deputy director and education curator, Doylene Land, will be taking over the day-to-day management of the institution until a new director is named.

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Thank you to the Greenwood Bunko Group, who provided cash donations that paid for 32 hams that we will give our to our families today; to Chevron, who came in two days ago with a truckload of food for the food boxes, and to the Midland Newcomers Club. These women brought many, many carts full of toys for our children. Concho Oil and Gas provided trays of wonderfully homemade pork chops and other food that we will repackage and give to our homeless during the holidays.

Special thanks goes to the couple (who chooses to remain anonymous) who donated an extremely generous gift of $10,000 to help the residents of the Ocotillo Apartments find new residences. Giving like that does not come easy, and we feel especially blessed that they chose us to be God's arms in reaching out to the poor. May all of you be especially blessed this holiday season for reaching out to God's most favored! Thank you very much!

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11:00 P.M. Choral Christmas Eucharist Preceded by Carols with combined Choirs & Brass at 10:30 P.M.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison braved bias to serve Texas

By Stewart M. Powell
Hearst Newspapers

MRT file photo

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison speaks during a stop at Compressor Systems, Inc. as Midland Mayor Wes Perry stands behind in the background in this 2009 photo.

Time and again in the waning decades of a man's world, Kay Bailey Hutchison needed to prove herself.

Time and again, she did.

The gracious, steely descendant of a pioneering Texan who signed the 1836 Declaration of Independence has surmounted belittling and bias since her days at UT Law School 45 years ago.

Hutchison's political career is ending, to lavish praise from her colleagues. The conservative Republican retires from a tradition-bound institution that had six women when she arrived in 1993 and will have 20 women taking seats in January.

It's been a long road for Hutchison since a classmate at law school dismissed her as a merely an ex-Longhorn cheerleader.

"I don't understand why they let people like that take a position in law school that a man should have," the student complained at a lunch with buddies, attended by a visitor who later worked for Hutchison.

"I remember them saying that, and I remember feeling that I was taking a man's place," Hutchison recalled in an interview with the Houston Chronicle in her hideaway office in the U.S. Capitol. "No one ever openly discriminated, but I knew that I had to use what I was learning."

Hutchison graduated with four other women from the 1967 law school class that included 445 men.

Hutchison again faced skeptical whispers about her gender when she arrived at the U.S. Senate.

Then-Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., a legendary no-compromise conservative, privately disparaged the newcomer to a colleague.

"Well, she'll probably turn out to be a squish (a moderate) — they almost always do," Helms said in an aside overheard by a Senate staffer.

Hutchison scoffs at Helms' suspicion that she might waver because she was a woman. "I've had to go to huge lengths to prove that I was conservative," Hutchison says. "It was always assumed that I would be a squish. But I'm a no-frills conservative - a solid regular mainstream conservative."

Hutchison, 69, is returning to Dallas full time to join her husband, Ray Hutchison, 80, senior counsel with the law firm Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, and the couple's two adopted 11-year-old children, Bailey and Houston.

"Sen. Hutchison showed you don't have to pull the woman card to be successful," says Susan Sage Heinzelman, director of the Center for Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Texas-Austin. "She didn't get the job as a woman. She just got the job."

Hutchison tried to return to Texas in 2010 by winning election as the state's third woman governor. But GOP Gov. Rick Perry parlayed tea party support to handily win re-election en route to seeking the 2012 GOP presidential nomination, painting his rival as "Kay Bailout Hutchison" for backing President George W. Bush's emergency bank bailout in 2008.

"Sen. Hutchison has always been the leading lady of Texas politics but she has never been a knife fighter like Perry," says Cal Jillson, a scholar at Southern Methodist University and author of "Lone Star Tarnished: A Critical Look at Texas Politics and Public Policy."

The defeat -- her second in 10 races for state and federal office -- left Hutchison to finish out her third Senate term and surrender any dreams of being selected for a GOP ticket as a vice presidential nominee or running for president.

"I would love to be in the arena, I really would," Hutchison acknowledged last year. "But there is no way I could do it at this point with my children."

Hutchison winds up her political career with a reputation as a can-do pragmatist skilled at back-room deals that yield results more than points on the ideological scoreboard.

"Women are much more likely to negotiate without getting their egos engaged every time," observes Heinzelman, co-editor of "Representing Women: Law, Literature, and Feminism." "The task for women is not winning — it is coming up with a process that brings about a settlement that everyone can agree with."

Women senators repeatedly have come together across party lines to win action on issues that men don't necessarily oppose but simply haven't thought about, Hutchison says. Senate woman have worked to remedy pay inequity, created tax-free individual retirement accounts for homemakers, established standards for mammograms, guaranteed medical insurance coverage for cancer screening and promoted the nationwide Amber Alert network.

"We haven't had the voice we needed at the table until we got the numbers," Hutchison says. "Sometimes when I've heard people talk about these issues it's as though women don't count. It's really important for us to stand up."

Hutchison has deftly manipulated legislative power to force the Pentagon to transfer overseas military forces to Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, bolster NASA's imperiled manned space exploration program, dredge the Houston ship channel and steer billions of dollars to medical research in Texas.

Hutchison has achieved behind-the-scenes deals by positioning herself with key committee assignments and elected positions in the Senate GOP leadership, including vice chair of the Senate Republican Conference and chair of the Republican Policy Committee, the fourth-ranking post in the Senate Republican leadership.

"One of the keys to Senator Hutchison's success is that underneath her southern graciousness is a Margaret Thatcher-like iron will," says Rep. Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, an inside player in the House on a par with Hutchison in the Senate.

Hutchison's close-to-the-vest tactics have been both legendary and lawyerly, diving into tedious legislative language to tweak a word here, a phrase there. She required the Pentagon to weigh Houston's Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base as a potential home for U.S. Africa Command in Germany by inserting 66 well chosen words into a 121-page defense and veterans appropriations package worth $142 billion.

Indeed, Hutchison is so skilled at inside negotiations that at least 41 of her ex-staffers have gone on to lobbying and other consulting jobs in Washington, D.C., and Texas, according to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks revolving-door employment by ex-government officials.

Texas Democrats and Republicans alike praise Hutchison's quarterbacking the congressional delegation's "Team Texas" unity to obtain federal funds for the Lone Star State.

"She never cared whether you had a 'D' or 'R' after your name," says Rep. Gene Green, the Houston Democrat who was already serving in the House when Hutchison came to Washington. "All she cared about was whether you had 'Texas' after your name."

Hutchison has steered so many federal spending projects to Texas over the years _ including $5.9 billion to Fort Bliss and $1.9 billion to Fort Hood -- that second-term Sen. John Cornyn, R-San Antonio, says he "can't think of another senator who has worked as hard to promote the interests of our home state."

And that includes legends like Lloyd Bentsen and Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Sen.-elect Ted Cruz, elected to succeed Hutchison, calls his predecessor "a tireless fighter for all things Texas."

True to her reputation for keeping a whirlwind schedule, Hutchison has been flat out in her final weeks on Capitol Hill. She's offered proposals for immigration reform and steps to avoid the fiscal cliff, as well as pressing to preserve Texans' ability to deduct state and local sales taxes on federal income tax returns, saving Texans over $1 billion a year.

She's even been weighing whether to establish a defense-oriented think tank in Washington, D.C., after her departure.

"There's a country-western song, 'How can I miss you if you won't go away?'" Hutchison told guests at the farewell Texas State Society breakfast in early December. "Well, I'm not going away."

Yet Hutchison's most durable accomplishment may well be her iconic career as a trailblazer who helped move women from the margins of political power into the mainstream.

As a key staffer sees it: "She's from Texas and doesn't want to be labeled. But she feels very strongly about supporting other women."

Hutchison still recalls in vivid detail her fruitless, four-month search for an entry-level associate's position at Houston law firms after graduation from law school. Barely five years later, she became the first Republican woman elected twice to the Texas House -- an institution that already had an early cadre of liberal Democratic women.

Hutchison returned to politics from a business career in 1990 to win election as state treasurer, the first Republican woman to hold statewide office.

And in 1993 she carried 67 percent of the vote in a head-to-head race against appointed Sen. Bob Krueger to become the first woman to represent Texas in the Senate after 32 men had held the job since statehood in 1846.

"Do not underestimate how important it was for women when she was elected Texas' first woman senator," recalls Lisette McSoud Mondello, a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio who has served as a long-time aide and adviser to Hutchison. "It sent a message to all of us that we could make it."

Former President George W. Bush, now a resident of Dallas, hailed Hutchison in a video tribute to the veteran lawmaker that was presented to her last week by the Dallas Citizens Council. "Kay, I appreciate your long service to the state of Texas and to the United States of America," Bush said. "You brought dignity to the offices you held. You come home and we're happy to have you here. God bless you, my friend. "

Hutchison has remained a "champion for Texas, an advocate for women and a true patriot," says 25-year veteran Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Maryland, an inner city pol from Baltimore who has served longer in the Senate than any other woman. "I know her as my dear friend and a colleague deeply committed to creating a zone of civility among the women of the Senate."

Hutchison choked up with tears last Wednesday when she stepped on to the Senate floor to thank Mikulski for filing legislation to formally rename the homemakers' IRA for Hutchison.

"It will mean so much to me because I had the experience as a young single woman of being told I really couldn't provide for my own retirement security," Hutchison said with emotion reducing her voice to a whisper. "Thank you, Barbara, for introducing the bill that would name it for me because it will help women long after I leave."

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mark T. Armstrong, 52, of Houston, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Richele A. Flournoy, 21, of Lubbock, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Nia Fontaine, 38, of Midland, was arrested Friday on charges of aggravated robbery and violation of parole.

Robert Garza Jr., 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of evading arrest.

Eddie D. George, 39, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on two charges of theft and a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.

Francisco J. Gomez, 30, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of failure to appear or bail jumping.

Joe D. Greer Jr., 24, of Midland, was arrested Friday on charges of cruelty to livestock animals and burglary of a building.

Christopher G. Hansen, 36, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft.

Daniel R. Hardwick, 28, of Midland, was arrested Friday on charges of violation of probation.

Tywin James, 28, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Derrick C. Landers, 20, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of resisting arrest or interfering with police officer.

Pablo Martinez, 42, of El Paso, was arrested Friday on a charge of fugitive from justice.

Jesus B. Porras, 29, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of contempt of child support order.

David M. Renteria, 18, of Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested Friday on a charge of fugitive from justice.

Paula M. Romo, 43, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Billy T. Turner, 33, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of robbery.

Trenton M. Williams, 24, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Shawn D. Willis, 43, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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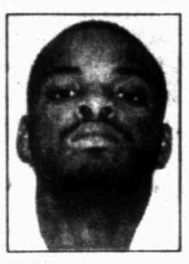

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2 die in Amarillo plane crash

Associated Press

AMARILLO — Authorities say a small plane crash in Amarillo killed two people after plummeting into a field shortly after takeoff.

The crash happened Friday night during high winds in the Texas Panhandle. The Texas Department of Public Safety said the plane went down only 20 miles from the Amarillo airport where pilot Kelly O'Neal stopped to pick up 79-year-old passenger Robert O'Neal.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

FUNDRAISER

From 1B

from across Texas played an assortment of tunes including "Proud Mary" and "Knockin' on Heaven's Door."

Patrons also had the chance to see a showcase of low riders and classic cars, as well as an assortment of entries from the Corvette Club. The fundraiser also had a 50/50 raffle, as well as silent and live auctions for guests to bid on military related items.

The VFW and Patriot Guard Riders wanted to help the heroes as soon as possible, given the close-knit bond that veterans have with one another, said Hector Garcia, commander of VFW Post 4149.

"As soon as the shock was over, we had to figure out how to help out," said Melissa Volker, a VFW member.

Teresa Galloway, state captain for the PGR, said the veterans and their wives involved in the accident will receive pre-paid credit cards with money received from donations, sponsors and revenue from the event itself.

Before the event, the Patriot Guard Riders had raised more than $20,000 to split evenly among the 24 veterans and their families. Galloway said she expects more money to come in from T-shirt and bumper sticker sales, as well as the money collected from food sales at the fundraiser.

For many veterans, the bond can be closer than family. VFW member "Wild" Bill McNeill said the bond that combat veterans have is stronger than the bond a mother has with her newborn child.

McNeill said that coming together as a group to honor the lost veterans is integral to making their family bonds grow stronger.

Two of the couples involved in the Show of Support parade, both from San Angelo, attended the fundraiser: Master Sgt. Chris Doggett, his wife, Brook, and Sgt. Thomas Pleyo, and his wife, Kelli.

The Pleyos were in the 11th row of the second trailer, while the Doggetts were on the first trailer. Sgt. Pleyo said the outreach from the community and from other veterans has been "overwhelming."

"We're not used to this," Pleyo said, who agrees that the bond developed amongst his peers is "familial."

Kelli Pleyo said it was "absolutely breathtaking" to receive the support she has in the wake of the tragic accident.

"It's unbelievable that people are willing to give such great amounts of gratitude to people they don't even know," she said.

Doggett said the fundraiser is a great start to bringing the community back to normalcy and that it will offer healing to both mental and physical wounds endured in the accident.

"It's an honor to get invited back and see the support from the community again," he said.

In order to move past the accident, Dunlap and McNeill believe that changes need to be made within the community.

"Everybody needs to quit pointing finders and saying, 'What if?'" McNeill said, who believes this behavior will do more harm than good.

Dunlap is incredibly thankful for the outpouring of support from the community and sponsors alike, but she said it shouldn't take a tragic accident and the loss of four veterans to get people interested in assisting veterans.

"People need to reach out everyday to a veteran," she said. "We need to keep that bond going."

Josh Hamilton sued over 'Play Hard, Pray Harder'

Associated Press

DALLAS — A small Texas startup has sued former American League MVP Josh Hamilton over a "Play Hard, Pray Harder" clothing line sold by the maker of Christian-inspired products, whose founder said Saturday is no longer in business with the slugger's family.

The federal lawsuit accuses North Carolina-based ScriptureArt — which features Hamilton modeling a "Play Hard, Pray Harder" T-shirt on its website — of marketing a slogan already claimed by Dallas-based Play Hard Pray Harder LLC. Corporate filings show the Texas company formed in January.

The lawsuit was filed in Dallas on Friday and seeks unspecified damages.

According to an October news release, Hamilton's wife, Katie, co-founded ScriptureArt in January 2011 "with a mission to develop high quality products and designs that inspire others to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ."

Kelly Shiley, the registered owner of ScriptureArt, said Saturday she was unaware of the lawsuit and declined to comment on the dispute. She said the Hamiltons helped launched the company but were no longer involved.

According to the lawsuit, Play Hard Pray Harder began using the slogan as early as April. The company said it later filed trademark paperwork on the same day as ScriptureArt but claims it was using the slogan first.

The Los Angeles Angels introduced Hamilton on Saturday as their newest outfielder after signing him to a $125 million, five-year contract. Hamilton became a free agent after five years as an All-Star with the Texas Rangers.

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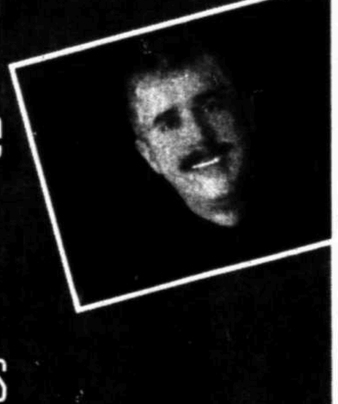

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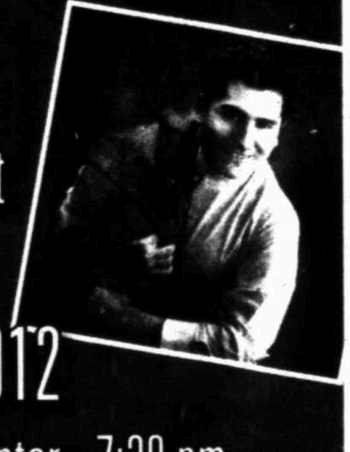

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Nonprofit finishes construction on home for veteran amputee

By Corey Paul
Odessa American

Staff Sgt. Ross Cox stood on his prosthetic leg and walked to the podium in front of his new house. Finally, A permanent home for his wife and four kids, after 11 moves in 12 years. After an injury and a long recovery, it was time to say thanks to the men and women who built it.

"I don't know where I'm going to work, but whatever I do, I am going to stay here," Cox said, choking up. "They're not going to tell me I have to leave for a year. They're not going to send me into the field. This isn't just a house — it's a home. We're building roots."

Thirteen months ago, an improvised explosive device took his left leg in Afghanistan, hurling the staff sergeant and his family into worry and depression. Hearing his story, Operation Finally Home, a nonprofit organization that provides custom-built homes for free to wounded veterans, decided to help the Coxes.

On Saturday, the family toured their finished home, which sits beside many others under construction in a new east Odessa subdivision. The house is about 2,800 square feet with four bedrooms and three baths.

Normally such a house would retail for about $350,000. But the Cox family will have no mortgage and no house payment.

"I own it! It's amazing, and I picked everything out, so I'm even more amazed," said Nicole Cox, the staff sergeant's wife. "My master bedroom: It's amazing!"

The home will allow Nicole Cox to home school her children: two girls, ages 14 and 4, and two boys, ages 9 and 3. They'll be closer to Nicole Cox's family in Midland and to her husband's family in Amarillo.

Operation Finally Home sought help in giving a home to the Coxes from Permian Homes, which in turn sought the donations of time and resources from more than 40 trade partners.

"They not only just gave, they did their finest," Permian Homes President David Martin said.

About 100 people came to the dedication ceremony Saturday, many of whom worked in some way on the house or came with a loved one who did. Operation Finally Home's Director of Construction Lee Kirgan, based in Fairfield, told them it was up to citizens to take care of their wounded heroes.

"When a soldier, a Marine, a sailor or an airman is injured in battle, we assume that our federal government will protect and care for them," Kirgan said. "Well that's wrong. It doesn't happen, and you know what? I believe we can do a much better job than our government can."

Sunny Busby took pictures. Her husband, Emil Busby, who earned a Purple Heart in Iraq, served as building supervisor for the house.

"I know when David asked Emil to be a part of this, he was just so, so excited," Sunny Bugsby said. She helped along the way and applied finishing touches indoors with a group of workers Friday.

The Coxes moved here from San Antonio, where Ross Cox undergoes treatment for his wounds. He'll have to go back and forth for the time being, Nicole Cox said.

His injury happened in his 10th year of duty in the Army, in an Afghanistan drainage ditch on Nov. 15, 2011. Besides losing his left leg below the knee, he suffered nerve damage to his arm and a broken right leg. His family suffered with him.

"I don't know if anyone can know the experience we've been through, with the depression, the fear of the future," Nicole Cox said.

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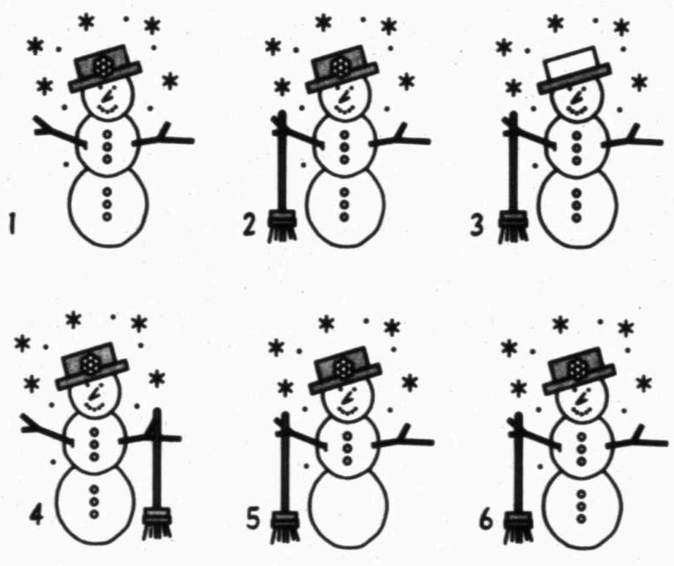

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phases of all of the projects.

■ MISD set the deadline of Dec. 13, 2010, to receive the completed RFQ's from interested architectural firms.

■ January will be a busy month for us. The following will be completed by the end of January: 1. MISD administration will have completed recommendations to the school board for contracts with qualified architectural firms for assigned building projects; 2. We will release RFQ's to interested construction manager at-risk contractors; 3. Because improvements of our district's technology program was such an important part of the bond request, the MISD Technology Department will research and contract with a technology integration consultant to develop and formalize the blueprint for the technology improvements for the district; and 4. All bond projects will be assigned to selected architectural firms, so the building and technology design process can begin.

■ In February, the MISD administration will have completed recommendations to the school board for contracts with one or multiple construction managers as required to construct the bond packages.

■ In March, the MISD Financial Services Department will prepare and release the first bond sale with partial bond issuance. This first issuance will probably be in the neighborhood of $60 to $70 million.

■ From March to May, selected general maintenance bond projects will be bid, awarded and scheduled for construction during the summer and fall of 2013. All of our current elementary schools will be receiving maintenance and technology upgrades.

■ From July to August, campus classroom additions to be built onto 10 current elementary schools will be bid, awarded and scheduled for construction. Because of the growth MISD has sustained over the last three years, we selected these campuses for classroom additions to help ease overcrowding.

■ From September to October, the three new elementary schools that were approved by voters in the bond will be bid, awarded and scheduled for construction.

■ From October to November, any remaining classroom building additions will be bid, awarded and scheduled for construction.

■ As the work progresses in 2013 and into 2014, we estimate that between May to August (2014), we will see all classroom building additions, general maintenance projects and technology upgrades completed and ready for district occupancy and use.

■ From October to November (2014), we expect construction completion of the three new elementary campuses — all three should be ready for district occupancy beginning second semester of January (2015).

■ In January (2015), MISD expects all campus classroom additions and new school construction to be completed and occupied.

Following this tentative schedule, we expect the design, production and construction timeline to span two years and five months. The one driving attitude that we are going to follow, as reported to the MISD board of trustees, is that we are going to emphasize quality over any timeline. These projects are about the future of our school district and our community, so as we work with the architectural and construction manager firms, we will demand excellence and will not accept any strategies just based on quick completion. Our schools will continue to serve our children for decades, so we want the most quality work that can be provided.

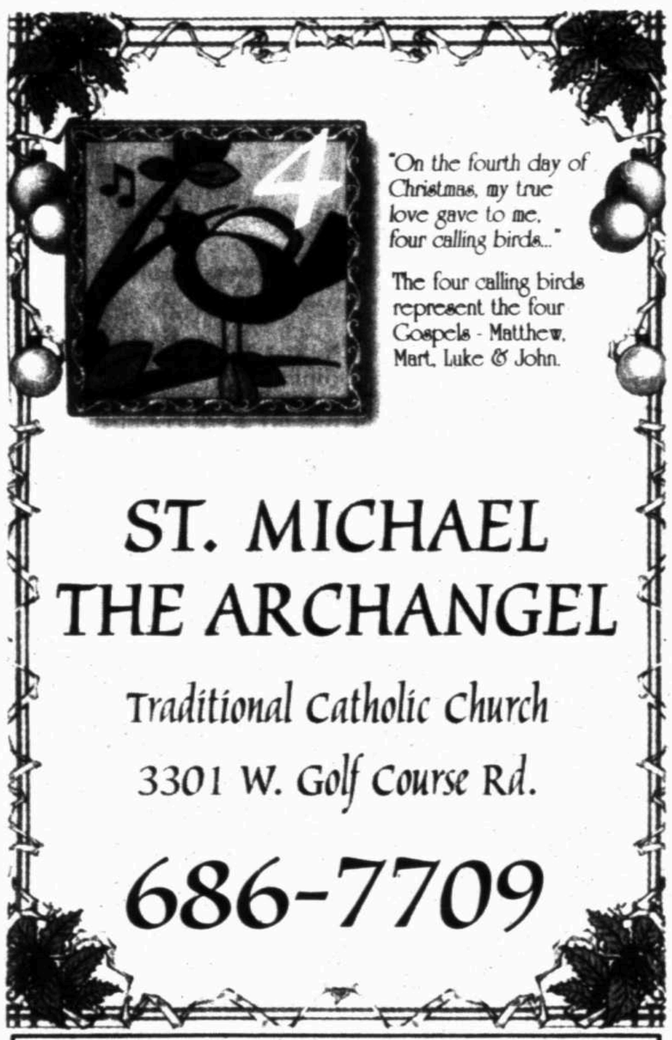
Editor's note: Check out the second part of Warren's report in Tuesday's education section.

Seliger backs UT System plan to rethink new HQ

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A decision by the University of Texas System to rethink building a new $102 million headquarters in downtown Austin is backed by a key lawmaker who characterized it as thoughtful given that the expensive project would not directly contribute to education.

Republican Sen. Kel Seliger, the new chairman of the influential state Senate Higher Education Committee, told the Austin American-Statesman that system leaders were "businesslike and insightful" in expressing second thoughts this week about the proposal.



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Parker leads the way as Spurs beat Celtics

Tony Parker had 22 points and eight assists to help the San Antonio Spurs beat the Boston Celtics 103-88 on Saturday night.

Gary Neal added 20 points, Danny Green scored 12 and Tiago Splitter finished with 16 points and eight rebounds for San Antonio (19-6), which overcame the loss of Manu Ginobili to improve to 8-2 at home.

Ginobili departed with a bruised left quad after he ran into Chris Wilcox's knee on a screen with 2:42 left in the first quarter. The severity of the injury wasn't immediately known.

Paul Pierce and Jason Terry each scored 18 points for Boston (12-11). Kevin Garnett added 13 points and Courtney Lee had 11.

Parker scored nine points in the final quarter as San Antonio held on for the physical victory over the Celtics. He had one turnover in 36 minutes.

Spurs	103
Celtics	88

Spurs star Tim Duncan had a season-low five points. He had nine rebounds, but was 2 for 13 from the field.

Parker's off-balance layup with 3:35 remaining gave San Antonio a 96-82 lead, prompting a timeout by Boston coach Doc Rivers. Parker sprinted toward the bench following the layup, pumping his fist and yelling "come on."

Both teams pulled their starters a minute after Parker's layup.

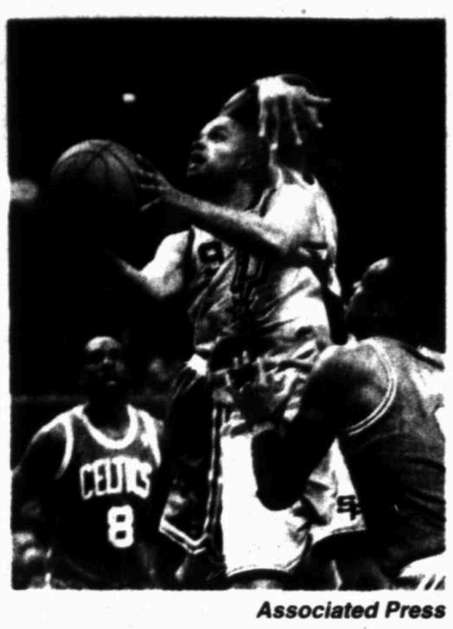
Splitter scored 10 points in the first half, going 4 for 5 from the field. With Duncan struggling, the Spurs needed Splitter's production.

The Spurs went on an 11-0 run after Jeff Green's layup tied it at 55 in the third. Danny Green hit a pair of 3s and Neal had a 3 and a teardrop jumper during the run.

Boston will play 21 back-to-back games this season, but none consecutively at home. The Celtics had split their first six back-to-backs this season prior to Saturday's loss against the Spurs.

San Antonio swingman Stephen Jackson (broken right pinkie) and forward Kawhi Leonard (left knee) have both been out a month with injuries.

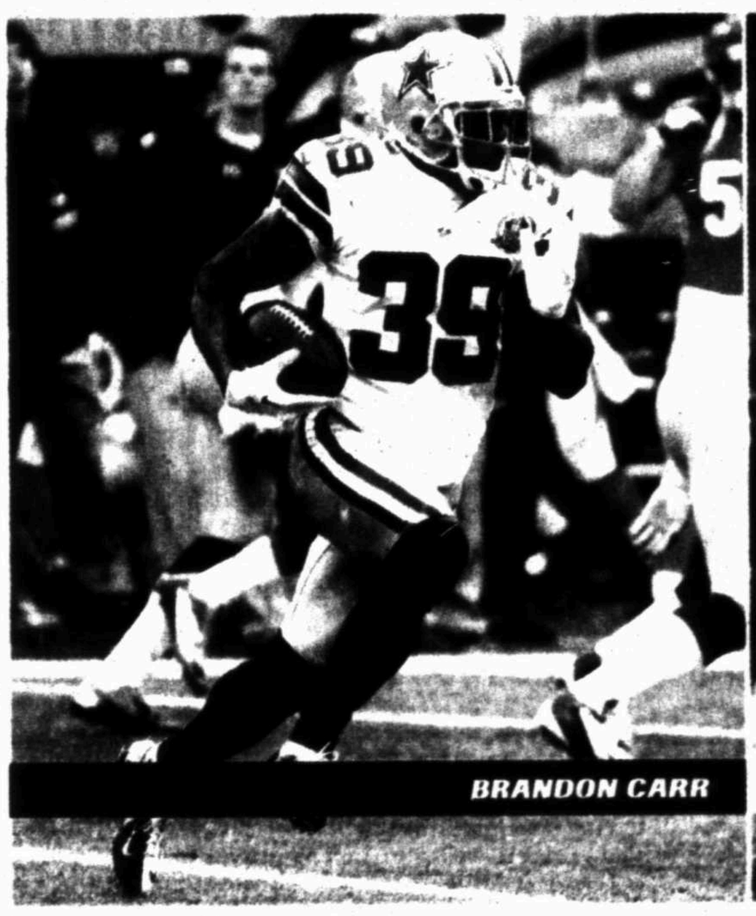
San Antonio leads the NBA with 25.3 assists per game, its highest total since averaging 24.9 assists in 1995.



The San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (9) drives between the Boston Celtics' Chris Wilcox, center, Jeff Green, left, and Rajon Rondo during the second quarter Saturday in San Antonio. The Spurs won 103-88, with Parker notching a team-best 22 points.

Associated Press

Playoff hopes at stake



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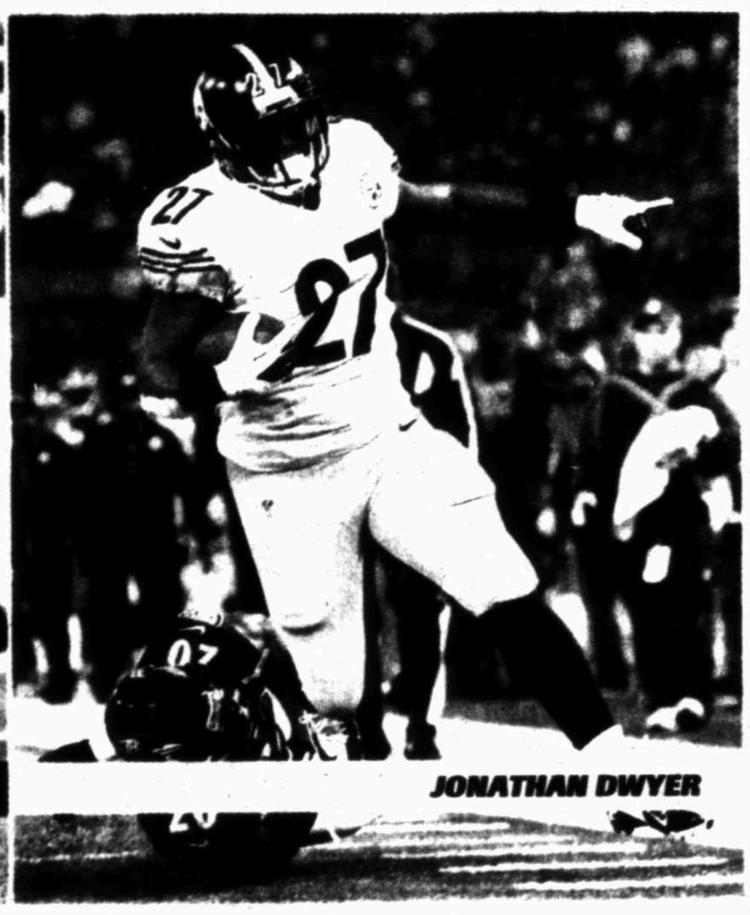

JONATHAN DWYER

Cowboys face Steelers in renewed rivalry

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys have a game to play. Again. Their playoff hopes could ride on the outcome. Again. Their opponent is an AFC North team fighting for the same thing. Again.

This time, the Cowboys will be eight days removed from finding out about the death of practice squad linebacker Jerry Brown instead of less than 24 hours. They know defensive tackle Josh Brent will miss the rest of the season after being charged with intoxication manslaughter in the one-car accident that killed Brown.

"This is not a one-game thing," said fullback Lawrence Vickers, who didn't hide his emotions before, during or after last weekend's 20-19 win at Cincinnati. "We have a task. Regardless of what obstacles or what tragedies and what steps we have, we still have to protect the goal at the end of the day."

There will be one difference today. This isn't just any AFC North opponent. It's the Pittsburgh Steelers renewing one of the NFL's best rivalries for the first time at Cowboys Stadium, where they lost the Super Bowl to Green Bay two years ago.

"I can imagine that it is an important game for the fans for obvious reasons, for legendary reasons," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "The rich history that the two franchises hold and how they interacted some 30, 40 years ago is something that is timeless and special."

Like Terry Bradshaw before him, Ben Roethlisberger knows how the beat the Cowboys (7-6). He's 2-0 against Dallas, including a 24-20 win at old Texas

Please see **COWBOYS**/5C

The Game

PITTSBURGH AT DALLAS

When: 3:25 p.m. today
Where: Cowboys Stadium, Arlington
TV: CBS
Radio: KNFM (92.3 FM)

Texans eager to rebound against Colts

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Indianapolis Colts dominated the AFC South for most of its first nine years. When they fell apart without an injured Peyton Manning, the Houston Texans finally won their first division title last season.

The Texans (11-2) haven't forgotten their years of being manhandled by the Colts. They would like nothing more than to clinch another division crown today against their longtime nemesis.

"All of our goals are ahead of us," Houston linebacker Connor Barwin said. "But to do it here at home against the Colts would kind of be perfect."

Houston secured a playoff berth two weeks ago, but stumbled in a 42-14 loss to New England on Monday night. That loss, combined with the Colts (9-4) winning their third straight, left the open the possibility for Indianapolis to win the division with two games against Houston remaining.

Please see **TEXANS**/5C

The Game

INDIANAPOLIS AT HOUSTON

When: Noon today
Where: Reliant Stadium, Houston
TV: CBS
Radio: KCRS (550 AM)

AP file photo

Houston Texans wide receiver Andre Johnson (80) celebrates a touchdown catch against the Miami Dolphins on Sept. 9. Johnson said, "I have no doubt (the Texans) will respond on Sunday. Period."

UT sweeps Oregon, wins NCAA volleyball crown

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Bailey Webster had 14 kills, Haley Eckerman added 12 and third-seeded Texas swept Oregon on Saturday night for its first NCAA volleyball championship since 1988.

The Longhorns won 25-11, 26-24, 25-19.

Texas (29-4) has been a recent regular at volleyball's Final Four, making its fourth appearance in five years and playing in its first title game since 2009, when the Longhorns lost to Penn State in five sets after leading 2-0.

This time they took care of business for their second title in four tries, recording their third sweep in the past four matches.

Webster, a first-team AVCA All-American, helped the Longhorns on defense as well with four blocks and keyed a second-set comeback. She was the tournament's most outstanding player.

Liz Brenner and Katherine Fischer each had 13 kills for fifth-seeded Oregon (30-5).

A crowd of 16,448 fans attended the game, the second-largest for an NCAA tournament final.

Oregon had hoped to use its up-tempo offense and solid defense to put Texas in a quick hole and not allow the Longhorns' dominant hitting game to get going. That was asking a lot considering Texas led the nation in hitting percentage (.322) coming in.

The Longhorns also featured strong defense and showed it in the opening set, building a 12-4 lead behind four blocks including two each by Webster and Molly McCage. Texas often had two defenders ready for Oregon returns and at one point had almost as many blocks (seven) as Oregon points (eight).

The Longhorns quickly closed out a 25-11 win, led by Webster's five kills and three blocks.

The second set was more even, although Oregon held several small leads thanks to five kills by Fischer and three by Ariana Williams. But Texas wiped out a 17-13 deficit with two Webster kills and a block and kill by Sha'Dare McNeal.

The Longhorns tied it again at 22 before Webster scored three of the Longhorns' final four points for a 26-24 win and a two-set advantage.

Having been in this position just three years ago, Texas methodically finished the deal in the third set.

The Longhorns' left side helped build a 9-6 lead before Webster returned to help make it 14-9. Oregon answered with three straight points to close within 14-12, but Texas closed with an 11-7 run as Webster, Khat Bell and McCage sealed the net and Haley Eckerman added two points down the stretch.

Texas finished with a .438 hitting percentage, more than double Oregon's .202.

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Sunday Morning Line

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This and that as Dez Bryant may have made a bunch more fans this week:

■ OK, all you Mike Leach fans, you got your wish.

Kliff Kingsbury's hiring at Texas Tech this week was not that much of a shocker, and it tells me that the administration was keenly aware that there was a fracture in the Red Raider fan base.

How big of a fracture there was, I'm not sure because the Leach backers were the most vocal on message boards and other internet sources in commenting. Like I said last week, Tommy Tuberville never really felt comfortable in Lubbock for a number of reasons, which is why he bolted a school in a solid conference with a solid recruiting base for a school in the Midwest in a crumbling conference. What does that tell you?

Either way, let's hope Texas Tech can move on and start a new era with Kingsbury.

But be aware, he's only 33 years old and don't be surprised if in three years after some success he's being touted for other major jobs. I hope he stays for a long time, but in today's coaching world, it's a real possibility he leaves.

■ Jonathan Hull losing his man-crush aside, it's not surprising that someone gave Josh Hamilton the years he wanted in a contract even with his checkered past.

Hamilton can play, and how motivated he will be next season remains to be seen. But he left some Texas fans with a bad taste in their mouths because of this move.

■ Speaking of the baseball, it seems all the wacky spending that the owners were trying to control with a lockout and strike has returned to the game. Let's face it: The owners can't even save themselves from themselves, and even when there is supposed revenue sharing, some of the small market owners don't use the money.

Teams that are successful, though, have strong farm systems and are able to mix free agents with those players.

■ Kudos to Midland Christian sophomore offensive lineman Johnny Wilson for being selected to the National Underclassmen's All American Games. Wilson won't be going, though, because the games are scheduled for next week in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Wilson said he will stick around Midland because of finals.

Be prepared to hear more about Wilson in the future. Coach Greg McClendon said last week that Wilson has the potential to be the best lineman Midland Christian has ever produced and is already on the radar of colleges as a sophomore.

■ The college football bowl season is upon us, and I'm still trying to comprehend the 35 games that will be played over the next three weeks. It's just overkill because it's a bunch of mediocre teams playing other mediocre teams in some of these games.

I was thinking the other day what the matchups might look like if it is were done the old way with conference tie-ins to games. And there would've been some interesting matchups, including one that likely would've had Alabama and Notre Dame still playing but in the Sugar Bowl. Or Kansas State and Florida State in the Orange Bowl, and a likely Fiesta Bowl of Oklahoma and Oregon.

The BCS system goes bye bye in two years, and we all know that the playoff will likely expand beyond four teams in the future. But New Year's Day just isn't the same as it was when I was younger.

And where's the fun in having the Cotton Bowl indoors anyway?

■ And finally, say plenty of prayers for those affected by the tragedy in Connecticut.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

EXTREME SPORTS

NBC — Dew Tour, iON Mountain Championships, at Breckenridge, Colo. (same-day tape), noon

GOLF

TGC — European PGA Tour, Alfred Dunhill Championship, final round, at Mpumalanga, South Africa, 4:30 a.m.

TGC — The Royal Trophy, final round, at Negara, Brunei (same-day tape), 8:30 a.m.

NBC — Father-Son Challenge, final round, at Orlando, Fla., 2 p.m.

NFL FOOTBALL

CBS — Indianapolis at Houston, noon

Fox — New York Giatns at Atlanta, noon

CBS — Pittsburgh at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.

NBC —San Francisco at New England, 7:20 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FSN — Tennessee at Texas, 1 p.m.

What's on radio

NFL

Indianapolis at Houston, noon, KCRS (550 AM)

Pittsburgh at Dallas, 3:25 p.m., KNFM (92.3 FM)

HOLE IN ONE

Mike Evans hit a hole in one on the second hole of the West course at Green Tree Country Club on Saturday. Evans used a 6-iron from 163 yards on the ace, which was witnessed by Darrell McDonald, TJ Greenwood and Jim Gilbert.

From staff reports

Jacks notch win, snap losing streak

From staff reports

Jackalopes	**3**
Tornado	2

FRISCO — The Odessa Jackalopes held off a late rally to outlast the Texas Tornado and snap an 11-game losing streak in a 3-2 victory at Dr Pepper Arena on Saturday.

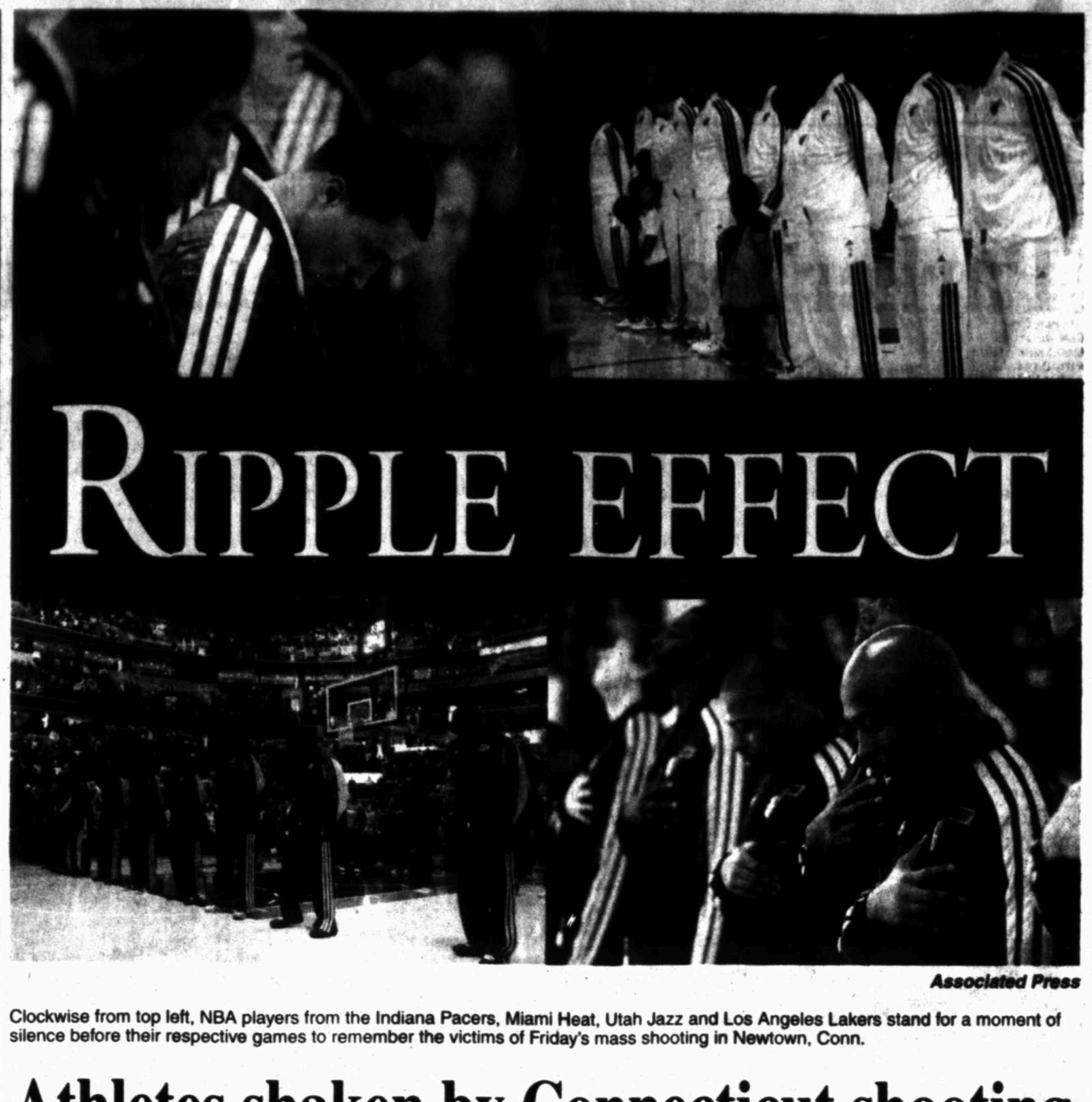
The win also avenged a 4-1 loss to the Tornado on Friday.

Like the Tornado did Friday, Odessa (5-21-2) scored two goals in the second period as Taylor Portner and Josh Racek put the Jacks up 2-0.

Jimmy Peplinski put Odessa up 3-0 at the 1:42 mark in the third period, but his team was hardly out of the woods.

In less than a minute, Texas closed the gap to one on goals by Louie Rowe and Brandon Hawkins, the latter of which made it 3-2 at the 6:13 mark in the third period.

Yet Odessa was able to withstand the Tornado rally as goalkeeper Nick Deery recorded 34 saves in the game.



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Clockwise from top left, NBA players from the Indiana Pacers, Miami Heat, Utah Jazz and Los Angeles Lakers stand for a moment of silence before their respective games to remember the victims of Friday's mass shooting in Newtown, Conn.

Athletes shaken by Connecticut shooting

Associated Press

MIAMI — When the Miami Heat players and coaches showed up for work Saturday morning, basketball was secondary.

Newtown was the focus.

Friday's massacre at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., was the primary topic of discussion among the Heat, even though they were gathered to finish prepping for a Saturday night game against Washington. It's rare for anything to overshadow basketball on the Heat practice court, but clearly, this was not going to be a typical day.

"Basketball, this is nothing," Heat forward LeBron James said. "These games are nothing compared to when you have a tragedy like that. It sucks that sometimes you need a tragedy to put things back in perspective, to appreciate what you have. But it does that to people. It's unfortunate that you have to have something like that to understand what's really important and some things that aren't important at all. Family is the No. 1 important thing in life."

It's likely that many Heat players and coaches had never heard of Newtown before Friday.

That doesn't mean they weren't affected, like countless others. Moments of silence were observed before many games.

In Memphis before tipoff of a college basketball game against Louisville, a moment of silence was observed for the victims and for 32-year-old Memphis police officer Martoiya Lang, a mother of four children, who was shot and killed on Friday. Public address announcer Chuck Roberts struggled and his voice choked up a bit as he said the Memphis officer's name. And he finished after the moment ended with "Amen."

In England, the Queens Park Rangers soccer team wore black armbands at the request of its players during a Premier League match against Fulham. Chelsea captain John Terry on Instagram said "So So Sad" beneath a picture of a candle, and he urged prayers for school. Manchester City captain Vincent Kompany tweeted: "Giving guns to everyone to 'protect' their home or fighting to get rid of all the guns? How many more Newtons will it take?"

Moments of silence were everywhere, from a minor-league hockey game in Hershey, Pa.; a U.S. women's soccer exhibition match in Boca Raton, Fla.; and at golf's Father-Son Challenge in Orlando, Fla., where all players and caddies wore black ribbons to honor the victims.

More tributes — many more — are coming from the sports world over the next few days. It's expected that all NFL games this weekend will be preceded by tributes, such as moments of silence and helmet decals. The New York Giants and New York Jets both plan to wear the letters S.H.E.S., for Sandy Hill Elementary School, on their helmets this weekend. And the New England Patriots will light flares for each of the 26 people killed at the school.

Associated Press

Hale Irwin adjusts his hat with a black ribbon attached, in honor of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, on the 18th green during the first round of the Father/Son Challenge golf tournament in Orlando, Fla., on Saturday.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people impacted by that tragedy," Jets coach Rex Ryan said Saturday. "It's, wow, it's amazing. ... Just a horrific deal that happened there."

The Heat also held a moment of silence Saturday night, with many players being accompanied on the court by their children. Chris Bosh held his son, Jackson, tightly against his chest.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra has shopped at the Clackamas Town Center, a mall in his native Oregon where a gunman killed two people Tuesday and then himself. One of Dwyane Wade's nephews was shot last March in Chicago, where gun violence is a major topic of discussion. Ray Allen attended the University of Connecticut, still calls it "my state" and expressed shock as he tried to collect information about Friday's events.

"It's still on my mind. I'm really emotional about it. My eyes water up a little bit just thinking about it right now. Your kids are what you live for," Heat forward Udonis Haslem said, his voice barely above a whisper.

Spoelstra typically comes into the Heat interview room after game-day practices and makes a brief statement about injury situations or what the team worked on that particular day.

He started his remarks Saturday by talking about Newtown, nothing about the Heat or the Wizards.

"We talked about it as a team today and our thoughts and prayers are with the families and the community," Spoelstra said. "Horrific tragedy in Connecticut. We took some time to give our thoughts and prayers to them.

"It's despicable," he added. "It's a horrific tragedy. And it doesn't matter whether you have family or not or kids or not, you can't relate to a tragedy like that."

Spoelstra said he monitored news reports on the Internet until late Friday night. James was getting updated on the day's events even as the Heat were visiting sick children in a pair of Miami hospitals on Friday afternoon, after which he immediately went home and hugged his own sons, neither of whom is likely old enough to comprehend what took place inside that Newtown school.

"Just having two kids of my own, in elementary, I could not imagine sending them off to school and them not returning," James said.

Haslem has three sons, and said he tried telling his oldest boy that "things happen in this world that we have no control over."

He's all-too-familiar with the grieving process, having lost close friends and relatives over the years. Still, Haslem insisted that he cannot comprehend what the families in Newtown feel, especially with this all happening so close to Christmas.

"You take it one day at a time. You're never going to forget about it. Time heals the wounds, slowly," Haslem said. "I still grieve over my friends. I still grieve over my family members I've lost. Slowly, slowly, it gets a little bit — not a lot — but a little bit easier.

"We love the money, we love the fame, we love the sport, but at the end of the day, we do this for our kids and the legacy to give them things you never had," Haslem said. "If it was about us, a lot of us would have retired after our first contract. You do this for your kids. Your kids are everything. My three kids are my heart. I just imagine someone taking my heart away from me. Might as well kill me."

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Steve Webster, England	67-69-70	— 206
Keith Horne, South Africa	70-69-68	— 207
Andy Sullivan, England	73-71-64	— 208
Richard Sterne, South Africa	70-68-70	— 208
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Garth Mulroy, South Africa	71-68-70	— 209
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Tyrone van Aswegen, South Africa	70-68-71	— 209
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	68-69-72	— 209
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Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	73-67-72	— 212
Peter Uihlein, United States	70-73-72	— 215

Fight Schedule

Monday

At Myakino, Russia, Denis Lebedev vs. Santander Silgado, 12, for Lebedev's WBA cruiserweight title; Grigory Drozd vs. Jean Marc Monrose, 10, cruiserweights.

Dec. 22

At Kobe, Japan, Malcolm Tunacao vs. Christian Esquivel, 12, WBC bantamweight eliminator; Hozumi Hasegawa vs. Arturo Santos Reyes, 10, featherweights.

At Bethlehem, Pa. (NBC), Tomasz Adamek vs. Steve Cunningham, 12, heavyweights.

Dec. 31

At Ota-City General Gymnasium, Tokyo, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Bryan Vasquez, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA junior lightweight title; Yota Sato vs. Ryo Akaho, 12, for Sato's WBC junior bantamweight title; Tepparith Kokietgym vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for Kokietgym's WBA junior bantamweight title.

At Bodymaker Colosseum, Osaka, Japan, Ryo Miyazaki vs. Pornsawan Porpramok, 12, for the vacant WBA strawweight title; Kazuto Ioka vs. Jose Rodriguez, 12, for vacant WBA junior flyweight title.

Jan. 4

At Miami (ESPN2), Rances Barthelemy vs. Arash Usmanee, 10, junior lightweights; Jonathan Gonzalez vs. Derrick Ennis, 10, junior middleweights.

Jan. 11

At TBA (ESPN2), John Molina Jr. vs. Dannie Williams, 12, lightweights.

At Indio, Calif. (SHO), Ronny Rios vs. Rico Ramos, 10, featherweights.

Jan. 19

At New York (HBO), Orlando Salido vs. Miguel Angel Garcia, 12, for Salido's WBO featherweight title; Gennady Golovkin vs. Gabriel Rosado, 12, for Golovkin's WBA middleweight title; Roman Martinez vs. Juan Carlos Burgos, 12, for Martinez's WBO junior lightweight title.

At TBA (SHO), Devon Alexander vs. Kell Brook, 12, for Alexander's IBF welterweight title.

At Uncasville, Conn. (NBCSN), Gabriel Campillo vs. Sergey Kovalev, 10, light heavyweights.

Jan. 26

At Galen Center, Los Angeles (HBO), Andre Ward vs. Kelly Pavlik, 12, for Ward's WBA and WBC super middleweight titles; Chris Arreola vs. Bermane Stiverne, 10, heavyweights.

Jan. 30

At Sydney Entertainment Centre, Australia, Daniel Geale, vs. Anthony Mundine, 12, for Geale's IBF middleweight title.

Fishing Report

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 52-58 degrees; 9.45' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs, Texas rigged 10" Power Worms and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 51-56 degrees; 8.25' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

COLORADO CITY: 16.1' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 52-57 degrees; 10.54' low. Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 52-58 degrees; 19.02' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 16.77' low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 52-57 degrees; 33.09' low. Black bass are fair to good on shad pattern crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 51-58 degrees; 8.55' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are good on live minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 62.85' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 7.72' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 51-56 degrees; 17.96' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 50-56 degrees; 28.82' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 42.18' low. No report on black bass. Crappie are fair on live minnows. The Old Marina Point ramp is still open.

MACKENZIE: Water stained; 52-57 degrees; 91.57' low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 98.93' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 53.1' low. No report available.

Ski Report

ROCKIES
New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sat 6:20 am 8 new packed powder machine groomed 8-20 base 4 of 77 trails 17% open, 3 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports

Red River — Fri 4:49 pm powder machine groomed 20-25 base 12 of 57 trails 30% open, 5 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Opening Soon for Snow Sports Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;

Sipapu — Sat 6:11 am 7 new packed powder machine groomed 16-18 base 9 of 41 trails 22% open, 3 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Sat 4:20 pm variable machine groomed 5-18 base 2 of 55 trails, 4% open 2 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 9:21 pm powder machine groomed 35-35 base 21 of 77 trails 28% open, 4 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Taos — Sat 5:47 am 8 new powder machine groomed 21-24 base 11 of 113 trails 10% open, 7 of 14 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Enchanted Forest XC — Sat 10:31 am 5 new packed powder machine groomed 8-10 base 20 of 40 trails, 20 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p;

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sat 5:36 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 9 of 109 trails, 12% open, 112 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Fri 9:34 am packed powder 15-24 base 36 of 124 trails 30% open, 350 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Sat 7:41 am packed powder 19-19 base 30 of 76 trails 40% open, 330 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Sat 7:16 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 54 of 149 trails, 40% open, 727 acres, 20 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;

Breckenridge — Sat 7:19 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 18-20 base 14 of 155 trails, 15% open, 344 acres, 9 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Buttermilk — Fri 3:17 pm packed powder 14-15 base 15 of 44 trails 35% open, 166 acres, 3 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper Mountain — Sat 5:28 am 3 new powder machine groomed 18-18 base 30 of 140 trails, 21% open, 340 acres, 13 of 22 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Sat 3:30 pm 6 new powder machine groomed 36-36 base 25 of 121 trails, 27% open, 172 acres, 7 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	5	.783	—
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	5
Philadelphia	12	11	.522	6
Boston	12	11	.522	6
Toronto	5	19	.208	13 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	6	.714	—
Atlanta	14	7	.667	1
Orlando	10	13	.435	6
Charlotte	7	16	.304	9
Washington	3	18	.143	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	9	.591	—
Milwaukee	12	10	.545	1
Indiana	13	11	.542	1
Detroit	7	19	.269	8
Cleveland	5	20	.200	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	6	.760	—
Memphis	15	6	.714	2
Houston	11	11	.500	6 1/2
Dallas	11	13	.458	7 1/2
New Orleans	5	17	.227	12 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	19	4	.826	—
Minnesota	12	9	.571	6
Utah	13	12	.520	7
Denver	12	12	.500	7 1/2
Portland	10	12	.455	8 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	17	6	.739	—
Golden State	16	8	.667	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	10	14	.417	7 1/2
Phoenix	9	15	.375	8 1/2
Sacramento	7	15	.318	9 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Golden State 115, Atlanta 93
New York 103, Cleveland 102
Orlando 107, Charlotte 98
Indiana 88, Detroit 77
Miami 102, Washington 72
Chicago 83, Brooklyn 82
Minnesota 114, Dallas 106, OT
San Antonio 103, Boston 88
L.A. Clippers 111, Milwaukee 85
Memphis 99, Utah 86

Today's Games

Houston at Toronto, Noon
Denver at Sacramento, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Portland, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES

T'WOLVES 114, MAVERICKS 106, OT

DALLAS (106): Da.Jones 1-3 2-2 4, Marion 7-14 0-0 14, Kaman 5-12 1-2 11, Fisher 5-8 7-7 20, Mayo 7-16 4-4 20, Collison 2-8 3-4 7, Brand 7-11 1-2 15, Wright 0-2 0-0 0, Carter 3-4 1-2 9, Crowder 0-2 0-0 0, Do.Jones 2-3 2-2 6, Beaubois 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-84 21-25 106.

MINNESOTA (114): Kirilenko 4-10 6-7 14, D.Cunningham 2-7 0-0 4, Pekovic 10-21 1-1 21, Ridnour 7-17 0-0 15, Shved 6-12 3-6 18, Rubio 1-4 6-8 8, Stiemsma 1-2 2-2 4, Williams 5-9 6-6 16, Barea 5-12 2-2 14. Totals 41-94 26-32 114.

Dallas	32	13	25	32	4	—106
Minnesota	22	32	26	22	12	—114

3-Point Goals—Dallas 7-14 (Fisher 3-5, Carter 2-2, Mayo 2-3, Crowder 0-1, Beaubois 0-1, Collison 0-2), Minnesota 6-23 (Shved 3-5, Barea 2-3, Ridnour 1-7, Williams 0-2, Kirilenko 0-3, Rubio 0-3). Fouled Out—Carter, Fisher. Rebounds—Dallas 48 (Marion 10), Minnesota 60 (Kirilenko 10). Assists—Dallas 24 (Mayo 6), Minnesota 28 (Rubio 9). Total Fouls—Dallas 29, Minnesota 18. A—18,173 (19,356).

SPURS 103, CELTICS 88

BOSTON (88): Pierce 7-13 2-2 18, Bass 1-5 0-0 2, Garnett 6-13 1-2 13, Rondo 3-7 0-0 6, Lee 5-10 1-1 11, Wilcox 3-4 0-0 6, Terry 6-13 2-3 18, Sullinger 1-2 0-0 2, J.Green 5-10 0-0 10, Barbosa 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 38-81 6-8 88.

SAN ANTONIO (103): D.Green 4-10 1-2 12, Duncan 2-13 1-2 5, Splitter 6-10 4-6 16, Parker 8-14 5-6 22, Neal 7-13 3-3 20, Ginobili 1-2 0-0 3, Diaw 2-2 0-0 4, De Colo 3-6 1-1 8, Mills 1-3 0-0 3, Bonner 3-6 0-0 7, Anderson 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 38-81 15-20 103.

Boston	21	28	20	19 — 88
San Antonio	26	26	25	26 — 103

3-Point Goals—Boston 6-16 (Terry 4-9, Pierce 2-5, Lee 0-1, Rondo 0-1), San Antonio 12-25 (Neal 3-6, D.Green 3-7, De Colo 1-1, Parker 1-2, Bonner 1-2, Anderson 1-2, Ginobili 1-2, Mills 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 44 (Sullinger 7), San Antonio 49 (Duncan 12). Assists—Boston 22 (Rondo 9), San Antonio 28 (Parker 8). Total Fouls—Boston 20, San Antonio 12. Technicals—Boston defensive three second, San Antonio defensive three second 2. A—18,759 (18,797).

WARRIORS 115, HAWKS 93

GOLDEN STATE (115): Barnes 8-14 0-0 19, Lee 10-14 0-0 20, Biedrins 0-0 0-0 0, Curry 6-20 3-3 18, Thompson 3-9 0-0 7, Jack 5-13 0-0 13, Landry 8-10 3-3 19, Green 2-8 1-1 5, C.Jenkins 3-3 0-1 6, Jefferson 1-2 0-0 2, Tyler 1-3 0-0 2, Bazemore 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 49-99 7-8 115.

ATLANTA (93): Stevenson 2-6 0-0 6, Smith 1-12 1-2 3, Horford 7-11 3-6 17, Teague 3-11 4-4 10, Korver 1-5 0-0 3, Harris 0-3 0-2 0, Williams 6-13 3-4 16, Johnson 7-10 1-3 15, Pachulia 0-1 2-2 2, J.Jenkins 3-8 1-1 8, Tolliver 0-1 4-4 4, Scott 1-2 7-8 9, Petro 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-84 26-36 93.

Golden State	26	36	26	27 — 115
Atlanta	26	23	19	25 — 93

3-Point Goals—Golden State 10-24 (Barnes 3-4, Jack 3-5, Curry 3-11, Thompson 1-3, Jefferson 0-1), Atlanta 5-26 (Stevenson 2-5, Korver 1-5, J.Jenkins 1-6, Williams 1-6, Harris 0-1, Teague 0-1, Smith 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 60 (Lee 11), Atlanta 54 (Johnson, Horford 9). Assists—Golden State 32 (Curry 11), Atlanta 21 (Teague 8). Total Fouls—Golden State 25, Atlanta 15. Technicals—Curry, Golden State defensive three second, Atlanta Coach Drew. A—15,145 (18,729).

PACERS 88, PISTONS 77

INDIANA (88): George 6-16 2-4 15, West 11-16 1-2 23, Hibbert 2-4 0-0 4, Hill 5-7 6-6 18, Green 3-9 0-0 9, T.Hansbrough 5-8 1-2 11, Young 1-4 0-0 3, Mahinmi 1-2 1-2 3, B.Hansbrough 0-3 0-0 0, Pendergraph 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 35-72 11-16 88.

DETROIT (77): Prince 2-7 0-1 4, Maxiell 0-3 0-0 0, Monroe 8-15 2-3 18, Knight 6-17 0-0 14, Singler 3-9 0-0 7, Stuckey 6-14 3-4 15, Drummond 5-7 1-2 11, Maggette 1-7 4-5 6, Villanueva 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 32-83 10-15 77.

Indiana	26	16	21	25 — 88
Detroit	22	16	22	17 — 77

3-Point Goals—Indiana 7-24 (Green 3-8, Hill 2-3, Young 1-3, George 1-7, B.Hansbrough 0-3), Detroit 3-13 (Knight 2-5, Singler 1-3, Stuckey 0-1, Maggette 0-2, Villanueva 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 51 (George 8), Detroit 47 (Drummond 9). Assists—Indiana 25 (George 8), Detroit 18 (Stuckey 7). Total Fouls—Indiana 21, Detroit 16. A—13,235 (22,076).

HEAT 102, WIZARDS 72

WASHINGTON (72): Singleton 3-6 1-1 7, Webster 1-6 2-2 4, Okafor 4-8 0-2 8, Crawford 2-12 0-0 5, Beal 6-18 5-6 19, Livingston 1-3 0-0 2, Seraphin 3-8 0-0 6, Martin 6-9 2-2 18, Vesely 1-2 0-0 2, Barron 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 27-72 11-15 72.

MIAMI (102): James 6-15 7-11 23, Haslem 6-7 1-2 13, Bosh 5-7 2-2 12, Chalmers 4-8 0-0 9, Wade 5-8 3-4 13, Battier 2-7 0-0 6, Anthony 2-5 0-0 4, Allen 2-4 0-0 6, Cole 1-6 1-2 3, Miller 1-3 0-0 3, Lewis 1-4 0-0 3, Jones 1-2 0-0 3, Pittman 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 40-79 14-21 102.

Washington	14	22	10	26 — 72
Miami	26	24	29	23 — 102

3-Point Goals—Washington 7-20 (Martin 4-6, Beal 2-6, Crawford 1-5, Webster 0-1, Singleton 0-2), Miami 8-27 (Allen 2-3, Battier 2-6, Lewis 1-2, Jones 1-2, Miller 1-3, Chalmers 1-4, Cole 0-2, Bosh 0-2, James 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 44 (Okafor 10), Miami 51 (James 10). Assists—Washington 16 (Crawford 6), Miami 25 (Wade 6). Total Fouls—Washington 18, Miami 15. A—19,724 (19,600).

MAGIC 107, BOBCATS 98

ORLANDO (107): Harkless 1-1 0-0 2, Davis 7-11 6-8 20, Vucevic 6-10 1-1 13, Nelson 7-13 1-2 16, Afflalo 8-14 3-3 20, Redick 4-10 3-3 14, Moore 3-9 0-0 6, Nicholson 4-7 0-0 8, Ayon 3-4 2-2 8, Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-79 16-19 107.

CHARLOTTE (98): Kidd-Gilchrist 1-4 1-2 3, Mullens 4-11 3-6 12, Biyombo 4-8 0-0 8, Walker 11-20 8-9 32, Henderson 5-15 6-6 16, Haywood 2-3 0-0 4, Gordon 3-6 0-0 6, Taylor 1-1 0-0 3, Sessions 5-10 4-6 14. Totals 36-78 22-29 98.

Orlando	29	27	25	26 — 107
Charlotte	21	27	29	21 — 98

3-Point Goals—Orlando 5-17 (Redick 3-9, Afflalo 1-2, Nelson 1-4, Moore 0-2), Charlotte 4-12 (Walker 2-5, Taylor 1-1, Mullens 1-3, Sessions 0-1, Gordon 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 47 (Vucevic 13), Charlotte 41 (Biyombo 9). Assists—Orlando 25 (Nelson 6), Charlotte 18 (Walker 7). Total Fouls—Orlando 25, Charlotte 16. A—16,217 (19,077).

KNICKS 103, CAVALIERS 102

CLEVELAND (102): Gee 4-12 1-1 9, Thompson 5-5 0-0 10, Varejao 3-6 3-5 9, Irving 15-25 6-7 41, Miles 7-18 0-0 17, Gibson 2-9 0-0 5, Zeller 4-5 0-0 8, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Sloan 0-2 3-4 3. Totals 40-82 13-17 102.

NEW YORK (103): Brewer 1-3 0-0 2, Copeland 4-5 1-2 11, Chandler 9-10 5-7 23, Kidd 3-14 0-0 9, Felton 9-20 4-4 25, Smith 6-20 3-4 16, Novak 4-9 1-2 13, Thomas 1-2 2-4 4, Prigioni 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-85 16-23 103.

