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Council to mull development's changes

Some residents have objections to retail, office zones in Los Conchos' project

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

If new zoning is approved for a development in northwest Midland, it won't come without debate.

The City Council on Tuesday will consider a zone change and preliminary plat proposal from Los Conchos Ventures LLC. The company is working to develop a 155-acre area near Mockingbird Lane and Holiday Hill Road that would include retail, office space, single-family homes, townhouses and drilling activity.

Some residents who live in the Greathouse neighborhood said they have worked with the developers and support the additions.

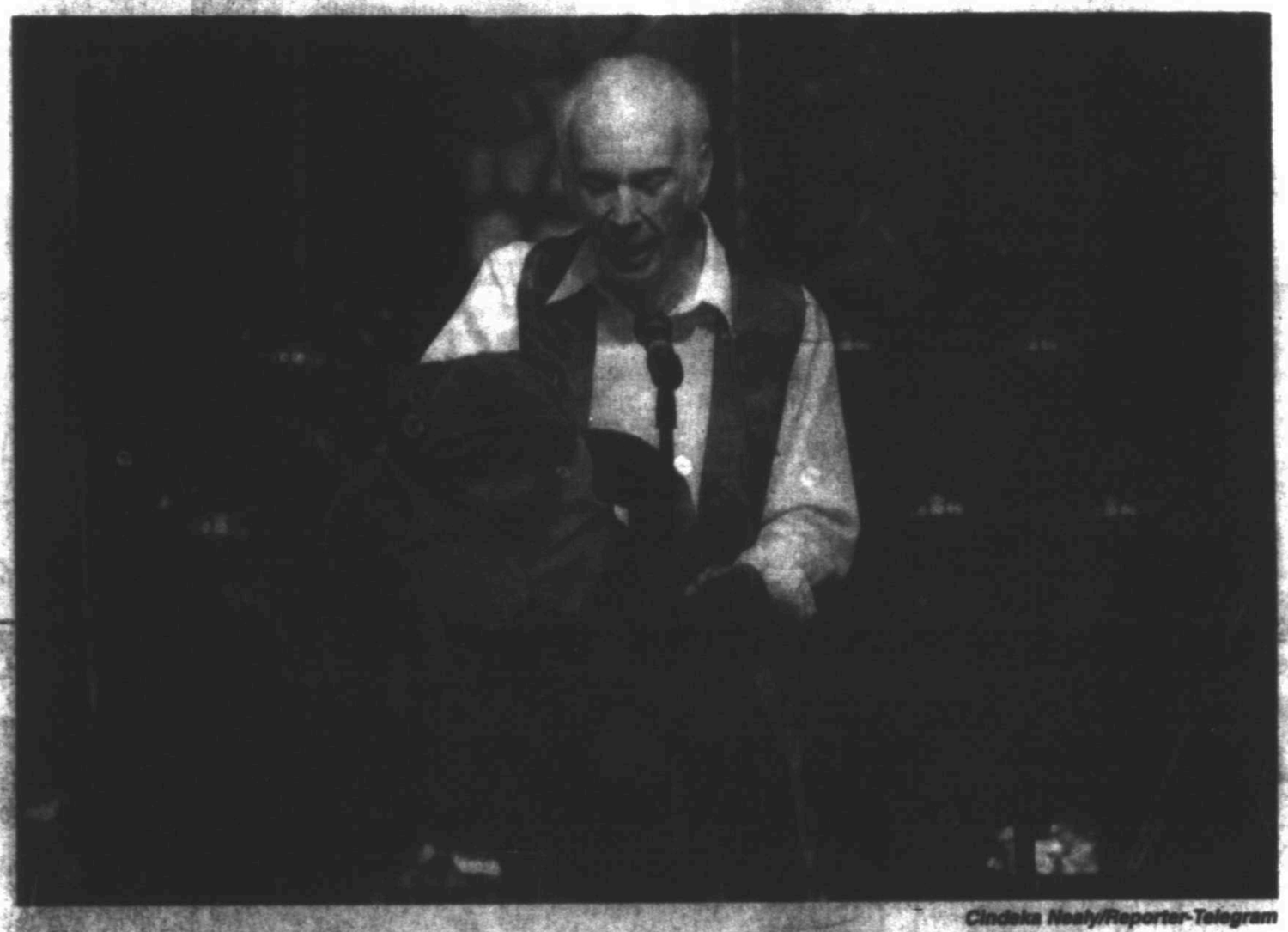
"We're very pleased they've offered to let us have input and continue to be a part of the planning process as it goes forward," said Rooney Mestas, president of the Greathouse Midland Homeowners' Association.

Others, particularly those who aren't a part of the Greathouse neighborhood or association, said the proposal doesn't fit the area and will create issues for property values, traffic flow and farm animals in a region that had been mostly rural until recently.

"We don't have a lot of natural beauty, and poorly planned developments wedged into a established area is not a good way to help homeowners gain and/or retain housing values in addition to this being an (agricultural estate) area," said Georgia Corwin, who lives on Robin Lane. "It's not always good to

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Tales from the frog



Cindaia Neely/Reporter-Telegram

Willy Claflin, a San Francisco professional storyteller and author, tries to persuade "Gort," his puppet, that he can sing "A Froggy Went A-courting" without his hat Saturday during "Celebrations of Light 2011" at First United Methodist Church. Children listened to professional storytellers Claflin, Barbara McBride, Laura Raynor, Sue Roseberry and Annalon Gilbreath during the event.

Emotions raw and public after 3 teen suicides

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Cutting. Burning. Arguing, abuse and abandonment.

These acts are among those that Midland teenagers discussed recently on a public Facebook group created after three teen suicides left them feeling pain and anger. In less than four days, more than 1,300 people — not all from Midland — joined the group. People are typing out their feelings. Some about past suicide attempts and loneliness, and others about hope, love and acceptance.

While the subject matter is disturbing and uncomfortable, a group of girls from Lee Freshman High School — many still in braces and just learning to wear makeup — started it because something needs to change, they say.

"There is another way out, and suicide is 100 percent preventable," one of them said.

Kids need some place to talk and someone who will listen, they said, and for now, Facebook is offering that support.

During lunch at Chili's on Thursday, seven of the group's founders sat around the table talking about what might have

Please see SUICIDE/4A

Michael Williams may have few good options

By Jason Embry
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — For many years now, former Midlander Michael Williams has been one of the Texas Republican Party's brightest future stars.

During his 12-year tenure on the Texas Railroad Commission, Williams did everything a candidate who wants to move up someday is supposed to do. He courted activists, he raised money for other Republicans and he traveled the state to talk to crowds large and small.

But this election cycle has not gone well for him, and it doesn't appear to be getting any better. At times, he has run for three different offices during the past year, and now it's likely that he'll have nothing to run for at all.

Most recently, Williams sought an open, Republican-friendly U.S. House seat based in Austin that the Legislature drew as part of the statewide redistricting earlier this year. But a panel of federal judges, concerned that the map did not reflect minority growth in the state, overturned that plan last month and drew a map that wiped out the district Williams was seeking.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday blocked the use of Texas state legislative and congressional district maps. The justices said they will hear arguments in the case on Jan. 9.

Depending on what the court decides, Williams may have no open, Republican-friendly seat in Austin to seek. He was put in a district with Democratic U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, and Williams knows a Republican could not win that seat. So he is unlikely to be on the 2012 ballot.

"I will always find ways to be engaged in public policy," he said last week. "But it may very well be that this is the end of the political road. I've had a good run, and I've enjoyed the run, and if this is the end, that's fine."

It can be said Williams, 57, doesn't have an office to seek because the federal judges overreacted to the congressional map or that the Legislature set him up for failure by drawing a map that would never survive legal scrutiny in the first place.

But his situation also highlights

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MRT file photo

Former Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams speaks at the Republican Women's luncheon at Midland Country Club in February 2009.

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Mexican President Felipe Calderon has deployed troops to Cuidad Mier to ward off gang battles, but it hasn't lured back residents. WORLD/14A

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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It's happening

Today

■ Murray's Deli second annual Holiday Art and Boutique Show is noon-5 p.m. at the restaurant at Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road.

■ Rebel Band Christmas Concert is 3 p.m. at the Horseshoe.

■ "Candlelight Lessons and Carols," 7 p.m., St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N. Info: Featuring the church's choir, handbell players and instrumentalists and The West Texas Winds. Free.

Monday

■ Opera to Go! Concert of Music from Around the World, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church. Admission: Free. Suggested donation of $10 for each adult.

Tuesday

■ Midland County Public Library open house, 5:30-7 p.m., features games, prizes, crafts, refreshments and entertainment. Donations of canned goods for the West Texas Food Bank will be accepted.

■ Michael Martin Murphey Christmas Show, 8 p.m., Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas, Odessa. Tickets: $25 reserved seating. Call: 580-0696 for more information.

■ Flying J Wranglers Christmas Show at Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. Tickets: $25 reserved seating. Call: 580-3177 or on line at globesw.org

■ Classic Movie Club presents "The Grass is Greener," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's

Wednesday

■ Bill Modisett is to sign copies of his book, "The King of Monument: The Life and Times of Henry Clay McGonagill," 4-6:30 p.m., at the Haley Library.

Thursday

■ Lone Star Brass, 11:45 a.m., atrium at ClayDesta. Admission: Free.

■ "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" as told by Mary Lou Cassidy, 11:30 a.m., The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Admission: Free. Info: Bring your lunch. Museum provides free drinks and cookies.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home's monthly reading event for children, 4:30 p.m. This month's featured book is "Grandmother Remembers Christmas at the White House." Each child will receive a copy of the book. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Saturday

■ Janet Williams Pollard will sign copies of the book, "Harsh Country, Hard Times: Clayton Wheat Williams and the Transformation of the Trans-Pecos," 2 p.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 West Loop 250 N

■ "Nutcracker" Ballet, 7:30 p.m., Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets: $15 adults, $10 seniors and $5 students. Open seating. Call: 432-264-7223 for tickets.

■ "Genealogy Off The Shelves" Christmas celebration, 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library. Events include First Baptist Church Handbell Choir followed by gift exchange of internet secrets and favorite websites. For more information, call 688-4325 or e-mail marie_humphrey@co.midland.tx.us.

Ballet is sold out

Midland Festival Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" being performed today at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center is sold out.

Tickets still are available for the 7:30 p.m. performance Dec. 17 in Big Spring where MFB will be accompanied by the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and $5 for students. The seating is open.

For tickets or to make reservations for the Big Spring performance, call 432-264-7223.

191 corridor meeting

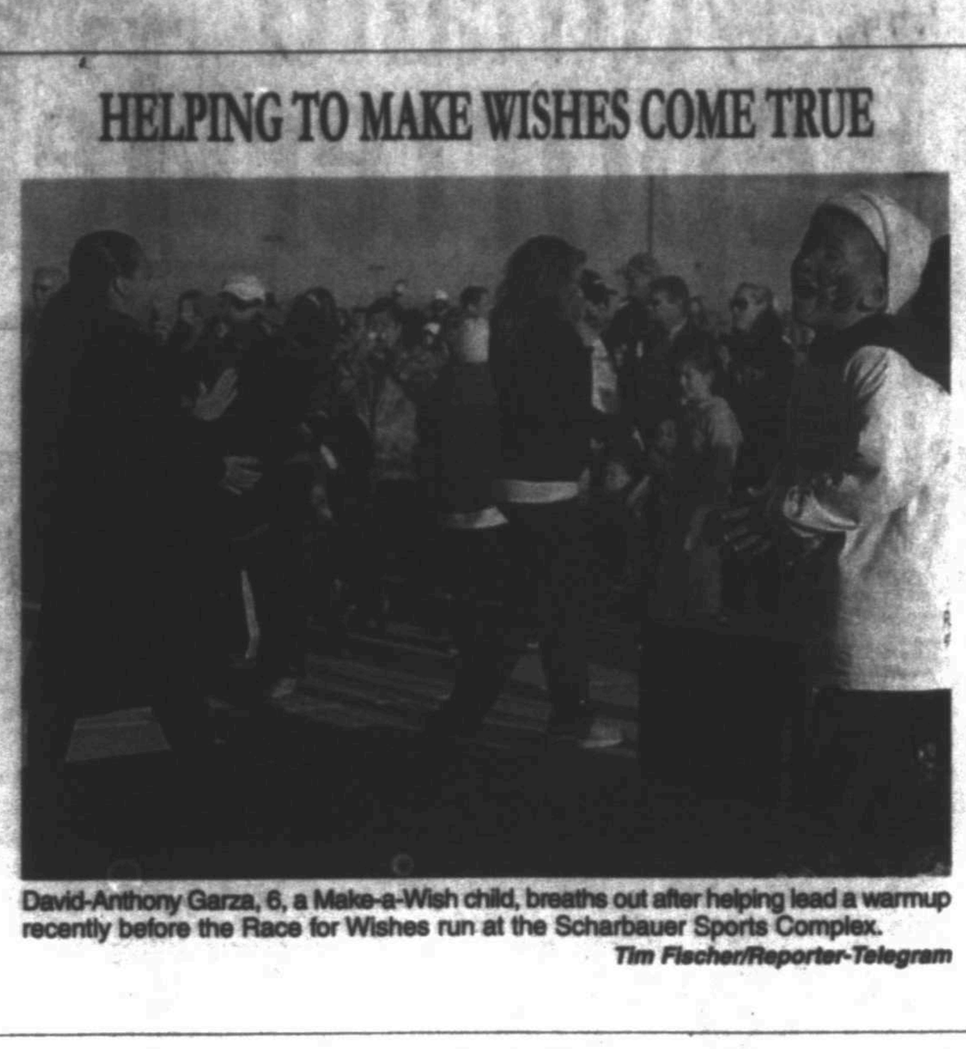
The Working SH 191 Corridor Design Charrette
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday
Midland International Airport Conference Room.

Dennis Wilson Overview Presentation
5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday
Info: Informative presentation by Dennis Wilson on mixed use development, traditional town planning, value creation and multi-use streets.
Note: open to the public but not a public forum.

Summit Meeting and Public Forum
6:30 p.m. Thursday
Atmos Energy Building, Fischer Community Room 2304 Loop 40
Info: See all of the work completed during the intensive three-day SH 191 Corridor Design Charrette at the Summit/ Public Meeting. The public is invited to attend this meeting to review the design plan for the SH 191 Corridor.

Source: City of Midland.

HELPING TO MAKE WISHES COME TRUE



David-Anthony Garza, 6, a Make-a-Wish child, breathe out after helping lead a warmup recently before the Race for Wishes run at the Scharbauer Sports Complex.
Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

EZ Rider report for October

Fixed Route

	2011	2010
Total	40,275	40,312
Midland	22,552	21,082
Odessa	17,723	19,230

Year-to-date: 40,275 (a decrease of 0.09 compared to last year)
Year-to-date in Midland: 22,552 (an increase of 6.97 percent compared to last year)
Ridership in Midland was 21,292 in October 2008 and 18,898 in October 2009

Revenue in October

	2011	2010
Total	$21,840	$23,532
Midland	$10,551	$12,627
Odessa	$11,288	$10,905

Year-to-date in Midland: $10,551, (a decrease of 16.44 percent compared to last year)

Paratransit Riders in Midland-Odessa
Year-to-date: 1,596 (an increase of 28.71 percent compared to last year)

EZ Express
145 passengers. Service started on Oct. 24.

Midland vs. Odessa last six months

May	20,305	17,743
June	21,993	20,459
July	20,948	18,313
August	24,869	21,466
September	23,256	16,620
October	22,552	17,723

Source: Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District

Meetings Schedule

County Commissioners
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Courthouse auditory courtroom.
500 N. Loraine St.

Greenwood ISD
7:30 p.m. Monday
Distance Learning Center, Greenwood High School.

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

MISD
5:30 p.m. Tuesday
First Floor board room
615 W. Missouri Ave.

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

City's Watering Schedule

According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

■ Odd addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Sundays through 10 a.m. Mondays and beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays through 10 a.m. Thursdays.

■ Even addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Saturdays through 10 a.m. Sundays and beginning 6 p.m. Tuesdays through 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

What's on the radio

News Talk: KCRS (AM 550), KWEL (AM 1070)
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Family Promise of Midland concert

A Christmas concert benefiting Family Promise of Midland will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway.

Guest artists are the Voces Dei vocal group and pianist Terry Rothermich.

Family Promise of Midland helps homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence, and is strongly supported by a collection of local churches in the Midland area.

City: email inspection requests available

The city of Midland Code Administration Division is now set up to receive email inspection requests. In order to request an inspection, send an email to the applicable email address with all the required information and the inspection will be put into the system.

Inspections will not be scheduled if all of the required information is not provided.

The required information is: job address, permit number, type of inspection, contact name and phone number, and any special instructions.

Send your inspection to the proper address:

- Building inspections: bldginspections@midlandtexas.gov
- Plumbing inspections: plbginspections@midlandtexas.gov
- Mechanical inspections: mechinspections@midlandtexas.gov
- Electrical inspections: elecinspections@midlandtexas.gov

Evans to speak at State of the Economy luncheon

Former Commerce Secretary Don Evans will be the guest speaker at the State of Economy Luncheon hosted by the Midland Chamber of Commerce and Midland Development Corp.

The luncheon is scheduled for Jan. 12 at Midland Center.

Evans will give his opinion regarding the present state of our economy and his outlook for the future of the nation, state and community.

Tickets are $30 for Chamber members and $45 for non-members. Tickets and sponsorships are available on the Chamber's website: www.midlandtxchamber.com

Support groups and club meetings

- A group for those with eating disorders meets 8 p.m. Mondays at Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive. For more information, call 296-1087.
- West Texas Amputee Support Group meets 11 a.m.-2 p.m. third Saturday of the month at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information, call 550-4371.
- Tourettes syndrome support group meets 2 p.m. the second Sunday at Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St. in Odessa. For more information, contact Pam Weaks at 806-438-6601 or pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell at 806-549-7788.
- Food Addicts Anonymous meets noon-1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Center for Spiritual Living, 2311 Elizabeth St. For more information, call 553-1031.
- The Knot Adoption Support Group — for families who have adopted, plan to adopt or are interested in supporting adoptive families — meet 7 p.m. the second Monday at Grace Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Kathy Hagler at Kathy@WTIE.net
- American Lung Association of Texas' Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information, call MMH West Campus at 522-2273 or Joanna at 682-4229.
- Midland Amateur Radio Club meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road. For more information, call 561-9729.
- Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.
- Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 432-582-2926.
- Midland Optimist Club meets noon Tuesdays at Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St. For more information, call 685-7486.
- Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club meets from 7-9 p.m. the second Tuesday at Michael's Charcoal Grill on A Street and Wadley Avenue. For more information, contact Dave Taylor at 559-9890 or visit www.midlandcoins.com.
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 694-8643.
- American Legion Post No. 19 meets 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.
- Uptown Midland BPW meets noon the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Petroleum Club. For more information, call Glenda Knox at 686-2619.





ABOVE: Cole Miller, 11, throws a snowball as he and Jakob Floyd, 10, were talking Monday in Cowden Park.

RIGHT: Kacy Miller, 9, rolls another snowman base as she and others build a family of snowmen at Cowden Park.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Photo Gallery

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is offering a photo gallery online.

Visit http://mywesttexas.mycapture.com/mycapture/index.asp

Keep checking back to mywesttexas.com and look in the Photo Gallery for more pictures as we continue to add events and more pictures.

WEEK IN REVIEW: FUN IN THE SNOW

This past week, a snow storm turned Midland into a winter wonderland.

A total of 2.5 inches of snow was reported at Midland International Airport.

It was enough to close schools across the city, but not enough to make the top snowfalls in Midland's history.

Top snow days in Midland history

The following is a list of top snowfall figures in one day.

Date	Inches
1. Dec. 11, 1998	9.8
2. Nov. 28, 2001	6.0
3. Jan. 9, 1955	5.9
4. Nov. 16, 1980	5.7
5. Dec. 30, 1946	5.0
6. Dec. 24, 1943	4.9
6. March 20, 1970	4.9
8. Jan. 23, 1974	4.6
9. Feb. 23, 2010	4.4
10. Jan. 12, 1985	4.3
10. Dec. 10, 1986	4.3

Source: National Weather Service

Sales tax figures for Midland

December 2011 collection: $2,669,591

December 2010 collection: $2,055,238

Percent increase: 29.89

Note: The city has experienced 20 consecutive increases.

Fiscal year-to-date total: $7,990,259

Percent increase from last year: 22.19

Amount dedicated in December to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $667,397

Last 12 months

Percentage increases

December 29.89, November 17.94, October 17.94, September 27.46, August 21.82, July 30.86, June 36.14, May 51.10, April 14.26, March 31.7, February 25.46, January 36.1

Note: Sales tax collection is generated by sales tax income from two months before.

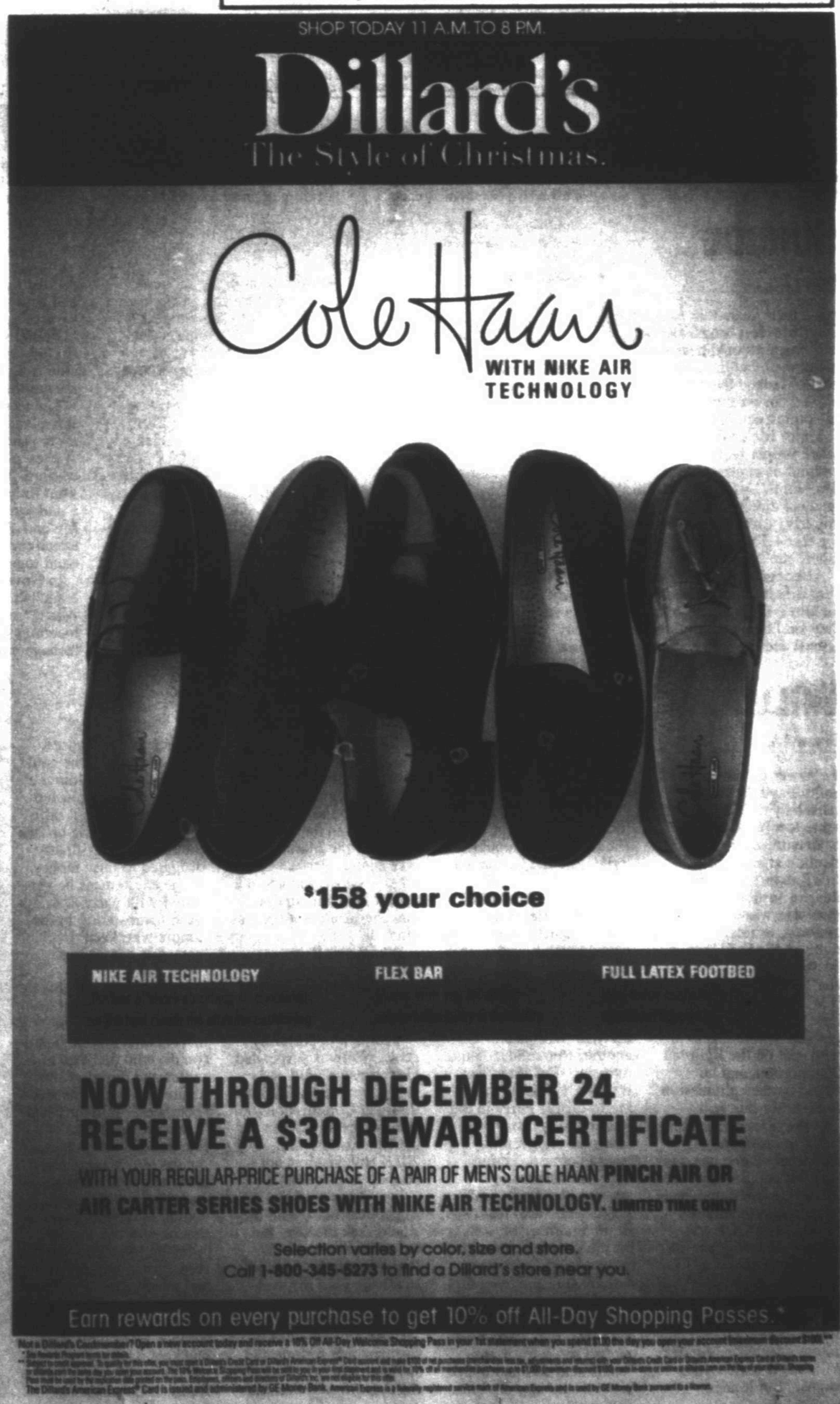
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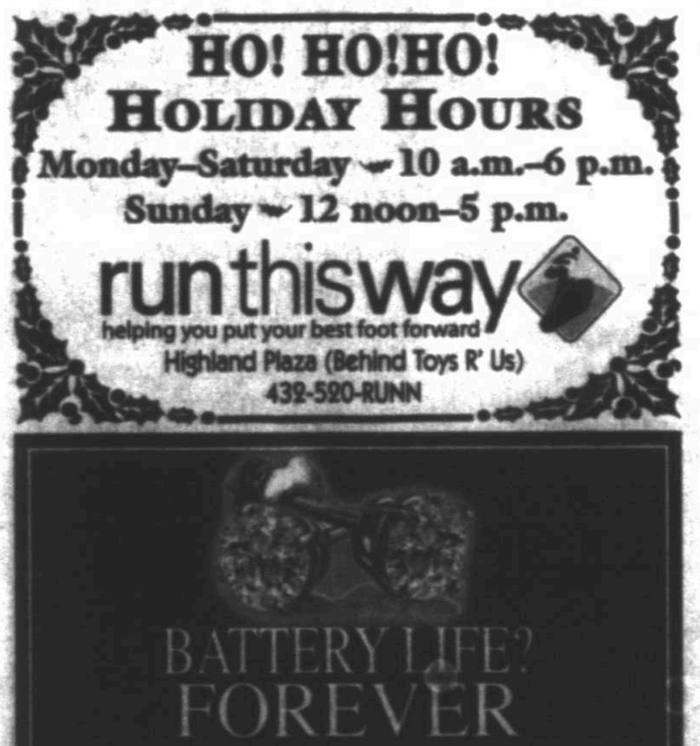
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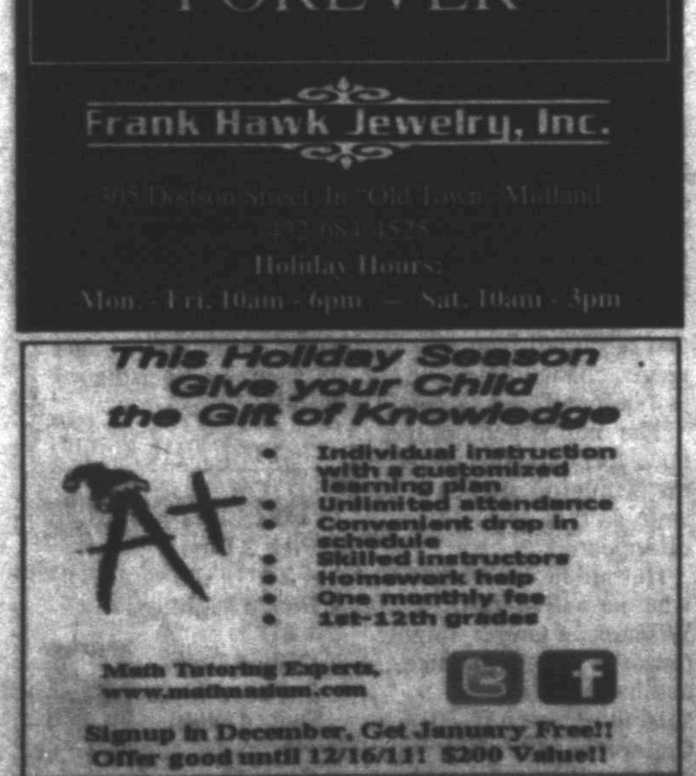
Military families can call 689-8698 or e-mail Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their soldier is flying into our airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

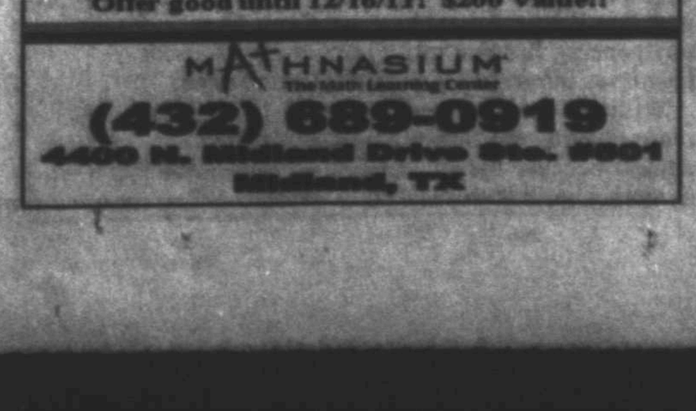
Source: Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee











ZONING

From 1A

mix retail or dense housing with animals."

Developer Richard Dunham said he is willing to work with homeowners to create a plan that doesn't heavily encroach upon what is established. But, he said he also believes Los Conchos has created what will be a great addition to northwest Midland. In working with the mineral owner through planning of the subdivision, Dunham said he is hopeful the company will provide an example of how mineral and surface uses can peacefully coincide.

"This is kind of uncharted territory," he said. "Up until now, no one has addressed the issue of simultaneous drilling and development. We're ready to do so now."

Los Conchos Greathouse 7

Los Conchos Ventures has proposed to carry out its development in four or more phases that will be completed during the next five to seven years.

Dunham said while everything will not be constructed right away, they wanted to lay out a plan for the whole area so residents know where the company is headed and how the initial proposal fits into the long-term plan.

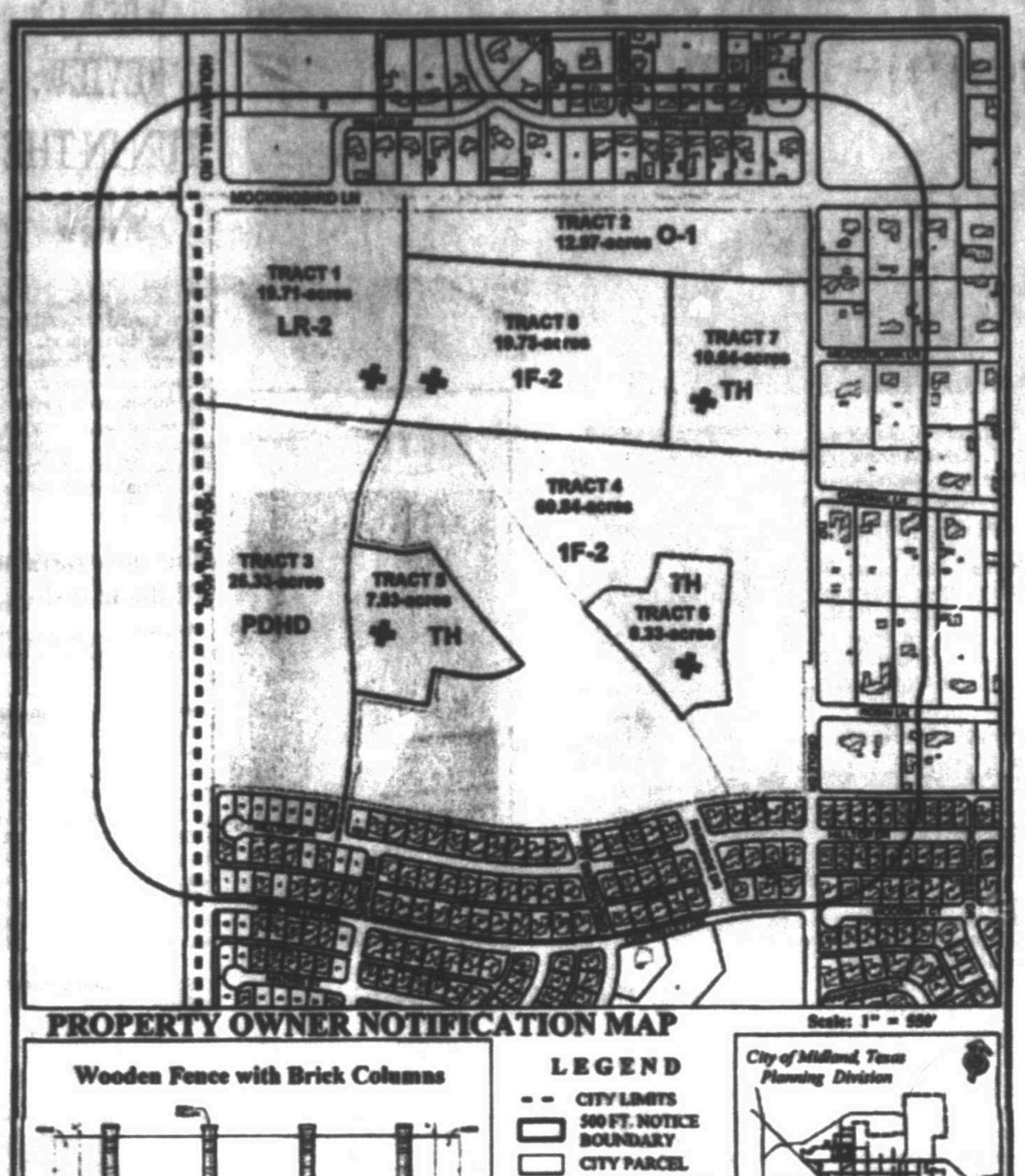
"We wanted to go ahead and provide a plan," he said.

In the first phase, which will be considered as part of the preliminary plat request, Dunham said Los Conchos has planned townhomes, space for an oil well, single-family houses similar to those in the Greathouse neighborhood, a fence along Holiday Hill Road and two exits from the neighborhood onto Holiday Hill Road.

Throughout the development, townhomes positioned near any drilling activity will act as a buffer for the remainder of the area. Dunham said the homes will be unlike any others and will be targeted toward young professionals and older adults who want a nice home without a yard.

The zoning request, which will set the stage for future platting, includes a more than 19-acre plot for retail development at the corner of Holiday Hill Road and Mockingbird Lane and a 13-acre office district on the north side of Mockingbird Lane. Four additional mineral development sites, single-family homes and townhomes also are part of the future phases, according to a drawing of the plans.

Dunham said in the zoning requests, the company followed the city's comprehensive plan, which is part of why retail was put on the arterial streets.



"We have tried to use what the city has in their plan," he said.

Objections

Having examined the proposal, several people who live near the planned development said they still have concerns.

Along with Corwin's worries for her goats and other animals in the area, several residents said the more densely constructed neighborhood and the possibility of retail will lower their homes' values.

"Everyone has invested a lot of money and a lot of time in our homes, and we're going to lose value," said Joan Cox, who spoke at a public hearing on the issue.

Allen Bennett said residents understand development is inevitable, but they know why it can't be residential. Underdeveloped zones for retail already exist in northwest Midland, so he said there isn't a need for more.

"We specifically moved out here to be separated from this," he said, speaking at a meeting last week. "These are large lots out there. It's not urban; it's suburban."