Cleveland	28	17	28	29 — 102
New York	27	21	30	25 — 103

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 9-24 (Irving 5-8, Miles 3-9, Gibson 1-4, Gee 0-3), New York 13-35 (Novak 4-7, Felton 3-4, Kidd 3-13, Copeland 2-3, Smith 1-5, Brewer 0-1, Prigioni 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 52 (Varejao, Miles 8), New York 49 (Chandler 10). Assists—Cleveland 15 (Varejao, Irving 5), New York 26 (Kidd 8). Total Fouls—Cleveland 23, New York 18. A—19,033 (19,763).

BULLS 83, NETS 82

BROOKLYN (82): Wallace 2-6 0-0 6, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Lopez 8-17 2-2 18, Williams 5-13 10-13 24, Johnson 7-16 2-3 16, Brooks 0-2 0-0 0, Blatche 4-11 1-2 9, Humphries 2-5 2-2 6, Bogans 0-1 0-0 0, Watson 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 29-75 17-22 82.

CHICAGO (83): Deng 7-18 3-5 17, Boozer 7-14 1-1 15, Noah 4-12 4-6 12, Robinson 3-8 0-0 6, Belinelli 6-9 5-5 19, Butler 0-4 0-0 0, Gibson 2-4 2-2 6, Teague 4-6 0-0 8, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-75 15-19 83.

Brooklyn	24	17	21	20 — 82
Chicago	23	23	21	16 — 83

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 7-19 (Williams 4-7, Wallace 2-4, Watson 1-1, Bogans 0-1, Blatche 0-1, Humphries 0-1, Johnson 0-4), Chicago 2-10 (Belinelli 2-3, Teague 0-1, Butler 0-1, Robinson 0-2, Deng 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 53 (Lopez 10), Chicago 44 (Noah 10). Assists—Brooklyn 15 (Williams, Johnson 5), Chicago 21 (Noah, Robinson 5). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 18, Chicago 17. Technicals—Brooklyn defensive three second, Chicago defensive three second. A—21,886 (20,917).

CLIPPERS 111, BUCKS 85

L.A. CLIPPERS (111): Butler 3-9 2-2 8, Griffin 7-12 4-5 18, Jordan 7-10 1-4 15, Paul 4-10 1-1 10, Green 2-7 2-2 7, Bledsoe 3-5 2-2 8, Crawford 2-6 1-1 6, Barnes 8-10 5-6 21, Odom 4-5 0-0 10, Turiaf 2-4 0-0 4, Hollins 2-4 0-1 4. Totals 44-82 18-24 111.

MILWAUKEE (85): Daniels 6-13 2-2 16, Mbah a Moute 4-7 2-2 11, Sanders 1-3 2-2 4, Jennings 3-13 2-2 9, Ellis 4-14 5-7 13, Udoh 4-5 1-2 9, Ilyasova 2-6 2-2 8, Lamb 3-11 2-6 8, Gooden 2-6 0-0 5, Henson 1-5 0-0 2, Przybilla 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-83 18-25 85.

L.A. Clippers	28	27	24	32 — 111
Milwaukee	15	20	27	23 — 85

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 5-11 (Odom 2-2, Paul 1-1, Crawford 1-2, Green 1-3, Butler 0-1, Barnes 0-2), Milwaukee 7-21 (Daniels 2-4, Ilyasova 2-4, Gooden 1-1, Mbah a Moute 1-1, Jennings 1-6, Lamb 0-2, Ellis 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 54 (Griffin, Jordan 11), Milwaukee 50 (Mbah a Moute 6). Assists—L.A. Clippers 33 (Paul 13), Milwaukee 15 (Ellis 4). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 22, Milwaukee 22. Technicals—Przybilla. A—13,691 (18,717).

GRIZZLIES 99, JAZZ 86

MEMPHIS (99): Gay 5-13 3-3 14, Randolph 10-16 5-5 25, Gasol 5-10 6-9 16, Conley 4-11 2-3 12, Allen 3-7 1-2 7, Haddadi 1-5 0-0 2, Ellington 3-6 0-0 6, Pondexter 1-2 2-2 5, Bayless 2-7 0-0 4, Speights 4-8 0-0 8. Totals 38-85 19-24 99.

UTAH (86): Ma.Williams 2-6 2-2 6, Millsap 4-8 4-5 12, Jefferson 8-17 4-4 21, M.Williams 3-9 0-0 7, Foye 2-5 0-0 4, Hayward 3-8 4-5 11, Favors 2-4 0-2 4, Carroll 2-5 3-4 8, Kanter 4-4 2-2 10, Tinsley 1-8 0-0 3. Totals 31-74 19-24 86.

Memphis	19	25	28	27 — 99
Utah	21	33	10	22 — 86

3-Point Goals—Memphis 4-11 (Conley 2-4, Pondexter 1-2, Gay 1-4, Bayless 0-1), Utah 5-17 (Carroll 1-1, Jefferson 1-1, Tinsley 1-3, M. Williams 1-3, Hayward 1-3, Millsap 0-1, Foye 0-2, Ma.Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 55 (Randolph 16), Utah 45 (Jefferson 8). Assists—Memphis 16 (Conley 8), Utah 20 (M. Williams 7). Total Fouls—Memphis 16, Utah 20. Technicals—Bayless. A—18,183 (19,911).

LATE BOX

NUGGETS 94, GRIZZLIES 94

MEMPHIS (94): Gay 10-21 1-1 21, Z.Randolph 5-12 0-0 10, Gasol 2-10 6-7 10, Conley 5-14 2-2 14, Allen 3-6 0-0 6, Pondexter 3-6 0-0 8, Arthur 0-2 0-0 0, Bayless 0-5 0-0 0, Ellington 4-7 0-0 11, Speights 7-11 0-0 14. Totals 39-94 9-10 94.

DENVER (99): Gallinari 5-12 2-2 14, Faried 3-10 2-2 8, Koufos 1-3 4-4 6, Lawson 5-10 2-2 13, Iguodala 8-11 3-5 20, McGee 4-6 1-2 9, Brewer 3-6 3-3 9, A.Miller 6-10 6-6 18, Mozgov 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-69 23-26 99.

Memphis	16	25	28	25 — 94
Denver	17	28	24	30 — 99

3-Point Goals—Memphis 7-19 (Ellington 3-5, Pondexter 2-3, Conley 2-5, Bayless 0-1, Gasol 0-1, Gay 0-4), Denver 4-10 (Gallinari 2-4, Lawson 1-2, Iguodala 1-2, A.Miller 0-1, Brewer 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 49 (Gasol 9), Denver 43 (Faried 10). Assists—Memphis 27 (Bayless 11), Denver 20 (Iguodala 7). Total Fouls—Memphis 28, Denver 19. Technicals—Denver defensive three second. A—16,367 (19,155).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

Top 25 Fared
Saturday

1. Indiana (9-1) lost to Butler 88-86, OT. Next: vs. Mount St. Mary's, Wednesday.
2. Duke (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cornell, Wednesday.
3. Michigan (10-0) beat West Virginia 81-66. Next: vs. Eastern Michigan, Thursday.
4. Syracuse (9-0) beat Canisius 85-61. Next: vs. Detroit, Monday.
5. Florida (7-1) lost to No. 8 Arizona 65-64. Next: vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Wednesday.
6. Louisville (9-1) beat Memphis 87-78. Next: vs. Florida International, Wednesday.
7. Ohio State (8-1) beat UNC Asheville 90-72. Next: vs. Winthrop, Tuesday.
8. Arizona (8-0) beat No. 5 Florida 65-64. Next: vs. Oral Roberts, Tuesday.
9. Kansas (8-1) beat Belmont 89-60. Next: vs. Richmond, Tuesday.
10. Illinois (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Kentucky, Sunday.
11. Cincinnati (10-0) beat Marshall 72-56. Next: vs. Xavier, Wednesday.
12. Missouri (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Monday.
13. Minnesota (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Lafayette, Saturday.
14. Gonzaga (10-1) beat Kansas State 68-52. Next: vs. Campbell, Wednesday.
15. Georgetown (9-1) beat Western Carolina 81-68. Next: vs. American, Saturday.
16. Creighton (9-1) at California. Next: vs. Tulsa, Wednesday.
17. New Mexico (11-0) beat New Mexico State 73-58. Next: at New Mexico State, Wednesday.
18. San Diego State (8-1) beat San Diego 72-56. Next: vs. Point Loma Nazarene, Tuesday.
19. Michigan State (9-2) beat Tuskegee 92-56. Next: at Bowling Green, Tuesday.
20. UNLV (8-1) did not play. Next: at UTEP, Monday.
21. North Carolina (8-2) beat East Carolina 93-87. Next: at Texas, Wednesday.
22. Notre Dame (9-1) beat Purdue 81-68. Next: vs. IPFW, Monday.
23. Wichita State (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Charleston Southern, Thursday.
24. Oklahoma State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Central Arkansas, Sunday.
25. N.C. State (7-2) beat Norfolk State 84-62. Next: vs. Stanford, Tuesday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 97, Alcorn St. 59
Hartford 58, Rice 51
Houston 85, Louisiana-Lafayette 63
Oklahoma 64, Texas A&M 54
Stephen F. Austin 78, Lubbock Christian 67
Texas 75, Texas St. 63
Texas-Pan American 75, Lamar 70
UALR 72, Tulsa 65

SOUTH

Auburn 64, Furman 50
Bellarmine 75, Nova Southeastern 48
Bethel (Tenn.) 49, Bryan 47
Carson-Newman 101, Milligan 68
Central St. (Ohio) 65, LeMoyne-Owen 61
Cincinnati 72, Marshall 56
Clemson 80, Florida A&M 57
Coker 83, Mount Olive 73
Davidson 77, UNC Wilmington 61
E. Mennonite 112, Maryland Bible 61
Gardner-Webb 71, The Citadel 58
Georgia Southern 78, Virginia Tech 73
Guilford 80, NC Wesleyan 64
Henderson St. 70, Union (Tenn.) 67
Howard 60, Liberty 53
Huntingdon 81, Berry 75
Iona 81, Georgia 78, OT
Jacksonville St. 66, Presbyterian 59, OT
Kentucky 88, Lipscomb 50
Kentucky Wesleyan 83, Lindsey Wilson 63
Limestone 89, Mars Hill 84
Louisville 87, Memphis 78
Martin Methodist 71, Spring Hill 62
NC State 84, Norfolk St. 62
North Carolina 93, East Carolina 87
Northwestern St. 95, Missouri Valley 78
Pikeville 81, Life 67
Richmond 76, Stetson 57
Roanoke 97, Averett 87
Roberts Wesleyan 77, Dist. of Columbia 67
Sam Houston St. 73, Samford 57
Southern Miss. 93, Grambling St. 45
Southern NO 67, Loyola NO 66
St. Augustine's 73, Palm Beach Atlantic 69
St. Leo 76, Virginia Union 49
Thomas More 99, Spalding 97, 2OT
Trevecca Nazarene 73, McKendree 63
Troy 57, Georgia St. 56
VCU 73, Alabama 54
Vanderbilt 71, Alabama A&M 46
Xavier (NO) 56, Voorhees 55

MIDWEST

Ball St. 80, South Dakota 73
Butler 88, Indiana 86, OT
Dayton 81, FAU 56
Detroit 80, Akron 73
Evansville 80, Alabama St. 67
Ill.-Chicago 74, E. Michigan 48
Indiana St. 75, IUPUI 61
Iowa 80, N. Iowa 73
Iowa St. 86, Drake 77
Kansas 89, Belmont 60
Loyola of Chicago 59, Mississippi St. 51
Marquette 71, Savannah St. 51
Michigan St. 92, Tuskegee 56
Notre Dame 81, Purdue 68
Ohio St. 90, UNC Asheville 72
S. Illinois 72, Green Bay 70
Saint Louis 73, UT-Martin 51
Tennessee Tech 69, Milwaukee 58
Valparaiso 62, Missouri St. 54
Winthrop 50, Ohio 49

FAR WEST

Arizona 65, Florida 64
Arizona St. 61, Dartmouth 42
BYU 78, Weber St. 68
CS Bakersfield 69, La Verne 49
Denver 82, Nebraska-Omaha 47
Gonzaga 68, Kansas St. 52
Idaho 91, Walla Walla 47
Long Beach St. 82, BYU-Hawaii 65
Nevada 59, San Francisco 51
New Mexico 73, New Mexico St. 58
Oregon 60, Nebraska 38
Portland St. 85, George Fox 74
S. Dakota St. 68, Montana 67, 2OT
San Diego St. 72, San Diego 56
Santa Clara 75, Pacific 71
Southern Cal 70, UC Riverside 26
Stanford 75, UC Davis 52
UC Irvine 58, Fresno St. 51
UC Santa Barbara 87, San Diego Christian 60
UCLA 95, Prairie View 53
Utah St. 69, Utah Valley 63
Washington 75, Jackson St. 67

EAST

Bucknell 74, La Salle 66
Fordham 63, Princeton 60
Georgetown 81, W. Carolina 68
Loyola (Md.) 79, Mount St. Mary's 57
Michigan 81, West Virginia 66
N. Dakota St. 65, Towson 48
Penn St. 80, Delaware St. 76, OT
Pittsburgh 89, Bethune-Cookman 40
Rhode Island 72, SMU 50
Robert Morris 91, Duquesne 69
St. Bonaventure 87, Cleveland St. 53
St. John's 77, St. Francis (NY) 60
Syracuse 85, Canisius 61
UMass 78, Elon 73, OT
Wagner 77, Coppin St. 65, OT
Wright St. 63, Hofstra 57

Women

Top 25 Fared
Saturday

1. Stanford (9-0) beat Pacific 78-43. Next: at No. 24 South Carolina, Wednesday.
2. UConn (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Wednesday.
3. Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Tennessee, Tuesday.
4. Duke (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cal State Bakersfield, Friday.
5. Notre Dame (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama A&M, Wednesday.
6. Georgia (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lipscomb, Sunday.
7. Kentucky (8-1) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Tuesday.
8. Louisville (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Tuesday.
9. California (7-1) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Monday.
10. Maryland (7-2) did not play. Next: at Delaware, Thursday.
11. Penn State (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota State, Sunday.
12. Oklahoma (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Sunday.
13. Tennessee (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Texas, Sunday.
14. UCLA (6-1) beat Saint Mary's (Cal) 76-62. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
15. Purdue (9-1) did not play. Next: at Oakland, Sunday.
16. Oklahoma State (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Vermont, Sunday.
17. Dayton (10-0) did not play. Next: at Akron, Tuesday.
18. Texas (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Tennessee, Sunday.
19. North Carolina (9-1) did not play. Next: at Coastal Carolina, Sunday.
20. Ohio State (6-3) lost to Washington State 62-55. Next: vs. Southern University, Friday.
21. Miami (7-1) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Sunday.
22. Kansas (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Prairie View, Sunday.
23. Texas A&M (6-3) beat Southern Cal 79-61. Next: vs. Kansas State, Wednesday.
24. South Carolina (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Stanford, Wednesday.
25. West Virginia (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Youngstown State, Sunday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Rice 60, Stephen F. Austin 41
Texas St. 69, Texas A&M-CC 51

SOUTH

Alabama 80, Troy 71
Albany (NY) 79, Delaware St. 57
Campbell 66, Jacksonville St. 53
FIU 64, Dartmouth 57
Florida St. 96, Grambling St. 60
MVSU 66, Tuskegee 45
Md.-Eastern Shore 54, North Florida 52
NC A&T 60, Liberty 56
NC State 76, Presbyterian 30
Ohio 55, Marshall 48
Southern Miss. 79, Loyola NO 63
Stetson 78, FAU 66
UNC-Greensboro 71, Norfolk St. 63
Winthrop 63, NC Central 44

MIDWEST

Akron 67, Cincinnati 54
DePaul 68, N. Illinois 46
E. Michigan 74, UMKC 69
Michigan 60, W. Michigan 41
Missouri St. 83, Arkansas St. 60
South Dakota 93, Peru St. 37
Toledo 82, Marquette 71
Wichita St. 81, Ark.-Pine Bluff 43
Wisconsin 76, E. Illinois 47
Wright St. 66, Xavier 65

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football FBS Bowl Glance
Subject to Change

Saturday

New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Arizona 49, Nevada 48

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State 41, Toledo 15

Thursday, Dec. 20

Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
San Diego State (9-3) vs. BYU (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 21

Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ball State (9-3) vs. UCF (9-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 22

New Orleans Bowl
East Carolina (8-4) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State (10-2) vs. Washington (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 24

Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU (6-6) vs. Fresno State (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 26

Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 27

Military Bowl
At Washington
Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor (7-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29

Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth,
Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)

Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (8-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)

Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas (8-4) vs. Orgeon State (9-3), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPNU)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), Noon (ABC)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 3

Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 4

Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 5

BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), Noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 6

GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 7

BCS National Championship
At Miami
Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 19

RAYCOM College Football All-Star Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Stars vs. Stripes, 3 p.m. (CBSSN)

East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 26

Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, TBA (NFL Network)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Allen 51, DeSoto 36
Houston Lamar 15, SA O'Connor 7
State Championship
Allen (14-1) vs. Houston Lamar (15-0), 8 p.m. Dec. 22, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Cedar Hill 31, Austin Westlake 28
Katy 45, Cibolo Steele 33
State Championship
Cedar Hill (11-5) vs. Katy (15-0), Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Denton Guyer 57, Tyler 53
Georgetown 42, Leander Rouse 14
State Championship
Denton Guyer (13-2) vs. Georgetown (15-0), noon Dec. 22, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Lancaster 26, WF Rider 19, 2OT
Cedar Park 42, Manor 14
State Championship
Lancaster (14-1) vs. Cedar Park (13-2), 8 p.m. Dec. 21, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Championship
Stephenville (13-1) 70, El Campo 35

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Gilmer 50, Graham 7
Navasota 24, Bellville 7
State Championship
Navasota (15-0) vs. Gilmer (14-1), 4 p.m. Dec. 21, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Daingerfield 29, Wall 22
Cameron Yoe 39, Newton 22
State Championship
Daingerfield (12-3) vs. Cameron Yoe (14-0), noon Dec. 21, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Corsicana Mildred 28, Sonora 14
East Bernard 52, Elysian Fields 8
State Championship
Corsicana Mildred (13-1) vs. East Bernard (14-0), 8 p.m. Dec. 20, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Stamford 41, Italy 8
Mart 42, Shiner 7
State Championship
Mart (12-2) vs. Stamford (13-1), 4 p.m. Dec. 20, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 1A DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Munday 48, Wellington 6
Tenaha 42, Falls City 14
State Championship
Munday (14-0) vs. Tenaha (10-4), noon Dec. 20, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

SIX-MAN DIVISION I
State Championship
Throckmorton (13-1) 72, Abbott 30

SIX-MAN DIVISION II
State Championship
Richland Springs (15-0) 60, Follett 14

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with OF Josh Hamilton on a five-year contract.

National League

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Claimed LHP Mauricio Robles off waivers from Seattle.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released WR Stephen Williams and OL Mike Gibson. Signed DT Ricky Lumpkin from the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Released WR Lance Long. Signed RB Shaun Chapas from the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed T Charles Brown and S Malcolm Jenkins on injured reserve. Signed G Ricky Henry and S Jerico Nelson from the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Released OL Selvish Capers. Signed CB Terrence Frederick from the practice squad.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed DE Logan Harrell to the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released WR Chad Hall from the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed WR Charly Martin on injured reserve. Re-signed WR Deon Butler.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned G Marco Cousineau from Fort Wayne (ECHL) to Norfolk (AHL).

CALGARY FLAMES — Reassigned C Adam Estoclet, LW Michael Ferland and RW David Eddy from Abbotsford (AHL) to Utah (ECHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned G Sergey Kostenko, D Brett Flemming and F Danick Paquette from Hershey (AHL) to Reading (ECHL) and G Brandon Anderson from Reading to Hershey.

American Hockey League

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Released C Darryl Boyce from his professional tryout contract. Reassigned G Peter Delmas to Wheeling (ECHL).

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Released D Edwin Shea.

GLANTZ-CULVER

NCAA Football

Thursday				
Poinsettia Bowl				
BYU	2 1/2	2 1/2	(49)	at San Diego St.
Dec. 21				
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl				
At St. Petersburg, Fla.				
UCF	7	7	(61 1/2)	Ball St.
Dec. 22				
New Orleans Bowl				
La.-Lafayette	4 1/2	6	(64 1/2)	East Carolina
Las Vegas Bowl				
Boise St.	7 1/2	5 1/2	(46)	Washington
Dec. 24				
Hawaii Bowl				
At Honolulu				
Fresno St.	11 1/2	12	(59 1/2)	SMU
Dec. 26				
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl				
At Detroit				
W. Kentucky	6	5 1/2	(58)	Cent. Michigan
Dec. 27				
Military Bowl				
At Washington				
San Jose St.	7 1/2	7	(47)	Bowling Green
Belk Bowl				
At Charlotte, N.C.				
Cincinnati	11	7 1/2	(60)	Duke
Holiday Bowl				
At San Diego				
UCLA	+1	1	(79 1/2)	Baylor
Dec. 28				
Independence Bowl				
At Shreveport, La.				
Louisiana-Monroe	6	7	(60)	Ohio
Russell Athletic Bowl				
At Orlando, Fla.				
Virginia Tech	1	2 1/2	(41 1/2)	Rutgers
Meineke Car Care Bowl				
At Houston				
Texas Tech	13	12 1/2	(57)	Minnesota
Dec. 29				
Armed Forces Bowl				
At Fort Worth				
Air Force	+1	1	(61)	Rice
Fight Hunger Bowl				
At San Francisco				
Arizona St.	13	14 1/2	(56)	Navy
Pinstripe Bowl				
At New York				
West Virginia	3 1/2	4	(73 1/2)	Syracuse
Alamo Bowl				
At San Antonio				
Oregon St.	1	2	(56 1/2)	Texas
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl				
At Tempe, Ariz.				
TCU	1	2 1/2	(41)	Michigan St.

NFL
Today

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Green Bay	3	3	(43)	at Chicago
at Atlanta	1	1 1/2	(51)	N.Y. Giants
at New Orleans	3	4	(54)	Tampa Bay
at St. Louis	3	2 1/2	(38 1/2)	Minnesota
at Cleveland	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Washington
at Miami	7	7	(37 1/2)	Jacksonville
Denver	2 1/2	2 1/2	(48)	at Baltimore
at Houston	8	9	(48)	Indianapolis
at San Diego	3	3	(45 1/2)	Carolina
Seattle	3	5 1/2	(43)	Buffalo-x
Detroit	6 1/2	6 1/2	(44)	at Arizona
Pittsburgh	+1	1 1/2	(44)	at Dallas
at Oakland	2 1/2	3	(43 1/2)	Kansas City
at New England	3	5	(47)	San Francisco
Monday				
at Tennessee	1	1 1/2	(41 1/2)	N.Y. Jets

x-at Toronto

Off Key

Washington QB questionable

RODEO

National Finals Rodeo Results
Saturday
At Thomas & Mack Center
Las Vegas
Final Round

Bareback Riding

1. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo., 86.5 points on Lancaster & Pickett Pro Rodeo's Top Flight, $18,257. 2. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, 86.0, $14,429. 3 (tie), Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah, and Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore., 85.5, $7,754. 6. Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 84, $2,945. 7. Will Lowe, Canyon, 82. 8. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 79.5. 9. Justin McDaniel, Porum, Okla., 78.5. 10. Caleb Bennett, Morgan, Utah, 76. 11. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, 74.5. 12. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont., 74. 13 (tie), Matt Bright, Azle, Brian Bain, Culver, Ore., and Jared Keylon, Uniontown, Kan., NS.

Average — 1. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah, 834 points on 10 head, $46,821. 2. Will Lowe, Canyon, 813, $37,987. 3. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, 809.5, $30,036. 4. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo., 808, $22,085. 5. Justin McDaniel, Porum, Okla., 801, $15,901. 6. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont., 795.5, $11,484. 7. Caleb Bennett, Morgan, Utah, 782.5, $7,951. 8. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, 780.5, $4,417. 9. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore., 738.0 on nine head. 10. Brian Bain, Culver, Ore., 706.5. 11. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 641 on eight head. 12. Matt Bright, Azle, 636. 13. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., 630. 14. Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., 570.5 on seven head. 15. Jared Keylon, Uniontown, Kan., 457.5 on six head.

Steer Wrestling

1. Gabe Ledoux, Kaplan, La., 3.3 seconds, $18,257. 2. Bray Armes, Gruver, 3.5, $14,429. 3. Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo., 3.7, $10,895. 4. Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb., 3.9, $7,656. 5 (tie), Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., and Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, 4.2, $3,828 each. 7. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont., 4.4. 8 (tie), K.C. Jones, Decatur, and Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo., 4.6 each. 10. Todd Suhn, Hermosa, S.D., 4.7. 11. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La., 4.8. 12. Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah, 4.9. 13. Ethen Thouvenell, Napa, Calif., 5.2. 14. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., 13.5. 15. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif., NT.

Average — 1. Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo., 48.6 seconds on 10 head, $46,821. 2. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La., 50.0, $37,987. 3. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont., 54.3, $30,036. 4. Bray Armes, Gruver, 55.2, $22,085. 5. K.C. Jones, Decatur, 57.7, $15,901. 6. Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb., 62.9, $11,484. 7. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., 36.8 on nine head, $7,951. 8. Todd Suhn, Hermosa, S.D., 41.2, $4,417. 9. Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo., 43.3. 10. Ethen Thouvenell, Napa, Calif., 49.2. 11. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, 50.6. 12. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., 51.1. 13. Gabe Ledoux, Kaplan, La., 35.6 on eight head. 14. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif., 36.8. 15. Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah, 46.2.

Team Roping

1. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga./Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 4.0 seconds, $18,257 each. 2 (tie), Luke Brown, Stephenville/Martin Lucero, Stephenville, and Turtle Powell, Stephenville/Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., 4.1, $12,662 each. 4. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont./Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., 4.9, $7,656. 5. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn./Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev., 5.2, $4,712. 6. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz./Kory Koontz, Sudan, 5.7, $2,945. 7. Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn./Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., 6.1. 8. Trevor Brazile, Decatur/Patrick Smith, Lipan, 10.0. 9 (tie), Colby Lovell, Madisonville/Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont./Paul Eaves, Millsap, Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz./Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz., Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont./Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., Brock Hanson, Casa Grande, Ariz./Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore./Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M., and Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif./Dakota Kirchenschlager, Stephenville, NT.

Average — 1. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn./Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev., 73.4 seconds on 10 head, $46,821 each. 2. Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn./Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., 65.2 on nine head, $37,987. 3. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz./Kory Koontz, Sudan, 46.4 on eight head, $30,036. 4. Brock Hanson, Casa Grande, Ariz./Ryan Motes, Weatherford, 63.8, $22,085. 5. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga./Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 31.2 on seven head, $15,901. 6. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz./Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz., 40.5, $11,484. 7. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont./Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., 52.3, $7,951. 8. Colby Lovell, Madisonville/Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., 52.5, $4,417. 9. Turtle Powell, Stephenville/Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., 54.9. 10. Trevor Brazile, Decatur/Patrick Smith, Lipan, 55.2. 11. Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif./Dakota Kirchenschlager, Stephenville, 27.0 on five head. 12. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore./Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M., 38.8. 13. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont./Paul Eaves, Millsap, 46.9. 14. Luke Brown, Stephenville/Martin Lucero, Stephenville, 35.5 on four head. 15. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont./Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., 49.3.

World Standings (headers) — 1. Chad Masters, $196,099. 2. Kaleb Driggers, $194,888. 3. Trevor Brazile, $182,903. 4. Keven Daniel, $166,689. 5. Erich Rogers, $161,843. 6. Derrick Begay, $155,233. 7. Brock Hanson, $141,582. 8. Clay Tryan, $138,787.

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., 86 points on Smith Harper & Morgan Rodeo's Painted Feather, $18,257. 2. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, 85, $14,429. 3. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, 84, $10,895. 4 (tie), Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah, and Bradley Harter, Weatherford, 80.5, $6,184 each. 6 (tie), Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. and Sterling Crawley, College Station, 77.5, $1,472 each. 8. Cody Taton, Corona, N.M., 76.5. 9. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah, 75.5. 10. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D., 73. 11 (tie), Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., and Tyrell Smith, Cascade, Mont., 72.5. 13 (tie), Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa, Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., and Jacobs Crawley, College Station, NS.

Average — 1. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., 798.5 points on 10 head, $46,821. 2. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, 740.5 on nine, $37,987. 3. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa, 628.0 on eight, $30,036. 4. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D., 620.5, $22,085. 5. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., 609.0, $15,901. 6. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah, 583.0 on seven head, $11,484. 7. Cody Taton, Corona, N.M., 553.0, $7,951. 8. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, 548.5, $4,417. 9. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D., 533.5. 10. Jacobs Crawley, College Station, 512.5. 11. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah, 488.5 on six head. 12. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., 483.5. 13. Bradley Harter, Weatherford, 470.5. 14. Tyrell Smith, Cascade, Mont., 470. 15. Sterling Crawley, College Station, 396.5 on five head.

Tie-Down Roping

1. Cody Ohl, Hico, 7.0 seconds, $18,257. 2. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 7.2, $14,429. 3. Bradley Bynum, Sterling City, 7.3, $10,895. 4. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., 7.5, $7,656. 5. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho, 7.6, $4,712. 6. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, 7.9, $2,945. 7. Adam Gray, Seymour, 8.3. 8. Clif Cooper, Decatur, 9.0. 9. Justin Maass, Giddings, 13.2. 10. Houston Hutto, Tomball, 15.8. 11. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, 16.3. 12. Monty Lewis, Hereford, 17.0. 13. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, 20.6. 14 (tie), Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., and Cory Solomon, Prairie View, NT.

Average — 1. Adam Gray, Seymour, 87.8 seconds on 10 head, $46,821. 2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, 90.6, $37,987. 3. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 92.5, $30,036. 4. Justin Maass, Giddings, 92.9, $22,085. 5. Cody Ohl, Hico, 93.8, $15,901. 6. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., 95.6, $11,484. 7. Bradley Bynum, Sterling City, 97.7, $7,951. 8. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, 112.9, $4,417. 9. Monty Lewis, Hereford, 83.6 on nine head. 10. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, 85.8. 11. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, 92.0. 12. Houston Hutto, Tomball, 113.9. 13. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho, 73.7 on eight head. 14. Clif Cooper, Decatur, 82.0. 15. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., 53.0 on four head.

Barrel Racing

1. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, 13.57 seconds, $18,257. 2. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., 13.76, $14,429. 3. Lee Ann Rust, Stephenville, 13.87, $10,895. 4. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla., 13.96, $7,656. 5. Nikki Steffes, Vale, S.D., 13.97, $4,712. 6. Mary Walker, Ennis, 14.01, $2,945. 7. Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta, 14.04. 8. Benette Barrington-Little, Ardmore, Okla., 14.09. 9. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore., 14.12. 10. Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo., 14.23. 11. Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif., 14.91. 12. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 18.94. 13. Trula Churchill, Valentine, Neb., 19.06. 14. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, 19.07. 15. Kelli Tolbert, Hooper, Utah, 24.13.

Average — 1. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore., 141.79 seconds on 10 runs, $46,821. 2. Mary Walker, Ennis, 143.52, $37,987. 3. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., 143.96, $30,036. 4. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla., 144.69, $22,085. 5. Nikki Steffes, Vale, S.D., 147.19, $15,901. 6. Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif., 156.32, $11,484. 7. Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo., 158.41, $7,951. 8. Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta, 158.97, $4,417. 9. Benette Barrington-Little, Ardmore, Okla., 160.45. 10. Trula Churchill, Valentine, Neb., 161.46. 11. Lee Ann Rust, Stephenville, 164.59. 12. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, 170.32. 13. Kelli Tolbert, Hooper, Utah, 178.56. 14. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, 178.92. 15. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 135.78 on nine head.

Valdosta St. tops Winston-Salem for D-2 title

Associated Press

FLORENCE, Ala. — Winston-Salem State coach Connell Maynor watched his unbeaten team give up a touchdown on the opening kickoff but didn't get worried.

He'd seen it all before, a couple of times. This time the Rams couldn't overcome Valdosta State's fast start Saturday and fell 35-7 in the Division II national championship game, coming up short in their bid to become the first historically black school to win the crown and complete a perfect season.

Matt Pierce's 96-yard scoring return to open the game came a year after Wayne State started the same way — only to lose to Pittsburg State.

"I was, 'OK, history does repeat itself. They ran the opening kickoff back, and we're going to win the game,'" Maynor said. "I'm never going to think negative.

"I never thought we were going to lose the football game."

Blazers	35
Rams	7

After all the Rams (14-1) had given up a long return and first-play touchdown in the semifinals against West Texas A&M before winning 41-18.

They couldn't do it again, or even come close.

The 17th-ranked Blazers (12-2) led 21-0 by halftime and became the lowest-ranked team to win the title. It was their 10th straight victory and first national title since 2007, coach David Dean's debut season.

They needed 12 seconds to score and 5 minutes to build a 14-0 lead against a team that hadn't trailed by more than a touchdown all season.

"They hadn't been in that situation before and I didn't know if they knew how to react to that, because they'd been blowing everybody out week after week," Dean said of the Rams

The Rams have 27 wins in the past two seasons but lost in the semifinals a year ago. They couldn't overcome six turnovers, including several that ended promising drives.

"Any time you turn the ball over as many times as we did against a team like Valdosta State, you're going to come out on the losing end," Maynor said. "For whatever reason we weren't ready to play the game today."

Associated Press

Valdosta State quarterback Cayden Cochran, right, celebrates with teammate Cam Short, center, near the end of a win over Winston Salem State in the NCAA Division II national championship game at Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence, Ala., on Saturday. Valdosta State beat Winston-Salem State 35-7.

Associated Press

Sam Houston State quarterback Brian Bell runs the ball against Eastern Washington during the first half of an FCS semifinal playoff game Saturday in Cheney, Wash. Sam Houston State won 45-42.

Bearkats headed to FCS championship game

Associated Press

CHENEY, Wash. — Quarterback Brian Bell ran for two touchdowns and threw for another and Sam Houston State raced to a 35-0 halftime lead but barely held on to beat second-seeded Eastern Washington 45-42 Saturday afternoon, earning a trip to the Football Championship Subdivision championship game.

The Bearkats (11-3) face top-seeded North Dakota State, which won last year's matchup 17-16, Jan. 5 in Frisco.

The win over Eastern Washington (11-3) was the Bearkats' third straight over a Big Sky Conference team in the playoffs this year and fifth straight in the past two years.

After the Bearkats dominated the first half, backup quarterback Vernon Adams tied a school record with six touchdown passes to pull the Eagles within a field goal with 3:02 to play.

However, behind Tim Flanders, who rushed for 219 yards, Sam Houston State was able to run out the clock. Flanders had 231 yards on 34 carries and the Bearkats had 503 yards of offense, 418 of which came on the ground.

Eastern had 523 yards, 481 in the air. Adams finished by completing 14 of 26 attempts for 364 yards. Brandon Kaufman had nine receptions for 215 yards and three touchdowns, the first 200-yard game for the junior All-American but his 19th 100-yard game.

Bearkats	45
Eagles	42

Kaufman, who had only two catches for 15 yards in the first half, set the FCS record for single-season yardage on his second touchdown. He went past the 1,712-yard record set by Eddie Conti of Delaware in 1998.

Kaufman finishes the season with 93 receptions for 1,850 yards and 16 touchdowns.

After Adams' fourth touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter, Bell engineered a five-play, 86-yard drive, completing three passes for 38 yards, including a 4-yard touchdown to Shane Young.

Through three quarters Sam Houston State quarterbacks were 5 of 9 for 32 yards.

Adams responded with a 4-play, 78-yard drive in 61 seconds to make it 42-35 on a 7-yard pass to Nicholas Edwards with 9:48 to play.

The Bearkats got a 42-yard field goal from Miguel Antonio but after Adams was intercepted, the Eastern Washington defense held and Adams threw his sixth touchdown, a 33-yarder to Kaufman.

Bell had touchdowns of 6 and 72 yards sandwiched around a 37-yard interception return by Robert Shaw. Keshawn Hill added a 15-yard run and wide receiver Richard Sincere, playing quarterback in a wildcat formation, scored on a 6-yard run in the first half.

Until Adams had scrambles of 11 and 7 yards late in the first half, Eastern Washington had negative 1 yard rushing. Meanwhile, the Bearkats piled up 285 yards, led by Flanders with 116.

The Eagles had 155 yards through the air but in addition to the interception return, Shaw picked off Adams at the goal line late in the second quarter.

Adams threw three touchdowns in the third quarter, connecting with Greg Herd for 31 yards early and Kaufman for 22 late, followed by a 43-yarder to Ashton Clark after a successful on-side kick. He made it four possessions in a row with a 43-yarder to Kaufman two minutes into the fourth quarter. And after Bell's touchdown pass made it five with the 7-yarder to Edwards.

The only other time these two teams played was in the 2004 playoffs in Cheney when the Bearkats rallied from 20 points down with 10 minutes to play to beat Eastern 35-34 with a touchdown and extra point on the last play of the game.

They start a home-and-home regular-season series next season in Huntsville.

BOWL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO BOWL
ARIZONA 49
NEVADA 48

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Matt Scott threw two touchdown passes in the final 46 seconds and college bowl season started with a wild one when Arizona rallied to beat Nevada 49-48 on Saturday in the New Mexico Bowl.

Overcoming a slow start and three big turnovers, Arizona (8-5) recovered an onside kick in the last minute, setting up Scott's 2-yard toss to Tyler Slavin with 19 seconds left.

Arizona trailed 21-0 in the first quarter and was down 45-28 entering the final period. Scott threw for 382 yards and marched his team back into the game despite two earlier interceptions.

The nation's rushing leader, Ka'Deem Carey, gained 172 yards for the Wildcats and but fell short of becoming only the 16th running back in NCAA history to reach 2,000 yards in a season.

The teams combined for 1,237 total yards, the second most of any bowl game.

Cody Fajardo threw for three touchdowns and ran for another score to lead the Wolf Pack (7-6). He had 256 yards passing and 140 yards rushing and controlled most of the game, completing 22 of 32 throws.

Stefphon Jefferson, the nation's second-leading rusher, ran for 180 yards for Nevada and also seemed unstoppable as the Wolf Pack took a big lead and held on to it for most of the game.

But after forcing Nevada to kick a field goal with 1:48 left that made it 48-35, Scott drove the Wildcats 75 yards. Arizona then recovered an onside kick and Scott moved Arizona into the end zone after three plays and 51 yards.

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL
UTAH STATE 41
TOLEDO 15

BOISE, Idaho — Kerwynn Williams ran for 235 yards and three touchdowns and No. 18 Utah State won a bowl game for the first time in nearly 20 years, beating Toledo in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

The victory capped the best season in Utah State history. The Aggies finished 11-2, won the Western Athletic Conference title outright and had their first bowl victory since 1993.

Chuckie Keeton scored on a 62-yard run to put Utah State up 7-3, and Williams sparked a 28-point fourth quarter for Utah State when he broke through the Toledo defense and raced 63 yards for a touchdown to put the Aggies up 20-9. Williams, who had 18 carries, followed that with TD runs of 5 and 25 yards. Keeton ran for 92 yards and was 21-of-31 passing for 229 yards.

Toledo (9-4) was able to move the ball on offense and made five trips inside the red zone. But penalties and miscues forced the Rockets to settle for Jeremiah Detmer's three field goals.

Bielema picks Partridge to lead defensive line

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas coach Bret Bielema has chosen former Wisconsin assistant Charlie Partridge as defensive line coach.

In making the announcement on Saturday, Bielema said Partridge has a strong recruiting background in Florida, which fits with Bielema's plan to expand Arkansas' recruiting base.

Bielema and Partridge coached the Badgers for five years, which included three consecutive trips to the Rose Bowl.

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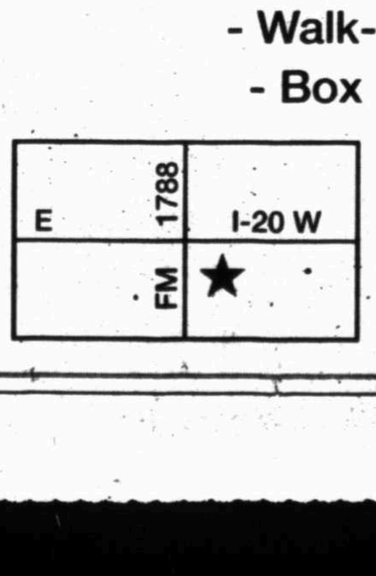

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Hamilton, Angels finalize $125M, 5-year deal

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Feeling "a little upset" that Texas didn't move quickly enough to re-sign him, free-agent outfielder Josh Hamilton donned a Los Angeles Angels jersey on Saturday after finalizing a $125 million, five-year contract that he called a new chapter in his life.

"I started off with the Devil Rays and now I'm an Angel," said the five-time All-Star who was drafted by Tampa Bay before making his major league debut with Cincinnati in 2007.

Hamilton, the 2010 AL MVP, joins a batting order that already includes Albert Pujols and AL Rookie of the Year Mike Trout. The 31-year-old Hamilton hit a career-high 43 home runs last season and batted .285 with 128 RBIs in 148 games.

"To get a guy like Josh and combine him with Albert is going to give us building blocks for what we hope is years to come," manager Mike Scioscia said. "We can't wait."

Neither can dozens of red-clad Angels fans, who lined up outside a restaurant where Hamilton was introduced.

The team had a table set up for ticket sales and he signed autographs on his way inside.

Hamilton's $25 million average salary matches Philadelphia first baseman Ryan Howard for the second-highest in baseball, trailing only Alex Rodriguez's $27.5 million average with the New York Yankees.

"It was a great investment," said Angels owner Arte Moreno, who insisted he wasn't trying to keep up with the Los Angeles Dodgers, who are on track to surpass the New York Yankees as baseball's biggest spending team in 2013.

"I think it's just great," he said about the Dodgers' spending spree this week that got them former Angels pitcher Zack Greinke for a $147 million, six-year deal and South Korean left-hander Ryu Hyun-jin for a $36 million, six-year contract.

Free-agent outfielder Josh Hamilton, right, looks at his new Los Angeles Angels jersey, as his wife, Katie, looks on during a news conference in Anaheim, Calif., on Saturday. Hamilton joins the Angels after signing a $125 million, five-year deal.

Associated Press

Mavs can't hold off Wolves

Timberwolves	114
Mavericks	106 (OT)

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — It's as if Ricky Rubio never left.

Zipping passes between his legs for the first time in nine months, Rubio had nine assists and eight points in 19 minutes to help the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 114-106 overtime victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday night.

Andrei Kirilenko scored five of his 14 points in overtime while Rubio watched from the bench because of a minutes restriction on his surgically repaired left knee.

Nikola Pekovic scored 21 points for the Timberwolves, who won their fourth straight game despite playing without All-Star Kevin Love because of an illness.

O.J. Mayo had 20 points, six assists and five rebounds and Shawn Marion had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who led by 13 early before Rubio came off the bench for the first time since he tore the ACL and LCL in his left knee in March.

Alexey Shved had 18 points and six assists and the Wolves scored the first 10 points in overtime to send an amped crowd home happy.

Derek Fisher scored 20 points for the Mavericks, who turned the ball over 20 times. They led 98-96 after Fisher's four-point play with 2:50 to go.

Rubio fed Kirilenko for two free throws, then dived on the floor for a loose ball and later knocked down two free throws to tie the game at 100. But he missed an open 3-pointer with a few seconds remaining that would have won the game in regulation.

No matter. Kirilenko hit two free throws, scored a three-point play and Pekovic finished the Mavs off with a three-point play of his own.

More than 18,000 packed into Target Center in anticipation of Rubio's return and erupted at the mere sight of his face on the video board during pregame festivities. He received a standing ovation when he got off the bench to enter the game for the first time with 1:47 to go in the first quarter.

AP file photo

A Big East Conference logo is displayed on the court after a Georgetown game at the Verizon Center in Washington on Saturday. The seven Big East schools that don't play FBS football have decided to leave the conference and pursue a new basketball framework. The seven schools are: Georgetown, St. John's, Villanova, DePaul, Marquette, Seton Hall and Providence.

BYE BYE, BIG EAST

7 teams leave to build basketball conference

Associated Press

The seven Big East schools that don't play major college football are separating from the conference many of them founded so they can build a league focused on basketball.

The presidents of the seven schools made the announcement Saturday, two days after their intentions were first reported.

"Earlier today we voted unanimously to pursue an orderly evolution to a foundation of basketball schools that honors the history and tradition on which the Big East was established," a statement said. "Under the context of conference realignment, we believe pursuing a new basketball framework that builds on this tradition of excellence and competition is the best way forward."

The seven schools venturing out on their own are: Georgetown, St. John's, Villanova, DePaul, Marquette, Seton Hall and Providence.

"The institutions that have been committed to men's basketball have made a decision that they are going to continue to stay committed to men's basketball," Marquette coach Buzz Williams said after the Warriors beat Savannah State in Milwaukee.

Georgetown, St. John's, Seton Hall and Providence helped form the Big East, which started playing basketball in 1979. Villanova joined in 1980, and Marquette and DePaul in 2005. The Big East began playing football in 1991.

The basketball schools gave no details about their plans, such as when they want to depart and whether they will attempt to keep the name Big East.

"St. John's would love to keep the Big East name," said the Rev. Donald J. Harrington, the president of St. John's, who emphasized he was speaking only for his school. "I would like to hear what the football schools think and then try to make a compromise."

Big East bylaws require departing members give the conference 27 months' notice, but the league has negotiated early departures with Syracuse, Pittsburgh and West Virginia over the past year. Those schools all had to pay exit fees. Big East rules do allow schools to leave as a group without being obligated to pay exit fees.

"I think what the statement basically says is within the structure of the Big East conference we have the opportunity as a group to exercise a right to, in an orderly fashion, separate from the conference," Georgetown athletic director Lee Reed said after the Hoyas played in Washington. "The details of all the questions that you're thinking about, those things have been considered, but now is certainly not the time to discuss those in a public setting."

There also are millions of dollars in NCAA basketball tournament money and exit fees collected recently that will need to be divvied up.

The latest hit to the Big East leaves Connecticut, also a founding member, Cincinnati, Temple and South Florida — the four current members with FBS football programs — as the only schools currently in the Big East that are scheduled to be there beyond the 2013-14 school year.

"The basketball institutions have notified us that they plan to withdraw from the Big East," Commissioner Mike Aresco said in a statement. "The membership recognizes their contributions over the long distinguished history of the Big East. The 13 members of the conference are confident and united regarding our collective future."

The Big East is still lined up to have a 12-team football conference next season with six new members, including Boise State and San Diego State for football only. Rutgers and Louisville, which both announced intentions to leave the Big East last month, are scheduled to compete in the conference next year.

Notre Dame, which is moving to the Atlantic Coast Conference, also is expected to continue competing in the Big East next season in all sports but football and hockey.

Also joining the Big East next season are Memphis, Central Florida, Houston and SMU for all sports.

As for the departing seven, there has already been speculation they will try to align with other Catholic schools that have strong basketball programs, such as Xavier, Dayton, Creighton or even Gonzaga, which is located in Spokane, Wash.

"There's no target number (of members)," Reed said. "I think it would be safe to say that at the right time, at the proper time, that those things will be discussed and dealt with."

As for the schools such as Cincinnati and Connecticut, which has been trying to get out of the Big East but have nowhere to go, they are trying to stay positive.

"We will work diligently to position (Cincinnati) in the most favorable light moving forward," Cincinnati AD Whit Babcock said. "We will continue to compete and win."

NCAA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BUTLER 88
NO. 1 INDIANA 86

INDIANAPOLIS — Walk-on Alex Barlow drove in for a spinning 6-foot jumper with 2.4 seconds left in overtime and Butler toppled Indiana 88-86 Saturday in the Crossroads Classic for their first victory over a top-ranked team in school history.

Barlow, a sophomore, had scored only 12 points this season and just 18 in his college career.

But the Bulldogs (8-2) put the ball in his hands with 19.3 seconds to go. As the clock ran down, Barlow slowly moved toward the lane, then took a couple of dribbles, stopped and put up a shot that hit the back of the rim and dropped in.

NO. 3 MICHIGAN 81
WEST VIRGINIA 66

NEW YORK — Tim Burke scored a season-best 27 points, Tim Hardaway Jr. matched his season high with 25 and Michigan remained unbeaten with a win over West Virginia at the Barclays Center.

The Wolverines (11-0) haven't gotten off to this good a start since 1988-89 — the season they won the school's only national championship.

NO. 4 SYRACUSE 85
CANISIUS 61

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — James Southerland broke out of a slump with 21 points and Brandon Triche had 19 to lead Syracuse over Canisius in the Gotham Classic.

Michael Carter-Williams added 12 points and 14 assists as Syracuse (9-0) extended its home winning streak to 29 games — the longest in the nation — and moved head coach Jim Boeheim within one victory of 900. Mike Krzyzewski (936) and Bob Knight (902) are the only Division I men's coaches to reach that milestone. The Orange's next game is at home against Detroit on Monday night.

NO. 6 LOUISVILLE 87
MEMPHIS 78

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Chane Behanan scored 22 points and Louisville rallied from 16 points down in the first half to beat Memphis.

Louisville (9-1) trailed 25-9 in the first half before pulling out its fourth straight win in a rivalry against a team the Cardinals have played in three conferences. The Big East will be the fourth when Memphis joins in July.

NO. 7 OHIO ST. 90
UNC ASHEVILLE 72

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Sam Thompson scored a career-high 18 points and Ohio State made the most of an opportunity to get out and run to beat UNC Asheville.

Deshaun Thomas had 17 points, Lenzelle Smith Jr. 16 and Evan Ravenel tied a career best with 12 points in the first half for the Buckeyes (8-1), who tuned up for a big showdown next Saturday against No. 9 Kansas with their fourth game on an eight-game homestand.

NO. 9 KANSAS 89
BELMONT 60

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Ben McLemore and Travis Releford scored 17 points each, Jeff Withey had 14 points and blocked five shots, and Kansas cruised to a victory over Belmont.

Andrew White III added 15 points off the bench for the Jayhawks (8-1), who used suffocating defense and peerless transition offense early in the second half to put away the Bruins (6-3), a mid-major darling that has been to the NCAA tournament five of the past seven years.

NO. 11 CINCINNATI 72
MARSHALL 56

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Cashmere Wright scored 14 points and Cincinnati overcame an off game from top scorer Sean Kilpatrick to beat Marshall.

Kilpatrick tied his season low with 13 points on 5-of-15 shooting, while Justin Jackson scored 10 for the Bearcats. Kilpatrick overcame a poor first half with nine points in the final eight minutes.

NO. 15 GEORGETOWN 81
WESTERN CAROLINA 68

WASHINGTON — Greg Whittington scored a career-high 25 points to lead Georgetown to a win over Western Carolina.

Jabril Trawick added a career-high 14 points, and Otto Porter had 12 for the Hoyas (9-1), who took control with a 13-3 run at the end of the first half against a school that fell to 0-38 against teams ranked in the AP poll.

NO. 17 NEW MEXICO 73
NEW MEXICO ST. 58

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Alex Kirk scored seven of his 15 points in an early New Mexico run to help the Lobos beat downstate rival New Mexico State.

Kendall Williams added 15 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Lobos (11-0), while Chad Adams had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

NO. 21 NORTH CAROLINA 93
EAST CAROLINA 87

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — James Michael McAdoo scored 19 points to help North Carolina hold off East Carolina.

P.J. Hairston added 18 for the Tar Heels (8-2), who emerged from a weeklong break due to fall exams with their third straight victory.

NO. 22 NOTRE DAME 81
PURDUE 68

INDIANAPOLIS — Jack Cooley had 18 points and nine rebounds to lead Notre Dame to its seventh straight victory with a win over Purdue in the Crossroads Classic.

NO. 25 NORTH CAROLINA ST. 84
NORFOLK ST. 62

RALEIGH, N.C. — Freshman forward T.J. Warren scored 21 points to lead North Carolina State past Norfolk State.

SPORTSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TORONTO

NHL players to decide if board can file disclaimer

NHL players will begin voting Sunday on whether they will grant the players' association's executive board the authority to dissolve the union because of the inability to reach a collective bargaining agreement with the league.

Two-thirds of the union's membership must vote in favor of allowing the executive board to file a "disclaimer of interest," a source told The Canadian Press on Saturday. Votes will be cast electronically over a five-day period that ends Thursday. If the measure passes, the 30-member executive board would have until Jan. 2 to file the disclaimer.

The union is taking steps toward breaking up even after the NHL started mounting a legal challenge against it.

NEW YORK

Yankees hit with $18.9M luxury tax

The New York Yankees were hit with an $18.9 million luxury tax by Major League Baseball, the 10th consecutive year they will pay a penalty for their spending.

The team finished with a $222.5 million payroll for purposes of the tax, according to figures sent to teams Thursday and obtained by The Associated Press.

Following its payroll-shedding trade with the Los Angeles Dodgers last summer, Boston finished just $47,177 under the $178 million threshold. The Los Angeles Angels wound up at $176.7 million and Philadelphia at $174.5 million.

Figures include average annual values of contracts for players on 40-man rosters, earned bonuses and escalators, adjustments for cash in trades and $10.8 million per team in benefits.

ISTANBUL

Lochte sets world mark at short-course worlds

Ryan Lochte broke the 100-meter individual medley world record Saturday in the semifinals of the short-course world championships, finishing in 50.71 seconds.

The five-time Olympic champion broke the mark set by Slovenia's Peter Mankoc in December 2009.

On Friday, the American star broke the world record in the 200 IM.

Associated Press

Mourners hug outside Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church at the end of a funeral for Jerry Brown, a linebacker on the Dallas Cowboys practice squad, Saturday in St. Louis. Brown was killed in a car accident on Dec. 8 that left his teammate and friend, Cowboys defensive tackle Josh Brent, facing a manslaughter charge for allegedly driving drunk.

Linebacker killed in accident laid to rest

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Friends, family, teammates and members of the community filled a church to say goodbye to former Dallas Cowboys linebacker Jerry Brown Jr.

He was remembered Saturday morning for his religious beliefs, sense of humor, physical presence and his lifelong desire to play in the NFL.

His casket was Cowboys grey with the team's star logo on the inside. His No. 53 Cowboys framed jersey and pictures from his life bracketed the casket, along with a signed helmet from the Indianapolis Colts.

Brown, who was signed to the Dallas practice squad in October after being cut from Indianapolis, died when the car he was riding in flipped after hitting a curb. The driver, Josh Brent, a teammate with the Cowboys and at the University of Illinois, has been charged with intoxication manslaughter.

More than a dozen of his teammates from Illinois and high school attended the service. The Cowboys, who held a service on Tuesday in Dallas, will wear a "53" decal for the remainder of the season to honor Brown.

"I'm sad, but when I think about Jerry I just think about the happy Jerry," said Jason Davis, who helped recruit Brown to play at the University of Illinois. "He was so humble. He was so funny. He was so good at football."

Brown's youth coach remembered a player so competitive he never seemed pleased. He told about approaching Brown after a game the team handily won and asking the boy why he was crying.

"He's crying these big ol' tears and he said, 'I. I . I didn't touch the ball enough,'" the coach recalled to a roar of laughter and nodding heads.

Several relatives chose to speak to a small media gathering prior to the service. Each said Brown died far earlier than he should but they trusted it was his time. Many also said they believed the funeral would help bring closure to the close-knit family.

Andrea Bosquez was the final person to offer condolences during the service. She is scheduled to give birth to a daughter, already named Mya, in February.

"I love you," she said looking at the casket. "He was the love of my life. He was my fiancé. He was my best friend."

The cause of his death was only brought up once in passing, until the ministers began speaking in the second half of the funeral. The four who spoke talked about the evil affects alcohol played in the death but each reminded the gathering that whatever led to Brown's death did not diminish the lives involved.

"I have no answer for why this happened," one said. "But we live with the decisions — good, bad or otherwise."

Texans

From 1C

The Colts would clinch a playoff spot with a victory Sunday and become just the second team in NFL history to win at least 10 games the year after losing 14 or more.

"The Colts used to own this division for many years, so it's time to go ahead and get that thing back," Indianapolis defensive end Cory Redding said.

The Texans, who have the AFC's best record despite Monday's loss, are eager to get back on the field after coming up very small in what many thought was a benchmark game in the AFC. None of them seems worried that Monday night's struggles will seep into this week.

"I have no doubt on how we will respond on Sunday. Period," Andre Johnson said tersely. "You guys can say what you want, think what you want, just watch us on Sunday and see what happens."

There's reason to believe Johnson, who leads the team with 1,209 yards receiving. A week after their only other loss this season, a 42-24 defeat by the Packers, the Texans responded with a resounding 43-13 win over the Ravens.

The loss to the Patriots left Houston with plenty to work on this week. The top priorities are improving an inconsistent running game and eliminating costly mistakes on defense.

There's plenty of disappointment about what happened Monday, but the Texans are comforted by still controlling their fate when it comes to getting a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"We're still on top of the AFC," defensive end J.J. Watt said. "We can go clinch the division this weekend, which is a big goal of ours, and then we'll move on to the next goal."

A homecoming is ahead for Indianapolis rookie quarterback Andrew Luck, the top overall pick in this year's draft who grew up in Houston and whose father, Oliver, was a quarterback for the Oilers. He expects a group of friends and family at the game, but is much more worried about how he'll perform against Houston than how big his personal cheering section will be.

"It is a business trip and that's where our focus needs to be," he said.

Luck has led the Colts' remarkable turnaround with a solid season and needs 260 yards passing to break Cam Newton's NFL rookie record of 4,051 yards. Luck has had his share of rookie mistakes, throwing an AFC-high 18 interceptions. But he has a knack for making plays with the game on the line, leading the Colts to six wins on drives in the fourth quarter or overtime, the most by a rookie since 1970.

Interim coach Bruce Arians, in charge of the team with Chuck Pagano on an indefinite leave after being diagnosed with leukemia, has been impressed by Luck. But he's quick to point out that another key to their improvement has been the leadership of veterans such as Dwight Freeney, Robert Mathis and Reggie Wayne.

"All those guys, they have one losing season in their careers," Arians said. "They weren't used to it. It was an aberration to them. It's a credit to them to grab these young guys and mold them as fast as they have."

The Indianapolis offense has been hit hard by injuries, and the Colts placed running backs Donald Brown and Robert Hughes on injured reserve this week. There are questions on the offensive line with right tackle Winston Justice (biceps) and center Samson Satele (ankle) both missing practice this week because of injuries.

Arians said he is concerned about pass protection every week. The Colts can't be happy about the possibility of using a makeshift line against one of the most dominant defensive fronts in the NFL.

Houston defensive end J.J. Watt leads the AFC with and has the most sacks in a season in franchise history with 16 1/2.

Cowboys

From 1C

Stadium in 2004, when he was 13-1 as a rookie. He has two Super Bowl titles, but right now he's just trying to get back into game shape in his second start after missing three games with a sprained right shoulder.

Roethlisberger threw for 285 yards and three touchdowns in his return, but most of that came after the Steelers had fallen behind 27-3 to San Diego in a 34-24 loss. Pittsburgh (7-6) has jeopardized its playoff hopes by losing three of four.

"I feel like I took a couple weeks off, and it took a little bit to get back into it," Roethlisberger said. "I think maybe the second throw that I had. I threw it a little short and that was, I think, just a little bit of anxiousness and rust getting back into it."

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo might not have Dez Bryant on the other end of any of his passes after Bryant broke his left index finger against the Bengals. However, Bryant did catch a touchdown pass that started a fourth-quarter rally after getting injured, and he said Thursday he planned to play.

If the injury forces Bryant out, it will interrupt the best stretch of his career. He has his first 1,000-yard season and has scored at least one touchdown in a career-best five straight games. He's already tied his career high with nine TDs this season.

"Dez has been a big part of our team," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "But like every team in the league, you have injuries and you have to deal with season-ending injuries, you have to deal with injuries game by game, you have to deal with injuries within the game."

The Steelers will be without running back Rashard Mendenhall for sure against the Cowboys because Tomlin suspended him for conduct detrimental to the team. Mendenhall was inactive the previous two games after getting demoted to third team following a fumble in a loss to Cleveland.

When Mendenhall was battling injuries early in the season, Jonathan Dwyer and Isaac Redman kept the Steelers moving on the ground, but they've gone three straight games without 100 yards rushing.

"Not a hard decision," Tomlin said. "This is a critical time for us. We need all hands on deck. He didn't live up to his expectations, so there are consequences associated with that."

Pittsburgh could get a boost on the offensive line this week with the regular-season debut of first-round pick David DeCastro, who injured his left knee in a preseason game after winning the job at right guard. He's been active the past two weeks but only played on special teams.

The Steelers suddenly find themselves in danger of missing the playoffs with their recent slide, but the Cowboys have been playing that way for a month. They've thrived, too, winning four of five in a stretch that was capped by beating Cincinnati on Dan Bailey's field goal on the final play. Dallas players streamed onto the field showing much more relief than joy.

Against Pittsburgh, the Cowboys will be at home for the first time since Brown died, possibly with a uniform patch honoring a player who had only been with them for six weeks.

NFL TODAY

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	10	3	0	.769	472	274
N.Y.Jets	6	7	0	.462	245	306
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	289	352
Miami	5	8	0	.385	240	276
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Houston	11	2	0	.846	365	263
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	292	329
Tennessee	4	9	0	.308	271	386
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	216	359
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	331	273
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	355	293
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	278	264
Cleveland	5	8	0	.385	259	272
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	10	3	0	.769	375	257
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	292	281
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	248	402
Kansas City	2	11	0	.154	195	352

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y.Giants	8	5	0	.615	373	270
Washington	7	6	0	.538	343	329
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	300	314
Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286	253	375
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	11	2	0	.846	337	259
Tampa Bay	6	7	0	.462	354	308
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	348	379
Carolina	4	9	0	.308	265	312
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	4	0	.692	323	279
Chicago	8	5	0	.615	308	219
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	283	288
Detroit	4	9	0	.308	320	342
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	9	3	1	.731	316	184
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	300	202
St. Louis	6	6	1	.500	236	279
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	186	292

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Thursday's Scores

Cincinnati 34, Philadelphia 13

Today's Games

Green Bay at Chicago, noon
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, noon
Minnesota at St. Louis, noon
Indianapolis at Houston, noon
N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, noon
Washington at Cleveland, noon
Jacksonville at Miami, noon
Denver at Baltimore, noon
Carolina at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at New England, 7:20 p.m

Monday's Game

N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 7:30 p.m.

NFL PLAYOFF SCNARIOS

AFC

CLINCHED — New England, AFC East.
Denver, AFC West; Houston, playoff spot

HOUSTON

Clinches AFC South with
— Win
Clinches first-round bye with
— Win AND New England loss or tie AND Denver loss

BALTIMORE

Clinches AFC North with
— Win, or
— Tie AND Pittsburgh loss or tie AND Cincinnati loss or tie, or
— Loss AND Cincinnati loss
Clinches playoff spot with
— Tie, or
— Cincinnati loss or tie, or
— Pittsburgh loss or tie

INDIANAPOLIS

Clinches playoff spot with
— Win, or
— Tie AND Cincinnati loss or tie, or
— Tie AND Pittsburgh loss or tie, or
— Tie AND Baltimore win, or
— N.Y. Jets loss or tie AND Cincinnati loss, or
— N.Y. Jets loss or tie AND Baltimore win

AND Cincinnati tie AND Pittsburgh tie

NFC

CLINCHED

ATLANTA

Clinches first-round bye with
— Win AND Green Bay loss or tie, or
— Win AND San Francisco loss, or
— Tie AND Green Bay loss
Clinches home-field advantage throughout

NFC playoffs with
— Win AND Green Bay loss or tie AND San Francisco loss

SAN FRANCISCO

Clinches NFC West with
— Win AND Seattle loss
Clinches a playoff spot with
— Win, or
— Tie AND Dallas loss or tie AND Washington loss or tie AND Minnesota loss or tie, or
— Tie AND Dallas loss or tie AND Washington loss or tie AND Green Bay-Chicago does not end in tie, or
— Tie AND Dallas loss or tie AND Minnesota loss or tie AND Chicago loss, or
— Tie AND N.Y. Giants loss AND Minnesota loss or tie AND Chicago loss, or
— Minnesota loss AND Dallas loss AND Washington loss AND Seattle loss or tie

GREEN BAY

Clinches NFC North with
— Win
Clinches playoff spot with
— Tie AND Dallas loss AND Washington loss AND St. Louis-Minnesota tie, or
— Tie AND Dallas loss AND Washington loss AND Minnesota loss AND San Francisco win or tie, or
— Tie AND Dallas loss AND Washington loss AND Minnesota loss AND Seattle does not tie

NFL INJURY REPORT

GREEN BAY PACKERS at CHICAGO BEARS — PACKERS: OUT: WR Jordy Nelson (hamstring), RB James Starks (knee), DE C.J. Wilson (knee), S Charles Woodson (collarbone). QUESTIONABLE: WR Donald Driver (thumb), LB Terrell Manning (shoulder), G Josh Sitton (hip). PROBABLE: CB Davon House (illness), G T.J. Lang (ankle), LB Clay Matthews (hamstring), S Jerron McMillian (back), DE Mike Neal (shoulder), T Marshall Newhouse (wrist). BEARS: OUT: WR Earl Bennett (concussion), CB Tim Jennings (shoulder), LB Brian Urlacher (hamstring). DOUBTFUL: DE Shea McClellin (knee), DT Henry Melton (chest). QUESTIONABLE: RB Michael Bush (ribs), LB Geno Hayes (knee), DT Matt Toeaina (knee). PROBABLE: LB Lance Briggs (knee, hip), QB Jay Cutler (neck, knee), TE Kellen Davis (knee), DT Stephen Paea (foot), T Jonathan Scott (shoulder), G Chris Spencer (knee), CB Charles Tillman (shoulder).

NEW YORK GIANTS at ATLANTA FALCONS — GIANTS: OUT: CB Prince Amukamara (hamstring), RB Ahmad Bradshaw (knee, foot), S Kenny Phillips (knee), S Tyler Sash (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: LB Michael Boley (back). PROBABLE: C David Baas (shoulder), TE Travis Beckum (knee), WR Hakeem Nicks (knee), DE Jason Pierre-Paul (back). FALCONS: QUESTIONABLE: DT Jonathan Babineaux (ribs), WR Harry Douglas (ribs), S William Moore (hamstring), WR Roddy White (knee). PROBABLE: T Sam Baker (hand), G Justin Blalock (elbow), CB Asante Samuel (shoulder).

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS at NEW ORLEANS SAINTS.— BUCCANEERS: QUESTIONABLE: DE Da'Quan Bowers (hamstring), CB LaQuan Lewis (knee). PROBABLE: DE Michael Bennett (shoulder), CB Anthony Gaitor (hamstring), T Jamon Meredith (ankle), DT Roy Miller (head). SAINTS: OUT-T Charles Brown (knee), RB Chris Ivory (hamstring), S Malcolm Jenkins (hamstring), T Zach Strief (ankle), CB Corey White (knee). QUESTIONABLE: RB Jed Collins (toe).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at ST. LOUIS RAMS — VIKINGS: QUESTIONABLE: CB Antoine Winfield (knee). PROBABLE: DE Jared Allen (shoulder), S Robert Blanton (neck), LB Jasper Brinkley (shoulder), DT Letroy Guion (shin), CB A.J. Jefferson (concussion), G Charlie Johnson (ankle), P Chris Kluwe (left knee, right groin), T Phil Loadholt (knee), RB Adrian Peterson (abdomen), TE Rye Rudolph (shoulder). RAMS: QUESTIONABLE: DT Jermelle Cudjo (foot). PROBABLE: WR Danny Amendola (foot), S Craig Dahl (head), CB Cortland Finnegan (ankle), LB Mario Haggan (elbow), RB Steven Jackson (foot), CB Janoris Jenkins (illness), LB James Laurinaitis (back), TE Mike McNeill (thigh), C Scott Wells (knee).

WASHINGTON REDSKINS at CLEVELAND BROWNS — REDSKINS: QUESTIONABLE: LB London Fletcher (ankle), QB Robert Griffin III (knee), T Trent Williams (thigh). PROBABLE: NT Chris Baker (wrist), CB Richard Crawford (knee), WR Pierre Garcon (foot), LB Ryan Kerrigan (ankle), RB Alfred Morris (illness), CB Josh Wilson (shoulder). BROWNS. PROBABLE: WR Travis Benjamin (finger), WR Joshua Cribbs (knee), RB Montario Hardesty (knee), LB James-Michael Johnson (thigh, finger), G Shawn Lauvao (foot), DE Juqua Parker (knee), RB Trent Richardson (chest, rib, finger), DE Frostee Rucker (shoulder), T Joe Thomas (back).

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS at MIAMI DOLPHINS — JAGUARS: OUT: RB Rashad Jennings (concussion), RB Maurice Jones-Drew (foot), CB Aaron Ross (calf), DE George Selvie (concussion). RB Jordan Todman (calf). PROBABLE: DT Tyson Alualu (calf), CB Derek Cox (hamstring), RB Greg Jones (thigh), S Dwight Lowery (foot), CB Rashean Mathis (groin), C Brad Meester (foot), WR Cecil Shorts (concussion). DOLPHINS: OUT: WR Davone Bess (back), LB Koa Misi (ankle). PROBABLE: S Jonathon Amaya (neck), S Chris Clemons (ribs), LB Karlos Dansby (biceps), P Brandon Fields (right knee), WR Brian Hartline (glute), LB Austin Spitler (ankle), S Jimmy Wilson (hip).

DENVER BRONCOS at BALTIMORE RAVENS — BRONCOS: QUESTIONABLE: G Chris Kuper (ankle), LB Wesley Woodyard (ankle). PROBABLE: WR Brandon Lloyd (knee), WR Demaryius Thomas (shoulder), WR Matthew Willis (knee). RAVENS: OUT: LB Jameel McClain (neck). DOUBTFUL: TE Ed Dickson (knee). QUESTIONABLE: LB Dannell Ellerbe (ankle), DE Arthur Jones (shoulder), RB Vonta Leach (ankle), DE Pernell McPhee (thigh), S Bernard Pollard (chest), CB Jimmy Smith (abdomen), LB Terrell Suggs (biceps), G Marshal Yanda (ankle). PROBABLE: CB Chykie Brown (knee), WR Jacoby Jones (ankle), RB Bernard Pierce (back), S Ed Reed (shoulder), RB Ray Rice (hip), WR Deonte Thompson (thigh), WR LaQuan Williams (thigh).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at HOUSTON TEXANS — COLTS: OUT: RB Delone Carter (ankle), LB Kavell Conner (hamstring), T Winston Justice (biceps), C Samson Satele (ankle), S Tom Zbikowski (knee). PROBABLE: WR Donnie Avery (ribs), TE Coby Fleener (ankle), QB Andrew Luck (knee), G Joe Reitz (head). TEXANS: OUT: CB Alan Ball (foot), LB Brooks Reed (groin). QUESTIONABLE: T Derek Newton (knee), S Glover Quin (hip), LB Darryl Sharpton (toe). PROBABLE: NT Shaun Cody (ribs, back), DE Jared Crick (neck), TE Owen Daniels (back), LB Tim Dobbins (shoulder), RB Justin Forsett (knee), TE Garrett Graham (concussion), LB Bradie James (knee), WR Lester Jean (knee, back), P Donnie Jones (right knee), CB Johnathan Joseph (groin), LB Whitney Mercilus (knee), NT Earl Mitchell (shoulder), LB Jesse Nading (foot), DE Antonio Smith (ankle), G Wade Smith (knee, ribs), RB Ben Tate (hamstring, foot), QB T.J. Yates (right elbow).

DETROIT LIONS at ARIZONA CARDINALS — LIONS: DOUBTFUL: DT Nick Fairley (shoulder), TE Brandon Pettigrew (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: S Louis Delmas (knee). PROBABLE: S Don Carey (knee), T Corey Hilliard (knee), CB Chris Houston (hamstring), WR Calvin Johnson (knee), CB Jacob Lacey (foot, Achilles). CARDINALS: OUT: WR Early Doucet (concussion). DOUBTFUL: S James Sanders (calf). QUESTIONABLE: DE Calais Campbell (calf), TE Rob Housler (knee), DE Ronald Talley (ankle), DT Dan Williams (hamstring). PROBABLE: DT Nick Eason (ankle), TE Mike Leach (back, shoulder), S Kerry Rhodes (abdomen), WR Andre Roberts (ankle), CB Greg Toler (hamstring), RB Beanie Wells (knee).

CAROLINA PANTHERS at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — PANTHERS: OUT: DT Dwan Edwards (wrist), C Geoff Hangartner (foot), RB Jonathan Stewart (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: LB James Anderson (back), S Colin Jones (groin), WR Brandon LaFell (toe). PROBABLE: G Jeff Byers (back), LB Thomas Davis (knee), S Charles Godfrey (back), DE Charles Johnson (back), WR Louis Murphy (hamstring). CHARGERS: OUT: LB Demorrio Williams (ankle). DOUBTFUL: RB Ronnie Brown (hamstring), LB Donald Butler (groin), T Jeromey Clary (knee), G Tyronne Green (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: WR Eddie Royal (hamstring). PROBABLE: T Mike Harris (ankle), DE Kendall Reyes (quadriceps).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS at BUFFALO BILLS — SEAHAWKS: OUT: CB Walter Thurmond (hamstring). CB Marcus Trufant (hamstring). PROBABLE: DE Red Bryant (foot), S Kam Chancellor (groin), RB Marshawn Lynch (back, foot), WR Sidney Rice (foot). BILLS: OUT: C Eric Wood (knee). QUESTIONABLE: DE Mark Anderson (knee), LB Nick Barnett (knee), S Jairus Byrd (shin), DT Marcell Dareus (shoulder), DT Spencer Johnson (knee), WR Donald Jones (calf), G Andy Levitre (knee), CB Leodis McKelvin (groin), CB Justin Rogers (foot). PROBABLE: CB Ron Brooks (hip), S Da'Norris Searcy (hand), TE Lee Smith (knee), RB C.J. Spiller (shoulder), G Kraig Urbik (knee), LB Chris White (thumb), CB Aaron Williams (knee), DT Kyle Williams (ankle), DE Mario Williams (wrist).

PITTSBURGH STEELERS at DALLAS COWBOYS — STEELERS: OUT: T Mike Adams (ankle), G Willie Colon (knee), CB Ike Taylor (ankle). DOUBTFUL: CB Cortez Allen (groin). PROBABLE: WR Antonio Brown (illness), WR Plaxico Burress (not injury related), LB James Harrison (illness), CB Keenan Lewis (hip), S Troy Polamalu (not injury related), WR Emmanuel Sanders (shoulder), LB Stevenson Sylvester (illness), C Greg Warren (illness), LB LaMarr Woodley (ankle). COWBOYS: OUT: NT Jay Ratliff (groin). QUESTIONABLE: WR Dez Bryant (finger), CB Morris Claiborne (concussion), G Nate Livings (concussion), S Charlie Peprah (foot), LB DeMarcus Ware (elbow). PROBABLE: C Ryan Cook (knee), RB Felix Jones (knee), RB DeMarco Murray (foot), T Tyron Smith (ankle).

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS at OAKLAND RAIDERS — CHIEFS: OUT: WR Dwayne Bowe (ribs). DOUBTFUL: S Abram Elam (quadriceps), G Russ Hochstein (back). QUESTIONABLE: T Brandon Albert (back), G Jon Asamoah (thumb), G Ryan Lilja (knee). PROBABLE: S Eric Berry (hand), CB Brandon Flowers (hamstring), RB Cyrus Gray (shoulder, neck), LB Derrick Johnson (hamstring), S Kendrick Lewis (shoulder). RAIDERS: QUESTIONABLE: S Tyvon Branch (neck, ankle), DT Richard Seymour (knee, hamstring). PROBABLE: T Khalif Barnes (triceps), DE Jack Crawford (toe), CB Michael Huff (wrist), RB Darren McFadden (ankle), S Mike Mitchell (neck).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — 49ERS: DOUBTFUL: WR Mario Manningham (shoulder). PROBABLE: K David Akers (pelvis), LB NaVorro Bowman (shoulder), CB Tarell Brown (shoulder), CB Chris Culliver (knee), LB Tavares Gooden (ribs), RB Frank Gore (wrist), RB Bruce Miller (shoulder), CB Carlos Rogers (knee), LB Aldon Smith (shoulder), DT Will Tukuafu (wrist), LB Patrick Willis (shoulder). PATRIOTS: QUESTIONABLE: CB Kyle Arrington (knee), DT Ron Brace (elbow), S Patrick Chung (shoulder, hamstring), G Dan Connolly (back), CB Alfonzo Dennard (hamstring), TE Rob Gronkowski (forearm, hip), TE Aaron Hernandez (ankle), LB Dont'a Hightower (hamstring), DE Chandler Jones (ankle), WR Brandon Lloyd (knee), DT Kyle Love (not injury related), G Logan Mankins (ankle, calf), G Nick McDonald (shoulder), T Nate Solder (abdomen), LB Brandon Spikes (knee, ankle), CB Aqib Talib (hip), T Sebastian Vollmer (back, knee), WR Wes Welker (ankle), LB Tracy White (elbow). PROBABLE: LB Jerod Mayo (elbow).

NEW YORK JETS at TENNESSEE TITANS — JETS: DNP: CB Aaron Berry (hamstring), WR Clyde Gates (concussion), WR Stephen Hill (knee), TE Dustin Keller (ankle), S LaRon Landry (heel, LIMITED: WR Braylon Edwards (hamstring), DT Sione Po'uha (back), RB Bilal Powell (shoulder, toe), LB Bryan Thomas (knee). FULL: TE Jeff Cumberland (wrist), DT Kenrick Ellis (knee, back), DT Damon Harrison (ankle), C Nick Mangold (shoulder), RB Joe McKnight (ankle), G Brandon Moore (hip), LB Calvin Pace (shoulder), QB Mark Sanchez (back), LB Ricky Sapp (ankle), LB Bart Scott (toe), G Matt Slauson (knee), CB Tim Tebow (ribs). TITANS: DNP: LB Colin McCarthy (concussion), DE Scott Solomon (knee), WR Damian Williams (hamstring). LIMITED: DT Jurrell Casey (knee). FULL: WR Kenny Britt (knee), S Michael Griffin (neck), RB Chris Johnson (ankle), QB Jake Locker (left shoulder), T Michael Roos (knee), DE Kamerion Wimbley (toe).

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Baccalaureate Degrees
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School of Business

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science
* Nathan Heald — Odessa
Sheila Kay Tucker — Midland

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Economics
* Sarah Elizabeth Felts — Odessa
Hugo Guillermo Hernandez-Angarita — Odessa
Chelsea DeShea Kirkland — Caracas, Venezuela
Ty Malone Tipton — Midland

Bachelor of Business Admin.with a Major in Accountancy
* Brenda Kaye Blair — Odessa
Alisha Georgianna Cole — Lubbock
Jessica LeAnn Franco — Odessa
Nathan Daniel Gomez — Coahoma
Bianca Renteria Granado — Ft.Stockton
Jennifer J Ice — Midland
* Gemini Uranus Kooro — Odessa
* Ivaylo Nokolov Krastev — Odessa
* Cynthia Le — Houston
Christian David Marmol-Gonzalez — Midland
LaDonna G Morgan — Odessa
Roselyn Ocheltree — El Paso
* Jovi Anthony Paniagua — Coahoma
Crystal M Rivera — Odessa
Alberto R Tavarez — Odessa
* Bethany Lane Vicars — Midland
Tracy Rene Watson — Crane

Bachelor of Business Admin. with a Major in Finance
Charlie Christopher Ball — Odessa
Diana Gonzalez — Odessa
Jaime Dolores Greenwald — Midland
* Erica Lane Guzman — Midland
Jeremy Wade Hudman — Odessa
Jonathan Mark Marrs — Odessa
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Erica Lictawa Ramirez — Sweetwater
Christie Diane Ryan — Odessa
Samuel Rey Segundo — Big Spring
Nereida Rodriguez Vazquez — Odessa

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Daniela Armas — Midland
Valerie L Bersosa — Odessa
Tiffani Amber Blain — Midland
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Dalton Patrick Neal — Odessa
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Joseph Paul Sarrade — Crowley
Heather Marie Schulz — Monahans
Jonathan Alexander Smith — Odessa
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Haley Lynne Yount — Andrews

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John Brad Barrow — Midland
* Jazmin Gonzalez — Midland
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Anjelica I Sisneros — Odessa
Robert Brady Smith — Midland

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Ind. Technology
Cecilia Borunda — Odessa
Dusty Lee Maney — Odessa
* Jacob R Schmitz — Midland

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Biology
Laura Alyssa Aguirre — Odessa
Adrian Armendariz — Monahans
Chance Isaac Coomer — Odessa
Garret Michael Davis — Odessa
Von Stephen Doria — Midland
Samantha Alyssa Equiniones — Midland
* Gabriel A Loera — Odessa
* Jinal B Patel — Odessa
Aisha Sarwar — Odessa
* Bailey Monet Slater — Odessa
* Adam Christopher Williamson — Odessa

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Chemistry
* Debra Lynn Williams — Odessa

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Criminal Justice
* Robert Lee Jordan — Higgins
* Melissa E Nay — Midland
Noehelia R Nuñez — Midland

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Computer Science
Wilson Barrett Hamilton — Odessa
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* Bryon Trent Strawbridge — Odessa
David Harris Ward — Kerville

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Env. Science
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Claudia Lynn Corrales — Midland
Alexis M Lewallen — Monahans
Mary Frances Stortz — Midland

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Info. Systems
Dallas Grant Graves — Odessa

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Athletic Training
Travis Lance Thompson-Campbell — Muleshoe

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Kinesiology
Rachel Rhea Byrne — Andrews
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Nikki Anne Green — Odessa
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Master of Science with a Major in Kinesiology
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Colt Andrew Walker — Whitney

School of Business

Master of Business Administration
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Erika Graciela Castro — Midland
Jefferson Randall Cox — Odessa
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Myra Ramirez — Odessa
Niken Paramastuti Suprapto — Jakarta, Indonesia
James David Wright — Midland

Master of Professional Accountancy
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Fei Ye Holly — Midland
Shelby Lynn Zuniga — Midland

Presentation of the Candidates - 2:00 p.m. Ceremony
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College of Arts and Sciences

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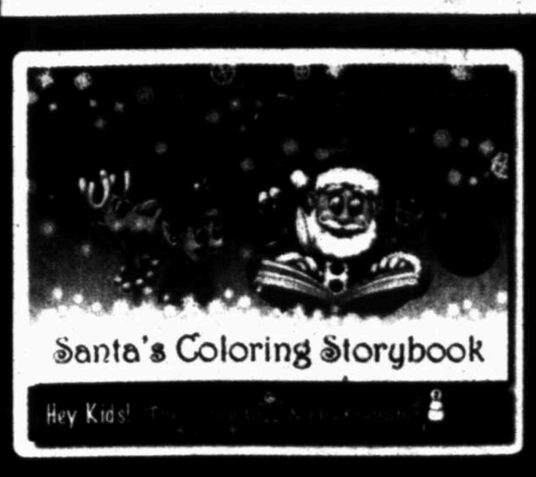

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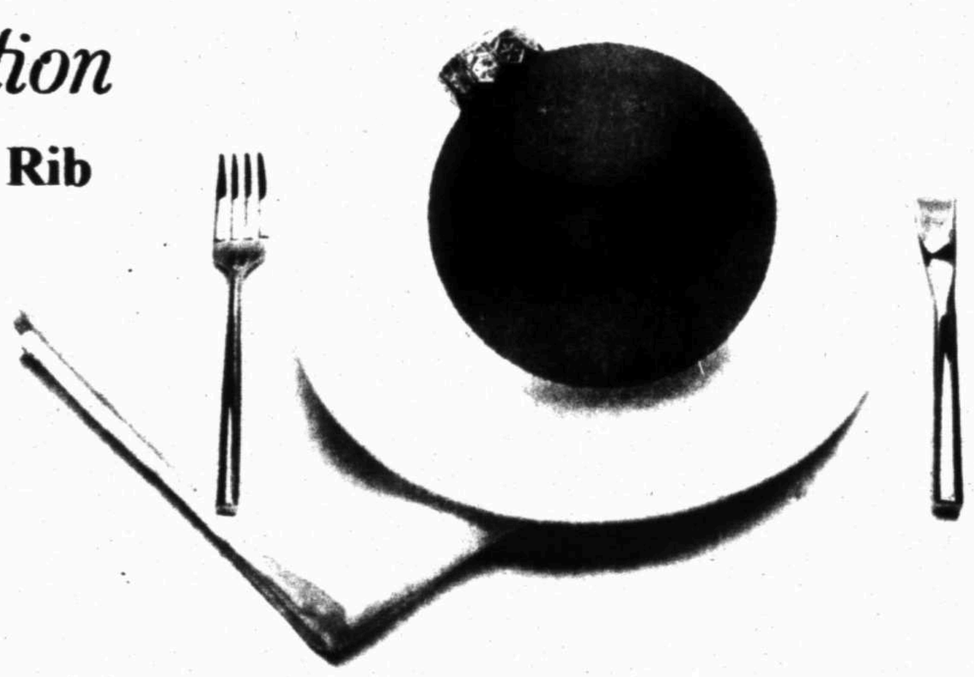

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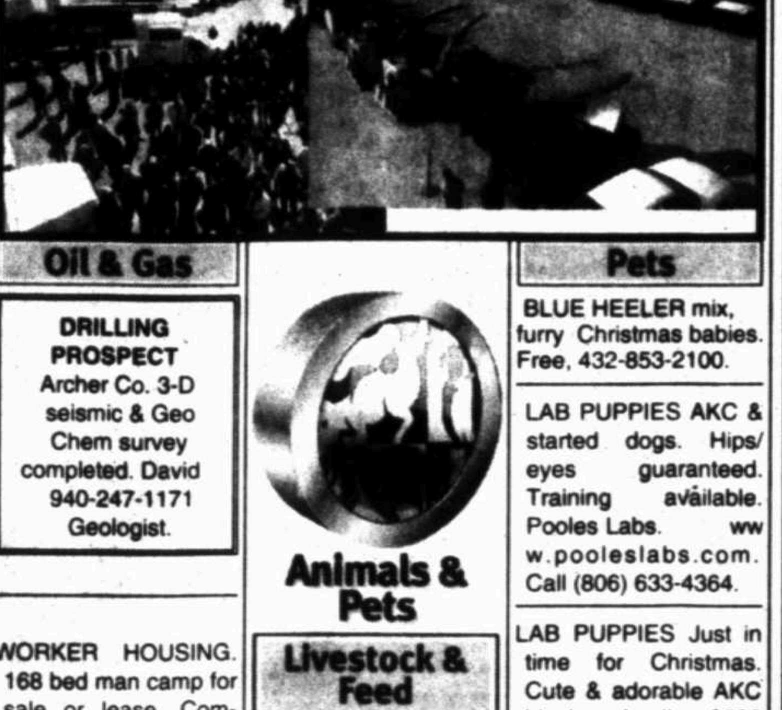

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal 13-12-0004 for a professional development system aligned with the priorities for teacher and principal development specified in the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) grant awarded to the ESC for the period of January 23, 2013 - July 15, 2014. Project activities will include, but are not limited to, providing ESC the right to (a) implement a professional development system, and (b) display, duplicate, and disseminate to participating districts and campuses materials in support of its professional development system; and delivering training and related materials for ESC staff on the professional development system. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning December 10, 2012 by calling Tabatha Everett at 432-567-3209 or by going to the Region 18 ESC website (www.esc18.net) under "Public Information and Request for Proposals." Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Jessica Navarro at jenavarro@txcee.org. Address sealed Proposal 13-12-0004 to the Texas Center for Educator Effectiveness' office, Region 18 Education Service Center, 5914 W. Courtyard Drive, Building II, Suite 360, Austin, TX 78730. Proposals will be received at the above address until 12:00 p.m., January 7, 2013 at which time proposals will be opened and evaluated. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, December 21, 2012, in the Purchasing Office at 300 N. Loraine, Ste. 220, Midland, Texas for the following: Request for Qualifications for a Professional Consultant to conduct an operational review of the City of Midland Solid Waste Department (RFQ Solid Waste Operational Review), the City is seeking concise letters of interest and a statement of qualifications from parties interested in performing professional services to provide an objective in-depth review and analysis of the Municipal Solid Waste Facility (COM Landfill), residential and commercial refuse collection, the Citizens Collection Station (CCS), the City's current recycling program and any other elements that will increase efficiency within the Solid Waste Department (Solid Waste). The RFQ is now available. To receive a copy of the RFQ, please call 432-685-7278 or e-mail Jill Reed at Jreed@midlandtexas.gov

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City of Midland, Texas

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Sale: DECEMBER 17, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal 13-12-0002 for a teacher evaluation system and data management tool for the period of January 23, 2013 - July 15,2014. Project activities will include, but are not limited to, implementing a rigorous, research-based multiple indicator teacher evaluation system; facilitating an annual training and certification process for evaluators; providing a user friendly, web-based data management tool to collect and organize evaluation and performance pay data; and delivering training and related materials for ESC staff on the teacher evaluation system and data management tool. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning December 10, 2012 by calling Tabatha Everett at 432-567-3209 or by going to the Region 18 ESC website (www.esc18.net) under "Public Information and Request for Proposals." Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Jessica Navarro at jenavarro@txcee.org. Address sealed Proposal 13-12-0002 to the Texas Center for Educator Effectiveness' office, Region 18 Education Service Center, 5914 W. Courtyard Drive, Building II, Suite 360, Austin, TX 78730. Proposals will be received at the above address until 12:00 p.m., January 7, 2013 at which time proposals will be opened and evaluated. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal 13-12-0001 for a principal evaluation system and data management tool for the period of January 23, 2013 - July 15, 2014. Project activities will include, but are not limited to, implementing a rigorous, research-based multiple indicator principal evaluation system; facilitating an annual training and certification process for evaluators; providing a user friendly, web-based data management tool to collect and organize evaluation and performance pay data; and delivering training and related materials for ESC staff on the principal evaluation system and data management tool. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning December 10, 2012 by calling Tabatha Everett at (432) 567-3209 or by going to the Region 18 ESC website (www.esc18.net) under "Public Information and Request for Proposals." Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Jessica Navarro at jenavarro@txcee.org. Address sealed Proposal 13-12-0001 to the Texas Center for Educator Effectiveness' office, Region 18 Education Service Center, 5914 W. Courtyard Drive, Building II, Suite 360, Austin, TX 78730. Proposals will be received at the above address until 12:00 p.m., January 7, 2013 at which time proposals will be opened and evaluated. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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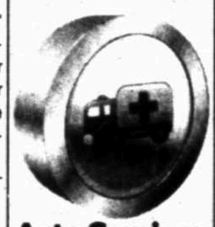

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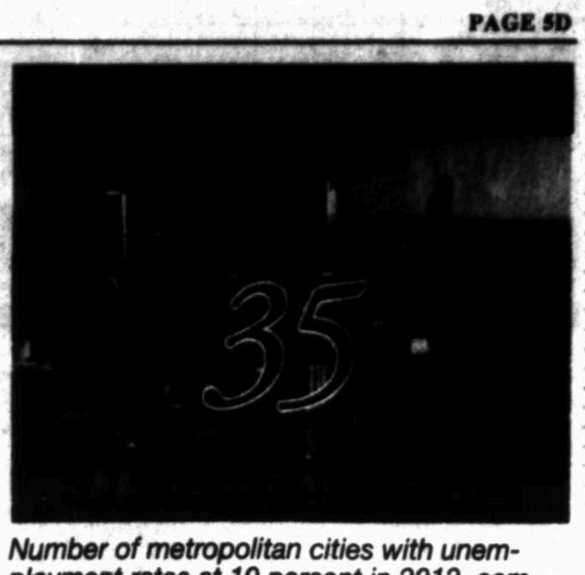

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SOCIAL STUDIES

LIKABILITY IS THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL CAREER. HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR A POSITIVE PERSONALITY THAT WILL IMPRESS COLLEAGUES AND BUILD NEW CONNECTIONS.

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Her new book is called "Happier at Home" (Crown Archetype, 2012), but it turns out bestselling author Gretchen Rubin has some tips for being happier at work, too. Both personally and professionally, strong social ties – including a sense of belonging, the need to give and get support and the feeling of being liked – are a key to happiness, she says.

Making nice with others not only makes the workday more pleasant, but could also pay off in other ways, as folks tend to assist, "talk up" and do business with people they respect and like.

"Likeability often trumps competence, and the most important skill anyone can learn is how to build deeper and more trusted personal relationships in business and life," writes Influential Marketing Blog founder Rohit Bhargava, author of "Likeonomics" (Wiley, 2012).

With the New Year fast approaching, here are three habits to help win friends and influence people at work.

PRAISE OTHERS. Studies show that due to a psychological phenomenon called spontaneous trait transference, people unintentionally transfer to you the traits you ascribe to other people. "So, if you're talking about someone else, the kinds of words you use to describe that person stick to you," says Rubin.

Rubin has seen this phenomenon at work in her own life. Even before she had a basis for believing a friend of hers to be brilliant, Rubin saw her as such: "She was always describing people in glowing intellectual terms, using that very word: brilliant."

Trash talking or calling attention to others' shortcomings or failures won't necessarily make you look better by comparison, Rubin warns: "Negative terms also stick to you."

On the flip side, heaping undue praise can backfire by calling your credibility into question.

Giving praise while the person is present may bring even bigger dividends. To that end, instead of introducing people by name and job title, make "accomplishment introductions" that highlight an achievement, suggests Scott Ginsberg, author of several books on approachability. This socially elevates the person being introduced and boosts his or her likability and yours.

SAY CHESE! Not literally, but do make an effort to smile. Not surprisingly, the amount of time you smile during a conversation has a direct effect on how friendly you're perceived to be. "In fact, people who can't smile due to facial paralysis have trouble with relationships," Rubin says.

Does that mean you should constantly flash your pearly whites at work? "That's a complicated question, and it depends on your objectives," says Rubin, adding that people with less power tend to smile more.

It might follow, then, that people who smile easily and often might be perceived as having less power.

Even if you're not always smiling, you can exude positivity for the good of the entire office. "Emotional contagion" is a psychological effect whereby we "catch" the happy, sad or angry moods of others, Rubin explains. "Someone in a happy, energetic mood will help boost the moods of others, and obviously, this creates a very pleasant atmosphere," she writes on her Happiness Project website.

TAP YOUR COLLEAGUES' CONNECTIONS. Outside of work, "In a phenomenon called triadic closure, people tend to befriend the friends of their friends – and this is very satisfying," Rubin writes. "Friendships thrive on interconnection, and it's both energizing and comforting to feel that you're building not just friendships, but a social network."

This is also true of business networking. LinkedIn is based on the premise that someone who's a contact of one of your contacts is a worthwhile connection for you to make. However, as any effective networker knows, it's not just about inviting friends of friends to connect; it's about helping others build their networks by making introductions.

At networking events, while it still pays to have an elevator speech, the goal is to engage rather than awe people. Ginsberg recommends telling stories that make people think, "Me too!" instead of, "No way!" Impressing people is not the same as identifying with and making a connection with them; in fact, it can create a sense of distance, he warns. Save the, "I summited Everest" stories for a later encounter.

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Not everyone loves their job, but everyone loves getting paid. But establishing who makes what and why can be confusing.

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The findings of a recent WorldatWork study of pay practices at 1,001 firms of various sizes sheds light on the salary subject:

• Keeping up with the market. Pegging salaries at what other firms in the same market pay for workers with similar skills has become the predominant gauge for setting salary ranges for specific jobs. While individuals can look up questions like, "What do customer service reps earn?" and find websites reporting such information, firms don't usually use these websites, says Chou. Instead, "They pay for their own specific surveys," Chou notes.

• Paying for performance. Most firms assess workers' performance, usually against specific goals set for that individual, says Chou. When workers meet goals, they can advance in the pay range set for their job.

• Sharing the secrets. Nearly 80 percent of surveyed companies report that they communicate pay to employees, using brief written or verbal communications, at least once a year. Some firms, particularly larger ones, says Chou, also have a written "compensation philosophy," which details objectives in salary setting. A firm may have the philosophy to pay very competitively for top talent, for instance. Some firms include their philosophy in the employee handbook, he adds.

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Midland Memorial Hospital is currently recruiting for a **HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT**. The ideal candidate provides customer service as first contact with public and internal customers, as well as performs administrative support for Human Resource staff members. Performs a variety of clerical and administrative duties and will require interaction with guests, applicants and employees. Responsible for data entry, clerical work and New Employee Orientation. The HR secretary serves as a liaison between employees and our HR managers. Experience in Human Resources preferred. High school diploma or equivalent and two years of clerical or related experience. Must be able to work in a high paced environment and the ability to work on multiple projects involving multiple disciples and meet communicated deadlines. Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs is required.

For consideration, please call or submit resume to:
Midland Memorial Hospital
Attn: Cori Moore, Director of Human Resources
Apply online at www.midland-memorial.com
2200 West Illinois Ave.
Midland, TX 79701
Recruitment Line: (432) 685-6980
Fax: (432) 685-6934
Midland Memorial Hospital is a nicotine free hiring facility and Equal Opportunity Employer

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor/Intern
Midland Addiction Treatment Center PT
Monday-Friday 8:00am-10:00am

Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

LVN
LVN needed for busy Physician's Office. Great Benefit Package. Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, PO Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704.

LVN or MA
James R Panuska, M.D. FT

LVN or MA needed for busy physician office. Monday-Thursday from 8am-5:30pm and Friday from 8am-1pm. Competitive salary and benefits. Please call Rita at 432-682-5385 ext 14.

Medical Assistant
Confidential FT

Seeking full-time Medical Assistant for busy Internal Medicine office. Benefits offered. 1 year expereince. Email resume to monicaofficemgr@ymail.com or mail to PO Box 50850, Midland, Texas 79710-0850.

Medical Office Receptionist
Midland Women's Clinic FT

Now hiring experienced receptionist. Must have some medical office experience, able to answer multiple phone lines and assist patients at check in and check out. Excellent benefits and salary. Send resume to Marge Bossler at Midland Women's Clinic 4214 Andrews Hwy, Ste #200, Midland, TX 79703

RN Case Manager
Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. FT

RN CASE MANAGER NEEDED FOR HOME HEALTH. Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. has an immediate opening for a RN Case Manager in our Midland office. Experience in case mgmt. & employee mgmt. in home health required. Must be computer proficient. Competitive salary & benefits. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm with on-call and some weekend duties. You may email your resume to dmadison@chhcl.com, or fax it to 806-762-0905. EOE.

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HEALTHCARE

Midland Memorial Hospital is seeking the following full-time positions to join our Materials Management Department:

Central Supply Technician

The ideal candidate issues supplies and equipment to appropriate hospital departments. Stocks hospital supply carts to specified PAR levels. Cleans inventories and replenishes equipment to nursing units. Maintains stock levels and stocks supplies in Central Supply. Maintains records and statistics. Requires high school diploma or equivalent, supply experience and computer experience desirable. Ability to work a flexible schedule to include, weekends, evenings and nights.

Sterile Processing Technician

Ensures proper decontamination, handling, assembly, sterilization, and dispensing of instrumentation to needed areas; inspects instrumentation for proper functioning; forwards malfunctioning items to Management for repair; provides Management with instrumentation needs data; achieves productivity requirements. Team Orientation: uses appropriate communication with all others in order to provide needed instrumentation; anticipates customer needs and achieves by expediting work production and facilitation of teamwork

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Optician
Phillips Eye Clinic FT
4311 W. Wadley Ave. **Midland, TX 79707**
Experienced preferred but not required. Please apply in person.

Position: **Hospitality Assistant**
Reports to: Camp Manager
Hours: Night Shift (7 pm – 7 – am)

Position Location: The Lodge at Midland
6900 West County Road 116
Midland, TX 79706

Compensation: $12.00 - $15.00 (contract with opportunity for full-time status)

Cotton Logistics, a division of Cotton Commercial USA Inc., a leader in workforce housing is seeking experienced customer service individuals with strong organizational skills and ability to multi-task. This is a great opportunity for a high energy self-starter individual that is motivated by a very fast paced environment. Computer experience, proficient in Microsoft Office.

Responsibilities included but not limited to the following:
- Welcoming guest and answering question
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- Issue and inventory keys
- Report building deficiencies to Camp Manager
- Know emergency procedures and assist as needed in emergencies
- Complete Incident Reports to document problems and disturbances

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Attention: Human Resources.

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Currently Seeking
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Up to 8 hours/week

Duties include, but not limited to:
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or by email to Deanna Evans at
devans@marcinc-tx.org

Resident Assistants & Medication Assistants
Emeritus at Saddleridge Lodge FT
Now hiring Resident Assistants and Medication Assistants for all shifts at Saddleridge Lodge. We provide great opportunities plus Health Ins/Dental/401K. Please apply in person and become a part of our great team at 1808 W. Loop 250 N. in Midland or on line at www.emeritus.com E.O.E

RN
Basin Healthcare Center FT
Odessa, TX 79761
Basin Healthcare Center is looking for a Full-Time RN to work the night shift in the ER. Full-time positions are eligible for insurance and 401K benefits. Please send your resume to BHC-HR@bhcodessa.com or come by 900 E. 4th Street in Odessa.

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West Texas Centers

MH Mobile Crisis Outreach Worker for Western Region: Will respond to the crisis hotline and provide face to face care for in-crisis mental health consumers. Requires Bachelor's degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Travel within an assigned region is required. Personal vehicle required - mileage reimbursement. Hours are Mon. - Fri. -$14.71 -$15.72 hr ($1176.47 - $1257.60 bi weekly $30,588 -$32,700 annually) Salary Dependent on experience. Locations Monahans and Pecos area. **Sign on bonus and housing stipend.**

Case Manager for Mental Health: Assists individuals in gaining access to medical, social, vocational and educational services. Requires Bachelors degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Base salary $14.71-$15.72 per hour ($30,588.00-$32,700.00 annually) DOE, plus excellent benefit package. Four day work week is possible. Flexible schedule offered. Crisis on-call rotation required. Applicants must live within 70-mile radius of duty site. Locations Monahans and Pecos area. **Sign on bonus and housing stipend.**

Applications available at www.wtcmhmr.org or
by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Housekeepers/ Houseman & Breakfast Attendant
Grand Texan Hotel FT
Seeking Experienced Housekeepers, Houseman and Breakfast attendant. Apply in person at 4300 W. Wall St. Grand Texan Hotel.

House Keeping
Midland's Premier Country Club FT
Midland's Premier Club is looking to fill a House keeping position for evening hours 2-10pm. We hire personality and enthusiasm over experience. Good wages, benefits, and 401K available for full time. Please apply in person at 6101 Hwy 349, Monday through Friday 8a-5p.

Texas Western Hospitality Now Hiring!
Apply online: **www.permianbasinhoteljobs.com**.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

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- A/C units
- Walk-in refrigeration Units
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A CFC/EPA Certif., working knowledge of HVAC, Refrig., P/M, & other types of kitchen equip., a Texas DL, pre-employment drug test, backgrnd check & ability to work rotating on-call shifts are all req'd. Company vehicle and cell phone provided. Excellent Compensation.

Send resume to: Jhughes@wbhq.com
or fax: 210-572-8716
eoe

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Officers
AlliedBarton Security Services FT
NOW HIRING! Security Officers Needed! Full benefits including 401(k), paid vacation, and tuition reimbursement. $500 sign on bonus after 90 days. Contact Dan for more information at (972) 560-1489 EOE M/D/F/V.

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Certified Pharmacy Tech & Store Shift Lead
Walgreens Drug Store FT
Now hiring certified pharmacy technicians. Must be state certified. Also looking for Store Shift Lead. Must be flexible. Apply in store at 3300 N Midland Dr. or online at walgreens.com

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Field Apps Eng Prin I
Baker Hughes, Inc. FT
Baker Hughes, Inc. has an opening for a Field Apps Eng Prin I (Requisition Number: 1225606) to work in Midland, TX. Advise sales personnel, customers and potential customers on the technical issues that affect the installation or sales. Provide support to operations and manufacturing across multiple product lines. 25% travel to visit customers and to area operations locations, such as: San Antonio, TX; Houston, TX; Levelland, TX; and Denver City, TX. Please apply online at www.bakerhughes.com/careers. Requisition Number: 1225606. No telephone calls or any other calls from outside vendors. EOE

Vend Shine

Shipping/Warehouse Manager

Envirocon Technologies, Inc. has an immediate opening for a Shipping/Warehouse Manager. Duties include: the oversight and scheduling of all inbound/outbound shipments, QA compliance, inventory management, claim processing and cost analysis. This person will work both in an office setting and a production environment and will be required to lift up to 25 lbs. on a routine basis, operate a forklift/pallet jack and stand for an extended period of time. Advanced computer skills, attention to detail and organization are keys to success in this position. This is a Full-Time Position, salary DOE. Benefits include: Heath Insurance, Simple IRA, Vacation/Sick Pay, Life Insurance and Profit Sharing. Envirocon is a family owned company who values and appreciates its team members. We are looking for a go-getter who takes pride in their work and will look to uphold quality. For more information call Tricia Wilson at 432-687-2582 or email your resume with salary requirements to tricia@enviroconteh.com.

OTHER JOBS

Administrative Supervisor
Kelly Services - Administrative Supervisor. Associate's Degree or 2 years of relevant experience required. Experience in the conversion-scanning, processing, prep, data entry field and experience interacting successfully with project staff and subcontractors. Excellent organizational, interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills. Previous supervisory experience preferred. Bring qualified resume to Kelly Services, 4800 E. 42nd, Suite 205 or call 432-363-0123 for more information. Never an applicant fee. Equal opportunity employer.

Delivery Driver
Delivery Driver needed. Salary based on experience. Call 432-689-0933.

Document Processing Assistant Manager
Great Opportunity with a leading employer in the Midland/Odessa area! Requirements include:
● Experience with scanning of documents or a mailroom environment ● Experience in managing teams ● Experience in mailroom operations, document preparation and document scanning ● QA strongly preferred ● Strong knowledge of Microsoft Office programs ● Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience
Call Kelly Services at 432-363-0123
or submit qualified resume to bushokj@kellyservices.com
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FIELD & CITY SALESMAN POSITION
Must have min. 5 years sales experience in the thru tubing and fishing industry. Top competitive pay. Accepting resumes at **Pro ThruTubing** a division of **Pro Directional.** Send resume to: **3001 S. Co. Rd. 1260, Midland, TX 79706.**

FT/PT Guards & FT Employment Specialist
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time and part-time Guards and full-time Employment Specialist. Please Apply at: www.dismas.com

FULL TIME HELP WANTED
Stadium Sports FT
FULL TIME HELP WANTED. 9-6 MON-THURS, FRI 9-5.
ABILITIES: PRESSING SHIRTS, PLACING AND TAKING CUSTOMER ORDERS. COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE A PLUS. ABILITY TO WORK UNDER PRESSURE AND BE SELF MOTIVATED.
DROP BY 2040 WEST CUTHBERT AVE, MIDLAND, TX 79701
FOR AN APPLICATION.

Full-Time Studio Camera Operator
CBS-7 FT
CBS-7 has an opening for a Full-Time Studio Camero Operator. This is an entry level position. Duties will include running camera for evening newscasts. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Interested applicants should send resumes or fill out an application at CBS7, 4101 E. 42nd St., Suite J-7, Odessa, TX 79762 or E-mail to djordan@cbs7.com. CBS7 is an EOE Employer. Paid vacation, flexible hours and health benefits avaialable.

Golf Course Member Service
Midland's Premier Country Club FT/PT
Midland's premier club is needing to hire outside golf course member service personnel. Part time and full time. We hire personality and enthusiasm over experience. Good wages, benefits, and 401K available for full time. Please apply in person at 6101 Hwy 349, Monday through Friday 8a-5p.

Graphics Operator
CBS-7 FT
CBS-7 has an opening for a full-time Graphics Operator. This is an entrly level position. Duties will include running graphics for evening newscasts. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Interested applicanst should send resume or fill out an application at CBS7, 4101 E 42nd St., Suite J-7, Odessa, TX 79762 or e-mail to djordan@cbs7.com. CBS-7 is an EEO Employer. Paid vacation, flexible hours and health benefits available.

OTHER JOBS

INSPECTORS
HMT INSPECTIONS FT
HMT Inspections is accepting resumes for an API 653 primary; API 570 a plus in Midland and surrounding area. Interpret written procedures, specifications and drawings. Good communication skills, written and verbal. Willingness to travel is necessary. Fulltime position with competitive wages and benefits. Email resumes to Becky.Judkins@hmtlank.com.

Janitorial Help & Floor Tech
Part-time janitorial help needed in the evening. Also, part-time & full- time janitorial floor tech needed. Please call 570-9903.

Maids and Janitors
Confidential PT
Accepting applications for Maids and Janitors. Great PT jobs. Work Monday-Friday 5:30pm-8:30pm. Apply at:1307 N. Big Spring, 8:30am-5:30pm.

Midland County Now Hiring
Midland County FT
Midland County has an opening for the following positions:
***Equipment Operator** ***Facilities Technician**
***Receptionist**
Please see our website www.co.midland.tx.us for more details and other openings. To be considered you must send a completed application with job reference number and background check to: Midland County Human Resources Office, 500 N. Loraine St. Ste. 100 Midland, TX 79701 or hr@co.midland.tx.us EOE

ENDURA PRODUCTS CORP

NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION(S)

TREATING TRUCK DRIVER- Requires CDL A/B with tanker/hazmat endorsements (Home every night, weekends- 12 hour days during the week) (Midland, Texas and Eunice, New Mexico)

SERVICE TECH- Requires experience in the chemical sales/service industry (Midland, Texas/Synder, Texas)

ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE- Requires experience in the chemical treating/sales/service (Midland, Texas)

Please send resume with summary of qualifications and salary expectations to:

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WE offer the following benefits:

- Medical/Dental- No cost to the employee for employee coverage
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- AD&D- No cost to the employee
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- Sick Time
- 9 Paid Holiday's
- 401(K) with $1 to $1 match up to the maximum allowable per law of $17,000 per year!

Part-Time Bus Driver
Emeritus at Saddleride Lodge PT
Now taking applications for a part-time Bus Driver to take residents to appointments. Applicants must have a clean driving record, and pass a Criminal Background Check. Please apply in person and become a part of our great team at 1808 W. Loop 250 or online at www.emeritus.com E.O.E

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Breastfeeding Peer Counselor- Part time
Odessa

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General

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Warehouse Person
Anderson Tile Co. FT/PT
Warehouse person needed. Looking for someone who is friendly, outgoing, & enjoys working with people. Loading customers and unloading. Will train for position. Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:30 pm. NO WEEKENDS. Call 432-683-5116.

Warehouse Worker
Oil Center Research of Texas FT
Warehouse Worker for Service Seal, LLC - Stable Company with excellent benefits and a competitive hourly pay rate is looking for a warehouse worker for our Midland, TX location to work from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Applicants need to have at least 1 year of forklift experince, be dependable and reliable, and have a clean background record. Please call Tammy at 337-232-2496 for more information or to schedule an appointment time to get an application completed.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Executive Director

Midland Rape Crisis Center FT

Seeking an Executive Director for a non-profit organization located in Midland, TX. The Executive Director will insure continuation of an on-going strategic planning process for the agency with timely implementation of Board approved strategies focused on attainment of the agency's mission and objectives. Proven leadership, strong organizational, and supervisor skills are a must. Fundraising and grant writing experience with an emphasis in federal and state grants are required. Provide oversight to various programs. Maintain and maximize the image of the agency through his/her interface with the community, state and national agencies, and all public and private entities. An ability to work with all victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse and incest without bias or prejudice regarding prostitution, drug abuse, abortion, use of alcohol, difference in abilities, age, race, color, creed, or religious affiliation. Education: A baccalaureate degree is required with an advanced degree preferred in an area of emphasis, which relates to counseling, psychology, sociology, organization management, etc. Please submit a cover letter and resume to merlene@preferred-personnel.com.

ROCK THE DESERT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

An established non-profit Christian ministry is seeking a full-time Executive Director that has:

Strong leadership skills

Administrator expertise

Fundraising experience

Abilitiy to develop positive relationship with staff and volunteers

Salary will depend on experience.

Please send resumes by December 15,2012 to: Executive Director, P.O. Box 173, Midland, Texas 79702

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Leasing Agent & Experienced Bookkeeper

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Two positions for Santa Fe apartments. Stop by pick up application at 5010 W. Loop 250 North, # 10F. 79707. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

Back In The Day Cafe FT
Midland, TX 79703

Hiring all positions. Experience preferred. No phone calls.
Apply in person: 4317 West Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79703.

Banquet Manager

Midland's Premier County Club FT

Is looking for a Banquet Manager. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is Full Time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401K. Please apply in person at Midland Country Club 6101 N Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

Breakfast Cooks

Breakfast Cooks with experience needed ASAP. Higher wage pay for experience. Also, looking for contract catering help, servers, chefs, cooks. Applications outside of peak periods only 6am-2pm. Apply in person at Lori's Cafe, 2201 W. Wall, Midland, TX.

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Many Position

Schlotzsky's FT/PT

Schlotzsky's is hiring full and part-time, night & weekend positions and Shift Leaders. Flexible scheduling, clean grease free restaurant. **$8.00 - $10.00 an hour**. Come by 5211 West Wadley or 1109 Andrews Highway to apply.

NOW HIRING - OFFICE ASSISTANT

Now hiring - Office Assistant, 40 hours a week, benefits, fun atmosphere. Must have Word and Excel experience. All holidays off! Starting wage $11.00 to $15.00, depending on experience. Apply at the Domino's Pizza office, 4400 N. Big Spring St. Ste. C34.

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Oilfield Sales Person

Royal Services FT

Selling to drilling rigs in your area. For more info go to royalservices.com and click on JOBS. Send resume to: jobs@royalservices.com

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Sales Professionals/Sales Managers

Best Manufactured and Modular Company in Midland, TX, we are growing! Average Salesperson makes $60k in our industry, above makes 100k+Full Benefits, 401k, Vacation, Training. Huge Advancement Opportunities for advancement as we have opened 7 locations this year alone.
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Sales Rep

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Sales Rep wanted minimum 1 yr retail sales exp.
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Must be willing to relocate to Midland/Odessa

Apply in person: 2903 I-20 Midland Texas 79706
(432) 617-3250 or www.advstimtech.com

Manual & CNC Machinist & Inspectors

Hadco Services, Inc. FT

Level II NDT Inspectors, Minimum 5 years experience, $100-150K/year
Level I Inspectors, Salary dependent on experience
Inspector Helper, $14/hour
Manual & CNC Machinist, $20/hour
Resumes can be emailed to myself at pam@hadcoservices.com

Manual Lathe Operator

Premier Tools FT

Manual Lathe Operator needed. Contact Gary at (432) 563-1784 or apply in person at 2915 SCR 1255 in Midland.

Mechanic and POJ Cleaner

Hebbronville Lone Star Rentals FT

Seeking experienced diesel mechanic for maintenance and upkeep of company vehicles and equipment. Welding experienced a plus. Must be able to show previous mechanic experience. **POJ Cleaner** - good work history and driving record necessary, plus ability to work overtime on a regular basis. Benefits package includes 100% employer-paid health insurance for employee; dental, vision, and life insurance; 401(K) with 5% match; annual loyalty bonus plus much more. Please email resume to hr@lonestarrentals.net, or fax with cover sheet to HR 855-833-8376. You may apply in person at 3808 W. Wall St. in Midland. EOE

Mechanic

Casedhole Solutions FT

Mechanic needed, entry level welcome. Apply in person at: Casedhole Solutions, 2801 S. County Rd. 1242, Midland,TX.

SKILLED LABOR

Operator/Machinist

Quinn Pumps-Midland FT
Midland, TX 79701

In search of a full-time hone operator/machinist . Experience preferred but not necessary. Willing to train the right individual. Pay DOE. Quinn's offers a great benefit package, along with paid vacation and 401K. Quinn is known for their service, repair and manufacturing of reciprocating rod pumps. Please come by our office @ 3611 E. Hwy 158, Midland to apply or contact Bobby Hale @ 432-620-9298

Pump Mechanic

West Texas Gas FT

HELP WANTED — PUMP MECHANIC NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Must have at least 3 years experience. Location near Rankin, Texas. Fax resume to (432) 693-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, TX 79755.

Northern Natural Gas

Senior Operations and Maintenance Technician

Position 1201052

Northern Natural Gas Company, a subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, is seeking a senior operations and maintenance technician in the Spraberry, TX area. The senior operations and maintenance technician is responsible for the operational and maintenance activities of the assigned facilities within company and regulatory agency procedures.

All qualified candidates must possess a valid driver's license, a high school diploma, GED or equivalent education. One to two years related work experience or equivalent technical training for operations and maintenance technician or three to five years of related experience for senior operations and maintenance technician.

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Shop/Field Mechanics

Basin Engine and Pump FT

Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Tools & Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to shawn@basinengine.com Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at 1914 South County Rd 1083 - Midland, TX.

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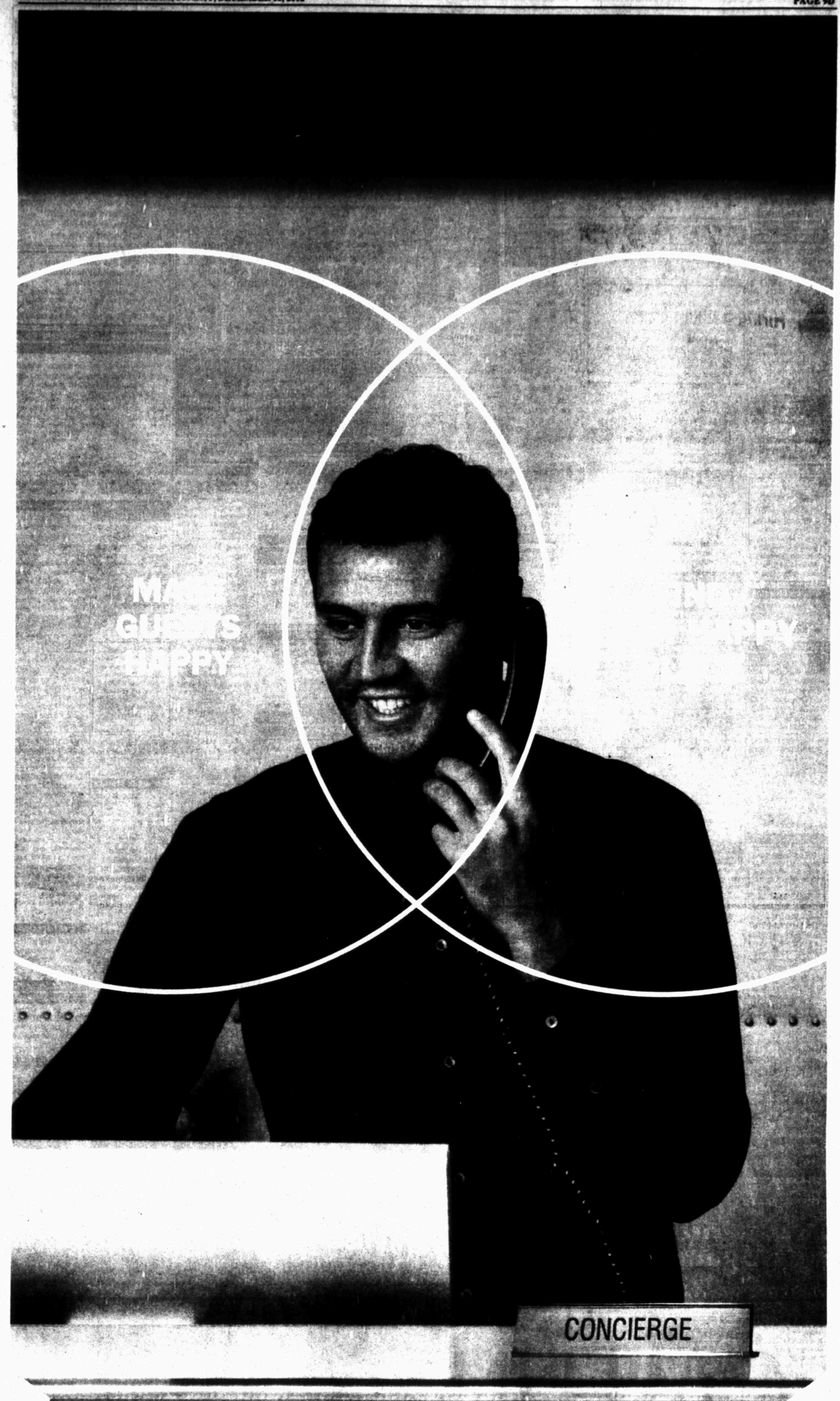

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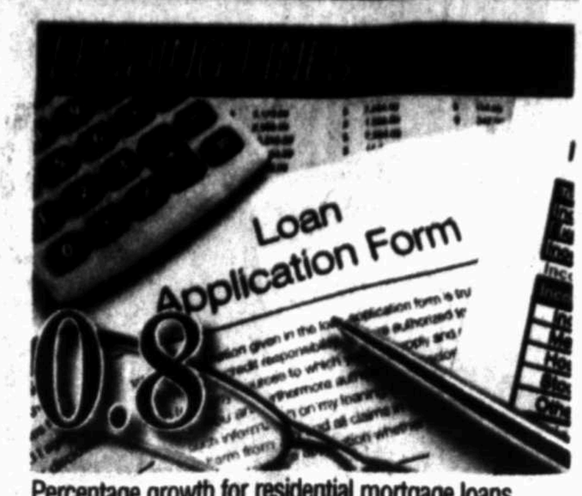

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BUYERS' TASTES HAVE CHANGED AFTER THE RECESSION; ACCESSIBILITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND PRACTICALITY RANK HIGH ON WISH LISTS

By MADHUSMITA BORA
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The recession and the housing downturn didn't just drag down home prices and home values. They also turned consumer expectations upside down.

Buyers now prefer efficiency, accessibility and sustainability over luxury and specialty rooms. They prefer informality, practical features and functionality over a formal and posh lifestyle.

"Seven years ago when I bought my house, I wanted a big house with a media room and all the good stuff," says Beenu Sikand, an Indianapolis-based real estate agent. "Now when I look back, my maintenance and property taxes are killing me."

Sikand says she's looking at downsizing next year to a smaller, more energy-efficient home. Her clients have similar preferences.

"In my market, people are asking for custom-made homes, which are smaller, more energy-efficient and have better bathrooms, kitchens and insulation," she says.

According to a recent American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, specialty spaces such as sauna, greenhouses, exercise rooms or the big media rooms of the past are out. What's in are mud rooms, home office spaces and outdoor living areas.

These changes in expectations and design reflect the sluggish economy. With unemployment plaguing the market, many people are freelancing, telecommuting or starting home businesses. Thus, more than one third of the architects participating in the survey identified home offices as the most popular specialty function room.

One in five architects selected mud rooms or drop zones for items such as backpacks, coats and personal electronics as the most popular special function room. Compared to that, almost 40 percent of survey respondents reported that media rooms or home theaters are declining in popularity. Twenty-eight percent said exercise, fitness and sauna spaces are also on the downslide.

Energy efficiency has become a key mantra for homebuyers, along with accessibility for an aging population. With dwindling discretionary income, consumers want to cut spending as much as possible. They want low utility bills and homes where they can grow old.

First-floor master bedrooms, non-slip floor surfaces and extra insulation in the attics are now sought-after features. Solar panels, geothermal heating and cooling systems have also become hip features, along with low-maintenance materials.

Now that the market is looking up once again, home sellers are searching for ways to entice buyers. These upgrades will appeal to the new needs and desires of homebuyers during the real estate recovery:

• Insulate the attic: That's the first step toward decreasing utility bills, says Scott Frank, AIA spokesman. "After years and years of mansion expansion, people have realized that big spaces come with bigger heating and cooling costs," Frank says. "Maximize your space and bring down utility costs."

• Jazz up the kitchen and bathrooms: Upgrades for these two areas always get good returns on investment, says Rose Quint, assistant vice president of research at the National Association of Home Builders. Granite countertops and energy-efficient cooking appliances score with buyers.

"The kitchen is the nerve center of a home," Frank says. "Buyers now prefer it to be an extension of the family area, where cooking can be done in an island on an L-shaped counter looking into the family room."

In the bathroom, doorless showers are in demand, as are water-saving toilets and heated floors.

• Accessibility: People these days opt for homes where they can live for a long time. Also, with an aging Baby Boomer population, accessibility and mobility have become key issues for homebuyers. Locate the master bedroom in the main floor area, and install grips in the shower area to prevent falls, Frank suggests.

• Outdoor living space: The AIA survey found that outdoor living areas are very popular now. If you have the means and patience to embark on a Goliath renovation, invest in an outdoor kitchen area, a fire pit or a living room outdoors. "It can be as extravagant or spartan as you wish to make it," Frank says. "But it will have good resale appeal."

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THE FORECLOSED FIGHT BACK

Dec. 31 is the deadline for homeowners to apply for independent foreclosure review

Many foreclosure victims now have a referee to turn to for help – the federal banking agencies' Independent Foreclosure Review program.

Borrowers who believe they suffered financial losses due to errors in a foreclosure process on their homes, occurring between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010, can apply for a free review by an IFR consultant – but only until December 31.

Applicants can check their eligibility, submit a request for review form online and get full details at independentforeclosurereview.com

If the third-party auditor determines that the lender was responsible for errors, deficiencies or misrepresentations in the foreclosure process, homeowners may be entitled to:

• recoup from $500 to $125,000 (plus equity).

• have the foreclosure suspended or rescinded,

• receive a loan modification or other loss-mitigation assistance and/or

• have their credit reports and records corrected.

"If your case meets the provided criteria and you can prove

it, then there is a good chance you will receive payment," says Kory Kavanewsky, CMG Mortgage, Inc., Coronado, Calif. "However, don't expect to receive more than a few thousand dollars unless you have a more extreme case. Those who were financially injured in more than one way can expect the largest payments."

Examples of financial injury can include fees charged or mortgage payments that were inaccurately calculated, processed or applied; a foreclosure action that occurred despite bankruptcy protection; a higher mortgage balance at the time of the foreclosure action than was actually owed; and a foreclosure sale that occurred despite complying with everything the modification agreement required.

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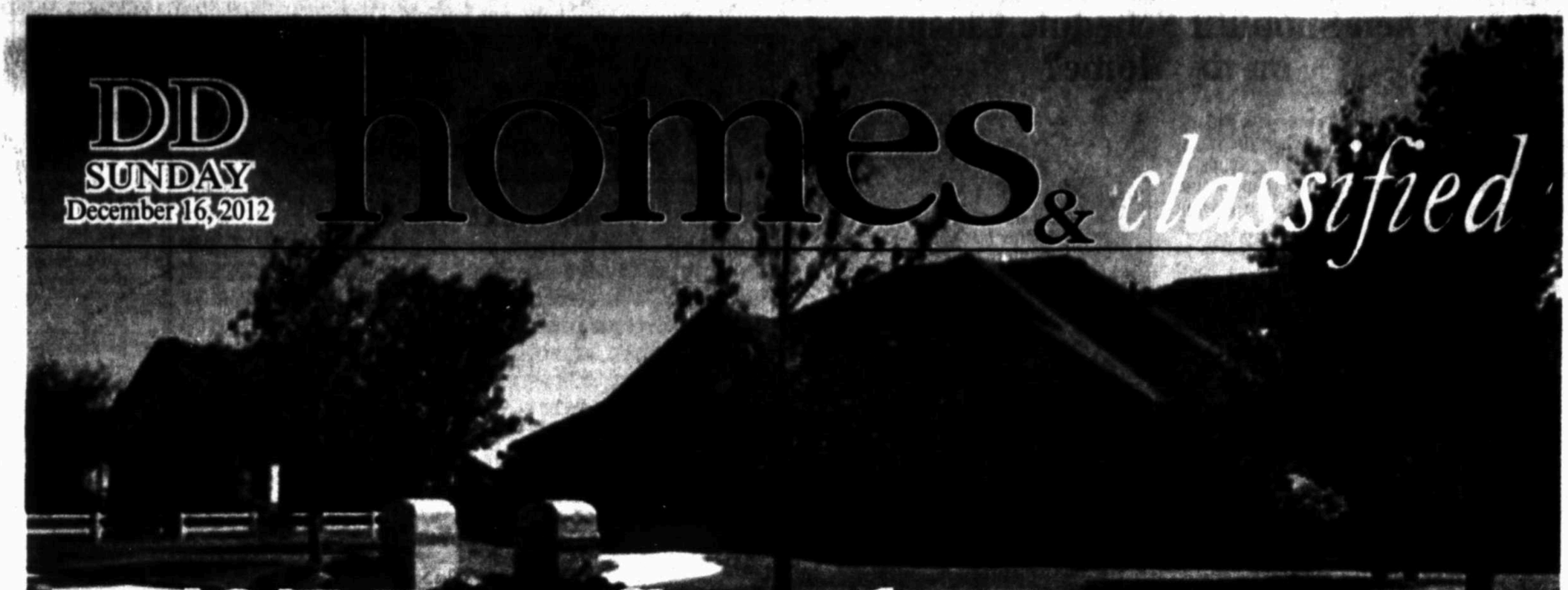

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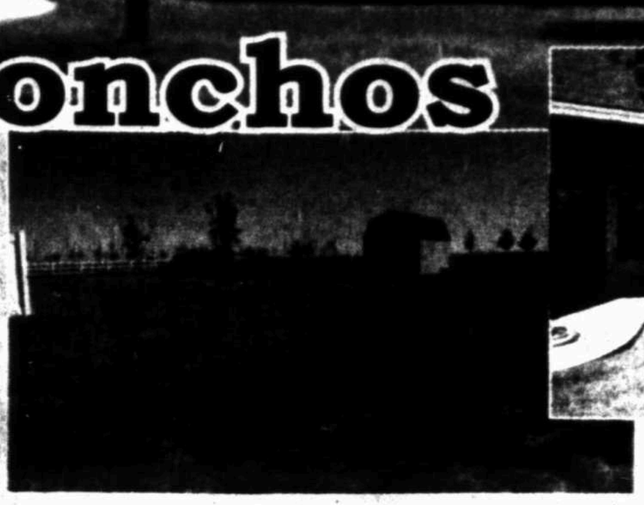

Get away from traffic and noise with this beautiful home located in the new Los Conchos Estates. Built in 2010, it has 3,414 square feet of living space (per plan) and is situated on .931 acres. 6507 Los Conchos features four bedrooms, four full bathrooms, two living areas, two dining areas and a four car garage. Schools for this area include Scharbauer Elementary, Goddard Jr. High and Midland High. You will enjoy living in a quiet and serene atmosphere yet have easy access to major shopping and dining.

Constructed of brick and stone, it is surrounded by matching raised brick flowerbeds and an iron gate keeps your driveway secure. Architectural touches are obvious with arches on the windows and doorways and as you enter, you notice various tall ceiling styles. Beautiful tile starts inside the front door and flows throughout major areas of the home. On the right is the formal dining area where wood scraped floors and a beautiful iron chandelier hange from the barrel style ceiling. This spacious room is perfect for holiday entertaining and has a convenient doorway to the kitchen! On the left of the entry is the office or bedroom where built-ins cover one wall. A walk-in closet provides ample storage and the room is connected to another bedroom with a Jack and Jill bathroom. All the bathrooms in the home have granite countertops, bronze fixtures and lighting.

Ahead of the entry is the formal living area where a walls of windows look out to the back yard. The yard has been fenced off from the very back of the property making a very attractive area to enjoy.

Overhead, a coffered ceiling and inset in the wall for décor or a wall unit make this room very unique. To the right of the den is the gourmet kitchen. This is a chef's dream! Floor to ceiling walnut stained knotty alder wood cabinetry and vent-a-hood, stainless appliances, granite countertops, double ovens, large skylight, tile backsplash and corner pantry combine to make this the perfect work/fun space! A granite covered island offers additional storage and a wrap around bar with decorative bronze fixtures overhead adds bonus seating. Informal dining is here as well and has access to the back yard.

Relax in the den (open to the kitchen) and gather near the beautiful stone fireplace. Here, the same wood as in the kitchen creates a mantle, bookshelves and cabinets that surround the fireplace. Your new hearth is constructed of granite that matches the kitchen countertops. Overhead, a vaulted ceiling features exposed beams, which adds height and warmth to this enjoyable area. A hallway off the den leads to a full bathroom and then the laundry room complete with sink and cabinets. Another unique feature of the home is the stairway leading to the attic where you will find massive amounts of storage! Access to the large four car garage is also on this hallway where a closet and bonus areas are waiting to keep you organized!

Down another hallway off the den is the sequestered master suite. You will love this space! Crown molding, vaulted ceiling and a bay window add interest to this spacious room. Behind French doors, you will be excited to see dual vanities and in the corner a jetted tub. Granite covers these counters. Open another door to see a huge walk-in closet with built-in dressers. A skylight adds natural light to this wonderfully relaxing room.

To the left of the formal living area are two more bedrooms, each with a walk-in closet and ceiling fan. One faces the side of the house and is connected to the first bedroom/office by the front door with the Jack and Jill bathroom. The other bedroom faces the back yard and has access to a full bathroom in the hall.