Others expressed concern about the offices planned for Mockingbird Lane. While Dunham said the company plans for the structures to be non-intrusive and to look similar to those on Caldera Boulevard near Midkiff Road, neighbors said there's no guarantee that will happen. They worry if a zone is approved, development could result in stark office buildings that allow employees to overlook their back yards.

Other residents said they don't want oil wells near their homes. The city's ordinance requires drilling activity to stay at least 500 feet from already-established residences. If an accident occurred, several residents said that distance might not be enough.

Planning Division Manager Cameron Walker said Los Conchos' property was zoned as an agricultural district until a developer requested a different zone. He said it was never the city's intention to have the land designated for permanent farm and rural use.

"It's a holding pattern," he said, explaining the zone to neighbors at a recent meeting.

Under the city's comprehensive plan, Walker said Mockingbird Lane will become an arterial street. Typically, retail developers at the corners of major roads just like the corners of Midkff Road, Wadley Avenue and Garfield Street.

"It's not abnormal to ask for what the developer is seeking," he said.

Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1 that includes northwest Midland, said the city ordinance can regulate drilling, but it can't prevent a mineral owner from accessing their minerals.

If townhomes are built closer than 500 feet to any wells drilled, the city would have to provide anz exception, said Ron Jenkins, the city's oil and gas compliance officer.

Middle ground?

Dunham said Los Conchos has worked to compromise with residents during the design but still may have some concessions to make. Staff members met multiple times with the homeowners' association and now will consider what other neighbors have said.

"Maybe there is more we can do," Dunham said.

Mestas said the original plans called for an apartment complex, which the association opposed. But, she said once that was replaced with retail zoning, most in the neighborhood agreed with the proposal.

"Everybody in our development really liked the idea of retail," she said, adding a Starbucks, storage unit facility or dry cleaners were all welcome additions. "It's all going to depend on who (Dunham is) able to sell it to."

Some people who attended a public meeting last week said they would like to see planned districts instead of just retail or office zones. In a planned district, the council could require certain parameters be met and could view plans before construction is approved.

Dunham said he is open to a district, depending upon the parameters.

Sparks said that decision ultimately will be for the City Council. He said he is not certain how he will vote on the issue Tuesday, but he is interested to hear what other solutions can be offered from residents who have objections to the proposal.

Because more than 20 percent of those living within 200 feet of the zone change and plat requests have sent in letters of opposition, a supermajority vote by the council — or six "yes" votes — will be required to pass Los Conchos' requests, said Rick Crownover, Development Services director.

If anything is passed Tuesday, it will have to go through a second reading in January so Sparks said nothing will become final.

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SUICIDE

From 1A

made their peers turn to suicide. Family issues, drugs, alcohol, bullying and loneliness were all mentioned, but the girls acknowledged there's no real answer for what drives people to commit suicide.

Major life changes often leave people feeling hopeless and out of control, said Roddy Strobel, BCA Permian Basin medical director and child psychiatrist. Life changes account for about 50 percent of suicides, she said.

Although the girls are not sure if bullying contributed to the three Midland teens' deaths, they said intense bullying at school and through social media is prevalent.

While uniforms are required at the junior high and freshman schools, the girls said it doesn't stop the taunting or rude comments. One girl mentioned how bullying doesn't stay at school, and she frequently receives phone calls from a blocked number telling her to kill herself.

Although bullying is hard to deal with, the girls said they're not going to let it get to them. Instead, they're going to try and rise above it and help others to see suicide is not a way out.

"You shouldn't take your life away because of what others are saying. It shouldn't be that way," said one girl, discussing how her faith in God keeps her strong through the sadness.

By creating the group, the girls said they hope to reach others and offer hope, something many kids don't have, said Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren.

Many students are posting phone numbers on the Facebook group and asking people to call or text when they need to talk or are thinking of making bad decisions.

Pastors, teachers and other adults have joined the conversation, acting as moderators and reminding kids they shouldn't publicly post phone numbers. Other adults told their stories of how tough it was to be a teenager, but how the feelings of helplessness will pass.

"Just know that ur decisions and actions will change the lives of your family and friends FOREVER," wrote a Midland firefighter. "Pls know that suicide is a permanent solution for a temporary problem."

The teens were upset that schools never addressed suicide as an issue until Thursday when Warren pledged to start the discussion. The girls said they want to have a monthly event at a park or a campus to celebrate life and allow people who have experienced troubling things to band together.

In November, Midland ISD launched "Learn to Laugh Again," voluntary bi-monthly meetings aimed at helping teenagers deal with grief and cope with losses.

Deborah Acosta, MISD dropout prevention/recovery and at-risk coordinator, said the groups are meant to provide students a safe place to talk about their feelings. Because it is new, many students may not know about the program, but Acosta said she hopes it will continue to grow.

After learning what it feels like to lose someone they love and watch others hurt, Midland teenagers are trying to reach out — even if just online — and help others keep from making a choice that will cause enormous pain for others.

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WILLIAMS

From 1A

the power of money in politics and the logjam caused by the decision of some top Texas officeholders to stay in their jobs election after election.

Williams served in the Reagan Justice Department and was appointed assistant secretary for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Education by former President George H.W. Bush. In 1998, then-Gov. George W. Bush appointed Williams to an open seat on the Railroad Commission, and he stayed on the commission until earlier this year.

In his years on the Railroad Commission, Williams became one of the most popular statewide officials in the Republican Party, often stealing the show at state GOP conventions and other conservative gatherings.

"He can sometimes sound like a minister in the pulpit," said Eric Bearse, a Republican consultant who has advised Williams in earlier campaigns. "But it goes beyond style. He not only shares the views of the grass roots, but he knows the policies deeply."

Jonathan Neerman, a former chairman of the Dallas County Republican Party, said the Republican faithful are attracted to a confidence they see in Williams. "He engages with precinct leaders, with women's club leaders and with the grass roots everywhere," Neerman said.

Not too long ago, it looked like 2010 would be the year Williams or another Republican could move up. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was trying to unseat Perry in the Republican primary and indicated she would resign her seat, giving Perry the chance to appoint her successor.

Williams, who had taken on a number of tasks for the governor throughout the years, such as making sure the federal government reimbursed the state for aid it provided during Hurricane Katrina, had his eyes on the Senate seat and had hoped Perry would appoint him. He likely would have become a national figure as the only black Republican in the Senate.

Hutchison said she would resign the Senate seat after the March 2010 race against Perry, win or lose. She lost, and about a month later announced that she would not resign after all.

Whomever Perry appointed would have headed into a special election with a leg up on other GOP hopefuls.

With that opportunity gone, Williams suspended his campaign until early this year, when he quit his Railroad Commission job and said he would run for the Hutchison seat in 2012. Hutchison is not seeking re-election.

Four other credible Republicans also said they would seek the seat, but the problem was a fifth Republican who wouldn't announce until the summer: Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Dewhurst, who has a vast personal fortune and has won four statewide elections, would become the prohibitive favorite. Williams thought he could beat him in a one-on-one contest, but the crowded field would make it difficult to create a one-on-one contrast. And, Williams struggled to raise money.

The excitement he generated with party activists wasn't translating to the donors who keep statewide campaigns operating.

"What I was not able to do over the course of my 12 years was have the major donors in the boardrooms, who don't go to rallies and things of this nature, see what the grassroots sees," Williams said.

In a crowded race of like-minded candidates, donors also want to support the candidate who can win, and Williams couldn't convince them that he was that candidate.

So, he left the Senate race during the summer and announced he would seek an open U.S. House seat based in Tarrant County. He and his wife had kept a home in Arlington during his years on the Railroad Commission.

But, former Secretary of State Roger Williams, a big Republican donor who had proven to be a better fundraiser, soon left the Senate race for that same House race and quickly lined up a number of key local supporters. So, Michael Williams again shifted his focus, this time eyeing the open U.S. House seat in Austin, which stretched toward the Fort Worth suburbs.

He was the favorite in that race until federal judges changed the map just before Thanksgiving.

The map wiped out the open Republican seat in the Arlington area as well, so that option also disappeared.

He said he's not sure what he will do next. Williams, a lawyer, might return to private practice, and he might run for something again in 2014. Capitol insiders often suggest that he run for attorney general, but that job has never interested him.

Williams said he doesn't regret leaving the Senate contest because the dynamics in that race haven't changed. Although he may have to sit this election cycle out, he said he doesn't regret the years of work he put in to prepare for it.

"I put in the work because I love what I do," Williams said. "I put in the work because there seems to have been, or at least I felt, a need for my engaging in the process.

"I don't feel victimized at all. My time will come when it's time for it to come. And it may come in an arena other than politics."

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Gingrich stands by 'invented people' remark

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Republican presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich said he supports a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians that includes two separate states, but he did not step back Saturday from his assertion that Palestinians are an "invented" people, an incendiary comment that infuriated one side in the Mideast peace process.

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The burden to show a willingness to reach a peace accord with the Israelis lies squarely with the Palestinians, he said.

"When the president keeps talking about a peace process while Hamas keeps firing missiles into Israel, if we had a country next to us firing missiles, how eager would we be to sit down and negotiate?" Gingrich told a veterans forum in Des Moines, before participating in a nationally televised debate with six other GOP candidates vying for the presidential nomination.

Palestinian officials reacted furiously Saturday to Gingrich's assertion, accusing the Republican presidential hopeful of incitement and staging a "cheap stunt" to court the Jewish vote.

The remarks struck at the heart of Palestinian sensitivities about the righteousness of their struggle for an independent state and put him at odds not only with the international community, but with all but an extremist fringe in Israel. Mainstream Israelis, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, support the idea of an independent Palestine alongside Israel as part of a final peace agreement.

As Gingrich has risen to lead in national and early-voting-state polls, he has come under criticism from his party rivals for making inflammatory statements. The Palestinian comments intensified that scrutiny with less than four weeks until Iowa's precinct caucuses kick off the nominating contests on Jan. 3.

In footage released Friday, the former House speaker told the Jewish Channel, a U.S. cable TV network, that the Palestinians were an "invented people."

"Remember, there was no Palestine as a state — (it was) part of the Ottoman Empire. I think we have an invented Palestinian people who are in fact Arabs and historically part of the Arab community and they had the chance to go many places," Gingrich said according to a video excerpt posted online.

Gingrich sought to clarify his position later Saturday, saying in Iowa that he supports a negotiated peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, including a Palestinian state.

In a statement, Gingrich spokesman R.C. Hammond said that "to understand what is being proposed and negotiated, you have to understand decades of complex history — which is exactly what Gingrich was referencing.

"Newt Gingrich supports a negotiated peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, which will necessarily include agreement between Israel and the Palestinians over the borders of a Palestinian state."

Those latest comments appeared unlikely to calm the uproar among Palestinian officials.

The Palestinian prime minister, Salam Fayyad, demanded that Gingrich "review history."

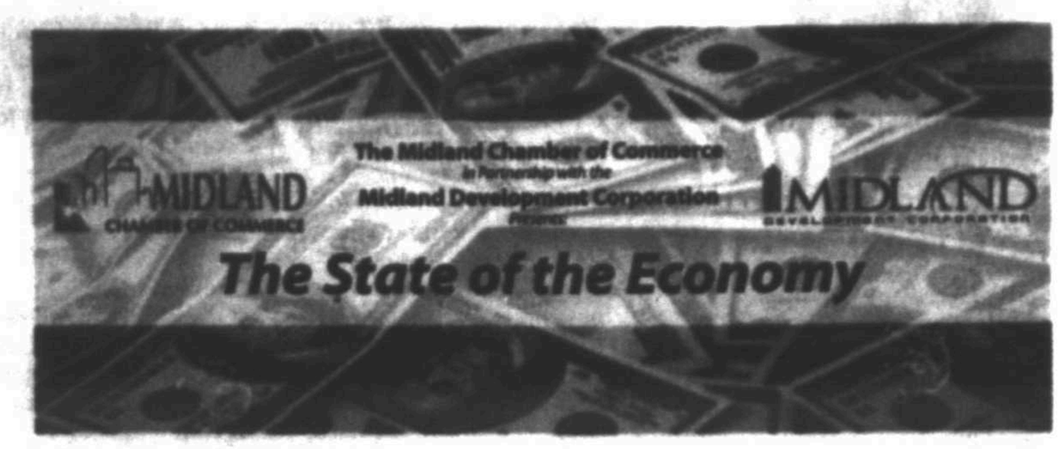
"From the beginning, our people have been determined to stay on their land," Fayyad said in comments reported by the Palestinian news agency Wafa. "This, certainly, is denying historical truths."

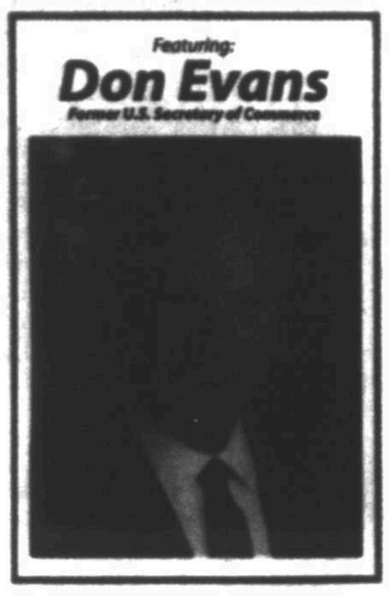
Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, accused Gingrich of incitement. "Mark my words ... these statements of Gingrich's will be the ammunitions and weapons of the bin Ladens and the extremists for a long, long time," Erekat told CNN.

The Palestinians have never had an independent state of their own. The region was ruled by the Ottomans for several centuries, and when the Ottoman Empire collapsed after World War I, the British took control of the area. It was known as the British Mandate for Palestine, and Muslims, Christians and Jews living there were all referred to as Palestinians.

After the Arabs rejected an international plan calling for the establishment of Jewish and Arab states, part of the land became the state of Israel. During the 1948 war surrounding the Jewish state's creation, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled or were forced to flee their homes.

Just as Israeli identity was forged after a long nationalist struggle staged by Zionist Jews for a state of their own, the identity of Palestinian Arabs was also hewn by their own decades-long struggle over the same land.





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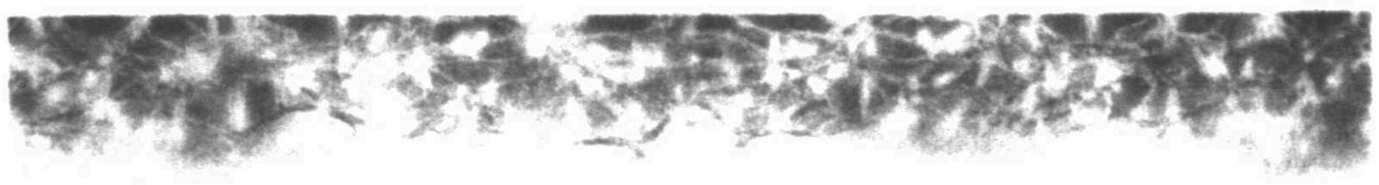
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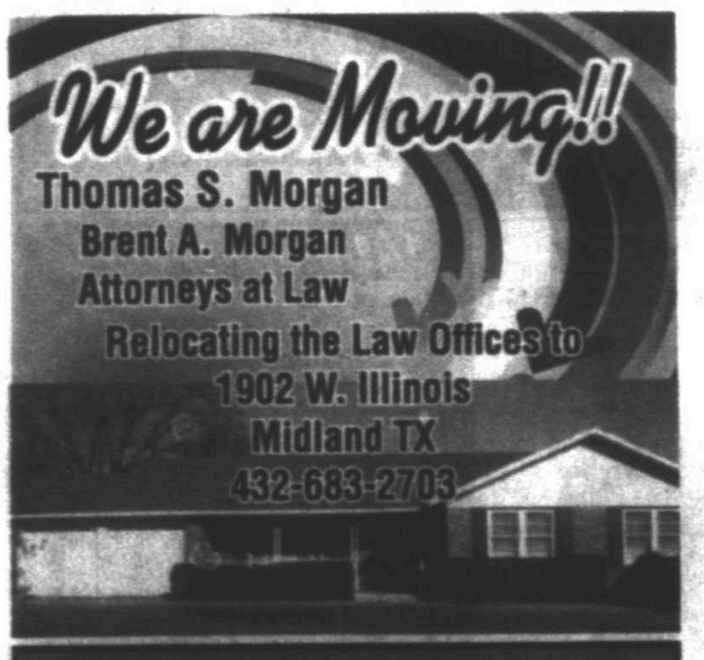
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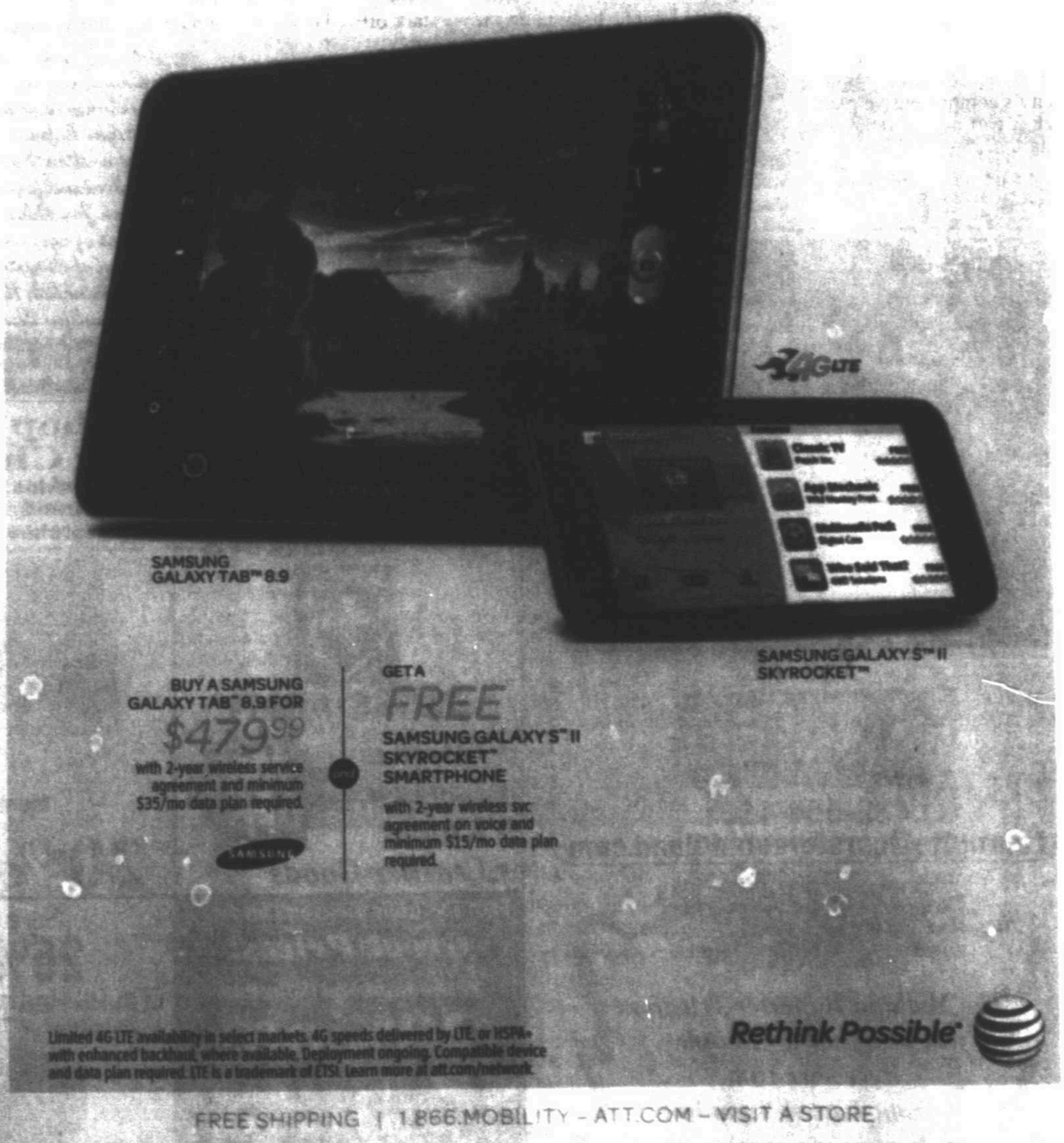
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CALIFORNIA

Officials: Parents asked man to beat child

IRVINE — An Irvine couple who suspected their 15-year-old son of smoking turned to a man believed to be relied on in their church to violently discipline children, authorities said.

The parents asked Paul Kim, 39, to discipline their son after finding a lighter in his possession, dropping the boy off at Kim's Chino Hills home with permission for the beating, San Bernardino County sheriff's spokesperson Cindy Bachmann said Saturday.

Kim hit the child with a metal pole about a dozen times, causing severe bruising on his legs, according to Bachmann. The pole was about an inch in diameter, investigators said.

An adult at the boy's school saw the bruises and called Irvine police, who in turn informed San Bernardino County officials, she said.

Kim was arrested Tuesday at his home and released Thursday after posting bail. He faces a felony charge of willful cruelty to a child.

NEW JERSEY

Woman charged in penis silicone injection death

NEWARK — A New Jersey woman who police say injected a man's penis with silicone, resulting in his death, has been charged with manslaughter.

The Essex County prosecutor's office said 34-year-old Kasia Rivera gave 22-year-old Justin Street the injection on May 5. Such injections often are used to enlarge body parts, such as the buttocks.

Street died the day after his injection. His death was ruled a homicide following an investigation and a medical examiner's determination he died of a silicone embolism.

Rivera also faces charges for the unauthorized practice of medicine. She was arrested Friday and is being held on $75,000 bail.

It's unclear if she has a lawyer.

Obama presses GOP on consumer watchdog delay

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama isn't backing down from demanding that Republicans confirm his pick to head a new consumer watchdog office, saying GOP lawmakers are depriving middle-class Americans of better protection against the kind of deceptive business practices that contributed to the financial meltdown.

Every day that the country must wait for a director of the Consumer Financial Protection Board "is another day that dishonest businesses can target and take advantage of students, seniors and service members," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address.

"So, I refuse to take 'no' for an answer. Financial institutions have plenty of high-powered lawyers and lobbyists looking out for them. It's time consumers had someone on their side."

Senate Republicans this past week blocked Obama's appointment of Richard Cordray, a former Ohio attorney general, to lead an agency they said had been given too much power and too little accountability.

Without a director, the office designed to shield consumers from the excesses behind the 2008 financial crisis is unable to operate at full strength.

Obama suggested the disagreement is another example of two parties who see fairness very differently. He said a consumer watchdog agency is critical to protecting ordinary Americans from the greed of the financial sector.

"Today, America faces a make-or-break moment for the middle class," he said, echoing a theme outlined during a Kansas speech earlier in the week. "I believe that this country succeeds when everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share and everyone engages in fair play."

Obama also reiterated his push for congressional Republicans to extend the Social Security payroll tax cut, which is set to expire at the end of the year.

And using the approaching holidays as leverage, he called on Congress to act on his priorities before leaving Washington for the year.

"No one should go home for the holidays until we get this done," Obama said. "So, tell your members of Congress, 'Don't be a Grinch.' Tell them to do the right thing for you and for our economy."

In an interview with CBS' news program "60 Minutes," Obama said that a speech he delivered in Kansas this week addressing income inequalities was designed to draw attention to his effort to restore an "American deal" that focuses on building a strong middle class.

Asked whether that amounted to endorsing redistribution of wealth, Obama said that building the middle class is not a question of left or right politics.

"It matters if we are building a broad-based middle class, where everybody is able to do their part and everybody's able to succeed," he said, according to excerpts released by CBS on Saturday.

The full interview will air today.

Meanwhile, Republicans pushed their recipe for the nation's economic struggles.

Set for a House vote next week, the GOP plan ties an extension of the payroll tax and extended unemployment benefits to a provision that jump-starts work on a pipeline to carry oil from Canada to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Obama wants to postpone a decision on the project, known as the Keystone XL pipeline, until after next fall's elections.

"You've heard President Obama say the American people 'can't wait' to take action on jobs," House Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio, said in the Republicans' weekly address. "Well, the Keystone project is the very definition of an idea the American people can't wait for Washington to take action on."

Reid defends US nuclear chief amid complaints

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid defended Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Gregory Jaczko on Saturday, calling criticism by four other NRC commissioners "a politically motivated witch hunt."

"It is sad to see those who would place the interests of a single industry over the safety of the American people wage a politically motivated witch hunt against a man with a proven track record of ensuring that nuclear power is produced as safely and responsibly as possible," Reid's office said in a statement Saturday. Jaczko is a former Reid aide.

The four NRC commissioners said in a letter to the White House that they have "grave concerns" about Jaczko. They said his bullying style is "causing serious damage" to the commission and creating a "chilled work environment at the NRC."

The letter was written Oct. 13 but was made public late Friday. It stops short of calling for the chairman to resign, but says Jaczko's actions could adversely affect the agency's mission to protect health and safety at the nation's 104 commercial nuclear reactors.

The dispute comes after an inspector general's report released in June exposed long-simmering internal strife under Jaczko. In August, Republican senators asked the inspector general to investigate whether Jaczko had authority to declare the Japan nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant an emergency — which grants him additional powers — since the crisis occurred on foreign soil. A March 11 earthquake and tsunami destroyed the plant's power and cooling systems, in the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Sky-watchers get rare treat: total lunar eclipse

Moon watchers in the western U.S., Hawaii and elsewhere across the globe were treated Saturday to a rare celestial phenomenon: a total lunar eclipse.

For 51 minutes starting at 6:06 a.m. PST, the Earth's shadow completely blocked the moon.

The moon took on a reddish glow, as some indirect sunlight continued to reach it after passing through the Earth's atmosphere.

MASSACHUSETTS

Suspect in shooting found dead

CAMBRIDGE — Massachusetts authorities say a former police officer suspected of shooting to death three family members in Cambridge has committed suicide

Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone called the killings on Grove Street at about 7 p.m. Friday "a horrific example of domestic violence." He said 67-year-old John Brosnahan's body was found in the Charles River in Boston hours later. Brosnahan, a former Bedford police officer, was dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

VIRGINIA

Volunteers lay 90K wreaths at Arlington cemetery

ARLINGTON, Va. — Volunteers laid 90,000 holiday wreaths at tombstones at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday.

Maine Gov. Paul LePage joined thousands of volunteers in placing the wreaths. A convoy of more than 20 trucks left Maine Dec. 3, bound for the cemetery.

The tradition began 20 years ago when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Co. in Harrington, Maine, and others laid 5,000 wreaths on headstones to give thanks to veterans.

Public retirement ages come under scrutiny

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — After nearly 40 years in public education, Patrick Godwin spends his retirement days running a horse farm east of Sacramento, Calif., with his daughter.

His departure from the workaday world likely will be long and relatively free of financial concerns, after he retired last July at age 59 with a pension paying $174,308 a year for the rest of his life.

Such guaranteed pensions for relatively youthful government retirees — paid in similar fashion to millions nationwide — are contributing to nationwide friction with the public sector workers. They have access to attractive defined-benefit pensions and retiree health care coverage that most private sector workers no longer do.

Experts say eligible retirement ages have fallen over the past two decades for many reasons, including contract agreements between states and government labor unions that lowered retirement ages in lieu of raising pay.

With Americans increasingly likely to live well into their 80s, critics question whether paying lifetime pensions to retirees from age 55 or 60 is financially sustainable. An Associated Press survey earlier this year found the 50 states have a combined $690 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and $418 billion in retiree health care obligations.

Three-quarters of U.S. public retirement systems in 2008 offered some kind of early-retirement option paying partial benefits, according to a 2009 Wisconsin Legislative Council study. Most commonly, the minimum age for those programs was 55, but 15 percent allowed government workers to retire even earlier, the review found. The study is widely regarded as the most comprehensive assessment of the issue.

Police and firefighters often can retire starting even younger — at around age 50 — because of the physically demanding nature of some of those jobs.

But with cities, counties and states struggling to pay pension bills, changes are afoot.

In November, San Francisco voters supported a local ballot initiative to hike minimum retirement ages for some city workers. Since that time, laws increasing retirement ages for government workers were signed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts in efforts to address underfunded pension systems.

Earlier in New Jersey, part of a legislative deal struck between Democrats and Republicans raised the normal retirement age from 62 to 65.

An initiative circulating for California's 2012 state ballot seeks to increase the minimum retirement age to 65 for public employees and teachers, and to 58 for sworn public safety officers.

Godwin said all the antagonism toward public retirees is misplaced. His pension payout follows 36 years as an English teacher and school administrator in California, with two years' sick-leave credit added for never being absent.

He said lack of accountability on Wall Street and exorbitant corporate salaries are a more justified target of the public's anger.

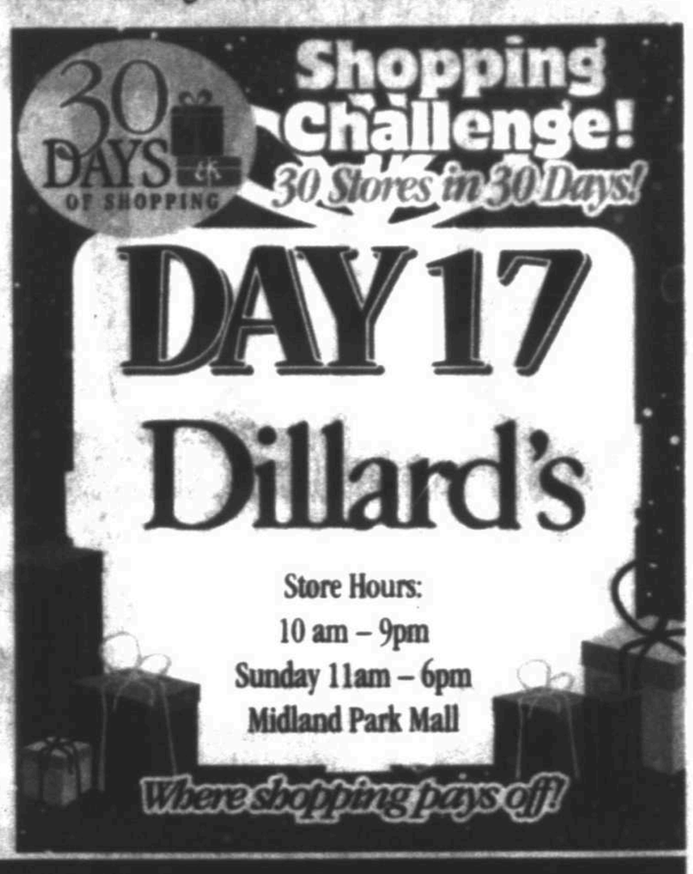
"Those things I think are a much larger problem than what a public employee is making as a pension," he said. The AFL-CIO labor coalition's Executive PayWatch project estimates chief executives went from making 42 times the average blue collar worker's salary in 1980 to 343 times as much last year.

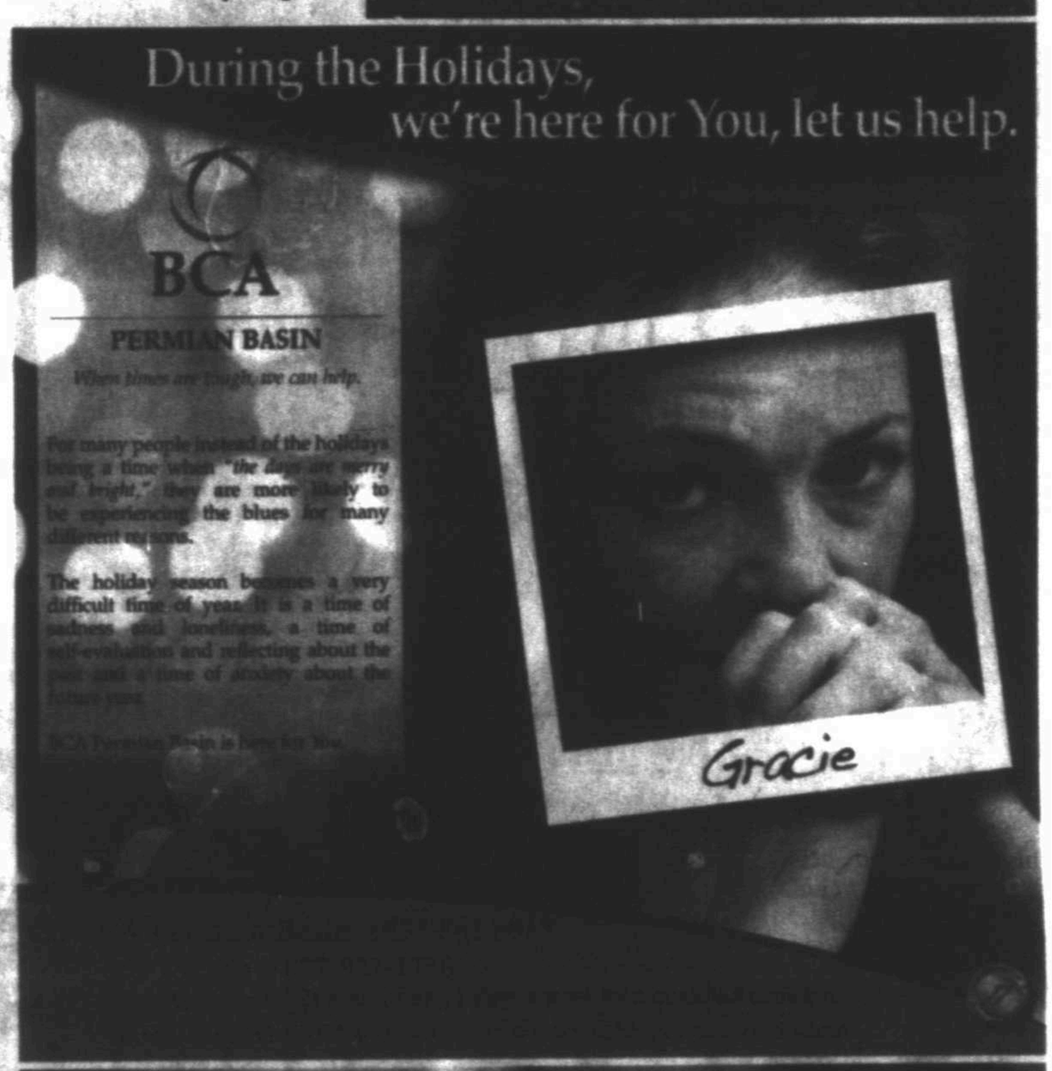
Overall, Americans are working to older ages — even with the expanded ability for some to collect partial pensions younger if they retire. Over the past 20 years, the average retirement age for men has edged up to 64, for women to 62, according to the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

Data compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show 29 percent of people between 65 and 69 worked at least part-time last year, up from 24 percent a decade ago and 21 percent in 1994. Almost 7 percent of people 75 or older were employed in 2010, compared to less than 5 percent 15 years ago.

Experts say no reliable figures exist that could show whether public sector workers retire younger than their private-sector counterparts. That's because the Bureau of Labor Statistics has no way of defining "retirement" and nearly all analyses involving the American workforce begin with the bureau's data.