Additional amenities to this quiet and luxurious home include: parking pad, reverse osmosis system, alarm system, water well for irrigation, on city water, built-ins, water softener, sequestered master and fireplace. Listed at $645,000 more information may be obtained at the open house today from 2:00-4:00 or by contacting Kay Sutton at (432) 416-0289. MLS#92282

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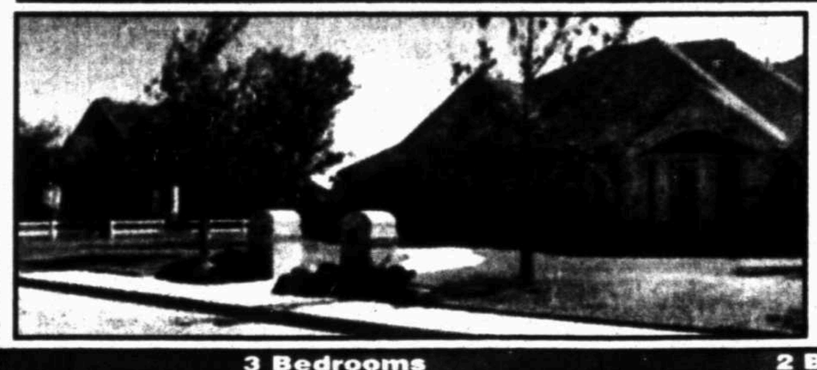

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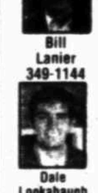
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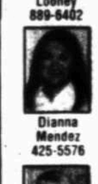
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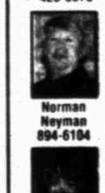
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The closing sets things up to pass Title & Possession, but funding is when the mortgage company actually sends the funds to the escrow agent at the Title Company and they are disbursed. Try to set your closing to allow adequate time for funding. A late Friday closing might move the funding to Monday leaving you without possession over a weekend, or it could fund 15 minutes after both parties sign the documents. Plan to close early enough to allow some extra time for funding to be on the safe side.

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Remodeling Headaches to Avoid

Whether you're adding a room to accommodate an expanding family or remodeling to increase value, home renovations can be one of the best investments you make, especially in today's economy. The key to a successful remodel, however, is knowing what mistakes to avoid.

As a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, I have advised many clients on what renovations will offer the best return on their investment and pay dividends when the time comes to sell their home.

According to a Consumer Reports poll, the most popular remodeling projects for homeowners are kitchens (19%) and bathrooms (17%). In another survey, however, Consumer Reports asked 6,000 readers to reveal what went wrong when they remodeled their kitchens and baths and how much those mistakes added to the overall cost of their projects. Here's how to avoid their mistakes and save:

1. Don't rush in. Changing plans is the most common, but costliest remodeling gaffe. Be sure to leave time for research and create a comprehensive plan, listing every product.

2. Prepare for the unexpected. There's a lot going on behind the walls. Unexpected water damage was an issue with 17% of bathroom remodels, while structural problems caused headaches for 10% of kitchen projects. A good contractor will be able to anticipate such problems, allowing the homeowner to budget accordingly.

3. Don't chase the "low ball." Contractors are lowering their profit margins due to the tight market, but they often make up their costs in labor or other areas. Readers who went for "low-ball" pricing ended up spending a median of $1,500 extra for labor on their kitchens and $1,000 extra on their bathrooms. Don't sign a contract with a lot of open-ended amounts for products and materials—these are called "allowances," in contractor speak.

4. Get the paperwork in order. Have the contractor attach copies of his or her up-to-date license, insurance and workers' compensation policies to the written contract. He or she should also get permits and provide a lien waiver when the job is done; this will keep suppliers from contacting the homeowner for unpaid bills.

5. Focus on the boring bits. Specifying lighting and placement of trash cans are not much fun, but are critical to the process. For example, the proper exhaust fan will prevent mildew in baths and vent odors in kitchens.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Four reasons why a high number of "days on market" may not matter to your home search

When you shop for clothes or even a new car, do you worry about how long they've been for sale? If you liked them, you'd probably go through with their purchase without wondering who didn't want them before you or how long they'd been available to buy. But what about real estate? If you found a great home that fits your needs, does the number of days that house has been for sale make a difference to you? While buying clothes or a car isn't the same as purchasing a home, many of the same reasons you wouldn't pass up that sweater because it's been on the shelf for too long can apply when choosing a home. Some people believe a property that has been on the market for a while must have serious problems. Others believe that a house on the market for a long period means that the seller is desperate and will accept a low offer. A REALTOR® can help explain why certain homes have spent a lot of time on the market. Excluding overpricing, which is the most common reason a home will linger on the market, there are several reasons a quality piece of property may not sell quickly:

The status hasn't been updated properly. The statistic days on market (DOM) is the number of days a property listing has an active status in a listing service. Normally, the property's status is changed to pending during the period between the seller's acceptance of an offer and the actual closing. The DOM will reset if a contract falls through, but if the agent fails to update the status, the DOM continue to rise, even though the home was ostensibly off the market. This happens, and through no fault of the homeowner, the property may now have a deceptively high DOM.

The house isn't ready to sell. Some houses are listed before they're totally ready to sell—perhaps the seller put the house on the market despite the fact that it's undergoing remodeling or repairs. In this case, the home was listed too early and probably won't show well. The days on market will go up, but after renovations it looks different and it will show better.

The seller isn't motivated. There are also situations in which the sellers are not particularly motivated. Maybe they don't need to sell and are just testing the market. Perhaps they've got a price in mind and are willing to wait for the market to catch up with that number.

The house doesn't stand out during a search. A number of properties simply go unnoticed, which is obviously a roadblock to a successful and timely sale. Maybe the listing price is $205,000 and the seller is missing buyers whose searches range from $150,000-$200,000. Some homes may be occupied by tenants while others may not be marketed well. Just like any statistic, DOM may be useful for overall market analysis, but it may not matter much when it comes to whether or not you should buy. Regardless of the state of the real estate market, there are many reasons a property may linger. Remember, all that really matters is what you think.

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The Bottom Line

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Fabulous Old Midland 4/3, workshop, remodeled kitchen, recent flooring, sequestered master suite, great location .... $265,000 DIANE
Fantastic Townhouse 3/2, lots of updates, great closets and built-ins, low maintenance landscaping, walk to schools .... $230,000 JULIA
Want a Pool? 3/2, in ground pool/spa, Greathouse/Abell schools, wood flooring, enclosed sunroom, large corner lot .... $179,900 LINDA
Acreage 3/2, 3 car carport, 1.2 acres, 1999 DW mobile home, recent paint, large closets, bar, workshop .... $150,000 JULIA
Greenwood 4/2, 2 car garage, 8.95 acres, good water well .... $160,000 JULIA
Stanton 3/2, 5 acres, arena, seller offering $1,000 closing, bring offers .... $122,000 JULIA

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1905 S Allen, Monahans TX
Look no more back on the market!! Corner lot with easy access to Interstate 20. Two living areas. Tiled throughout except bedrooms. Indoor utility room, breakfast area plus lots of storage and shade in backyard. Drive around back to a shaded carport, RV covered parking, 12' gate access from alley and a real man's workshop with 2 separate garage doors.
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Don't miss this one! So many updates to this 4 bedroom 2 bath, with 2 car garage. There is 2 Living areas, a walk-in-closet, an updated kitchen with granite. Amazing master bath with large shower and garden tub! Outdoor kitchen, to many to list. Won't last long!
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Over an acre of land, corner homesite. Main home is a 2-story w/ fireplace. Open spacious layout, master bedroom is downstairs. Two living areas, formal & front w/fireplace. Second living area can be a great game-room. An all tiled kitchen with breakfast area and stainless steel appliances. Mature landscaping, sprinklers, 2 water wells, HUGE workshop. Plus 4 INCOME producing units totaling $3300.00 monthly income.
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1608 E Crenshaw Dr., McCamey, TX
3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom. Kitchen Breakfast area. Formal dining. Nice big fireplace in living area. 1 Car garage. Extra covered parking on back. Large storage room that can be converted to a man cave. Covered patio. Floors are all tiled with a nice neutral color through out the house. Automatic sprinkler system on front and back. Property includes an additional 1/2 acre lot across alley.
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1400 Ainslee St, Midland TX
Charming Home in Old Midland 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage with attached work shop on back. Home is built with cinderblock inside and outside walls. Nicely updated with tile and hardwood throughout home. large living space with living room, dining, and sunroom attached. Nice backyard with covered patio, slab for extra parking and dog run will not last, come check it out!
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This house needs very little work done to it. Cute 4 bedroom 2 bath with plenty of room both inside and out. BIG back yard and a BIG work shop in the back, with 2 carports one on the house and one on the shop. With water well, seller does not warranty water well. Come check this out before its gone.
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Go Check out this cute 2 Story home with 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath with nice size back yard and 2 car garage. Walking distance to Elementary School. Easy access to Loop 250.
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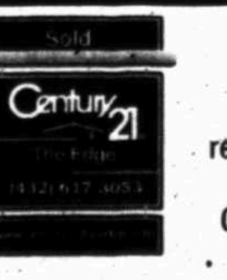

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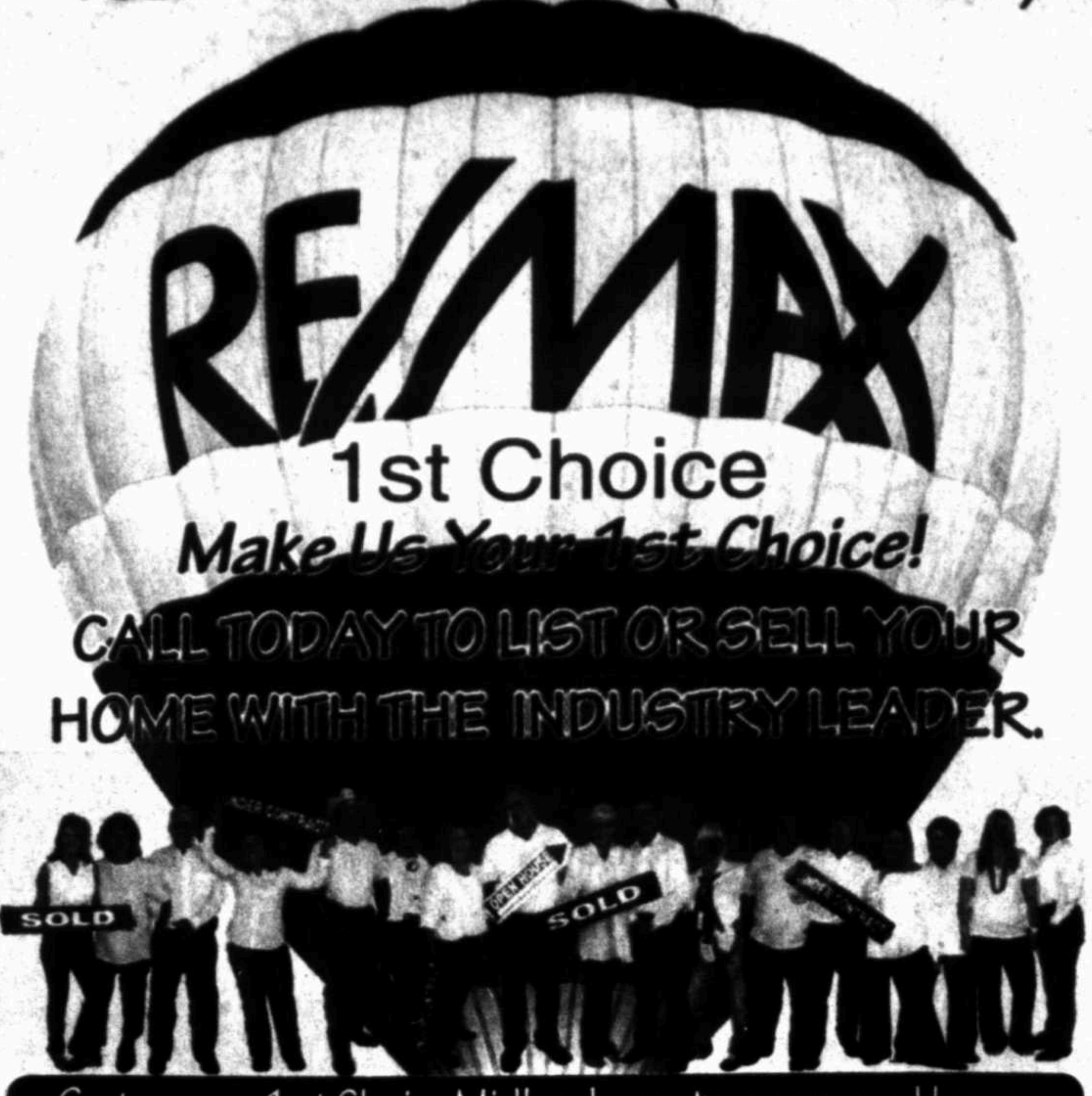

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2020 Mosswood-New construction! 5br, 4.5 ba ... $614,128
4101 ECR 63-4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2.2 Acres ... REDUCED $589,000
4109 ECR 63-4 bdrm, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres ... REDUCED $559,000
303 Skywood Circle-4 bed/4 bath, 2 living, pool plus bonus/guest house ... $500,000
5701 Ridgemont Pl.-5br, 3.5ba, Great buy in Grassland Estates ... $488,400
10515 ECR 109-3 bed, 3 1/2 bath, pool, RV parking, media room w/equipment, tack room - so much more ... $475,000
1307 WCR 130-5 bedroom, pool, guest house ... $445,000
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting ... $439,000
2807 Ann Drive-4br, 3ba on 1 acre! ... $400,000
3311 Haynes-4bd, 3 1/2ba, 2 story, pool, cabana ... U/C $344,900
9113 Bedford, Odessa-4BR, 3BA, 3LA on 0.5AC ... REDUCED $339,900
2106 SCR 1130-Greenwood 4/2/2, granite kitchen, wood & tile floors. 1.5 acres, pond, shop ... U/C $299,900
2824 Northtown Place-4br, 3 bath ... $295,000
5 San Miguel Square, Odessa-4br, 5 1/2ba, Great Buy! ... REDUCED $282,000
1301 Todd-4br/3ba, 2.5 acres ... $269,900
3527 Boyd Ave.-2 bed/2 bath townhome w/bonus room! Gorgeous courtyards! ... $257,000
4303 Crestwood-4/2/2 ... U/C $229,000
3301 Durant-4/2/2, corner lot ... $225,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-8.8 Acres ... REDUCED $214,900
2500 WCR 330-Country home, 3/2 on 20 acres ... $215,000
2406 Northtown-3/2/2, Southwestern Garden Home ... $207,000
1608 W. Pine-3/2/2, landscaped ... U/C $179,900
1509 Butternut Ln.-3 potential rental - investment property 3, 1 & 1/1 ... REDUCED $165,000
3506 Camarie-3br, 2ba ... $165,000
2610 N. A Street-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 garage ... $165,000
3236 Elma Dr.-2 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 garage townhome ... $164,900
1011 Denton-3/2, clean & ready ... $163,500
17161 N. Gonzales-4/2, 1 Acre, Pool, Gardendale ... REDUCED $159,900
112 E. Cottonwood-3/2, new construction ... $155,900
4904 & 4906 FM 307-2 houses, 3AC, shop, all for 1 low price ... U/C $149,900
17107 N. Gonzales Ave.-Gardendale, 3/2, 2.715 acres ... REDUCED $136,000
1114 Hickory-3/2, new construction ... $134,900
1112 Hickory-2/1 new construction ... $105,000
1001 S. Jefferson-3/1/CP, corner lot, large backyard ... $96,000
6600 E. CR 96-3/2 MH on 1/2 AC, Greenwood schools. Built 1994, 1568 sq ft ... $83,000

2 BEDROOMS

3236 Elma Dr.-2 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 garage townhome w/side courtyard ... $164,900
1112 Hickory-2/1 new construction ... $105,000

3 BEDROOMS

4305 SCR 1184-3/3 w/shop, 1.4 acres of park like setting ... U/C $295,000
14526 Western-3/2 on 2 acres in Gardendale ... U/C $275,000
5301 SCR 1160-3/2/FP, 1 acre, 60x40 shop for home based business ... U/C $259,000

3 BEDROOMS

3527 Boyd Ave-3/2/2, low maintenance ... $257,000
4804 Melville-3br/2.5ba ... U/C $230,000
2500 WCR 330-Country home, 3/2 on 20 acres ... $215,000
2406 Northtown-3/2/2, Southwestern Garden Home ... $207,000
4900 FM 307-3/2 on 1.98 AC, huge shop & pool. 2070 sq. ft. home with many upgrades ... SOLD $184,000
1608 W. Pine-3/2/2, landscaped ... $179,900
2611 Fannin-3/2/2, updated, fireplace, workshop ... U/C $179,900
114 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction ... $169,900
1805 E. Magnolia-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living areas, updated ... U/C $169,000
110 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction ... $166,900
3506 Camarie-3br, 2ba ... $165,000
1011 Denton-3/2, clean & ready ... $163,500
2111 College-3bdrm, 2ba ... REDUCED $159,000
2610 N. A Street-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 garage. LOTS OF NEW!! ... REDUCED $159,000
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2024 Mosswood-4/4 1/2 Grassland - Graham construction ... U/C $588,360
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2807 Ann Drive-4br, 3ba, 1 acre country home ... $400,000
10500 ECR 103-Greenwood, 4bdrm, 3 bath ... U/C $359,900
4907 Hilltop-4/3.5/3 beautiful with builder upgrades ... U/C $355,000
11909 FM 307-New constr., Greenwood 4/3/2, 2 liv or din., granite + tile, 1.5 AC ... U/C $354,900
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4303 Crestwood-4/2/2 ... U/C $229,000
3301 Durant-4/2/2, corner lot ... $225,000
3916 Hadden Dr.-4bd, 2 1/2 bath, Great buy! ... U/C $215,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-8.8 Acres ... REDUCED $214,900
3324 Providence-4br/2bath ... U/C $188,000
1107 Maple-4/2/3LA ... U/C $175,000
17161 N. Gonzales-4/2, 1 Acre, Pool, Gardendale ... REDUCED $159,900
4519 Roosevelt-4bd, 2ba, tons of updates ... U/C $129,000
501 Loraine-Quadraplex ... $75,000

5+ BEDROOMS

2020 Mosswood-New construction! 5br, 4.5 ba ... $614,128
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COUNTRY HOMES

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3312 Andrews Hwy.-Great location, .841 Acres ... $390,000
4306 N. CR 1148-2.91 Acres ... $93,120
11.44 Cynthia ... $89,000

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1002 I-20 Service Rd.-5.71 Acres ... $795,000
4216 Mamies Cr-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley ... $359,000
4301 Mamie Cr-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley ... $340,000
4208 Mamies Cr-Lot, 0.78 Acrs Approx Off Wadley ... $289,000
906 S. Marshall-2 huge service bays w/living quarters ... REDUCED $129,900

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2703 Savoy - $349,000

3322 Haynes Ave. - $269,500

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2100 N. L St.-Old Midland at it's finest 5 bdrms/3 full 2 half baths. Versatile and flowing floor plan ... $1,900,000
6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more ... $585,000
2703 Savoy-4/2 1/2 w/pool! ... $349,000
1502 North C Street-Old Midland, versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard ... $259,500
2801 W. Shandon Ave.-4/3, 2 living in Fannin/Midland Christian area ... $250,000
2001 Sands-Inviting 3BR/2BA,2 living, 2 garage ... $164,900
416 Stoneybrook-3/2, nice home in Wilshire Park ... $137,000
4402 Harlowe Dr.-Clean 3 bdrm/1 bath home in Wilshire Park. Move-in ready ... $109,900

Two Bedrooms

2508 W. Dengar-2BR/2BA/2 living, motivated seller! In Fannin area ... $199,000
811 N. D St.-2/1, wood floors - great! ... U/C $134,900
206 Casa Grande Dr.-Wonderful home w/2 bdrm, 1 bath. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, big bedrooms plus large sunporch and small workshop ... U/C $95,000
2601 Delano Ave.-2/2, cute starter home or investment property ... U/C $89,000

Three Bedrooms

7108 E. Co. Rd. 110-3/2.5/3 on 155.29 Acres, totally irrigated, perfect for development "ABUNDANT WATER!!" ... $2,750,000
4606 Meadowood Ct.-Townhouse! Great condition! ... U/C $339,000
3322 Haynes-Nicely updated with a new yard in back with covered patio! ... $269,500
2508 Harvard Ave.-3/2/2, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, lovely old Midland home just yards away from Cowden Park ... $269,000
1502 North C St.-Old Midland versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard! ... $259,500
2609 W. Shandon Ave.-Home has been completely updated, huge bedrooms, huge closets, tons of storage ... $225,000
2506 Fannin Ave.-3 bdrm/2 bath home with many updates including carpet, paint, tile, granite & much more ... SOLD $219,900
3221 W. Golf Course Rd.-Super 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath patio home in central location ... $199,500
2805 Sunburst Dr.-Terrific 3 bdrm/2 bath home, open kitchen/den w/fireplace, nice patio w/small lawn area. Move in ready ... SOLD $189,500
2806 Co. Rd. 1192-Recently built 3br/2bth brick home includes shop, corral, stalls, plus another acre without improvements. All pipe fenced ... U/C $188,000
3403 Shell Ave.-Well maintained 3 bdrm/2 bth home with great open plan ... $179,000
2707 Whittle Way-Expect to be impressed! 3BR, 2BA, plus sunroom and great storage/workshop ... SOLD $175,000
3202 Elma-Redone top to bottom! New kitchen, bathrooms, floors, walks, patio, move right in ... SOLD $169,500
2001 Sands-Room to roam, bright & open plan with 2 car garage ... $164,900

Three Bedrooms

416 Stoneybrook-3/2, nice home in Wilshire Park ... $137,000
3309 W. Ohio-3/2/1 carport/1garage, large detached workshop! ... U/C $115,900
4402 Harlowe Dr.-Clean 3 bdrm/1 bath home in Wilshire Park. Move-in ready ... $109,900
1415 Whitaker-Den w/fireplace, formal living, sunroom, shop & RV storage, buyer bonus ... U/C $104,000
1106 E. Cuthbert-Fresh and clean 3BR ... U/C $65,900

Four Bedrooms

6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more ... $585,000
7008 E. Co. Rd. 108-Great home in Greenwood workshop, horse stalls and pool ... U/C $575,000
4017 Baybrook-Wonderful 4 bedroom in Mockingbird Heights, hardwoods, granite, pretty decor, move-in ready ... $499,900
5207 Polo Club Rd-Beautifully updated home on a little over 2 acres w/barn, hay barn & tack room ... U/C $499,000
6312 Prairie Ridge-This McPherson built resale has it! Fantastic kitchen, media/game room, large bedrooms, plus outdoor kitchen ... U/C $484,900
2703 Savoy-4/2 1/2 w/pool! ... $349,000
3204 Durant Dr.-Beautiful 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/large circle drive. Great kitchen, bright sunroom and a wall of windows overlooking patio ... U/C $279,900
1502 North C St.-Old Midland versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard! ... $259,500
2801 W. Shandon Ave.-4/3, 2 living in Fannin/Midland Christian area ... $250,000
3409 S. Co. Rd. 1066-Quiet country living in Greenwood. This 4bdrm/2bth mobile home has large fenced backyard, covered front & back porch and a workshop w/electricity ... U/C $120,000
1415 Dotsy-Foreclosed 4BR/2BA ... U/C $89,900

Five or More Bedrooms

2100 N. L St.-Old Midland at it's finest! Sequestered master suite, library, oversized basment, pool and the list goes on ... $1,900,000
5501 Hillcrest-5 BR + bonus room, tile, new hardwoods, great plan, fresh paint, priced to sell quickly! Even a water well! ... SOLD $425,000

Town Homes and Patio Homes

4606 Meadowood Ct-3bdr/2.5bth. Townhouse! Great condition! ... U/C $339,000
3322 Haynes-Patio home with yard in back ... $269,500
3202 Elma-Gorgeous updating & parking! ... SOLD $169,500
6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more ... $585,000

New Construction

7108 E. Co. Rd. 110-3/2.5/3 on 155.29 Acres, totally irrigated, perfect for development "ABUNDANT WATER!!" ... $2,750,000

Lots, Land and Acreage

E. I-20-660+ acres just East of Midland on Interstate 20. Call Bill Scott for details ... $1,200,000
2293 Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx.-10 acres, numerous bay/storage buildings as well as many offices, asphalt paved parking/drives 25,414 sq. ft. bldg. area ... $1,000,000
Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott ... $650,000
7707 W. Co. Rd. 52-Great space in Pecan Acres. 6.67 acres with well & workshop with kitchen & bath ... $260,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy ... $179,000
Mockingbird Oaks-1 Acre lots each ... $131,000
10301 E. County Rd. 85-2.605 Acre tract ... $35,000

Commercial Investment Property

805 W. Wadley-For Lease-Free standing office building with approx. 4,054 sq. ft. ... LEASED
1304 W. Texas-For Lease-Office building with approximately 2,976 sq. ft. ... Call Bill Scott for Details
8000 W. I-20 East-8.69 acres in Leeco Industrial Park, city utilities, calicho and perimeter fencing in place. SE corner of I-20 & Faudree Road. Call Bill Scott ... $890,000
703 N. Hancock-Fabulous Medical office building in Odessa near ORMC & MCH. Approx. 4,999 sq. ft. with surgical procedure room & 4 exam rooms. Call Bill Scott ... $775,000
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 ... SOLD $645,000
701-703 W. Indiana-Office building w/4 separate suites, 10,000 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott ... U/C $325,000
2913 W. Industrial-Approx. 8,458 sq. ft. industrial/warehouse building on .788 acres. Terrific location w/2 offices & access to Carter St. Call Bill Scott ... SOLD $310,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail. Call Bill Scott ... $125,000

Out of Town Properties

2293 Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx.-10 acres, numerous bay/storage buildings as well as many offices, asphalt paved parking/drives 25,414 sq. ft. bldg. area ... $1,000,000
3625 Country Club/San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake Front home, Southwestern Style ... $850,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo, lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy ... $179,000
1415 Whitaker, Odessa-Spacious brick 3BR, 2BA, 2 living, fireplace ... U/C $104,000
206 Casa Grande Dr.-Wonderful home w/2 bdrm, 1 bath. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, big bedrooms plus large sunporch and small workshop ... U/C $95,000

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3209 STANOLIND - $495,000
STUNNING! This 3,394 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 4 bath home is loaded with all the amenities you could wish for! Two living areas, 2 dining areas and a amazing great room that looks out to the sparkling pool. Bonus room/office that is light and bright. Large kitchen iwth a hUGE island and tons of cabinets. Everything updated - absolutely magnificent master bathroom and stuning light fixutres throughout.
Shown by Sharon Horton, 853-7875

OPEN 3:00-4:30
14597 WESTERN, GARDENDALE - $299,500
HORSE LOVERS come see! Lovely inside remodel on this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home that sits on 2.5 acres. Stunning kitchen with granite breakfast nook. Roof replaced in 2012. There is a huge back covered porch and a 2 car garage. Includes 20x12 workshop with electricity and a 8x15 insulated storage to be used as tack room if needed.
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FEATURED LISTING

1801 W. MICHIGAN AVE.
$135,000
Cozy cottage with lots of updates! Metal roof installed in last few years, energy efficient windows. And great exterior siding. Gorgeous wood floors everywhere but the bathroom. Plantation shutters! Move-in ready! Huge kitchen!

HOMES AVAILABLE

4 BEDROOM		
3209 STANOLIND AVE		$509,400
4301 MOCKINGBIRD LANE		$448,000
5905 OAK CREEK		$336,500
3532 IMPERIAL		$210,000
3 BEDROOM		
4200 BOULDER AVE		$320,000
2915 REBEL DR	FACT ID #1053	$199,900
1204 WHITNEY DR		$199,500
302 KESSLER AVE	FACT ID #1070	$175,000
3305 ROOSEVELT		$152,000
2709 BARKLEY		$128,500
1218 S. WEATHERFORD		$110,000
2 BEDROOM		
1801 W. MICHIGAN	FACT ID #1068	$135,000
#64 600 LIDDON		$99,900
1 BEDROOM		
501 #5 SCHARBAUER DR		UNDER CONTRACT
4700 BOULDER	FACT ID #1044	$55,000
LAND		
5000 N. CO. RD. 1246 10 ACRES	FACT ID #1009	$300,000
COMMERCIAL		
4307 ANGUS RD. MOBILE HOME PARK		$450,000
0000 GRAND CANAL RD. SAN ANGELO		$135,000
ODESSA		
77 SHILOH	FACT ID #1073	$465,000
5221 N. ESMOND		UNDER CONTRACT
302 SANTA ROSA		$184,000
4005 LAKESIDE	FACT ID #1031	$198,500
GARDENDALE		
14597 WESTERN AVE		$299,500
14051 N. LOYOLA 4 BED/3 BATH MH, 1.41 ACRES	FACT ID #1027	

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4303 E. COUNTY RD. 60
Beautiful home with 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths and an open floor plan. 2 Water wells, storage bldg, 3 car garage with 2 1/4 acres. Please call Deborah. **$795,000.**

1825 E. SCHARBAUER DR.
4 bedrooms 1.5 baths 1 living and 1 dining. Great 4 bedroom bricked home. Has tile and hardwood floors throughout. Sequestered master. Great workshop with central air and heat. Call Elvia at 978-9798. **$155,000.**

438 PINE
Dated but good plan townhouse type and has small backyard but bigger front yard than normal. Will make a nice affordable place to live with some updating. **$120,000.** Call Carol.

3007 SENTINEL AVE.
3 bedroom 2 bath 2 living and 2 dining areas 2 car garage. Beautiful and Spacious home in Skyline Heights. **$189,900.** Please call Kerri 553-7443.

111 C STREET
Live and work in the same place close to downtown. Parking for 8 or more cars. This one is charming. 3 Bedrooms/2 baths/ 2 living/ 2 car garage. Call Kerri at 553-7443. **$500,000.**

3920 WALL STREET
This property has great exposure with approx 200 feet of frontage on Highway 80/Wall Street. Very deep lot with lots of room for expansion and parking. With flexible zoning the business opportunities are endless, boat sales, auto sales, auto body repair, mobile home sales, secondhand goods, greenhouse, furniture repair, gasoline station, wholesale office, carwash, restaurant, etc. LR3 zoning. **$250,000.** Call Kerri.

4314 CEDAR SPRING
1214 sft. 3 Bedroom 1 1/2 bath/1 living/1 dining. **$120,000.** Call Carol

11816 W COUNTY RD 58 1/2
12.39 Acres in a very nice neighborhood with mature trees. Seller will be willing to split this acreage into smaller sections. Location is great and is not far from amenities and has a great country feel. **$280,000.** Call Debbie

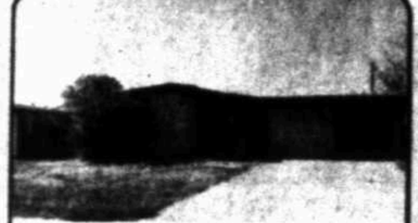
3225 ELMA DR.
Perfect 3-2-2 Townhouse with much updating in last few yearsVery clean and nice. See to appreciate. **$185,000.** Call Carol

3409 BOYD
Great Location!! 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Formal Living room, family room w/bookcase. Informal dining area off of the kitchen. Wood flooring in most of the home. Large backyard with a metal storage and a workshop. Call Cindy. **$130,000.**

LAND-- 6.21 ACRES WITH ACCESS TO LOOP 250 AND BEALPARKWAY. PLEASE CALL DEBORAH.

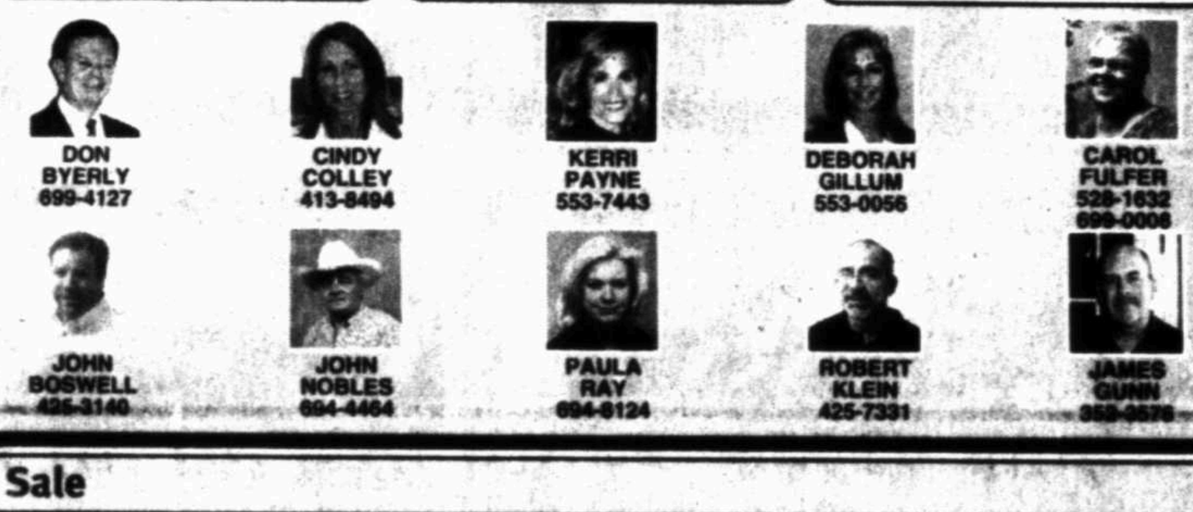
LOOP 250
This property is currently zoned retail however city will consider other proposals. No industrial. 6.21 acres. **$811,522.** Call Debbie.

417 S MAIN
Mi Mulato Restaurant. **$299,000.** Please call Elvia



702 BECKLY
Nice! Three bedroom home with large living area. Large garage with plenty of storage space! **$99,500.** Please call Jim.

3302 S TRAVIS AVE.
3 bedroom 2 bath 1 living area. Hardwood floors. Much potential. **$90,000.** Please call Deborah



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4+ BEDROOMS

10704 Dogwood-Phenomenal 4 bed/4 bath home sits on 11.57 acres in Gardendale! Huge workshop/garage w/half bath! Barn w/large stables! This spectacular home features hand-scraped hardwood floors, walls of windows, and custom paint & textures! Gourmet kitchen w/granite island, and stainless custom appliances! Incredible sequestered master suite! This home is complete w/a custom guitar-shaped pool and huge covered back patio! **$995,000**

6900 Paradise-Immaculate 4 bedroom/4.5 bath w/sweeping golf course views in Green Tree North! Downstairs rooms include: exquisite master suite, fitness room, study, gourmet kitchen, 2 living and 2 dining areas! Upstairs you will find an oversized game room and adjacent media room, and 2 guest bedrooms! The backyard perfect for entertaining w/a dazzling pool and outdoor kitchen! **$850,000**

2711 Shanks.-Horse lovers dream on 5 acres! Gorgeous 4 bed/2.5 bath home features soaring beamed ceilings, walls of windows w/fabulous courtyard views from 4 rooms, planked ceiling, and huge limestone fireplace! Gourmet kitchen w/limestone counters, hand painted tile, and Jenn Air appliances! Stunning master suite w/fireplace, sitting room, and French doors! 80X35 Barn w/4 stalls and plenty of fenced acreage for horses to graze. **$699,900**

20 Lakes Dr.- Extraordinary one owner custom home in Saddle Club Lakes! Some of its' fabulous features include custom lighting, walls of windows w/sweeping views of the lake, soaring ceilings, and a gorgeous kitchen! The media room, game room, study, and great room complete this incredible home! **$699,900**

4013 Baybrook Ct.- Fabulous 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Mockingbird Heights boasts spectacular updates throughout! The gourmet kitchen features granite countertops, like "new" stainless appliances, gas range, and refinished cabinets! Huge sequestered master suite offers an updated bath and beautiful fireplace! **$550,000**

5811 Highland Blvd.-Absolutely lovely 5 bedroom/3.5 bath home sits in Grassland Estates and can be easily used as a 4 bedroom w/huge game room! The gourmet kitchen features granite countertops, dramatic skylight, island, and ample storage! Walls of windows, plantation shutters, soaring ceilings, crown molding, and sequestered suites make this home a must see! **$475,000**

4601 Woodbar Ct.-Spectacular 5 bed/4.5 bath Mark Payne resale sits at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in Briarwood! 5th bedroom makes a wonderful media room! SOLD **$469,900**

5724 Ridgemont-NEW!-Absolutely spectacular 5 bedroom in Grasslands! Superb location in a quiet cul-de-sac next to a park! Spacious bedrooms, 4 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, huge backyard, and a workshop are among the many fabulous features this home has to offer! **$449,900**

4+ BEDROOMS

5502 Ashwood-Absolutely gorgeous 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Grassland sits on a quiet cul-de-sac! Spacious living area opens to the gourmet kitchen featuring beautiful granite, marble backsplash, breakfast bar and skylight! SOLD **$425,000**

9915 W County Rd. 77-Adorable 4 bed/2.5 bath new construction home to be completed November 30th! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, cozy fireplace, and miles of tile! U/C **$365,000**

1901 Pueblo-Great 4 bedroom/3 full bath/2 half bath home sits on an ½ acre! Some of its' fabulous features include travertine, custom cabinetry, and granite counter tops throughout! Soaring ceilings, custom lighting, and crown molding! SOLD **$359,900**

5013 Melville Dr.-Fabulously updated 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home w/formal and breakfast dining areas! Hardwood and ceramic tile flooring throughout! Large kitchen w/granite, lots of counter space, and gorgeous cabinets! SOLD **$299,900**

2507 Dengar-Fabulously updated 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Fannin school district! Gorgeous gourmet kitchen w/huge island! Hand-scraped hard wood floors, recent carpet & paint! Energy efficient windows! U/C **$289,900**

3705 Oakridge Ct.-Spacious 4 bed/3 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in a great school district! Large living area opens to the kitchen and formal dining w/high ceilings! The kitchen has a large island, stainless appliances, and tons of cabinetry! Sequestered master bath features a tub-size shower, dual sinks, and separate closets! **$283,900**

3900 Westminister Dr.-Great 4 bedroom/3 bath home sits on a large corner lot w/direct access to the loop and walking distance to school and park! Tons of tile, beautiful wood floors and a towering brick fireplace! **$262,500**

5006 Sherwood-Wonderful 4 bed/2 bath home in Green Hill Terrace sits on the corner of a quiet cul-de-sac! Designer paint colors, tile and faux wood floors throughout! SOLD **$255,000**

1210 W Tennessee Ave.-Charming 4 bedroom/2 bath home in old Midland w/in walking distance to schools and close to downtown! Windows and siding recently replaced! Updated kitchen w/an abundance of cabinet space! U/C **$169,900**

4511 Anetta-Darling 4 bed/2 bath home in great condition w/lots of space! Some of its' charming features include built-ins, walls of windows w/2 inch blinds, updated flooring, and brick fence! This home is complete w/2 large living areas and 4 spacious bedrooms! **$139,900**

7800 SCR 1265-Spacious 3 bed/4.5 bath country estate sits on 19.8 acres between Midland & Odessa! Updated throughout! This home features miles of tile, 2 fireplaces, tons of storage, 4 water wells, and gated drive! The gourmet kitchen has gorgeous granite countertops, gas range, and large buffet! Home is centered around an atrium! This estate is complete w/2 ponds perfect to stock fish, 2 outbuildings, and plenty of room for roping! **$625,000**

4225 Timberglen-Fabulous 3 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Mockingbird Heights! Some of its' gorgeous features include soaring stacked ceilings, walls of windows, beautiful hardwood floors, textured walls, and designer paint! U/C **$450,000**

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4561 Shady Oak-Huge 3 bed/3 full bath/3 half bath home on the golf course in Green Tree! Many updates in home w/great potential! Kitchen is light and bright and has stainless appliances! Huge downstairs master suite features a fireplace, oversized tub, and separate shower! Game room upstairs! All bedrooms have private baths! **$349,900**

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4535 Shady Oak-This spacious 3 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Green Tree! Some of its' wonderful features include 2 large living areas, tons of storage, and beautiful views of the golf course! Master bedroom has a rock fireplace, dual vanities, and 2 huge closets! This home is complete w/2 private patios, open kitchen design, and extended garage! **$299,000**

5909 Pedernales- NEW!-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home is in a lovely location and features miles of tile, recessed lighting, & an open floor plan! The kitchen opens to the living area and has stainless appliances, pantry, breakfast bar, and granite countertops! The sequestered master bedroom has dual sinks, separate shower & jetted tub! **$254,900**

3200 Southridge Ct.-Absolutely breath-taking 3 bed/2 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home showcases arched doorways, rounded corners, soaring ceilings, walls of windows, and miles of Italian-look stone tile. SOLD **$239,900**

3605 Coquina Ln.- Absolutely fantastic 3 bed/2 bath Mark Payne resale! Great open floor plan! Spacious living with a cozy fireplace! Gourmet kitchen features stainless appliances and breakfast bar! SOLD **$239,900**

2908 Northtown Pl.-Spacious 3 bed/2 bath home sits in a quiet neighborhood and is w/in walking distance to schools and shopping! Kitchen offers double ovens, built-in microwave, disposal, and opens to the breakfast dining! SOLD **$225,000**

2602 Boeing- NEW!-Darling 3 bed/2 bath home in Fannin school district! This home features gorgeous laminate wood floors, 3 spacious bedrooms, and a heated/cooled sunroom! Large kitchen has recent appliances and opens to the cozy den featuring a fireplace! Recent HVAC unit, recent fence and sprinkler system in the front and backyard! **$179,900**

5102 Thomason- NEW!-Spacious 3 bedroom 1.5 bath sits within easy access to the loop! This home features 2 living areas, one with a fireplace! 2 car garage and workshop! **$155,000**

1406 Lynn Ave.-Beautiful 3 bed/2bath new build by Zarate! This home is light & bright w/spectacular granite throughout! Some of its' features stained concrete floors, custom high ceilings, and a large open kitchen w/a long eating bar! Sequestered master suite has dual sinks, separate shower & tub, and a huge walk-in closet! **$154,900**

1110 Humble-Cozy 2 bedroom/2 bath townhome in a great neighborhood! SOLD **$115,000**

421 W. Dormard-Cozy 3 bedroom/2 bath home sits in a great neighborhood and is within walking distance to shopping centers and restaurants! The charming kitchen features a gas stove! Tons of tile, 2 living areas, separate utility, and sequestered master suite complete this lovely home! **$74,900**

LAND AND LOTS

2221 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 5 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! **$75,000**

1975 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivisions Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 4.8 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! **$72,000**

1990 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 4.3 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! **$64,500**

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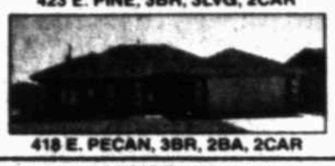
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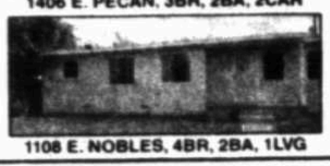
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4901 Hillsboro Ct. - $275,000
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FEATURED LISTINGS

6012 Clarewood-4/3/3, custom built homes by Joe Frazier, coming soon ..... TBD
6008 Clarewood-6/4.5/3. Stunning new construction by Joe Frazier. Estimated completion January 2013 ..... $709,500
4901 Hillsboro Ct-Fabulous 4/2.5/2 Class 4 roof put on March 2012, air purification system in HVAC, new gas range. Spacious and well cared for $275,000
1002 S. Marienfeld St.-One of the first homes in Midland. Fantastic architecture, detail throughout, on over 2 acres. Zoned C-3. All buildings included $240,000
2017 Auburn-4/2.5/2 Plantation shutters, recent flooring, separate closets in master ..... SOLD...$236,000
2600 N A St.-Beautifully remodeled home will thrill you. Completely remodeled kitchen with gorgeous granite, cabinets by Rivas Cabinets. Don't wait too long! $210,000
2412 Cimmaron-3/2/2 Beautifully updated, 2 living areas, hardwood floors, crown molding, spacious bedrooms ..... SOLD...$210,000
2304 Shandon-3/2/2 in Fannin. Nice updates, sparkling pool ..... U/C...$179,000
2714 Kessler-4/2.5 with 2 living areas, abundant storage, over 2,000 square feet $139,900
4610 W. Illinois-3/2/1 with bonus room that could be a fourth bedroom. Fresh paint, recent carpet, central air 2011 ..... $122,000
1407 N. Kelly in Odessa-2/1/1 water well, RV parking, 24x57 workshop with 1/2 bath ..... SOLD...$120,000
1301 E 55th Odessa- 3/2/1 with storage building, large yard, wonderful family room with free standing fireplace $107,000
2110 Hanley-Odessa, 3/2, or addition could be used as a fourth bedroom, 1 car garage $100,000
1710 Main-3/2/1 Oversized garage. Spacious home. Large yard ..... U/C...$94,900
1505 S Marshall-Move in ready 3/2/1 carport, new carpet, large yard with storage shed. Only $69,900
6506 Wewoka Pl -3/2/2 on over 1/2 an acre. Country living close to town $87,500

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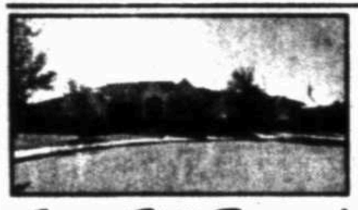

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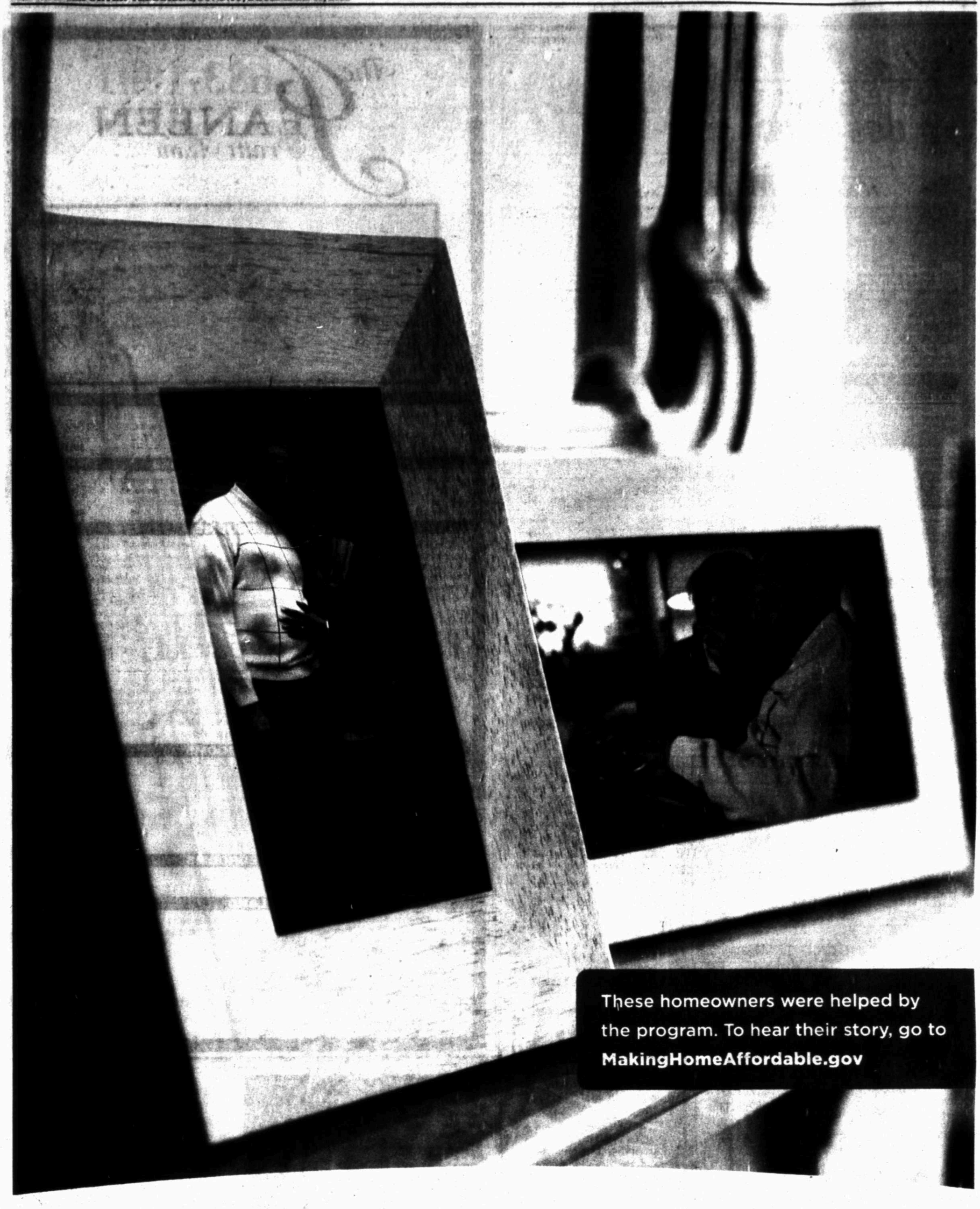

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5009 Los Alamitos-3 or 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2 Living Areas. Location! Location! Saddle Club South! Beautiful Curb Appeal. New Outside A/C Unit. Huge Master, Lots of Storage! ..... New Listing! $300,000
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4801 Knights Pl-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Polo Park! Location! Large Corner Lot w/Great Curb Appeal! Open Plan! Large Covered Patio for Entertaining ..... Sold! $260,000
4900 Rio Grande-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Better Than NEW 2009 Home in Northgate! Miles of Tile, Stainless Appliances, Oil Bronze Fixtures! ..... New Price! $224,500
2906 Purple Sage-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Fabulous Find in Vista West! Open Plan, High Ceilings, Quiet Cul-de-sac, Fantastic Curb Appeal! ★★★Under Contract in 2 days! $205,900
2900 Wydewood-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Wydewood Estates! Granite in the Kitchen! Hand-scraped Hardwood Floors. Vessel sinks in the bathroom! In-ground Pool, Pool is As Is ..... Sale Pending! $202,500
2901 Mark Ln-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Wydewood Estates! Lee High School District, Great Open Plan, Recent Updates, Low Maintenance. Easy to Show! ..... New Price! $197,000
1508 N. C Street-2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Freshly Painted, HUGE Front Living Area, Kitchen is Loaded w/cabinets. Great Back Yard. Easy Maintenance in the front! ..... New Price! $174,500
800 Sinclair-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Lots of upgrades to this house! New flooring, comletely remodeled bath, great floor plan! Water well for yard!!! ..... New Listing! $154,900
4713 Shadylane Dr-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, 2 Car Garage. New Paint & Carpet, Recent Appliances & Countertops! Also For Lease $2,000/Month! ..... New Listing! $139,900
705 Sandalwood-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Dining Areas. Quaint Easy To Own! Big Master Bedroom w/walk-in closet, updated Master Bath. Updated master bathroom. Upgraded Floors! ..... Sold! $139,000
4500 Leddy - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas. Great Floor Plan on Corner Lot, Hardwood Floors, Ceramic Tile, Updated Lighting, Very Clean Home!!! ..... Sold! $139,000
1606 Delmar-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Super Cute! Completely Updated!!! NEW Wood Flooring, tile, & carpet, new countertops, fixtures! Too Much To Mention! ..... Sold! 135,500
2312 Storey-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Great Baths, Hardwood Floors, recent paint, roof, Heating/AC, Huge Kitchen, Large Oversized Yard! ..... New Price! $132,000

FOR LEASE

2824 Auburn-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2Living, 2 Dining, In-Ground Pool! 12 Month Lease, Min 600 Credit Score ..... For Lease! $2,000
4713 Shady Lane-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Car Garage. 1 Year Lease, $2,000 Deposit, 600 Minimum Credit Score ..... For Lease! $2,000
2312 Storey - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage. Deposit to match Rent. 6 Month Lease $2,000/month. 1 Year Lease $1,800/month. 600 Minimum Credit Score ..... For Lease! $1,800

COMMERCIAL/LOTS/ACREAGE

1901 N. Big Spring-2 Lots, High Traffic, Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info ..... New Price! $995,000
2001 S Co Rd 1180-Excellent Opportunity for Development! 115+/- Acres. Mature pecan orchard, business office/warehouse, workshop, barn, living quarters, 16 water wells & much more! Call David for more details ..... Sold! $950,000
2001 E FM 1379-2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Custom Built Retreat on 54.54 ACRES!!! Gated Entry w/paved drive. AMAZING half acre pond. Gourmet kitchen w/wine fridge. All top of the line high end finishes here!!! 4 water wells! Call Sabrina for more details! ..... Land! $830,000
520 N CR W, Odessa-Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land, Church & Warehouses Included! ..... New Listing! $695,000
Billy Hext Rd, Odessa-Fabulous Pad Site in Eastridge Office Park! Anchor Location! Call Chris to more details! ..... New Listing! $500,000
2001 FM 1379-Beautiful 27.27 acres with two water wells. Restricted to site built homes only but no minimum sq ft. Wild game, amazing view endless possibilities. Additional land and home available ..... Land! $289,109
7710 Trenton-One of the Last Available Lots in Saddle Club Ranch Estates!!! No HOA! Build Your Dream Home on 1.95 ACRES! ..... New Lot! $109,900
Scharbauer Dr-Investor Opportunity! 4 Lots Sold in package, 1201-1207 Scharbauer Dr. Owner will not subdivide. Ready to Build! May require flood insurance ..... Lots! $65,000
911 S. Main-Great Opportunity! Lot is currently fenced. Zoned LR-3. Owner will finance w/$10,000 down at 8%. NO CREDIT CHECK! ..... Lot! $49,000
Turtle Dove Ln, Possum Kingdom-Great Lake Property in a Private Gated Community! Ammenities include 3,000 sqft Clubhouse over looking lake w/infinity pool! Call Blanca for more details!!! ..... Lot! $45,000

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

8508 Axis-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba, in ground pool! Bank foreclosure in SW Austin right off S Mopac ..... Sale Pending! $224,900
121 Serene Hollow-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Buda! Relocation listing in pristine condition! Bonus Study! ..... Sale Pending! $181,650
138 Dove Lane-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake LBJ! ..... New Price! $169,900
151 Stone Crest-3 Bedroom, 2 Ba Chase foreclosure in Buda with super easy access to IH-35! 1 Story Ranch Style ..... Sale Pending! $144,900
6507 Eudora Cove-4 Bd/2.5 Ba, 3 living, FANNIE MAE listing with fresh new beige paint & clean carpets. Cul-de-Sac in S Austin ..... Sale Pending! $144,900
8604 Winter Haven-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba Bank Foreclosure! SE Austin KB home in master planned community ..... Sold! $108,900
5629 Victory Gallop-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Del Valle! FANNIE MAE property over 2600 sqft on corner lot! ..... Sale Pending!! $104,900
404 Emerald Way-Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4340 ..... New Price! $29,900

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GREEN TREE PROPERTIES

5309 Scottsboro Lane - fabulous 4 bedroom/3 bath home in green tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, stone back splash & stainless appliances. Great den has built-ins, brick fireplace & lots of windows! Formal living & dining areas w/so much natural light. Spacious utility room w/walk-in pantry, seq. Master suite w/2 vanities, sep tub/shower & walk-thru closet. Lovely covered patio overlooks lush landscaping ..... SOLD..$389,900

GREENWOOD PROPERTIES

10601 County Rd 102-NEW-Gorgeous Country Estate w/park like grounds! 4 Bed/2 ba/2 din. Hardwood floors in entry lead to open living w/wall of windows, brick fp & crown milding. Open kitchen w/custom cabinets & lots of storage! Seq. Master w/jetted tub, sep shower, dual sinks & big closet! 4th bed is oversized & could be used as 2nd living. Lovely yard w/pool + 2 patios! 30x50 insulated shop (wired 200 amp)perfect for RV ..... SOLD..$369,900

4+ BEDROOMS

6513 Los Conchos Lane - Spectacular country estate on nearly 1 acre! 5 Bed/5 ba/5 gar formal dining, grand living area + den. Hand textured walls, gourmet kitchen boasts stainless appliances (6 burner gas ct & ice maker) seq. Master suite w/barrel ceiling, jetted tub, sep shower (dual shower heads) soaring ceilings & walls of windows overlook huge patio w/outdoor fireplace & kitchen. Enery star home w/foam insulation $850,000
5106 Oak Valley- Immaculate custom home w/gorgeous features thru-out. Large living w/stone columns, stone fireplace, miles of tile & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/large island gas cooktop, stainless appl. Stone backsplash & breakfast bar. 3 Covered patios. Great backyard+separate side yard!Seq. Master suite w/jetted tub, sep shower w/dual heads, 2 vanities & wrap around closet. Big bedrooms w/walk-in closets ..... SOLD..$390,000
5309 Greathouse-New construction in greathouse! Boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living, 2 dining & 3 car garage. 4th bed is larger (14 x 17) can be a 2nd living area/media room ! Spacious living has brick fireplace, soaring ceiling & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen opens to la & offers granite, island, stone backsplash, skylight, & stainless appliances! Seq. Master suite w/sep tub/shower & wrap around closet $385,000
1905 Windrift-Amazing 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage home, 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car, 1 living are, 2 dining areas, gas logs, in living area ..... SOLD..$279,900
2818 Northtown Place-Nice patio style home w/middle courtyard + backyard! huge living w/built-ins & brick fireplace, completely renovated kitchen w/recent cabinets, granite, stainless appliances & tile. most of the windows have been replaced. hvac approx. 4 years old. roof replaced 2009. Walls of windows overlook middle courtyard, just perfect for entertaining. storage building, backyard & open patio ..... SOLD.. $239,900
4408 St. Andrews-NEW-Great 4 bed/2 bath/home in fairmont park. Spacious living are w/high ceilings, brick fireplace & crown molding. Nice kitchen w/ stainless stove & microwave, under/over cabinet lighting. Lots of storage. Sequestered master w/dual sinks & walk-in closet ..... U/C.. $185,000
1209 Tejas-Super cute 4 bedroom/1.5 Bath w/ recent carpet, paint, flooring & fixtures. Large lost (.67 Acre) ..... U/C..$145,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

6500 Waurika-NEW-Lovely three bedroom/2 bath located on large corner lot in cul-de-sac! Open living w/fireplace, tile & crown molding. Formal dining, bar + breakfast area. Nice kitchen w/granite, custom cabinets & backsplash. Sequestered master w/study, dual sinks, jetted tub, sep shower & his/her closets! Granite counter tops thru-out! Large yard, covered patio, auto sprinkler front, back & side ..... SOLD.. $235,000
2108 Abbey PL.-NEW-Spacious home in Wydewood 2 blocks from the park! 3 Bed/2 ba/3 car garage! Formal dining + breakfast area. Big living area w/brick fireplace & built-ins! Master has dual sinks, dual closets & separate tub. Home needs some updating...Has a ton of potential. Seller wants an as-is sale ..... U/C..$179,900
4700 Boulder # 106-NEW-Spacious 2 bedroom/2 bath condo! Open living area with custom paint, miles of tile and brick fireplace. Kitchen offers custom paint & spacious pantry. Nice-sized bedrooms each with private bathroom. Inside utility closet. Patio has wood fence $55,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

600 N. Weatherford - Great high visibility location. Corner lot! 12,000 Square feet under roof, 1000 square feet of additional storage. Onsite fenced parking. Heating, electrical & ac upgraded in 2000 when property was expanded $1,250,000

LAND

191 Tammy Dr. – Odessa, Prime location, 10 acres cleared. 1 Water well (per seller well produces 26 gpm) + electricity. 30 Trees on drip system. Recorded restrictions as follows: no hazardus materials dumped on the ground, no lot subdivided, no dumping, front setback 100 ft. $300,000
0000 Tammy Dr.-Odessa, Prime location! 10 Acres of raw land zoned commercial. This is unimproved property. Recorded restrictions as follows: no hazardus materials dumped on the ground, no lot subdivided, no dumping, front setback 100 ft $300,000
Lot 1 Arapahoe Rd- Great location to build custom home (no mobile homes allowed) city water available, private sewer needed. May require flood insurance, check with your insurance provider. Near loop 250 so it is very close to shopping & business $19,900
Lot 4 Arapahoe Rd- Great location to build custom home (no mobile homes allowed) city water available, private sewer needed. May require flood insurance, check with your insurance provider. Near loop 250 so it is very close to shopping & business $19,900

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Houston Chalmers HOMES

5808 Dunbarton Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $363,800
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2503 Legacy Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $479,500
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5303 Wimberley Spring Court
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FEATURED HOMES

6501 Mosswood
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $457,000

4236 Timberglen
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $615,000

"May the spirit of the holidays warm your heart and home."
~ Unknown

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Crystal Homes
Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry

6501 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car garage, priced @ $780,000

Saenz Signature Homes

5700 Carmel Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $325,000

Carrasco Homes

1118 E. Jax Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $158,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL
2210 Merrily Dr ..... Big Spring/4 Bdrm/1.5 Ba $104,500
7244 Barksdale ..... Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Townhouse ..... U/C
205 Walker Court ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... U/C
900 Goliad ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $214,900
3404 Sagemont Dr ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $229,900
240 Main St ..... Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Indoor Pool $250,000
6508 Waurika Pl ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $264,900
4033 Angelina Dr ..... 5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... U/C
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316 ..... Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage $299,500
4236 Timberglen ..... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool $615,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION
1116 E. Jax Ave. ..... Valencia Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage ..... U/C
1118 E. Jax Ave. ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2Ba/2 Car Garage ..... SOLD
4803 Yearwood ..... Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... SOLD
409 Springwood Ct ..... James Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5303 Wimberley Spring Ct ..... Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5312 Wimberley Spring ..... Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5308 Wimberley Spring ..... Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
3121 Patrick Pl ..... Henson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5808 Dunbarton Oaks ..... Houston Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $363,800
6501 Mosswood ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $457,000
6505 Mosswood ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $467,500
6509 Mosswood ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $468,500
6417 Mosswood ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $477,500
2503 Legacy Oaks ..... Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $479,500
6506 Saddle Horn ..... Morse Properties/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
6501 Los Conchos ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage ..... SOLD

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE
Luna Rosa Estates ..... Gardendale/New Homes ..... Call Gary
2313 N. Co. Rd. 1134 1/2 ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Located in Pecan Mobile Home Park $30,000
5811 E. Co. Rd. 57 ..... Greenwood/5.79 Acres $120,000
4007 E. Co. Rd. 160 ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/6.2 Acres $140,000
240 Main St ..... Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool $250,000
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316 ..... Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage $299,500
FM 1213 ..... Approx 30 Acres $600,000

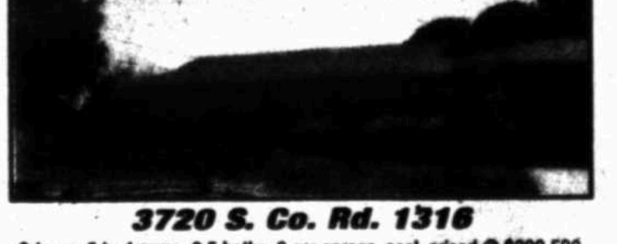
SUBURBAN HOME SITES
Luna Rosa Estates ..... W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots ..... Call Gary
6400 Mockingbird Lane ..... Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres $92,500
3905 Tumbleweed Trail ..... 2.5 Acres/Horse Barn $125,000

LAKE SIDE PROPERTY
421 Co. Rd. 611 ..... Lake Brownwood/2 Bdrm/2 Ba $399,500

COMMERCIAL
2000 Rankin Hwy ..... 6.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning $925,000
240 Main St ..... Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool $250,000

FEATURED HOMES

6508 Waurika Place
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $264,900



3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316
Odessa, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, pool, priced @ $299,500

2210 Merrily Drive
Big Spring, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, priced @ $104,500

900 Goliad
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $214,900

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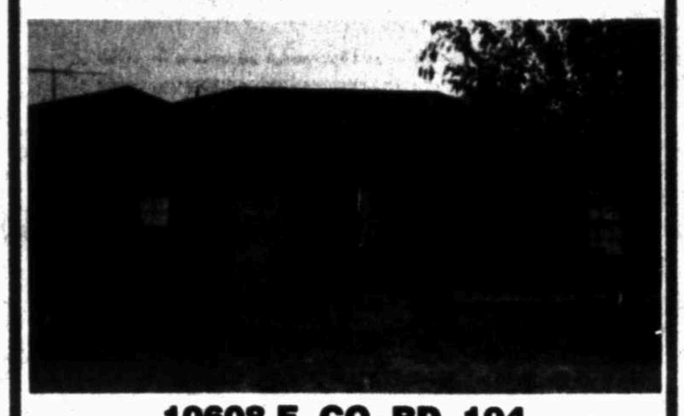

10608 E. CO. RD. 104
$230,000
5 bedrooms, lots of updates.
Shown by Tracy Farrow

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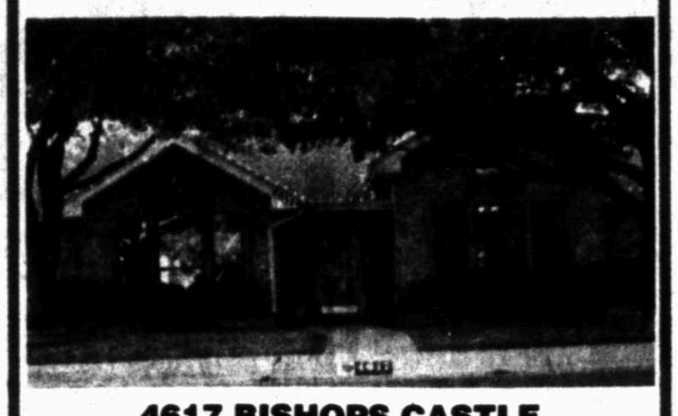


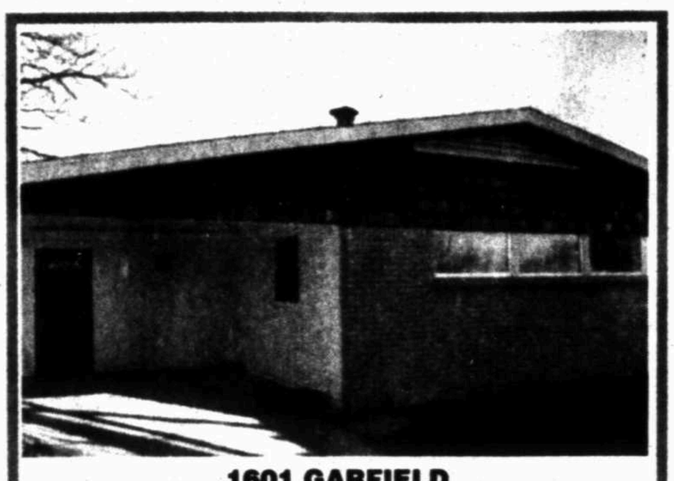
4617 BISHOPS CASTLE
$265,900
Light, bright & clean 4/3, updated in Polo Park!
Shown by Elisia Flatt

OPEN 2:30-3:30

3610 SINCLAIR AVE.
$155,000
Recent updates, 3 bedroom, 2 bath!
Shown by Darla Davis

FEATURED HOMES & NEW LISTINGS

12107 W. CO. RD. 52
$465,000
MLS #92758, Caleb Matott 349-3330



1601 GARFIELD
$144,900
MLS #92764, Danny Norwood 618-5012

1710 PUEBLO
$299,720
MLS #92738, Josie Rendon 889-8394

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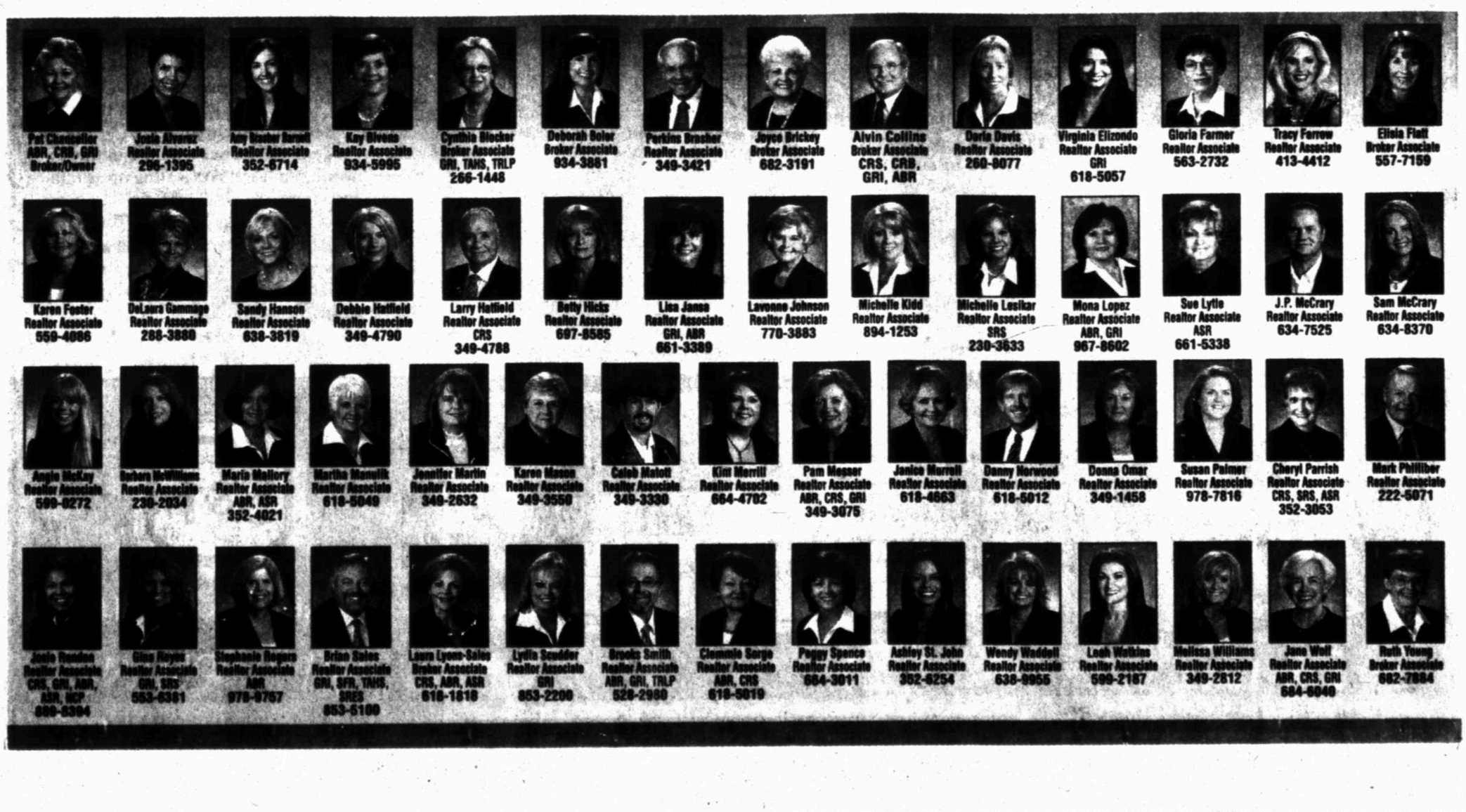

HOMESTYLE

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING Sunday, December 16, 2012

Percentage of shoppers who bought home décor on Black Friday.
Source: BIGinsight Black Friday Weekend Survey of 4,885 consumers; Nov. 2012

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Hanging Around the Holidays

Running out of ways to decorate for the holidays? These gravity-defying displays add some festive glamour

Barbara Matson

By ALICE OGLETHORPE | CTW Features

During any other time of year, stringing up random items around the home looks odd and haphazard. But around the holidays, hanging ornaments, mistletoe, wreaths, bells and more from the ceiling can be an easy way to give a home a glamorous and festive feel.

Simple Does It

The easiest project is to take something that is already hanging and add holiday items to it. That's what Barbara Matson of Markova Designs did.

"I'm not one to break the bank when I decorate for the holidays," says Matson, a home decor blogger who lives just outside of Vancouver. "I have a gorgeous crystal chandelier over my dining room table and decided to hang some of [Christmas] balls from it with pretty ribbon."

Matson made sure to keep the balls high enough so they wouldn't interfere with people dining or candles on the table.

"I also hung crystals from an iron chandelier in my kitchen, strung up a glittery sign that says Noel in front of a mirror, and hung wreaths in front of my windows," she says.

Getting Crafty

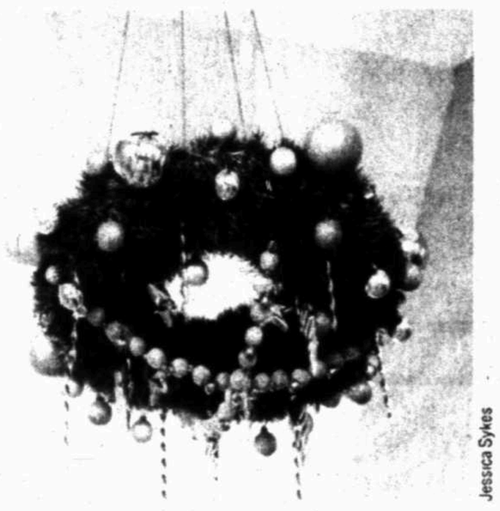
Jessica Sykes, a craft blogger in Newport Richee, Fla., literally turned things on end when she made a wreath to hang from her ceiling.

"I wanted to use some of the vertical space in my home, so I bought the largest foam wreath ring I could find in a craft store, wrapped it in faux garland, and sprayed it with flocking paint to give it the look of being frosted with snow," she says. "I then tied it in three different places with cording and hung it from a hook on the ceiling." Once it was in place, Sykes decorated the wreath with different ornaments.

"You don't have to make it all yourself," she says. "You could get a real wreath or a faux one that was already made. And I did just silver ornaments, but you could combine them with gold and green ones as well."

Small Space

Hanging decorations help make the most of a tight spot, such as doorways or nooks. Melanie Collette, a blogger in Mesa, Ariz., found large bells for a low price, and bought some to hang over a small bar area in the kitchen.



Jessica Sykes

Melanie Collette

"I had seen ornaments on ribbons hanging in windows, but I wanted something a little more substantial in my home," Collette says.

She took a white three-quarter-inch dowel rod that was six feet long and wrapped it with red tape so it looked like a striped candy cane. "I screwed some hooks into the ceiling and tied ribbon to the rod and hung it on the hooks. Then I used ribbon to hang the bells from the rod along with snowflakes, stars, and glitter balls," she says. "Everyone compliments me when they see it."

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Keep the Critters Out

That warm, cozy house attracts more than just friends and family as houseguests

By ALYSSA KARAS
CTW Features

People aren't the only ones who value a dry, cozy home in cold weather. Rodents do, too. To avoid unwelcome, furry houseguests this winter, prepare your house now.

"If it gets colder, everything that was out tends to want find some sort of harbor inside," says Paul Matusiak, senior service manager at Batzner Pest Management in Milwaukee. "Mice, rats, roaches, spiders: They want to find someplace that's more controlled in temperature."

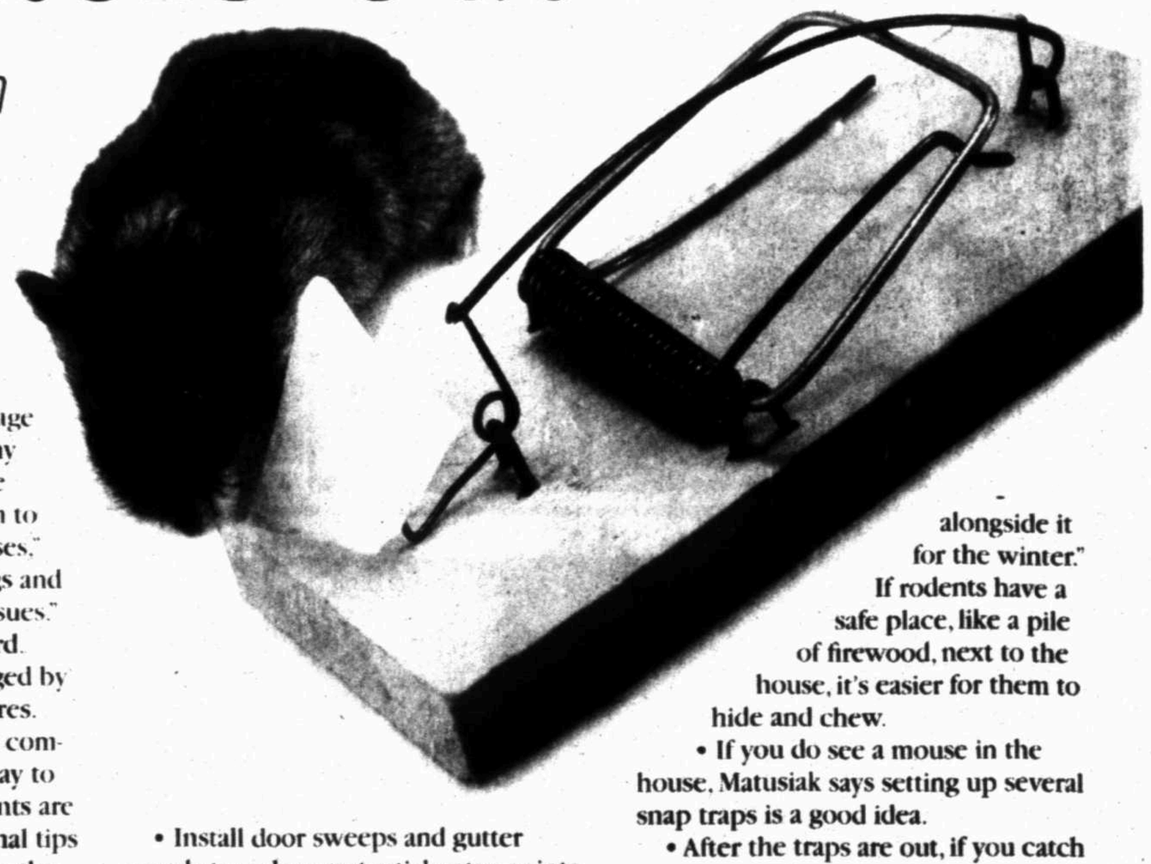
The most common invader is the house mouse. "As long as a mouse can squeeze its head through an opening, the body will very easily follow," says Kim Kelley-Tunis, technical services director at Orkin, a national pest-control company based in Atlanta. That means mice can enter a home through openings smaller than a dime. After the house mouse, Norway rats and roof rats are the most common rodents likely to take shelter in a building.

Besides being a nuisance, rodents can cause structural damage and health problems, which is why it's important to take preventative measures. "House mice are known to carry a number of different diseases," Kelley-Tunis says. "Their droppings and urine can cause any number of issues."

Rodents can also be a fire hazard. Nesting material and wires damaged by chewing can lead to household fires.

Rodent-proofing involves some common sense; for instance, experts say to make sure all holes and entry points are properly sealed. Try these additional tips to keep the critters from spending the winter at your house:

• Pay careful attention to the natural holes in the home, such as where electrical wires go out and air conditioner plumbing comes in.



• Install door sweeps and gutter guards to reduce potential entry points for rodents.

• Keep plants and branches hanging over the home trimmed, and don't store firewood next to the house. And, Matusiak says, "Don't prop the canoe alongside it for the winter." If rodents have a safe place, like a pile of firewood, next to the house, it's easier for them to hide and chew.

• If you do see a mouse in the house, Matusiak says setting up several snap traps is a good idea.

• After the traps are out, if you catch mice "more than a few days in a row, then you've got a serious problem and you should contact a professional," Matusiak says.

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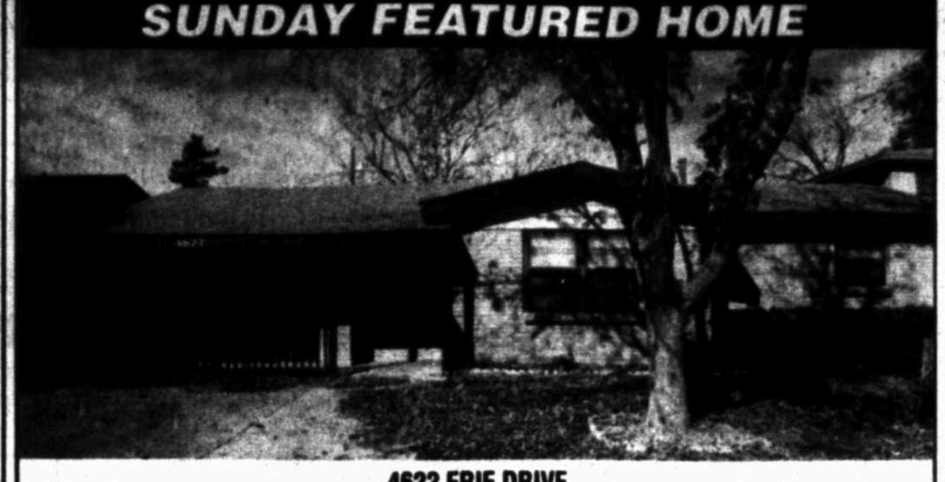

4622 ERIE DRIVE

Great home with a little updating this home offer multiple living area's and could be oh so cozy. A large country kitchen where family gathers & cooks chat. 3rd bedroom offers the opportunity of double entry access & will make a great study/office. Detached 2 car garage with alley access and front parking pad. No lawn mower needs with artificial turf in the front yard and garden/flower beds in the backyard. MLS# 92750, $151,500

FEATURED LISTINGS

4622 Erie Dr.		MLS# 92750	$151,500
3921 E. Golf Course-(New Construction)		MLS# 92731	$296,444
4701 Hilltop Dr.	UNDER CONTRACT/OPT.	MLS# 92656	$299,950
600 Liddon #68		MLS# 92560	NEW PRICE $78,000
107 Waverly -2 Story	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 92386	$108,000
811 W. Storey-with pool and guest house		MLS #92265	$372,000
3223 Cimmaron		MLS #92074	NEW PRICE $172,000
3511 W. Louisiana	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #91977	$143,900
107 N. Eisenhower Dr.-New Construction	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #91778	$235,000
6921 North Co. Rd 1294-4.93 acres		MLS #91681	$330,000
2648 East FM 1212, Stanton-12 acres		MLS #91639	$229,900
6801 SCR 1210-on 70 acres w/ private gun range, pool & cantina		MLS #91271	$920,000
9300 S. CO. Rd 1210 **(Seller to consider selling house and 60 Ac.)**		MLS #90895	$1,399,000
Sunridge Ranch Estates 3+acres lots		Per Lot	$95,000
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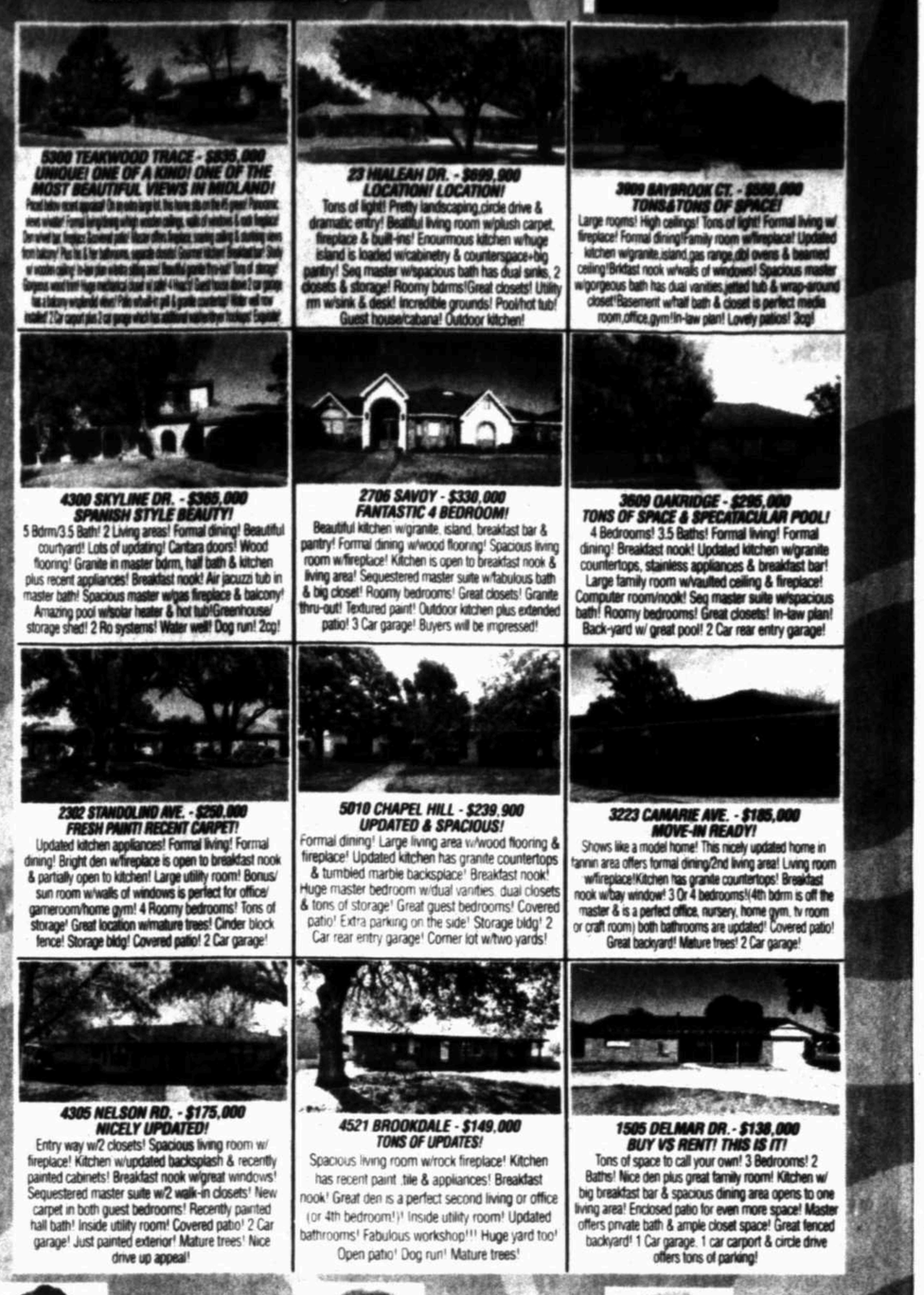

5305 TEAKWOOD TRACE - $695,000
UNIQUE! ONE OF A KIND! ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VIEWS IN MIDLAND!

23 HALEAN DR. - $699,000
LOCATION! LOCATION!
Tons of light! Pretty landscaping, circle drive & dramatic entry! Beautiful living room w/plush carpet, fireplace & built-ins! Enourmous kitchen w/huge island is loaded w/cabinetry & countertops-big pantry! Sep master w/spacious bath has dual sinks, 2 closets & storage! Roomy bdrms! Great closets! Utility rm w/sink & desk! Incredible grounds! Pool/hot tub! Guest house/cabana! Outdoor kitchen!

3009 BAYBROOK CT. - $699,900
TONS&TONS OF SPACE!
Large rooms! High ceilings! Tons of light! Formal living w/ fireplace! Formal dining/Family room w/fireplace! Updated kitchen w/granite,island,gas range,dbl ovens & hooded ceiling/Bridge! nook w/walls of windows! Spacious master w/gorgeous bath has dual vanities,jetted tub & wrap-around closet! Basement w/half bath & closet is perfect media room,office,gym/tin-tow plan! Lovely patios! 3cg!

4308 SKYLINE DR. - $369,000
SPANISH STYLE BEAUTY!
5 Bdrms/3.5 Baths! 2 Living areas! Formal dining! Beautiful courtyard! Lots of updating! Carrara doors!! Wood flooring! Granite in master bdrm, half bath & kitchen plus recent appliances! Breakfast nook! Air jacuzzi tub in master bath! Spacious master w/gas fireplace & balcony! Amazing pool w/solar heater & Hot tub! Greenhouse/ storage shed! 2 Rb systems! Water well! Dog run! 2cg!

2706 SAVOY - $330,000
FANTASTIC 4 BEDROOM!
Beautiful Kitchen w/granite island, breakfast bar & pantry! Formal dining w/wood flooring! Spacious living room w/fireplace! Kitchen is open to breakfast nook & living area! Sequestered master suite w/fabulous bath & big closet! Roomy bedrooms! Great closets! Granite thru-out! Textured paint! Outdoor kitchen plus extended patio! 3 Car garage! Buyers will be impressed!

3609 OAKRIDGE - $295,000
TONS OF SPACE & SPECTACULAR POOL!
4 Bedrooms! 3.5 Baths! Formal living! Formal dining! Breakfast nook! Updated kitchen w/granite countertops, stainless appliances & breakfast bar! Large family room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace! Computer room/nook! Sep master suite w/spacious bath! Roomy bedrooms! Great closets! In-law plan! Back-yard w/ great pool! 2 Car rear entry garage!

2202 STANDOLIND AVE. - $250,000
FRESH PAINT! RECENT CARPET!
Updated kitchen appliances! Formal living! Formal dining! Bright den w/fireplace is open to breakfast nook & partially open to kitchen! Large utility room! Bonus! sun room w/walls of windows is perfect for office/ gameroom/home gym! 4 Roomy bedrooms! Tons of storage! Great location w/mature trees! Cinder block fence! Storage bldg! Covered patio! 2 Car garage!

5819 CHAPEL HILL - $239,900
UPDATED & SPACIOUS!
Formal dining! Large living area w/wood flooring & fireplace! Updated kitchen has granite countertops & tumbled marble backsplace! Breakfast nook! Huge master bedroom w/dual vanities, dual closets & tons of storage! Great guest bedrooms! Covered patio! Extra parking on the side! Storage bldg! 2 Car rear entry garage! Corner lot w/two yards!

3223 CAMARIE AVE. - $185,000
MOVE-IN READY!
Shows like a model home! This nicely updated home in fannin area offers formal dining/2nd living area! Living room w/fireplace/Kitchen has granite countertops! Breakfast nook w/bay window! 3 Or 4 bedrooms/4th bdrm is off the master & is a perfect office, nursery, home gym, tv room or craft room! both bathrooms are updated! Covered patio! Great backyard! Mature trees! 2 Car garage!

4305 NELSON RD. - $175,000
NICELY UPDATED!
Entry way w/2 closets! Spacious living room w/ fireplace! Kitchen w/updated backsplash & recently painted cabinets! Breakfast nook w/great windows! Sequestered master suite w/2 walk-in closets!! New carpet in both guest bedrooms! Recently painted hall bath! Inside utility room! Covered patio! 2 Car garage! Just painted exterior! Mature trees! Nice drive up appeal!

4521 BROOKDALE - $149,000
TONS OF UPDATES!
Spacious living room w/rock fireplace! Kitchen has recent paint, tile & appliances! Breakfast nook! Great den is a perfect second living or office (or 4th bedroom)!! Inside utility room! Updated bathrooms! Fabulous workshop!!! Huge yard too! Open patio! Dog run! Mature trees!

1505 DELMAR DR. - $138,000
BUY VS RENT! THIS IS IT!
Tons of space to call your own! 3 Bedrooms! 2 Baths! Nice den plus great family room! Kitchen w/ big breakfast bar! & spacious dining area opens to one living area! Enclosed patio for even more space! Master offers private bath & ample closet space! Great fenced backyard! 1 Car garage ! 1 car carport! A circle drive offers tons of parking!

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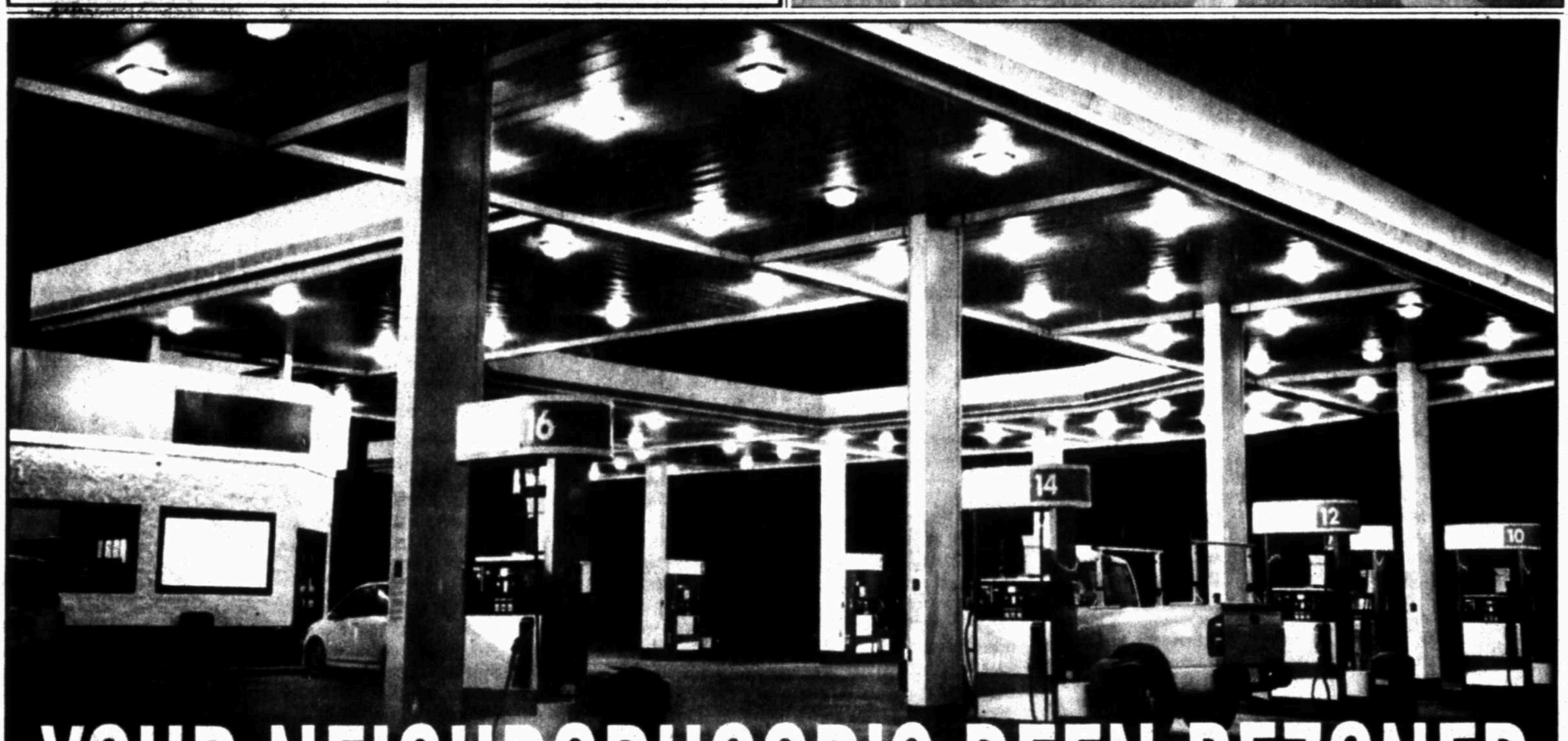

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MIDLAND'S FINEST BUILDER'S/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
1908 JACKSON	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92739	$146,260
1910 JACKSON	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92740	$146,260
301 S. MADISON	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90862	SALE PENDING
FRANKLIN FARROW			
1217 S. CO. RD. 1120	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92463	SALE PENDING
EE HOMES, INC.			
1710 PUEBLO	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92738	$299,720
JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION			
1201 E. COWDEN	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92011	$143,000
1103 E. ESTES	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92012	$97,000
MASON TRENDSETTERS			
5300 ALYSHEBA	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90884	$1,340,000
CARROUSEL CONSTRUCTION			
107 N. EISENHOWER DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91778	SALE PENDING
IKEA HOMES			
3917 E. GOLF COURSE RD	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90777	$295,000
WBC CUSTOM HOMES, LLC			
11901 FM 307	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92151	$388,500
JC CONSTRUCTION			
502 W. ESTES AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92559	$189,900

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
4005 TODD DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92010	$1,500,000
9300 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90895	$1,399,000
5300 ALYSHEBA	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90884	$1,340,000
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000
5300 TEAKWOOD TR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91353	$835,000
2102 S. CO. RD. 1128	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92196	SALE PENDING
6600 E. CO. RD. 102	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #91342	SALE PENDING
7811 TRENTON	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92194	$629,000
3909 BAYBROOK COURT	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92117	SALE PENDING
24 LAKES DR	J.P. McCrary 634-7525	MLS #91842	$522,250
4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90854	$499,900
6328 PRAIRIE RIDGE	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #91256	SOLD
5805 HIGHLAND BLVD	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #92441	SALE PENDING
4800 CHERRYWOOD	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92068	SALE PENDING
8212 DUNBLANE	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #92004	$433,500
6407 SEQUOIA DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91482	SALE PENDING
2000 MOSSWOOD	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #91357	SALE PENDING
11901 FM 307	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92151	$388,500
4011 DUNKIRK	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #92235	$385,000
5613 HEARTLAND CT	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #91179	SALE PENDING
4817 WOODHOLLOW	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #92066	SALE PENDING
4300 SKYLINE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92458	SALE PENDING
10602 E. CO. RD. 109	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91530	SALE PENDING
2902 PARTON WAY	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #92364	SALE PENDING
2706 SAVOY	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92766	$330,000
5914 OAK CREEK	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92387	SALE PENDING
5519 ASHWOOD COURT	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92301	SALE PENDING
2932 SAN PEDRO DR., ODESSA	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92421	SALE PENDING
2207 HARVARD AVE	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #91100	$319,750
12119 E. CO. RD. 102	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #92293	$318,000
5106 CASTLEFORD ROAD	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #91716	$312,000
4701 HILLTOP DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92656	$299,950
1710 PUEBLO	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92738	$299,720
4907 HEATHER RD	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #92510	SALE PENDING
1402 MABERRY	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91812	$296,500
3921 E. GOLF COURSE RD	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92731	$296,444
3609 OAKRIDGE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92572	$295,000
1217 S. CO. RD. 1120	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92463	SALE PENDING
2805 MARMON DR	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92392	SALE PENDING
3917 E. GOLF COURSE RD	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90777	$295,000
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$285,000
4617 BISHOPS CASTLE DR	Elisia Flatt 557-7159	MLS #92773	$265,900
4316 ARROYO DR	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #92727	$265,000
5707 SABINE DR	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #92583	SALE PENDING
4708 MELVILLE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92227	SALE PENDING
3313 STANOLIND AVE	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91514	SALE PENDING
2826 W. SHANDON	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #90745	SALE PENDING
3101 S. CO. RD. 1218	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #91622	$250,000
2302 STANOLIND AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92030	$250,000
11911 W. CO. RD. 56	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91125	$249,000
5010 CHAPEL HILL DRIVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92302	$239,900
1305 GARFIELD ST	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #91277	SALE PENDING
2404 CAMARIE	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90420	$234,000
10608 E. CO. RD. 104	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92684	$230,000
2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91639	$229,900
2411 NEELY AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92626	$225,000
1710 WASHITA	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #92712	SALE PENDING
700 MCDONALD	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92676	$189,900
3223 CAMARIE AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92586	SALE PENDING
3413 MARK LANE	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #91837	SALE PENDING
811 W. LOUISIANA AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92447	SALE PENDING
3608 STANOLIND AVE	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #92257	SALE PENDING
4804 ILLINOIS AVE	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #91445	SALE PENDING
9004 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #87180	SALE PENDING
1308 W. CO. RD. 140	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #91499	SOLD
3706 W. MICHIGAN AVE	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #92371	SALE PENDING
313 W. WILLOWOOD DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92507	$140,900

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
23 HIALEAH DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92448	$699,900
1651 DOVE DRIVE, ODESSA	Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #91825	$589,900
12107 W. CO. RD. 52	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #92758	$465,000
9305 W. CO. RD. 60	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #91307	SALE PENDING
811 W. STOREY AVE	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92265	$372,000
4608 GREEN TREE BLVD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #91739	SALE PENDING
4021 TRINITY CT	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92359	$346,000
4000 IRVIN DR	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #92688	$339,900
6921 N. CO. RD. 1294	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91681	$330,000
4505 STILLMEADOW	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #92597	$285,000
7200 FM 307	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #92285	SALE PENDING
4810 TEAKWOOD TR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92286	SOLD
4502 MOCKINGBIRD	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #92216	$279,900
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$279,000
4309 CRESTGATE AVE	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90881	$269,900
3533 LONOKE AVE	Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #92481	$265,000
1701 CASTLEFORD RD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92693	$250,000
4001 ANGELINA	Deborah Boler 687-6500	MLS #92630	$249,500
4305 MERRILL CT	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #92648	$239,000
3807 CIMMARON AVE	Deborah Boler 934-3881	MLS #92525	SALE PENDING
4201 GREENBRIAR DR	Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #91354	SALE PENDING
4209 ARROYO DR	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #91330	SALE PENDING
1504 GENESIS, ANDREWS	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #92369	SALE PENDING
107 EISENHOWER DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91778	SALE PENDING
4302 BOULDER AVE	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #92365	$229,000
4408 GLENEAGLES DR	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92459	SALE PENDING
1606 COLLEGE	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #91721	$220,000
2705 MARK LANE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92745	$220,000
1500 W. PECAN	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92280	$219,900
3402 CLAREMONT DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92719	SALE PENDING
3613 DENTCREST	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92641	$215,000
3301 WARD ST	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91710	$210,000
3711 MARK LANE	Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #92009	SALE PENDING
4512 MERCEDES DR	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #92177	SALE PENDING
3504 E. CO. RD. 150	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #91522	SOLD
2407 CAMARIE	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #90846	$184,900
3515 STANOLIND	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #92015	SALE PENDING
2906 WHITTLE WAY	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #92634	SALE PENDING
4508 DENGAR AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92678	$175,000
1805 W. TENNESSEE AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92669	$175,000
3223 CIMMARON	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92074	$172,000
4305 NELSON	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92610	$170,000
1002 E. CO. RD. 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91840	$169,500
1005 GODFREY	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #92733	$160,000
502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92272	SALE PENDING
2210 BOYD AVE	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92389	SALE PENDING
2005 HUGHES	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92276	SOLD
3103 LOUISIANA AVE	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #91612	SALE PENDING
3014 E. CO. RD. 143	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #92435	$155,000
3610 SINCLAIR AVE	Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #92748	$155,000
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705 UPLAND ST	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #91476	$154,000
4622 ERIE DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92750	$151,500
4521 LEDDY DR	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92104	$150,000
4500-A LA SALLE	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #92608	$149,900
1908 JACKSON	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92739	$146,260
1910 JACKSON	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92740	$146,260
2289 FM 829, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90277	SALE PENDING
4521 BROOKDALE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92349	SALE PENDING
3511 W. LOUISIANA	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91977	SALE PENDING
4904 LEISURE DR	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #91620	$144,900
1601 GARFIELD	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92764	$144,900
1201 E. COWDEN	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92011	$143,000
9001 HOLIDAY DR., ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #87533	SALE PENDING
4528 LEDDY DR	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92500	$139,900
1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87457	$138,500
803 SPRUCE AVE	Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #91025	SALE PENDING
4502 MONTY DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92223	SALE PENDING
2814 MARIANA	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #92504	$136,000
410 N. FORT WORTH	Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732	MLS #91785	$135,000
4807 SHADYLANE DR	Jane Wolf 687-6500	MLS #92694	$129,500
4517 BROOKDALE	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #91602	SALE PENDING
1825 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92186	SALE PENDING
214 DEWBERRY	Gloria Farmer 618-5004	MLS #90890	SALE PENDING
4729 RIC DR	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #92596	SALE PENDING
401 EDGEWOOD DR	Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #91817	SOLD
4413 VERSAILLES	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #92166	SALE PENDING
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
805 SINCLAIR AVE	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #92353	$120,000
302 THOMAS ST	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #92587	$116,000
4403 ERIE DR	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #91604	SALE PENDING
3702 CEDAR SPRING	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #92290	$104,900
107 WAVERLY AVE	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92386	SALE PENDING
4307 MONTY DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92124	$99,900
304 E. ESTES AVE	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #92370	$99,900
1103 E. ESTES	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92012	$97,000
934 N. DALLAS	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92225	$95,000
3126 HANCOCK AVE., ODESSA	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #92160	$94,000
1014 LORAINE	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #92714	$89,900
1831 LYNDALE DR, ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91943	$84,900
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$80,000
807 MAIN ST., LAMESA	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90679	$69,000
3239 DREXEL, BIG SPRING	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91794	$64,800
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #79043	$45,000
301 S. MADISON	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90862	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY	Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #90145/90146	$425,000
1200 W. CO. RD. 150	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #91908	$275,900
5417 WIMBERLEY, ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #87682	$191,500
1615 W. LOUISIANA	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92236	SALE PENDING
1103 W. MISSOURI	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91815	$170,000
4718 A HARVARD AVE	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92417	SOLD
11506 W. CO. RD. 52	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92361	$149,900
601 E. CO. RD. 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91380	SALE PENDING
104 CLUB DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91648	SALE PENDING
600 #68 LIDDON	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92560	$78,000
5109 S. CO. RD. 1184	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91960	$75,000
2107 W. KENTUCKY AVE	James McCrary 634-7525	MLS #92672	$69,500
4700 BOULDER AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92229	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
1901 SHERROD ROAD, GARDEN CITY	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92579	$2,000,000
9300 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90895	$1,399,000
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000
2102 S. CO. RD. 1128	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92196	SALE PENDING
6600 E. CO. RD. 102	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #91342	SALE PENDING
9305 W. CO. RD. 60	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #91307	SALE PENDING
12107 W. CO. RD. 52	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #92758	$465,000
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	87 Acres/$359,900
10602 E. CO. RD. 109	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91530	SALE PENDING
6921 N. CO. RD. 1294	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91681	$330,000
12119 E. CO. RD. 102	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #92293	$318,000
1217 S. CO. RD. 1120	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92463	SALE PENDING
7200 FM 307	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #92285	SALE PENDING
3917 E. GOLF COURSE RD	Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90777	$295,000
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$285,000
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$279,000
1200 W. CO. RD. 150	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #91908	$275,900
3101 S. CO. RD. 1218	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #91622	$250,000
11911 W. CO. RD. 56	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91125	$249,000
10608 E. CO. RD. 104	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92684	$230,000
2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91639	$229,900
1008 W. APRIL ST., ODESSA	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91399	5.5 ACRES/$225,000
1308 W. CO. RD. 140	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #91499	SOLD
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	15 Acres/$198,000
3504 E. CO. RD. 150	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #91522	SOLD
1002 E. CO. RD. 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91840	$169,500
3014 E. CO. RD. 143	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #92435	$155,000
11506 W. CO. RD. 52	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92361	$149,900
601 E. CO. RD 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91380	SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/Lots $95,000/EA.
1500 N. CO. RD. 1130	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #91845	2 Acres/$85,000
5109 S. CO. RD. 1184	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91960	$75,000

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
1901 SHERROD ROAD, GARDEN CITY	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92579	$2,000,000
1651 DOVE DRIVE, ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #87118	$589,900
4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90854	$499,900
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	$359,900
2932 SAN PEDRO DR., ODESSA	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92421	SALE PENDING
1122 GOLF COURSE RD, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #86977	$289,000
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$285,900
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$285,000
505 HIGH ROAD, COLEMAN	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89621	$249,000
1504 GENESIS, ANDREWS	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #92369	SALE PENDING
2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91639	$229,900
9004 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #87180	SALE PENDING
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	$198,000
302 9TH ST., IRAAN	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92308	$195,000
5417 WIMBERLEY, ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #87682	$191,500
502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92272	SALE PENDING
2289 FM 829, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90277	SALE PENDING
9001 HOLIDAY DR., ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #87533	SALE PENDING
1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87457	$138,500
2026 CO. RD. 2801, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90491	$135,000
1825 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92186	SALE PENDING
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
309 SW 11TH ST., ANDREWS	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #85551	SALE PENDING
105 E. 21ST., CRANE	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85747	$108,000
3126 HANCOCK AVE., ODESSA	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #92160	$94,000
1831 LYNDALE DR, ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91943	$84,900
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88348	$82,000
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$80,000
807 MAIN ST., LAMESA	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90679	$69,000
3239 DREXEL, BIG SPRING	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91794	$64,800
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #79043	$45,000
LAKE SPENCE, ROBERT LEE	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 (Lot 6 & 7 Edith Estates)	MLS #89513	$25,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
HIGHWAY 158	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92097	137.92 Acres/$2,900,000
2501 S. CO. RD. 1180	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90763 & 90762	138.7 Acres/$2,774,000
2700 RANKIN HWY	Amy Barnett 349-3421	MLS #88603	$2,000,000
901 GALLEGO, ALPINE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92405	1.95 Acres/$990,000
11911 CO. RD. 125	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #92547	$950,000
8200 W. CO. RD. 116	Caleb Matott 349-3330		6.7 Acres/$880,000
3105 BANKHEAD HWY	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91818	$795,000
3200 ELKINS RD	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #89755	SOLD
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE RD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92155	7.04 Acres/$550,000
1205 W. INDUSTRIAL	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #92449	$385,000
4506 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE	Deborah Boler 934-3881	MLS #91610	$375,000
412 MIDLAND DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89013	$350,000
6301 N. CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$298,000
1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83958	$180,000
816 MAIN ST., RANKIN	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92107	$165,000
W. HWY. 80	Caleb Matott 349-3330		4.3 Acres/$129,000
608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS#79313	$100,000
301 NW AVE. B, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #86457	$97,500
1901 S. LAMESA	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #90326	$60,000
1601 N. LAMESA RD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92526	$47,000

LANDS AND LOTS

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
7600 W. CO. RD. 116	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92031	16 Acres/$2,850,000
HIGHWAY 158	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92097	137.92 Acres/$2,900,000
2501 S. CO. RD. 1180	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90763 & 90762	138.7 Acres/$2,774,000
E. CO. RD. 130	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90125	141.466 Acres/$2,475,655
E. CO. RD. 130	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90439	80 Acres/$1,400,000
901 GALLEGO, ALPINE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92405	1.95 Acres/$990,000
2005 S. CO. RD. 1110	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91487	95 Acres/$902,500
CO. RD. 60	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88932	$871,200
00 N. CO. RD. 1150	Brian Sales 618-1818	mLS #92694	$819,000
FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90083	$801,600
2112 I-20 SERVICE RD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92155	$550,000
SINCLAIR	Ruth Young 682-7884		5 Acres/$425,000
1000 CO. RD. 1120	Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #88627	$365,200
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	$359,900
CO. RD. 1240	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #92289	39.206 Acres/$350,000
3407 S HWY 349	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90196	$330,000
AIR PARK ROAD	Amy Brasher Barnett 349-3421	MLS #89176	$325,000
CO. RD. 1130	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89518	29.1 Acres/$320,100
CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92189	10 Acres/$299,900
6301 N. CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$298,000
I-20	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90888	$271,750
HIGHWAY 191	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87988	$250,000
1008 W. APRIL ST., ODESSA	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91399	5.5 Acres/$225,000
121 SE CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87345	SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 2300	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89227	$179,550
MOCKINGBIRD LANE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92377	2 Acres/$140,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
2820 LOOP 250	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #89585	2.33 Acres/$99,900
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$95,000
1500 N. CO. RD. 1130	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #91845	2 Acres/$85,000
LIME STREET, ODESSA	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86738	9.24 Acres/$81,000
S. FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82050	2 Acres/$70,000
1601 N. LAMESA RD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92526	$47,000
FREELAND ADDITION	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		1+ Acre Lots/$25,000/PER ACRE
4523 LEDDY DR	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92105	SOLD
LAKE SPENCE, ROBERT LEE, TX	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 (Lot 6 & 7 Edith Estates)	MLS #89513	$25,000

FARMS AND RANCHES

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
9300 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90895	$1,399,000
S. CO. RD. 1050	Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$10,000 PER ACRE
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
REAGAN COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330		272 Acres/$258,400
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330 — Big Cat Ranch/Finest Ranch in Texas		13,230 Acres/$590/Acre
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330 — Madera Canyon Ranch/The Best of Texas		9,451 Acres/$875/Acre
HOWARD COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330		960 Acres/$700 PER ACRE

If you are interested in any of the ranches, please call Caleb L. Matott (432)349-3330

FOR LEASE

Property	Agent	MLS	Price
INDUSTRIAL LOOP	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92516	$4,000/MONTH
3411 W. INDUSTRIAL AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92514	$3,500/MONTH
810 W. KANSAS	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92413	$2,500/MONTH
2200 NORTH ELKINS RD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #92645	$2,500/MONTH
3507 EDGEMONT	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #92746	$2,300/MONTH
2220 CIMMARON	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #92718	$2,200/MONTH
1302 MCDONALD ST	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92213	$2,000/MONTH
2100 #1 WADLEY	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #92720	$1,850/MONTH
110 HOLLY AVE	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #92420	$1,500/MONTH

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Holiday entertaining boosts wine sales

Whether you're giving it as a gift or pairing it with food for a festive party, a glass of wine can enhance one's meal and mood.

"You can have a turkey sandwich, but if you pour a glass of pinot noir or sauvignon blanc, you have a feast," said Lee Florence.

Florence, the wine buyer for the Wine Rack in Midland, said now through January is one of the busiest times of the year for people buying wines with many special orders on back-stock through the holidays.

One of the trends he's noticed over the years at the Wine Rack is that fewer people are drinking Champagne.

"They're shying away from it," he said adding many are turning to lighter sparkling wines with the No. 1 favorites being moscato and prosecco imported from Italy.

With wine distributors bringing in wine from places around the world including Spain, Italy, Argentina, Portugal, France and even some in Texas, there's a wide variety of different wines in the Permian Basin.

The Wine Rack brings in wines from the West Coast wineries in California, Washington and Oregon but shies away from many Asian and Middle Eastern wines.

Washington state and Oregon wines are hard to find because of the local weather temperaments and the wineries there offer only a limited growth each year.

"But what they do grow, though is fabulous," Florence said.

The United States is a country that loves its wine. The Wine Institute reports that each U.S. resident will consume an average 2.54 gallons of wine a year, according to a 2010 study.

The Wine Institute, which represents more than 1,000 U.S. wineries and businesses, listed in a recent report that sales of California wines in the United States grew to 211.9 million cases in 2011, an increase of 5.6 percent from 2010.

The same study listed that the U.S. is leading the world as the largest wine market after the U.S. Tax and Trade Bureau approved 120,000 new wine labels last year. It's the 18th consecutive year of growth in the United States, the Wine Institute reported.

And more people are drinking wine, with sales in the U.S. climbing to a record 347 million cases with an estimated retail value of $32.5 billion, according to the Institute statistics.

It's a trend that Florence said they're even experiencing locally.

"We're seeing a huge increase in wine consumption across the board," he said.

With 2,000 bottles in stock in Midland, the thought of trying

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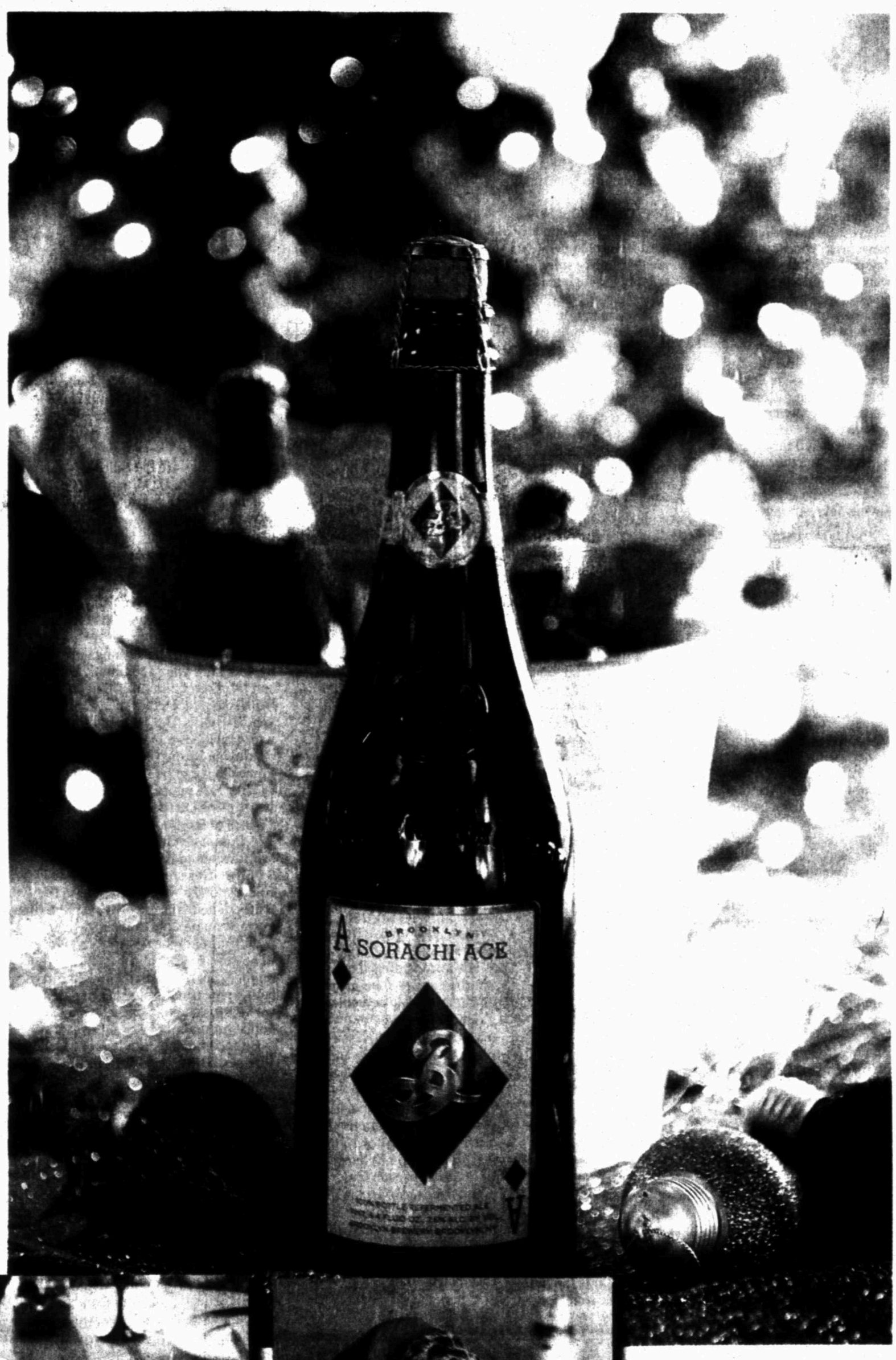

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From 1E

to pick out one bottle of wine can be frightening to some. But that's where Florence and the Wine Rack staff say they come in.

"A lot of people are intimidated by wine, and they shouldn't be," he said, adding wine should be as easy to understand and as natural as a glass of tea.

The Wine Rack offers champagne and wine tastings throughout the year. Patrons can sit at the bar, enjoy appetizers and listen as representatives come in to talk about the wines.

At any given time, the store also has three whites and three reds open for tasting. For $15, customers can try out the brands, test their palate and see what they may like.

"Only way to get to buy anything truthfully is if they taste it for themselves," he said.

If serving a red meat dish, Florence said the traditional wines to pair are a cabernet and chenin — wines that offer a big robust flavor.

Wines such as pinot Noir or Valpolicella are not as heavy as other reds. Wines like shiraz and Burgundy have an intense flavor with a light body that won't dominate a meal, Florence added.

If searching for a white wine for the holidays, Florence recommends chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, pinot grigio, arneis and gavi as good choices. The white wines tie in with a Mediterranean style diet and pair well with whole grains and fresh vegetables, he said.

And there are good wines at every price level with bottles ranging from $10 to $20 each up to $200 to $300 each.

"Money does not mean quality," he said. "We have wines from halfway around the world for under $20 a bottle."

And the Wine Rack staff said consumers should be wary of wine gurus and purchase what they will drink.

"Everybody is a connoisseur of their own taste and that's what you should love," Florence said.

Wine facts and favorites

Good dessert wines:
- Moscato
- Sauternes
- Late harvest malbec (a lot like Port which is a classic dessert wine)
- Eiswein, a German ice wine

Pairing with red meat: Traditionally a cabernet or chenin. Those wines offer a big robust flavor for meat dishes.

Lighter wines: Pinot noir or Valpolicella are not as heavy. Shiraz and Burgundy also offer an intense flavor with a light body that don't dominate a meal.

White wine favorites:
- Chardonnay
- Sauvignon Blanc
- Pinot Grigio
- Arneis
- Gavi

Florence's favorites for the holidays:
- Pinot Noir
- Moscato
- Top-end cabernets
- Other big Italian reds

Wine facts:
- The best way to store wine is to put the cork back in and store it on the counter if you know you'll be drinking it in the next day or two. If not, then re-cork the bottle and store it in the refrigerator.
- Five ounces is considered a good amount for a guest, whether it be red or white wines. Make sure to leave about two-thirds of the glass empty to give guests enough room to swirl the glass without spilling.
- Serve wine at room temperature or between 58 and 68 degrees.

Most popular table wines in the United States:
- Chardonnay, 21 percent
- Cabernet sauvignon, 12 percent
- Merlot, 10 percent
- Pinot Grigio/Gris, 8 percent
- White Zinfandel, 7 percent

Source: The Wine Institute

Raise the cocktail bar with versatile liquors

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

What you want: A festive bar that will add panache to your next holiday party. What you don't want: Having to spend oodles of cash on a confusing array of bottles you're not sure how to use.

The solution? Pick booze that — like the best kind of guest — is flexible, able to take on different roles as party dynamics dictate.

So we asked three bartenders to come up with one liquor and three ways to serve it and got the following suggestions.

Versatile vodka

At Bistro Boudin in San Francisco's historic Fisherman's Wharf, bartender Nicholas Reynders goes for the classic clear spirit, vodka.

He'd first serve it as a blueberry-tini, mixing a shot of vodka with 1/2 ounce of simple syrup (equal parts sugar and water heated until the sugar is melted, then cooled) and 12 fresh blueberries. Combine all with ice in a shaker, then shake, strain and serve in a martini glass.

For a second treatment he starts by muddling a bit of cantaloupe in a shaker. (Muddling is a bartenders' term for mushing fruit, veggies or herbs in the bottom of a glass or shaker. You can do this with a special tool called, logically, a muddler, or just use a wooden spoon.) Add 1 1/2 ounces vodka plus an equal amount of simple syrup, shake with ice, strain and serve over ice with a splash of soda water.

For the simplest treatment, he recommends a shot of vodka, an equal amount simple syrup, and a squeeze of lime and lemon juice all shaken over ice and strained into a martini glass.

A cocktail party doesn't have to be elaborate, says Reynders. Shaker, jigger, mixing glass and you're halfway there. "A little extra shake doesn't hurt for the perfect chilled martini."

Mezcal mixology

Sombra Mezcal founder Richard Betts recommends this smoky spirit for holiday get-togethers because "it mixes well in drinks from margaritas to Manhattans. It can be great neat and, if it's that kind of party, it's a great shot, too."

Plus it fits into his party philosophy. "Have a point of view. You cannot be everything to everyone, so pick something and geek out on it. Mezcal is a great example because you're exploring the real agave spirit of Mexico and this is cool."

A quick primer on mezcal, a distilled spirit made from the maguey plant, a type of agave. When the spirit is made from the blue agave and comes from certain designated areas, it's tequila. So while all tequila is mezcal, not all mezcal is tequila. In the past, mezcal outside Mexico has often been of poor quality and contained a worm in the bottle, a marketing gimmick dreamed up in the 1940s. These days, there's quality mezcal to be found.

For his triple-play approach, Betts suggests making a batch of a modified version of the saint's eye cocktail on the Sombra website devised by Jim Meehan, author of "The PDT Cocktail Book: The Complete Bartender's Guide from the Celebrated Speakeasy" — 2 ounces mezcal, 3/4 ounce lime juice, 3/4 ounce pineapple juice, 1 bar spoon of agave nectar and a sprig of tarragon to garnish.

As a counterpunch to that citrusy concoction he'd mix up a mezcal Manhattan with 2 1/2 ounces mezcal, 3/4 ounce sweet vermouth, a dash of Angostura bitters, 1 maraschino cherry and an orange peel garnish.

And, finally, he'd serve mezcal neat. "It is the best way for people to really appreciate how special it is."

Blendable bourbon

Growing up in Kentucky, bourbon was a holiday staple on the bar and the kitchen, playing an integral role in seasonal dishes, said Trey Zoeller, founder of Jefferson's Bourbon.

His grandma's bourbon pecan pie capped off the night and when people visited she "didn't ask what you wanted to drink; rather, she asked, 'how do you take your bourbon?'"

A uniquely American spirit, bourbon is versatile and complex. Zoeller doesn't recommend masking the flavor in a cocktail, but instead finding ingredients that complement the vanilla and caramel flavors of the whiskey.

He'd make an old fashioned, which "screams holiday season with its warmth and balance." Mix 1 3/4 ounces bourbon with a dash of water and a dash or two of Angostura bitters, mixing all in an old fashioned glass and adding ice cubes.

He's also come up with something he calls seasons greetings from Kentucky — 2 ounces Jefferson's Very Small Batch Bourbon, 1 ounce Carpano Antica sweet vermouth, 1 ounce applejack, stirred over ice and strained into a coupe glass.

His third approach is bourbon spice cider, made of 2 quarts of spiced cider, 2 cinnamon sticks, 1 teaspoon whole cloves, a pinch each of nutmeg and allspice and 1 tablespoon orange peel. The cider makes enough for about eight cocktails. Simmer the cider with spices for 15 to 20 minutes. Pour 2 ounces of bourbon in each mug, pour 8 ounces of strained spiced hot cider over the bourbon and garnish with a cinnamon stick.

It is, said Zoeller, "a festive, batch-able classic."

If that doesn't say holiday cheer, what does?

"It's the one time of year when you know you're going to have people over, and you're going to have a lot of people over. And if your crowd is wine drinkers, that's a good time to open up three or four different wines. That's the fun way to do it."

Doug Bell, national wine buyer for Whole Foods

Toast a white Christmas with chardonnay and more

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

Red may be the color of the season — what with Santa's suit and Rudolph's shiny nose — but what if you're dreaming of a white wine Christmas?

No problem, said Doug Bell, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market. "The holidays are the times when you just break all those wine mores and try different things," he said.

With that settled, where to start when making your holiday sip list?

Chardonnay's always a good fallback. It goes well with poultry, a staple of the season's eatings, it's versatile, it's familiar and, gosh darn it, people like it. There's a reason this is America's No. 1 table wine.

Still, you can shake things up a little by widening your geographical palate and trying a chardonnay that comes from someplace other than California. Whole Food's Top 10 list of holiday wines includes a Domaine de Bernier chardonnay from the Loire Valley in France that can be found for under $10.

Mike DeSimone, coauthor with Jeff Jenssens of the recently published "Wines of the Southern Hemisphere: The Complete Guide," thinks Old World when picking winter whites.

"Since Christmas falls during the colder months — at least here in the northern hemisphere — it's a great time to stock up on cold-weather whites from Burgundy or Alsace," he said. "They can be less expensive than you might expect. We keep a few in gift bags in the trunk of the car in case we've forgotten anyone as we make our holiday rounds."

He recommends Louis Jadot Macon-Villages 2011, for $15, from Burgundy, which pairs well with chicken, turkey or fish. Or, from Alsace for $20, try Lucien Albrecht Reserve Pinot Gris Romanus 2010, which goes well with lightly spiced veal or pork.

Jenssen, meanwhile, likes two chardonnays from New Zealand, Craggy Range Kidnappers Vineyard Chardonnay 2011, for $18, and Kumeu River Village Chardonnay 2009, for $20. (All prices approximate.) "Both are produced in a classic French style and the citrus and fruit notes are nicely balanced by flavors of vanilla and toast. I would pour either of these with chicken or fish in cream sauce or even a fancy macaroni and cheese."

When talking turkey pairings, a slightly different way to go is Gewurztraminer, a cool-climate grape that produces wines that typically range from slightly sweet to quite sweet. The Alsace region of France is known for Gewurztraminer (ge-VIRTZ-traminer often referred to as just ge-VIRTZ), but you also can find it from U.S. regions, including Mendocino County in Northern California and the Columbia Valley of Oregon and Washington.

Or, you can add a little gold to your holiday table with the honey-colored sweet white wines of Sauternes and Barsac in the Bordeaux wine-growing region of France.

The wine is made from white grapes that have been affected by the "noble rot," more scientifically known as Botrytis cinerea, a fungus that concentrates the sugars and the aromas in the grapes. This is the home of the famous Chbteau d'Yquem, which sells for hundreds a bottle, but there are plenty of other producers in the region putting out good wines at a range of prices. These also make for good gifts since they're pretty in the bottle and a little bit out of the ordinary.

This is a wine for sipping fireside or enjoying with some cheese nibbles. It's also surprisingly versatile, pairing well with savory holiday dishes such as turkey and sweet potatoes. Aline Baly, whose family owns the Chateau Coutet winery in the village of Barsac, sees the wines as "a reminder of the holiday season with their distinct notes of citrus zest, orange and lemon, and ripe nectars, pears, and the sweet touch of gingerbread on your palate." Prices vary but Chbteau Coutet can generally be found for around $30 a half-bottle.

Whatever you're serving this season, be sure to have a little fun, Bell said. And don't be shy of trying something different. "It's the one time of year when you know you're going to have people over, and you're going to have a lot of people over. And if your crowd is wine drinkers, that's a good time to open up three or four different wines. That's the fun way to do it."

Cat litter, baking soda absorb kitchen garbage odors, leaks

HINTS FROM HELOISE

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Dear Heloise: I just wanted to provide you with a quick tip I have tried and love! I place about two inches' worth of cat box filler at the bottom of the kitchen trash bin. This way, should the garbage leak, the filler will absorb the smell and the mess. — Jennifer in New Jersey

An added hint to try: Add baking soda to the filler for extra odor protection. I always keep baking soda on hand because there are so many uses for it and it is so cheap! Notice that your dishwasher smells a little funny? When not in use, sprinkle some baking soda in the bottom and leave until the next cycle washes it out, and use some as a hand scrub (with a little soap) after taking out the garbage. — Heloise

Yam I am

Dear Readers: Did you know a sweet potato and a yam are not really the same food? Both are root vegetables, but yams are native to Africa and typically are available only in international markets.

There are many different types of sweet potatoes, but it is the ones with orange-colored flesh that are available in the United States.

The names "yam" and "sweet potato" are interchangeable. Therefore, the United States Department of Agriculture states that any product labeled a "yam" must also have a label that reads "sweet potato." So, next time you are in the grocery store and see a label that reads "yam," be assured that it is actually a sweet potato, because yams are not commercially grown in the U.S. — Heloise

Flour lumps

Dear Heloise: While making my creamy broccoli, potato and cheese soup, I used the flour/water mixture to thicken the broth. Of course, there were a few lumps. I grabbed my potato peeler (which was already out and ready for use) to quickly pull out the lumps. It worked perfectly! The lump stays on the end of the peeler, while the broth runs down and out of the area of the peeler where the blades are located and back into the soup. Don't know why I'd never thought of this before! — Judi M., Fremont, Neb.

Copied recipes

Dear Heloise: I have started making a photocopy of the recipe I plan to cook for dinner. I carry the copy with me when I grocery-shop, which saves me the time and possible error of recopying onto a grocery list. It also saves the pages of my cookbooks from possible spills and splatters during the cooking process. I have found this method particularly helpful when cooking a wide variety of dishes during the holidays, as it keeps me more focused and my counter less cluttered. — Sally W., via email

Send hints to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001 or email heloise@heloise.com.

Chef Tyler Florence prepares a dish of food he built up Oct. 29 in the kitchen of his Wayfare Tavern in San Francisco.

Eric Risberg/AP

Celebrity chef Tyler Florence: No more taking success for granted

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

NEW YORK CITY — Tyler Florence is trying to block out the noise.

A packed dining room is watching him through a wall of windows as he orchestrates a nine-course dinner with a team of mostly borrowed chefs in an unfamiliar kitchen. And the watercress he's arranging on plates of "beet soil" — impossibly sweet beets slowly baked, then ground with pistachios to resemble a gorgeously moist dirt — isn't cooperating. Frustrated, he tosses the greens in the trash.

"People don't come here to see flaws," he said.

Throwing it all away to start fresh is a gamble Florence is familiar with. And it nearly cost him everything.

If you've flipped on the Food Network even once during the past 16 years, chances are good you've encountered Florence, one of the original and most enduring icons of the now sprawling network. His easy manner in the kitchen and baby faced good looks wooed viewers early and kept him afloat even as his field got crowded.

His old school behind-the-stove-style shows — "Food 911," "How to Boil Water," "Tyler's Ultimate" — were solid, even as so-called "reality" increasingly flavored the network's offerings. He wrote cookbooks, he launched product lines, he worked the festival circuit. It was an empire built almost entirely on celebrity. It didn't occur to him that this might not be a good thing.

Florence grew up in Greenville, S.C., and graduated from the culinary program at Johnson & Wales University in Charleston in 1991. From there he headed to New York, where impressive cooking skills and hard work under the tutelage of top chefs like Charlie Palmer quickly set him apart. It wasn't long before he was in America's living room.

By 2006, Florence married Tolan Clark — celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito had introduced them two years earlier — a woman so genuine and pleasant it's hard to believe she arose from a world saturated by celebrity (her parents were introduced by Francis Ford Coppola and she had worked for Ryan Seacrest and Wolfgang Puck).

When she became pregnant with their first child, they made a bold — and risky — decision. They'd leave New York and head to Mill Valley, Calif., to be closer to her family. Florence would tinker with making wine, try his hand at a retail store, probably open a restaurant. The empire surely would follow them. But the West Coast reboot ended up crashing the system.

"The world fell apart," Florence said over a glass of wine during a break at the recent New York City Wine and Food Festival. "We'd just moved to California and the economy collapsed. My wife and I were just terrified. Food Network canceled two of my seasons because they literally didn't have the ad money to pay for it.

"All public appearance business dried up overnight," said Florence, who also was taking heat for a lucrative — and to critics, laughable — 2006 consulting gig with Applebee's. "It's almost like the business model that was just sort of handed to me and I took for granted was gone. I was like, 'Wow! I don't think this stream of water will ever run out.' And when it did, I was really terrified."

Florence was forced to lay off nearly all of his employees and burn through the couple's savings. Vacations were canceled and every decision — and every penny spent — was second guessed.

"We got down to a pretty scary point," he said. "We were naive enough to think all this glorious fun stuff could last forever and we weren't smart enough to really kind of establish a series of businesses that truly speak our language and give us a sense of stability. So we said, when we get out of this, we're not doing this the same way as before."