Most private-sector workers no longer receive defined-benefit pensions that will pay them for life. Most must wait until age 65 or 67 to collect their full Social Security benefit or draw from 401(k) accounts that are invested in the stock market and, in many cases, have sustained significant losses during the recession.

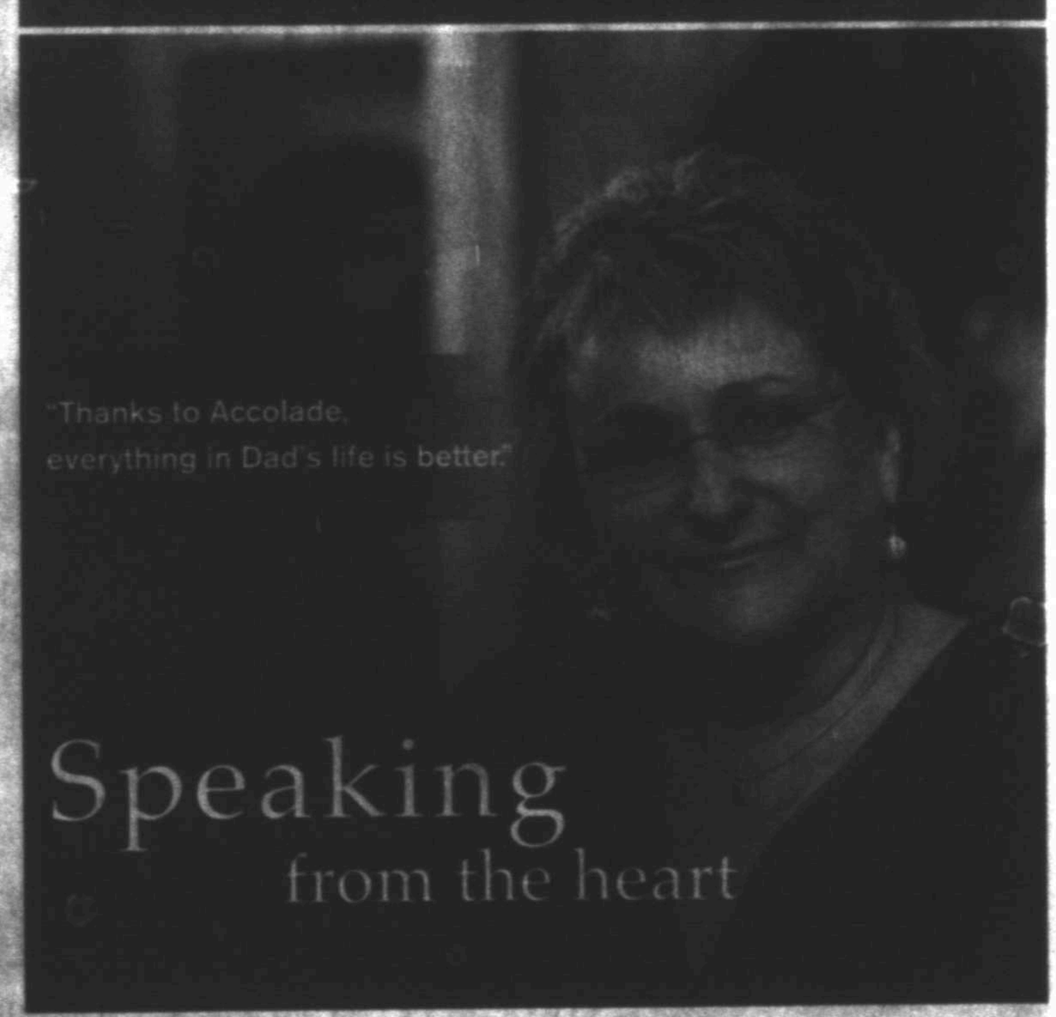


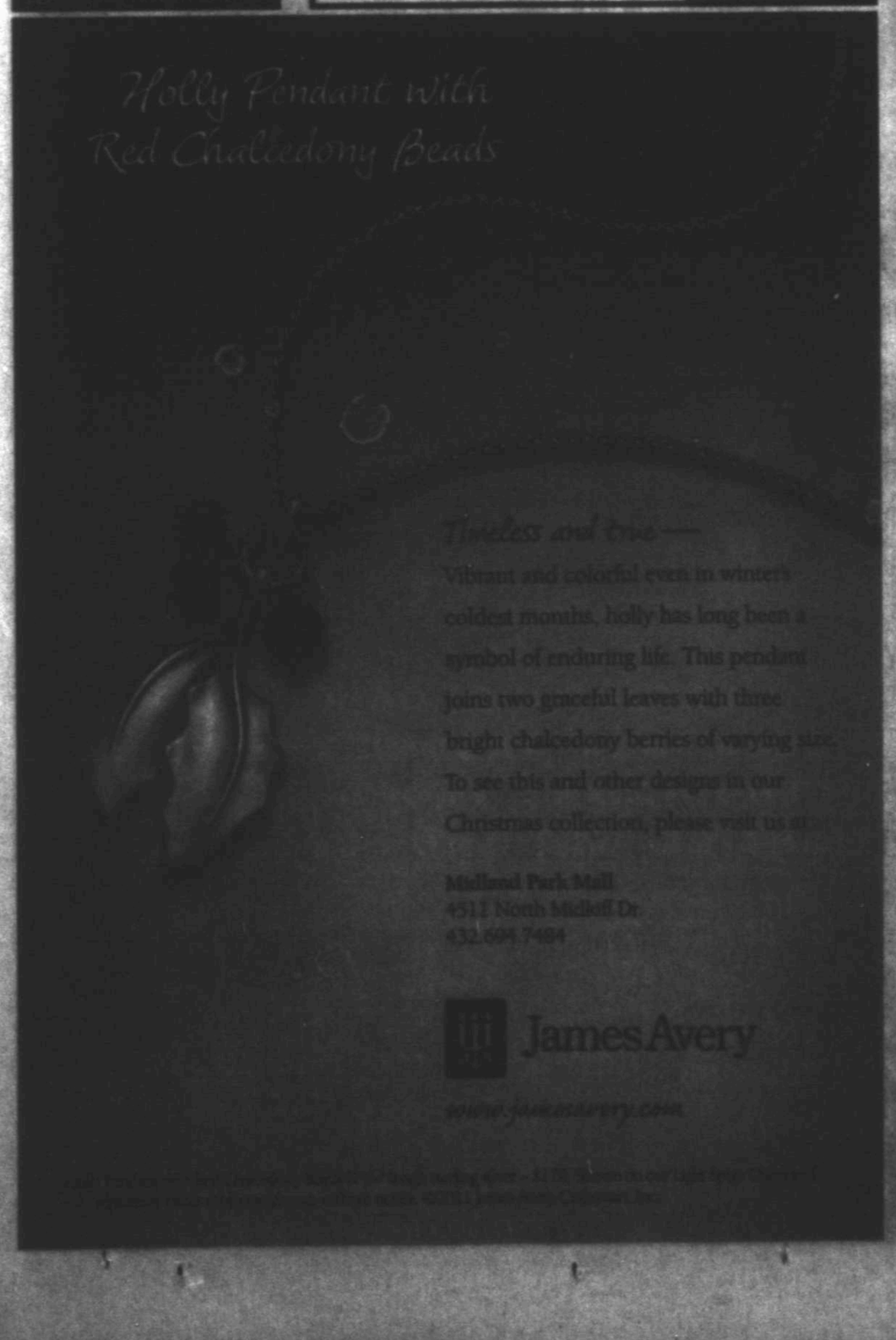












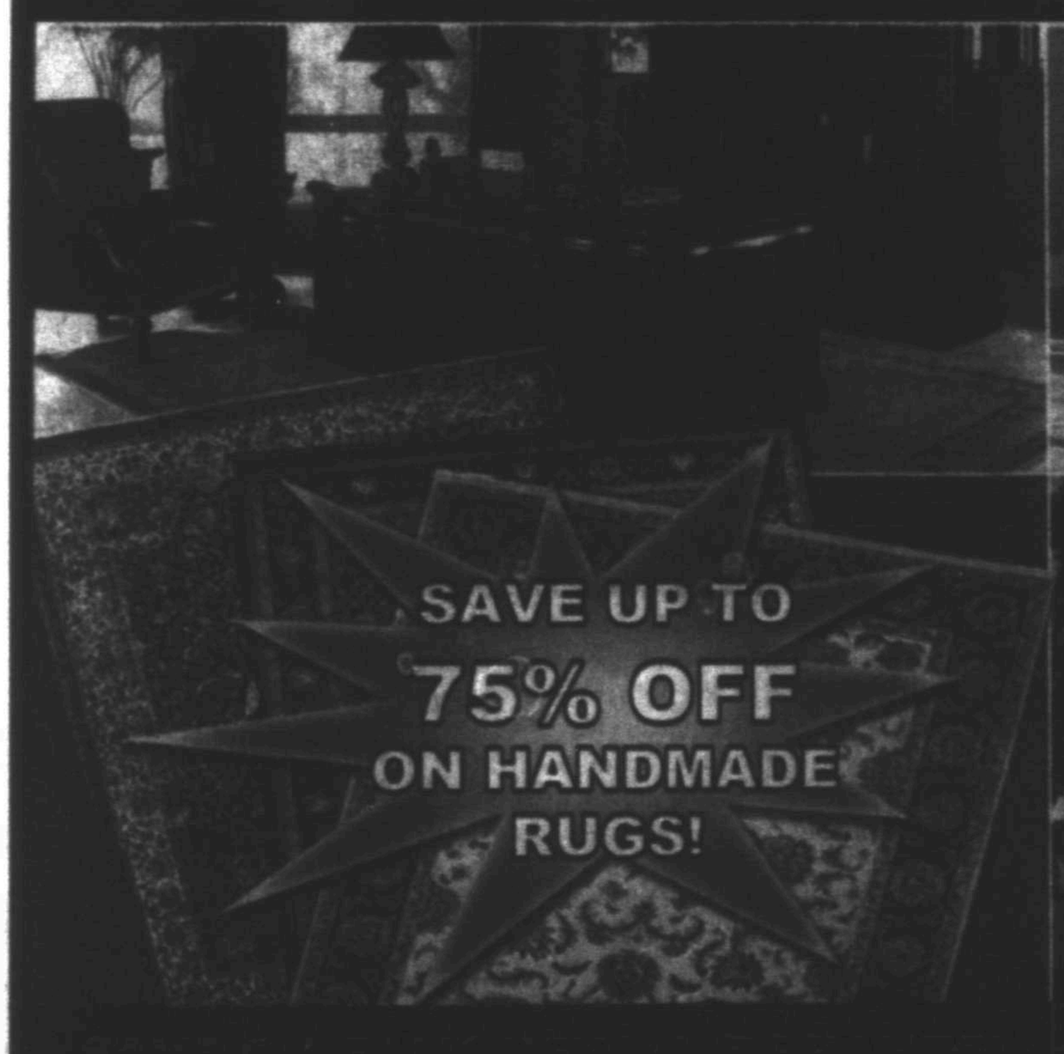
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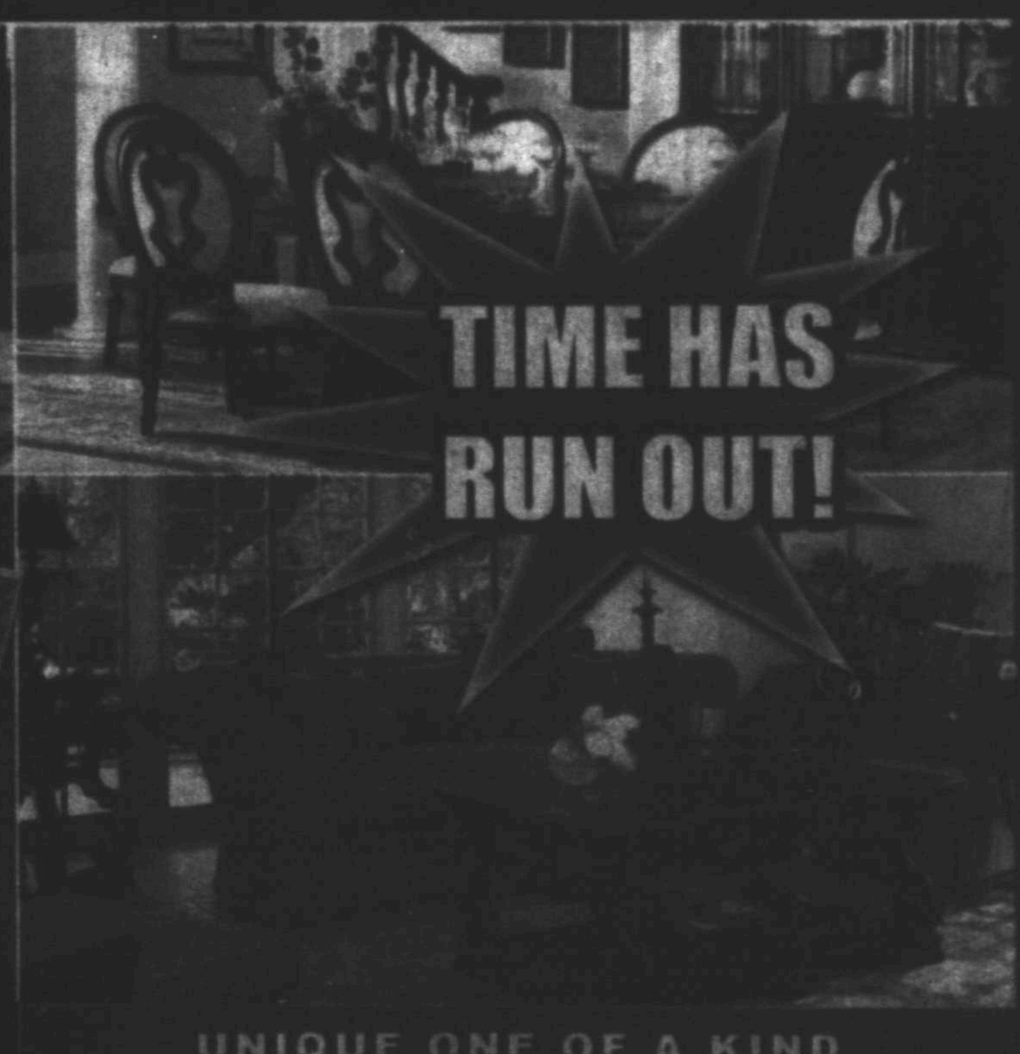
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NY, California hit up millionaires again

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Hollywood moguls and Manhattan stock brokers are facing a slap by the Occupy Wall Street movement as California and New York again target high-wage earners to address a continued fiscal crisis in the states.

On Wednesday, with the urging of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New York raised its top tax rate on single filers making $1 million and joint filers making $2 million, a rate slightly under the 2008 income tax surcharge that expires Dec. 31.

Earlier this month in California, Gov. Jerry Brown said he, too, wants to avoid further cuts to education and social services by proposing a ballot initiative asking voters to increase taxes. That could hit Californians making over $250,000 a year.

"Occupy turned the political conversation on its head," said Richard Brodsky, a senior fellow at the Wagner School at New York University. "Time was austerity and tax cuts were the only acceptable place to be. Now, income inequality and the 99 percent dominate practical politics. OWS paved the way; Cuomo and Brown seized the moment."

There's no evidence of a national groundswell after more than a dozen states tapped their well-heeled residents for temporary income tax hikes from 2006-09. But while most of those states let their temporary tax increases lapse as scheduled, New York and California this month went back to seeking revenue from the wealthy.

Despite the political rhetoric, there's less need in either state to act to make their tax brackets more fair. California and New York already have more progressive systems than most states, according to the nonpartisan Tax Foundation based in Washington, D.C.

"California and New York are historically not going to be the most fiscally conservative states," said Mark Robyn, an economist with the Tax Foundation. "To say they reflect the overall country's attitude to taxing the wealthy at a disproportionate rate, that might be tenuous."

California and New York are also among only four states, with Washington state and Missouri, to show deficits in a midyear survey by the National Conference of Legislatures, said the group's Mandy Rafool.

California faces a $3.7 billion shortfall for the current fiscal year and projected $12.8 billion deficit in 2013. New York learned of an unexpected $350 million deficit this year, and a higher projected deficit for the 2012-13 fiscal year of $3.5 billion.

But Rafool said there's no inkling more states will follow California and New York, although tax revenues are growing only slowly in most states.

Instead, the common thread is that each state's finances are worse than most other states, and their Democratic leadership has felt pressure from the Occupy Wall Street movement and other progressives.

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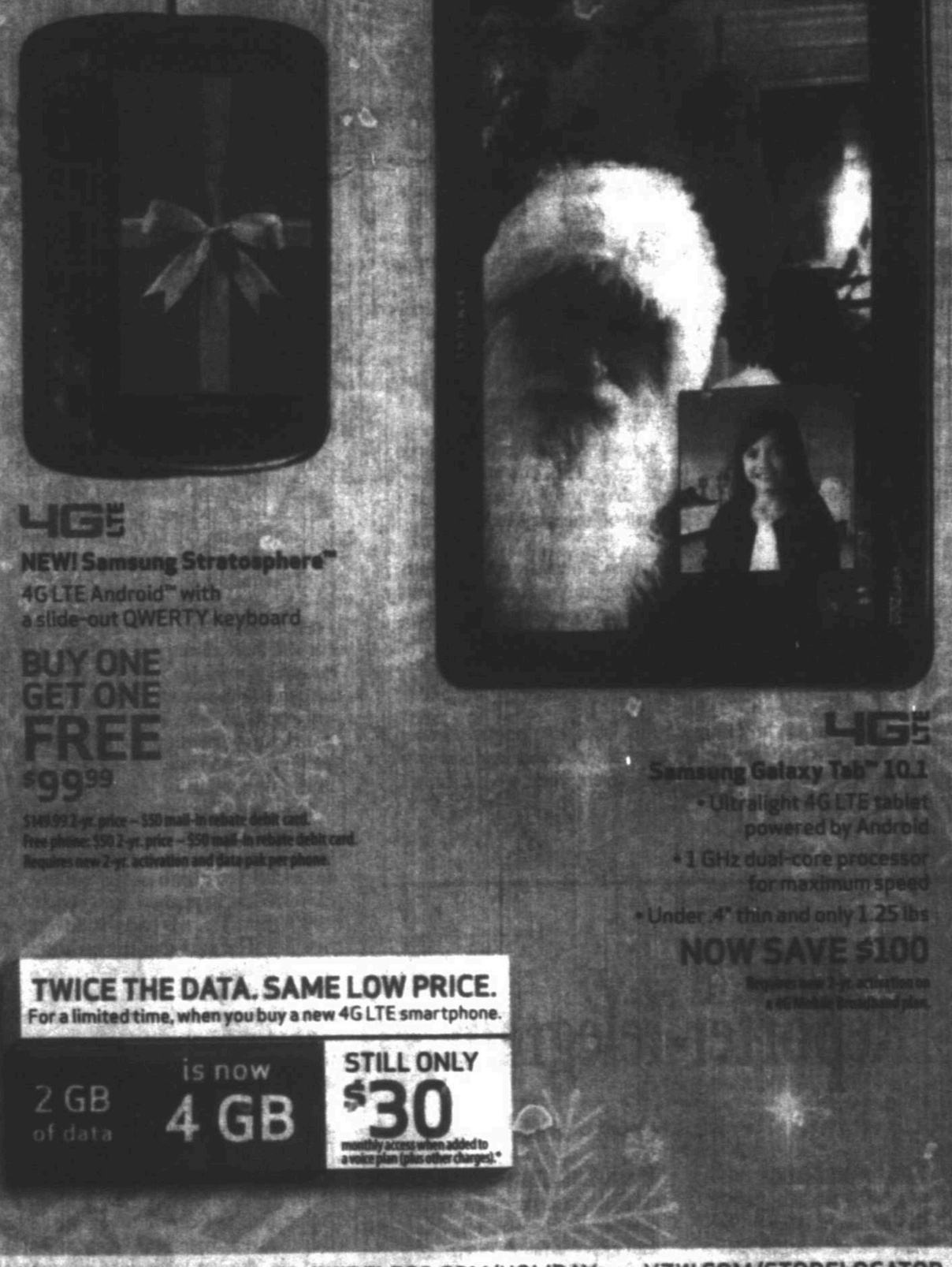
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Opinion

Will Ron Paul be a spoiler in 2012?

■ Should the Libertarian Congressman from Texas run as an independent, Obama's second term would be secured.



GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

On Oct. 12, 1948, the campaign train of Tom Dewey, Republican nominee against President Harry Truman, pulled into Beaucoup, Ill., where, from the rear platform, he would speak to about 1,000 people. Before he began, the engineer mistakenly caused the train to lurch a few feet backward, frightening some but injuring none.

Dewey, however, hurt himself by angrily saying into the microphone, "That's the first lunatic I've had for an engineer. He probably ought to be shot at sunrise." Dewey's "cold arrogance" (Truman biographer David McCullough's description) reinforced the public's impression of an unsympathetic and prickly politician.

Truman ran against a Republican-controlled Congress but won because Dewey was off-putting. And Truman won in spite of two splinter candidacies from his party — those of former Vice President Henry Wallace on the left and South Carolina Gov. Strom Thurmond on the right. Each won 2.4 percent of the popular vote.

Because Thurmond's support was concentrated regionally, he won 39 Southern electoral votes. If Truman had lost two of three states — Ohio, Illinois and California (he won them by just 7,000 votes, 34,000 and 18,000 votes, respectively) — no candidate would have won an electoral vote majority, and the House of Representatives would have picked the president. If Dewey had won all three, he would have been president.

So, small vote totals for independent candidacies can have huge potential consequences. Which brings us to Ron Paul.

When recently asked if he might mount an independent candidacy, he said: "I'm not thinking about it because, look, I'm not doing badly right now. ... So, we concentrate only on one thing: Keep moving up in the polls and see how things come out in a month or two."

He is in the top tier in Iowa and would alienate Republican voters if he indicated an interest in bolting the party next autumn. Nationally, his ceiling is low, but his floor is solid: His supporters are inclined to accept no substitutes because no other candidate espouses anything like his high octane blend of libertarianism and isolationism.

Furthermore, he is now nationally known (he campaigned for the 2008 Republican nomination and was the Libertarian Party's 1988 presidential candidate), has a large base of small donors, and his intense supporters probably could get his name on most states' ballots. He is not seeking re-election to his House seat, so what has he got to lose?

Well, his candidacy might guarantee Barack Obama's re-election, and this might hurt the career of his son Rand, the freshman senator from Kentucky. Other than that, however, Ron Paul may think what his ideology implies — that Obama is only marginally more mistaken than Paul's Republican rivals, who do not wake up each day angry about the 1913 Federal Reserve Act.

So, assume three things. That Obama is weaker in 2012 than he was when winning just 53 percent of the vote in 2008. That Paul could win between 5 percent and 7 percent of the vote nationally (much less than the 18 percent that a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll showed prepared to vote for Paul as an independent). And that at least 80 percent of Paul's votes would come at the expense of the Republican nominee.

Based on states' results in 2000, 2004 and 2008, and on states' previous votes for third-party candidates, and on current polling about the strength of potential Republican nominees in particular states, it is plausible to conclude that a Paul candidacy would have these consequences:

■ It would enable Obama to carry two states he lost in 2008: Missouri (10 electoral votes), which he lost by 0.13 points, and Arizona (11), which he lost by 8.52 points to native son John McCain.

■ It would enable Obama to again win four states he captured in 2008 and that the Republican nominee probably must win in 2012: Florida (29), Indiana (11), North Carolina (15) and Virginia (13).

■ It would secure Obama's hold on the following states he won in 2008 but that Republicans hope to take back next year: New Mexico (5), Colorado (9), Nevada (6), Michigan (16), Ohio (18), Pennsylvania (20) and New Hampshire (4).

At a minimum, a Paul candidacy would force the Republican nominee to spend time and money in places he otherwise might be able to economize both. And a Paul candidacy would make 2012 much easier for Obama than 2008 was. Now, reread Paul's words quoted above, particularly these: "right now" and "in a month or two."

Disclosure: This columnist's wife, Mari Will, is an adviser to Rick Perry.

OUR VIEW

Warren has taken correct steps in suicide issuse

In less than two months, Midland has experienced three teen suicides. All were high school students: one each from Lee, Midland High and Midland Christian.

That was enough for Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren to turn on the red light across the school district. Warren instructed all 35 campus principals to stop academic instruction and meet with fourth- through 12th-grade students to begin discussions about suicide.

We commend Warren for taking this proactive stance. You cannot solve a problem without first admitting there is a problem. Midland, we have a problem.

Warren wants to re-evaluate the district's suicide awareness and prevention programs to make sure all teachers, counselors and administrators know how to deal with the prospects of teen suicide. MISD personnel already have been trained to identify suicidal tendencies and grief in children, but more training may be needed.

For sure, we must eliminate suicide as a way out for our teens. They must be made aware that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. It is not the answer. They always must know there is someone they can talk to because many teens feel uncomfortable talking to their parents, and many parents just aren't there for their troubled children.

That's a sad fact of life, but we do think Warren has taken the correct steps. It is appropriate for the school district to boldly approach this subject in the classroom.

We also wish parents of every school-age child could undergo training in recognizing suicidal tendencies. It is our wish that parents will spend time with their children and talk about their problems. Suicide often stems from mounting problems from which the teen sees no escape.

Teen suicide across the nation has seen a significant rise with the growing use of social media. Bullying in the form of attacks through social media is one way teens can be abused beyond repair.

We must do a better job of equipping our children with safeguards from such attacks and handling the ups and downs of daily life.

We join with MISD in taking up this issue in a public manner. We must always stay in tune with our children and listen to what they are telling us. Life is worth living even when we hit a few rough spots along the way.

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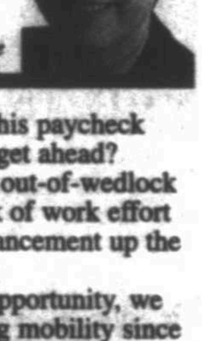
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Obama creates a new campaign slogan

■ Blame the rich! It doesn't solve America's problems, but it puts a different spin on Obama's tired proposals.



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

A haze of ugliness hung over President Barack Obama last week in Osawatomie, Kan., where he delivered a speech as malodorous as an Occupy Wall Street encampment and about as thoughtful.

He communed with the spirit of Teddy Roosevelt, who delivered his famous 1910 "New Nationalism" speech there defining progressivism for the next century. The president was after smaller game. He merely needs a campaign theme to patch him over for the next year, so any old argument will do. He settled on all but blaming the rich for trashing the American Dream. Income inequality, he said, "gives lie to the promise that's at the very heart of America."

How so? The president maintains that with inequality on the rise, it already had become more difficult in 1980 than at the end of World War II for a child to climb out of poverty into the middle class. What happened between World War II and 1980? For one, we had the advent of the Great Society. The fact that the creation of a liberal dream state coincided, in his view, with the diminution of advancement might make a more reflective man stop and think. Not our president.

The federal government already runs a sprawling, massively redistributionist system of taxes and benefits. The top 1 percent earns about 17 percent of all income and pays about 37 percent of all federal income taxes. By the reckoning of Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation, the welfare system has paid out roughly $16 trillion since the beginning of the War on Poverty. According to Cornell economist Richard Burkhauser, once tax policy, transfer payments and the like are taken into account, all income groups have gained since the late 1970s.

But President Obama implied some people are poor because other people are rich, an assumption of class antagonism antithetical to the American idea and tenuously connected to the evidence. Consider a concrete example. The president's former top budget official, Peter Orszag, departed the administration to work at Citigroup for $2 million to $3 million a year. Putting aside the seemliness and the merits of Orszag's pay and that of his cohorts on Wall Street, how does his paycheck make it harder for anyone else to get ahead? Orszag's income doesn't increase out-of-wedlock childbearing, incarceration or lack of work effort — all significant obstacles to advancement up the income scale.

If inequality were foreclosing opportunity, we would have seen steadily declining mobility since the late 1970s. Scott Winship of the Brookings Institution, an expert in this area, says as near as we can tell, the data don't bear that out. We are "sticky at the bottom," meaning we have trouble getting people out of the bottom fifth, but that has been a long-standing failing. It's not the product of a new zero-sum dynamic where Reverse Robin Hoods are pillaging the poor.

Everyone agrees the ticket ahead in America is education. Children from the bottom fifth who get a college degree have only a 16 percent chance of staying in the bottom fifth and a 19 percent chance of making it to the top fifth and getting excoriated by the most powerful man in the world. In his speech, President Obama called for a "national mission" to improve education in the same breath he inveighed against "laying off good teachers." Does it ever occur to him some of the teachers might not be good? The teachers unions surely have done more to hamper upward mobility in America than the nation's most loathsome collection of banksters.

We should endeavor to create the conditions for economic growth, transform education fundamentally and champion the bourgeois virtues at every opportunity. But President Obama only wants shiny new wrapping paper for his same old proposals — taxes on the rich, infrastructure spending and regulation. This familiar litany is now supposed to be the answer to complex, decades-long trends. It's good to know he takes himself so seriously; no one else should.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: The Reporter-Telegram requires that candidate endorsement letters for local, state or federal contests are no longer than 200 words.

Here's to your letter requirement

The Reporter-Telegram has set a 200 word maximum on letters endorsing political candidates, so in the spirit of compliance: Don't re-elect anybody.

Drew Matthews

Churches should train volunteers, not gripe

I have been a clergy volunteer at Midland Memorial Hospital for more than 20 years. I find it incomprehensible that anyone dealing with the hospital, doctors or any medical facility could be so ignorant of the HIPA laws. Surely, any clergy member knows one may not go into a patient's room unless that person is a member of his or her congregation or unless invited to do so.

Instead of shooting the messenger (MMH), I suggest you encourage the church to properly train its volunteers regarding patients' rights and privacy.

Mary Jane Young

Reader to stop shopping at Walmart

I am a senior citizen who never will shop at Walmart again. On Thanksgiving, I stopped there to shop. An item I bought did not get put into my sack or was left at the counter. I was charged for it; the receipt shows the charge listed. I don't drive after dark because I don't see well in the dark, and I am afraid of the night-time traffic. Also, Walmart is a 10-mile round trip from my house.

I called Walmart to tell them the item was not in my sack. I talked to a man at the Walmart on Midland Drive. He said I had to come back that night and take care of the matter. That would have been a 10-mile drive in the dark for a small item. He would not let me take care of the problem when I could get back. I told him I was a senior citizen and could not see well at night. That did not matter to him.

I had to come back immediately or forget it. The Walmart people are worth billions, and if this is their policy, I will never again shop at an establishment that treats senior citizens — or anyone — in such a manner.

Ann Cook

Choose life this holiday season

It is December, the beginning of the Christmas season to celebrate the birth of Christ. It is the season of giving, and what a great time of the year. A time to be happy.

However, here you are alone and pregnant. What to do?

Some say do the practical thing and remove the baby. Others say have it, but it is very hard to be a single mom. You have to make the choice.

Few think of the third choice. It is called adoption, and it is wonderful thing to do for married couples who can't have children. Plus, it can give a good loving home to your child.

This would be the true Christmas spirit — the gift of life.

Help for this can be found at: The Life Center, 2101 W. Wall St., Midland, TX 79701. For more information about adoption as an option, contact Gladney Center for Adoption at 866-9040 or Buckner Children and Family Services at 520-5588.

Jont Tyson

Reader sides with oil, not lizard

Now, the dunes sagebrush lizard is getting more attention than the Geico commercial on TV. As they say on Monday Night Football, "Come on, man." Yes, I agree the oil companies have got to be responsible for drilling oil, but this is ridiculous. We are going to let the Fish and Wildlife Department dictate to the oil companies about a little lonesome lizard? You have to be kidding and possibly losing jobs over it. I think on this issue I will side with the oil companies.

Mark Buttery



County makes decision; do taxpayers pay the price?

To paraphrase Winston Churchill: America always does the right thing after exhausting all other alternatives. This can easily be applied to Midland, as most, if not all, ill-fated government pet projects rarely, if ever, are put to the public for discussion.

When asked about the unilateral vote to purchase a site for another big money project, County Judge Mike Bradford so conveniently put it: "We are elected to make decisions." Many questions should and could have been asked regarding the purchase of the Alldredge building, such as, who were the other interested parties in the Alldredge building? Also, what economic impact does this sale have on the community? Tax rolls will lose a property valued at more than $3 million. Could one of the other interested parties have created jobs and additional revenue for Midland? And the most important question is, how much more did Midland County offer to win the sale?

Price certainly is not the issue when the Commissioners' Court is elected to spend tax dollars. Additionally, how much bigger is county government going to become to staff the branch library, or will the main library be gutted? Finally, with Commissioner Jimmy Smith at the helm of the remodeling project, the likelihood of an $18 million remodeling budget is possible.

A final note on the antics of the Commissioners' Court: "Dissent is the highest form of patriotism."

Manuel Lujan

Growth means water is even more important

This is being proclaimed from several sources, and we know similar dry spells have occurred in the past century. Elmer Kelton wrote about the 1951-1957 drought in his book, "The Time it Never Rained." We will have severe droughts in the future. It is nature.

Armed with this knowledge, along with fact that the desert areas of the Southwest never were meant to sustain large numbers of people, why are our city and county governments trying to expand areas of business (i.e., expansion out on Highway 191) to bring more population with a demand for more water? It doesn't make sense to me or to a number of people with whom I have spoken.

Midland is a pleasant city, an oasis with its large trees and green parks for children to play and adults to enjoy. What will happen to all of our trees and shrubs when there is no water? This past summer has been a preview of the loss we would experience with extreme restrictions of water. We had better be concerned with preserving what we have and the capability to sustain it. Otherwise, when the water runs out, we will be left with much of the area deserted and in ruins. Water is a necessity, but availability is limited in our area. Growth is good only where it is sustainable.

Bringing more water to West Texas, when and where available, will be expensive. We had best be thinking of how we can conserve and preserve what we have now in Midland instead of greedily trying to outgrow our limited assets.

Don E. Michael

MMH nurses are angels

My wife, Lela Hunt, is a registered nurse, who has just started her 31st year of service to Midland Memorial Hospital. I want to say thanks to all the nurses and doctors at the hospital. I have been a patient many times. I never have met a nurse or doctor who was rude or seemed not to care. I truly believe it takes a special person to be a nurse. If you think it is an easy job, try it someday.

In March 2005, I passed out at work. I woke in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. At the hospital the doctors examined me. To shorten the story, I had a triple bypass. (Thirty days later I left the hospital.). My guardian angel, Brenda Evans, a nurse on the late shift, told me I could have solid food to eat. She asked if there was something I really wanted. I said a Coke. It was the best Coke I ever drank.

My hats off to the nurses at MMH. My doctors often want to check my blood for something. The lab at MMH — on the first floor — have the friendliest people. They make it a pleasure to give blood.

They hear patients scream, "I'm in pain. Why don't you care?" Why do you think they are there? Nurses have to learn some Spanish because they don't know English. They also learn signs to try and figure out what you are saying. Nurses take it and smile.

So try and be glad you have an angel for a nurse. When you are in serious trouble, they call their friends — other nurses, the prayer warriors, to pray for you. My wife said, "I knew I wanted to be a nurse when I grew up." All nurses need to smile and be proud to say, "I'm a nurse."

May the Lord bless you all.

Donald S. Hunt

Beware: The tax man cometh

■ There are some in the 1 percent who don't mind paying their fair share. They just wish the government wouldn't waste it and ask for more.



BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

This week Caesar came for me, demanding my tax obligation. As a 1 percenter, my burden was substantial, but I'm not whining. I love my country and understand it needs money to fulfill its obligations. So the check is in the mail.

Thirty-five years ago, I was broke, having just graduated from Boston University with a master's degree in broadcast journalism. I was lucky enough to get hired as a reporter in Scranton, Pa., at $150 a week. One problem: I couldn't pay my rent on that. So I picked up an additional $80 a month writing dopey gag lines for "Uncle Ted's Ghoul School," a Saturday night monster fright fest. Stuff like: "Listen, Drac, here's what's at stake."

Throughout the years, I worked hard, took chances, moved all over the country and finally attained affluence. Along the way, I always felt I was paying my fair share to the government. I still do, and I'm getting a bit teed off by President Obama implying I am not. Hey, Mr. President, the massive debt is partly your fault. I had nothing to do with it. This is not a give-take situation. I've taken nothing from the government.

The problem for Obama and the big-spending liberal movement in America is accountability. The outgoing doctor in charge of Medicare, Donald Berwick, told the press about 30 percent of all payments are wasteful, meaning either the health care money is stolen or used for unnecessary treatments. In New York state, Medicaid investigators are fed up with the "pay and chase" philosophy sanctioned by the pinheads in Albany. Pay the dubious claims and chase the perps later if enough proof is developed that they are cheating.

Obama is big on using "income inequality" as a campaign slogan. And, it does exist in America. Folks without a good education or a technical micro-skill are not likely to earn good money. Unions are on the decline, and the public sector is collapsing economically. No longer can the taxpayers afford lavish pensions and overtime payments. The working class is getting hammered all over the place.

So, the Democratic Party wants more of my take-home pay diverted to them so they can give it to those not earning very much. But the Obama administration, like others before it, refuses to watch how the money is dispatched. Therefore, billions of dollars are abused every year. Medicare waste alone costs the country $168 billion per annum.

There comes a time when the truth must be told. The federal government is not built to run massive entitlement programs or health care or even the U.S. Postal Service, which is now going bankrupt. Washington simply cannot administrate to 300 million people no matter how much money pours in.

I work hard and want to pay my fair share. But I don't want my hard-earned dollars wasted by lazy, incompetent politicians pandering for votes. Call me crazy.

JASON EMBRY
Cox Newspapers



Most powerful group in Texas politics has Wentworth in its sights

■ Texans for Lawsuit Reform is backing Elizabeth Ames Jones, setting up a primary showdown worth watching.

On her own, Texas Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones should pose a formidable challenge to state Sen. Jeff Wentworth in the March Republican primary.

She is a former state representative with deep ties to the oil and gas sector who has held statewide office for almost seven years, and she spent almost three years setting up a run for the U.S. Senate before abandoning that race to challenge Wentworth.

But what really makes Jones a threat is that Texans for Lawsuit Reform supports her.

TLR, as it is known around the Capitol, is arguably the most powerful interest group in Texas politics, in large part because of the massive amounts of money it raises from the state's business community. It spent $6.7 million in the past election cycle, and in return it expects legislators to approve bills that limit businesses' exposure to big lawsuits.

It is the Republican Party's answer to the handful of trial lawyers who, because they also spend millions of dollars at campaign time, hold tremendous influence over Democratic legislators.

Helped by national political winds that were blowing in the GOP's direction, TLR knocked a number of Democratic incumbents out of office last year. It gave Republican Marva Beck more than $550,000 to defeat Democratic state Rep. Jim Dunnam, a trial lawyer from Waco and the most outspoken Democrat in the Legislature, and it gave Republican Larry Gonzales $300,000 on his way to a win over former Rep. Diana Maldonado, a Round Rock Democrat.

In announcing their endorsement of Jones in a seat that stretches from San Antonio to South Austin, TLR officials cited Wentworth's vote this year against the final version of a bill reforming the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

The bill reduced the amount of money that coastal homeowners could recover in lawsuits after hurricanes, and it came after trial lawyer Steve Mostyn — by far the most powerful Democratic donor in Texas — made many millions representing property owners hit by hurricanes Ike and Rita.

TLR also knocked Wentworth for criticizing a 2003 constitutional amendment that put new limits on how much money patients could recover in medical malpractice lawsuits and for introducing bills it says would help trial lawyers.

Wentworth spokesman Bryan Eppstein said Wentworth voted for an earlier version of the windstorm bill that drew bipartisan support in the Senate but did not like that the bill was changed by a House-Senate conference committee. (The conference committee reduced the amount that could be recovered in a lawsuit.)

Also, while Wentworth was critical of the damage caps in medical malpractice cases, he provided a key vote to allow that legislation to move forward. And his campaign noted that he has supported 21 out of 23 pieces of "major legislation" TLR touts as accomplishments on its website.

Furthermore, Wentworth's campaign touts an early poll showing he starts the race with a big lead.

But whether TLR and Jones can beat Wentworth — as well as former congressional candidate Donna Campbell, who is also running — would matter well beyond Senate District 25. The 150 members of the Texas House know that, with its vast resources, TLR can make their re-election much more difficult, either in a general election or a Republican primary.

But the 31 members of the Senate, with larger districts and broader constituencies, are less vulnerable to primary challenges. In fact, no Republican state senator has lost a primary in at least 20 years.

Even though Wentworth's vulnerabilities go beyond TLR (he wrote an unfortunate letter criticizing the Texas State University System for not choosing him as chancellor), his defeat would send a message about the risks of going against the group's wishes.

That would be a powerful message because Wentworth isn't the only Republican senator who has frustrated TLR. On the other hand, a Wentworth win would show that even TLR's influence goes only so far.

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Expect cloudy skies today with a high around 47 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph with a 20 percent chance of percipitation. Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy conditions with a low around 39 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

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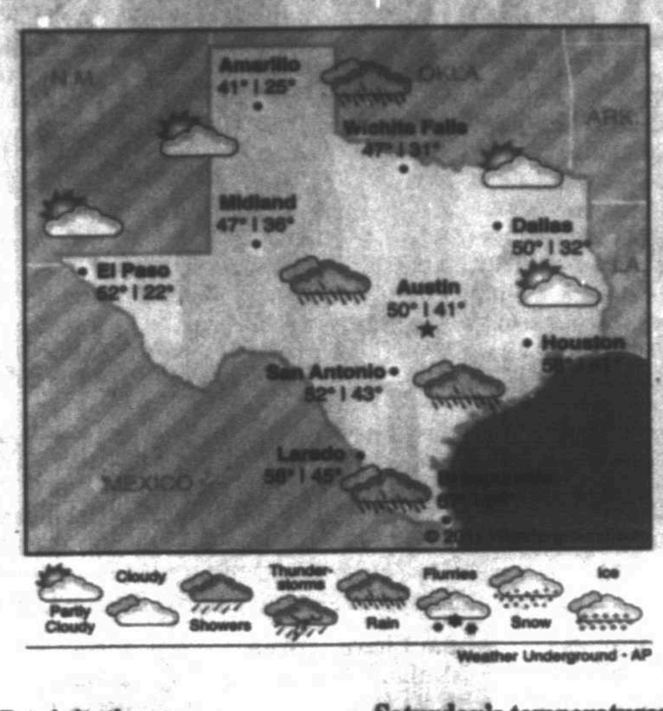
Tuesday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 66, and a low around 52.

The high on Saturday reached 35 while the low dropped to 30. The record high for Dec. 10 is 82 set in 1933. The record low is 15 set in 1978.

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The tranquil weather will continue for much of the country. An area of high pressure will stretch from the East Coast to the Rockies, bringing dry weather. The storm track will remain north of the nation.

A chilly day is in store for the Northeast, despite sunshine in the region. Further south, a moist flow off the Atlantic Ocean will spread showers into the Florida peninsula and the Carolina coast. Temperatures will be a bit cooler than average in much of the region, with the exception of South Florida.



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Total for year	4.48 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.20 in.

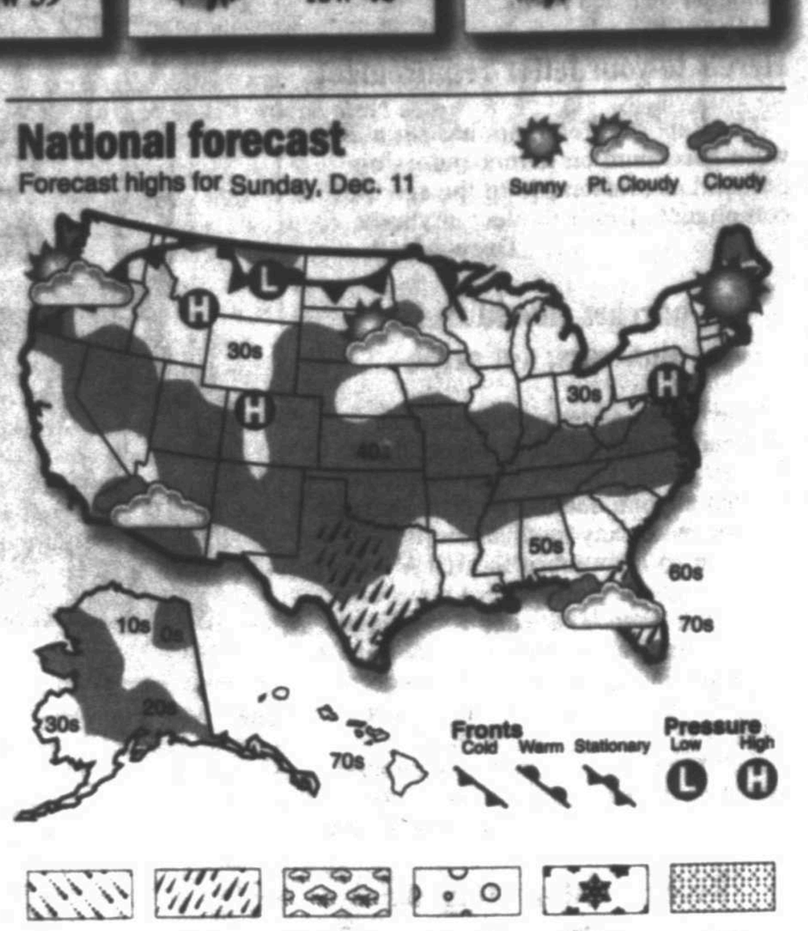
Saturday's temperatures

High	35
Low	30
Normal high	59
Normal low	31

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Sunset ... 5:45 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Dec. 11



RUBEN NAVARRETTE JR.

Washington Post Writers Group

English as 'official language' proves to be language barrier for Gingrich

■ After immigration home run, the former speaker disappoints with another "hot-button issue."

This Christmas, someone should give Newt Gingrich the one gift he really needs: a filter.

I have praised Gingrich on issues ranging from immigration to Social Security. But I wonder, how could someone so intelligent have such a knack for saying things that are so inappropriate? Whatever they call the political equivalent of social skills, Gingrich missed his serving.

Just days after scoring a touchdown by proposing illegal immigrants be given a "path to legality" if they're working in the United States, the former House speaker fumbled in handling another hot-button issue: language.

Addressing a group of conservative voters in South Carolina, Gingrich declared there is an urgent need to establish English as the "official language of government."

And yet, there is no urgency. English isn't going out of style. In fact, it has the remarkable ability to override immigrants' native languages over time. Pick your study and you'll see: Regardless of where immigrants come from, their children are predominantly English speakers and their grandchildren tend to speak only English. What we do need urgently is for politicians to stop being so cynical that they would use the language wars to score political points with one group at the expense of another.

This is the Gingrich game plan. His line about "official English" got an enthusiastic round of applause from conservatives. He was trying to assuage concerns on the right over his humane approach to immigrant workers.

The language line might well have done the trick. At least it succeeded in changing the subject.

There's a cadre of Americans out there who forever are looking over their shoulders because they're terrified that foreign languages (read: Spanish) are drowning out English. This was the crowd Gingrich was pandering to by declaring all government forms, documents, communication, ballots and other materials should be printed only in English. These people really are not concerned about language; mostly, they're worried about where they fit in a cultural landscape that rapidly is changing. And rather than learn Spanish, they'd just as soon ban it.

It's offensive. Not just the concept itself, but that someone would dare suggest it in this day and age. As a former assistant professor of history, Gingrich should have at least a rudimentary understanding of how divisive language can be in our society — and has been since the 18th century when Benjamin Franklin used English as a club with which to pummel newly arrived German immigrants.

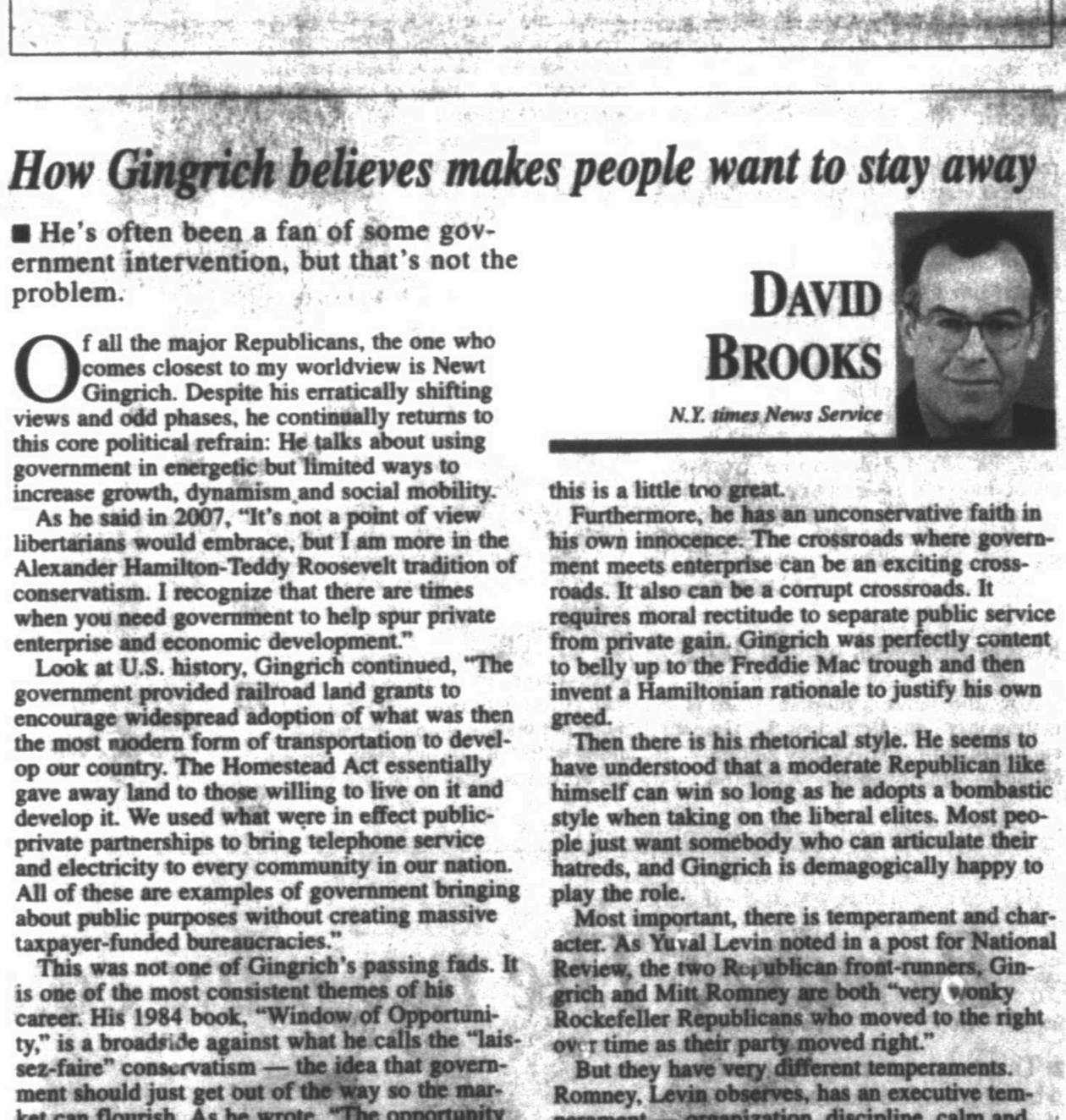
Official English laws almost always degenerate into a loyalty oath, as if one group of Americans is demanding of another: "Pledge your allegiance to the United States! Speak English!"

In our modern era, language most often has been used as a weapon against Latinos. This includes both immigrants and native-born U.S. citizens who have, besides speaking English, chosen to maintain their Spanish. Some of those immigrants have been naturalized, and they vote. And along with native-born Latinos, they're not likely to be enthusiastic about a candidate who threatens to make English the country's "official language." Those who have served in the military probably would feel as if they don't have to prove their allegiance to anyone. Others will see it as an attempt to marginalize foreigners, or those who sound like foreigners, and put them in their place.

This is a community that understands you have to read the fine print. The problem isn't with declaring English the official language of the United States. The problem comes when it's time to enforce that edict by punishing those who don't fall in line. Mexican-American senior citizens have clear memories of going to elementary school in the Southwest where, in the 1940s and '50s, students were paddled for speaking Spanish.

Now we have to ask: If there were an official English law, would a government worker who speaks Spanish on the job, in an official capacity, be reprimanded, suspended or fired? Moreover, would this punishment be meted out even though — as the federal courts have ruled in striking down as unconstitutional state versions of official English laws — those government workers have a First Amendment right to speak whatever language they darn well please as long as it doesn't interfere with their job?

Is this the America Newt Gingrich has in mind? If so, for all his expansive knowledge on a variety of subjects, he doesn't know the first thing about the country he wants to lead.



How Gingrich believes makes people want to stay away

■ He's often been a fan of some government intervention, but that's not the problem.

DAVID BROOKS

N.Y. times News Service

Of all the major Republicans, the one who comes closest to my worldview is Newt Gingrich. Despite his erratically shifting views and odd phases, he continually returns to this core political refrain: He talks about using government in energetic but limited ways to increase growth, dynamism and social mobility.

As he said in 2007, "It's not a point of view libertarians would embrace, but I am more in the Alexander Hamilton-Teddy Roosevelt tradition of conservatism. I recognize that there are times when you need government to help spur private enterprise and economic development."

Look at U.S. history, Gingrich continued, "The government provided railroad land grants to encourage widespread adoption of what was then the most modern form of transportation to develop our country. The Homestead Act essentially gave away land to those willing to live on it and develop it. We used what were in effect public-private partnerships to bring telephone service and electricity to every community in our nation. All of these are examples of government bringing about public purposes without creating massive taxpayer-funded bureaucracies."

This was not one of Gingrich's passing fads. It is one of the most consistent themes of his career. His 1984 book, "Window of Opportunity," is a broadside against what he calls the "laissez-faire" conservatism — the idea that government should just get out of the way so the market can flourish. As he wrote, "The opportunity society calls not for a laissez-faire society in which the economic world is a neutral jungle of purely random individual behavior, but for forceful government intervention on behalf of growth and opportunity."

Over the years, this approach has led Gingrich to support cap-and-trade energy legislation to combat global warming. It has led him to endorse universal health care coverage. It has led him to support humane immigration reform. He enthusiastically backed Jack Kemp's efforts to fight poverty, the precursors to compassionate conservatism.

Though his ideas stray, his most common theme is that government should intervene in crucial ways to create a dynamic, decentralized, low-tax society.

So why am I not more excited by the Gingrich surge?

In the first place, Gingrich loves government more than I do. He has no Hayekian modesty to restrain his faith in statist endeavor. For example, he has called for "a massive new program to build a permanent lunar colony to exploit the Moon's resources." He has suggested that "a mirror system in space could provide the light equivalent of many full moons so that there would be no need for nighttime lighting of the highways."

I'm for national greatness conservatism, but this is a little too great.

Furthermore, he has an unconservative faith in his own innocence. The crossroads where government meets enterprise can be an exciting crossroads. It also can be a corrupt crossroads. It requires moral rectitude to separate public service from private gain. Gingrich was perfectly content to belly up to the Freddie Mac trough and then invent a Hamiltonian rationale to justify his own greed.

Then there is his rhetorical style. He seems to have understood that a moderate Republican like himself can win so long as he adopts a bombastic style when taking on the liberal elites. Most people just want somebody who can articulate their hatreds, and Gingrich is demagogically happy to play the role.

Most important, there is temperament and character. As Yuval Levin noted in a post for National Review, the two Republican front-runners, Gingrich and Mitt Romney are both "very wonky Rockefeller Republicans who moved to the right over time as their party moved right."

But they have very different temperaments. Romney, Levin observes, has an executive temperament — organization, discipline, calm and restraint. Gingrich has a revolutionary temperament — intensity, energy, disorganization and a tendency to see everything as a cataclysmic clash requiring a radical response.

I'd make a slightly similar point more rudely. In the two main Republican contenders, we have one man, Romney, who seems to have walked straight out of the 1950s, and another, Gingrich, who seems to have walked straight out of the 1960s. He has every negative character trait conservatives associate with '60s excess: narcissism, self-righteousness, self-indulgence and intemperance. He just has those traits in Republican form.

As nearly everyone who has ever worked with him knows, he would severely damage conservatism and the Republican Party if nominated. He would severely damage the Hamilton-Theodore Roosevelt strain in American life.

It's really too bad. We could have had a great debate about the progressive-conservative tradition. President Barack Obama is now embracing Roosevelt. Gingrich has tried to modernize this tendency.

But how you believe something is as important as what you believe. It doesn't matter if a person shares your overall philosophy. If that person doesn't have the right temperament and character, stay away.

NATION BRIEFS

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LOS ANGELS

Coroner IDs gunman who stalked Hollywood streets

Authorities on Saturday identified the gunman who was shot and killed by police after he fired at passing cars on a Hollywood street, wounding one driver while screaming that he wanted to die.

The body of Tyler Brehm, 26, was scheduled to be examined later Saturday, Los Angeles County Coroner's Lt. Larry Dietz said.

Brehm walked down the middle of Sunset Boulevard on Friday, firing on motorists with no clear target until police shot him, authorities said.

BOSTON

Police evict Occupy Boston protesters; 46 arrested

Police officers swept through Dewey Square early Saturday, tearing down tents at the Occupy Boston encampment and arresting dozens of protesters, bringing a peaceful end to the 10-week demonstration.

Officers began moving into the encampment at about 5 a.m. to "ensure compliance with the trespassing law," police spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll said.

The city had set a deadline for midnight Thursday for the protesters to abandon the site, but police took no action until early Saturday, making Boston the latest city where officials moved to oust protesters demonstrating against what they call corporate greed and economic injustice.

As police moved in, about two dozen demonstrators linked arms and sat down in nonviolent protest and officers soon began arresting them.

Widow exposes mishandling of troop remains

Associated Press

FRENCHTOWN, N.J. — It took Gari-Lynn Smith more than four years to learn what happened to the final remains of her husband, an Army sergeant killed in Iraq.

The New Jersey widow never thought knowing would be worse than not or that her search would lead to the bottom of a landfill.

"I was told no one wanted my husband, so he was cremated with the medical waste and thrown in the trash," Smith said in an interview with the Associated Press this week from her home.

Her quest to find the truth of what happened to her husband's remains led to an even more disturbing revelation this week as the Air Force acknowledged it had dumped cremated partial remains of at least 274 troops into a Virginia dump — far more than previously acknowledged.

Her story, first told by the Washington Post, along with information from multiple whistleblowers about other mistreatment of fallen soldiers' bodies, became the catalyst for an investigation that found "gross mismanagement" at the Air Force's mortuary in Dover, Del. — the first stop on American soil for fallen troops coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

It's where the body of Sgt. 1st Class Scott R. Smith, a bomb-disposal technician, was flown in July 2006. Smith was killed after he stepped on a pressure plate above a roadside bomb as he worked to clear the area. Several limbs and much of his torso were lost in the explosion, his wife said.

Gari-Lynn became suspicious after she was told she shouldn't ask to see the body before the closed-casket funeral. She ordered copies of the autopsy and learned there were additional remains located, leading to more questions.

This spring, after years of pestering Air Force officials, she received a letter from the Dover mortuary telling her some of her husband's body was incinerated and sent to a landfill. It closed: "I hope that this brings you some comfort in your time of loss."

The Air Force later confirmed that other soldiers' remains were incinerated then handed over to a contractor who took them to the landfill in shipments of medical waste.

The Air Force said remains were shipped to the landfill only in cases in which the family had previously signed a form saying it didn't want to be contacted in the event more remains were found. Scott Smith's parents had signed the form in the days after his death. The forms allowed the Defense Department to "make appropriate disposition" of partial remains that may be discovered.

Unorthodox lawyer preps for Sandusky hearing

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — As he defends a sports figure charged with sexually abusing 10 young boys and manages a case that led to the firing of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, defense lawyer Joseph Amendola has defied conventional wisdom and come out swinging.

He let his client, retired Paterno assistant Jerry Sandusky, get on the phone with NBC's Bob Costas. Then he put him through two days of interviews with the New York Times.

Amendola insists the 67-year-old coach is not the serial predator described by the grand jury, which charged Sandusky with dozens of counts of child sex abuse, including fondling and rape, dating to the mid-1990s.

Despite widespread criticism of his tactics, and questions about his own personal life, the Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Penn State said he's ready to face his client's accusers at a preliminary hearing Tuesday. About 200 reporters and spectators are expected at the hearing, when a judge will decide if there's enough evidence to hold the case for trial.

"I do have a strategy. There is a method to my madness," Amendola, 63, told the Associated Press on Saturday. "This has been a well-thought-out strategy."

A daylong procession of young men are expected to testify Tuesday that Sandusky abused them.

"As bad as it's going to be — and I don't have to tell you what the media frenzy's going to be, it's going to be crazy — but I think if we waive it, we're losing a really important opportunity for Jerry, who maintains his innocence," Amendola said.

The accusers say they were molested at Sandusky's home, on campus, on Penn State road trips and elsewhere.

Some of the alleged attacks occurred in the locker room or during team road trips, once to a bowl game. And Sandusky allegedly targeted the most vulnerable of boys through his children's charity, a cause that had made him a local bigwig after his 1999 retirement from Penn State.



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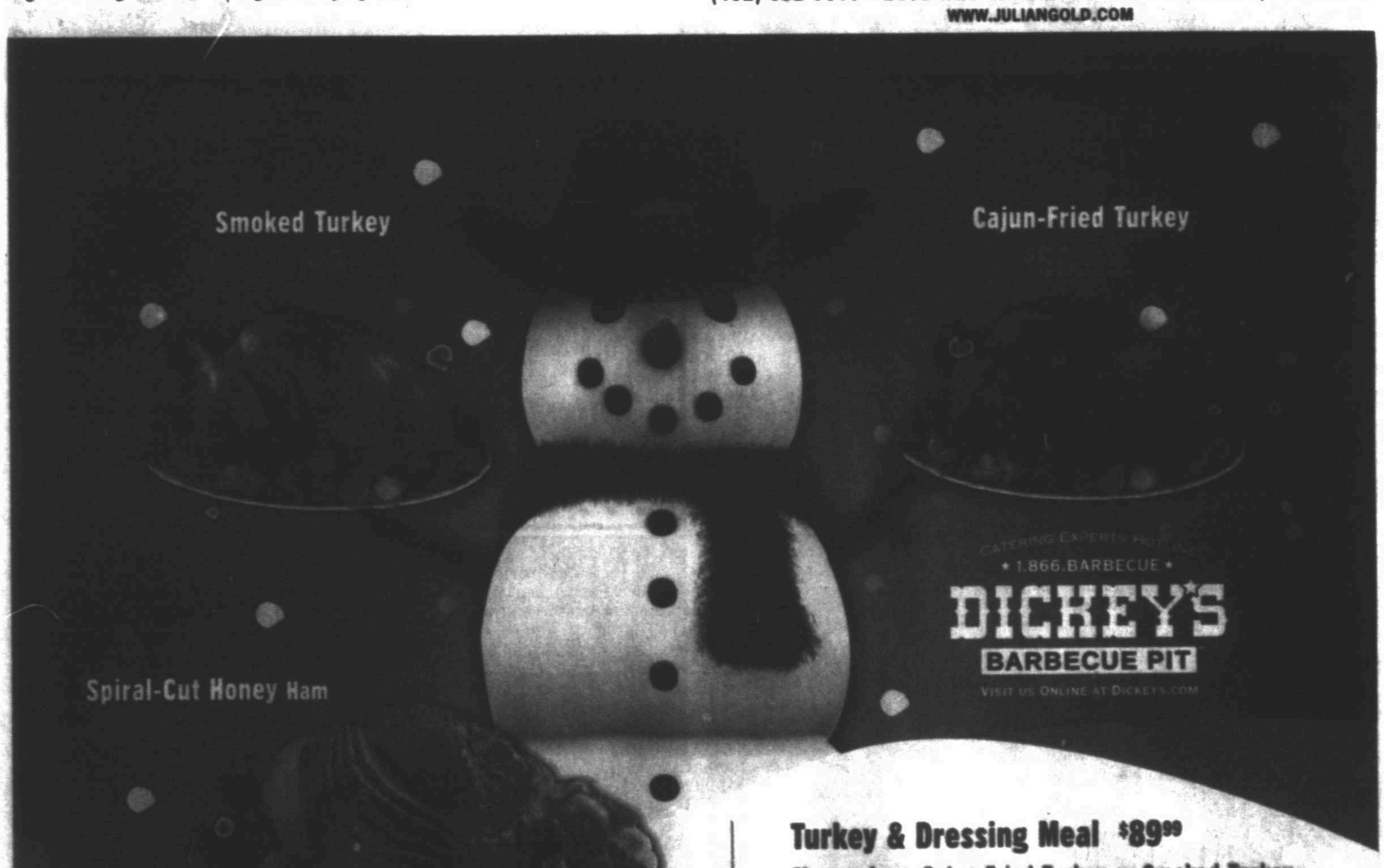
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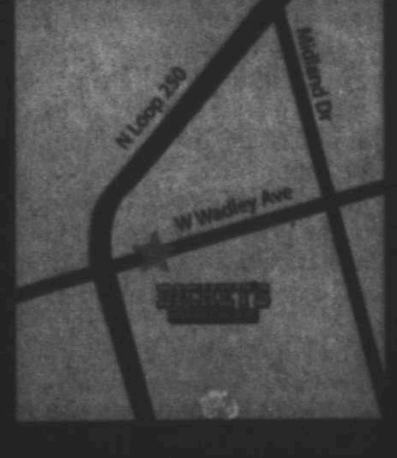
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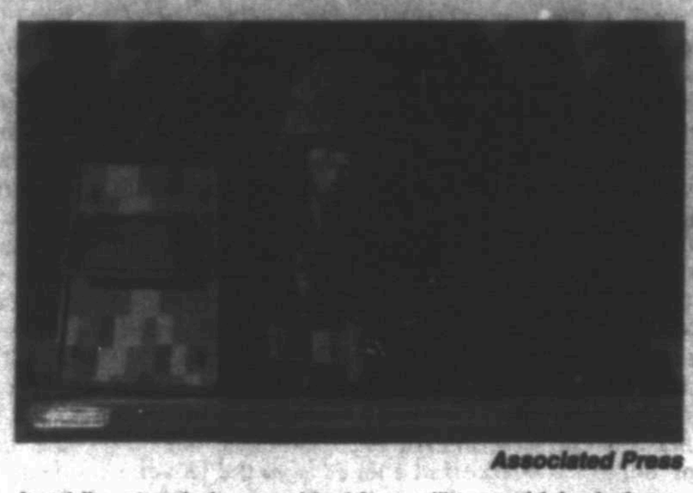


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Despite army takeover, fear strong in Cuidad Mier

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press



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A soldier stands in guard inside a military vehicle during a ceremony at the new army base in Ciudad Mier, Mexico, on Thursday. Calderon deployed a new battalion of more than 600 soldiers to provide protection in Mier where most residents fled violence in 2010 in a conflict that has killed roughly 40,000 people nationwide.

CIUDAD MIER, Mexico — Schoolchildren once again chatter and scamper across the town plaza where drug gang gunmen last year torched the police station and left the remains of a dismembered man.

By night, townsfolk play volleyball across the plaza from the station, whose charred stone facade has been repaired. The plants are trimmed, and streets that once echoed with gunbattles are quiet and clean. Ciudad Mier again is starting to look like it deserves its tourism promotion as a "magical town."

But most businesses are shuttered, and there aren't many cars on the streets, which are often patrolled by Army trucks. The mayor estimates that about a third of Mier's 8,000 people have not returned. Most still are terrified by nine months of gang battles, killings and disappearances that caused them to flee a year ago.

"When we live through an experience in the flesh, people keep that image," said Mayor Alberto Gonzalez Pena. "And sometimes, it's difficult to erase."

The confidence in Mier, or lack of it, has become a test of President Felipe Calderon's latest strategy in pacifying territory that had been overrun by drug gangs in a conflict that has killed roughly 40,000 people nationwide.

A battalion of 653 soldiers arrived in October and paraded through the streets behind a military band when Mexico's army opened its first "mobile barracks" to safely house troops trying to re-establish control in violent areas.

Many residents waved at the soldiers and held signs expressing thanks. The Mexican Defense Department said then the new troops would "without doubt generate confidence and calm" and restore normalcy in the area.

Calderon is expected to formally inaugurate the barracks on Thursday and similar posts are being planned elsewhere across the violent north.

So far, the army has brought security, not confidence. Everybody knows the soldiers are not supposed to be there forever.

Mier sits along a road linking territories controlled by feuding drug gangs, the Zetas and the Gulf Cartel, and it has become an example of Calderon's "clear and hold" strategy for using troops to suppress violence and restore calm, said Samuel Logan, managing director of the Southern Pulse risk-analysis firm specializing in Latin American organized crime.

He said that approach is unsustainable because a temporary army presence cannot substitute for permanent civilian policing.

Now entering his final year in office, "Calderon has to do something," Logan said. "And, he's going to find himself in a pinch between getting something done on one end, which would mean more of these mobile barracks and, on the other, proving that he is pushing for a more permanent solution vis-à-vis increased training for the police force."

Mexico increasingly has turned to troops to take on law enforcement because repeated cleanup crusades have failed to cure the corruption and lack of professionalism that plagues the country's police forces, which organized crime often infiltrates.