They did get out of it, and the rebuilding, rebranding and diversifying of Tyler Florence began in earnest. This time, instead of following the dictates of a network or fame, he followed his passions. Like starting Sprout, a line of hugely successful organic baby foods so close to the heart of this now-dad-of-three, he gets almost mesmerized talking about the ingredients that go into it.

And his Mill Valley retail shop — The Tyler Florence Shop — which flourished and multiplied. "Everything else I've done my entire life was defined by the Food Network," he said. "The retail store was the first time I showed what I was thinking."

He liked how that felt. So he turned his attention back to wine, partnering with the Michael Mondavi Family to bottle his own in the Napa Valley. His first attempt — TF Zin — received a 92-point rating by Wine Spectator.

He also returned to the idea of opening a restaurant. Except one restaurant somehow turned into four, the crown jewel among them being Wayfare Tavern in San Francisco. The building that once housed the city's much loved Rubicon restaurant — which had closed in 2008 — was empty. It was his if he wanted it.

Six months later, Florence had a lease — and a desire to stay true to the roots of the city and the building. So he imagined what an American tavern in the city 100 years before might have felt like, then aimed for that. When Wayfare Tavern opened in 2010, the reception was lukewarm. Who was this New Yorker who thought he could just march into the city's cutthroat restaurant scene?

But it's hard to argue with food that tastes as good as his. And eventually they didn't.

This fall, Florence brought a small slice of Wayfare Tavern to a special dinner at the New York City Wine and Food Festival, serving a menu of big, bold flavors drawn in parts from the restaurant and his new cookbook, "Tyler Florence Fresh." Across a bounty of impressive dishes served that night, one stood out — the fried chicken that is the signature dish of Wayfare Tavern.

This chicken isn't from dorky "Food 911" Tyler. This is a fried chicken — crisp and aromatic and moist and herby — that is all grown up, that exudes confidence, even a sexual energy. Seriously. That night, women actually lined up at the kitchen door to praise his chicken, even offering to fly to California just to taste it again.

His television career bounced back, too. When the Food Network offered him a new series — "The Great Food Truck Race" — Florence wasn't convinced it was right for him. It seemed hokey.

Then the show — now in its third season of helping launch food truck businesses — took off. And Florence fell in love, not just with the show, but with its concept — helping people with big dreams make them real. So much so, he's all but sworn off opening more of his own restaurants. He'd rather focus on investing in other people's ideas.

Sweet and tangy meatball works for holiday parties

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

Sometimes failure can end up tasting pretty good. It certainly was the case with these meatballs.

I'd been aiming to create a solidly delicious, all-purpose meatball suitable for tossing with marinara over spaghetti. Except it didn't quite work out that way. The meatballs, while certainly delicious, were both too tangy and too sweet to pair with your basic pasta sauce. And they certainly didn't agree with the mandatory Parmesan that spaghetti calls for.

So I tried them in a curry sauce. Indian food is particularly welcoming to that play of sweet and heat, tangy and savory. But that wasn't quite right, either.

I was resistant to changing the meatballs themselves. Because while they didn't partner well with anything I'd tried, I still thought they were good. And they certainly were worth salvaging. Then it hit me. Embrace the tangy, sweet-and-savory side of these meatballs. Turn them into party food.

And so I ended up with these cocktail meatballs, perfect for setting out with toothpicks for a holiday gathering. And it turned out the sauce couldn't have been simpler — tomatoes and cranberry sauce.

Cocktail Meatballs with Cranberry Marinara

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 50

3 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro
1 tablespoon finely chopped jalapeno slices
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 teaspoons fennel seeds
2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
Kosher salt and ground black pepper
3 pounds ground beef (93 percent lean)
14-ounce can whole berry cranberry sauce
15-ounce can diced tomatoes
Splash of hot sauce

Heat the oven to 425 F. Coat a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

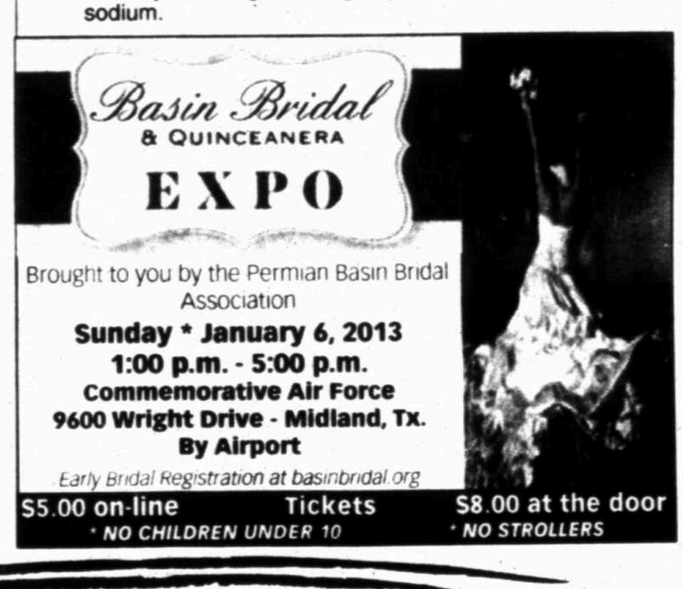
In a large bowl, combine the eggs, cilantro, jalapenos, garlic, fennel, oregano, onion powder, red pepper flakes, 2 teaspoons of salt and 1/2 teaspoon of pepper. Whisk until well combined. Add the ground beef, then mix gently until completely blended. Divide the mixture into 50 balls, using about 2 tablespoons of the mixture per ball. Arrange the meatballs on the prepared baking sheet.

Place the baking sheet in the oven and bake the meatballs for 20 minutes. Increase heat to broil and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the cranberry sauce and diced tomatoes. Bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper.

When the meatballs are done, arrange on a platter, then spoon the cranberry mixture over them. Serve with toothpicks.

Nutrition information per meatball: 60 calories; 15 calories from fat (25 percent of total calories); 1.5 g fat (0.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 30 mg cholesterol; 4 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 6 g protein; 270 mg sodium.



Don't save resolutions for January

Robin Kingham
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America volunteer

Robin Kingham is a former Reporter-Telegram employee who raises money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America through the Team Challenge program. This year she has signed up for two half-marathons and is serving as a mentor for both. For more information or to make a donation text DONATE to 37332. All donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

I held a fundraiser Dec. 9, just one week after I completed the half-marathon in Vegas. A local company called Corks-N-Canvas provides painting instruction in a fun and inviting atmosphere. You bring the wine, snacks and invite your friends and they provide the paints, canvases and the instructor. I submitted my application and all of the CCFA information necessary and was chosen to be the fundraiser for December. The program is called Painting with Purpose and the owners of Corks-N-Canvas donate 50 percent of the party proceeds to the charity of your choice. It looks like I'm off to a good start for my next fundraising project. Why wait until January?

What are you waiting for? What have you put on the, "I'll save this for my new year's resolution" list? I've taken all of the usual suspects and started them now. Why wait until Jan. 1? Are you hoping the Mayan's are right and we only have a few days left anyway? I want you to take a moment to think about how many times the world was supposed to end during your lifetime. My best guess is we will still be here for 2013.

I've started a new healthy eating plan because I've put on a few pounds eating all of this good food in New Orleans. I'm signing up for a half-marathon in February to keep up my training. I've held my first fundraiser for the upcoming Team Challenge season. You might think I am an over-achiever and you would be partially correct. I know I have a tendency to procrastinate and that's the real reason I'm getting a jump start on 2013. Resolutions are made to be broken, so don't wait.

After you read the paper, go finish your holiday shopping. Then, decide how you want to finish out the year. Do you want to coast for the next couple of weeks only to declare resolutions you will have forgotten by March? No! Get up, take action and finish strong.

Send me an email telling me all about your plans at robin@robinkingham.com. As part of my own strong finish I'm asking for donations. Every donation to the CCFA before the end of the year will be matched up to $80,000. If you would like to make a donation to the CCFA in support of my fundraising efforts, then email me and I'll send you the address to mail your check or the link for a secure credit card donation.

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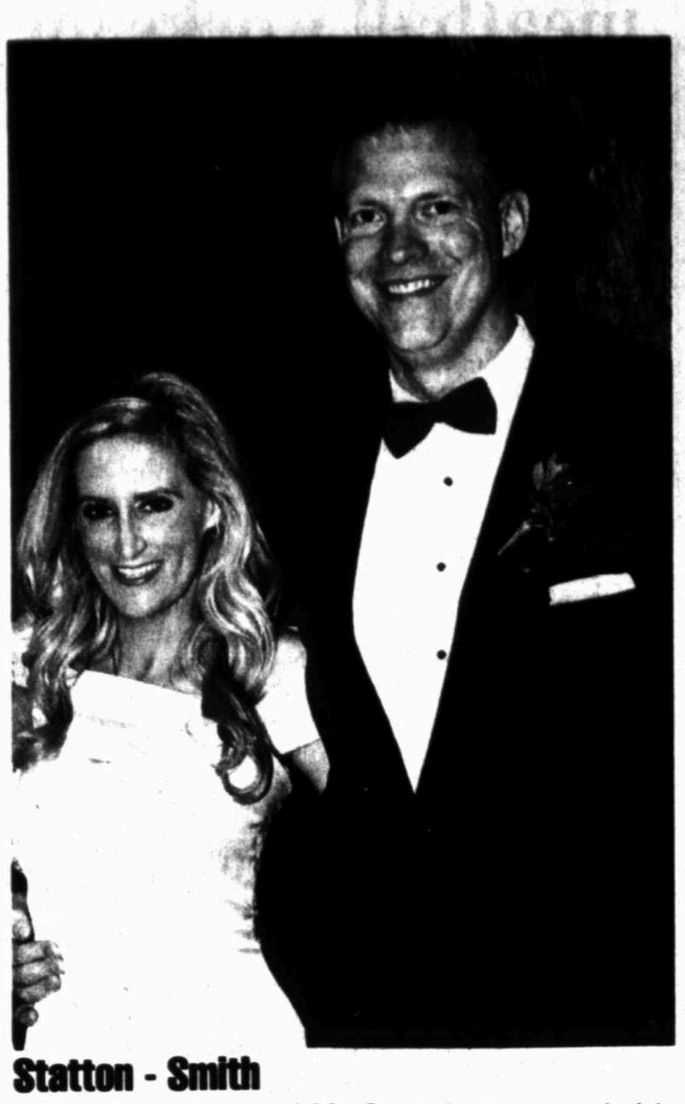

Statton - Smith

Miss Emily Statton and Mr. Stuart Smith were united in marriage on Saturday, September 22, 2012, at half past six o'clock in the evening at the Gage Gardens in Marathon, Texas. The ceremony was officiated by Bob Hopkins. Music for the ceremony included a song sung by Carson May, nephew of the groom, selections by the Katie Phillips String Quartet, and a song by Azeneth Gonzalez of Monterrey, Mexico. Following the ceremony, the guests enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing to music of Ryan Harkrider and the Nightowls at the Gage Hotel. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's mother hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Reata in Alpine, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robert Statton of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Tom Claycomb, Jr. of Sherman, Texas and the late Mr. Tom Claycomb, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Statton of Plano, Texas. The groom is the son of Mrs. Paulette Smith of Naples, Texas and the late Mr. Charles Smith. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chester E. Coker of Naples, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Averet Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an off the shoulder satin gown by Ramona Keveza and a chapel-length veil edged with silk organza ribbon. For the reception, she wore a custom designed strapless silk cocktail dress by Nha Khahn. The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of red roses.

Miss Rebecca Innerarity of Harrodsburg, Kentucky served as the maid of honor, and Mrs. Kristen Vasicek Wardlaw of Del Rio served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Mrs. Jacci Vallee Statton, sister-in-law of the bride; Miss Sita Desai of Dallas; Miss Laci Myers of Dallas; Miss Virginia Urban of Dallas; Miss Catelyn Claycomb, cousin of the bride; Miss Krista Kerr of Austin; and Miss Lauren Tankersley of Houston. Members of the house party included Sheridan May, niece of the groom; Mrs. Christen Bringhurst Myers of Houston; and Miss Hollie Hendricks Davenport of Dallas.

Mr. Darren Harrington of Dallas served as the Best Man. Groomsmen included Mr. Cody Statton, brother of the bride; Mr. Monty Statton, brother of the bride; Mr. Tom Statton, brother of the bride; Mr. Dodd Dorsey of Fort Worth; Mr. Troy Wuertz of Dallas; Mr. Scott Glaser of Dallas; Dr. Brett Johnson of Dallas; Mr. John Simpson of Houston; and Mr. Brooke Viningre of Houston. Mr. Foster Green; Mr. Dana Dorsey; Mr. David Shaffer; Mr. Greg Mykytyn; Mr. Carson May, nephew of the groom; and Mr. Will Statton, brother of the bride; served as ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Midland High School. She graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and from Baylor Law School with a Juris Doctorate. She now works as an associate attorney at Bullock Scott, PC in Midland, Texas. The groom is a graduate of Paul Pewitt High School. He graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and from South Texas School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. He is a co-founder of Georock Energy Partners and an attorney through the Stuart Smith Law Firm.

Following a honeymoon in Napa Valley, California, Emily and Stuart will reside in Midland, Texas.

Floyd - Harris

Michelle Herrell Floyd and Drew Prescott Harris were united in marriage on October 20, 2012 at six thirty in the evening at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. The Reverend Stephen James Schorr, of First Presbyterian Church-Midland, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert William Floyd of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Robert William Thompson, Jr. of Dallas and the late R.W. "Bob" Thompson, Jr., and Mrs. Jay Eugene Floyd of Midland and the late Jay Eugene "Gene" Floyd.

The groom is the son of Ms. Janet Lee Harris and Mr. Billy Wayne Harris, both of Midland. He is the grandson of Mr. James Barron Davis of Midland and the late Mrs. Dana Lee Surles Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy James Harris of Pixley, California.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless gown with a sweetheart neckline beautifully accented with an embellished belt around the waist. She wore an antique Belgium lace veil that was first worn by her maternal grandmother, and a garter hand-made from the lace of her paternal grandmother's wedding dress.

Serving the bride as her maid of honor was Theresa Wynne Hickey, cousin of the bride, of Dallas, Texas. The bridesmaids were Taylor Elizabeth Darby, of Lubbock, Texas; Sara Alvarado Davis, of Midland, Texas; Taylor Kathryn Davis of Dallas, Texas; Caitlin Leigh Derdeyn of Fort Worth, Texas; Cathryn Haley Ford of Denver, Colorado; Juliann Frances Friday of Bakersfield, California; Carrie Michele Gates of Austin, Texas; Carter Goree of Fort Worth, Texas; Claire Augusta McLaughlin of Austin, Texas; Lindsay Perkins Nichols of Lubbock, Texas; Christina Lynn Ott of Bellaire, Texas; Anna Louise Paulson of Austin, Texas; and Meredith Leigh Rooney of Dallas, Texas. The house party included Charlotte Frances Showalter of Nashville, Tennessee; Margaret Arden Showalter of Chestnut Hills, Massachusetts, MacKenzie Belle Singer of Austin, Texas; and Sarah Elizabeth Strother of Dallas, Texas, all cousins of the bride. Katherine Clara Owen of Dallas, Texas was the Junior Bridesmaid. Nieces of the groom, Caroline Lorraine House of McKinney, Texas and Georgia Elizabeth Harris of Houston, Texas served as flower girls.

Serving the groom as best man was Quillan Grant Harris, brother of the groom, from Houston, Texas. Groomsmen included John Wilson Adams III of Floresville, Texas; Craig Randall Bean of Washington, DC; Robert Snead Brunner of Los Angeles, California; Arthur John Ferguson II of Charlotte, North Carolina; brothers of the bride, Robert William Floyd, Junior and Coleman Wynne Floyd of Fort Worth, Texas and Michael Russell Floyd of Austin, Texas; brother of the groom, Keith Russell House of McKinney, Texas; Philip Justin Keb of Meridian, Mississippi; Taylor Craig Scribner of Midland, Texas; William Henry Sias, Jr. of Houston, Texas; Monty Cale Statton of Midland, Texas; and Reed Eastburn Stevens of Dallas, Texas. Serving as ushers were Joseph Gregory Bernica of Houston, Texas; Joseph Randle Crook III of Burbank, California; Robert Alexander Edwards of Midland, Texas and Christopher Casey Gain of Houston, Texas. Nephew of the groom, Sean Winfred House of McKinney, Texas was the ring bearer.

Elizabeth Hight Harris, sister-in-law of the groom, served as Scripture reader, and music for the ceremony was provided by soloist Courtney Longcrier, organist Paul Keith, and bagpiper Wesley McCoy. After the ceremony, family and friends enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing hosted by the bride's parents at Barton Creek Resort. Guests were entertained to music by The Lucky Strikes from Austin and the Dallas band Professor D as well as by magician Mio from Florida. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner in the Pavilion at Barton Creek Resort.

Michelle is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She currently teaches third grade at The Hillander School.

Drew is also a 2006 graduate of Midland High School. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. The groom was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Silver Spurs. He is a landman with Waggoner Osborne Land Services of Fort Worth.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii and now resides in Midland, Texas.

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ENGAGEMENTS

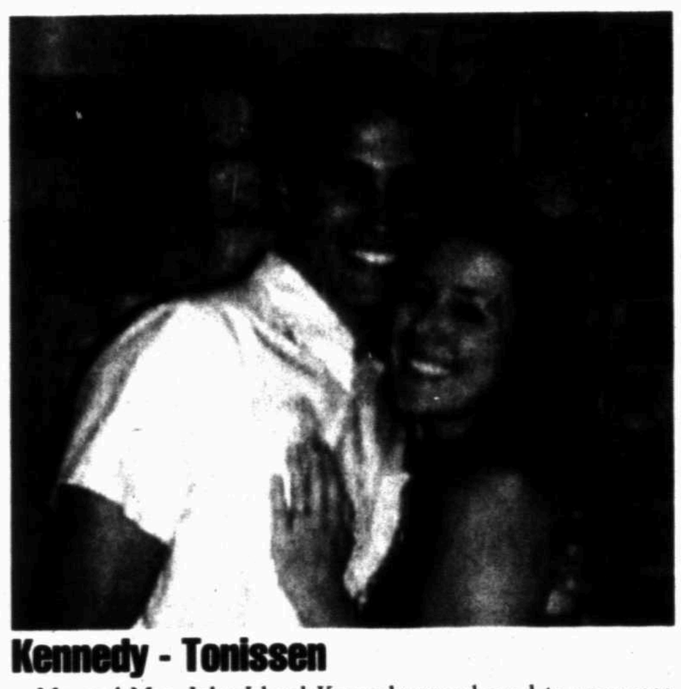
Young - Gray

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Orndorff of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mr. Brenon Young of Andrews, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Britni Janea Young of Midland, Texas, to Bryan Patrick Gray (Pat) of Wink, Texas, son of Ms. Belinda Sewell of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. Bryan Gray of Kermit, Texas.

Britni is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Whitaker of Midland, Texas, Dr. Henry Foster of Dallas, Texas, the late Mary Hollinsworth of Lubbock, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Young of Salt Lake City, Utah. Pat is the grandson of Ms. Betty Lemons of Greenville, Tennessee, and the late Larry Sewell of Dallas, Texas, Ms. Vella Wall of Kermit, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gray of San Angelo, Texas.

The bride-elect graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and works for Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. The groom-elect graduated from the University of Texas Permian Basin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He also graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law with a Juris Doctorate and now works as an attorney with the law firm of Canon & Sumner in Midland.

A February wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas.



Kennedy - Tonissen

Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd Kennedy are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Jenness Kennedy, of Midland, Texas to Alan Michael Tonissen, of Grass Valley, California. Alan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tonissen of Grass Valley, California.

Miss Kennedy is the granddaughter of Mrs. Harold J. Shine of Temple, Texas and the late Mr. Harold J. Shine; Mrs. James H. Kennedy of League City, Texas and the late Mr. James H. Kennedy. Erin Jenness graduated from Cinco Ranch High School in Katy, Texas in 2002 and Texas A&M University in 2006 with a degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences. She is currently working as the College Women's Coordinator at Grace Bible Church, Southwood in College Station, Texas.

Mr. Tonissen is the grandson of Mrs. Jack Morrish of Grass Valley, California and the late Mr. Jack Morrish; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tonissen of Mulino, Oregon. Alan graduated from Nevada Union High School in 2004 and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 2009 with a degree in Architectural Engineering. Alan has his professional engineering license and is currently working as a Structural Engineer at KPFF Consulting Engineers in Irvine, California.

The couple will be married February 9, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas and after which will live in Southern California.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sanders 50th Anniversary

Bonnie and Lee Sanders celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 14, 2012. Bonnie and Lee were married in Lubbock, Texas.

After graduating from Texas Tech, they moved to Houston where Lee continued his studies at the University of Houston and Bonnie worked for Vinson & Elkins. Our children, Scott and Libby were born in Houston. After 20 years of the city life, we moved to Midland where we have lived for 30 years.

Lee retired from Halliburton after 34 years of service and continues his work endeavors with Log Analysis Solutions. Bonnie enjoys her time with the church activities, civic activities and of course the grandchildren. Scott lives in Casper, Wyoming and Libby and her family live in McKinney, Texas. Celebrations will include family time and travels throughout the West. The best of times.

Experts decode holiday party dress codes

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The holidays are often a highly social season that provide a good reason to wear the things you might not often have the occasion to pull out of your closet: sequins, a fancy red dress, the sexy black one.

But should you? Or will everyone else be wearing their cozy cashmere sweater and favorite riding boots?

"People don't know how to dress anymore — it's anything goes, which is a huge problem," said Marie France Van Damme, a fashion designer and author of the new book, "RSVP: Simple Sophistication, Effortless Entertaining." "People are either overdressed or not dressed at all. They should be looking for the happy medium."

The invite — or make that the more likely Evite — probably won't give you the guidance you're seeking. Hosts want to kick off the party with cute conversation, not an edict about what to wear. And even if dress code is addressed, it's probably "cocktail casual" or "holiday glam," which can mean a whole lot of things to different people. Even the formal "black-tie" directive seems to be open to interpretation.

"As soon as you get an invitation, the first question is, 'What do I wear?' Or at least that's what I think," said Lisa Axelson, head designer at Ann Taylor.

Style expert Amy Tara Koch goes straight to the fine print to see what the venue is. She says that gives the biggest clue; a party at someone's home will dictate a different dress than one at a restaurant.

A house party gives permission to be a little more daring, whether it's a plunging neckline or a fashion-forward combination, mostly because there's an assumption that you know the hosts well enough to be invited into their inner circle and you could very well know the other people there, Koch said. A restaurant party could still be a gathering of your more intimate friends, but it also could be with work colleagues or extended family — you know, the relatives you only see in December.

Axelson, however, sees a big difference in the appropriate attire if the party is at the country club or the neighborhood bistro. She also lets the day and time guide her: probably nice trousers or a pencil skirt and embellished-neck sweater with flats for a Sunday brunch, maybe something with some glitter for Saturday night.

An afternoon open house is practically an invitation for something colorful, said Koch. Her plan this season is to break out a bright shirt, fur vest, leggings and tall boots.

Holiday decor: Give vintage items a fresh look

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

Forget Bing Crosby's classic "White Christmas." For me, Christmastime will forever be evoked by David Cassidy crooning "My Christmas Card to You," and I still have the 1972 Partridge Family holiday record album to prove it.

The music has long since been transferred to my iPod, but the rest of my family can stand only so much of Cassidy's oddly melancholy rendition of "Frosty the Snowman." So I came up with another way to get my fix of nostalgia: I reproduced the album cover art on a tile coaster that now resides on my coffee table, not my parents' old turntable. In fact, I had enough vintage albums to make a set of four holiday coasters, and at a cost of 15 cents per tile, can afford to make more to give to my sister.

But why stop there? I'm also awfully fond of my 1973 Little Golden Book versions of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman," and I get out my battered copies every year. But the books end up lost amid my son's enormous collection, so I came up with a way to make them part of our holiday dicor.

Instead of shrinking the covers as I did for the albums, I enlarged them a bit to fit 8-by-10-inch canvases and hung them on the wall. Slapping a print into a frame would be even easier, but I had the blank canvas on hand and didn't want to buy a new frame. I may be a hopeless sap at the holidays, but I'm also thrifty.

Record Album Coasters

Materials:
- record album covers
- scanner or digital camera
- printer
- craft knife and metal ruler or scissors
- spray adhesive or adhesive tape (I used a Scotch-brand Advanced Tape Glider)
- ceramic tiles, approximately 4-by-4 inches
- clear enamel topcoat (I used Rust-oleum Crystal Clear Enamel)
- felt, cut to the size of the coasters

Instructions:

1. Take a picture of your album cover. Scanning it would also work, but most small, desktop scanners won't be big enough to scan the entire cover in one pass. It's best to stand the album up on a shelf against a wall, so you can get a straight-on view for a photo.
2. Use photo-editing or word-processing software to crop and re-size the image to fit your tile. Print the image, then trim it to size using the craft knife or scissors.
3. Use adhesive tape or spray adhesive to glue the image to the tile. Many online tutorials call for using Mod Podge, a type of decoupage medium, for this kind of project but I find it messy. And because it is water-based, the finished coasters likely will not stand up to moisture or heat from a cold beverage glass or warm mug.
4. Allow adhesive to dry thoroughly, following product directions. Working outdoors, apply several light coats of the clear enamel spray, again following the product directions for how long to wait between coats.
5. Glue squares of felt to the underside of the tiles to prevent the rough surface from scratching your table.
6. Allow the finished coaster to dry for at least several days before using.

Book Cover Canvases

Materials:
- vintage books
- scanner or digital camera
- printer
- craft knife or scissors
- spray adhesive or adhesive tape
- blank 8-by-10-inch canvas
- optional: acrylic craft paint

Instructions:

1. Scan or take a picture of your book cover. If scanning, scan at a high resolution (600 ppi) so you can print an enlarged copy without harming the image quality. If taking a picture, use the highest resolution on your camera.
2. Use photo-editing or word-processing software to crop and re-size the image to fit your canvas. (Alternatively, you can simply create a duplicate image that you can print and frame).
3. Print the image, then trim it to size. I chose to print my book cover on high-quality photo paper to get the best image possible.
4. If desired, paint the edges of the canvas a color that matches your book cover. Let dry.
5. Use adhesive tape or spray to glue the image onto the canvas.
6. If desired, spray the finished canvas with a clear sealant. I chose not to, since it will be hanging up for just a few weeks each year, and I wasn't particularly worried about the image fading or getting damaged.

Holiday gifts for pets follow high-tech trend

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A holiday present for Fido or Fluffy used to be an extra table scrap or a new squeeze toy. But as with gifts for their human counterparts, pet presents are becoming increasingly high-tech.

Like presents for young children who lack the dexterity to enjoy their new playthings, pet gifts are usually for the human who owns the pet. Allie Robino of Austin, bought a dog treat maker for her 8-year-old rescue mutt Bentley, but it'll be her baking the biscuits — not Bentley.

She bought PetSmart's Sunbeam Holiday Dog Treat Maker, essentially a waffle-maker with dog-bone molds, for Bentley when she took him to see Santa Claus at a Fort Worth pet store. Even though he and her other dog, Shiner, will be the primary beneficiaries of the purchase, it's mostly a gift for Robino, who admits to having problems making things at home from scratch.

"A lot of these kinds of things end up being more complicated than the company promises, but this was super easy to use and the finished product looked great. Believe me, if it were possible to mess up, I would have messed up. I'm batting zero on Pinterest," she said, referring to the photo-sharing website beloved by amateur chefs and DIY-crafters.

Robino said it was the only time she has bought a gift for a pet that requires electricity, figuring that would put Bentley in a rarefied group of animals with high-tech presents. But there are actually plenty of gadgets in stores for animals, from the predictable (dog barking control, electronic self-cleaning cat litter boxes) to the surprising (exercise equipment, air conditioners for doghouses). Technology is having an impact in every area of the pet world, including food, toys and care products, said Bob Vetere, president of the American Pet Products Association.

"There are many advances on the pet rehabilitation side of health care that weren't even heard of a few years ago. There are also new advances in medication, treatments, and even testing and diagnostic areas. For example, you can send off your pet's DNA to find out their breed and even give at-home tests to determine if certain diseases are present," he said.

Christmas legends remind us of beauty of the season

Alex Rose
AARP Community Service volunteer

While looking through my files on Christmas, I found some of my favorite stories. The legend of the candy cane is so old that many have forgotten it. Legend says its shape, like that of the shepherd's staff symbolizes guidance and protection of the good shepherd. It's color, red, symbolizes "atoning sacrifice" and the color white symbolizes purity. The broad red stripes symbolize the supreme sacrifice of the savior. The smaller, thinner stripes symbolize the smaller sacrifices one makes as a Christian. As a candy it is meant to be broken and shared, just as his body was broken so that we might share in his inheritance.

The "Twelve days of Christmas" was published in England in 1780. Some say the lyrics to the "Twelve Days of Christmas" have religious significance. The "partridge in a pear tree" refers to Jesus. "Turtle doves" refers to the Old and New Testaments. "French hens" refers to the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. "Calling birds" refers to the four Gospels and/or the four evangelists. "Golden rings" refers to the first five books of the Old Testament known as the Pentateuch, which gives the history of man's fall from grace. "Geese a-laying" refers to the six days of creation. "Swans a-swimming" refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments. "Maids a-milking" refers to the eight beatitudes. "Ladies dancing" refers to the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. "Lords a-leaping" refers to the Ten Commandments. "Pipers piping" refers to the eleven faithful apostles. "Drummers drumming" refers to the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle Creed.

One of my very favorites, which I have shared before, is the story of a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had called her pastor to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She had one last wish and that was to be buried with a fork in her right hand. She told her pastor that in all her years of church socials she was always reminded to keep her fork for the dessert, that the best was yet to come and this was her way of saying heaven was the best yet to come.

This year I stumbled on to this legend, which I think is so beautiful. Legends say hummingbirds float free of time, carrying our hopes for love, joy and celebration. Hummingbirds open our eyes to the wonder of the world and inspire us to open our hearts to loved ones and friends. Like a hummingbird, we aspire to hover and savor each moment as it passes, embrace all that life has to offer and celebrate the joy of every day. The hummingbird's delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and laughter is life's sweetest creation.

I treasure my connection with my readers — have a blessed and very merry Christmas.

Security guard gets little respect from girlfriend's pals

Dear Abby
Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I have been separated for three years and am now going through a divorce. I have started a new relationship, and, for the first time, I know what being in love feels like.

"Mason" is a remarkable man with many great qualities. However, when we go to my friends' parties, they often make comments and belittle him because he didn't graduate from college. Mason is a security guard. It doesn't bother me, but I feel bad when people ask him why he didn't become a police officer "instead."

My friends are all professionals who married other professionals. They don't realize that they can sometimes be snobs. I don't know how to approach this subject without getting into an awkward confrontation. Mason's feelings were hurt before by a prior girlfriend whose family and friends thought he was a loser because he's a security guard.

I love him and want this to work. Why do I let other people's comments affect me? And how can I approach them about this matter? — UNHAPPY IN NEW YORK

DEAR UNHAPPY: You may be affected because your friends are unable to see the wonderful qualities in Mason that you do. Please understand they may feel they are trying to look out for your best interests after what has to be a traumatic disappointment — the long, depressing slog through your divorce. If your friends persist in making comments to Mason about his job, you should ask them to please stop because they are making both of you uncomfortable.

However, I would be remiss if I didn't caution you: After someone has experienced a divorce, it is not unusual to experience a rush of adrenaline — a kind of "high" — during the next relationship. While it seems idyllic, the problem is it usually doesn't last, which is why rebound relationships often don't work out. This is not to imply that there is anything wrong with Mason, only that you would be wise to take your time before rushing into another marriage.

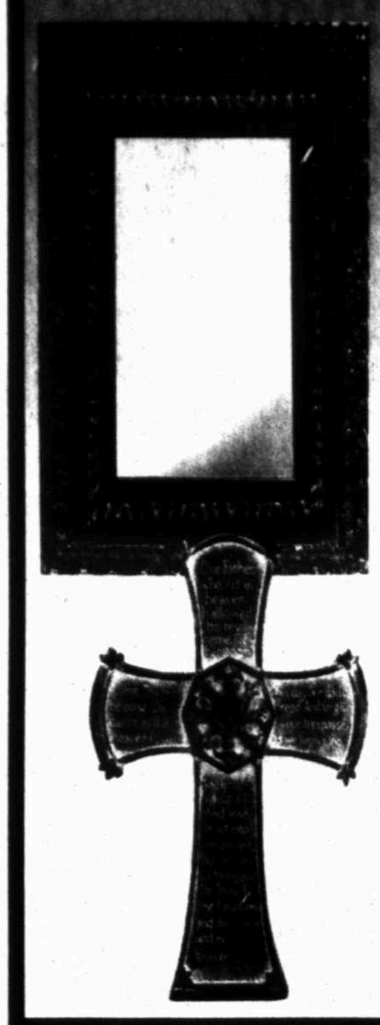
DEAR ABBY: I want to be at home on Christmas! Am I so bad? Every year, my mother-in-law pushes us to be at her house on Christmas. My husband and I have even discussed this issue with a marriage counselor. Together, we agreed to always be in our home on Christmas Day. I am happy to have my in-laws over, but not bothered if they choose not to come.

My husband talked to his mother, and everything was worked out last year. However, when I told him she was starting up again, he got mad at me! It makes me sad that he is more worried about pacifying his mother than making memories with me.

I want to fix dinner and do special things in my home because I didn't have that when I was a child. Am I so terrible to want that? She had her time. Now I want my time. — WANTS MY TURN IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR WANTS YOUR TURN: Your husband got mad at you because he has been on the receiving end of heavy pressure from his mother. She's alive and kicking, so in her mind her "time" is not yet over.

While I sympathize with your desire to establish traditions of your own, you will encounter less resistance and resentment if you do it gradually. A way to do that would be to alternate Christmas holidays between your home and your in-laws' — a suggestion I hope you will take to heart.



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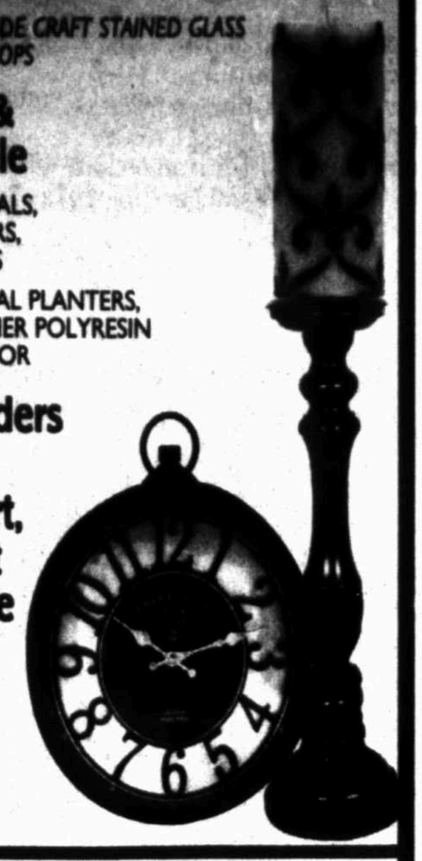

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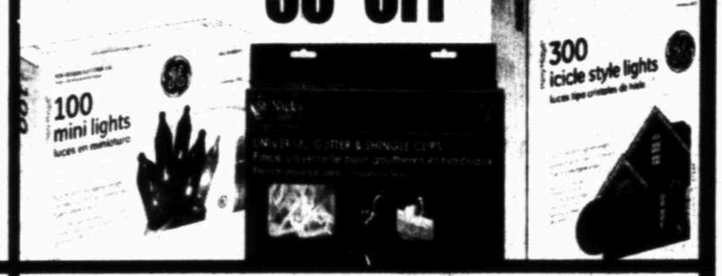

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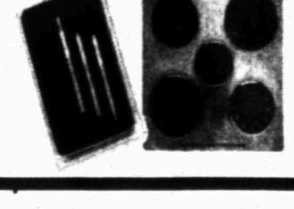

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Student Support Services—making dreams become reality

by Rebecca Bell, Dean of Community Relations & Special Events

"When I graduated from Stanton High School, I knew I had to go to college in order to get ahead in life. I was determined not to fail, but college was a real 'eye-opener' for me," said 21-year-old Vincent Villa.

Villa didn't fail—in fact, he successfully graduated from Midland College in May 2012 and is now majoring in Biology through the Midland College/Sul Ross State University Science Initiative. However, his achievements have not come without struggle. The 2009 Stanton High graduate credits a great deal of his accomplishments to the help he received through Midland College's Student Support Services (SSS), a federally funded program to help low-income Americans succeed in college.

MC Alum Vincent Villa

Villa explained, "During the summer of 2009, I attended freshman orientation at Midland College. I didn't know what to expect in college. Neither of my parents attended college, but they insisted that I go. During freshman orientation, I met Student Support Services Director Judy Jordan, and she told me about the services offered by SSS. The program was definitely a lifesaver for me. Ms. Jordan helped me register for classes. Then, once I was enrolled, the program offered study skills seminars and tutors. I knew I wanted to learn, but I just didn't know how to go about doing it."

Villa said he also had no idea about a major. That soon changed when he took his first biology course at Midland College.

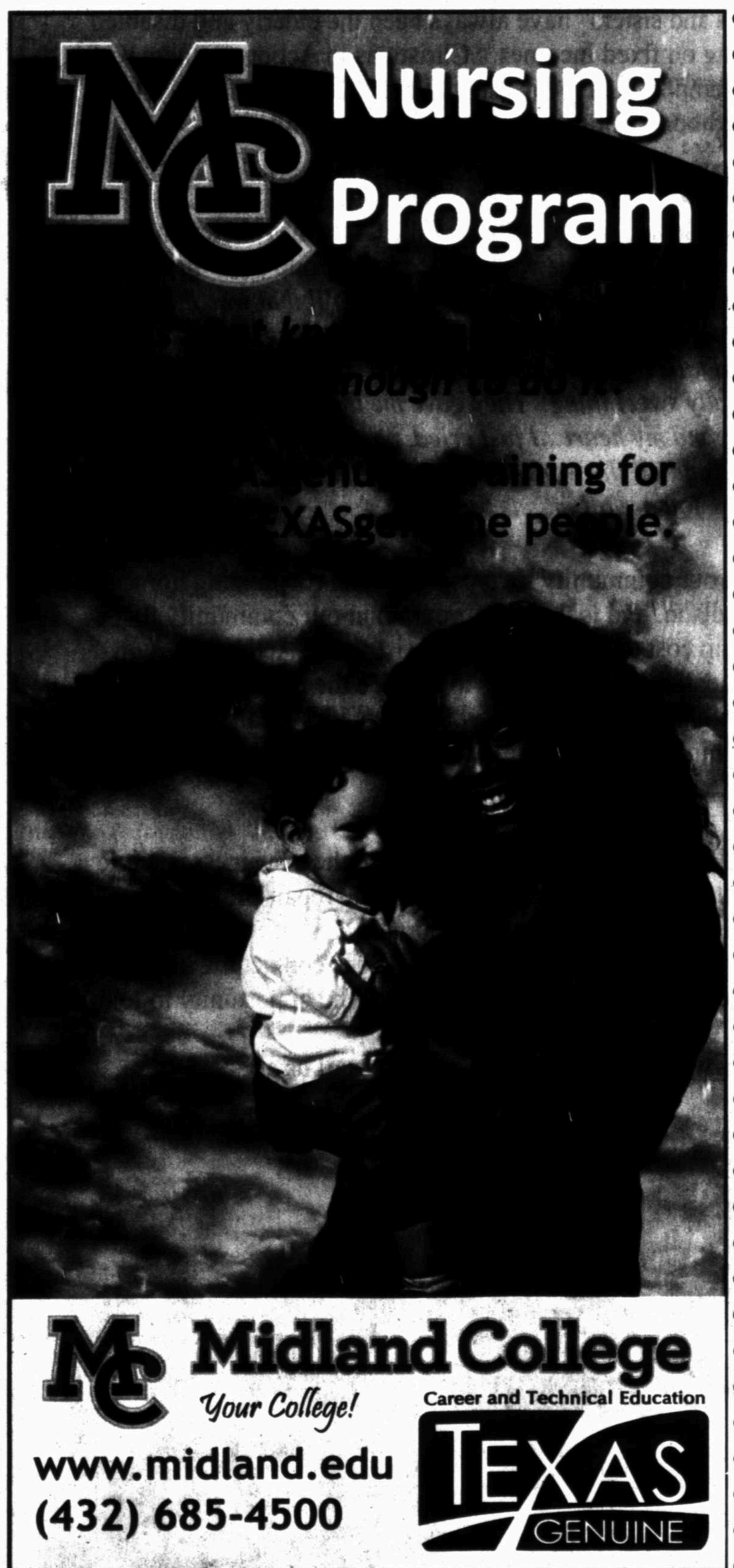
"I love science, especially biology," said Villa. "During my years at MC, I took as much biology as possible. I started with General Biology I and II and then took Microbiology and finally Anatomy and Physiology. Now, I know that I want to be a medical doctor—a general practitioner."

Villa, who still lives in Stanton, grew up in a small three-bedroom home and said that at any one time there would be five to eight family members living in the house.

His humble background is one reason for Villa's choice of profession: "My family wasn't rich by any means, and I saw a great many other poor people who couldn't afford healthcare. I want to help those people. In fact, after I receive my medical degree, I plan to practice medicine in Stanton. I love the town and the people, even the old soreheads!"

With determination and self-confidence, there is no doubt that Villa will achieve his goal of becoming a doctor. While at MC, Villa was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, which means that he had to maintain a grade point average of 3.5. Because he is currently taking Sul Ross State University classes on the MC campus, he is able to continue to participate in campus life. He currently is Parliamentarian of the MC Student Government Association and also serves as Parliamentarian of the Regional Student Government Association. In addition, Villa still maintains strong ties with MC's Student Support Services program working 10-15 hours per week tutoring current SSS students in science courses.

"The SSS program helped me achieve my dream of being the first in my family to graduate from college, and I want to show others how it can help them succeed," explained Villa. "It takes determination and hard work, but with support from programs like SSS, dreams can become reality."



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Smooch-A-Pooch!

by Lesley Isaacs, Multimedia Promotions Coordinator

On Monday and Tuesday, December 10 & 11, MC Student Government Association hosted "Smooch-A-Pooch" from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon.

Thanks to dogs provided by Midland Animal Services, MC students were able to enjoy the company of adorable canine companions to relieve final exam stress. The event was held in the F. Marie Hall Academic Building. Dan Wright, a Senator for MC Student Government, said they got the idea during a regional student government retreat in El Paso.

MC Students with Midland Animal Services dogs

On Monday, Midland Animal Services brought an American Staffordshire terrier mix and a Pit Bull mix. "She's a sweetheart," said Hailey Hopkins, MC student, about Tiny, the American Staffordshire terrier mix.

The next day, Tiny returned along with a Chihuahua mix. "You are so adorable," said Stephanie Garcia, MC student, about the small Chihuahua mix.

MC student Stephanie Garcia with Chihuahua mix

Ms. Garcia, vice president of MC's Student Government Association, said, "Yes, it helps! Students are worried about their finals and then see the puppies. It really helped me yesterday with my finals!"

MC Massage Therapy students also gave 5-minute chair massages throughout the day.

The "stress-free" zone was created to help students relax before and after their finals.

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Christmas in Action is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that, in partnership with the community, repairs homes of low-income elderly and/or disabled homeowners. Since 1973, these repairs have included replacing roofs, installing windows, siding, and doors, painting, building wheelchair ramps, plumbing and electrical repairs, and much more. From May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012, Christmas in Action worked on 500 projects in the city of Midland, bringing the total of homes repaired to 9,520 since the ministry's inception.

Christmas in Action was born out of a belief in the teachings of James 2:14-17 which states, "What good is it my bothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." For Christmas in Action, these "brothers and sisters" have always been the elderly and disabled homeowners in the city of Midland living on fixed incomes. Christmas in Action partners with volunteers throughout the year, with an emphasis in the months of March, April, and May, to ensure that our elderly and disabled neighbors continue to live in safety, warmth, and independence.

Thousands of lives have been positively affected by the efforts of the Christmas in Action program and its volunteers. One recipient whose home was painted by a group of 8th grade boys from Midland Christian School commented, *"I just wanted to tell ya'll that was the sweetest thing them boys coming out here painting my house. It was like having 15 sons out here. It was really nice. They stood and talked to me for a while when they were done, and had me come and look at it. It was just a really sweet thing. They gave me the most beautiful little (devotional) book and they all signed it, and my heart...I just cried, not in front of them, but I cried at how sweet it was. I love you all and all the work that you do. I just want to thank you and tell you how much I appreciate you. You are all angels for me."*

Christmas in Action plays a vital role in our community by preserving and revitalizing homes of elderly and disabled homeowners in Midland, and is the only program in our community that provides these specific home repairs at no cost to the recipient. Christmas in Action relies on the gifts of individuals, businesses, foundations and churches to provide the resources needed to continue to assist and provide for our neighbors. This ministry also provides Midlanders with the opportunities for leadership, fellowship, and learning, all in the common goal of meeting the basic needs of others.

Christmas in Action is in desperate need of willing volunteers from churches, businesses, civic groups, schools, or any organization that would be willing to take a home repair project this spring. Christmas in Action's "House Selection" is Thursday, February 21st at 5:00 pm at 500 S. Lee St. If you would like to take part in this wonderful ministry, please contact the Midland office at 432-683-4177. Just as the need for assistance is ongoing, so is the opportunity to join in on a Christmas in Action project.
You can also visit us on our website at www.christmasinaction.org or email us at ciamidland@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!

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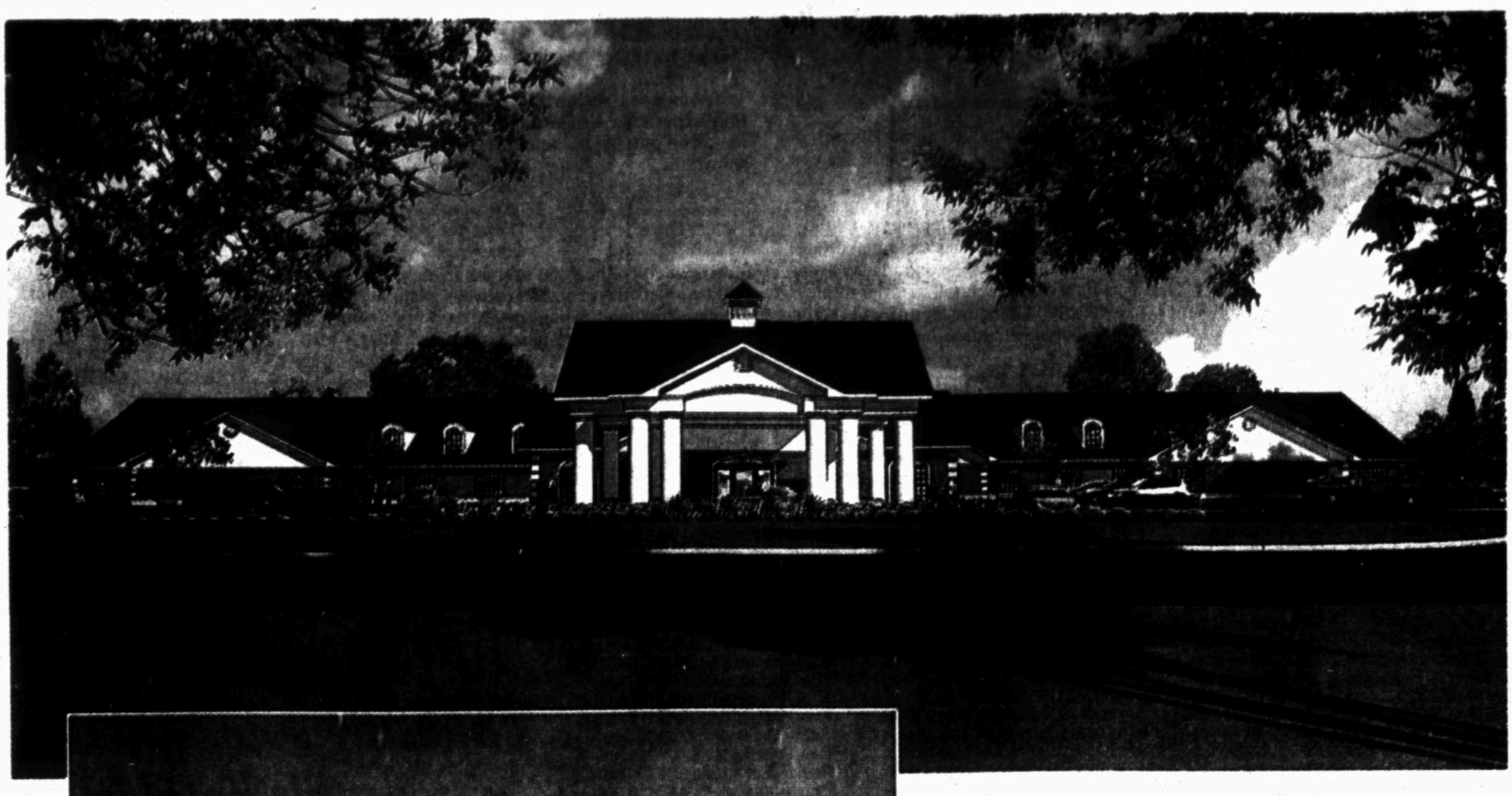

MEDICAL resort

The Madison Medical Resort, above, will be 43,000 square feet with 124 rooms, as shown in this artist's rendering. Half the facility will be for post-hospital recovery and the other half will be for long-term care. LEFT Shane Lewis, from left, Don Miller and Dan Marick of SCC Healthcare Group break ground on the company's planned Odessa facility. The Madison Medical Resort will be located near the corner of 52nd and John Ben Shepperd Parkway in northeast Odessa. Construction is expected to be complete by mid-summer 2013.

Photos courtesy SCC Healthcare Group

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Armstrong Backus joins McGladrey Alliance

SAN ANGELO — Armstrong Backus & Co., LLP, which maintains an office in downtown Midland, is the newest member of the McGladrey Alliance, an affiliation of independent accounting firms associated with McGladrey LLP. Armstrong Backus & Co. now has access to the resources of a national accounting firm, allowing them to better serve their clients and staff.

Armstrong Backus & Co. remains an independently owned firm; it has not been acquired, merged or changed its status as a result of this affiliation. Its membership in the McGladrey Alliance was effective Sept. 1, 2012.

Armstrong Backus & Co. began practicing in 1961 and for more than 50 years, has served the residents of West Texas as a full service public accounting firm. The firm specializes in construction, oil and gas, and agriculture industries, as well as providing estate and gift planning, audit and attestation, tax compliance and planning, business consulting, payroll preparation, back office accounting function and bookkeeping services.

Armstrong Backus & Co. is led by eight partners and has more than 50 employees.

Midland Fairfield Inn & Suites offers free rooms Christmas Eve

FARGO, N.D. (December 2012) — As part of TMI Hospitality's holiday giving program, Room in the Inn, free hotel rooms on Christmas Eve are being offered to those who have friends or family members hospitalized, in a nursing home, or in a treatment center. The Midland Fairfield Inn & Suites at 2300 Faulkner Drive, near Outback Steakhouse, is participating in the program.

TMI Hospitality, one of the country's largest privately owned hospitality ownership and development companies, has offered free hotel rooms nationwide for the past 25 years and during last year's holiday season, nearly 3,000 people had a free night's stay. The Room in the Inn program was created to help meet the needs of friends and families of hospitalized individuals who are separated from them because of health issues. All TMI Hospitality hotels are participating in this program; rooms will be available as each hotel's occupancy allows.

For more information about the program, contact the Midland Fairfield Inn at 570-7155.

UTPB SBDC offering Quickbooks Workshop

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Small Business Development Center will be offering an intensive Quickbooks workshop Jan. 15, 2013 beginning at 11:30 a.m. and lasting until 8:30 a.m. The workshop will be held at UTPB's Midland Campus, Highway 191 and FM 1788.

Topics will range from getting started to doing payroll in Quickbooks.

Cost is $210 and registration is available online at www.garciallp.com.

Madison Medical Resort's Odessa opening planned for summer 2013

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

The first new skilled nursing facility to be built in Odessa in approximately 30 years is now under construction, thanks to Garland, Texas-based SCC Healthcare Group. The Madison Medical Resort, a $10 million, 43,000-square-foot facility, is scheduled for opening sometime next summer. It will host post-hospital recovery, skilled nursing and long-term care facilities.

Dan Marick, regional director of SCC Healthcare Group, said Ector County was chosen as the site for the company's seventh facility for two reasons. One was that area was recommended by Smithers Merchant Builders, a San Antonio firm that does all of SCC's facilities construction. "We're partners with them in finding locations in the state of Texas that would be effective for a skilled nursing facility, and Odessa-Midland has certainly popped up," he said.

Additionally, he noted that Texas' Department of Disability Services, (DADS) requires a facitlity to obtain a waiver in order to receive Medicaid reimbursements. These waivers are allocated on a limited basis by count and a waiver was available for Ector County. It was during this research phase that SCC discovered that there had not been a new skilled nursing facility built in the area in 30 years — so the decision was made.

The Madison Medical Resort will contain 124 beds total, half of which will be for short-term rehab, usually needed after a hospital stay, and the other half for long-term care. It will be located at 5001 Office Park Drive, which is near the intersection of 52nd and John Ben Shepperd Parkway in northeast Odessa. The facility will serve Odessa, Midland and Monahans.

It is called a "resort" by design. Big screen TVs, hotel-style rooms, a dining room in which residents and guests can order from a menu any time the kitchen is open and other resort-style amenities are a major drawing card for baby boomers, Marick related. The food is a major part of the resort atmosphere.

"Food is the number one issue in institutional living," he said, explaining that part of that issues lies in the fact that residents have no choice as to where they eat. In the outside world, "Even if I like a restaurant, I'm probably not going to eat there every day. I'm going to get tired of it if I eat there daily," he said. So Madison Medical tries to allow as much variety as possible.

Admission usually comes through physician referral or from the hospital at time of discharge. Nurse and physician access will be available 24/7. The average rehab stay is 35 days.

The typical long-term care resident will be someone who can no longer care for themselves and who requires a nurse to help manage medicines and a certified nurse's assistant (CNA) for other care issues.

Because customer service is a high priority for SCC, and since the job market in this area is very tight, Marick stated that his company will look to bring workers in from outside the area. "We have a few tricks up our sleeve to attract quality employees," he said with a chuckle.

Over a 30- year time frame, SCC has built 18 facilities, eight of which were in Texas. It is currently operating just five, all of which are in the state. A sixth will open in Rockwall in early 2013, with the Odessa operation slated to be its seventh.

After the facility is completed, there is a several-month certification process that start with the admission of three patients after an initial, scheduled, state inspection from DADS. A few weeks later there is a surprise visit from state regulators, in which the inspectors evaluate whether the facility is caring for those first three residents according to all standards. When that approval is given, the Madison Medical Resort will be fully open for business.

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The Commons at Northpark welcomes New Balance, Altar'd State

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

Just opened in The Commons At Northpark, 2900 W. Loop 250 North is New Balance Midland.

"We are strictly a New Balance store," said Manager Terry Foster, explaining the inventory consists of New Balance running and walking shoes, childrens' shoes and New Balance apparel. "We carry the higher-end line of New Balance products, which are primarily made in the U.S."

Foster added, "We're an old-fashioned type of shoe store. We sit you down, we measure your feet, both of them, and get the right size and the right width. We also measure the bottom of the foot, see what's going on there and enter it into a computer. We carry a line of orthotics we can recommend for various problems."

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. More information is available by calling 689-3399.

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Also opening its doors in The Commons this week was Altar'd State, a fashion boutique offering fashions from jeans to skirts to tops. Accessories include shoes, handbags and wallets, scarves, hats and gloves, belts, gift items and jewelry, including Lenny & Eva sentiment bracelets.

Since its founding, Altar'd State has had a mission to make the world better and does this through three pillars of philanthropy: Mission Mondays where every Monday, 10 percent of net proceeds go to various local charities, funding employee volunteer hours each month and working with vendor partners who also give back. Those partners include Toms shoes, Hobo leather goods, Judith March contemporary clothing, FEED bags, apparel and accessories that help feed hungry children with each purchase, Perch, line of clothing for women with curves, Coral handmade boots, Natural Life gifts and accessories, Krochet Kids handmade products and FashionABLE scarves that create sustainable business and training for women in Africa.

The store can be reached at 699-2608.

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A grand opening was recently held for Fancy Heels located at 1105 N. Midkiff Road.

Owner Elena Grimado said she carries shoes — from high-heeled fashions to boots — along with scarves and clothing. Clothing styles range from casual to dressy.

Currently she says she's offering 20 percent off denim, purses and high heel shoes.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Parents, student working together can result in debt-free college degree

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

Our son is graduating from high school next spring. We've saved cash to pay for his first year of college, and we have enough in mutual funds to pay for another semester. When should we pull out the money to use for his education?

Denise

Dear Denise,

I wouldn't touch the money until right before you write the checks. However, I don't want you to follow my advice just because I said so. My mutual funds have made a little more than 16 percent this year. If they stay at that pace, or if they make just 10 percent during the first part of 2013, I'd want it to just sit there a while longer. Why not let the power of compound interest do its thing and make you as much money as possible?

The biggest question is what are you going to do for cash after the first three semesters? Your son needs to make sure he's working summers, and maybe even part-time during school, in order to fuel his education. And neither of you should borrow money to make it happen. You guys have gotten him off to a great start. So if he does his part there's no reason for either of you to go into debt for his college degree!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

If someone is following your plan, and they experience a health crisis, should they stop putting money into their debt snowball?

Dave

Dear Dave,

Absolutely! When you're stuck in the middle of an emergency you always push the pause button on your Total Money Makeover and save as much as you can.

Think of it this way. Cash is your umbrella when it rains, and you never know just how bad the storm will be or how long it will last. Even if you have great health insurance, you're likely to end up paying a chunk out of pocket in situations like this. That's why it's important to have a big pile of cash on hand.

Remember, things like this are often just a bump in the road. They can be expensive, but taking care of important issues doesn't have to mean giving up on taking control of your finances. Take care of immediate issues with yourself or your family first. Then, come back when things are better and pick up where you left off on your Total Money Makeover!

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

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			3500 W. Golf Course	Sign	$48,623
			3303 W. Illinois Avenue	Sign	$28,000
3215 W. Kansas Ave.	Fence	$500	1910 N. Jackson Street	New Residence	$113,600
1123 Porterfield Road	New Residence	$134,480	1908 N. Jackson Street	New Residence	$113,600
4616 Briarwood Avenue	New Commercial	$850,000	2400 W. Kentucky Ave.	Residential Addition	$15,000
1119 Porterfield Road	New Residence	$108,480	3208 Whitney Drive	Residential Addition	$1,500
1121 Porterfield Road	New Residence	$148,240	5716 Deauville Blvd	Swimming Pool	$115,000
5803 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	$212,560	5416 Secretariat Street	New Residence	$600,720
7 Weeping Willow	Residence-Detached	$50,000	110 S. Glenwood Drive	Residential Alteration	$14,000
5522 Carmel Court	Residential Addition	$4,200	3201 W. Golf Course	Residential Alteration	$23,500
704 Legends Boulevard	New Residence	$142,950	1813 N. Carver Street	Residence-Detached	$1,400
706 Legends Boulevard	New Residence	$146,950	501 Spraberry Drive	Residence-Detached	$8,000
502 Lajitas Drive	Residential Addition	$12,000	4509 Seminole Drive	New Residence	$130,240
4706 N. Midkiff Road	Comm. Aloteration	$102,000	4414 Comanche Drive	New Residence	$125,920
708 Legends Boulevard	New Residence	$159,950	1212 W. Cuthbert Ave	Swimming Pool	$25,000
710 Legends Boulevard	New Residence	$160,950	5219 Alysheba Lane	New Residence	$258,400
708 Technology Circle	New Commercial	$140,000	414 W. Shandon Ave	Residential Addition	$20,000
907 Andrews Highway	Comercial Addition	$49,000	2900 W. Loop 250 N	Comm. Alteration	$450,000
3608 Meadowridge Lane	Swimming Pool	$50,000	3119 W. Louisiana Ave	Residence-Detached	$7,200
904 Waverly Drive	Residential Addition	$11,000			

Source: City of Midland

Texas' future prosperity depends on strong education system

RAY PERRYMAN

An old and respected friend recently asked me what I thought were the biggest education-related issues to be tackled in the upcoming Texas legislative session. Few things are more integral to our future prosperity than ensuring young Texans are prepared to be successful in the workforce. While there are some good things happening in this arena, there are other patterns that are cause for concern. Here is a quick rundown.

One problem we are facing is that Texas currently lags the nation in some key educational measures. According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 80 percent of Texans age 25 and older have completed high school compared to 85 percent nationwide. The lack of a high school diploma is associated with lower earnings and a higher likelihood of unemployment. Almost 26 percent of Texans age 25 or older have a bachelor's degree or higher, only slightly lower than the national average of nearly 28 percent.

Also, Texas has a proportionally lower share of nationally recognized research (Tier One) universities, with only three (The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, and Rice University). We have studied this issue in depth and found that the economic benefits of additional institutions achieving Tier One status would be substantial.

Dropout rates are problematic and notoriously hard to measure, but keeping students in school is crucial. Recent statistics from the U.S. Department of Education regarding graduation rates paint a rosy picture, indicating Texas is doing very well (tied for third-highest for overall graduation rates, first or tied for first for Asian, white and African-American students, and second for Hispanic students).

Even so, an analysis by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) found that Texas ranked 10th among 34 states reporting the National Governors Association Compact Graduation Rate, which measures four-year on-time graduation rates. This measure, which is based on actual students rather than estimates, indicates an overall on-time graduation rate of just over 84 percent, with both Hispanics and African-Americans graduating on time less than 79 percent of the time.

Texas faces unique challenges in public education given our demographic composition. More than 59 percent of students in Texas schools are classified as economically disadvantaged. There are strong correlations between income levels and performance on standardized tests, college entrance exams, and postsecondary education. The state is also characterized by a relatively high proportion of small-enrollment districts, many of which are scattered over large geographic areas. As a result, certain expenses (such as transportation) are higher, and efficiencies of scale are lost. In last week's column, I wrote about the high-stakes assessments in public schools (such as STAAR), which are controversial and worthy of careful review.

Tight budget conditions have hit many valuable programs hard. Only 1 percent of instructional spending in Texas is used for gifted and talented education, for example, and resources for challenging bright students (as well as classroom time without specific standardized test oriented objectives) are scarce.

There are positive developments on several fronts that are worthy of ongoing support. Efforts to encourage college attendance, particularly among minority groups, are yielding some success. The number of Hispanic students taking the SAT increased 65 percent between 2007-08 and 2011-12, while the number of African-American students taking the test increased by 42 percent.

This pattern is particularly important given that Hispanics are now the largest ethnic group in schools (135,357 of last year's class of 298,379 students, according to TEA). Options for acquiring college credit during high school have expanded in recent years, helping lower the costs of college for many families. Advanced placement (AP) courses have long been available, and distance learning has grown more common with the increased availability of broadband service. Such courses are typically geared to high-achieving high school students.

A newer development is early college high schools, which is a blend of high school and college with hundreds of schools across the United States, including dozens in Texas. An important facet of these schools is that they are specifically aimed at "young people for whom the transition into postsecondary education is now problematic" such as low-income, first-generation college goers, and others statistically underrepresented in higher education. Students can earn an Associate's degree or up to two years of transferable college credit while in high school. In addition to compressing the time required, early college high schools drastically reduce cost of higher education because they are tuition free. Each school involves a post-secondary partner such as a community college, technical college, or other college or university. In Texas, the early college high schools are typically located in larger metropolitan areas, though there are some in smaller communities. While early college high schools are

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TYLER PATTON

BBB offers advice on choosing safe, suitable toys this holiday

I can remember when we used to throw the kids in the bed of a pickup and head down the road. The fact that they could be seriously injured didn't even cross my generation's mind.

Now, if I want to take my grandchildren to the grocery store, I need state-of-the-art, specially designed safety seats, a full seatbelt inspection, and a certification of my clean driving record.

I'm not complaining. I would make my grandchildren walk around encased in bubble wrap if I thought it would keep them safe. My point is that child safety is a much more publicized affair these days.

Take toys, for instance.

Back in the day, lawn darts were the height of toy fashion. Now, I might get jail time for giving a child a flying projectile with a sharp metal point. Safety has become paramount to both toy manufacturers and law makers.

A report recently released by the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated there were 193,200 toy-related injuries to children younger than 15 years of age in 2011. Of those estimated injuries, approximately 44 percent were categorized as lacerations, contusions or abrasions of some kind. When it comes to toy-related injuries, the head and face area is the most commonly affected area of the body.

If your shopping list includes the names of a few good boys or girls, Better Business Bureau offers the following advice to ensure that the toys you give are safe:

- Find out which toys have been recalled. Visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at www.recalls.gov. If the toy or product has been recalled, check the guidelines for what to do next.
- Make sure the toy is age-appropriate. Toy safety isn't only about avoiding recalled products; you also need to make sure you're buying appropriate toys for the age of the child. Read and follow the age recommendation listed on the package or toy.
- Read labels. Look for age recommendations, such as "Not recommended for children under 3," and for other safety labels including "Flame retardant" or "Flame resistant" on fabric products.
- Be cautious of older toys or hand-me-downs. While buying a gently used toy might be cost effective, they may not meet current safety standards and could be too worn from play that they break and become hazardous.
- Be careful when shopping online. Internet toy vendors may not be as vigilant as brick and mortar stores about pulling recalled products off the shelf or flagging bar codes.

Besides knowing how to purchase toys that are safe, it's important to be aware of safety hazards once the toys have been opened. Once toys are opened, CPSC suggests you:

- Immediately discard plastic wrapping or other toy packaging before they become dangerous play things.
- Keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings.
- Supervise all battery charging. Chargers and adapters can pose thermal burn hazards to young children. Pay attention to instructions and warnings on battery chargers. Some chargers lack any mechanism to prevent overcharging.

Toy Recall Hotlines:

- Consumer Products Safety Commission: (800) 638-2772
- Toy Industry Association: (888) 888-4TOYS

MARKET WATCH

Consumers, businesses need to be on same page to boost economy

Bhupen Agrawal is Managing Director - Branch Manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office.

Amit Agrawal is an Associate Vice President - Investment Officer with offices in Midland and Austin.

Feelings can be very fickle things. One day, the sky is blue and everyone is happy. Then, suddenly, without much seemingly changing, clouds appear in their optimism. On a consumer level, overall sentiment has steadily improved this year. Not so in the business world. According to a post-election Wells Fargo/Gallup survey, small business optimism is at its lowest level in more than two years.

While consumer sentiment is still below levels normally associated with a "good" economy, both the Conference Board (consumer confidence survey) and the University of Michigan (consumer sentiment survey) are telling us that Americans are feeling better now than at any time over the last five years. This is despite the fact that unemployment and underemployment remain high and gas prices have been elevated all year. In fact, apparently confident consumers stormed the shopping malls over the Black Friday weekend and racked up a record-breaking $52 billion in sales to kick off the holiday season.

But businesses are not ready to pop open any champagne bottles just yet. The head of Small Business for Wells Fargo described the tumble in optimism reflected in the survey as "eye-opening" and illustrative of "the level of caution that exists among small business owners today." The major concerns bothering business owners are not new. Businesses are uncertain about the sustainability of the economic expansion, especially in light of the battle over the "fiscal cliff" in Washington. Tax and

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Yesterday's Answer: SUNBLOCK, FRISBEE, UMBRELLA, SWIMSUIT

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regulatory changes also have made these job creators cautious. According to the survey, 20 percent of small businesses plan to decrease hiring in the coming year, while one-third of them intend to trim capital spending — not good.

With consumers feeling better but business optimism fading, what can be done to get these two factions on the same page? Certainly, this divergence in sentiment will not last forever. Either consumers are overly optimistic, or businesses are too pessimistic. Our analysis tells us to expect an improving economy and higher consumer and business confidence in the year ahead. We view business optimism as the foundation on which consumer confidence is built. When businesses are optimistic, they tend to do more hiring and pay better wages. As a result, consumer confidence typically improves.

It would be nice to get some help from Washington. Right now, our elected officials appear to be locked in an ideological battle. One side says the solution to our fiscal problems is to raise taxes on top wage earners. The other side thinks the solution lies in cuts to spending. The final decision will likely be somewhere in the middle. Given the size of our longer-term fiscal issues, we suspect nearly all Americans will pay higher taxes over time. In addition, over time, we think the vast majority of our citizens will be affected by cuts in spending and entitlements.

Increasing confidence will be the key to moving the economy and the stock market ahead in the coming year. We need to get both consumers and businesses on the same page of rising optimism as soon as possible.

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relatively new (with most in Texas only a few years old), such a program can place higher education within reach (both academically and financially) for those who might otherwise not consider attendance; potential expansion into other geographic areas (including rural areas) would likely lead to sizable economic benefits.

All Texans have a vested interest in making our educational system as efficient and effective as possible. Our future prosperity depends on it.

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6 tips on how to weather a financial apocalypse

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

The Mayan calendar is supposed to end next week and that has led some to believe we're on a countdown to a global apocalypse.

One gambling website, MyTopSportsbooks.com, puts the odds of the world ending on Dec. 21 at 300 million to 1. But that's not keeping some believers from stockpiling food and preparing to flee urban areas.

Whether you fall into that camp or are decidedly more skeptical, being prepared to ride out everything from a worldwide cataclysm to the aftermath of a hurricane begins with getting one's finances in order.

Here are six tips on how to prepare financially to make it through the next major disaster, short of the world coming to an end:

1. KEEP CASH AT HOME

In a severe economic disruption, access to credit or investments may not be available. Stocks may suddenly drop in value. Lenders may reduce or eliminate credit lines overnight, as many borrowers discovered in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis.

"Your money is just bytes in a computer," Scatigna says. "It's very, very important for people to have cash on hand."

How much? That's an individual choice. Bradley recommends $1,000, in $20 bills, so that it's easy to make change.

2. GET OUT OF DEBT AND BEEF UP SAVINGS

A mortgage, car payments, credit cards, medical bills — they all limit the amount of money one can set aside for an emergency, whether it be a job loss or something worse. Start by slashing credit card debt and only use plastic if you're going to pay off the bill each month.

Bradley recommends gradually setting aside enough money to cover all expenses for six months. That cushion can be a life-saver if you lose your job and end up being unemployed for several months, as it typically takes far longer for people who have been out of work for six months or more to find another job. About 40 percent of all jobless workers are so-called long-term unemployed, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Having trouble saving money? Cut down on expenses like dining out, brown bag your lunch at work and use coupons.

3. STASH SOME GOLD AND SILVER

Many investors have put their money in precious metals in recent years as a hedge against the declining value of the dollar. When the value of the dollar declines, gold prices rise.

That's fine as an investment, but in the event of a major financial crisis, experts say it might be difficult to cash that in.

So they advise that anyone who is very concerned that the dollar could decline dramatically look into owning some actual gold and silver.

The coins can be purchased from many dealers, but expect to pay a 6 percent premium on gold coins and a 10 percent markup on silver coins, Scatigna says.

4. SET ASIDE SOME ITEMS FOR BARTERING

Take stock of items around your home that could be valuable to others in an emergency situation.

These can include goods like food, water and medicine, and also liquor, coffee, chocolate, candles and batteries. In the aftermath of a severe storm, you may be able to barter for necessary goods and services.

5. BUY SUPPLIES NOW, OR PAY A LOT MORE LATER

Ask anyone in the aftermath of a hurricane how much a bottle of water or a gallon of gas cost. Disasters drive demand and prices for critical goods higher. So the best way to save money is to prepare well in advance, but gradually.

Scatigna sees purchasing supplies like a filter to purify water as an investment, particularly at a time when savings accounts are earning little or no interest.

He also recommends buying extra cans of food each trip to the grocery store.

6. KEEP END-OF-THE-WORLD CONCERNS IN PERSPECTIVE

Perhaps the best way to be prepared for the worst is to remain grounded about end-of-the-world scenarios.

The biggest disaster many are likely to face would be the loss of a job. And many workers who fear the automatic government spending cuts from the fiscal cliff may feel their anxiety rising.

So evaluate your savings and have your records in order. If the time comes, you'll be able to determine which expenses you can cut quickly.

And be wary of locking up too much of your money in illiquid investments if you're concerned about your job.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday (N)		The Truth	House	Mazda	This Week		B. Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Anti	Paid	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries		Key David	Paid	Paid	Animal	Stanton	Live Life	Hollywd.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	Believers	Cornerstone		Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox NFL Sunday	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	LifeBynd	In Touch Ministries		Sal.	Mani E	Heart of the City		Shepherd's Heart	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	W.Texas	Secrets	Apex	Mercury	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		First Baptist Church		J.Jones	Cowboy
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/Hat	SuperWI	DinoTrain	D.Tiger	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	Wild K.	WordGirl	Cyberch.	Company
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Pocoyo	Backyard	Zigby	Maya&M.	Dora	Diego	Al punto		Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Bob Vila	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	1 United	Game	The NFL Today (L)	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:30) ★ Blind Terror			(:25) ★ Checking Out			Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle o...				★★★★ The Ref	
HBO	300	68	14	14		HardTime	(:25) ★★★ Shrek 2 Mike Myers.			Boxing WCB						Fight	Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:40) The League of Extraordinary Gentl...				(:35) ★★★ Contraband Mark Wahlberg.				★★ You Got Served		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:40) ★★★ Nancy Drew			(:25) ★ Glitter Mariah Carey.			(:15) Beginners Ewan McGregor.				(:05) ★★ Speed	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★ Legal Eagles Robert Redford.				★★★★ Bridesmaids Kristen Wiig.				(:10) The Sitter Jonah Hill.			Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★★★ The Five Heartbeats				(:05) A Very Harold & Kum...			(:35) ★★ 3,000 Miles to Graceland				Movie
PLEX			96			Movie	(:40) Justice League: The Ne...			★ Dream a Little Dream 2			(:35) ★★ Undercover Angel			(:10) At First Sight	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★★★★ Red		Inside the NFL		Jim Rome		Boxing Showtime Championship					
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. ...			Loosies Peter Facinelli.			★★ Steel Dawn			(:45) ★★★ Jack		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	★★★ Top Gun ('86, Act) Tom Cruise.				★★★ The Perfect Storm ('00, Act) George Clooney.					The Shawshank Redemption		
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		★★★★ Roman Holiday ('53, Com) Audrey Hepburn.					(:45) ★★★★ White Christmas ('54, Mus) Bing Crosby.				
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Lift Voice	Lift Voice	Apollo Live		What She Wan...	
BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:00) Mad Money		Suits "High Noon"		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset		House Miami		House Miami	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Early	Sanjay	Sat. Morn. News		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Volcano Time Bomb		Jungle Gold		Gold Rush		Rush "Road to Gold"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Cinderella			Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Jessie	All Star New Year		Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	E:60		Herbies	MatchUp	Kenny Mayne Sports		OLines	Report (N)	Fantasy Football Now (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★ Richie Rich's Christmas Wish				Home Alone 5: Alone in the Dark				★ Home Alone 4 French Stewart.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Barefoot in London		Giada's C'mas		Rachel Ray's... (N)		Ravioli	Big Bite	Sandwich	Best (N)	Deén C'Mas	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Adventur	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	H.S. Scoreboard		Huddle	Horse	Garage	Performa
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Smarter	Smarter	★★ The Simpsons Movie				★★★ Pineapple Express ('08, Com) Seth Rogen.					Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) Angel in th...		★★★ Fallen Angel ('03, Dra) Gary Sinise.				Baby's First Christmas Casper Van Dien.				The Christmas H...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Income	Income	Income	Income	Income	Income	Income	Income	Property Brothers		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens "The Evidence"				Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Hr. Power	Turn Point	J.Osteen	Paid	Christine	Christine	★★ Christmas at Water's Edge			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Hunter	3 Gun	Whitetail	Wild	R.Dobbs	Hank 3-D	Instinct	Alaska	Babe W.	Hunter	Quests	Skies
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Penguins	Penguins!	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Winx	Winx
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:00) Paid Program				Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..	Tattoo	(:35) Tattoo	(:10) Tattoo	Movie
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Syfy 20th Anniversary Special				An American Werewolf in London			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Home I.	Home Imp	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Wedding Band		Why Did I Get Married Too?			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) George Was...		★★★ It Happened on Fifth Avenue				★★ The Shop Around the Corner				The Iron Petticoat	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Raggs	Noodle	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Op. Repo	Enfoque	Deportivo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Chattel"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Maritime"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Empire"		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Hot In	Hot In
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Royal Pains		Royal P "Sand Legs"		NCIS "Silent Night"		NCIS "Faith"	
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Matlock		Videos	★★★ The Devil Wears Prada Meryl Streep.				

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home		News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Indianapolis Colts vs. Houston Texans Site: Reliant Stadium (L)							(:25) NFL Football Pittsburgh vs Dallas (L)				
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hollywd.	★★ The Soloist ('09, Dra) Jamie Foxx.					Hollywood Christmas Parade				ThereYet	ThereYet
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football New York Giants vs. Atlanta Falcons Site: Georgia Dome (L)						TBA	Red Boots	Dallas Parade		Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mark B	Joe McGee	T.Scrivner	Dr. R.B.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				A.G. Roth	Dr. Dye	Calls	Alewine
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dew Tour Mountain Championship				PGA Golf Father/ Son Challenge Site: Ritz-Carlton Golf Club (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Accents	Travel Kids	Daytrip	Quilts	Knitting	F&Porter	Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:00) Republica		Fabrica de Risas		Teletón especial		Thalia: Habitame		Como dice el dicho		Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Business	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Thinks	Insider	Access Hollywood		Ent. Tonight		Private Practice	
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	(:40) ★★ The Scarlet Letter ('95, Dra) Demi Moore.					★★★ On Golden Pond				The Cemetery ...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:45) Journey 2: The Myste...		Making (:45) ★★★ Titanic ('97, Dra) Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio.								New Year's Eve	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:05) About Face				(:40) Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azk...		(:45) Mixed Martial Arts WCB					
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(11:05) ★★ Speed		(:05) ★★ Picture Perfect Jennifer Aniston.				(:55) The Shape of Things			(:35) Anchorman: The Lege...		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:30) Alien: The Director's...			★★★ Aliens Sigourney Weaver.				(:50) ★★ Alien III Sigourney Weaver.				Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:45) J. Edgar ('11, Cri) Leonardo DiCaprio.				Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1					The Return of the Musket...		
PLEX			96			(11:10) At First Sig...		(:20) ★★ Mr. Accident			(:50) ★★★ La Bamba				(:45) Hercules & the Lost K...		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Boxing	All Acce	Fightville Tim Credeur.			★★★ The Help ('11, Dra) Viola Davis, Emma Stone.					United States	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(:45) Bodyguards and Assassins ('09, Act) Donnie Yen.					(:05) Merantau ('09, Act) Iko Uwais.				Against the Rop...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	(10:30) The Shawshank Rede...			(:45) ★★★ A Time to Kill ('96, Dra) Matthew McConaughey.							Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★ All I Want for Christmas				★★★★ The Princess Bride Cary Elwes.				★★ Prancer Sam Elliott.		
BET	58	26		40		(11:00) What She...		★★ Barbershop 2: Back in Business Ice Cube.					★★ Friday After Next Ice Cube.				Movie
BRAVO	65	63		41		House Miami		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta "Unmoved"		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Next List	News	Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Ghost Town Gold		Ghost Town Gold		Ghost Town Gold		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Dog Blog
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling World Series			Poker World Series		Poker World Series of Europe -- Cannes, France						
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Heisman	WPBA Billiards		WPBA Billiards		WPBA Billiards		Fitness		Fitness	Fitness	Fitness
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Year Without Santa		Santa Claus		★★ A Christmas Carol Jim Carrey.				★★★ Toy Story 2 ('99, Ani) Tom Hanks.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Stossel		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners	Inspect.	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Game	DCowboys	NCAA Basketball Tennessee vs. Texas (L)				NCAA Basketball C. Ark./Ok. St. (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:30) ★★ Tropic Thunder Ben Stiller.				★★ X-Men Origins: Wolverine ('09, Act) Hugh Jackman.						★★★ Salt	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) The Chris...		Help for the Holidays Summer Glau.				★★ Silver Bells ('05, Dra) Anne Heche.				November Chris...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	Abroad	Abroad	Abroad	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Aliens "The Greys"		Ancient Aliens	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★★ The Perfect Holiday				★★ His and Her Christmas				All About Christmas Eve Haylie Duff.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				FLW Outdoors		Bill Dance	Fishing	Dew Tour		Strong	Racing	Racer TV	Racer TV	Motorsport Hour	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	ToRock	iCarly	Victori.	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Victori.	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(11:40) ★★★ A Bronx Tale ('93, Dra) Robert De Niro.						★★★ Goodfellas ('90, Cri) Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.					
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★ Dracula II: Ascension Stephen Billington.				★★ Daybreakers ('09, Act) Jay Laga'aia.				Stake Land ('10, Hor) Connor Paolo.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	★★ The Heartbreak Kid Ben Stiller.				(:45) ★★ Rush Hour 3 Chris Tucker.				★★ Bad Boys II		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) The Iron P...		★★★ Wait Until Dark Audrey Hepburn.				★★ Light in the Piazza				Born Free	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Videos	The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause				★★★ The Bourne Identity ('02, Act) Matt Damon.					Op. Repo	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Dateline: Real Myst.		Dateline: Real Myst.		Dateline: Real Myst.		Dateline: Real Myst.		Dateline: Real Myst.		Real Life "Obsession"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★★★ The Town ('10, Act) Rebecca Hall, Ben Affleck.					★★★ The Holiday ('06, Rom) Cameron Diaz.					A Christmas Story	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Divorced	Divorced	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "False Witness"		NCIS		NCIS "Restless"		NCIS		NCIS "Safe Harbor"		NCIS "Thirst"	
WGN	19	18				★★ The Santa Clause 2 Tim Allen.				★★ The Santa Clause 2 Tim Allen.				30 Rock	Home Videos		Bloopers

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Home Videos "Christmas Spectacular"		Wipeout "Deck the Balls"		A& J.P.'s Wedding Watch as Ashley and J.P. from the Bachelorette wed. (N)				KMID News	(:35) Crook and Chase		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(3:25) NFL Football	60 Minutes		Survivor: Philippines Castaways try to win the $1 million dollar first prize. (SF) (N)				Survivor: Philippines "Reunion" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:05) The Wire	(:35) The Closer
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Sein. "The Maestro"	Sein. "The Wink"	'Til Death	'Til Death	★★★ Vera Drake (2004, Drama) Philip Davis, Peter Wight, Imelda Staunton.			
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Cleveland Show	Cleveland Show (N)	TheSimpsons (N)	Bob's Burger (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Jack Van Impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	Update News	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football San Francisco 49ers vs. New England Patriots Site: Gillette Stadium -- Foxborough, Mass. (L)							News-West 9	Country Reporter	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Festival Acapulco "Juan Gabriel"					Sal y pimienta	Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	Thalia: Habitame Siempre	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Burn Notice		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Game
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) The Cemet...		Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle o...				★★ Beyond Borders Angelina Jolie.				(:10) The Crying ...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00) New Year's...		★★ In Time ('11, Act) Justin Timberlake.				Girls	Girls	Enlight	Enlight	Journey 2: The...	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(3:45) MMA WCB		★★★ Contraband Mark Wahlberg.				Fight	★★★ Kiss Kiss Bang Bang			(:15) Sanctum	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:15) ★★★ Tower Heist Eddie Murphy.				Beginners Ewan McGregor.			Making	The Art of Getting By			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:45) Alien Resurrection			(:35) The Sitter Jonah Hill.			★★★★ Bridesmaids Kristen Wiig.				(:10) Sexual Witc...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Horrible Bosses Jason Bateman.				★★ Road House ('89, Act) Patrick Swayze.				(:55) Emmanuelle Through ...			Movie
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TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) Against the...		Loosies Peter Facinelli.			★ Twisted Ashley Judd.			(:15) The Seduction of Mist...			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Be the Boss		Storage	Storage
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BET	58	26		40		(5:30) ★★ Obsessed			★★ Meet the Browns ('08, Com/Dra) D. Mann.					College	Don'tSle	BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Shahs of Sunset		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atl. (N)		Shahs of Sunset (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Shahs
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Princess	Wall Street	Millions	Millions	Behind Closed Doors		Greed "Funny Money"		60 Minutes		Pill Poppers	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Piers Morgan	
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DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Jessie	A.N.T.	Jessie	GoodLuck	Austin	Dog Blog	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(2:30) Poker	SportsCenter		30 for 30 "Broke"			30 for 30		SportsCenter			SportsC.
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FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef "Fusion"		Sugar Dome (N)		Next Iron Chef (N)		Sweet Genius		Iron Chef America		The Next Iron Chef	
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HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Million Dollar Rooms		Extreme Homes		Property Brothers		Renovation		HouseH	House	Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ax Men		Ax Men		Bamazon		Outback Hunters		Ax Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	To Be Announced				To Be Announced				To Be Announced			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Maximum Drama		Sex Slaves		Lockup		Lockup "Louisiana"	
NBCSN	38	39				Game	Game	Bucks	Winch.	Gun It	Buck Stops	Elk Fever	T. Barta	Sports Illustrated		Fight Night 36	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(3:00) Goodfellas		★★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift					(:45) ★★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift				
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans				★★ Blade II ('02, Act) Wesley Snipes.					Syfy 20th Anniversary Special		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(4:30) Bad Boys II		★★★ Killers ('10, Act) Ashton Kutcher.				★★★ Killers ('10, Act) Ashton Kutcher.				(:05) Wedding Band	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Born Free		Carol for Another Christmas			★★★★ A Christmas Carol			Night at the Movies		The Unholy Three	
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TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Sin City Rules		Royal Baby Story (N)		Sister W	Sister W	Sin City Rules (N)		Sister W	Sister W	Sin City Rules	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:00) A Christmas...		★★ Four Christmases Vince Vaughn.				★★ Four Christmases Vince Vaughn.				A Christmas Story	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Engaged" 1/2		NCIS "Engaged" 2/2		Royal Pains "Off-Season Greetings" (N)				Royal Pains "Off-Season Greetings"			
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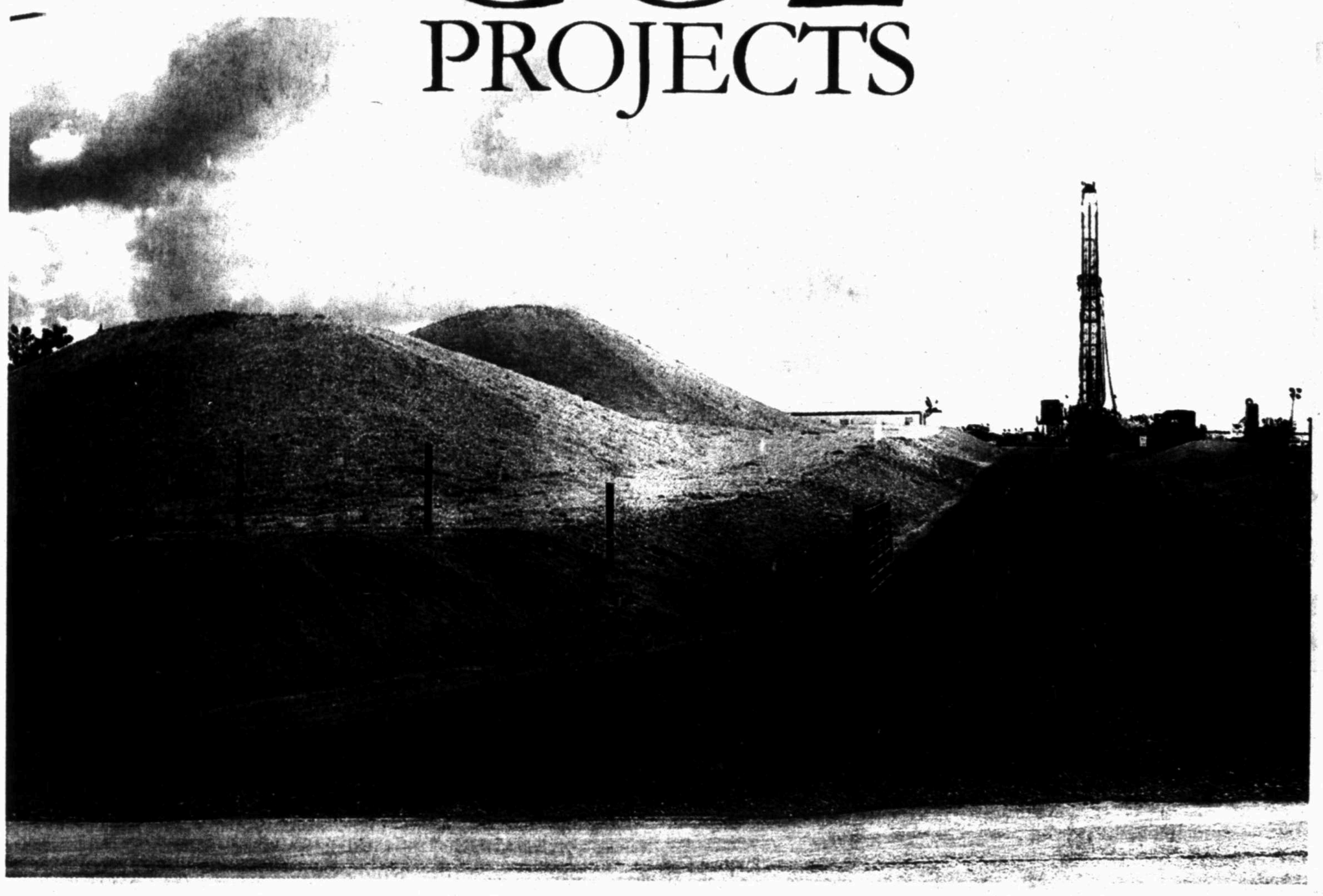

Basin's work with CO2 attracts strong interest from Canada

■ At recent CO2 Conference, Canadian visitors seek latest technology and share results of their own research.

By Mella McEwen
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Among those traveling to Midland for the recent CO2 Conference were visitors from Canada.

Those from America's neighbor to the north said there were a variety of reasons for making the trip.

"My job is to look for new opportunities and technology for CO2 and enhanced oil recovery," explained Vladimir Vikalo, group lead, technology and CO2 EOR with Cenovus Energy in Calgary, Alberta. "I am here to interact with people active in CO2."

The native of Croatia noted that his company operates the world's largest carbon sequestration project, the Weyburn-Midale Carbon Dioxide Project in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. The Weyburn field has been producing since the mid-1950s and currently produces 27,000 gross barrels a day. Researchers representing more than 30 countries estimate about 30 million tonnes of CO2 will be sequestered over the life of the project.

Listening to presentations, Vikalo said, "We realize as a company we're on the right track."

He continued, "There's a lot to be shared with our friends and colleagues in the U.S. The U.S. has the biggest group of projects. In terms of CO2, this is the best place to be."

His colleague, Opal Zihoue, a production engineer, agreed. "Though we might be far away, we're working on the same issues."

Coming to Midland to share knowledge gained from his research was Richard Baker, a strategic advisor with Baker Hughes in Calgary, Alberta.

Baker, who has made multiple trips to Midland for previous CO2 conferences, explained he is working with immiscible CO2 - its feasibility, economics and screening.

"The Permian Basin has a number of reserves in Texas that have lower API gravity or higher oil viscosity," he said.

"Oil in the U.S., especially in Canada and in Texas, is medium-grade oil at 10 to 50 centipoise," he said. "Operators wonder if, with lower API and higher viscosity" his research with immiscible CO2 in floods is applicable. He said he believes his research could be applicable in the Permian Basin.

In addition to visitors from Canada, representatives from Great Britain and Asia also attended the annual CO2 Conference, which began with a focus on carbon capture, use and sequestration, offered field trips to nearby CO2 operations and concluded with two days of sessions on CO2 for enhanced oil recovery.

Spotlight intensifies on emerging Cline Shale

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The spotlight has been intensifying on the Cline Shale, an emerging unconventional resource play on the eastern flank of the Midland Basin.

Lying approximately 9,250 feet below the surface, the Cline runs roughly 140 miles north-south and 70 miles wide through portions of Glasscock, Howard, Reagan and Sterling counties, according to Matt Menchaca with DrillingInfo. Some say the Cline could be the largest oil play in the nation's history, citing Devon Energy's figures that the shale contains 3.6 million barrels of recoverable oil per square mile.

"That is an unrisked estimate of reserves, about as preliminary as it gets," stressed Chip Minty, Devon's media relations manager. "It is essentially what is possible and by no means probable."

Still, Devon is confident enough to steadily ramp up drilling activity, adding a fourth rig last month. Its second horizontal well, the Virginia City Cole C1H in Sterling County, had a 30-day initial potential rate of 450 barrels of oil equivalent per day, a third Cline well was just starting to flow back and five additional wells are in various stages of completion, including one targeting the Mississippian formation.

In September, Devon closed a $1.4 billion joint venture agreement with Japan's Sumitomo Corporation that covers 650,000 net acres in the Cline and Midland-Wolfcamp shales. Sumitomo is investing $1.4 billion in exchange for 30 percent of Devon's interest in these projects. Of that $1.4 billion, $980 million will be invested in a drilling carry that will fund 70 percent of Devon's capital requirements. Of that 650,000 net acres, Minty said 500,000 acres will be in the Cline Shale.

"We're in the exploration phase, drilling to determine what initial production might be," he said. "We're drilling initial wells to explore the area and learn more about the formation and the best areas."

The company is also quite active in the Midland-Wolfcamp Shale, Minty noted.

Apache Corp. is also active in the Cline and recently acquired acreage in the North Midland Basin and South Midland Basin. "We're testing the entire play," said John Polasek, new ventures manager with Apache and advanced drilling systems technical advisor to Baker Hughes. He said Apache's dominant Cline position is 100,000 acres in Glasscock County called Deadwood. Six science wells have been drilled and turned to production, he reported. "We've drilled through it to the Fusselman and Ellenburger."

"I think in the Cline, we're getting better, the wells are better and we understand the reservoirs better. We feel comfortable, enough to get several rigs going in each area. We have hundreds, if not thousands, of potential locations," Polasek said while discussing the play with the Permian Basin chapter, American Association of Drilling Engineers recently.

He attributed Apache's grow-

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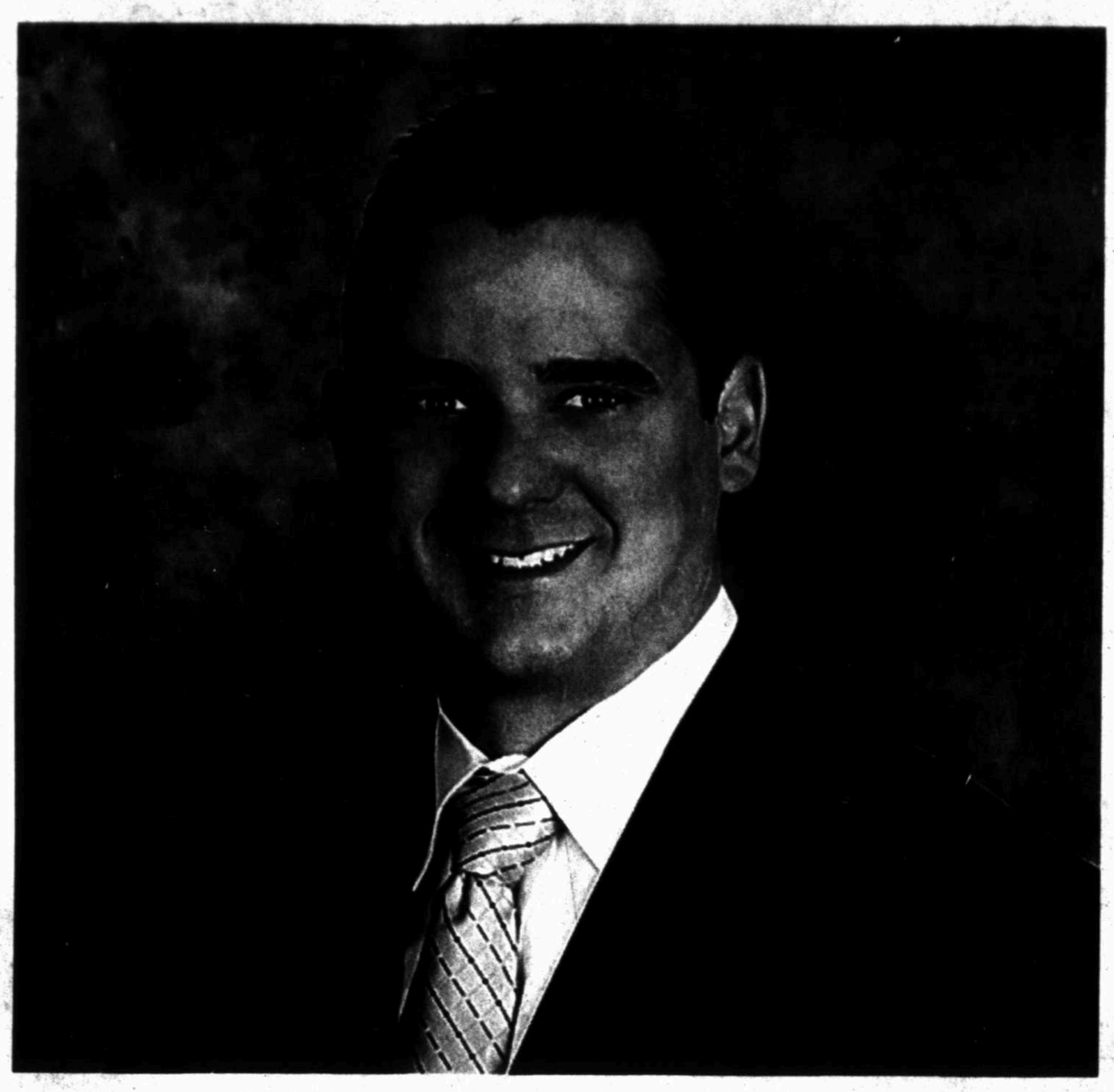

Midland native Matthew Anderson was recently named to the Dallas Business Journal's Who's Who in Energy for 2012. Anderson's company, AED Group, recently opened an office in Midland. The company is involved in landman services, mineral assets, wind energy and oil and gas production in the Permian Basin, the Barnett Shale, the Eagle Ford Shale, in Colorado and elsewhere.

Photo courtesy of AED Group

1999 Midland High grad makes Dallas Business Journal's 'Who's Who in Energy-2012' list

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

As is the case for most native Midlanders, Matthew Anderson grew up in the oil business. His father, Ed Anderson, is an oil and gas title attorney who has practiced law in the city, "I think since baseball was invented," in the younger Anderson's words.

"Every now and then he'd drag me down to the county courthouses to pull records," Anderson recalled. He also recalled that the only good thing about it, in his opinion of those days, was that he had money to spend on dates and other things important to teens. "I felt I'd struck it rich."

His best riches from those experiences from those days were actually realized later, using what he learned in those courthouses to become a landman in the Barnett Shale in the Metroplex, then expanding that success by forming the AED (Anderson Engineering Development) Group, LLC, of which he owns 100 percent. The success and tremendous growth of AED, formed in 2006, is what propelled Anderson into the Dallas Business Journal's Who's Who in Energy list for 2012.

AED was also recently listed in Inc. Magazine's top 5,000 for 2012, landing at number 1405. The Inc. listing states the company's three-year growth at 214 percent — an amazing number considering that time frame includes the downturn of 2008-9. AED added 56 jobs during that time. Currently employing 87 employees in six offices, the firm's most recent office opening was back home in Midland, a location that hosts nine employees. In addition to its home office in Dallas, AED has locations in Decatur, Fort Worth, Pleasanton (south of San Antonio, working in the Eagle Ford Shale) and Denver.

After graduating from Midland High, Anderson left for Texas Tech, then returned home to learn more about mineral acquisition from his father. Realizing that he eventually would need to start his own business, and that he "hadn't paid much attention" during his undergrad days at Tech, he returned to the school to get an MBA so he would know how to own and run a small company.

From there he moved to Dallas and began doing land work in both the Permian Basin and in the Barnett Shale. Although successful, Anderson longed to accomplish more by hiring some more people. "I convinced a company that had an office in Fort Worth to let me broker some landmen to them," he recalled. They agreed to let him supply three to five people for a particular project. "Really, at that point, AED was born." This was in 2005 or 2006.

With a knack for managing people and with training in the industry from "one of the best, my father," Anderson felt he was ready for a major move forward.

About that time, oil prices took a nosedive, but Anderson was not scared.

"Instead of heading for the hills, I just hunkered down, and I just demanded that my clients receive the best," he said. By the end of 2009 AED had doubled in size, in revenue, in number of clients and in employee count.

Then the itch to grow began once more. "I guess I have this uncomfortable entrepreneur personality where I don't like to settle for anything less than the best," he said. "I'm always interested in knowing what's going on out there."

He had actually already looked into doing leasing for wind farms, involving his father and a Texas Tech engineering doctoral student in the planning. As a result they sold the land rights to a 6,200 acre wind farm to a New Jersey company that builds such facilities. Construction on a 140 megawatt project east of Tahoka, costing $450 million, is expected to begin within the next six to eight months.

Because wind power currently relies heavily on government support to be economical, he hopes and believes that Congress will keep the support going as it considers all aspects of the "fiscal cliff."

Anderson sees his next step moving him toward a more active part in oil and gas production. Having spent the last two years buying more mineral rights and being a non-operating partner in some wells in the Central Basin Platform, he is now looking to begin actively operating in the region in the next few months.

He has avoided one common entrepreneurial challenge, and that is the failed project. Because "I'm not a gambler," instead starting each new project with planning and anticipation of as many variables as possible, everything AED has done has succeeded.

Much of that success is due to having top quality people, Anderson said. "I manage by looking through a window, not into a mirror," he noted. "I like to manage through the window, not in the mirror. When I look out the window at all the employees in my office — they're the reason why I'm here. I don't look in the mirror and say, 'You're the reason why I'm here.'"

He considers the Inc. listing to be one of the biggest of the year because an award of that level can only be achieved by a team — and that is how he perceives his company.

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Energy can satisfy both sides of fiscal cliff debate

MARITA NOON

The stalemate going on in Washington about the fiscal cliff highlights the two very different economic viewpoints held, not just in Washington, but across America: more government, more taxes; less spending, lower taxes. But there is a third prong that is largely absent from the discussion: growth and creating new wealth — and energy can play a big role, but it, too, has two divergent sides.

To have success, both sides need to feel that they are getting what they want.

Energy should be part of the current fiscal cliff discussions because all recessions since 1973 have been preceded by a spike in oil prices. In the last decade, we've seen a consistent climb in oil prices — with the average household's gasoline expenditure now more than double what it was in 2002 — coupled with a steady decline in Gross Domestic Product.

High energy costs are a drag on the economy — which is important to Republicans. But they also mean less federal and state tax revenues and lower revenues endanger entitlement programs — which are important to Democrats. Earlier this year, it was announced that Social Security is going to run out of money three years earlier than projected last year. The 2012 Social Security Trustees report states: "This is the largest actuarial deficit reported since prior to the 1983 Social Security amendments, and the largest single-year deterioration in the actuarial deficit since the 1994 Trustees Report." The report cites "many factors." However, it blamed "a surge in energy prices in 2011" for "lower average real earnings levels over the next 75 years than were projected."

Energy can give both sides what they want. To achieve this, Democrats will need to understand that oil is important and Republicans will need to acknowledge that there is some role for government to play. Can both parties feel that they are getting what they want without sacrificing their core principles?

A new proposal put forth by the Energy Security Leadership Council (ESLC — a project of Securing America's Future Energy [SAFE]) believes that there is a bipartisan solution that can improve the U.S. economy, promote fiscal stability and protect national security. ESLC brings together two sides that don't typically communicate, yet have a common interest: energy security. One side is made up of high-volume oil consumers such as FedEx, Southwest Airlines, Coca-Cola, Waste Management, and Royal Caribbean International — and is chaired by FedEx's Fred Smith. The other side is composed of former military leaders committed to improving U.S. energy security through reduced oil dependence — led by former Marine Corps Commandant General P.X. Kelley. The oil consumers understand that rapid swings in prices directly affect the bottom line. The military leaders understand that U.S. dependence on foreign oil limits our flexibility on foreign policy. Without the need for Middle Eastern oil, our approach to Libya might have been totally different.

These two sides have come together and drafted "A National Strategy for Energy Security: Harnessing American Resources and Innovation." At a press conference where the proposal was released last week, co-chairs Smith and Kelley said: "As long as our nation remains dependent on oil, restoring economic growth and stabilizing our fiscal outlook will be undermined by the manipulated and volatile prices of a cartel-dominated global oil market. This report offers a framework for policymakers to leverage domestic energy abundance in support of mitigating the urgent and severe threat posed by oil dependence."

Their plan includes some items that will be more attractive to Democrats and others with greater appeal for Republicans — though as Robbie Diamond, founder, president and CEO of SAFE explains it, most of the suggestions will happen anyway within the next 30 years, but the plan lays out a path to expedite America's energy security and economic recovery.

For example, Democrats will appreciate the proposal's suggested "Energy Security Trust Fund," seeded with revenue from new production — not new taxes; diversifying the fuel base of the transportation sector; and the suggestion that the Department of

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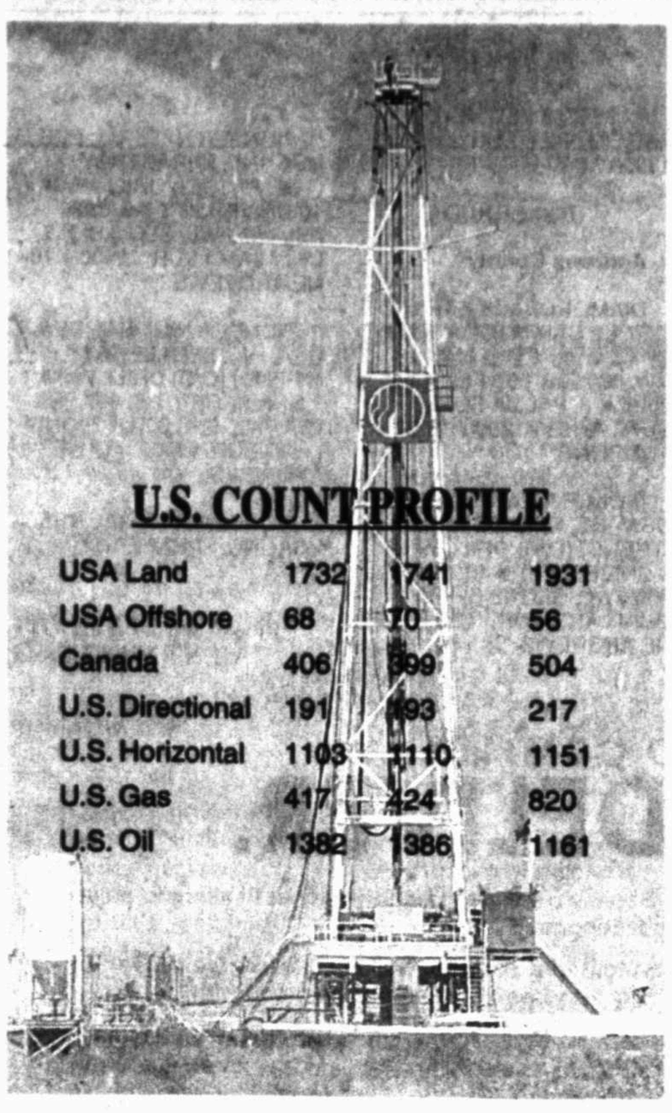

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Terrell	0
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Resolute Energy acquisition expands Basin operations

From Staff Reports

DENVER — Resolute Energy Corporation has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire oil assets, including existing production and undeveloped acreage, in the Permian Basin of Texas and southeast New Mexico from a private party for a purchase price of approximately $120 million.

The transaction is expected to close on or about Dec. 21. The company expects to finance the acquisition with debt. The transaction has an effective date of Aug. 1, 2012, and is subject to customary conditions and purchase price adjustments.

The assets are primarily located in Howard County, Texas, and Lea County, New Mexico. Combined, the acquired properties produced a net 1,418 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter of 2012 and had estimated proved reserves of 4.1 million Boe, of which 73 percent is crude oil. Resolute believes that there may be significant additional resource potential in excess of the reserves currently categorized as proved.

The Howard County assets include non-operated working interests of approximately 39 percent, consisting of 1,310 net acres primarily targeting the Wolfberry play. The 23 existing wells produced a net 377 Boe per day in the third quarter of 2012, approximately 64 percent of which was crude oil. This acreage is approximately six miles from the company's existing operations in Howard and Martin counties.

Growth potential exists from approximately 64 vertical drilling locations targeting the Wolfberry interval and 66 recompletion opportunities that are not categorized as proved. Other upside exists from the multi-pay, multi-play nature of the area, which is prospective for horizontal development in the Wolfcamp and Cline.

The acreage is largely held by production and the company estimates that a one-rig program for two years will hold all of the acquired leases.

The primary asset acquired in Lea County is Denton Field, which was discovered in the 1950s and is a conventional fractured carbonate reservoir. The assets include 2,767 net acres (2,880 gross), all of which are held by production, and in the third quarter of 2012 the 39 existing wells produced a net 833 Boe per day. Approximately 89 percent of production consisted of crude oil. Resolute will be the operator of the Lea County assets.

Growth potential and upside exists from activities associated primarily with the deepening of existing wells and infill drilling from 40-acre to 20-acre spacing.

Other assets being acquired are a combination of conventional and unconventional producing properties in the Permian Basin. The acquired assets comprise 2,455 net acres (3,380 gross acres, all HBP) and produced 208 net Boepd in the third quarter of 2012.

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Energy "reorient" itself toward R & D activities to catalyze technologies most likely to improve US energy security. While Republicans will warm to the plan's ideas for development of energy resources in the Outer Continental Shelf — with coastal states granted revenue sharing as an incentive; state participation in developing "best practices" for hydraulic fracturing; and improved federal permitting processes for major energy projects by streamlining authority, promoting transparency and reducing frivolous litigation. Something for both parties — while benefitting America with a unified plan.

In our conversation, Diamond emphasized that the plan calls for government investment in R & D, not in individual companies. R & D is a role that has been historically and successfully held by government. If the concepts can stand on their own, the consumers will choose them. By contrast, current government "investing" picks winners and losers, and the heavy emphasis on wind and solar resources does nothing to improve energy security — hence the idea of the DOE "reorientation."

Diversification of the fuel base for the transportation sector is important, even though the myth of peak oil has been shattered. Because of the global market, geopolitical crises can create a supply shortage, or cartels can slow production — both can cause price spikes. The report points out that both Canada and Norway are oil self-sufficient, yet they still face global pricing. By incorporating America's abundant supply of natural gas and plug in electric vehicles where feasible, the U.S. needs less foreign oil and is less susceptible to market manipulations with its volatility, and, additionally, the U.S. market is more secure.

While the U.S. natural gas and oil boom won't result in greatly reduced oil prices, maximizing production can make our economy stronger, create jobs and lower the trade deficit — and should be encouraged while protecting the environment.

As avoiding the fiscal cliff will require some give and take on both sides, the National Strategy for Energy Security: Harnessing American Resources and Innovation proposal offers insight as to how the two sides could find a solution without sacrificing their core principles. The ESLC started with the goal of energy security — and then together mapped out ways to reach it. They didn't put ideology first, as has been done on the fiscal cliff negotiations.

Agendas are being set right now in Washington, D.C., and the economic boost and energy security America's resources and innovation can provide should be part of the solution.

The author of Energy Freedom, Marita Noon serves as the executive director for Energy Makes America Great Inc. and the companion educational organization, the Citizens' Alliance for Responsible Energy (CARE).

CLINE

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ing activity to success gained through experience. For example, he said, it has been learned that where the laterals extend can make a difference. The company, he said, plans to focus on horizontal drilling activity into next year.

Estimates are the Cline could hold more than 30 billion barrels of recoverable oil, exceeding both the Bakken fields in North Dakota and Eagle Ford in South Texas by nearly 50 percent. With the Cline projected to be 200 to 550 feet deep, that would be the equivalent of 10 Eagle Ford shales stacked on top of each other. The shale contains 85 percent oil and liquids-rich gas.

It's important, Minty said, to stay grounded about the Cline's potential, stressing that much work needs to be done to explore the formation and determine just how much recoverable production it holds.

"We're optimistic and hopeful about the Cline and what it might bring," he said. "With new applications of technology, it offers new opportunities for us to pursue. But before that, we need to drill."

Devon's unrisked estimate, he explained, "tells our investors we're excited about the play, there's a lot of work to be done but it's why we justify spending $900 million on 500,000 acres."

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Coke County

BOAZ ENERGY, LLC BRONTE (SAND) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 10 BRONTE UNIT, 424 FNL 860 FEL, SEC 453 BLK 1A, H&TC SUR., A-388 5300', 1/2 SW BRONTE

BOAZ ENERGY, LLC BRONTE (CAMBRIAN) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 26 OL JOHNSON, 747 FNL 449 FSEL, SEC 6, C&ML/J GOOD SUR., A-1692 5500', 1 SW BRONTE

Concho County

WILLOWBEND INVESTMENTS, INC. S BRANCH (TANNEHILL) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 83 WHITEHEAD, 1350 FSL 200 FWL, SEC 151, EL&RR SUR., A-1037 1850', 11 SE EDEN

Crockett County

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) DRILL (INJ) Well# 7X UNIVERSITY 42-15, 560 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 42, UNIV LANDS SUR., A-U365 9000', 15 NE OZONA

L & M OPERATING, INC. W WEGER (GRAYBURG) (O) DRILL Well# 4 UNIVERSITY E, 467 FWL 2172 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 12, UNIV LAND SUR., A-U61 2600', 30 NW OZONA

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H DOUBLE T RANCH OP-94, 330 FEL 700 FSL, SEC 94 BLK OP, GC&SF/ FR HENDERSON SUR., A-5110 12750', 6 NW OZONA

TANKERSLEY SWD LLC E OZONA (ELLENBURGER) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 OZONA NORTH SWD, 824 FWL 1907 FNL, SEC 4 BLK OP, GC&SF/ AC WEAVER/AC WEAVER SUR., A-4395 10100', 2 NE OZONA

Irion County

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3043I TEPEE DRAW, 1938 FSL 760 FEL, SEC 3043 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-213 10000', 26 NW MERTZON

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3043H TEPEE DRAW, 1906 FNL 479 FEL, SEC 3043 BLK 24, H&TC SUR., A-213 10000', 26 NW MERTZON

FORELAND OPER., LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H CAPTAIN COLL 15, 2210 FSL 1089 FEL, SEC 15, WC SUR., A-671 9000', 6 NE BARNHART

FORELAND OPER., LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H CAPTAIN COLL 15, 2210 FSL 1109 FEL, SEC 15, WC SUR., A-671 9000', 6 NE BARNHART

Reagan County

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ)Well# 805H UNIVERSITY 09, 990 FWL 2141 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 9, UNIV LANDS SUR. 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 199K SCOTT C, 2031 FSL 1943 FWL, SEC 199 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-560 10000', 4 NE BIG LAKE

LAREDO PETROLEUM - DALLAS, INC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1341HU SUGG B, 2440 FNL 1390 FEL, SEC 134 BLK 2, T&P/CF HILBUN SUR., A-203 9000', 29 N BIG LAKE

Upton County

CJ ENERGY, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 POAGE SWD, 1226 FNL 1993 FWL, SEC 8, GC&SF/WW MILLER SUR., A-821 7000', 1 SW RANKIN

MIDENERGY OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4602 NEAL, 467 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 46 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ OH SCHAWE SUR., A-1280 13000', 21 SE RANKIN

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 JRS FARMS 18A, 2310 FWL 567 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 38 T5S, T&P/ JG HALL SUR., A-1410 13000', 5 W MIDKIFF

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC E CIRCLE BAR (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BIG MAX 25 NW, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 3, PSL/JA FOWLER SUR., A-1935 12000', 8 SE ANDREWS

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 UNIVERSITY 6-48, 620 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 48 BLK 6, UNIV LAND SUR. 12800', 18 NE ANDREWS

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 10 UNIVERSITY 7-8, 1980 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 7, UNIV LAND SUR. 12900', 18 NE ANDREWS

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 UNIVERSITY 7-8, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 7, UNIV LAND SUR. 13000', 17 NE ANDREWS

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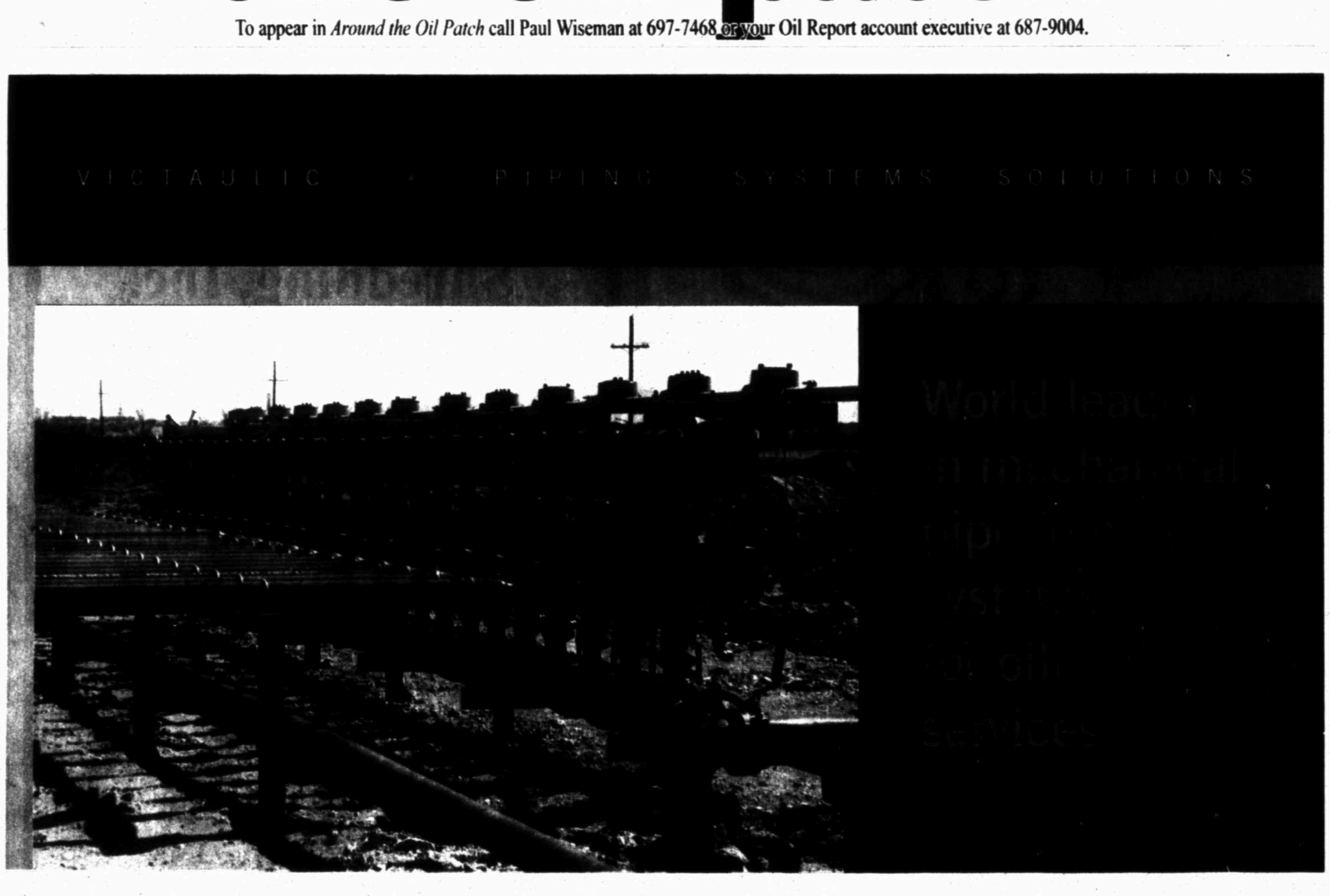

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Reduce operating costs with plunger lift

When plunger lifts are applied, well costs are significantly reduced. Plunger lift can reduce such costs as well treatments, electricity, workovers and swabbing.

Plunger lifts also reduce or eliminate the need for well treatments such as blowdowns or soaping. Well treatments eliminated or drastically reduced by plunger lifts include chemical treatments, microbial cleanups and removal. Chemical treatments include inhibitors, solvents, dispersants, hot fluids, crystal modifiers and surfactants.

Swabbing costs are reduced because a plunger lift helps keep the well unloaded and flowing, and also keeps the tubing clean, eliminating paraffin and scale build-up.

Rod, pump and tubing repairs are also eliminated. Plungers can eliminate the need for mechanical repairs to pumps or for the removal of debris such as scale and paraffin from sucker rods and tubing.

No electrical costs are associated with a plunger lift, making that an area of major savings. Plunger lifts are self-sufficient, energy-wise, because controllers are solar powered, with a battery backup, and the well uses its own energy to produce itself.

Installation of a plunger system is also cost-effective because it does not require the use of a pulling unit. PLSI companies can swab, wireline and install a plunger lift system for turn-key results.

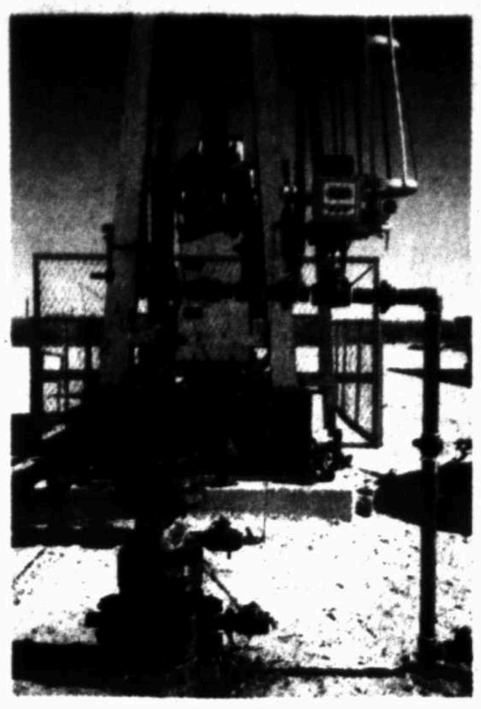
Investment in equipment is also reduced. With the major increase in production in the Permian Basin, there is an ongoing need for more production equipment. That means, if a plunger lift is replacing a beam pump, the producer can sell the beam pump at a good price or re-use on another location, recouping significant costs.

In addition to reducing costs, a plunger lift can increase production. Workovers and most other treatments involve shutting in the well during the procedure, robbing the producer of production during this time. By eliminating workovers, the plunger lift allows the well to have more days on production during the year, making the well more profitable. Studies have shown that an average well can need one or more workovers per year.

Reduced workovers on plunger lift wells also allow producers to focus their resources in other places—such as drilling or completions, making the company more efficient in those areas as well.

Economically, plunger lift installations on declining wells also make more sense. At some point the operating costs of a well may over-run the production of the well. Plunger lift can extend the economic life of a well by maintaining the wells profitability.

To learn more about the advantages of plunger lift, call PLSI.



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The phone number for Production Lift Systems is 432-699-1200 or 800-594-3887.

ADAPT system combines pump efficiency with SCADA control

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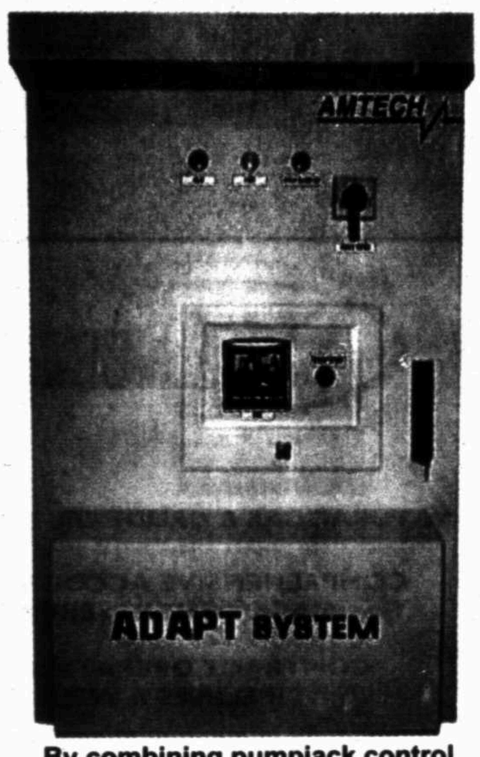

By combining pumpjack control with data control, Amtech Drive's ADAPT system gives producers one integrated product to reduce overhead. Call 770-469-5240 to learn more.

On the pump side, ADAPT (Amtech Drive's Automated Pump Technology) uses an intelligent SRP controller and VFD, combined into one box.

ADAPT provides for smooth pump startup, pump-off control, reduced energy consumption, increased production and other results that save money. By shutting off the well when it pumps off, ADAPT saves money on electricity and on wear and tear of the pump, sucker rods and other components. Reduced wear means fewer mechanical failures, which leads to cuts in repair costs and in less downtime and its attendant loss in production.

ADAPT is also easy to set up, provides GSM connectivity and a DOL bypass system. It is compatible with all rod pump systems.

The SCADA system takes ADAPT's advantages even further. It sends wellsite data to the producer's central operating station by cellular network, broadband Internet or any other Internet connection.

Once that data is collected, ADAPT's diagnostic tool provides analysis in order to allow operators to optimize each well's performance, prevent failure and reduce downtime.

When the producer takes any action, preventive or reactive, ADAPT tracks what action is taken and provides the service and maintenance schedule based on that information.

The system is fully web based and is scalable to meet the needs of a producer growing incrementally or by acquisition.

Here are a few of the benefits:

- Makes all flow data for various consumers available at one location;
- It collects information from all ADAPT systems at multiple wells;
- It displays protection and information data on a PC;
- Stores collected data for report generation and future reference;
- SMS alert is available on selected mobile numbers for pump operation;
- Operators can sent controlling commands to everything on the ADAPT system;
- Eliminates discrepancies in flow data between supplier and consumer;
- Makes invoicing easier, with clarity of data.

The best part is that the pump control hardware and the software come from one company, simplifying service and assuring that the two components are always compatible. In case of service needs or questions, there is just one number to call.