When Gonzalez tries to coax his citizens back from Texas cities across the Rio Grande and other Mexican towns, he tells them Mier was an intensive-care patient when they left but now is walking under its own power. Little by little, a phrase used by nearly everyone in Mier these days, the town is recovering, he said.

Those still here now gather in the park or plaza in the evenings, feeling safety in numbers under the protective gaze of soldiers. But, they don't stroll in the streets, and the edges of town remain eerily unpopulated. People there feel exposed. They're not comfortable identifying themselves to strangers, and one quietly assured a reporter that the narcos are still watching.

Founded as an agricultural settlement in 1753, Mier is known to historians as the site of an assault by more than 250 Texas militiamen in December 1842. The Mexican army took prisoners and 17 were executed after drawing black beans from a pot in a lottery to determine who would die.

Until recently, Mier was a picturesque town about halfway along the Texas border between Laredo and Brownsville with a few well-preserved colonial-era buildings. The town was surrounded by ranches famed for dove and deer that drew hunters from both sides of the river. Those ranches also sit on lucrative drug-smuggling routes.

In February 2010, gunmen attacked the police station and seized several officers. Violence peaked that November with days of near-constant fighting, and hundreds of townsfolk fled to the country's first drug war refugee shelter in the nearby city of Miguel Aleman.

Two weeks later, Calderon's administration announced it would send more troops to reassert government authority in the states of Tamaulipas, where Mier is located, and in neighboring Nuevo Leon.

Some of those forces now are at the new mobile barracks. It sits in a clearing of scrub land near the cemetery south of town and is surrounded by a high fence and a wide, cleared perimeter. A few low-slung buildings surround a pole flying a large Mexican flag.

The army said the entire base can be picked up and reassembled quickly elsewhere, but the buildings' solid walls give an impression of permanence.

The talk of Mier recently was the imminent reopening of the restaurant at the Hotel Asya on the freshly paved Alvaro Obregon Avenue. Many hope it will bring back jobs and offer a much-needed dining option.

Just a block up the street, business at a small company that supplies bottled water to homes and businesses is up 20 percent over last year, said owner Jesus Gomez.

Still, that's only half what it was before violence struck and twisted the lives of the citizens.

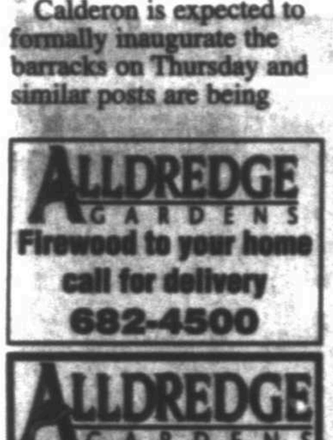
"We didn't leave the house," Gomez said. "You wanted to drink, hang out, you had to do it at home."

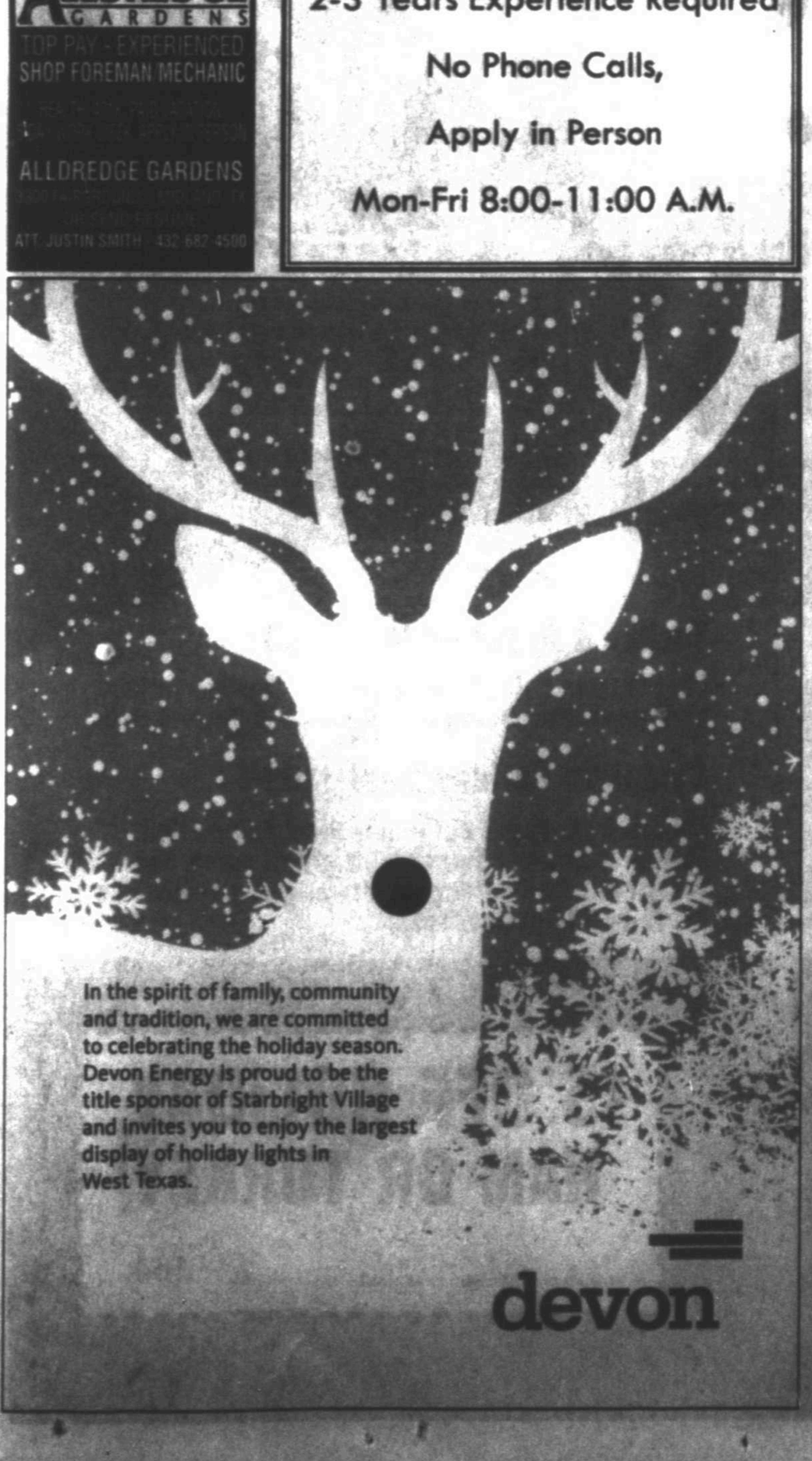


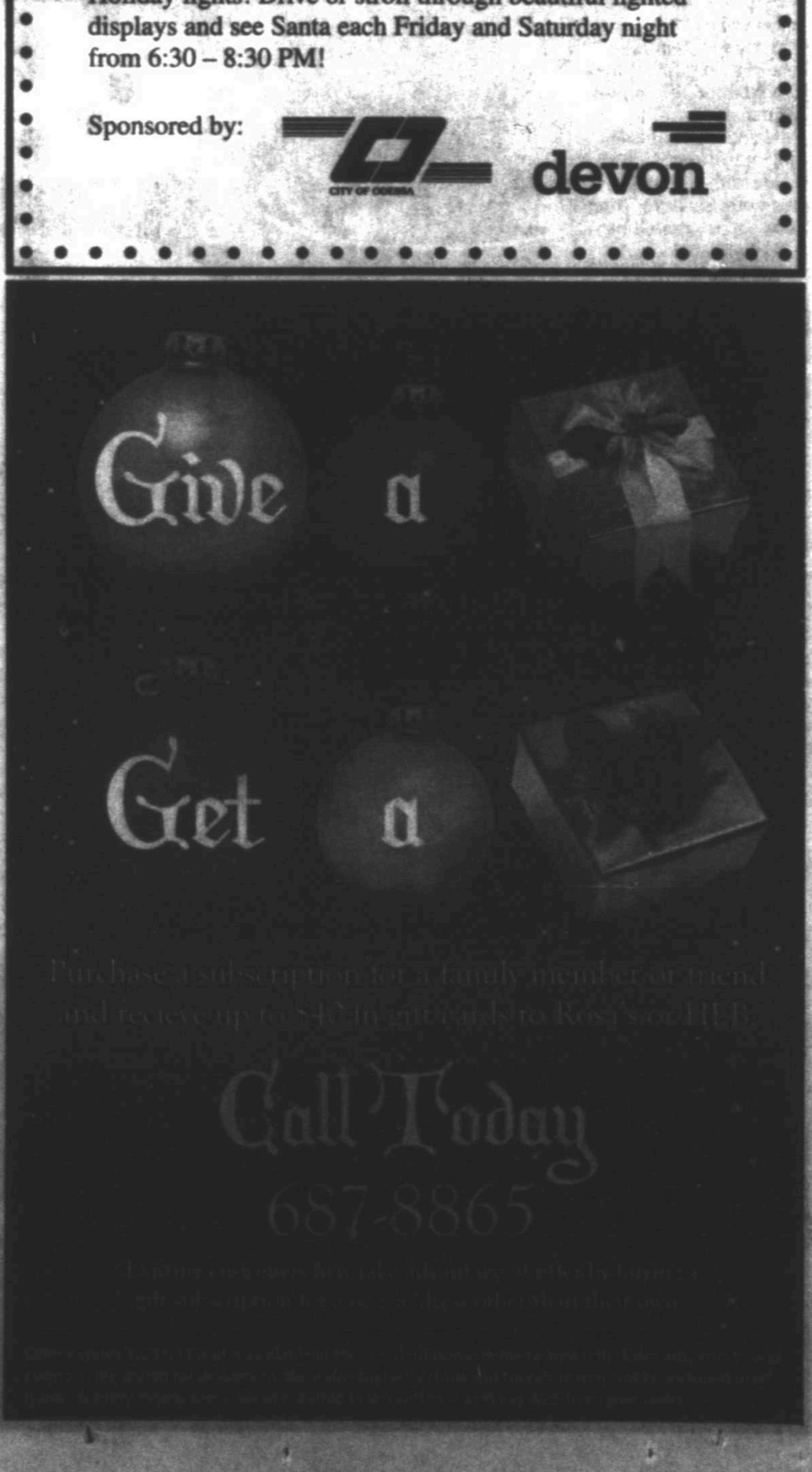












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ARGENTINA

President Fernandez sworn in 2nd time

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine President Cristina Fernandez took the oath of office for the second time Saturday, the only female leader in Latin America to ever be re-elected, in an inauguration marked by a tearful tribute to her late husband and political partner.

Fernandez, 58, held back tears as she pledged before Congress and a gathering of foreign dignitaries to honor the constitution and the memory of the late President Nestor Kirchner.

"I swear to God, the country and the blessed saints to carry out the office of the president and to honor ... the Argentine constitution," said Fernandez, who wore a black dress with a wide belt and sleeves of transparent lace — mourning garb of the kind she has used since Kirchner's death in October 2010.

PERU

Peru Cabinet chief out; interior minister steps in

LIMA — Peruvian Cabinet chief Salomon Lerner resigned Saturday after less than five months in the post and was replaced by the interior minister, who inherits an unresolved dispute over the country's biggest mining investment.

The reason for Lerner's resignation was not explained, but he recently was involved in failed attempts to negotiate an end to protests that stalled the $4.8 billion Conga gold mining project, which has been plagued by increasingly violent protests.

His resignation letter, posted online by the newspaper La Republica, does not make direct reference to the conflict but hints Lerner was unhappy with the government's handling of it.

PHILIPPINES

Filipino militants free US teen after 5 months

MANILA — A 14-year-old American boy who was abducted with his mother and cousin by suspected Muslim militants in the southern Philippines was released Saturday from five months of jungle captivity, the Philippine military said.

The boy, Kevin Lunsmann, was recovered by a village official in Lamitan town on southern Basilan Island, a stronghold of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf rebels, who are believed to be behind the kidnapping, said military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang.

He is now safe in military custody, Cabangbang said, without offering other details.

The boy's Filipino-American mother, Gerfa Yeatts Lunsmann, was freed two months ago after she was dropped off by boat at a wharf on Basilan. Their Filipino cousin, Romnick Jakaria, dashed to freedom last month when special Philippine army forces managed to get near an Abu Sayyaf camp in the mountains of Basilan.

Russia's protests end with hint of change

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Tens of thousands of people held the largest anti-government protests that post-Soviet Russia has ever seen Saturday to criticize electoral fraud and demand an end to Vladimir Putin's rule. Police showed surprising restraint and state-controlled TV gave the nationwide demonstrations unexpected airtime, but there is no indication the opposition is strong enough to push for real change from the prime minister or his ruling party.

The prime minister seems to be in a weaker position than he was a week ago, before Russians voted in parliamentary elections. His United Party lost a substantial share of its seats, although it retains a majority.

The independent Russian election-observer group Golos said Saturday that "it achieved the majority mandate by falsification," international observers reported widespread irregularities, and the outpouring of Russians publicly denouncing him throughout the country undermines Putin's carefully nurtured image of a strong and beloved leader.

Putin "has stopped being the national leader — in the eyes of his team, the ruling political class and society," analyst Alexei Malachenko, of the Moscow Carnegie Center, wrote on his blog.

Putin, who was the president of Russia in 2000-2008 before stepping aside because of term limits, will seek a new term in the Kremlin in the March presidential elections. The protests have tarnished his campaign, but there is no obvious strong challenger.

The most dramatic of Saturday's protests saw a vast crowd jam an expansive Moscow square and adjacent streets, packed so tight that some demonstrators stood on others' toes. Although police estimated the crowd at 30,000, aerial photographs suggested far more, and protest organizers made claims ranging from 40,000 to 100,000 or more.

Elsewhere in Russia, some 7,000 protesters assembled in St. Petersburg, and demonstrations ranging from a few hundred people to a thousand took place in more than 60 other cities. Police reported only about 100 arrests nationwide, a notably low number for a force that characteristically quick and harsh action against opposition gatherings.

The police restraint was one of several signs that conditions may be easing for the beleaguered opposition, at least in the short term. Although city authorities generally refuse opposition forces permission to rally or limit the gatherings to small attendance, most the protests Saturday were sanctioned. In a surprise move, Moscow gave permission for up to 30,000 people to rally and police took no action when the crowd appeared to far exceed that. Just as striking, police allowed a separate unauthorized protest to take place in Revolution Square.



Associated Press

A protester stands during a rally in downtown St. Petersburg, Russia, on Saturday. The sign reads "No vote." More than 10,000 people have protested in St. Petersburg against Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his party, which won the largest share of a parliamentary election that observers say was rigged.

US diplomat: Afghan war not becoming sectarian war

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan said Saturday that it was unlikely the slaying of 56 people at the Shiite shrine on a Muslim holiday would open up a new, sectarian front in the decade-long war.

An extremist group that has been blamed for many attacks targeting Shiites in neighboring Pakistan has claimed responsibility for Tuesday's suicide bombing in Kabul, raising fears it was trying to stoke Shiite-Sunni tensions in Afghanistan.

But Ambassador Ryan Crocker, a veteran diplomat who also served in Pakistan and Iraq, said he did not expect that to happen.

"I do not see this turning into a sectarian conflict just looking at the reactions on the part of the Shia leadership, calling for calm," he told reporters at the heavily fortified U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

He also dismissed a report that the Pakistan-based Sunni militant group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi had a new wing in Afghanistan.

The BBC cited a man claiming to lead the new group and saying that Tuesday's bombing at the shrine was part of a new campaign to target Shiites in Afghanistan. The man, who gave his name as Ali Sher-e-Khuda, told the BBC that Lashkar-e-Jhangvi inspierd his group.

"I am totally unaware of any Afghan affiliate," Crocker said. "I personally doubt very much that there is such a thing."

The bombing, which targeted Shiites commemorating the seventh century death of Imam Hussein, the Prophet Muhammad's grandson, killed 56 people and left more than 160 others wounded in what was the first major sectarian attack in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban regime.

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SANTA RITA STUDENT ORGANIZES FUNDRAISER FOR AFRICAN CHILDREN



Kyle Mahan holds water jugs that were used to collect money at Santa Rita.

Although Midland ISD teachers and administrators stress the importance of benevolence in character education, it's still very special when students take initiative for a philanthropic project. That's what happened this school year when Santa Rita Elementary School second-grader Kyle Mahan approached Principal Kellie Ebenstein with an idea to raise money for better nutrition and clean water for children in Africa.

Mahan was moved when he saw a program on television about the dire situations of many children on the continent. He couldn't forget their plight.

"I heard that more than 29,000 kids had died and I saw a picture of a boy and his ribs and bones were showing and he was starving. It just hit me. I couldn't stand that. I heard a tiny voice in my head and He said I could do something about it— and I did."

For an 8-year-old, helping thousands of children could be a daunting task, but Mahan was motivated. His mother, Jennifer Mahan, a second-grade teacher at Santa Rita, said Kyle has a book at home called "Why Kyle Matters." In it, he records acts that make a difference.

"We try to teach thinking of others," she said. "We think it's important. He's always been generous."

Kyle Mahan said he had worked with his parents to raise money for a leukemia sufferer.

"I've helped kids with things that are hard before," he said. "I just thought I could help the people of Africa."

Ebenstein told Mahan that he should research agencies and find a way for the school to help. After some investigation, Mahan decided the Red Cross program, "Kids Giving Kids Hope," would be the ideal partner.

Ebenstein invited Mahan to speak before his peers in a school assembly. He wrote several note cards with points for his speech, and encouraged his peers to give.

"I spoke to them in the gym and they all listened," he said. "I gave that speech and a few kids came up to me after and told me, 'Great job. Nice.' "

For the fundraiser, grade levels competed in a "Greenback Sabotage." Students filled water containers with coins. Students could subtract from other class's totals by adding dollar bills. The school raised $1,225.70, and the second-grade class gave the most, winning a popcorn party.

"It was excellent," Mahan said of the results. It's like a puzzle. We had all the different pieces in the puzzle to make the difference," he said, referring to the research, fundraising drive, and the donations of his peers.

Ebenstein said Mahan's initiative is unique in her 10 years as an administrator. "I think Kyle is a future leader. We are so proud of him," she said. "So many times, kids say something and don't follow through with it, but he did! He and all of our students are truly learning the meaning of service."

Mahan's mother said she is proud as well, and expects Kyle to continue inspiring others with his giving spirit.

"I knew he would make a difference," she said.

Mahan said he wants to encourage his 4-year-old sister to lead a fundraiser next, since, he said, "She does everything I do." Mahan said he would like to become e a preacher or a paleontologist. Students presented the funds to a representative of the American Red Cross December 9.



MHS & LHS MOAS Programs Successfully Compete in Washington

Students in the MOAS (Model Organization of American States) programs at Midland High School and Lee High School are experiencing a world in which connections between countries and people groups are important and more possible than ever.

MHS has an established program of three decades, while LHS is in its inaugural year. In MOAS, student groups represent real-life countries. They familiarize themselves with the needs and issues of their country and other countries, and create proposals which they attempt to have passed at the MOAS General Assembly, held annually in the Organization of American States building in Washington, D.C.

At this year's assembly the week of November 28, both schools participated successfully. MHS had all of their proposals passed, and two students were named to committees for the next General Assembly in November 2012. LHS had three resolutions pass, and two students were named "Best Delegates" by the General Committee.

The schools represented Midland, along with Trinity School of Midland. Schools from around the country, and other countries as well, gathered.

Midland High School students represented Ecuador and Grenada, while Lee High School represented Guyana. To practice for the experience, students at each school worked together in circles and practiced debating, and defending or asserting opinions. At Lee, students gave a clap of correction every time a peer said "uh" or "um." LHS students seeking to find better solutions sometimes asked questions which left peers stumped. But the challenges they undertake in class are meant to prepare them for the challenges of competition.

"All of the questions are our way of helping," LHS student Monni Roesner said. "In MOAS you learn how to talk with people and in front of people, to organize thoughts and take the heat of questions."

MHS student Clayton Smith said MOAS helps with "quick-thinking, public speaking, being able to debate and keeping your cool."

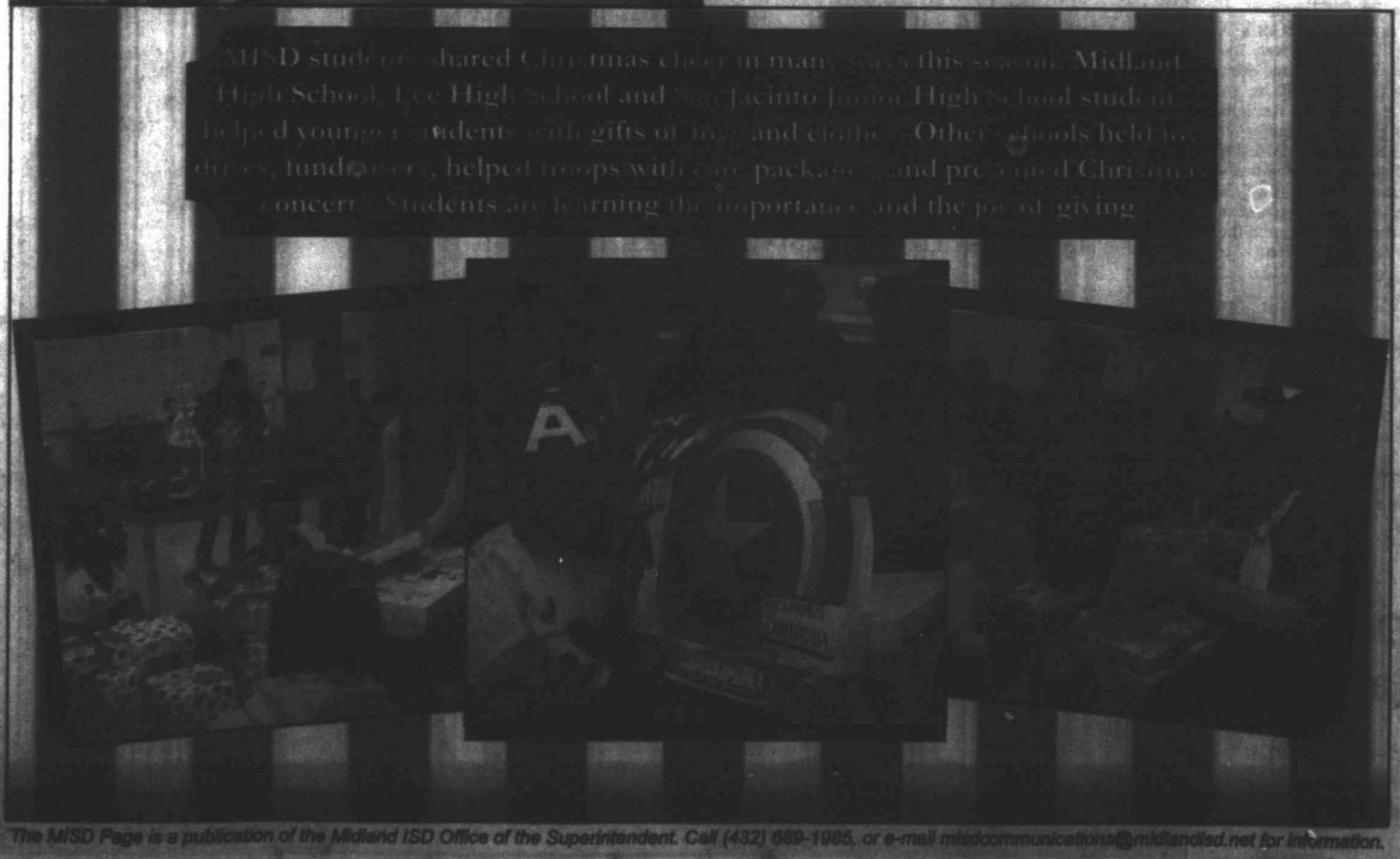
Other students said the program would help prepare them for college, job interviews and careers.

Molly Barham, a MHS student, said, "I want to major in foreign relations. The experience in MOAS has made things more clear for my path."

Ruddy Tchao, a LHS student, said he is interested in being an attorney or going into politics. "I wanted to see how other countries worked," he said.

Tina Ortez, LHS MOAS sponsor, said the experience learning about government, countries, and traveling to Washington, D.C. is enriching for students. "MOAS opens students' minds to the world," she said.

Michelle Boardman, MHS MOAS sponsor, said she has enjoyed seeing students' skills and confidence grow over time.



MISD students shared Christmas cheer in many ways this season. Midland High School, Lee High School and Sam Lee into Junior High School students helped younger students with gifts of toys and clothes. Other schools held toy drives, fundraisers, helped troops with care packages and presented Christmas concerts. Students are learning the importance and the joy of giving.

LOCALELVESHELPOUT



Don McGraw, Jimmy Primera and Betty Young discuss what children have been asking Santa's Helpers for Christmas Friday afternoon at the Terrace West Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Children call Santa's Helpers with Christmas wishes

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

When the phone in the lobby rang, Don McGraw, who was sitting closest to it, pushed his wheelchair next to the table and answered it.

"Santa's hotline," he said as he picked up the phone. "Santa's helper speaking. Have you been a good little kid this year?"

He paused and waited for a reply.

"Well, what do you want Santa to bring you?"

Since Dec. 1, residents of Terrace West Nursing and Rehabilitation center have hooked up a white telephone to a private line in the lobby and crowded around it waiting for it to ring.

They wear red and white Santa caps — "It makes us official," Betty Young said with a smile — and wait for the calls that begin daily at 1 p.m.

"It makes my day and afternoon," Jimmy Primera, a retired teacher, said. "I've kind of felt that it gives me something to live for."

McGraw, Young and Primera are Santa's Helpers. When Terrace West, activities director, suggested hosting the hotline this year, the three volunteered to man the station near the front door and take turns talking to the children who call.

Last week, administrator Dave Johnson put a sign in front of the center with the phone number "694-6076" and started telling the kids in the area to call between 1 and 6 p.m. every day to give Santa their wish list.

The busiest time for the hotline is after 4 p.m., when school lets out. As of Friday afternoon, Santa's Helpers received 74 phone calls. They will continue the program until Christmas Eve.

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Julio Villescas, 9, and four other children with the Midland Boy's and Girl's Club receive new bicycles Saturday morning. The Milford Pipe & Supply company hosted a team-building exercise to benefit the underprivileged youths. The pipe company began building the bicycles about 10 a.m. and presented the bikes about noon as Christmas gifts. There are three other bicycles to be presented to other children at a later date.

Photos by James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

Number of Hispanic children in poverty rises

By Melissa Fletcher Stoeltje
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Most nights, Guillermina Garcia Zarate, 40, does well if she cobbles together even three hours of sleep.

In the wee hours she finds herself tossing and turning, her mind a beehive of worry: Will she have enough this month to feed her four growing children? What if her food stamps run out? What if her car breaks down and she can't make it to her part-time job? What if she gets sick?

"Every day, I struggle to meet my kids' basic needs — forget about extras," said Zarate, who was born in Monterrey, Mexico, lacks a high school diploma and doesn't speak English. "I worry I won't be able to cover expenses. I get so depressed."

Zarate, whose second husband died last year, came to Texas in 1995 and became a legal resident in 2000. She and her children live in a subsidized housing project, where she supports them on a mixture of her late spouse's disability payments — he was injured in a chemical factory accident — public aid and the proceeds from her minimum-wage job in home health care. When it's not enough, Zarate bakes cakes and tamales she sells out of her home.

> "According to recent U.S. Census data, more Latino children now live in poverty than Anglo children — a first-time demographic shift that experts tie to the recession and explosive growth among the Hispanic population over the past decade.

Her family typifies a troubling picture of how Hispanics are faring in the nation.

According to recent U.S. Census data, more Latino children now live in poverty than Anglo children — a first-time demographic shift that experts tie to the recession and explosive growth among the Hispanic population over the past decade. The Census Bureau currently defines the poverty level in Texas as an income of $22,113 a year for a family of four.

The number of Hispanic children living in poverty grew by 36 percent from 2007 to 2010 to 6.1 million. In contrast, the number of Anglo children (5 million) and African-American children (4.3 million) who are poor grew also in that same period, but more slowly — about 17 percent and 11 percent, respectively.

While there are more poor Hispanic children, African-American children still have the largest percentage — 39 percent — living in poverty in the U.S. The current poverty rate for Hispanic children is 35 percent; for Anglo children, it's 12 percent.

A similar shift happened in Texas, where Hispanic children for the first time surpassed African-American children with the highest poverty rate in 2009 — a trend that held true in 2010, when the rate was 35.6 percent to 33.5 percent, respectively.

The number of Hispanic children in poverty grew twice as fast as their overall population growth in Texas from 2007 to 2010.

Given that they make up almost half of the child population in the state, these numbers trouble

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Women, don't think I have forgotten about you



I've written a couple of these real-life columns designed for the ears of men only and I've had some women wonder when I was going to devote this space to women only. Well, gals, this is your day.

I've often thought that women never really understood men, and there are a few rules that must be observed if you are to connect over a long period of time. The following list is a must for those of you contemplating marriage, but a few of you more mature women might be able to pick up a thing or two along the way.

So, here goes with Things Women Should Know About Men.

1. It is not a good idea to ask a man what he is thinking about unless you are ready to discuss sports or auto parts. And when you do ask such a question, don't change the subject.

2. Never ask a man to stop somewhere to obtain directions. Marco Polo and Christopher Columbus didn't need directions, and neither do we.

3. Honestly, men don't mind talking to women, but we ask only one small favor — do it during the commercial. That's when a woman can get our full attention, unless, of course, we are watching two games at once.

4. Men take you at your word, so if he asks you what is wrong and you tell him nothing, he will act like nothing is wrong. He's not stupid. He knows something is wrong, but he's not going there unless forced.

5. Never ask a man a question unless you are prepared for a truthful answer. A question like, "Do you think I'm fat?" is a dangerous beginning to a very long conversation.

6. It is not true that guys don't like "chick flicks." Just pick one where the guy wins the girl and lops off a few heads in the process.

7. This should come in handy right now. A day of shopping at the mall is not our idea of a fun day. But if you want to go fishing, watch a football game or play a round of golf, you'll have a willing partner.

8. You must get this in your head from Day One with a man. Really, we don't notice the dust on the furniture.

9. Don't spend time asking a man what you should wear to any outing. We just want you to be ready on time. We really don't care what you wear.

10. If you happen to get in an argument, heaven forbid, don't open old wounds by making your point over a battle you already won six months ago. We don't remember what we ate at the last meal, much less what we said six months ago.

11. By nature, men are visual creatures. Chances are we will not understand anything you tell us if it's above a seventh-grade level. Truly, you probably married a 14-year-old for life.

12. Get over that old toilet seat argument. You are old enough to put the seat down yourself.

13. If you ever hope to win over that perfect guy, learn to cook. Cooking is the most

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Obituaries



Beth Mosley

Beth Mosley, 47, of Midland passed away on Friday, December 9, 2011 at the Hospice Inpatient Unit in Midland.

She was born on April 10, 1964 in Ardmore, Oklahoma to Robert and Mary Lou Young Montgomery. She was a graduate of Andrews High School and Texas Tech University. She married her high school sweetheart and best friend John Mosley.

Family meant everything to Beth and she loved the quality time they spent together. She was involved in all of her boy's activities and was always there to support them in whatever endeavor they took on. She was a very giving, generous and unselfish person with a gentle spirit. Her strong Christian faith was evident in her life. Beth was an all around great mom and hard worker. She was a dedicated City of Midland employee for over 20 years.

She is survived by her husband, John Mosley of Midland; father, Robert Montgomery of Midland; sons, Jared Mosley and Matthew Mosley also of Midland; Candace Fisher of Andrews; one brother, Bobby and his wife Denissa Montgomery of Odessa; mother-in-law, Pat Mosley of Andrews; brother-in-law, Willie and wife Patsy Mosley of McCamey; sister-in-law, Lisa Mosley of Andrews; aunts and uncles, Bill and Barbara Young of Wister, OK and Glen and Jimmie Young of Muskogee, OK; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Mary Lou Montgomery, father-in-law Jack Mosley and brother-in-law Victor Mosley and Burton Young.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:00 pm on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at Kelview Heights Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Berry officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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Charles Allen Bird

Charles Allen "Charlie" Bird, 77, of Midland, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2011 in Midland, TX. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, December 12, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland with Pastor Steve Schorr, officiating.

Charlie was born December 2, 1934 in Midland to Ethel (Williams) and Freeman Allen Bird. He attended high school at Allen Military Academy in Bryan. He also attended Texas Christian University. Charlie married Kay Bast on June 29, 1974 in Midland.

He was a past president and/or director of Ruidoso Jockey Club, Racquet Club, Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Hereford Association, and Texas Angus Association. He was a member of Shikar Safari Club International, Dallas Safari Club, Safari Club International, NRA, American Quarter Horse Association, and Masonic Lodge, as a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Charlie was a prominent businessman and rancher. He was especially interested in fishing, hunting and all aspects of the horse, bull riding and rodeo. He was devoted to his family and immensely proud of their accomplishments, and they in him. They will cherish the many memories.

Charlie will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, and possessing the highest standard of honor and conduct, his sense of humor and sound judgment. His smile could light up a room and his laughter was contagious.

Survivors include wife, Kay of Midland; daughters, Kathy Bird Taylor and husband Craig of Houston and Elizabeth Bird Kinsey and husband Rob of Sturgis, Michigan; grandchildren, Kathryn Taylor, Noah Kinsey, Luke Kinsey and Thomas Kinsey; and numerous other family members.

The family expresses special thanks to loyal and loved employees: Annie Thomas, Soledad Primera, Manuel Catano, Loreen Broom, Mary Sullivan, Luke Lucerno, Tim Bob Wilson, Jim White, Marcus dela Rosa, Terry Clay, and Steve Kinzer.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702, Dr. Gregory Bartha Scholarship at Midland College and Ruidoso Downs Race Track Chaplaincy, PO Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jose Dominguez, Decker Dawson, G.W. Brock, Christmas Barber, T.O. Midkiff, Charlie Dean, Chuck Hansen, Chris Scharbauer, Clarence Scharbauer, Sr., Dr. Greg Bartha, Charlie Mashburn, Boots O'Neal, Gene Willingham, Joe Mabee, Bobby Holt and David Mackey.

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Evelyn Phillips Cowden

Evelyn Phillips Cowden, 93, of Midland, passed away Friday, December 9, 2011.

She was born in Dallas, TX on September 7, 1918 to Edna and George Phillips. They moved to Midland in 1928 where Evelyn graduated from Midland High School. After graduation, she attended Hockaday Junior College; from there she went to the University of Texas at Austin, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

Evelyn married Wright Elliott Cowden, a Midland native, on October 19, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1996.

She is survived by two children, Wright Elliott Cowden, Jr. of Midland and his wife Melanie; Carolyn Cowden Gigac of Dallas and her husband William. Two granddaughters, Sharon Cowden Peddercord and husband Timothy of Austin; Caran Cowden Martin and husband Douglas of Grant Pass, Oregon. Two great-grandchildren, Hunter Douglas Martin of Grant Pass, Oregon; Jessica Martin Sharp and husband William of Roy, Washington and one great-great-granddaughter, Brooklynn Meredith Sharp of Roy, Washington.