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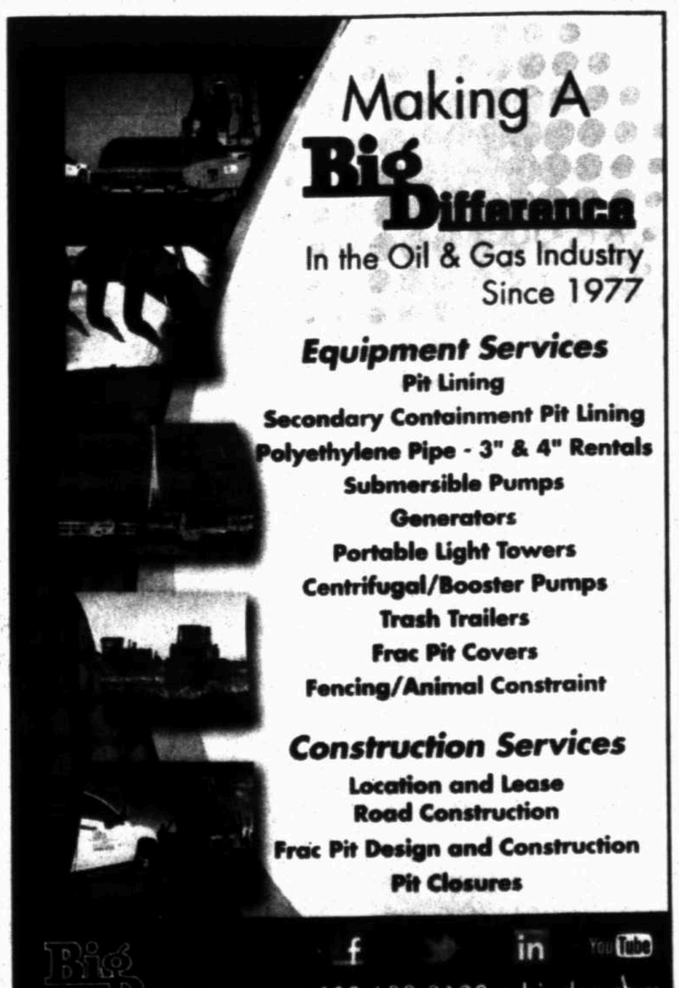

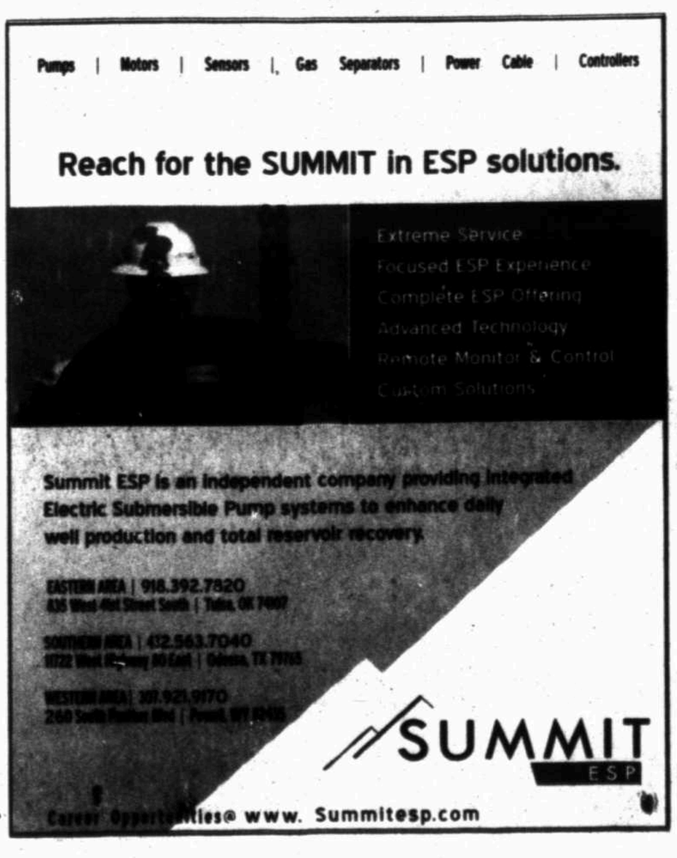

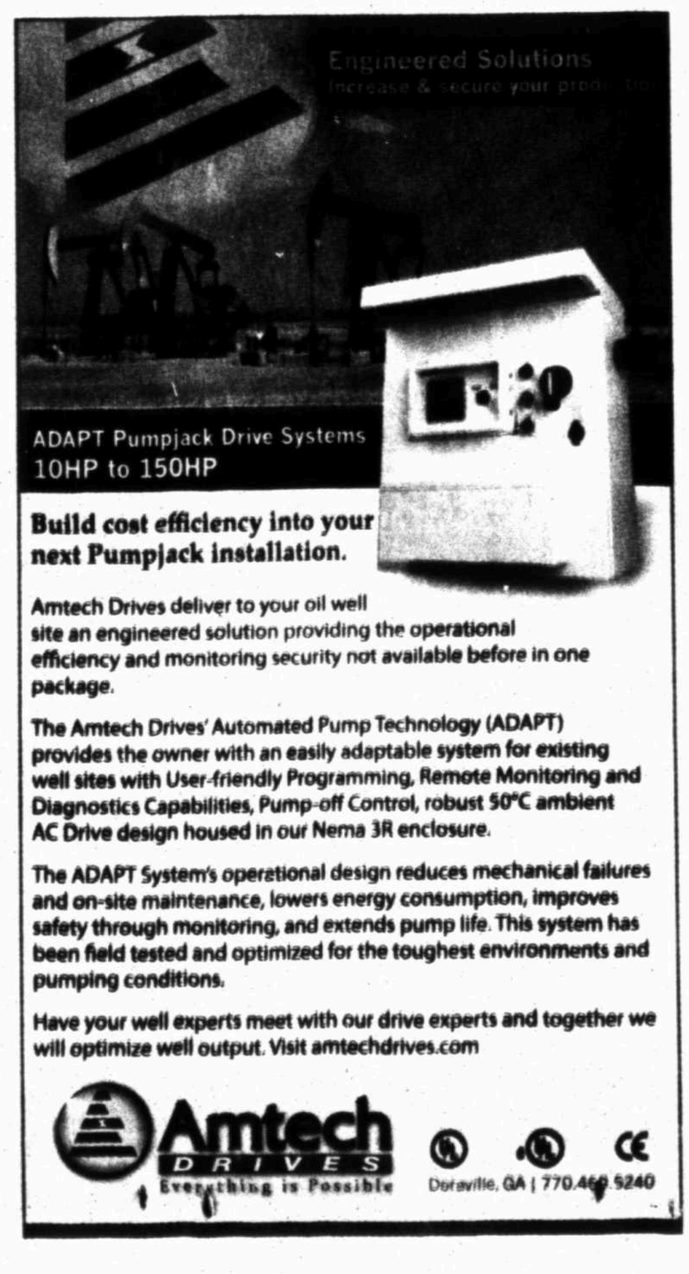

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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(TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 6-48, 817 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 48 BLK 6, UNIV LAND SUR. 12000', 18 NE ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 12 CC LOCKHART & BROWN AA, 2298 FSL 2159 FWL, SEC 10 BLK A41, PSL/BC RICHARDSON SUR., A-1616 5200', 14 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 10 LINDLEY 3, 966 FNL 1881 FWL, SEC 16 BLK A47, PSL/SH HOLLOWAY SUR., A-893 5200', 11 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 15 ARGO KNIGHT, 206 FNL 1245 FEL, SEC 10 BLK A41, PSL/ BC RICHARDSON SUR., A-1616 5200', 13 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 9 LINDLEY 3, 2310 FWL 1250 FNL, SEC 16 BLK A47, PSL/ SH HOLLOWAY SUR., A-893 4900', 11 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 150 MUNGER NIX, 1365 FNL 185 FEL, SEC 18 BLK A47, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1997 5200', 12 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 42 MUNGER NIX A, 962 FNL 2256 FWL, SEC 2 BLK A41, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1994 5200', 13 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 64 JT LINDLEY-LYNNE, 720 FSL 990 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A47, PSL/JC WALKER SUR., A-1644 5200', 12 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 145 MUNGER NIX, 1521 FSL 1781 FEL, SEC 18 BLK A47, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1997 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHC (O) DRILL Well# 1 CHAMLEE, 330 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A47, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1996 5200', 12 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 41 MUNGER NIX A, 929 FNL 1119 FWL, SEC 2 BLK A41, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1994 5200', 13 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 43 MUNGER NIX A, 1691 FNL 1951 FWL, SEC 2 BLK A41, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1994 5200', 13 SW ANDREWS

TREY RESOURCES INC. SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2408H UNIVERSITY BLOCK 14 CONS., 467 FWL 495 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 14, ULS SUR., A-U464 5000', 6 NE FRANKEL CITY

Crane County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP C-BAR (TUBB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 201H HATTIE CONNELL ET AL, 756 FSL 493 FWL, SEC 23 BLK B22, PSL/MRS A GEER SUR., A-823 5500', 10 S PENWELL

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP RUNNING W (WICHALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 400H EAGLE, 467 FSL 468 FWL, SEC 29 BLK B22, PSL/ HR HENDERSON SUR., A-1072 9000', 21 NW CRANE

Culberson County

COG OPERATING, LLC W FORD (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW AUGUSTUS, 2400 FEL 2400 FNL, SEC 10 BLK 59 T1S, T&P/ PV HOLLEBEKE SUR., A-5557 6000', 58 N KENT

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC. W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 PINTAIL 39, 1530 FNL 2260 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2656 5500', 10 W ORLA

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC. W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 PINTAIL 39, 1600 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2656 5500', 10 W ORLA

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC. W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 PINTAIL 39, 380 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2656 5500', 10 W ORLA

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC. W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 PINTAIL 39, 330 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2656 5500', 10 W ORLA

Ector County

AGGIETECH OIL, LTD. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3301 SWD PARKS BELL, 887 FEL 1600 FSL, SEC 33 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-63 5700', 9 NE ODESSA

BC OPERATING, INC. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 ANNA-BELLE, 1025 FSL 2276 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/ O CAIN SUR., A-701 7200', 2 NE GOLDSMITH

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3406 HEADLEE, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/ SR MCKINNEY SUR., A-768 12000', 10 NE ODESSA

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 105 CROWN ROYAL, 330 FNL 2420 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-49 12000', 15 NE ODESSA

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 103D GREY GOOSE, 410 FNL 2430 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-49 12000', 12 NW MIDLAND

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 635W CA GOLDSMITH ETAL, 660 FSL 2006 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-283 5830', 18 NW ODESSA

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 POSEIDON 21, 660 FNL 837 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-227 11000', 7 NW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4814 RILEY, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 34 T3S, T&P/ RP JACKSON SUR., A-1013 11000', 2 NW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 POSEIDON 21, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-227 11000', 7 NW GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. BOOKS (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 10 GLASS, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 45 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-191 11000', 15 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM - DALLAS, INC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11HU BARBEE C-BARBEE B (ALLOC), 1110 FSL 975 FEL, SEC 1, GB&CNG SUR., A-20 9000', 15 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 LPI-DRIVER 33, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-257 12000', 5 SW GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 LPI-DRIVER 28, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/ MD CHANEY SUR., A-1163 12000', 4 SW GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BEDNAR 43, 2180 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-262 12000', 8 SW GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 LPI-DRIVER 28, 1980 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/ WR CHANEY SUR., A-948 12000', 4 SW GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 SOUTH BOXCAR 3, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 33 T4S, T&P SUR., A-146 12000', 4 E GARDEN CITY

GLASSCOCK - McCLURE OIL CO. INC. CLYDE-REYNOLDS (WC) (O) DRILL Well# 2 COLE 4, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 32 T4S, T&P SUR., A-1155 9800', 10 NE GARDEN CITY

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 WINNIE THOMPSON, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 31 T2N, T&P SUR., A-177 10000', 12 NW COAHOMA

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 THOMPSON 12, 1127 FSL 853 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 31 T2N, T&P/ JE MCCARTY SUR., A-1160 10000', 13 NW COAHOMA

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 NEWTON 43, 1709 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 32 T2N, T&P SUR., A-284 10500', 8 N BIG SPRING

PARTEE DRILLING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1003 WALLEYE, 1500 FNL 1600 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 32 T1N, T&P/ JC SMITH SUR., A-1208 10500', 6 NE BIG SPRING

Loving County

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MANSFELDT 55-1-12 LOV, 200 FNL 500 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 55 T1, T&P/ CF CARMINE SUR., A-1273 12000', 20 NW MENTONE

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. VERMEJO (DELAWARE) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 RED BULL 1-72 SWD, 2593 FNWL 2548 FSWL, SEC 72 BLK 1, W&NW/ WN MEEK SUR., A-573 6300', 3 E MENTONE

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BOLD JOHNSON 56-T1-42, 184 FNL 1322 FEL, SEC 42 BLK 56 T1, T&P/ RW KINCHELOE SUR., A-305 12750', 6 NE ORLA

Martin County

BERRY OIL COMP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 NAIL C, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 38 T1N, T&P SUR., A-282 12000', 11 NW STANTON

BLUE DUCK SWD, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 SALT WATER DISPOSAL, 2164 FNEL 437 FSEL, SEC 136 BLK A, S HOLLOWAY SUR., A-756 6200', 4 NW TARZAN

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 MABEE Y, 467 FEL 467 FNL, SEC 1 BLK 39 T3N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-368 11000', 26 NW STANTON

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 DUKE 40, 467 FEL 467 FSL, SEC 40 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/ C NICHOLS SUR., A-786 12000', 8 NW STANTON

EAGLE ENERGY ACQUISITIONS LP LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7B HOLT 7, 467 FSL 900 FEL, SEC 319, GARZA CSL/LABOR 7 SUR., A-998 12000', 11 W TARZAN

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 172 WADE ESTATE, 467 FEL 1178 FNL, SEC 260, BORDEN CSL LABOR 17 SUR., A-591 13000', 4 W PATRICIA

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1 RICHARDS 44A, 660 FNL 1510 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 36 T4N, T&P/ LC KIRKPATRICK SUR., A-767 12100', 28 NW STANTON

TEXAS OIL & WATER, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (REENTER) (INJ) Well# 1 LANCE SWD, 647 FNL 715 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-114 8570', 3 NE STANTON

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. S BREEDLOVE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LEMBERGER, 475 FSL 838 FWL, SEC 258, BRISCOE CSL TRACT 88 SUR., A-597 12000', 6 SW PATRICIA

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H CHABLIS, 1203 FEL 3142 FSL, SEC 8 BLK H.A., SF 6947 SUR. 10000', 20 NW LENORAH

Midland County

ATLANTIC OPERATING, INC. PARKS (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 WINDHAM 24A, 467 FWL 2173 FNL, SEC 24 BLK 40 T3S, T&P/ JL CAVENDER SUR., A-767 11500', 16 S MIDLAND

ATLANTIC OPERATING, INC. PARKS (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 WINDHAM 31A, 2172 FWL 2173 FSL, SEC 31 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-288 11500', 17 S MIDLAND

BLUESTEM ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# B 2 EVANS, 490 FNL 2328 FEL, SEC 8 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-17 12000', 5 NW MIDLAND

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 CLEARBEE 29, 2173 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-533 12000', 7 SE GREENWOOD

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4110 ST, 2307 FEL 1663 FSL, SEC 41 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-260 11900', 5 W MIDLAND

DISCOVERY OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 TXLV 43, 1980 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-216 10600', 17 S MIDLAND

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP MOONLIGHT (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4 CHAPS, 330 FNL 1831 FWL, SEC 9 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-1275 12000', 5 NW MIDLAND

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP MOONLIGHT (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2 CHAPS, 600 FWL 2167 FNL, SEC 9 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-1275 12000', 5 N MIDLAND

QUANTUM RES. MGMNT, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2 ROY PARKS JR, 1982 FNL 1998 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 41 T2S, T&P/ C EDWARDS SUR., A-716 13335', 6 E ODESSA

Mitchell County

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP WESTBROOK (O) DRILL Well# 2314W WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT, 792 FNL 1905 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 28 T1N, T&P/ AB HINES SUR., A-1350 4000', 10 W COLORADO CITY

Pecos County

EXL PETROLEUM, LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3903 MARIE, 990 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 49 T9, T&P SUR., A-989 15000', 21 NW FT. STOCKTON

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC YATES (O/G)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 273F47 YATES FIELD UNIT, 1198 FSL 189 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 194, GC&SF/ MA MONROE SUR., A-8069 1999', 4 SW IRAAN

MID-STATES OPER. CO. TAYLOR LINK (O) DRILL Well# 6 UNIVERSITY A, 330 FNL 1680 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 18, UL SUR. 2000', 33 E FORT STOCKTON

WESTRIDGE O&G PROPERTIES PECOS VLY (HI GRAVITY) (O/G) DRILL Well# 307 IMPERIAL 72, 2310 FNEL 330 FSEL, SEC 72 BLK 10, H&GN/ FP BREEN SUR., A-6550 1999', 7 S IMPERIAL

WESTRIDGE O&G PROPERTIES PECOS VLY(HI GRAVITY) (O/G) DRILL Well# 304 IMPERIAL 72, 1650 FNEL 1650 FSEL, SEC 72 BLK 10, H&GN/ FP BREEN SUR., A-6550 1999', 7 S IMPERIAL

Reeves County

ATLANTIC OPERATING, INC. BALMORHEA RANCH DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 GOLDING SWD, 660 FWL 3082 FNL, SEC 21 BLK C10, PSL/ DH ARMSTRONG SUR., A-5458 6500', 14 SW PECOS

J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ARMOUR 27, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 27 BLK C7, PSL/WA REYNOLDS SUR., A-1816 13500', 8 S PECOS

J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 GRANADA 11, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 11 BLK C7, PSL/WA REYNOLDS SUR., A-1258 13500', 9 SE PECOS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

EOG Resources Inc.
University "38" #0606H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 350 fnl, 1167 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 38, ULS, 26 ne Ozona; TD 6161 TVD, 15809 IMD; Comp 11/12/2012; producing from 6474-15775, fracture stimulated; gas lift 516 BO, 424 MCF, 1260 BW on open choke, FTP 320 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41394

Irion County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Antelope Draw #58N
Spraberry (Trend Area); 668 fsl, 764 fel, Sec 58, Blk 1, Abst. 955, T&P RR, 26 nw Mertzon; TD 8774; Comp 11/19/2012; producing from 4893-8292, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 81 BO, 57 MCF, 89 BW, 38.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35056

Reagan County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Cat Claw "B" #63B
Spraberry (Trend Area); 799 fnel, 1998 fel, Sec 63, Blk 1, Abst. 502, T&P RR, 15 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; Comp 11/13/2012; producing from 5106-8454, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 38 BO, 62 MCF, 83 BW. 37.09 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37465

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Jameson "50" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1988 fel, 2183 fnl, Sec 50, Blk Y, Abst. 777, T&P RR, 20.9 nw Big Lake; TD 10905; Comp 11/12/2012; producing from 7922-10720, fracture stimulated; flow 50 BO, 91 MCF, 99 BW on 14/64 inch choke, FTP 800 psi, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37098

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

The Eastland Oil Company
Lucky #1
Fuhrman-Mascho; 660 fwl, 660 fsl, Sec 3, Blk A-23, Abst. 2300, PSL, 4 w Andrews; TD 10537; Comp 11/16/2012; producing from 4450-4520, treated with acid; pump 3 BO, 8 BW, 32.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42593

Martin County

Linn Operating Inc.
TCM #48L
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1496 fsl, 4410 fel, Sec 48, Blk A, Abst. 1122, Bauer & Cockrell, 13.7 nw Big Spring; TD 10202; Comp 11/24/2012; producing from 7680-10040, fracture stimulated; pump 344 BO, 354 MCF, 289 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37706

Texas RRCD 8A

Gaines County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Exxon Fee "D" #20
Robertson North (San Andres); 1120 fsl, 1586 fel, Sec 9, Blk A-24, Abst. 656, PSL, 8.8 sw Seminole; TD 4921; Comp 11/12/2012; producing from 4567-4657, fracture stimulated; pump 10 BO, 20 MCF, 322 BW, 35.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37515

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Exxon Fee "D" #14
Robertson North (San Andres); 330 fsl, 1206 fsl, Sec 9, Blk A-24, Abst. 656, PSL, 8.5 sw Seminole; TD 4920; Comp 11/20/2012; producing from 4546-4664, fracture stimulated; pump 60 BO, 25 MCF, 169 BW, 34.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37514

New Mexico

Eddy County

RSC Resources LP
Crow Flats A Federal #2
Dog Canyon; Sec 30 T16S R28E; 250/N & 1220/E. BHL: 2264/N & 343/E; EL 3546 GL, TD 8558 MD, 6486 TVD, PBTD 8558 MD, 6486 TVD; Spud 2-15-12, Comp 3-19-12; production is through treated perfs: 6642-8558. Treat: 25,000 bbl 20-25# linear & cross-linked gel +875k# 20/40 sd. IP: 4-5-12 Pump 24 hrs 107 BO, 87 BW, 170 MCF, GOR 1588, Gty 42. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 498 w/600 sx, 7 @ 6103 w/1329 sx, 4 1/2 @ 6026-8558, 2 7/8 @ 5963; API #30-015-39800

COG Operating LLC
Redbud Federal Com #4
NE Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 1012/N & 2268/W; EL 3549 GL, TD 4734, PBTD 4673; Spud 4-14-12, Comp 5-24-12; production is through treated perfs: 3200-3450, 3705-3930, 3990-4215, 4275-4500. Treat: Acdz w/7000 gals 15%, Frac w/459,593 gals gel carrying 551,815# 16/30 brown + 96,468# SP. IP: 6-11-12 Pump 24 hrs 28 BO, 513 BW, 40 MCF, GOR 1429, Gty 38.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 392 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1013 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4722 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4417; API #30-015-39762

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
High Nitro State Com #3
Empire; Sec 12 T17S R28E; 580/N & 150/E. BHL: 400/N & 620/W; EL 3714 GL, TD 8144; Spud 6-28-12, Comp 8-28-12; production is through treated perfs: 4122-8139 OH. Treat: 1695 bbls 15% HCL acid, 71,519# 100 mesh sd, 1,464,464# 20/40 white sd, 364,k006 super LC sd, 49,433 bbls wtr. IP: 9-10-12 Flow 24 hrs 8 BO, 933 BW, 88 MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 100, CP 60. Csg; 9 5/8 @ 373 w/1240 sx, 7 @ 3923 w/895 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8139, 2 7/8 @ 3653; API #30-015-40160

Oxy USA WTP LP
Roo 22 State #2
Artesia; Sec 22 T17S R28E; 1218/S & 1654/W; EL 3594 GL, TD 4914, PBTD 4869; Spud 7-7-12, Comp 8-6-12; production is through treated perfs: 3557-3649, 4011-4776. Treat: Frac w/508,886 gals linear gel, 51,327 gals 15% HCL, 7500 gals 100 mesh, 16,060# 16/30 resin coated sd, 720,755# sd. IP: 8-21-12 Pump 24 hrs 278 BO, 523 BW, 245 MCF, Gty 39. Csg; 9 5/8 @ 420 w/420 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4914 w/1310 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3476; API #30-015-39651

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #62
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 330/S & 895/W; EL 3673 GL, TD 5095, PBTD 5047; Spud 6-13-12, Comp 8-22-12; production is through treated perfs: 4450-4850. Treat: 163,254 gals 20#, 200,000# sd, 3890 gals acid, 4284 gals gel. IP: 9-22-12 Pump 24 hrs 10 BO, 99 BW, 7 MCF, GOR 700, Gty 38.7. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 493 w/350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5095 w/790 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4951; API #30-015-40112

COG Operating LLC
McCoy State #6
East Empire; Sec 8 T17S R29E; 330/S & 330/E; EL 3600 GL, TD 5443, PBTD 5378; Spud 3-31-11, Comp 5-2-11; production is through treated perfs: 3970-4220, 4470-4670, 4740-4940, 5010-5210. Treat: 10,500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/457,000 gals gel, 540,351# 16/30 white sd, 116,612# sbxl. IP: 5-11-11 Pump 24 hrs 121 BO, 569 BW, 182 MCF, Gty 34.9. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 358 w/950 sx, 8 5/8 @ 868 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5440 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4998; API #30-015-38010

COG Operating LLC
McCoy State #5
East Empire; Sec 8 T17S R29E; 990/S & 990/E; EL 3613 GL, TD 5425, PBTD 5341; Spud 1-7-11, Comp 2-8-11; production is through treated perfs: 3980-4230, 4450-4650, 4720-4920, 4990-5190. Treat: Acdz w/10,500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/486,000 gals gel, 547,407# 16/30 white sd, 107,107# 16/30 Siberprop. IP: 2-27-11 Pump 24 hrs 172 BO, 800 BW, 263 MCF, GOR 1529, Gty 39.9. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 360 w/950 sx, 8 5/8 @ 860 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5413 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5072; API #30-015-38009

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #699
Burch Keely; Sec 25 T17S R29E; 1308/N & 600E; EL 3599 GL, TD 4667, PBTD 4616; Spud 5-16-12 Comp 6-21-12; production is through treated perfs: 4370-4600. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% acid, 191,000 gals 15% XLA gel carrying 164,707# 16/30 brown + 11,110# 16/30 SP. IP: 6-25-12 Pump 24 hrs 32 BO, 208 BW, 3 MCF, Gty 37.9; API #30-015-39551

COG Operating LLC
Yale State #27
Mar Loco; Sec 2 T17S R30E; 2310/S & 1650/W; EL 3758 GL, TD 6175, PBTD 6120; Spud 2-1-12, Comp 3-2-12; production is through treated perfs: 4600-4875, 5090-5290, 5360-5560, 5630-5830. Treat: Acdz w/10,750 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/485,451 gals gel, 540,927# 16/30 brown sd, 112,059# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 3-10-12 Pump 24 hrs 128 BO, 428 BW, 124 MCF, GOR 969, Gty 38.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 463 w/1050 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1425 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6175 w/1650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5782; API #30-015-39737

COG Operating LLC
Yale State #15
Mar Loco; Sec 2 T17S R30E; 1045/S & 925/E; EL 3754 GL, TD 6162, PBTD 6110; Spud 8-27-11, Comp 9-29-11; production is through treated perfs: 4630-4880, 5030-5290, 5360-5560, 5630-5830. Treat: Acdz w/16,000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/477,258 gals gel, 537,085# 16/30 brown sd, 84,490# 16/30 Siberprop. IP: 11-8-11 Pump 24 hrs 170 BO, 529 BW, 82 MCF, GOR 482, Gty 38.4. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 452 w/950 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1410 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6155 w/1600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5801; API #30-015-39201

COG Operating LLC
Yale State #22
Mar Loco; Sec 2 T17S R30E; 2310/S & 1650/E; EL 3768 GL, TD 6170, PBTD 6112; Spud 10-9-11, Comp 11-17-11; production is through treated perfs: 4625-4850, 5040-5290, 5360-5610, 5680-5880. Treat: Acdz w/13,500 gals 10% HCl, Frac w/485,525 gals gel, 550,431# 16/30 white sd, 112,353# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 11-19-11 Pump 24 hrs 72 BO, 486 BW, 372 MCF, Gty 38.7. Csg: 13 3/6 @ 470 w/1050 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1365 w/600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6150 w/1650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5655; API #30-015-38495

COG Operating LLC
Skelly Unit #769
Fren; Sec 23 T17S R31E; 305/N & 1727/E; EL 3890 GL, TD 6852, PBTD 6790; Spud 11-5-11, Comp 12-15-11; production is through treated perfs: 5185-5335, 5672-5980, 6050-6250, 6320-6520. Treat: Acdz w/9250 gals 15% acid, Frac w/442,174 gals gel, 540,227# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 108,247# 16/30 CRC. IP: 8-24-12 Pump 24 hrs 27 BO, 185 BW, 46 MCF, GOR 1703, Gty 37.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 629 w/500 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1894 w/600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6842 w/1650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6354; API #30-015-38361

COG Operating LLC
Skelly Unit #806
Mar Loco; Sec 23 T17S R31E; 1738/S & 1880/W. BHL: 1650/S & 2310/W; EL 3861 GL, TD 6747 MD, 6727 TVD, PBTD 6682 MD, 6682 TVD; Spud 3-31-12, Comp 5-3-12; production is through treated perfs: 5190-5320, 5700-6002, 6080-6370, 6440-6640. Treat: Acdz w/7100 gals 15% acid, Frac w/438,300 gals gel, 520,206# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 119,187# 16/30 CRC. IP: 6-18-12 Pump 24 hrs 17 BO, 418 BW, 68 MCF, GOR 4000, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 616 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1851 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6740 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6245; API #30-015-38380

Oxy USA WTP LP
Smokey Bits State Com #6
Benson; Sec 36 T18S R30E; 405/N & 330/W; EL 3440 GL, TD 12,804, PBTD 12757; Spud 6-26-12, Comp 8-24-12; production is through treated perfs: 9128-9694, 9880-10,446, 10,632-11198, 11384-11950,12,136-12,702. Treat: Frac w/1,033,108 gals gel, 20,000 gals 15% HCL acid, 1,220,300# CRC sd. IP: 9-1-12 Pump 24 hrs 1049 BO, 1135 BW, 793 MCF, Gty 38.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 467 w/610 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3654 w/1850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12804 w/1940 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7576; API #30-015-40148

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Tamano 10 Fed Com #8
Tamano; Sec 10 T18S R31E; 1737/S & 260/W. BHL: 1852/S & 338/E; EL 37-4 GL, TD 13030 MD, 8475 TVD, PBTD 12970 MD, 8475 TVD; Spud 6-17-12, Comp 8-8-12; production is through treated perfs: 9294-12970. Treat: Frac w/1,217,191 gals 20# XL carrying 1,251,640# 20/40 sd & 293,120# SB excel sd. IP: 8-16-12 Pump 24 hrs 80 BO, 288 BW, 217 MCF, GOR 2713, Gty 40.2. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 732 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2217 w/700 sx, 7 @ 8760 w/1250 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8519-12970, 2 7/8 @ 8019; API #30-015-40109

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Agate PWU 2 #3
Scanlon Draw; Sec 21 T19S R29E; 2145/S & 330/W. BHL: 2133/S & 423/E; EL 3318 GL, TD 12,192, PBTD 12,151: Spud 2-1-12, Comp 4-20-12; production is through treated perfs: 8350-12122. Treat: Acdz w/16,998 gals HCL, 81,950 gals SW wlr, 66,128# 100 mesh, 1,740,569# PW 20/40, 420,404# 20/40 CRC. IP: 4-20-12 Pump 24 hrs 843 BO, 726 BW, 1123 MCF, GOR 1,332,147. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 340 w/500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2543 w/865 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12176 w/4150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7271; API #30-015-39374

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Steelers BRS State #1
East Penlon; Sec 24 T20S R27E; 660/S & 200/E. BHL: 829/S & 378/W; EL 3341 GL, TD 10,785, PBTD 10,690; Spud 12-29-11, Comp 9-16-12; production is through treated perfs: 6735-10,687. Treat: Acdz w/47,000 gals 7.5% HCL, Frac w/20# borate XL, 52,899# fluid, 2,758,893# 20/40 Jordan sd, 567,925# 20/40 RCS. IP: 9-17-12 Pump 24 hrs 36 BO, 2244 BW, 551 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 418 w/660 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4788 w/1145 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10.785 w/1230 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3258; API #30-015-39673

Oxy USA WTP LP
Swearingen A Fee Com #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 5 T23S R28E; 330/S & 330/E. BHL: 698/S & 373/W; EL 3014 GL, TD 12196 MD, 7917 TVD, PBTD 1074 MD, 7919 TVD; Spud 6-3-12, Comp 7-27-12; production is through treated perfs: 8652-9096, 9244-9690, 9836-10282, 10428-10872, 11020-11464,11612-12056. Treat: 249921 gals 8# Lone Fld + 20000 gals 15% HCL acid, 1495822 gals 20# w/2009520# sd. IP: 9-7-12 Pump 24 hrs 243 BO, 1167 BW, 185 MCF, GOR 774, Gty 42.7. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 420 w/580 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2549 w/970 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12194 w/2550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7173; API #30-015-40071

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Canyon BJK State Com #2
Nash Draw; Sec 6 T25S R30E; 455/S & 2310/E. BHL: 410/S & 2272/E; EL 3189 GL, TD 14,334, PBTD 14,244; Spud 3-3-12, Comp 7-6-12; production is through treated perfs: 9605-10,001, 10,067, 10,133-10,529, 10,595, 10,661-11,057, 11,128, 11189-11585, 11,651, 11,717-12,113, 12,135, 12,245-12641, 12,707, 12,773-13,169, 13,235, 13,301-13,697, 13,829-14,225. Treat: Acdz w/42,315 gals 7.5% HCl, Frac w/2,002,299# 20/40 Jordan-Unimin, 580,294# 20/40 Super LC. IP: 7-30-12 Pump 24 hrs 186 BO, 1057 BW, 513 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 674 w/720 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4885 w/1590 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14334 w/1775 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8793; API #30-015-39735

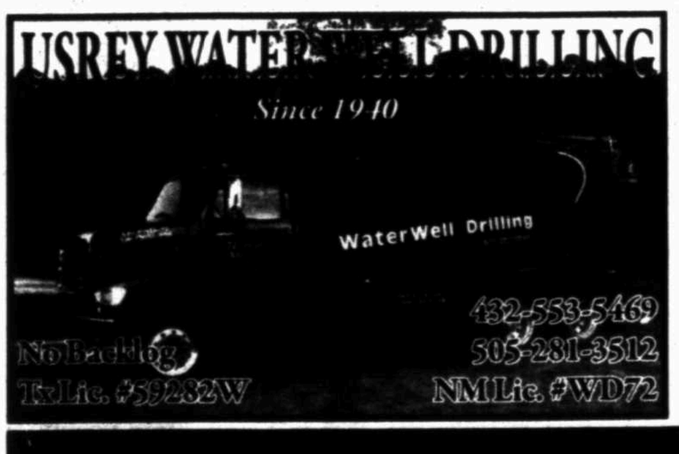
Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 2 State #7
West Jennings; Sec 2 T26S R31E; 330/S & 2310/E BHL: 353/N & 2306/E; EL 3241 GL, TD 13,102, PBTD 13,053; Spud 11-20-11, Comp 8-4-12; production is through treated perfs: 8851-13092. Treat: 10 stage frac: 2,755,400# 40/70 WS, 1,859,700# 100 mesh WS, 31,500 gals 15% HCL. IP: 4-13-12 Flow 24 hrs 376 BO, 1081 BW, 1193 MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 960. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 945 w/960 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4154 w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13102 w/2450 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8049; API #30-015-39163

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Company
Emerald Federal #2
West Maljamar Yeso; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 990/S & 665/E; EL 4035 GL, TD 7273, PBTD 7258; Spud 7-14-12; production is through perfs: 5451-6660. IP: 8-30-12 Pump 24 hrs 188 BO, 98 BW, 161 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 830 w/510 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7285 w/1250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6695; API #30-025-40520

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Tres Equis 5 State #1
West Triple X; Sec 5 T24S R33E; 330/N & 660/W. BHL: 4940/N & 689/W; EL 3657 GL, TD 15525 MD, 11126 TVD, PBTD 15503; Spud 5-29-12, Comp 7-22-12; production is through treated perfs: 11300-15477. Treat: 1,820,724 gals total fluid, 2,672,513# sd. IP: 8-26-12 Pump 24 hrs 873 BO, 302 BW, 946 MCF, GOR 1083, Gty 39.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1215 w/970 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5062 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15506 w/2100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10558; API #30-025-40532

EOG Resources Inc.
Diamond 8 Federal Com #3
Red Hills; Sec 8 T25S R34E; 330/N & 1750/W. BHL: 4905/N & 2261/W; EL 3630 GL, TD 13840, PBTD 13815; Spud 5-28-12, Comp 8-24-12; production is through perfs: 9695-13780. IP: 8-29-12 Flow 24 hrs 787 BO, 1722 BW, 1057 MCF, 17/64" Ch, CP 550. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1233 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5137 w/1325 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13815 w/1975 sx; API #30-025-40188



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THE ARTS

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The entrance hallway, at top, is seen in Charles Dickens' home, part of the Charles Dickens Museum in London, Dec. 5. For years, the four-story brick row house where the author lived with his young family was a dusty and slightly neglected museum, a mecca for Dickens scholars but overlooked by most visitors to London. Now, after a $4.8 million makeover, it has been restored to bring the writer's world to life. BOTTOM The study in Charles Dickens' home.

Sang Tan/AP

London's Dickens Museum reopens after makeover

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — Charles Dickens' London home has gone from "Bleak House" to "Great Expectations."

For years, the four-story brick row house where the author lived with his young family was a dusty and slightly neglected museum, a mecca for Dickens scholars but overlooked by most visitors to London.

Now, after a $4.8 million makeover, it has been restored to bring the writer's world to life. The house reopened this month, and its director says it aims to look "as if Dickens had just stepped out."

"The Dickens Museum felt for many years a bit like Miss Havisham, covered in dust," said museum director Florian Schweizer, who slips references to Dickens' work seamlessly into his speech. Miss Havisham is the reclusive character central to the plot of "Great Expectations."

Now, after a revamp code-named — inevitably — "Great Expectations," the house is transformed.

Or, Schweizer said Wednesday, quoting that novel: "I have been bent and broken, but — I hope — into a better shape."

Few authors remain as widely quoted, read and adapted as Dickens is 200 years after his birth. Characters such as Ebeneezer Scrooge and Tiny Tim, Pip and Miss Havisham, Fagin and Oliver Twist, are known to millions around the world.

And no writer is more closely associated with London than Dickens, whose accounts of Victorian workhouses, debtors' prisons and the urban poor embarrassed the establishment into acting to alleviate poverty.

He lived all over the city in his impoverished youth and increasingly affluent adulthood, but the house at 48 Doughty Street in the Bloomsbury area of London is his only home in the city to survive.

Dickens lived in the house between 1837 and 1839, a short but fruitful period that saw the birth of his first two

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CHRISTMAS at the Mansion

Christmas activities fill the basin

By Georgia Temple
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For decades, trains have fascinated the young at heart. The Southwest Express, a 200 square foot O gauge electric train, makes its home at the Museum of the Southwest and is running through the holiday season.

A popular feature of the museum's annual Christmas at the Mansion, the train is fully operational and has interactive moving parts as it makes it way through the land and towns. After Dec. 29, the Southwest Express will retire for another year.

Those wanting a festive feeling for the holidays will find one at the museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The facility is filled with Christmas trees and decorated holiday scenes. On display at the Blakemore Planetarium is a Gingerbread Exhibition.

Special events include free Christmas teas. The final one is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday and features a hot cup of tea and treats. No reservations are required.

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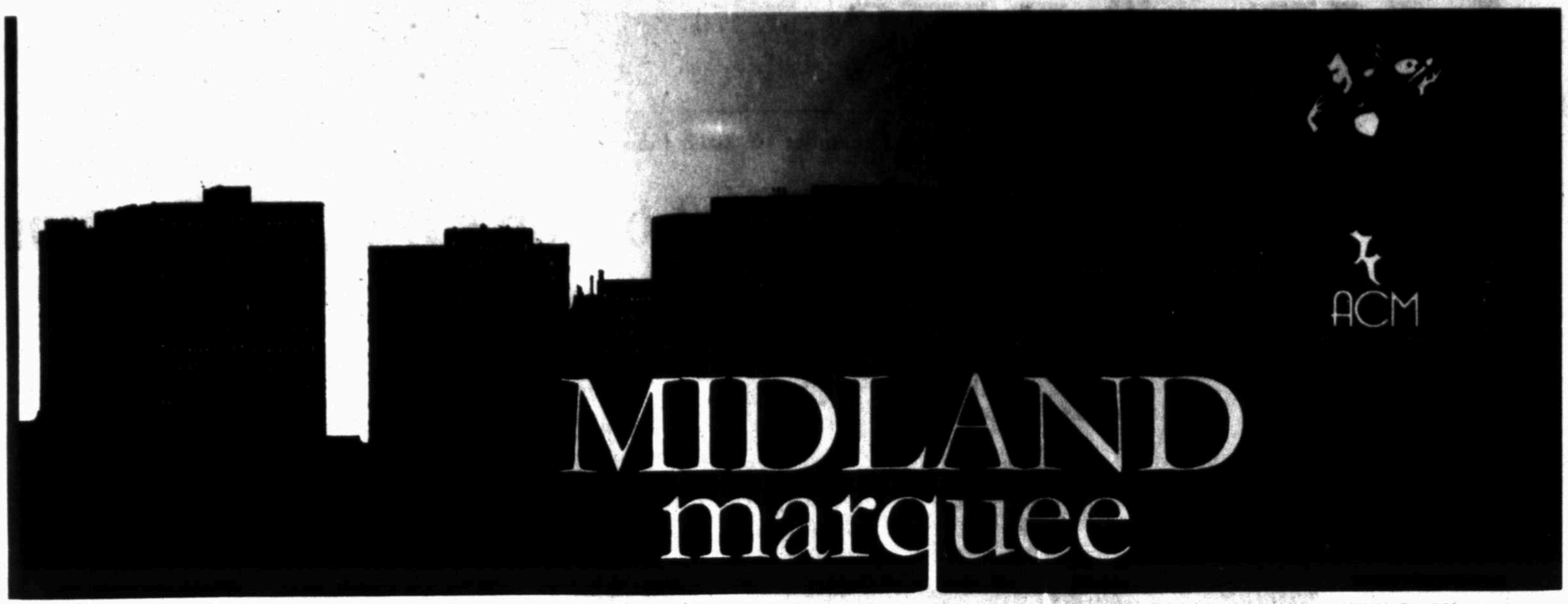

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SUNDAY

Ellen Noel Art Museum: Exhibits: "Destinations in Painting: From the Kasten Collection through Feb. 24. And: "Art Glass 1880 -1940" From the Becker Collection through Feb. 17. And: "Wish You Were Here: The Artistry of Postcard from the Greene Collection" through Jan. 13. For more information, visit the Museum's Web site: www.noelartmuseum.org or call the Museum at 432-550-9696. Hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Tour unique landmark home to two presidents, two governors and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home. Gift shop features 1950s toys, books, clothing and patriotic items. 1412 West Ohio Ave., 685-1112 Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Temporary Exhibit: "Eat Well, Play Well," from The Oregon Museum of Science through Jan. 6. 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 Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.

Midland Arts Association: Features Mary Lambeth with her Artwork at the Community National Bank through December. Downtown CNB located at 401 W. Texas Ave.

Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale: Lone Star Brass Concert at 2 p.m. at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 552-4430.

Museum of the Southwest: Exhibits: 15th Annual Christmas at the Mansion through Dec. 29. And: Billy Keen: "Visions of Santa," Lissa Noel Wagner Wing through Jan. 6. And: Contemporary Artist Series 2012, "Tribal Stories" Nathan Youngblood in the Here and Now Gallery through Dec. 29. And: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists Collection on view all year. And:The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations welcome.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery at UTPB: Gallery hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday-Friday and 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 432-552-2280

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

MONDAY

Haley Library and History Center: 1805 West Indiana Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Selections from the David Dyke Fine Art Gallery, Dallas, for holiday viewing and for sale. Free.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri Ave. Open 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford St., 682-5447. Open by appointment.

Midland County Public Library: Exhibit: "Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence," Through Dec. 31. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Downtown Library 301 W. Missouri 688-4334.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

The Palette Club: Artwork of Mary Beth Barton on display in the lobby of the downtown location of Chase Bank, 2301 W. Missouri Ave., through December. Call Susan May to exhibit your work, 432-634-1795.

Scarborough-Lineberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 432-685-7368. Open by appointmént and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: 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.

Tall City Cloggers: Dances every Monday at M-Squarena. Information about clogging can be obtained by contacting Lynn Myers, 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Ave. For more information, call 683-2882.

The Globe Theatre: "Flying J Wranglers" special holiday show featuring traditional favorites and cowboy Christmas songs. Located at 2308 Shakespeare Rd. Odessa. 7 p.m. Admission Charged. Call 432-332-1586 or 580-3177 for information.

Museum of the Southwest: Christmas Tea from 3 to 4 p.m. served in the Turner Mansion dining room. No charge for the event. 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

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.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free. Exhibit: "Antique Toys and Holiday Decorations" through Saturday.

THURSDAY

George W. Bush Childhood Home: Third Thursday Reading Program featuring "Priscilla and the Great Santa Search" Each child will receive a copy of the book to call their own. Refreshments served. No admission charge. Call for reservations as seating is limited. 1412 West Ohio Ave., 685-1112

FRIDAY

Midland Community Theatre: "A Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. In the Davis Theatre I. Call 570-4111 for reservations.

SATURDAY

Midland Community Theatre: "A Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. In the Davis Theatre I. Call 570-4111 for reservations.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email info@acmidland.org.

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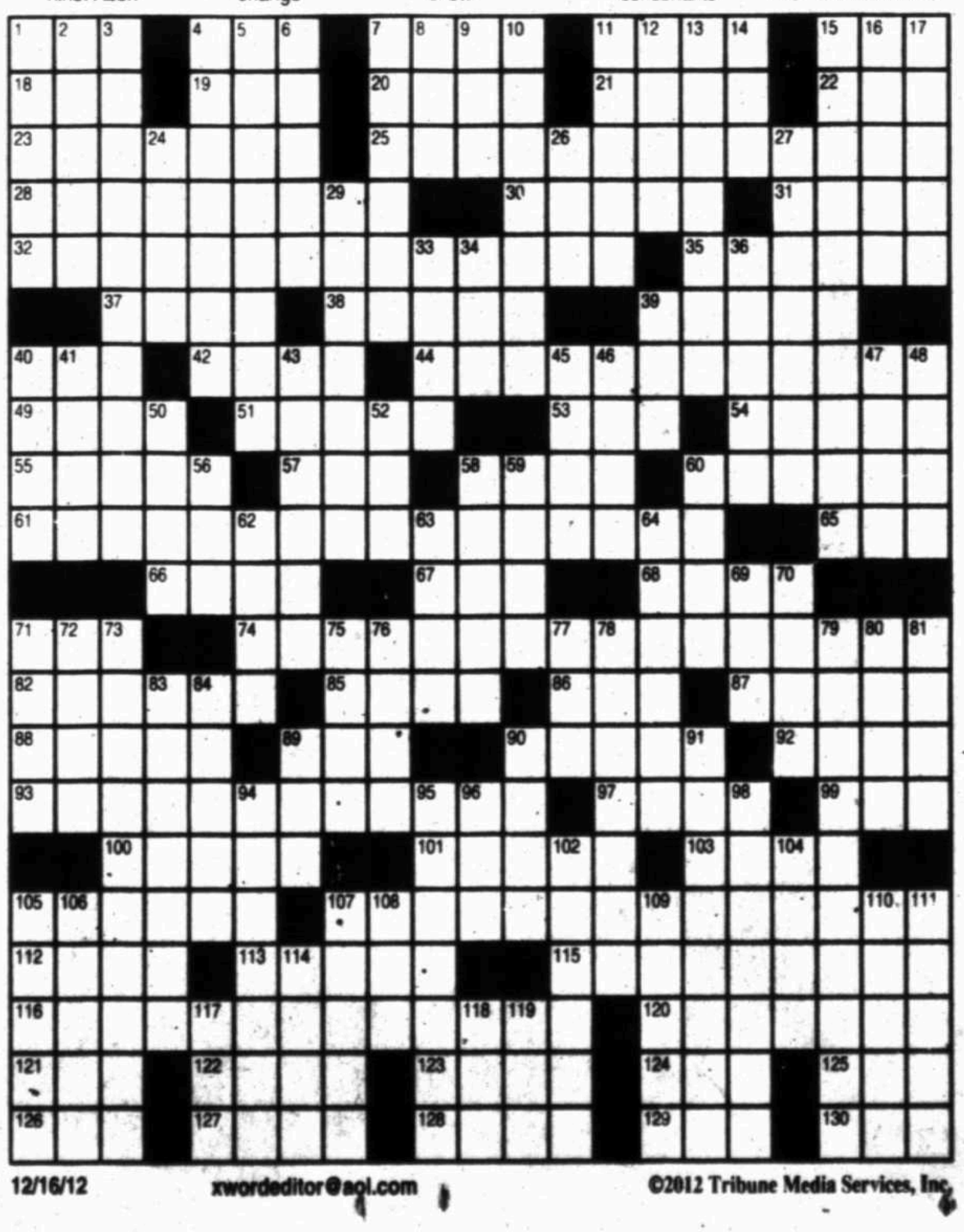
"LESS IS MORE"
By GARETH BAIN

ACROSS
1 PC core
4 NYC airport
7 Shia holy man
11 Short
15 Driver's economy meas.
18 __ Tin Tin
19 Its "Concise" version has more than 1,700 pgs.
20 Orkan sign-off half
21 Sailing, say
22 Uncommon size
23 Nine-circles literary locale
25 Coward's path?
28 Oregon's Douglas fir, e.g.
30 Uncertain
31 General __ chicken
32 Sleeping watchman, say?
35 "Dead parrot" sketch actor
37 London's __ Modern
38 Secret supply
39 Roman naturalist
40 Letters for a British princess
42 Tennis legend
44 Bro who cracks insensitive jokes?
49 Clumsy types
51 Oncle's mate
53 "Telephone Line" gp.
54 Vatican masterpiece
55 Cute cases
57 Grasp
58 White hat, in oaters
60 Skewed
61 Chores done altruistically?
65 Oolong or souchong
66 Jam cause, maybe
67 Subway opposites
68 Like much lore
71 "That's refreshing!"
74 Cruel school assistant?
82 Capital affected by typhoons
85 "The Highwayman" daughter
86 Theta preceder
87 Like a good guess
88 Powerful god
89 Classic Pearl Jam album
90 "Inside the NBA" analyst
92 'Tis the season
93 Naive Romeo?
97 Latin trio word
99 Psalm 23 comforter
100 "Under the Redwoods" author
101 AMD rival
103 Kitten's plaything
105 Playground retort
107 Pixie whose dust lacks potency?
112 Cub with records
113 Necklace gem
115 One-legged ballet pose
116 Stairway to heaven?
120 Is connected
121 Old MGM rival
122 Meat
123 Put a handle on
124 Vague time frame indicator
125 Sargasso swimmer
126 German sunrise direction
127 Small bills
128 Beethoven's nine: Abbr.
129 First name in comics villains
130 QB's coups

DOWN
1 Like fresh lettuce
2 Patchy horse
3 Not true
4 Sissy's Oscar-winning role
5 Least violent
6 Love
7 Put away
8 Egyptian __: spotted cat
9 Army unit
10 Muslim theologians
11 Examined, as a joint
12 1979 Afghanistan invader: Abbr.
13 Use color-coded cans, say
14 Lao Tzu principle
15 British Invasion genre named for Liverpool's river
16 Mexican change
17 Honkers
24 Sicilian high point
26 Ballad's end?
27 Spork, for one
29 Reputed Dead Sea Scrolls transcribers
33 Concert receipts
34 Ryder Cup team
36 Imitates Daffy
39 Arafat's org. until 2004
40 Breaks ground
41 Assign stars to
43 Annoyance
45 Bird that migrates from the Arctic to Antarctica
46 Sci-fi people
47 __ Reader: eclectic magazine
48 Facts and figures
50 Baker's verb
52 Noir hero
56 City NW of Santa Barbara, to locals
58 "__ Kitchen": Gordon Ramsay show
59 No trouble at all
60 Farming prefix
62 Comprehensive, gradewise
63 "Shall we?" reply
64 Polite reply
69 RSA ruling party
70 Showy bloom
71 "__ girl!"
72 "What a Piece of Work Is Man" musical
73 Fulfill an urgent desire
75 Explorer Tasman
76 Nevada casino city
77 Cong. member
78 Rickey Henderson, notably
79 Ambulance bandage
80 1952 Olympics city
81 Oboe component
83 Like tongue-against-roof-of-the-mouth consonants
84 Febrero preceder
89 Mao __-tung
90 Surg. branch
91 Exposes
94 Makes a call
95 Orchestra section
96 Foe of Saruman, in Tolkien
98 Controversial high school health lesson
102 Makes happy
104 Throaty sound
105 Space age toon dog
106 Corner pieces
107 First family before the Wilsons
108 Magic, on scoreboards
109 Saharan region
110 Held power
111 Cheerleaders' repertoire
114 In __: truly
117 Group decision-making challenge
118 In high spirits
119 "Let me think ..."



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Play with finesse — don't finesse

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 3 2
♡ J 9 8
♢ 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 10 7

WEST
♠ Q 9
♡ 7 6 2
♢ K 10 7 3
♣ Q 9 6 3

EAST
♠ J 10 8 6 5
♡ 4
♢ J 9
♣ A K J 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♡ A K Q 10 5 3
♢ A Q
♣ 8 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♣

South struck gold on this deal from a pair tournament. He could not have found a more suitable dummy if he selected the cards. Unfortunately, a card that he held distracted him from the task at hand.

The defenders started with winning two club tricks, and East shifted to a spade, won in the closed hand. Dummy was entered with a trump to the eight and declarer took a losing diamond finesse. West continued with a spade to the king. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, re-entered dummy with a trump and ruffed a diamond high. When the suit did not break, the contract failed by a trick.

Had declarer not been tempted by the diamond finesse, the game could have been brought home. After winning the third trick, declarer should cash the ace of diamonds and continue with the queen. West wins and perseveres with spades. Declarer wins with the king, crosses to dummy with a trump and ruffs a diamond high, returns to the table with a trump and ruffs another diamond high, setting up a long card in the suit. A heart to the jack is the entry to the board and in the process West's remaining trump is extracted. Declarer can now discard his spade loser on the long diamond and claim his contract.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012:
This year you seem much more willing to slow down and just chat with friends. You recognize that there is more to life than work — it is the people in your life that make a difference. AQUARIUS has some unusual yet fun ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ An innate sense of tension that causes you to distance yourself from others marks the beginning of the day. Tonight: Where people are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might want to take charge of a situation. Most likely, you will do just that. Your sense of humor helps you avoid being taken aback by someone's cranky mood. JTonight: Follow a friend's lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You want to get past a problem. The best way is to detach and understand what is happening with the other party. Tonight: Work on Christmas details.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might feel as if your creativity is falling flat. Just avoid doing any decorating today; instead, send out cards. Tonight: Follow a loved one's lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others do not intend to be controlling; they simply are working through their issues. You cannot change their direction. Tonight: Go with someone else's wishes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You enjoy yourself a lot more than in the recent past. When you hang out with your friends or family, the togetherness puts a spring in your step. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might be a bit too sentimental for others, as you happily hang sprigs of mistletoe here and there. Tonight: Don't worry about Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Your playfulness seems to have gone out the back door. You don't feel up to snuff or in the holiday spirit. Tonight: A stressbuster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Returning calls, making plans and completing necessary chores could take you the whole day. Tonight: Buy yourself a gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You could be a little too excessive with your spending right now. Come tomorrow, you could be shaking your head thinking about today. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your openness charms many people. As a result, your social calendar could become very full. Someone might express disapproval. Tonight: Tickle your fancy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Someone convinces you, without any difficulty, that you need a break. Take off or vanish. You will want some personal timey. Tonight: Dote on yourself.

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BORN TODAY
Novelist Jane Austen (1775), first wife of King Henry VIII Catherine of Aragon (1485), anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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WEEK AHEAD

Arts & Entertainment opportunities for Dec. 16-22

TODAY

Presentation

One Night in Bethlehem is planned for 5 to 7 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St.

Tours begin every 15 minutes and last approximately 30 minutes. Reservations are recommended but not necessary.

The event presents the Christmas story through an interactive tour. Those who attend will be able to sample treats from a first-century bakery, visit market place shops, run into a frantic census taker, meet shepherds eager to share the story of the birth of Jesus and speak with Mary and Joseph.

Concert

The Lone Star Brass performs its Christmas concert to a full house at 2 p.m. today in the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

The Lone Star Brass is a performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.

Marionette show

ODESSA — "A Holly Jolly Christmas" comes to Music City Mall with performances set for 2, 3 and 4 p.m. today.

The musical marionette variety show is presented by Le Theatre de Marionette of Dallas.

Christmas at the Mansion

Now in its 15th year, Christmas at the Mansion at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is open from 2 to 5 p.m. today.

A Christmas Tea is being held at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The free tea features a hot cup of tea and treats. No reservations are required.

Proceeds from Christmas at the Mansion afford the Museum of the Southwest the ability to provide exhibitions, programs and activities for children, families and all of Midland year round.

Holiday show

ODESSA — "The Gospel According to Scrooge" is on-stage this weekend at the Permian Playhouse, 310 W 42nd St.

The show, described as Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with a twist, runs through today. Admission is $14 for adults, $12 for seniors/students and $7 for children. For more information, call 550-5456 or go to www.permianplayhouse.com.

Holiday lights

ODESSA — Starbright Village has opened for the holiday season. Located at McKinney Park, 625 W Pool Road, the Village holds more than 1 million lights that will be on from 6 to 11 p.m. through Jan. 4.

The drive is around a quarter of a mile and may be taken by car or on foot. Concessions are available. Admission is free with a $5 donation accepted. Children can visit with Santa from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information, contact Odessa's Parks and Recreation at 432-368–3548

FRIDAY

Christmas production

"A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens' tale of redemption, fills the Davis Theatre I stage at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., this holiday season.

This is the final production of Midland Community Theatre's 2012 season. Non-member tickets are $18 for adults, $12 for ages 18 and younger, $15 for groups of 15 or more and $15 for seniors 65 and older.

Call 570-4111 or go to mctmidland.org. The show is on stage at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

UPCOMING

Concert

Live on Stage continues its season Feb. 9 with the Masters of Motown at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

Single admission tickets are $30. For more information, call 789-1249.

Art show

Midland Arts Association's 35th Annual Spring Juried Art Exhibition is set for March 28-April 28 at the Museum of the Southwest 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Michael R. Grauer, curator of art at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, is the juror.

Born in Kansas City, Kansas, he received a bachelor's degree with a double major in art history and painting from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in Art History from Southern Methodist University.

After college, he completed an internship for the National Museum of American Art at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. He has also served as an adjunct lecturer at the Dallas Museum of Art and taught art history at Southern Methodist University.

He has won numerous awards and fellowships and published multiple articles for organizations such as the American Art Review.

One of his major selected exhibitions, "Texas Impressionism: Branding with Brushstroke and Color, 1885-1935," will tour Texas through 2014.

Grauer has juried many art exhibitions and is said to be looking forward to visiting the Museum of the Southwest for the Annual MAA 2013 Spring Art Juried.

Entry deadline is Feb. 1. Categories include oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, fabric, drawing, print making, photography, pastel and 3 dimensional. Entries must be appropriately framed, with attached wire for hanging. Size limit is 50x50.

MAA reserves the right to refuse any inappropriate, misrepresented or inadequately framed artwork. Original artwork only from idea to execution completed within the last two years without supervision and not previously shown competitively in Midland.

The staircase in Charles Dickens' home, part of the Charles Dickens Museum in London, Dec. 5.

Sang Tan/AP

DICKENS

From 1H

children. It's the site where he wrote "Nicholas Nickleby" and "Oliver Twist," going in the process from jobbing journalist to rising author whose serialized stories were gobbled up by a growing fan base.

Dickens leased the simple but elegant Georgian house, built in 1807, for 80 pounds a year.

The restored museum has all the modern trappings, including audio-guides, a "learning center" and a cafe. There also is a temporary exhibition of costumes from Mike Newell's new film adaptation of "Great Expectations," starring Helena Bonham Carter and Ralph Fiennes.

But at its heart it is a house — the home of a proud young family man. Visitors can see the blue-walled dining room where Dickens entertained his friends, complete with original sideboard and a portrait of the 25-year-old author looking, it has to be said, pretty pleased with himself.

"It's rather Byronic," Schweizer said. "Not the Victorian sage with a beard that we think of."

Upstairs are the drawing room where Dickens moved guests to laughter and tears with readings from his works — visitors can hear actor Simon Callow do the honors on recordings — and the bedroom where his sister-in-law Mary died at the age of 17, a tragedy that may have influenced the many death scenes in Dickens' novels.

The rooms are furnished with Dickens' own possessions — his writing desk and chair, his wardrobe and shaving kit, copies of his books annotated in his cramped handwriting.

"We're trying to make it feel like a home," Schweizer said. "As if Dickens had just stepped out."

The museum does not skip over the darker periods of Dickens' life.

On the top floor, the former servants' quarters hold a set of bars from Marshalsea prison, where Dickens' father was imprisoned for his debts, and jars from the boot-polish factory where 12-year-old Charles was sent to work.

The experience of financial insecurity marked Dickens for life, and drove his workaholic quest for success. He wrote more than 20 books, had 10 children, traveled the world on lecture tours and campaigned for social change until his death from a stroke in 1870 at the age of 58.

The museum's directors have been criticized for shutting the facility during most of the bicentenary of Dickens' birth— and during the tourism bonanza that accompanied the London Olympics.

It reopened just in time for a Dickensian Christmas, complete with readings, performances of "A Christmas Carol," mulled wine and mince pies.

The museum hopes to draw 45,000 visitors a year, a 50 percent rise on pre-refurbishment levels. Schweizer thinks Dickens' future has never been rosier.

"There has always been interest. I think the bicentenary has taken it to a whole new level," Schweizer said. "There is a great hunger of Dickens, especially in these times" of economic austerity and uncertainty.

As evidence, he held up a London newspaper proclaiming news of the Duchess of Cambridge's pregnancy under the headline "Kate Expectations."

"People still get all the references," he said.

Online:
http://www.dickensmuseum.com/

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CHRISTMAS

From 1H

An exhibition of Texas artist Billy Keen's Santa Claus paintings, "Visions of Santa," is on display at the museum through Dec. 29. As an illustrator and art/creative director, Keen's advertising work has appeared in national periodicals, radio, television, compact discs and a variety of print applications from billboards to bumper stickers.

He now paints full time and many of his works are found in private collections.

Keen has painted a Santa Claus portrait every year since 1974. For many, the magic of Christmas is personified in the face of St. Nicholas — Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Pere Noel, Kris Kringle.

Regular museum hours are 2-5 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is closed Dec. 23-25 and Dec. 30-Jan. 1.

OTHER HOLIDAY EVENTS INCLUDE:

Concerts:

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The Flying J Wranglers Tuesday at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. These longtime Lincoln County entertainers celebrate the heritage of the West and the spiritual wealth of the holiday season with western yodeling, vocals, fiddle and guitars in spirituals like "Go Tell It On The Mountain" and "Beautiful City," and old time cowboy Christmas tunes like "Corn, Water and Wood," "Christmas For Cowboys" and "Yuletide Yodel." Curtain is at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

In 1984, Davis tried to pitch Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by taking the album around to all the major buyers and distributors. "Back in those days, there were about 20 or 30 independent distributors and hundreds of retail stores and chains," Davis said on mannheimsteamroller.com. "There were a lot (of) places to go and sell. I remember taking it out and showing it off and playing it for people, and the first thing out of their mouths was: 'This is a Christmas record; that'll never work!'"

They were wrong. Mennheim Steamroller Christmas is now in its 27th year.

Dance:

The 20th anniversary production of Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. The performance will be presented to canned music. Midland Festival Ballet student dancers have been rehearsing with a Moscow Ballet audition director in preparation for their ancillary roles that include Party Children, Mice, Angels, Butterflies, Snowflakes and more. Tickets range in price from $27.50 to $68 plus handling charges.

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Charles Dickens would be pleased to know his "Christmas Carol" still speaks to all ages. For him, the story, inspired on one of his many walks, represented a financial redemption. At the time in 1843, he was desperate for resources to maintain his large extended family. Then, being without resources meant the streets, prison or the workhouse.

In Dickens' day, Christmas in England and the United States was a serious and somber day and had been since the Puritan authorities in 17th century England and America supressed pre-Christian rituals associated with the holiday.

Dickens' description in "A Christmas Carol" and "The Pickwick Papers" of a festive Christmas was influenced by Washington Irving's "Bracebridge Hall." Both authors believed a return to abandoned customs — feasting, games and family unity — would be beneficial in a time when the Industrial Revolution's effect on the socioeconomic and cultural conditions in England had so uprooted families.

"A Christmas Carol" succeeded in encouraging a return to festive Christmas traditions still practiced today.

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QUICKTAKES
Reviews of recent CDs

BRUNO MARS
"Unorthodox Jukebox"

Bruno Mars likes to mix it up. Almost every song on his second album dabbles in a different genre

The 27-year-old singer-songwriter-producer shows growing sophistication, musically and lyrically, on "Unorthodox Jukebox," a retro-pop collection of 10 tracks with elements of rock, funk, country and reggae. There's even a heartbreaking piano ballad.

Mars hinted at his versatility on his 2010 debut, "Doo-Wops & Hooligans," a set of love songs that yielded the hit singles "Grenade" and "Just the Way You Are," which won a Grammy Award.

He draws from a broader range of musical influences here, recalling Michael Jackson, Parliament and even The Police. And there's still love, but also lots of sex.

He channels Prince on "Gorilla," all prowess and desire. He proclaims "your sex takes me to paradise" on the '80s-tinged single "Locked Out of Heaven."

But a man cannot live on sex alone.

The heartfelt "If I Knew" is reminiscent of a gently country "Teen Angel," and Mars is at his best on the bare piano ballad "When I Was Your Man."

— Sandy Cohen/AP

GREEN DAY
"Uno," "Dos," "Tre"

As record sales continue to wane, one has to wonder the logic behind separately releasing a trilogy of albums over the course of three months. Maybe when you're a punk band coming off a pair of hugely successful concept albums turned into a Broadway smash, you do things a little differently. Still, it's an unusual way to release your ninth, tenth and eleventh studio albums.

"Tre," the final installment of the trilogy, is a bit more diverse than the others, with a slightly mellower and more mature sound that embraces a variety of styles. Imagine 1997's "Nimrod," but with more songs like "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)." Look no further than the opening and closing tracks to sum it up. There's the country blues-inspired "Brutal Love" to start, and the piano ballad "The Forgotten" to end.

While a common thread runs through the trilogy, each record is distinctly different.

The first, "Uno," returns the band to their pre-"American Idiot" sound with a dozen rocking songs that are melodic and highly energetic. The songs are also more mature, with themes like married men on the brink of infidelity. Standout tracks on this riffy guitar assault include "Fell For You" and "Oh Love."

"Dos" attempts to capture the no-frills sound of a garage rock band, but feels like a drop-off after "Uno." Some of the tracks work well, namely, "Stray Heart" and "Lady Cobra," but others don't fire on all cylinders.

Overall, this last installment of the trilogy shows another direction of the band's evolution.

John Carucci/AP

Vindication for Rock Hall of Fame inductees

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

Randy Newman's glad he didn't have to do anything drastic to get into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The members of Rush are choosing to let bygones be bygones. And Quincy Jones, well, he's still mad.

All were among inductees announced Tuesday by Flea of The Red Hot Chili Peppers at a news conference in Los Angeles. For most of this year's inductees, inclusion was a long time coming.

"I'm very happy," the 69-year-old Newman said Monday from his home in Los Angeles. "I thought I'd have to die first, but I'm glad I'm around to see it."

Newman is joined in the 2013 class by the eclectic group of rockers Rush and Heart, rap group Public Enemy, "Queen of Disco" Donna Summer and bluesman Albert King. Jones and his friend Lou Adler will enter the hall as Ahmet Ertegun Award winners for their contributions to rock beyond performance.

They will be inducted into the hall of fame April 18 in Los Angeles. The ceremony will mark the end of a long wait for fans of five of those six acts, who've been eligible for entry for some time. Public Enemy was inducted on its first ballot appearance, swelling the ranks of hip-hop entries.

In many ways, the 2013 class balances the scales, though not nearly soon enough for some new members.

"Well, it's about time, man," Jones said late Monday night in an interview from his home in Los Angeles. "But I promise you I'm not sitting around worrying about it."

Summer, who passed away at age 63 in May, gains entry after six years as a nominee. King, a deep influence on Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn who died in 1992, now takes his place alongside all the other legendary blues guitarists in the hall.

Rush, one of the most-played staples of classic rock radio, gained entry following its first appearance on the ballot. But the Canadian trio became eligible in 1998 and was repeatedly left off the list, to the great consternation of its legion of fans who cried bias against prog rock. Heart also waited a decade to make it on the ballot, gaining entry during its second appearance.

After years of disappointment, then disinterest, Rush's Alex Lifeson said the band now feels "wonderful" about its entry into the hall and is especially happy for its followers.

"First of all it's all water under the bridge and it was a very tiny bridge," the 59-year-old guitarist said in a phone interview from his home in Toronto. "I think our fans are more upset than we were because they feel a real bond to this band and it's been an important part of their lives in some form, and to be snubbed was snubbing them at the same time."

Jones was less forgiving of the long wait he had. The 79-year-old entertainment icon's fingerprints are all over the hall of fame. He pops up often at key moments in rock 'n' roll history and was even Ray Charles' presenter during the soul singer's induction at the inaugural 1986 ceremony. He never expected to wait so long for his own entry.

"I was pissed off about it at first because I saw how it was going down and who was going in and who wasn't," Jones said with a deep laugh. "But I'm used to it, man. I've been around a long time, and I know how it works, you know. It's still an honor, man."

The 2013 class also continues the process of opening the hall of fame's doors a little bit wider.

In many cases, the delayed entry of this year's inductees had to do with a debate among its membership over the hall of fame's direction. The rock 'n' roll family sits under a big tent, but just how big it should be has been a matter of debate for the Cleveland institution.

The class may signal a new direction.

"That is an eclectic group," Newman said. "Well that's nice. It seems like they're broadening what they think rock 'n' roll is. That's good. There's no point being doctrinaire about music. ... People get awful strict. It's a hell of a thing to get strict about, isn't it?"

There was clearly no debate among the hall's membership about Public Enemy, which gained membership on its 25th anniversary.

The openly militant, always angry group helped elevate and define nascent rap in the 1980s and '90s. MC Chuck D said the group's induction is about more than simple membership.

"It's a great piece of news for the genre and our intention was to spread the light that our music is as legitimate as any other music," Chuck D said as the group traveled through Wyoming on tour Monday. " ... So this is significant to be alongside Grandmaster Flash and The Furious Five, Run DMC and the Beastie Boys and just to be able to say this accomplishment, we don't think it's solely due to us."

Online:
http://rockhall.com.

Coming Tuesday

T.I. 'Trouble Man: Heavy is the Head'

Chief Keef 'Finally Rich'

Torius Nash 'The-Dream'

Tiga 'Non Stop'

Caspar Babypants 'I Found You'

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DECEMBER

16 **Sesame Street Live: Elmo Makes Music** @ Ector County Coliseum
16 **Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale Chamber Concert: Lone Star Brass Christmas** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
16 **Holly Jolly Christmas Musical Marionette Variety Show, Ann Russell** @ Music City Mall
19 **Charlie Stout** @ Lone Star Bar
19-20 **Disney's Beauty and the Beast** @ Wagner Noel
20 **Chris Brazeal Band** @ La Playa
20 **Whiskey Myers** @ Rockin Rodeo
21 **Clever Blue Band** @ The Detour
21 **Dean Seltzer** @ Redneck's
21 **Randy Rogers Band** @ Graham Central Station
21 **Electric Wind, Walton Lyte** @ Music City Mall
21 Last Day on Earth with **Fluid Frequency, InEpitome Broken, Jacksons Lost Cause, Wildfires, Static of Masses** @ Blue Max
21 Black X-Mas featuring **The Word Alive** @ Dos Amigos
21-22 **Freeride** @ The Bar
21-22 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
22 **Mike McClure Band** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Enrique Escalante, Matices, Gabriel Yafer** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
22 **Dean Seltzer** @ Redneck's
22 **Richard Jaquez, Justin Langston, Electric Wind, Mike Leonard, Michael Walker, Pat Keefer** @ Music City Mall
23 **Hunter Blain, Richard Jaquez, Ann Russell, Dan Ferguson** @ Music City Mall
26 **Mannheim Steamroller** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
27 **Ryan Beaver** @ Rockin Rodeo
28 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Detour
28 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
28 **Dash Rip Rock** @ Blue Max
28 **Creed Fisher** @ Lone Star Bar
28 **Technical Jazz, Ann Russell** @ Music City Mall
28-29 **Loudfinger** @ Hot Shots
29 **Rick Trevino** @ The Bar
29 **Kenny Harrell** @ Rednecks
29 **Blue Edmondson** @ Lone Star Bar
29 **All Stars, Mike Leonard, Matthew Rios, Pat Keefer** @ Music City Mall
29-30 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
30 **Justin Langston, WB Quarter, Matthew Rios, Dan Ferguson** @ Music City Mall
31 **Creed Fisher** @ Redneck Drafthouse
31 **Chrome Molly** @ Riley's
31 **The Shades** @ The Bar

JANUARY

2 **Charlie Stout** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Jason Boland & The Stragglers** @ Rockin Rodeo
4 **Gary Kyle and the No Standards Band** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **Hogg Maulies** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **Gregg Allman** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
9 **Secret Circus** @ Riley's
9 **Black Veil Brides, William Control** @ Dos Amigos
10 **Izzy Cox, WhiskeyDick, Stevie Tombstone** @ Blue Max
10 **Ray Price** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
12 **Run Home Jack** @ Lone Star Bar
12 **Vince King** @ Ector Theatre
12-13 **Diamond Dust** @ Riley's
15 **B.B. King** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
18-19 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Escape Lounge
19 **Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks III** @ Wagner Noel Performming Arts Center
20 **The Music of ABBA** (Arrival From Sweden) @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
21 **The Oak Ridge Boys** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

LUBBOCK

DECEMBER

24 **Falling In Reverse, Enter Shikari, I See Stars, Letlive** @ The Pavilion at Lone Star Event Center

JANUARY

8 **We Came as Humans, Crown the Empire** @ Jake's
18 **George Strait, Martina McBride** @ United Spirit Arena

MARCH

17 **Bon Jovi** @ United Spirit Arena

NEW MEXICO

FEBRUARY

15 **Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods
16 **Little River Band** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

DECEMBER

16 **Brian Setzer Orchestra** @ Allen Event Center
18 **Wynonna** @ Bass Performance Hall
22 **Better Than Ezra** @ House of Blues
22 **The Polyphonic Spree, Gustafer Yellowgold** @ Lakewood Theater