She was a past member of Minuet Club, Midland Country Club, Racquet Club, Petroleum Club, Junior League, Eldorado Country Club and Vintage Club, Palm Desert, CA. Evelyn was an avid golfer and exerciser, loved to grow orchids and travel around the world.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

The family would like to thank Essie Rean Holden for her 68 years of service to Evelyn. Kind Keepers caregivers, especially Jan Otho, along with Rebecca, Martha and all the other caregivers who took care of Mrs. Cowden in her later years. Also the First Presbyterian Church for their thoughts and gifts, and her long time office employees, Marilyn Schwalmkrug and Bob Beck.

Graveside service is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 12, 2011 at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

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Inez Arnold Compton

Inez Arnold Compton
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Inez died of natural causes in Aurora, CO where she had lived the last three years. She was preceded in death by husband Alfred Arnold (1979) and Roy Compton (1992). Survivors include children Eugene Arnold (Sherry) of Aurora, CO and Joy McGregor (Bob) of Carrollton, TX; six grandchildren; several great and great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Red and Thular McGhee; her daughter, Dorothy Chesnut; 3 brothers, Leroy, Billy and Dean McGhee; and a sister, Doris Martin.

Services will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Letha Othel (McGhee) Isbell

Letha Othel (McGhee) Isbell, 80, passed away in Abilene, Texas, December 8, 2011. Services will be held at the Eastside Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 11, 2011 in Haskell with Rev. Bobby Isbell and Rev Jimmy Tarvin officiating. Burial will be at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. A visitation is scheduled for Saturday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Isbell was born November 12, 1931 in Rochester, Texas to Ireland (Red) and Thular McGhee. She married Jack Isbell in Haskell in 1946 and has lived in Haskell County most of her life. Those that knew her know she was an avid hunter and loved to fish, as well as crochet and cook.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Isbell; three sons, John Isbell and his wife Linda of Loving, NM, Alvin Isbell and wife Valerie also of Loving, NM, Tony Isbell and wife Crete of Midland, Texas; her sister, Mary Westerman of Haskell; a brother, Alfred McGhee of Highland, Texas; 15 grandchildren; several great and great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Red and Thular McGhee; her daughter, Dorothy Chesnut; 3 brothers, Leroy, Billy and Dean McGhee; and a sister, Doris Martin.

Death Notices

Connie Sue Griffis Whitney

Connie Sue Griffis Whitney, 57, of Andrews, formerly of Coleman, died December 9, 2011 at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Funeral services 2:00 p.m. December 12 at Community Baptist Church. Burial Valera Cemetery.

Preceded in death by her mother.

Survivors: Husband, Jim Whitney of Andrews; daughters, Ricka McKee of Andrews and SuJo McKee of Coleman; father and stepmother, Mark and Mary Griffis of Coleman; stepdaughter, Christi Jobe and husband Chase of Carrizo Springs; step-son, Trent Whitney and wife Michelle of Virginia Beach, Virginia; one step-brother; one stepsister; and four stepgrandchildren.

Visitation December 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Stevens Funeral Home, 400 W. Pecan Street in Coleman www.livingmemorials.com.

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Ex-gang member finds hope in reading program

By Christina Rosales
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Kenny Null, 34, reads a simple sentence in his literacy class downtown: "This morning we had waffles for breakfast." But his eyes see it differently.

Learning to read is a battle for Null because of his dyslexia, but it's getting easier now that he's taught himself to diagram words phonetically, making careful marks in his workbook.

"I wanted to learn to read so that I can read to my son," the former East Dallas gang member said. "I wanted to write and read my recipes and find out things I didn't know."

For almost a year, Null has been attending free classes through Literacy Instruction for Texas, a 50-year-old North Texas nonprofit whose mission is to improve the quality of life in a community by educating adults.

Before, Null was among the 21 percent of people in Dallas County classified as illiterate. That's based on data from 2003, the most recent available, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The figure was 16 percent in 1992.

Given the high dropout rate in North Texas and the continuing growth of the immigrant student population, that number is expected to keep increasing, said Lester Meriwether, the former president of Literacy Texas. A good indicator of literacy, he said, is the high school graduation rate. For Texas as a whole, it's 84 percent. For the Dallas Independent School District, it's about 68 percent, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Null, who grew up in public housing projects near Dolphin Road, said that before his literacy class, it had been a long time since anything in a classroom engaged him. He remembers being at O.M. Roberts Elementary School, where someone took him and other poor children shopping for Christmas. (The 102-year-old school, on Grand Avenue just south of Interstate 30, was demolished this summer.)

But soon in school, Null was faced with a choice. Many in his neighborhood regarded gang membership as a prerequisite to becoming a man. He said he joined because of the promise of fortune and respect.

"The stuff he did, it was bad," said his younger brother, Jeremy. "He had a real bad attitude."

That was expected. Kenny and Jeremy have two older brothers who were also involved in gangs. They fought often and wreaked havoc in the neighborhood.

At 16, Null was sent off to Job Corps training in Oklahoma, where he learned cooking and the electrical trade. He then attended Johnson & Wales culinary school in Rhode Island, where he learned gourmet kitchen skills.

He was 17 — and still hadn't learned to read.

Null, who says he has a photographic memory, figured out how to cook without reading recipes. He memorized the spellings of key ingredients, and he tastetested everything during his three years in culinary school.

"I had to go off my senses," he said, adding that his way led to more creativity.

When he arrived back in North Texas, however, he still hadn't severed his gang ties.

By the time he was 19, he was sent to the Connally prison in South Texas for aggravated robbery. He fought a lot in prison and was stabbed twice in the five years he was there, he said.

Upon his release, he said, "I had to get out of the gang. I had to do something right with my life."

He was 24.

Null and his girlfriend had a son four months ago. Kenny Junior, or K.J., was his motivation for starting literacy class.

At a recent class downtown, Null's teacher, Susan Mosty, sat with him as they "attacked" words that start with W.

"Remember, bossy W? It tells vowels to sound different than normal," she told her student — the only one to show up for the day's session. The class began with nine students and is down to four.

"Kenny's a really good student," Mosty said. "Very dedicated."

Jeremy, 25, who has also been involved with a gang, said Kenny pushed him to start taking literacy class three months ago.

"He's a different person now," Jeremy said. "I wanted to be a part of that change in him."

He admits that the classes didn't excite him at first. "I guess I wasn't that enthusiastic about it, but I realized it helps me get away from my boys in the neighborhood."

He said the gang members in his neighborhood still pressure him. Resisting that pressure "is not as easy for me as it is for Kenny," he said. "But I have to ignore it. I have three daughters. I don't want them to live like that." His daughters are 6, 5 and 1.

After a recent class, the brothers sat in their classroom. Kenny spoke with pride about his younger brother.

"Jeremy has changed, too," he said. "He's more productive now. He's really a smart person."

"You think I'm smart, for real?" Jeremy replied.

Kenny nodded and stared at his feet. The whole time Jeremy was growing up, hardly anyone told him he was smart. He's had a hard time finding a job, in large part because of his illiteracy. He's lived on disability checks since he became independent — a word he had just learned to spell in the previous class.

Jeremy is a slow learner. That difference was a challenge in elementary school, but in his literacy class, there's time to help him gain confidence. LIFT's approach uses diagnostic tools to figure out what has hindered a student from learning to read.

"We take the fear out of the learning process and teach people to home in on the decoding problems they've had in the past," said LIFT's president, Lisa Hembry. "Once we do that, adults can learn pretty fast."

Kenny said learning to read has helped him move forward. "I can think about my future," he said.

Still he's reminded of the past whenever he's turned down for a job as a chef because of his record.

He hopes that won't matter someday. He said he wants to write a book about learning to read and learning to cook. Some of his recipes will be included. Seafood is his favorite.

"I was a bad kid; I had to change my life to be a good person," he said.

"I can have joy in reading. I can read to my baby, and he smiles at me. I think he's very interested."

Helpers

From 1B

"It's so much fun to talk to the children. So many of them have such neat ideas," Young said.

Brothers, bicycles and Barbies. It's what many of those calling in are asking for. Siblings especially, seem to be the hot topic this Christmas season.

"I had a little girl ask for a baby sister. I told her Santa will have to talk to her parents but we'll see what we can do," Young said, smiling.

Other requests have been for a pickup, a new house for their family and a pony. Some even have gotten specific with the details, such as asking for a purple bicycle.

"I had a little boy ask me if I was one of the 'little people.'" Young said. "Then he started calling me Betty Elf."

When the children ask if they can speak to Santa, the three helpers tell them that he's back in the factory making lots of toys.

The majority of the kids calling seem to be between the ages of 3 and 5, and McGraw and Primera said sometimes they can hear the parents in the background coaching the kids. Some kids are too shy and hang up before telling their wish.

But getting them to talk isn't hard for Young, who said she just talks to them like she did when her sons were younger.

As the three sat around the small table with the phone, they compared the children's wish lists.

The phone rang again.

"Have you been real good?" McGraw asked.

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com.

The Santa Hotline runs every day from 1 to 6 p.m. now until Dec. 24. Call 694-6076 to speak to one of Santa's helpers or send an email to christmaslistmidland@yahoo.com.

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Plane crash reminds neighbors of real meaning of Christmas

Editor's note: Natalie Mulvahill, 14, is a home-schooled freshman who writes for the Reporter-Telegram's @tallcityteens section. See the next @tallcityteens section Dec. 19 for more stories from local teen writers.



NATALIE MULVAHILL
@tallcityteens writer

Dec. 2 began with a bang. As I finished breakfast, a sudden power blip was heralded by a loud boom. Immediately, sirens wailed just outside my house. Alarmed, I rushed outside, unprepared for the shocking scene. Less than a block away, a huge fire roared from the roof of a neighbor's house. Smoke poured out and spread across the sky. Fire trucks and police cars congested the street, and an ambulance parked right in front of my house.

By now, all of Midland has heard about the small plane that crashed into a neighborhood, burning an elderly woman's house. I live only a few houses away from where the catastrophe happened, and I witnessed the entire event because I home school. This totally unexpected trauma changed my whole perspective of Christmas and what it means to be a neighbor.

Watching the flames consume the house, I prayed nobody was inside it, realizing guiltily I had no idea who lived there. After asking the other neighbors who were crowded around the scene, I learned with relief the owner of the house, an 81-year-old woman, had escaped safely with her two dogs. But, I was completely stunned to hear the cause of the fire — a plane crash. I thought such accidents stayed on the TV screen and never could land in my mundane life.

As more fire exploded through the roof of the house, I shivered in the 34-degree weather. The chilling fog blended with gray clouds, yet outside people grinned as they snapped pictures of the fire with their cellphones. I wondered how Facebook photos and submitting snapshots to news channels could be the first things on everyone's minds.

When I retreated into my house to grab warmer clothes, I noticed my mom filling a tray with cups of hot coffee and cocoa. Clutching a bottle of creamer, I accompanied her into the cold as she distributed the hot drinks to firefighters and police. With my nerves strung-out from the stressful chaos, I needed to do something besides staring helplessly. Joined by my younger brother, we emptied countless packets of hot cocoa powder and refilled the coffee pot over and over, until my mom had supplied nearly every cop, firefighter and reporter with a drink.

The plane also had destroyed another neighbor's garage, car and storage unit. Noticing the couple standing in the cold, my mom invited them inside our house to warm up.

During the ordeal, several reporters interviewed us, which I was selfish enough to get excited about. The reporters informed us the pilot was alive, only suffering a broken wrist. That reminded me what really mattered, and I thanked God nobody had died.

Many long hours later, after the firefighters had extinguished the flames and most of the emergency vehicles had departed, I endeavored to finish homework. However, mental images of the chaos and blazing fire distracted me, and I cringed every time a plane flew low over my house.

As I stared discouraged at an incoherent jumble of words that was supposed to be an essay, a fire truck rumbled through the street and I feared something else had combusted. Instead, several firefighters knocked on our door to give my mom a grocery bag of coffee and creamer as a thank-you gift for her service. Their appreciation felt more special than my appearance on TV that evening, because my "15 seconds of fame" was trivial in comparison.

Every time I see the charred ruins of my neighbor's house, I thank God for protecting everyone. The accident enabled us to meet our neighbors and even show a little hospitality.

Christmas will be different for some of my neighbors. One lost her house and practically everything she owned; another lost a car. Christmas decorations, memorabilia and everything else stored in the garage.

But Christmas also will be different for me. Now I understand what is important. Presents, lights and ornaments won't last forever — fire or no fire. But gathering with my entire family safe and sound in a sturdy house, even if it's a bit too small to hold us all, is a miracle to be truly thankful about and the greatest gift I could ask for. It shouldn't take a catastrophe to remind me of that.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sarah L. Baldwin, 37, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Danny M. Beesinger, 62, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of violation of parole.

Arthur B. Beshears, 38, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of forgery of financial instrument.

Justin D. Free, 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

David Quintanilla, 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of being a fugitive of justice.

Jennifer M. Ramirez, 24, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of hindering the apprehension of a known felon.

Tracy D. Shackelford, 35, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Jason L. Spraglin, 31, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

Paul Villafranco III, 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of forgery of a financial instument.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

WILLIAMSON

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underrated dating technique in the wooing process. You can win a man without cooking, but it sure makes your job a lot harder.

14. A man knows he's really not king of the house, nor will he ever be, but let him think he is.

15. All I can say is to follow all the rules above, and it will vastly improve other areas of your life.

Thought for the Week: You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

POVERTY

From 1B

advocates.

"Because Hispanic children are the largest group within our child population, their fate is intricately tied to the success of Texas as a whole, both now and in the future," said Frances Deviney, senior research associate for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, an Austin think tank that advocates for poor Texans.

The root of poverty

Apart from the poverty data, other studies show Latino families saw the largest decline in household wealth — 66 percent — during the recession of any ethnic group in the country, a disproportionate hit linked to the housing market collapse.

A host of social realities fuels the financial struggles of Latinos, experts said, including low levels of education and work skills and recent immigrants whose jobs are concentrated in sectors like construction and manufacturing.

Hispanic immigrants and their native-born children and grandchildren will comprise almost one-third of the U.S. workforce by the mid-century, projections show. A young population, they'll partly be responsible for supporting an increasingly aging populace as it slides into retirement.

Lawmakers need to take action now, said the CPPP's Deviney — to protect current social programs for the poor, create good jobs and build long-term plans to reduce poverty. That means investing in early, secondary and post-secondary education — a goal that flies in the face of recent $5.3 billion cuts to public education in Texas.

We neglect the plight of Latinos at our peril, she warns.

"Poverty is a consequence of the way we structure our society. It's a problem that can be solved."

More firings, discipline in jail escape

Associated Press

CLOVIS, N.M. — At least one more Curry County jail employee has been fired and others disciplined in the wake of a Nov. 13 prisoner escape.

The Clovis News Journal reported that County Manager Lane Pyle announced Friday that he took the actions against four more jail employees after hearings he chaired. A jail supervisor had been fired immediately after the escape.

The personnel actions came after 35-year-old Narcizo Soto Jr., of Clovis, walked out an unlocked jail door after being allowed on a work crew despite his classification as a violent inmate. He quickly was recaptured.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA

Texans among fatalities in two crashes

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said four people have been killed in separate double-fatality crashes in the state.

The OHP said the first crash killed 28-year-old Maria Jo Praeger and 23-year-old David Robert Lawrence — both from Canadian — about 8 p.m. Friday.

Troopers said the car driven by Praeger crossed the centerline of Oklahoma Highway 51 and was hit by an oncoming sport utility vehicle. The SUV driver is hospitalized in stable condition.

Troopers also said 17-year-old Mitchell Woodward of Tulsa and 21-year-old Jeff Daugherty of Tulsa were killed and a 16-year-old boy was seriously injured about 11:45 p.m. Friday on Interstate 244 near Tulsa.

The OHP said the car driven by Daugherty went off the roadway and hit a guardrail — then rolled several times.

AUSTIN

Mexican Mafia members sentenced

A federal judge has sentenced 17 members and associates of the Texas Mexican Mafia on drug charges.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that all except one of those sentenced in Austin on Friday received prison terms longer than 10 years.

One gang member, Ruben Flores, received a 30-year prison term and 10 others got sentences of more than 20 years.

In July, a federal grand jury indicted 18 members of the gang on heroin and cocaine conspiracy charges. The charges against one defendant were dismissed. The rest pleaded guilty.

Those sentenced range in age from 24 to 61 and are from various cities in Central Texas.

SAN ANTONIO

Man sentenced for illegal gun buys

A federal judge sentenced a South Texas man to seven years in prison for taking part in a scheme to illegally buy firearms.

Santiago Munoz was sentenced during a court hearing Friday in San Antonio after he previously had pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to make a false statement in a federal firearms record and two counts of providing a firearm to a prohibited person.

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TOTAL		$ 22,363.83

*Money used for food for Christmas food boxes and was donated to Helping Hands to be used for that purpose.

We continue to see many very sad situations where people come to Midland hoping to make a new start with the opportunities afforded by our abundance of job openings. Last week we assisted a couple who moved here from Oklahoma. He hoped to get an oilfield job. He had applied at several companies and was waiting to hear back on results from the drug tests. He said that he did not use either drugs or alcohol, but it oftentimes takes several days to get the results back and no hiring could take place without those results. They had come into town on the bus and they had no vehicle. What little money they had on arrival did not take them far. With rooms in the "less than choice" motels going for a minimum of $80/night it does not take long to run out of money in Midland today. They tried staying in a shelter, but it was full. Because his wife was in a wheelchair the shelter let them stay in the lobby until closing time. After that they were sent out into the cold.

The next day the couple came into Helping Hands. The husband had pushed his wife's wheelchair across town because he was told by a resident at the shelter that we might be able to help them. On meeting with the couple we felt fairly sure that he would have no trouble finding a job in Midland. He was big, strong and very fit and appeared to be someone who would be very willing to work. Our hearts went out to this couple who carried all of their earthly possessions in a duffle bag and 1 grocery sacks. We asked him why they were in such a position, and he explained that his wife was in a car accident that had wrecked their vehicle and left her paralyzed from the waist down. The car was not insured. Medical costs and the therapy that followed ate up just about everything that they had. The time that he spent caring for her cost him his job. They had hit rock bottom. But then he heard about this place in West Texas....

We were blessed to be able to find the couple a vacant motel room in a motel that offers us discounted rates. Luckily the room was even on the ground floor, making it wheelchair accessible. We packed up a box of food that could be prepared in a motel room (they usually contain only a small refrigerator and a microwave). We paid for the room for three weeks, which hopefully will be enough time for him to land his job and get his first paycheck.

This is just one of many, many cases that we see each week in Midland, involving people who come here for that new start only to find the cost of living to be the highest they have every seen. We put many of these disillusioned people on the bus and send them back home. We wish we could find a way to warn them before they set out, but even if we could, if someone is desperate enough to follow their dream, they probably would not heed our warnings.

Still, we wish the above couple well. Something tells us that with the husband's strong sense of persistence and his loving commitment to his wife, they just might make it here. Let's hope so.

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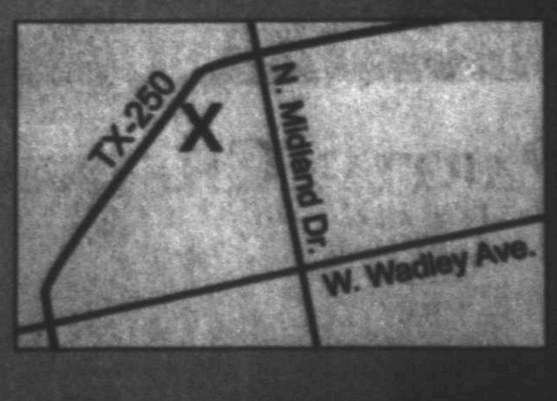
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KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

When the money runs out, government goes begging

■ There's not enough money for Parks and Wildlife, and that has created problems.

I hope you were paying attention Tuesday when a major Texas agency crossed into a new world of state agencying.

As far back as anyone can remember (or at least as far back as I can remember, and I'm just this side of geezerdom), government has had limited options for gathering the money needed to do the important things (and the other things) government does.

Here's the list of what government folks call "revenue streams": taxes, fines, fees, civil penalties, change found in sofa cushions at the Capitol. That's pretty much it, I think. We hate taxes and fees, don't like to pay fines and civil penalties and can't figure out how the change wound up in the sofas. But, the system has worked.

On Tuesday, in 11 news conferences in state parks, we added a new way for government to raise money. It's not new to humankind, just new to governmentkind. You see the method in action on street corners among folks down on their luck. (Best sign I've seen recently: "If'd say some change would do me good.")

It's begging. A major state agency, facing a budget crisis, now is begging. Please add this to your expanding list of signs that we are, as leading economists term it, screwgified (pronounced screw-ji-fied).

"We need to raise $4.6 million to keep state parks operating, and we can't do it without you," it says on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website.

Remember the January 1973 National Lampoon magazine cover that said, "If you don't buy this magazine, we'll kill this dog?" Parks are the puppies of state government. Even commies love parks and puppies.

"I'm here for one simple reason," the department's Executive Director Carter Smith says on a video backing up the begging. "Your state parks need our help now more than ever. Record drought, devastating wildfires, associated declines in park visitation and revenue have created a real sense of urgency in a time of critical need for your state parks."

The department calls it the "triple whammy."

"If we're going to keep these special treasures open for all Texans to use and enjoy, we need to raise $4.6 million," Smith said.

Our state parks long have depended on tax allocations, park entrance fees and contributions to a Parks and Wildlife-related foundation. That's not cutting it any more.

At a news conference at McKinney Falls State Park in Austin, Smith detailed the problem at our 94 state parks and historical sites: It costs about $69 million a year to run them. For a long time, about half that money has come from fee-paying visitors. It seems like a good model, but, thanks to the triple whammy of drought, heat and wildfires, the model is broken.

And that means the department is en route to additional job cuts. Park services and hours also could face trimming. This summer, Parks and Wildlife whacked 230 jobs and enacted some cuts in hours and services. That was caused by a 21 percent spending cut ordered by lawmakers.

There's also the Legislature's history of not giving the department the full share of the sales tax on sporting goods, which is supposed to go to parks. Legislative Budget Board figures show that tax was projected to generate $236 million in the current two-year budget cycle. But the budget sent only $82 million of it to Parks and Wildlife.

The state's general fund got the rest as lawmakers struggled to write a two-year budget without raising taxes. They succeeded. And now the department, which always has sought donations to its foundation, is into unprecedented begging.

Amazing. And let's see if this new revenue stream catches on with other cash-strapped state agencies.

Here's a thought: If begging fails, maybe Parks and Wildlife will have to make a tough decision between parks and wildlife. Maybe we can't afford both.

Squatters claim more than $8 million worth of properties

By Yamil Berard
McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH — While county officials were asleep at the wheel, Tarrant County became a magnet this year for an odd assortment of squatters claiming other people's houses.

The cast of characters includes a homeowner who scooped up a dead neighbor's house; a woman who came to Fort Worth from Memphis to lay claim to a $2.7 million mansion; people who cited Bible verses as legal justification for taking properties; and career criminals who grabbed homes to lease to tenants.

All told, county records show that squatters and their associates claimed more than $8 million worth of properties, from Grand Prairie, Mansfield and Arlington to Fort Worth, Haslet and Keller, according to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram examination of county documents. Some of the squatters' elaborate schemes have stumped law enforcement officials. One Tarrant constable has even asked the Texas Attorney General's Office for help in straightening out the mess.

"Everybody is just trying to learn what in the world is going on," said Mansfield Constable Clint C. Burgess. "It's the craziest thing how anyone could be so brazen to just break into a home and start living in it."

The schemes are hard to unravel because of a loophole in a state law that allows people to suddenly claim supposedly abandoned sections of property if no owner is on the spot to challenge such a claim. The law's intent was to help ranchers and others who had tended vacant land for years, so they could eventually gain legal ownership of the property. That's done by filing a document called an adverse possession affidavit with the county clerk.

But the law doesn't distinguish between a claim on a $27 section of sod and one on a $2.7 million mansion with an elevator, three master bedrooms, a five-car garage and a pond with fish in the backyard. File the proper paperwork, pay a $16 filing fee, keep up with the property taxes and live in the house three years or more, and even the courts may not be able to evict you.

Properties vulnerable to squatters include those whose owners died. Other properties belong to people absent from their homes because of work or illness. They can return to find their houses trashed, their belongings gone and their privacy violated — all while the neighbors watched in shock.

"This is the worst thing that I've been through," said Joe Bruner, a certified public accountant in Arlington whose neighbor's home was seized by two squatters in October. "It's not healthy for anybody, for the neighborhood, for the county. It's just not healthy for humanity.

"You don't come in and steal somebody's home."

Squatters moved into his neighbor's furbished $405,000 house in late October. Bruner and another neighbor told the Star-Telegram that squatters had pushed a commercial trash bin into the driveway and filled it with the home's belongings.

Police records report that tens of thousands of dollars in valuables were removed, including a $10,000 stamp collection, the electric wheelchair of the homeowner's elderly mother, bottles of Chanel perfume, Judith Leiber crystal purses and a hand-carved ivory armoire.

At the time, the homeowner was in Houston undergoing chemotherapy.

Other Tarrant homes have become spoils of the housing crisis — foreclosed properties whose ownership is difficult to track. Some banks that service loans after foreclosure don't make sure the properties are secure.

Some financial institutions contacted by the Star-Telegram were not aware that squatters had claimed homes for which they were servicing the loans.

That was the case with the Fort Worth mansion seized over the summer by a 28-year-old former Tennessee insurance agent. The home — among Tarrant County's priciest dwellings — had been vacant for about two years, neighbors said.

Neighbors said it was foreclosed on in January and a Sotheby's Realtor had been trying to sell it. But in August, Samantha Carter showed up and tried to claim the property. She called police and told them they had no authority to tell her to leave because she had adverse possession. Later that month, Carter pulled the "for sale" signs from the ground and busted the chain from the mammoth gates that lead to the property's 3-acre gardens, neighbors said. Police were called and she was apprehended, along with a man who had a set of chain cutters, according to the police report.

"These people are romanticizing the idea that they could get a house for nothing," said retired physician Ben Termini, who called the police on the pair. "It's morally and legally wrong."

The foreclosure was serviced by Chase Bank, but spokesman Thomas Kelly said it doesn't have the power to evict squatters. The owner, Bank of America, does. It has had to stop marketing the house until it can get Carter's affidavit dismissed, Kelly said.

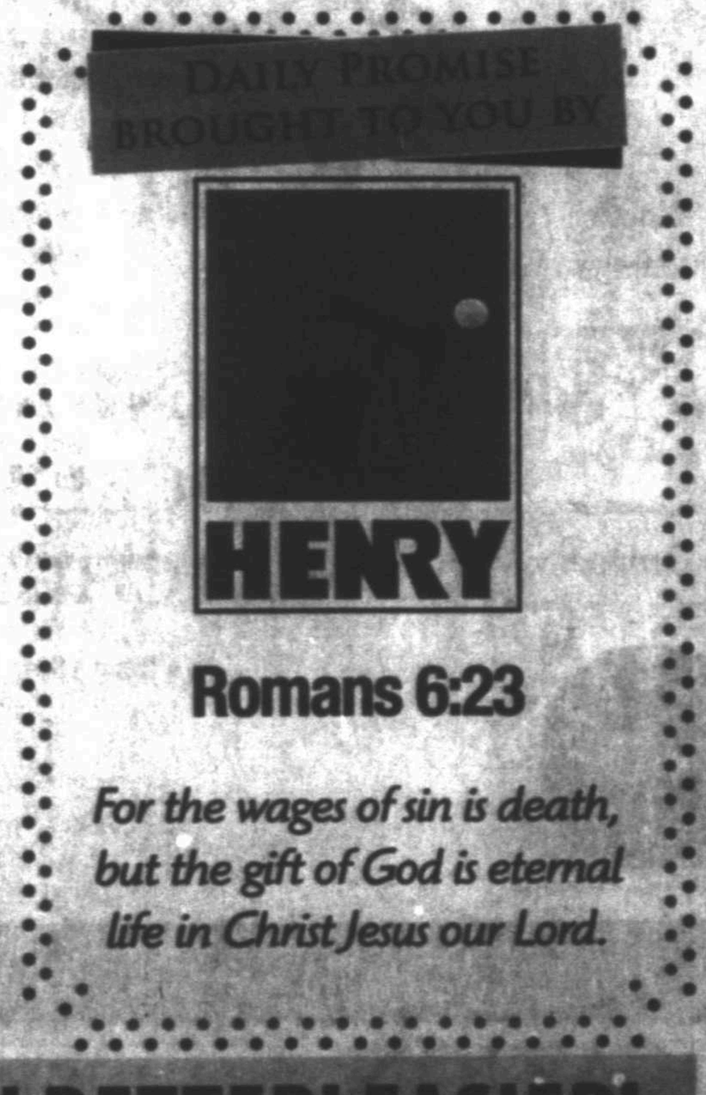
A good share of the blame, some angry neighbors and homeowners say, should go to the Tarrant County clerk's office for not policing the process and, instead, apparently accepting adverse possession affidavits from anyone who wanted to file one. Some of the affidavits are filled with legal mumbo jumbo; in some cases, people filed affidavits on more than one house, claiming that they were domiciled in each; in other cases, squatters copyrighted their own names. The Tarrant office also accepted affidavits on properties in Dallas County.

Legitimate or not, the affidavits create a real estate nightmare, muddying up the title of homes and making them impossible to sell.

"The county clerk's office should have standards and procedures in place (for a squatter) to prove that the house is abandoned and that you can pay taxes and will be maintaining the property," Termini said.

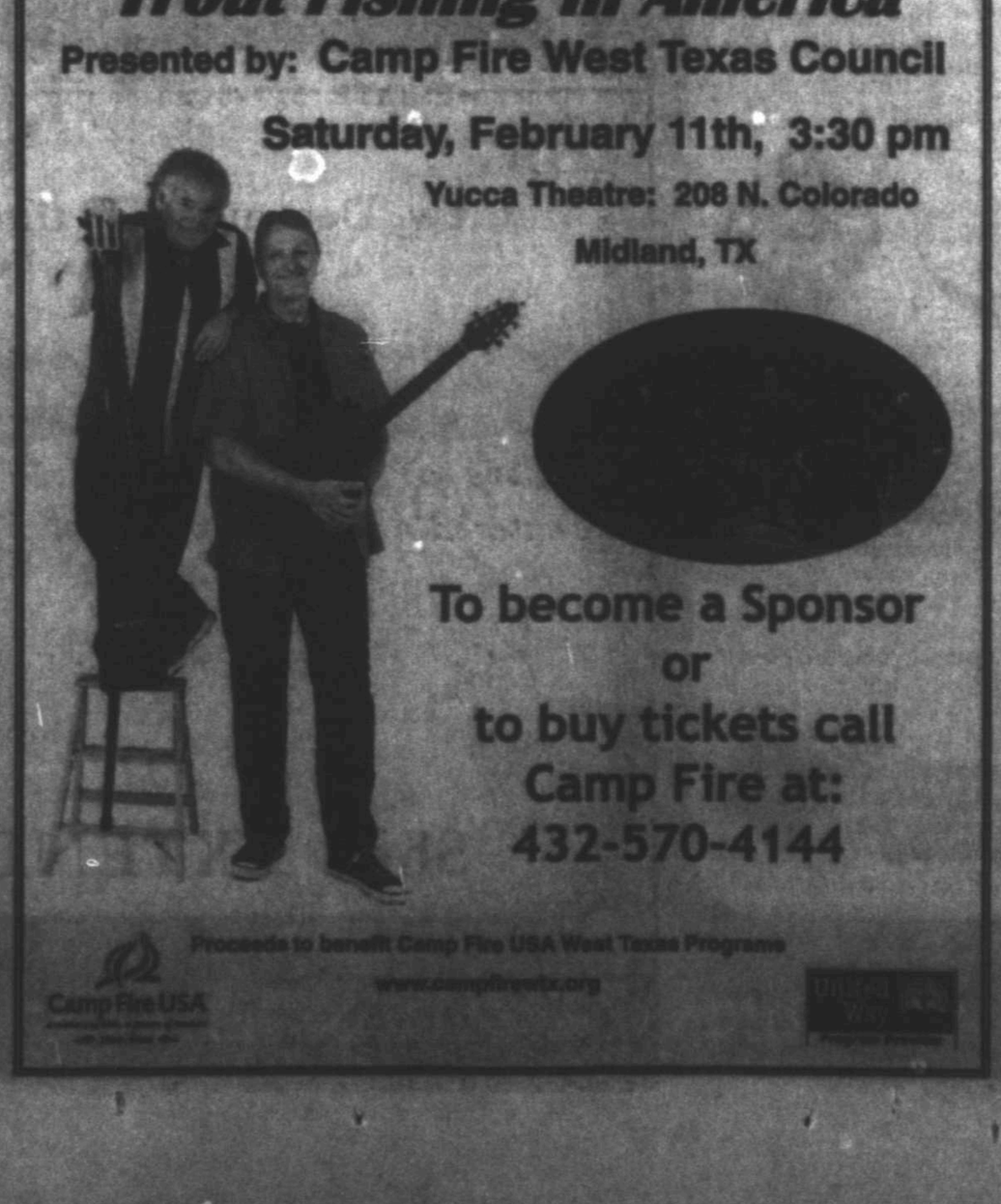
"They should make people prove the property is meeting the standard for adverse possession."











'Dallas' returns to city it made famous

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — J.R. Ewing has returned to Dallas.

With Larry Hagman reprising his role as the conniving Texas oilman, filming is under way at locations all over the city for TNT's new television series "Dallas," which will also see the return of Patrick Duffy as J.R.'s brother Bobby and Linda Gray as J.R.'s ex-wife Sue Ellen, along with a new generation of Ewings.

And, of course, the spotlight also returns to the city itself, with its distinctive skyline rising from the prairie.

"We're trying to give the show a real sense of place and Dallas has a real personality," said location manager John Patterson, adding, "It's a city that does things in a big way. That's part of J.R. and part of what we try to give the show — a sense of the city, which is big, very well done, shiny, new and looking toward the future."

TNT has ordered 10 episodes of the series, set to air in summer 2012. Filming for the series, entirely shot in Dallas, began mid-October and is expected to wrap in late January.

"There was just no way we were going to film anywhere else," said executive producer Cynthia Cidre, who also wrote the pilot for the new series, a "mix of the old world and the new world."

The original series, which aired from 1978 to 1991, enjoyed popularity around the world as viewers tuned in to watch the scheming Ewing family. As the plot twisted and turned season after season, the series contributed to some of TV's most memorable moments. After Bobby died in a season cliffhanger in 1985 after being hit by a car, the entire next season was revealed to have been a prolonged dream sequence when his former wife, with whom he had reconciled, wakes up to find him alive, taking a shower. The 1986-87 season then mark's Duffy's return to the cast after a yearlong absence.

And, of course, there was the cliffhanger in 1980 that left the whole world in suspense. The catchphrase "Who shot J.R.?" became part of the common vernacular as viewers waited to find out who had fired on J.R. When viewers tuned in for the answer on Nov. 21, 1980, the shooter was revealed to be J.R.'s vengeful mistress, who was also his sister-in-law. That episode was seen by more people than any TV program in history until that time.

"That phrase. I don't think there's a country in this world that you could find someone who doesn't know what that is. And it all goes back to 'Dallas,'" said Josh Henderson, who plays J.R. and Sue Ellen's son, John Ross.

Henderson, who was born in Dallas and spent part of his childhood here, said that working with Hagman has been a little surreal.

"I find myself sometimes just looking at him sometimes going, 'Wow, this is really happening. This is really 'Dallas' again and I'm really kind of family and kin to the J.R.," Henderson said.

Hagman, who said returning to Dallas to film the legendary show again has been like "coming home," says that this time out, the plots are even more complicated.

"Everybody's double-dealing here. I mean everybody," he said.

Hagman, who turned 80 in September, announced in October that he has been diagnosed with "a very common and treatable form" of cancer but still planned to continue work on the reboot of "Dallas." Hagman underwent a liver transplant in the mid-1990s.

Holiday night lights on display throughout state

By Peggy Whisler
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror, there are plenty of opportunities to get in the holiday spirit before Christmas. Texas lights up for the holidays, especially in smaller towns where volunteers often work hundreds of hours to make their cities shine.

Across the state, you might find anything from an ice sculpture of Shrek to a 150-foot-tall poinsettia made of lights, the world's largest rocking horse or a life-size gingerbread house.

The ultimate in Christmas displays and activities can be found in Grapevine, the Christmas Capital of Texas. The town, just north of Dallas/Fort Worth, offers 1,400 Christmas events, a nightly synchronized light display, ice skating, holiday musicals, family movies and opry programs.

Grapevine's Gaylord Texan hotel turns 2 million pounds of ice into an interactive display of sculptures from TV's "Shrek the Halls"; Kung Fu Panda Awesome Snow Tubing offers a snow-covered eight-lane tubing hill. (Ice, $21.95-$26.95, 3 and younger free with adult, through Jan. 1; tubing, $15.95, through Dec. 31.) The hotel's Lone Star Christmas features 1.5 million lights, a 52-foot rotating Christmas tree and life-size gingerbread house.

Kids can meet Santa on the North Pole Express, an hourlong train ride with caroling, hot chocolate and a Christmas tree maze (Dec. 16-21; $18; free to 2 and younger). Or take a wagon ride through decorated historic neighborhoods during Christmas on Main (Fridays-Saturdays through Dec. 18, $1). For details of all Grapevine events, go to GrapevineTexasUSA.com.

Galveston's Moody Gardens hosts one of the largest holiday celebrations on the Gulf Coast, with a mile-long, million-light trail and live entertainment nightly.

Festival of Lights also has holiday films, (including "Polar Express" in 4-D, with snow flurries and the smell of hot chocolate), an outdoor ice skating rink, pictures with Santa and snow every Saturday. It's open Thursday-Saturday, and Dec. 14-Jan. 1. Admission is $5.95; activities cost $6 each. 800-582-4673; MoodyGardens.org.

Marble Falls' Walkway of Lights packs 2 million lights in a quarter-mile display reflecting off Lake Marble Falls. The walkway, now in its 21st year, draws visitors from as far away as Japan, South America and Asia.

The self-guided tour through Lakeside Park off U.S. 281 has 160 light sculptures. It's free and open nightly through Jan. 1. For details, call 830-693-4449 or visit MarbleFalls.org.

Here's a look at holiday lights across the state:

HILL COUNTRY

Eleven Hill Country communities unite as the Texas Hill Country Regional Christmas Lighting Trail. Bandera, Blanco, Boerne, Burnet, Dripping Springs, Fredericksburg, Johnson City, Kerrville, Llano, Marble Falls, New Braunfels and Wimberley decorate their downtowns and offer an array of events, such as Main Street Bethlehem in Burnet, Kinderfest in Fredericksburg and Las Posadas in Wimberley. For details, call V830-997-8515 or visit tex-fest.com/regional/index.htm.

EAST TEXAS

Marshall: Wonderland of Lights offers more than 1 million lights in the historic town square, ice skating, double-decker English bus tours, rides on the world's largest rocking horse, snow tubing and more. Through Jan. 1. 903-702-7777; VisitMarshallTexas.org.

NORTH TEXAS

Frisco: Frisco Square puts out 175,000 lights for Christmas in the Square. Drive, stroll or take a carriage through the computerized light show. Weekend events in this city just north of Dallas include snow machines, a hot air balloon glow and a parachuting Santa and elves. Through Jan. 7. 469-633-1721; FriscoSquare.com.

Cleburne: Whistlestop Christmas, in the Fort Worth suburb's 12-acre Hulen Park, features 3.5 million lights, a decorated steam engine, holiday plays and, on Dec. 17, a snow mountain ($3-$10). Through Dec. 31. 817-645-2455; WhistleStopChristmas.org.

Wichita Falls: Animals are the stars of ElectriCritters, a walk-through display at River Bend Nature Center with 150 lighted, animated critters. See a skunk chase Santa up a tree, dragons, turtles, birds and more. Visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Rudolph, roast marshmallows and hear stories. Fridays-Saturdays through Dec. 17 and Dec. 22-23. $5: 2 and younger, free. 940-767-0843; RiverBendNatureCenter.org.

SOUTH TEXAS

Cuero: Christmas in the Park has 140 displays of gingerbread houses, trains and Victorian and Western scenes in Cuero Municipal Park. See a live nativity scene Dec. 13-24. Free hot chocolate Thursdays in December. Through Jan. 1. Free; donations accepted. 361-275-8178; ChristmasInCuero.com.

Hidalgo: Festival of Lights is a driving trail to nine decorated spots in the city. Get maps at City Hall. Thursday12/1-Dec. 31; free. 956-843-2286; HidalgoFOL.info.

DRIVE-THROUGH DISPLAYS

San Marcos: Santa's Ranch, off Interstate 35 1 mile south of San Marcos, strings 1 million lights on 100 displays. Through Jan. 1; $22 per car. V830-743-1293; SantasRanch.net.

Johnson City: Hill Country Christmas Lights, 1 mile north of Johnson City on U.S. 281, offers 500,000 lights. Through Jan. 1. Free. 830-992-7646; HillCountryChristmasLights.com.

College Station: Drive through Santa's Wonderland or take a carriage or hayride to see millions of lights. There's also food, shops, live music and a campfire in Santa's Town. Through Dec. 30. $25 per car (allowed only on off-peak nights), $39.95 for carriages, $19.95 hayrides. V979-690-7212; VSantasWonderland.com.

Grand Prairie: Prairie Lights offers 4 million lights and 600 displays along a 2-mile path. Holiday Village features a lighted forest, dancing Christmas tree and light show. Though Dec. 31; $20-$30 per car, additional charge for forest, light show. 972-237-4569; PrairieLights.org.

Athens: Land of Lights, on Loop 7 around Athens, has 3 million lights and 1,500 wooden characters. Through Jan. 2; $20-$30. V903-675-7469. ChristmasPark.net.

Lindale: Santa Land, north of Tyler on Interstate 20, shows 2.5 million lights in a 24-acre park. Drive or ride on Santa's trailer. Through Jan. 4; $20 per car, $10 per person on trailer. V903-882-1518; SantaLandTexas.com.

Big Spring: Comanche Trail Festival of Lights has 1.25 million lights through Comanche Trail Park off Texas 87. Lighted poinsettias 150 feet tall greet visitors here in the Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas. Dec. 15-31. Free, donations accepted. 432-263-8235; CTFOL.com.

San Angelo: Tour of Lights is a 2.5-mile drive with 3 million lights along the Concho River. Through Dec. 31; $4 per car. 325-655-4136; ConchoChristmasCelebration.com.

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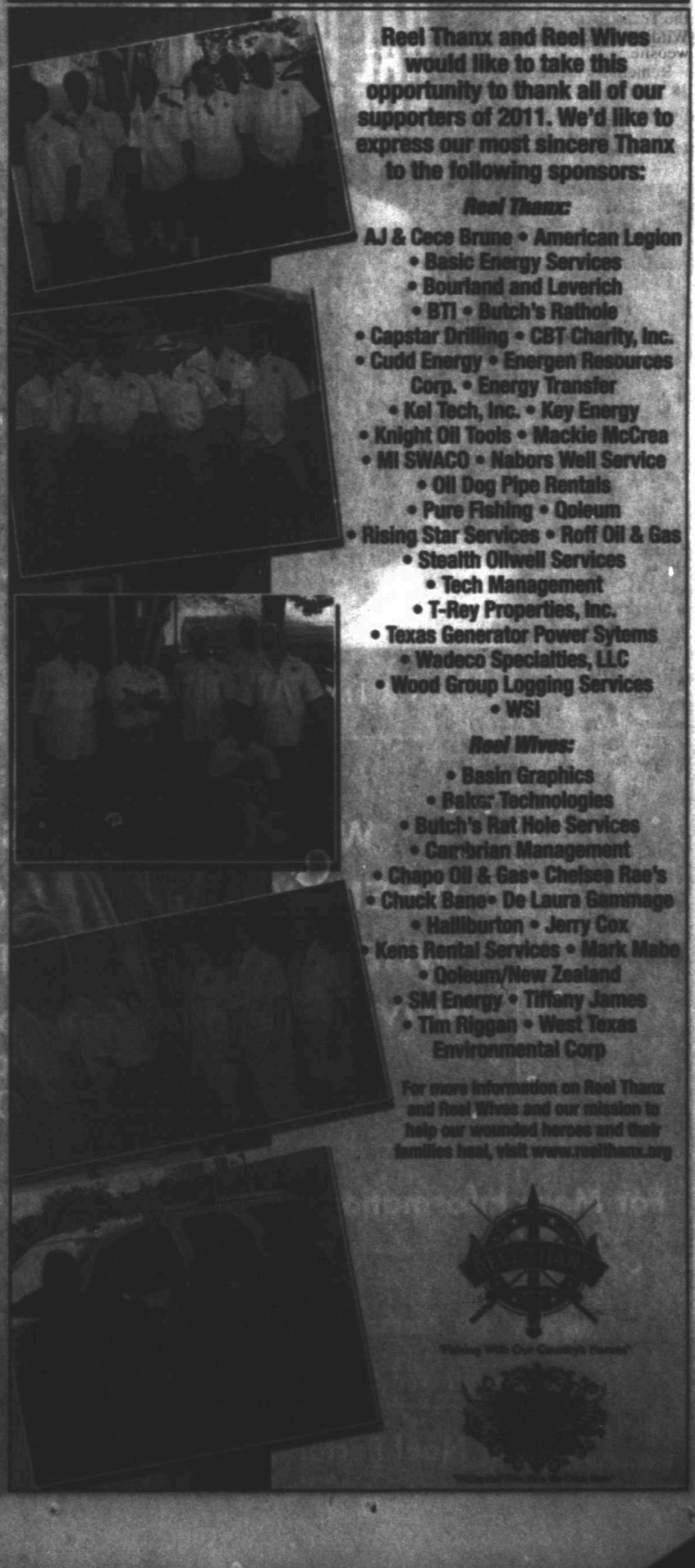
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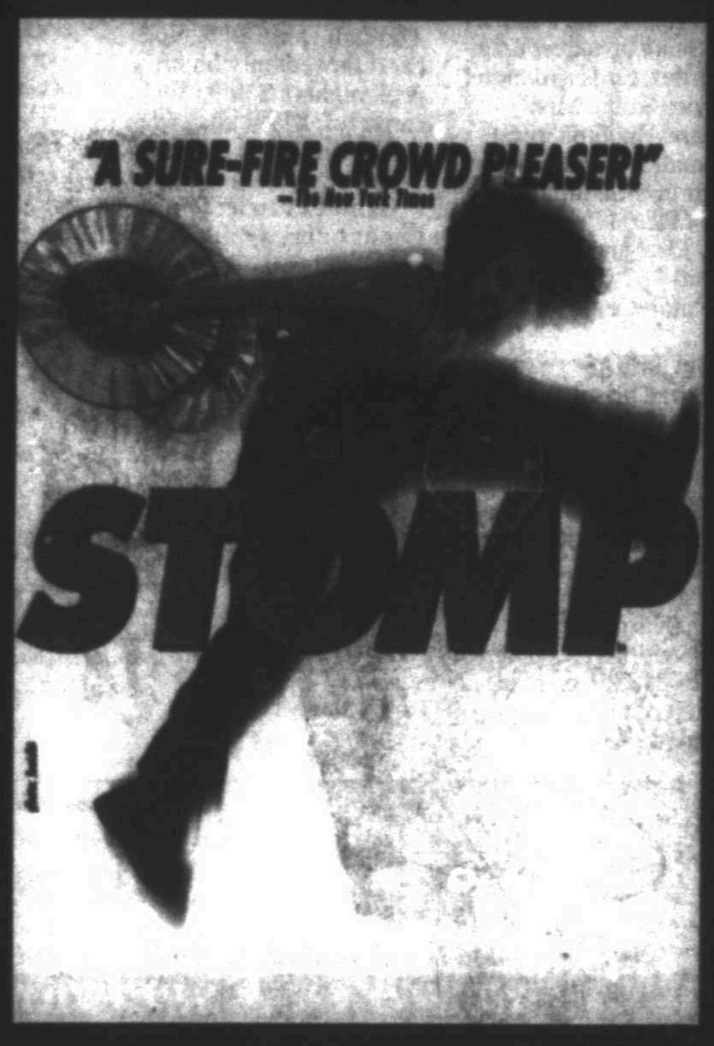
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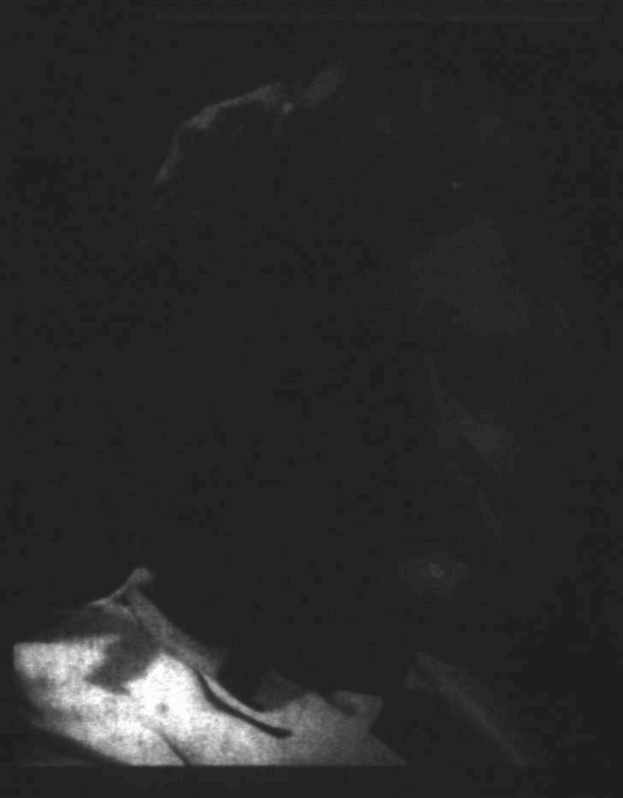


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Aggies name Sumlin next head coach

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Four years ago following the firing of Dennis Franchione, a legion of Texas A&M fans pushed for a rising star in the business to become the Aggies' head football coach.

Problem was, Kevin Sumlin had only risen as high as Oklahoma's co-offensive coordinator to that point, and would've been considered a risk to take over a Big 12 team. Besides, A&M athletic director Bill Byrne had already made his mind up on Mike Sherman, and that same year Sumlin wound up as Houston's head coach.

Four years later, that legion of fans and more are finally getting their wish, while Byrne earned another chance to finally get a football hire right in Aggieland. A&M named Sumlin, 47, its 29th head coach on Saturday. He replaces Sherman, the former Green Bay Packers head coach and Houston Texans offensive coordinator who was 25-25 over 50 games, and fired by A&M president R. Bowen Loftin

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Dave Einsel/AP

Kevin Sumlin, seen here coaching Houston in the Conference USA championship on Dec. 3, has been named the next head coach at Texas A&M.

Griffin wins first Heisman for Baylor

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Robert Griffin III beat out preseason favorite Andrew Luck for the Heisman Trophy, dazzling voters with his ability to throw, run and lead Big 12 doormat Baylor into the national rankings.

The quarterback known as RG3 became the first Heisman winner from Baylor on Saturday night by a comfortable cushion over the Stanford star.



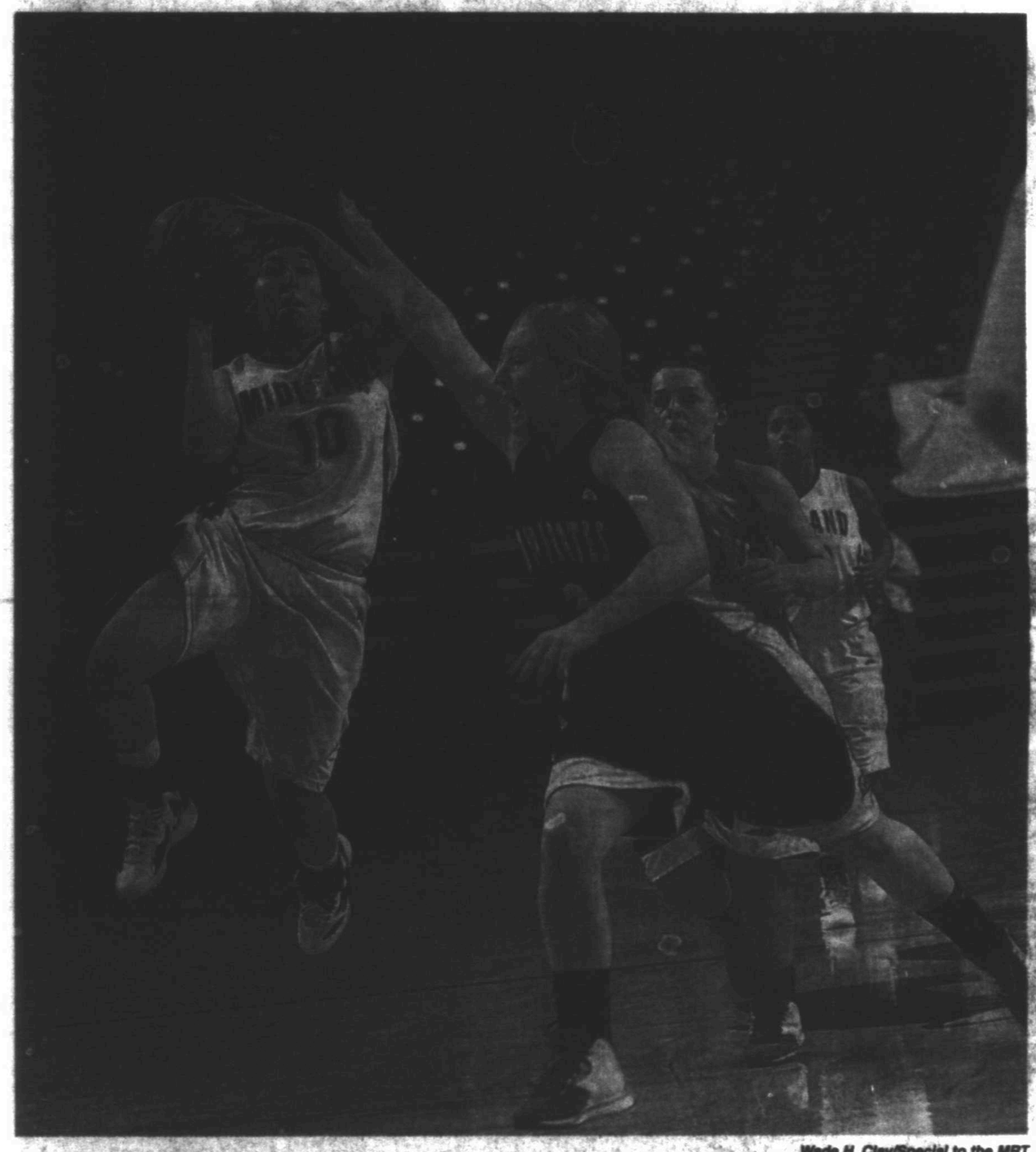
Griffin

Griffin started the season on the fringe of the Heisman conversation, a talented and exciting player on a marginal team, while Luck was already being touted as a No. 1 NFL draft pick.

Draft day might very well still belong to Luck, but Griffin divert-

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Cooper takes title



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Midland High's Krystal Valdez (10) drives to the basket against Lubbock Cooper's Kalyn Bednarz (3) in the girls final of the Tall City Oilman's Invitational. The Lady Pirates beat the Lady Bulldogs to capture first place.

Lubbock Cooper beats Midland High for 2nd time in 3 days

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

From the opening tip of the Tall City Oilman's Tournament to the final buzzer, there was no doubt Lubbock Cooper — the third-ranked team in the state in Class 3A — was the top team in the girls' field.

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Cooper reaffirmed that belief with a 53-38 victory against Midland High in the Oilman's championship Saturday at Chaparral Center. It was the second win for the Lady Pirates against the Lady Bulldogs in three days.

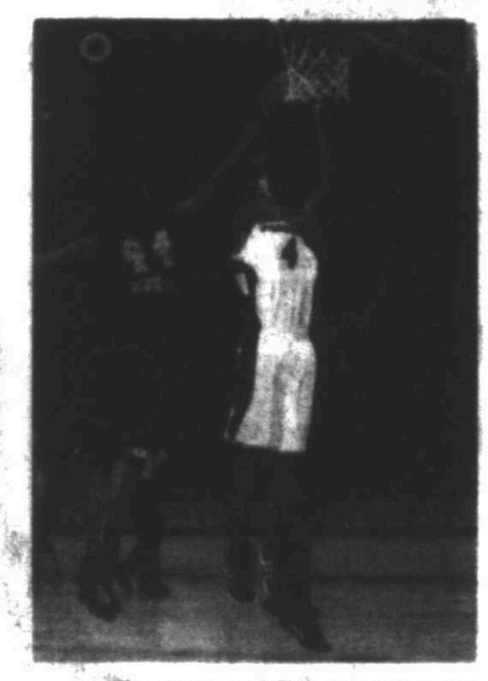
"It was nice to come down here and play this kind of competition and get victories doing it," Cooper coach Trent Hilliard said. "We knew Midland was going to come out a little angry (Saturday) and they did. They got after it and really attacked us on the boards. I think it was a good win for us and I hope it was a good experience for Midland as well."

Midland High fell behind 7-2 less than four minutes into the game, but a 3-pointer by senior Kristyn Wilbanks cut the deficit to 7-5. Cooper's Beka Brown hit a jumper, but Midland High answered with a pair of free throws by freshman Tana Driver, making it 9-7 in Cooper's favor with 3:19 left in the first period.

However, the Lady Dawgs managed just two more points for the rest of the frame, allowing Cooper to embark on a 9-2 run. Lady Pirates senior Britney Bednarz, who was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player, was the catalyst for the rally, setting up Brown for back-to-back field goals, including a 3-pointer that gave Cooper a 14-7 advantage with 2:14 left in the first.

After Driver got a floater to go along the baseline to make it 14-9, Bednarz responded again, scoring four points in the period's final four seconds. Cooper's senior guard had just made two free throws, when she turned around and immediately stole the inbounds pass from Midland High. Bednarz quickly turned the Midland High turnover into a layup, giving Cooper a 18-

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Arlington Martin's Myles Johnston (4) tries to score in between Triple A's Brandon Moore (44) and Jermiah Jefferson (15) on Saturday during the Tall City Oilman's Invitational championship game at Chaparral Center.

Arl. Martin overcomes foul trouble to win Oilman's boys championship

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

When Arlington Martin standout Myles Johnson had to head to the bench with four fouls just a minute and 38 seconds into the second half, it seemed Dallas Triple A Academy's upstart collection of freshmen and sophomores might be able to put a dent in Arlington Martin's 17-point halftime lead.

But instead the lead just kept growing and growing as Triple A became the fourth team in the past 72 hours to find out that Johnson, a Dallas Baptist commit, isn't the only player on the Warriors capable of contributing, falling 76-49 in the Tall City Oilman's Tournament championship at Chaparral Center.

Warriors	76
Stallions	49

"We've got a lot of guys that can play," Martin coach Jeff Plemons said. "So, when they get the opportunity they're going to come in and they're going to battle."

Martin did just that as it handed Triple A its first tournament loss by stifling the Stallions' athletic guards and imposing its will on the glass.

Triple A shot just 36.8 percent from the field, and Martin cleaned up the glass as well, outrebounding its opponent 21-10.

Meanwhile, Johnson, who earned tournament Most Valuable Player honors, set the tone from the opening tip, pouring in nine first-quarter points including a corner 3-pointer that he hit falling into the Triple A bench to end the first quarter and give Martin a 20-15 lead.

Martin didn't let up in the second quarter, pushing its lead to double digits, capped by Cameron Ashton taking

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TALL CITY TOURNAMENT

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Girls

LEE 39, SEMINOLE 35

Lee picked up its second victory in three days against Seminole, 39-35, on Saturday, earning third place at the Tall City Oilman's Tournament at Chaparral Center in the process.

The Lady Rebels held a 37-27 lead with 5:31 to play in the game, but a combination of turnovers and fouls allowed Seminole to threaten late. Seminole went on a 8-0 run with all of its points coming at the free-throw line. The only issue for the Maidens was making just 8 of 14 attempts from the charity stripe during that span, allowing them to cut the deficit to 37-35 with 2:39 left in the game and not overtake the Lady Rebels.

"We talk about valuing every possession and getting every point possible, and not doing that almost came back to haunt us," Lee coach Rosalind Lawrence said. "(The win) means a lot just because we finished the game. That's something we've been struggling with, so to finish this tournament off with a win will do a lot for us moving forward."

A pair of free throws by senior Kortni Edwards with 38 seconds left allowed Lee to hang on for the victory. Edwards led all scorers with 15 points, including three 3-pointers. Junior guard Cindy Benavides added 13 points and was named to the All-Tournament team.

Seminole was led by Judy Lopez, who had seven points. McKaytee Welshun had five points and a game-high eight rebounds, earning her a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Lee takes on Lubbock High at 6 p.m. Monday at Chaparral Center before resuming District 3-5A play against crosstown rival Midland High at 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center.

LEE 39, SEMINOLE 35

Lee (4-10) — Kortni Edwards 15, Cindy Benavides 13, Shanoes Ray 7, Landry Johnson 2, Dalia Sanford 2

Seminole - Judy Lopez 7, Kameron Beaty 6, Morgan Jones 5, McKaytee Welshun 5, Hope Hicks 5, Daniel Thomas 5, Haley Gann 2

Lee ..... 9 14 4 12—39
Seminole ..... 7 19 4 12—35

Free throws — Lee 7-9, Seminole 10-23. 3-point goals - Lee 9 (Edwards 3, Benavides 2, Ray); Seminole 2 (Lopez 2). Total fouls - Lee 23, Seminole 11. Fouled out - Lee, Johnson; Seminole - Lee 10 (Edwards 5), Seminole 05 (Welshun 5). Assists - Lee 6 (Edwards 2), Seminole 1 (Thomas). Turnovers - Lee 25, Seminole 22.

All-Tournament Team
Brittney Bednarz, Lubbock Cooper
Kalyn Bednarz, Lubbock Cooper
Bridget Rampy, Lubbock Cooper
Bella Brown, Lubbock Cooper
Sabrina Banks, Midland High
Cindy Benavides, Lee
McKaytee Welshun, Seminole
"Jacobs tournament MVP"

Boys

LEE 78, HALTOM CITY 66

Lee picked up its first win since Nov. 18 as Tavi Hubbard, coming off the bench for just the second time this season, scored a career-high 23 points to lead the Rebels to a 78-66 win against Haltom City.

"It feels pretty good," Hubbard said. "I think we all did good today."

Lee busted the game open with an 8-0 run to start the second quarter before heading to halftime with a 10-point lead.

Haltom City cinsed the lead 5 on a Shaqi 50-47 Burden layup to start the fourth quarter, but Lee responded with a 9-0 run to put the game away.

Jarrod Johnson chipped in 18 points for Lee while Hubbard posted a double-double with his game-high 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Lee will look to continue its winning ways when it opens district play Friday against crosstown rival Midland High

LEE 78, HALTOM CITY 66

Haltom City — Allang Kiir 2, Tony Gomez 2, Jessie Cardona 4, Chris Edwards 11, Jalen Rubalcia 5, Dallas Madkin 8, Matt Bogan 7, DJ Aaron 9, Trevon Smith 8, Shaqi Burden 6, Josh Wright 2

Lee (2-11) — Anthony McCoy 10, Tebaka Poti 6, Grant Coffman 4, John McLaughlin 3, Jarrod Johnson 18, Tavi Hubbard 23, Byron Diver 4, Jordan Williams 9

Haltom City ..... 13 16 16 21—66
Lee ..... 18 18 13 29—78

Free throws — Haltom City 17-25, Lee 20-32. 3-point goals — Haltom City 6 (Edwards 3, Gomez, Cardona, Rubalcia, Madkin, Bogan), Lee 4 (Hubbard 2, McLaughlin, McCoy). Total fouls — Haltom City 20, Lee 11. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Assists — Haltom City 5 (Rubalcia 2), Lee 7 (McCoy 3). Rebounds — Haltom City 24 (Wright 9), Lee 38 (Hubbard 10). Turnovers — Haltom City 10, Lee 16.

Next: Lee vs Midland High 7:30 p.m. Friday

MANSFIELD 47, BIRDVILLE 39

Mansfield used a 19-point second quarter to overcome an early deficit in a 47-39 win against Birdville in the third place game.

The Tigers overcame a game-high 10 points from Birdville's Cris Sawer and a 10-7 deficit at the end of the first quarter by outscoring Birdville 19-10 in the second quarter.

Trevor Lenz led Mansfield with 9 points while Tyler Hendricks and Shane Brandes added 7 points apiece.

MANSFIELD 47, BIRDVILLE 39

Mansfield — Zach Crabtree 2, Derrick Anderson 4, Zach Miller 4, Trevor Lenz 9, Tyler Hendricks 7, Shane Brandes 7, Mark Michalski 4, Tanner Agarwal 2, Trent Gan 6,

Birdville — Jimmy King 4, Cris Sawyer 10, John Murphy 6, Aaron Eisenhauer 6, Aaron Hughes 2, Jeremy Crane 4, Kendal Johnson 8,

Mansfield ..... 7 10 19 11—47
Birdville ..... 10 10 9 10—39

Free throws — Mansfield 11-18, Birdville 9-13. 3-point goals — Mansfield 1 (Brandes), Birdville 4 (Sawyer 2, Murphy 2). Total fouls — Mansfield 11, Birdville 16. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none.

CANYON 70, SEMINOLE 58

Canyon busted opened a close game with a late second-quarter scoring flurry to pull away from Seminole in a 70-58 win in the 5th place game.

Canyon entered the second quarter with just a one-point lead but outscored the Indians 19-10 in the frame to take a 31-21 lead into halftime.

Wyatt Sippy had a game-high 20 points as the Eagles knocked down six 3-pointers with half of them coming from Austin King, one of four Eagles to score in double figures.

Sabraun Adams and Rance Layton led the way for Seminole with 11 points apiece.

CANYON 70, SEMINOLE 58

Seminole — Isaac Rangel 2, Sabraun Adams 11, Jarod Adams 10, Adrian Lozano 2, Ryan Johnson 2, Hunter Washburn 9, Rance Layton 11,

Canyon — Wyatt Sippy 20, Ashton Elmquist 12, Will Toliver 13, Austin King 11, Clay Hildebrandt 5, Isaac Williams 6, Dillon Dougherty 5,

Seminole ..... 11 10 17 18—58
Canyon ..... 12 19 20 19—70

Free throws — Seminole 19-34, Canyon 20-24. 3-point goals — Seminole 3 (Sabraun Adams 2), Canyon 6 (King 3, Sippy 2, Williams 1). Total fouls — Seminole 16, Canyon 22. Fouled out — Seminole, Jarod Adams, Rance Layton; Canyon, Williams. Technical fouls — none.

SCHEDULE

Boys
All games at Chaparral Center unless noted.
Pool play
Pool A: Lee, Seminole, Midland Christian, Canyon
Pool B: Seminole, Triple A, Mansfield, Haltom
Thursday
Mansfield 68, Seminole 57
Arlington Martin 61, Birdville 54
Triple A 69, Haltom 67
Canyon 64, Lee 43

Friday
Seminole 70, Haltom 59
Arlington Martin 53, Canyon 41
Triple A 57, Mansfield 54
Birdville 60, Lee 50
Birdville 70, Canyon 43
Triple A 58, Seminole 42
Arlington Martin 73, Lee 39
Mansfield 64, Haltom 57
Seeded Games

Saturday
Third-place game
Mansfield 47, Birdville 39
Seventh-place game
Lee 78, Haltom City 66
Fifth-place game
Canyon 70, Seminole 58
Championship
Arlington Martin 78, Triple A 49

Girls
All games at Chaparral Center unless noted.
Pool play
Pool A: Lee, Now Way Christian Academy, Seminole
Pool B: Midland High, Odessa High, Lubbock Cooper
Thursday
Lee 66, Now Way Christian Academy 39

Lubbock Cooper 60, Midland High 35
Seminole 48, Now Way Christian Academy 44
Lee 44, Seminole 29
Lubbock Cooper 64, Odessa High 23
Friday
Midland High 54, Odessa High 39
Basket play
Consolation game
Odessa High 48, Now Way Christian 24
Champion bracket

Game 1: Lubbock Cooper def. Seminole
Game 2: Midland High 41, Lee 29
Guaranteed game
Now Way Christian 55, Lee JV 47, OT
Today
Third-place game
Lee 39, Seminole 35
Championship
Lubbock Cooper 53, Midland High 38

AREA TOURNAMENTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROUNDUP

Boys

GARDEN CITY 82, SNYDER JV 27

ROSCOE — Sam Miller scored a game-high 22 points to lead Garden City to a blowout victory over Snyder JV at the Highland Hillopper Classic.

Corbin Davis added 16 points and Michael Lopez chipped in with 13.

GARDEN CITY 82, SNYDER JV 27

Garden City (7-0) — Sam Miller 22, Corbin Davis 16, Michael Lopez 13, Juan Bustos 7, Dillon Kiveling 6, Peyton Schaefer 6, Austin Odom 5, Reggie Hallmann 3, Blayne Batla 2, Bryson Batla 2

Snyder JV — Tanner Tipton 12, Martinez 4, Ward 3, Jackson 3, Archuleta 2, Harris 2

Garden City ..... 14 38 34 16—82
Snyder JV ..... 10 6 6 5—27

Free throws — GC 17-29, Snyder 1-12. 3-point goals — GC 3 (Miller 2, Lopez), Snyder 1 (Jackson). Total fouls — GC 15, Snyder 22. Fouled out — Snyder, Archuleta. Technical fouls — Snyder, Cooley 2, Archuleta.

Next: Garden City at Forsan, 4 p.m. Tuesday.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 55, ALPINE 38

Midland Christian took the title at the Monahans Sandhills Tournament, defeating Alpine 55-38 in the championship game.

Devin Stricklin, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, scored a game-high 20 points, while Jacob Longbotham chipped in 12 and Zach Gilbert added 10.

Midland Christian plays host to Seminole at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at McGraw Special Events Center.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 55, ALPINE 38

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN (6-5, ALPINE 38 (MCS (6-5) — Zach Gilbert 10, Aaron Poer 1, Dana Sinclair 20, Jacob Longbotham 12, Nat Counts 2, David Pentkowski 5, Colton Chaffee 5

Alpine — DeLeon 12, Holguin 4, Gibson 3, Rueda 5, O'Bryant 5, Berrogan 1, Ordonez 4, Arnold 2

MCS ..... 10 14 13 18—55
Alpine ..... 7 15 14 2—38

Free throws — MCS 16-26, Alpine 9-14. 3-point goals — MCS 2 (Gilbert, Pentkowski), Alpine 6 (DeLeon 3, Gibson, O'Bryant, Ordonez). Total fouls — MCS 19, Alpine 19. Fouled out — Alpine, Ordonez.

Next: Seminole at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Stanton Hooptown Tournament

STANTON 38, SANDS 36

STANTON — The Stanton boys basketball team won the Stanton Hooptown Tournament on Saturday with a 39-36 victory over Sands.

The teams were tied at 18 at the half before the Buffaloes (8-4) outscored Sands 11-6 in the third quarter for a 29-24 lead heading into the final quarter.

Nathan Koonce and K.J Glaspie each had eight points to lead Stanton. Andres Chavez was named the tournament's Most Valuable player, while Ethan Mauldin and Scott Smith were named to the All-Tournament team

CHAMPIONSHIP
STANTON 39, SANDS 36

Sands — Thomason 16, Zant 6, Rogers 6, Ware 3, Ybarra 3

Stanton (8-4) — Josh Workman 2, Andres Chavez 6, Ethan Mauldin 10, Nathan Koonce 8, Cole Schnyer 4, Scott Smith 5, K.J. Glaspie 6

Sands ..... 11 7 6 12—36
Stanton ..... 7 11 11 10—39

Free throws — Sands 6-12, Stanton 7-16. 3-point goals - Sands 4 (Zant 2, Ware, Ybarra), Stanton 4 (Koonce, Schnyer, Glaspie 2). Total fouls — Sands 13, Stanton 11. Fouled out — None.

Next: Stanton at Colorado City, 8 p.m. Friday

THIRD PLACE
MERKEL 69, MIDLAND CLASSICAL 45

Merkel ..... 13 10 11 14—48
MCA ..... 11 9 12 13—45

Merkel — Ryan Tipton 15, Shamrell 11, Mullins 10
MCA — Rett Tipton 12, John Stalley 11, Jared Nelson 10

WALL 62, TAHOKA 58

Wall ..... 10 6 25 15—62
Tahoka ..... 15 15 13 15—58

Wall — S Mitchell 24, Davy 14
Tahoka — Rollister 24, Liggins 16

GRADY 75, REAGAN COUNTY 52

WATER VALLEY — Grady took third place in the Water Valley Tournament with a blowout victory over Reagan County.

Zeke Clay had a game-high 21 points for the Wildcats. Brenson Richards added 13 points and Michael Jimenez chipped in with 11 for Grady (10-1).

GRADY 75, REAGAN COUNTY 52

Grady (10-1) — Brett Glass 8, Zeke Clay 21, Brenson Richards 13, Michael Jimenez 11, Alex Porras 4, Joseph Silliano 1, Udell San Juan 2, E.J. Rodriguez 12, Ivan San Juan 3

Reagan County — Eric Perez 2, Nathaniel Chavez 5, Fernando Ivy 7, Timothy Stark 8, Matt Hansen 11, Lorenzo Benitez 2, Laz Rodriguez 4, Justin Pulley 13,

Grady ..... 15 22 19 19—75
Reagan County ..... 10 15 7 12—52

Free throws — GHS 11-17, RC 6-8. 3-point goals — GHS 5 (B. Glass 2, Z. Clay 2, Richards), Reagan 3, RC 2 (Chavez, Ivy). Total fouls — GHS 16, RC 15. Fouled out — RC, Rodriguez, Pulley.

Next game: Midland Union at Grady, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Girls

MERKEL 62, MIDLAND CLASSICAL 35

STANTON — The Midland Classical Academy girls basketball team fell in the championship of Stanton's Hooptown Tournament with a loss to Merkel on Saturday.

The Lady Knights only trailed 12-11 after the opening quarter, but Merkel went on a 15-2 run in the second to take control of the game.

Kayla Beattie had 15 points to lead MCA (8-5).

Merkel 62, Midland Classical 35
Merkel — Kaye 4, Shane 7, Booth 2, Doane 6, Cope 7, Hall 4, Sallie 22, Perish 9
Midland Classical (8-5) — Karis Johnson 4, Sumner Sparks 4, Hannah Bailey 3, Kayla Beattie 15, Rachel Long 2, Amy Hinson 7

Merkel ..... 12 15 20 15—62
MCA ..... 11 2 9 13—35

Free throws — MHS 7-13, MCA 6-11. 3-point goals — MHS 7 (Doane 2, Cope, Ross 2, Sallie 2), MCA 3 (Beattie 3). Total fouls — MHS 14, MCA 12. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — Sallie.

Next game: MCA vs. TBA at Hawn Tournament, Dec. 28-29

GRADY SPLITS AT WATER VALLEY

WATER VALLEY — The Grady girls basketball team split four games at the Water Valley Tournament this weekend.

Grady lost to Water Valley (42-38), defeated Trinity (36-24), lost to Rankin (28-26) before defeating TLCA 52-18 on Saturday.

Against TLCA, Sarah Clay had 14 points and Lupita Jimenez added 10 for Lady Wildcats (5-7).

SATURDAY'S BOX
GRADY 52, TLCA 18

TLCA — Ramirez 3, Orozco 2, Horton 3, Hernandez 7, Bodiford, Kennedy 2

Grady (5-7) — Sadie Fields 4, Sarah Clay 14, Lupita Jimenez 10, Chammeny Arnold 7, Dhalena Perez 1, Sara Bloodworth 4, MJ Price 5, Rain Hunt 5, Laura Ramirez 2

TLCA ..... 4 4 6 2—18
Grady ..... 11 14 14 13—52

Free throws — TLCA 6-17, GHS 21-36. 3-point goals — TLCA (Horton, Hernandez), GHS 1 (Clay). Total fouls — TLCA 22, GHS 18. Fouled out — Hernandez, Boston.

Next game: Wellman-Union at Grady, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Stanton Hooptown Tournament
Third Place
TAHOKA 72, STANTON 59

Stanton ..... 11 20 10 8—59
Tahoka ..... 17 12 20 23—72

Stanton — Tara Patterson 19, Selah Ramsey 11
Tahoka — Liggins 31, Hardy 23

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 49, BROWNFIELD 39

Midland Christian ..... 13 8 7 14—49
Brownfield ..... 15 13 6 15—39

Midland Christian — Aviles 14, Zamano 6, M. Ellis 6, McCandless Rogers 16, Emma Thompson 10, Morgan Ashford 8,

GARDEN CITY 2ND AT HIGHLAND

ROSCOE — Garden City finished second in the Highland Tournament after falling 36-25 in the championship game to host Highland.

Highland used a 12-5 run in the second quarter to take lead and the momentum and then played solid defense the rest of the game.

Ashley Hallmann had eight points to lead Garden City (11-3).

The Lady Kats reached the championship game with a 58-50 victory over Loraine late Friday night. Kamie Hallmann led three Lady Kats in double figures with 17 points, Cassie Hirt added 14 and Hannah Hallmann chipped in with 11.

Garden City begins District 12-A, Division II play at Robert Lee on Tuesday.

FRIDAY'S BOX
GARDEN CITY 58, LORAINE 50

Loraine — Bailey 20, Johnston 11, Dawson 9, Clarson 4

Garden City (11-2) — Kamie Hallmann 17, Cassie Hirt 14, Hannah Hallmann 11, Maggy Huerta 3, Lizzie Schaefer 7, Taylor Hughes 2, Shyla Schaefer 2, Ashley Hallmann 2

Loraine ..... 14 13 7 16—50
Garden City ..... 9 14 11 19—58

Free throws — LHS 15-27, GCT 4-14. 3-point goals — LHS 3 (Johnston, Dawson, Bailey), GCS 6 (Hallmann 2, K. Hallmann, L. Schaefer). Total fouls — LHS 20, GC 19. Fouled out — Dawson.

SATURDAY'S BOX
HIGHLAND 36, GARDEN CITY 25

Garden City (11-3) — K. Hallmann 6, H. Hallmann 7, T. Hallmann 4, Huerta 2, Hughes 2, L. Schaefer 3

Highland — Kara Hughey 11, Sara Allen 10, Jessica McCain 7, Beth Rosborg 6, Megan Thompson 2

Garden City ..... 6 5 9 5—25
Highland ..... 9 13 10 4—36

Free throws — GC 6-15, HHS 7-16. 3-point goals — GC 1 (K. Hallmann), HHS 3 (Hughey 2). Total fouls — GC 13, Highland 13. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Garden City at Robert Lee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (2-A, Division II)

SCHEDULE

Boys
Monahans Sandhills Tournament
All games at Kermit High School
All games in Main gym unless otherwise noted
Thursday's Games
11:30 a.m.: Andrews 58, Kermit 38
1 p.m.: Midland Christian 45, Pecos 44
4 p.m.: Andrews 63, Jal, N.M. 24
5:30 p.m.: Lubbock Cooper 61, Presidio 30
Friday's Games
Championship Bracket
Quarterfinals
10 a.m.: Alpine 59, Presidio 51
10 a.m.: Midland Christian 53, Lubbock Cooper 49
1 p.m.: Kermit 66, Jal, N.M. 39
1 p.m.: Andrews 69, Pecos 59
2:30 p.m.: Lubbock Cooper 65, Alpine 39
4 p.m.: Midland Christian 44, Presidio 30
5:30 p.m.: Pecos 62, Jal, N.M. 34
Saturday's Games
10 a.m.: Midland Christian 58, Alpine 39
10 a.m.: Lubbock Cooper 78, Jal, N.M. 21
11:30 a.m.: Kermit 63, Presidio 41
2:30 p.m.: Andrews 58, Alpine 28
5:30 p.m.: Ka. mit 55, Pecos 49

Stanton Hooptown Tournament
All games at Stanton High School
NG: Now gym; OG: Old gym
Thursday's Games
Game 1: Sands 39, Coahoma 30
Game 2: Wall 80, Midland HV JV 34
Game 3: Merkel 74, Tahoka 58
Game 4: Midland Classical 53, Sweetwater 39
Game 5: Stanton def. Coaa
Friday's Games
Championship Bracket
Quarterfinals
Game 7: Sands 50, Wall 49
Game 12: Stanton 38, Midland Classical 36
Semifinals
Game 10: Sands 60, Merkel 45
Consolation Bracket
Quarterfinals
Game 8: Sweetwater 52, Coaa 48, OT
Game 8: Coahoma 64, Midland High JV 47
Semifinals
Game 11: Tahoka 66, Coahoma 48
Game 9: Sweetwater vs. Wall, 4 p.m., OG
Saturday's Games
Consolation Bracket
Coaw vs. Midland High JV, n/a
Coahoma vs. Game 9 loser, n/a

Consolation Final
Wall, 62, Tahoka 58
Third-place Game
Merkel 49, Midland Classical 45
Championship Game
Stanton 38, Sands 36

Girls
Monahans Sandhills Tournament
All games at Kermit High School
All games in Main gym unless otherwise noted
Thursday's Games
8:30 a.m.: Andrews 54, Kermit 19
10 a.m.: Lenora 51, Monahans 37
2:30 p.m.: Big Spring 59, Alpine 15
2:30 p.m.: Iraan 54, Jal 34
4 p.m.: El Paso Bowie 41, Lenora 35
7 p.m.:Pecos 45, Jal, N.M. 31
Friday's Games
8:30 a.m.: Kermit 52, Monahans 27
11:30 a.m.: Andrews 64, Alpine 21
11:30 a.m.: El Paso Bowie 46, Jal, N.M. 42
2:30 p.m.: Big Spring 56, Pecos 31
4 p.m.: El Paso Bowie 40, Alpine 21
5:30 p.m.: Kermit 43, Lenora 39

Stanton Hooptown Tournament
All games at Stanton High School
NG: Now gym; OG: Old gym
Thursday's Games
Game 1: Tahoka 68, Stanton JV 21
Game 2: Midland Christian 58, Sweetwater 37
Game 3: Merkel 63, Brownfield 19
Game 4: Midland Classical 61, Coaa 43
Game 5: Stanton 63, Greenwood JV23
Friday's Games
Championship Bracket
Quarterfinals
Game 7: Tahoka 41, Midland Christian 40
Game 12: Midland Classical 51, Stanton 33
Semifinals
Game 10: Merkel 55, Tahoka 23
Consolation Bracket

Saturday's Games
8:30 a.m.: Andrews 46, Pecos 37
11:30 a.m.: Big Spring 44, Lenora 38
1 p.m.: El Paso Bowie 45, Monahans 29
1 p.m.: Jal vs. Andrews 58, Jal N.M. 15
2:30 p.m.: Pecos 30, Alpine 20
4 p.m.: Big Spring 61, Kermit 26

Stanton Hooptown Tournament
All games at Stanton High School
NG: Now gym; OG: Old gym
Thursday's Games
Game 1: Tahoka 68, Stanton JV 21
Game 2: Midland Christian 58, Sweetwater 37
Game 3: Merkel 63, Brownfield 19
Game 4: Midland Classical 61, Coaa 43
Game 5: Stanton 63, Greenwood JV23
Friday's Games
Championship Bracket
Quarterfinals
Game 7: Tahoka 41, Midland Christian 40
Game 12: Midland Classical 51, Stanton 33
Semifinals
Game 10: Merkel 55, Tahoka 23
Consolation Bracket

Quarterfinals
Game 8: Sweetwater 52, Coaa 48, OT
Game 8: Coahoma 64, Midland High JV 47
Semifinals
Game 11: Merkel def. Sweetwater
Game 9: Midland Christian 52, Coaa 30
Saturday's Games
Guarantee Games
Greenwood JV vs. Stanton JV, n/a
Game 11 loser vs. Coaa, n/a
Consolation Final
Midland Christian 49, Sweetwater 39
Third-place Game
Tahoka 72, Stanton 59
Championship Game
Merkel 69, Midland Classical 45

2011 Catclaw Classic
Thursday's Games
Pool I
Wylie 59, Lubbock Trinity 36
Lubbock Trinity 60, Amarillo Tascosa 41
Wylie 63, Amarillo Tascosa 44
Pool II
Early 74, Greenwood 46

Wall 62, Early 37
THESA 53, Wall 39
Friday's Games
Pool I
Lubbock Trinity 51, Lubbock Trinity 37
Lubbock Trinity vs. Tascosa, late
Lubbock Trinity 70, Abilene Wylie 67
Pool II
THESA 77, Early 59
Wall 34, Greenwood 26
THESA 65, Greenwood 40
Saturday's Games
Consolation Bracket
Game 5: Early 75, Amarillo Tascosa 68
Game 6: Wylie 67, Greenwood 63
Championship Bracket
Game 7: Greenwood 53, Amarillo Tascosa 52
Fifth-place game
Game 8: Abilene Wylie 77, Early 59
Championship bracket (in main gym)
Game 1: THESA 61, Lubbock Trinity 52
Game 2: Wall 53, Lubbock Trinity 38
Third-place Game
Game 3: Lubbock Trinity 47, Lubbock Trinity 46
Championship Game
Game 4: THESA 49, Wall 44

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9 lead at the end of the first period.

The Lady Pirates opened the second period with a 5-0 run, including three points by Bednarz, and closed it with a 7-0 rally. By halftime, Cooper appeared to have the game well in hand with a 32-14 advantage.

"I think our defense started us going (in the second period)," said Bednarz, who has signed a letter of intent to play at West Texas A&M. "I think our defense is something that we always need to get started. We just have to get that down first."

Midland High kept up with the Lady Pirates in the second half and outscored them in the fourth period, 16-12, despite having five players from the bench play a majority of the quarter. MHS coach Ron Berry was happy with what he saw from the Lady Dawgs throughout the tournament after they posted a 2-2 record over three days with wins against District 3-5A foes Lee and Odessa High and two losses to Cooper.

"This was a lot better effort. We outscored them in the second half," Berry said. "And it's not like they left off the throttle, either. They had starters in there late and they were pressing the whole time, so I'm happy with the way our subs performed. They really took it to them."

Desare Allen led the Lady Dawgs with eight points off the bench. Senior post Sabrina Banks was the only Midland High player named to the All-Tournament team. Banks had just two points against Cooper, but nabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.

For Cooper, Brown led the way with 15 points, while Bednarz added 14. Brown and teammates Kalyn Bednarz and Bridget Rampy were named to the All-Tournament team.

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LUBBOCK COOPER 53, MIDLAND HIGH 38

Cooper (13-2) — Beka Brown 15, Britney Bednarz 14, Bridget Rampy 6, Adrian Smith 4, Haley Brockburn 4, Claire Shaver 3, Summer Bednarz 3, Jordan Hise 2

Midland High (7-10) — Desare Allen 8, Catalina Pereiras 5, Kristyn Williams 5, Tiana Driver 4, Rebecca Gallegos 4, Krystal Valdez 2, Megan Woodard 2, Sheesha Bowers 2, Andrea Sadler 2, Elaine Herrera 2, Sabrina Banks 2

Cooper ..... 18 14 9 12—53
Midland High ..... 6 5 8 19—38

Free throws — LC 11-18, MHS 9-22. 3-point goals — LC 4 (Brown 3, S. Bednarz); MHS 1 (Williams). Total fouls — LC 15, MHS 14. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — LC 29 (Brown 8), MHS 31 (Banks 12). Assists — LC 4 (Kalyn Bednarz 2); MHS 5 (Valdez 2, Gallegos 2). Turnovers — LC 22, MHS 13.

Next: Lubbock Monday at Lubbock Cooper, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; San Angelo Central at Midland High, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Chaparral Center.

UTPB ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FALCONS CAN'T OVERCOME SLOW START

CANYON — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin men's basketball team trailed by 18 in the first half after scoring just 13 points and never recovered as West Texas A&M took a 61-45 win over the Falcons.

UTPB made just five field goals in the first half and missed all four free throw attempts while the Buffs hit 59.5 percent from the field.

Erik Martin led the Falcons with 12 points, while Madison Turner put in eight. UTPB (4-6) will host Sul Ross at 3 p.m. on Monday for its first home game since Nov. 26.

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Heisman Trophy

Heisman Winners
2011—Robert Griffin III, Baylor, QB
2010—Cam Newton, Auburn, QB
2009—Mark Ingram, Alabama, RB
2008—Sam Bradford, Oklahoma, QB
2007—Tim Tebow, Florida, QB
2006—Troy Smith, Ohio State, QB
2005—Reggie Bush, USC, RB
2004—Matt Leinart, Southern Cal, QB
2003—Jason White, Oklahoma, QB
2002—Carson Palmer, Southern Cal, QB
2001—Eric Crouch, Nebraska, QB
2000—Chris Weinke, Florida St, QB
1999—Ron Dayne, Wisconsin, RB
1998—Charles Woodson, Michigan, DB
1997—Tim Brown, Notre Dame, WR
1996—Danny Wuerffel, Florida, QB
1995—Eddie George, Ohio State, TB
1994—Rashaan Salaam, Colorado, RB
1993—Charlie Ward, Florida State, QB
1992—Gino Torretta, Miami, QB
1991—Desmond Howard, Michigan, WR
1990—Ty Detmer, Brigham Young, QB
1989—Andre Ware, Houston, QB
1988—Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State, RB
1987—Tim Brown, Notre Dame, WR
1986—Vinny Testaverde, Miami, QB
1985—Bo Jackson, Auburn, RB
1984—Doug Flutie, Boston College, QB
1983—Mike Rozier, Nebraska, TB
1982—Herschel Walker, Georgia, RB
1981—Marcus Allen, Southern Cal, TB
1980—George Rogers, South Carolina, HB
1979—Charles White, Southern Cal, TB
1978—Billy Sims, Oklahoma, HB
1977—Earl Campbell, Texas, TB
1976—Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, HB
1975—Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB
1974—Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB
1973—John Cappelletti, Penn State, RB
1972—Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, FL
1971—Pat Sullivan, Auburn, QB
1970—Jim Plunkett, Stanford, QB
1969—Steve Owens, Oklahoma, HB
1968—O.J. Simpson, Southern Cal, TB
1967—Gary Beban, UCLA, QB
1966—Steve Spurrier, Florida, QB
1965—Mike Garrett, Southern Cal, TB
1964—John Huarte, Notre Dame, QB
1963—Roger Staubach, Navy, QB
1962—Terry Baker, Oregon State, QB
1961—Ernie Davis, Syracuse, HB
1960—Joe Bellino, Navy, HB
1959—Billy Cannon, LSU, HB
1958—Pete Dawkins, Army, HB
1957—John David Crow, Texas A&M, HB
1956—Paul Hornung, Notre Dame, QB
1955—Howard Cassady, Ohio State, HB
1954—Alan Ameche, Wisconsin, FB
1953—John Lattner, Notre Dame, HB
1952—Billy Vessels, Oklahoma, HB
1951—Dick Kazmaier, Princeton, HB
1950—Vic Janowicz, Ohio State, HB
1949—Leon Hart, Notre Dame, E
1948—Doak Walker, SMU, HB
1947—John Lujack, Notre Dame, QB
1946—Glenn Davis, Army, HB
1945—Felix Blanchard, Army, HB
1944—Les Horvath, Ohio State, QB
1943—Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame, QB
1942—Frank Sinkwich, Georgia, HB
1941—Bruce Smith, Minnesota, HB
1940—Tom Harmon, Michigan, HB
1939—Nile Kinnick, Iowa, HB
1938—Davey O'Brien, Texas Christian, QB
1937—Clint Frank, Yale, HB
1936—Larry Kelley, Yale, E
1935—Jay Berwanger, Chicago, HB

Heisman Regional Voting
NEW YORK (AP) — Regional points breakdown of the top five finalists in balloting for the 2011 Heisman Trophy:

NORTHEAST
1. Robert Griffin III, 257
2. Andrew Luck, 254
3 Trent Richardson, 160
4. Tyrann Mathieu, 47
5 Montee Ball, 33

MID-ATLANTIC
1. Robert Griffin III, 254
2. Andrew Luck, 248
3. Trent Richardson, 166
4. Tyrann Mathieu, 64
5. Montee Ball, 33

SOUTH
1. Robert Griffin III, 303
2. Trent Richardson, 256
3. Andrew Luck, 102
4. Tyrann Mathieu, 80
5. Montee Ball, 33

SOUTHWEST
1. Robert Griffin III, 281
2. Andrew Luck, 186
3. Trent Richardson, 132
4. Montee Ball, 65
5. Tyrann Mathieu, 72

MIDWEST
1. Robert Griffin III, 272
2. Andrew Luck, 220
3. Trent Richardson, 135
4. Montee Ball, 89
5. Tyrann Mathieu, 44

FAR WEST
1. Andrew Luck, 315
2. Robert Griffin III, 272
3. Trent Richardson, 137
4. Montee Ball, 41
5. Tyrann Mathieu, 20

NBA DL

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Springfield	6	1	.857	—
Iowa	5	3	.625	1/2
Canton	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Fort Wayne	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Maine	2	3	.400	2
Erie	2	5	.286	3
Sioux Falls	1	6	.143	4 1/2

West Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Bakersfield	7	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	6	2	.750	1 1/2
Tulsa	5	2	.714	—
Austin	4	3	.571	1
Rio Grande Valley	5	4	.556	1
Reno	2	4	.333	2 1/2
Idaho	2	5	.286	3
Texas	1	4	.200	3

Saturday's Scores
Fort Wayne 94, Erie 87
Maine 105, Canton 91
Iowa 103, Sioux Falls 89
Austin 109, Rio Grande Valley 105
Texas at Reno, late
Idaho at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Tulsa at Dakota, 3 p.m.

Arenacross

AMA Arenacross Results
at Mohegan Sun Arena
Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Arenacross Class Points
1. Trevor Stewart, Chino Hills, Calif., 144
2. Kyle Smith, Ludington, Mich., KTM, 138
3. Chad Johnson, Rhinelander, Wis., Kawasaki, 136

Arenacross Lites Class Points
1. Jason Anderson, Murrieta, Calif., KTM, 144
2. Jason Thomas, Rhinelander, Wis., Kawasaki, 138
3. Jeff Gibson, Blacklick, Ohio, Honda, 136
4. Josh Demuth, North Richland Hills, Texas, Kawasaki, 134
5. Nolan Stiggs, Chillicothe, Ohio, Honda, 132
6. Zach Arias, Prospect, Ohio, Kawasaki, 130
7. Shawn Maupin, Spotsylvania, Va., Honda, 128
8. Ryan Zimmer, Fuquay Varina, N.C., Honda, 126

Arenacross Lites Class Results
1. Michael Mosiman, Canton, Ohio, KTM
2. Richard Mitchell, Pittsburgh, Pa., Kawasaki
3. Shane Magee, Saddle Brook, N.J., Kawasaki
4. Dave Orrell, Lake Hopatcong, N.J., KTM
5. Kyle Hunter, Spring City, Tenn., KTM
6. Kyle Wilson, Pleasant Hill, Iowa, KTM
7. Ryan Zimmer, Fuquay Varina, N.C., Honda

Arenacross Class Results
1. Austin Cook, Spencer, W. Va., Honda
2. Austin Prinstein, Lorain, Ohio, Suzuki
3. Travis Dietrich, Woodstock, Conn., Suzuki

Arenacross Class Points
1. Jeff Gibson, Blacklick, Ohio, Honda, 152 with 144
2. Tyler Bowers, Danville, Ky., Kawasaki (retired) - 138
3. Jeff Johnson, Rhinelander, Wis., Kawasaki (4th) - 129
4. Josh Demuth, North Richland Hills, Texas, Kawasaki - 127
5. Kelly Smith, Ludington, Mich., KTM - 125
6. Nolan Stiggs, Chillicothe, Ohio, Honda - 123
7. Zach Arias, Prospect, Ohio, Kawasaki - 119

College Basketball

Men

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 88, Prairie View 54
Houston Baptist 112, Dallas Christian 80
Missouri St. 84, ULM 60
Oklahoma 83, TCU 67
North Texas 59, Southern St. 50
Oklahoma St. 74, Alcorn St. 47
Texas 74, Arkansas St. 49
Texas A&M 67, Louisiana-Monroe 54
Texas Pan American 77, Texas A&M International 61

EAST
Ball St. 69, Buffalo 65
Cleveland St. 69, Akron 66
DePaul 102, Chicago St. 55
Fairfield 70, Rider 60, OT
Fordham 69, Manhattan 66
Georgetown 74, Howard 46
Harvard 75, Boston U. 52
Hofstra 74, Delaware St. 56
Iona 74, Albany, N.Y. 66
Kent St. 74, Bowling Green 70
Loyola (Md.) 66, Mount St. Mary's 54
Maine 72, Hartford 70
Marist 71, Siena 68
Monmouth (NJ) 80, Fordham 65
Niagara 78, Hartford 76
Pittsburgh 74, Oklahoma St. 68
Providence 72, Bryant 61
Saint Joseph's 80, Creighton 71
Seton Hall 68, Wake Forest 54
St. Bonaventure 81, Canisius 62
St. Francis (Pa.) 68, Arnarian U. 61
Syracuse 85, George Washington 56
Temple 78, Villanova 67
UMBC 82, Towson 78
West Virginia 77, Miami 66

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
No. 22 TEXAS A&M 67, LOUISIANA-MONROE 54
LOUISIANA-MONROE (1-8) fgs ftm ftp 3pm 3pp reb ast blk stl pts
Nkonga 2-5 0-0 4 Williams 1-7 2-2 4, McClellan 2-5 0-0 4, Mingo 9-12 1-1 21, Brown 3-13 0-0 7, Hensberry 1-4 0-0 2, McCoy 0-0 0-0 0, Mackey 0-3 0-0 0, Lindsey 2-4 0-0 6, Ribeiro 2-6 2-2 6. Totals 22-69 5-5 54

TEXAS A&M (9-1) Harris 2-2 1-2 6, Loehrer 4-6 0-0 8, Middleton 5-14 0-2 10, E. Turner 5-12 0-0 12, R. Turner 0-6 3-4 3, Davis 1-1 1-2 3, Branch 0-1 0-0 0, McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 2-2 0-1 4, Gordon 2-5 0-0 5, Jefferson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-56 10-20 67.

Halftime—Texas A&M 35-27. 3-Point Goals—Louisiana-Monroe 5-24 (Mingo 3-6, Lindsey 2-4, Brown 1-6, Williams 0-1, Nkonga 0-1, Mackey 0-3, Williams 0-4), Texas A&M 6-13 (Middleton 2-4, E. Turner 2-4, R. Turner 1-1, Brown 1-1, Loehrer 0-1, Gordon 0-1, Jefferson 0-0). Fouled Out—McClellan, Ribeiro. Rebounds—Louisiana-Monroe 39 (Mingo 9), Texas A&M 35 (Loehrer 6). Total Fouls—Louisiana-Monroe 30, Texas A&M 19. Technicals—Louisiana-Monroe 2 (Mingo, Nkonga), Texas A&M 2 (Harris, Loehrer). A—6,875.

NEBRASKA 69, TCU 57
NEBRASKA (9-0) Uhd 0-3 0-2 3, Diaz-Cintrano 4-6 10-11 9, Richardson 3-6 2-2 8, Spencer 7-12 4-4 22, Walker 2-4 0-0 4, McClay 3-9 2-2 9. Fouls: Nebraska 23, Walker 2, Richardson 3, Spencer 3, Diaz-Cintrano 4, McClay 4. Technicals—Nebraska 2 (Walker, Richardson 4). TCU 7 (Thorne 2). Total Fouls—Nebraska 17, TCU 17. A—5,577.

TEXAS 69, TEXAS ST. 52
TEXAS ST. (6-5) Koonce 1-2 1-2 3, Gall 2-7 0-2 5, Thorne 2-9 0-2 6, Bowman 0-3 0-0 0, Bell 4-11 0-4 11, T. Jones 2-8 2-2 6, Davis 2-3 4-8 7, T. Jones 2-6 2-3 6, Bostic 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 0-2 0-2 2, Dada 0-1 0-0 0, Ball 0-1 1-2 1, Mugerwa 0-2 0-2 2, N. Hinton 0-4 0-2 0. Totals 15-66 15-34 52.

TEXAS (7-3) Holmes 0-2 2-4 2, Wengerhaus 4-6 3-4 11, Lang 6-12 2-2 15, Kabongo 4-6 4-4 13, Brown 5-8 0-0 11, McClellan 5-9 1-2 13, Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Mahlmeister 0-0 0-0 0, Gibbs 1-2 1-4 3, Dick 0-1 0-0 0, Chapman 2-3 5-6 7. Totals 27-49 20-30 69.

Halftime—Texas 39-19. 3-Point Goals—Texas St. 7-22 (Rice 3-6, Thorne 2-5, Ball 1-1, Davis 1-2, N. Hinton 0-1, Bowman 0-1, Bell 0-1, Koonce 0-1, T. Jones 0-2, Gall 0-3), Texas 4-11 (Brown 1-3, Dick 0-1, Holmes 0-1, Chapman 2-3, Bond 1-3). Fouled Out—Bostic. Rebounds—Texas St. 27 (Davis 6), Texas 42 (Chapman 7). Assists—Texas St. 6 (Koonce 2), Texas 15 (Kabongo 7). Total Fouls—Texas St. 24, Texas 21. A—11,009.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 74, ALABAMA ST. 49
ALABAMA ST. (1-6) White 6-7 0-0 15, Johnson 2-4 2-5 6, Middlebrooks 1-5 1-3 3, Washington 4-11 0-0 11, Butler 1-6 1-4 3. Page 4-5 0-2 8, Mason 0-1 0-0 0, Watts 1-8 0-0 2, Jefferson 0-1 0-0 0, Brown 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-48 4-14 49.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (4-5) King 2-5 3-4 7, Scott 6-16 2-2 14, Bostic 3-7 0-0 6, Gardner 0-1 0-0 0, Haymon 3-7 0-0 6, Dolph 1-1 0-2 2, Broussard 3-4 0-0 6, Bateman 2-3 1-2 5, Bright 2-3 4-4 8, Smith 5-6 0-3 10, Parker 2-3 4-4 8. Totals 29-68 14-19 74.

Halftime—Stephen F. Austin 35-13. 3-Point Goals—Alabama St. 6-15 (White 3-3, Washington 3-7, Butler 0-1, Watts 0-2, Middlebrooks 0-2), Stephen F. Austin 2-9 (Broussard 2-4, Bostic 0-1, Gardner 0-1, Bright 0-1, Haymon 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Alabama St. 22 (Johnson, Page 4), Stephen F. Austin 45 (Scott 11). Assists—Alabama St. 12 (Watts 5), Stephen F. Austin 24 (Bateman 8). Total Fouls—Alabama St. 16, Stephen F. Austin 14. A—2,247.

NORTH TEXAS 53, SAM HOUSTON ST. 50
SAM HOUSTON ST. (3-7) James 4-8 0-1 8, Holyfield 2-2 2-6 6, Gibson 3-5 2-2 10, Gatlin 3-10 0-0 8, Tucker 0-2 0-0 0, Mobley 0-0 0-0 0, Harwell 1-3 0-0 2, Warner 1-4 3-4 5. Totals 18-41 7-12 50.

NORTH TEXAS (4-6) Holman 3-7 2-2 9, Hogans 1-4 2-5 4, A. Williams 2-8 2-2 6, Jones 6-9 2-2 14, J. Williams 2-8 0-0 4, Walton 1-9 1-1 4, Stallings 3-11 4-4 11, Franklin 0-3 0-0 0, Hall 1-2 0-0 3, Sidwell 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 19-55 12-18 53.

Halftime—Sam Houston St. 25-22. 3-Point Goals—Sam Houston St. 7-18 (Gibson 2-3, Tucker 2-6, Gatlin 2-6, James 1-1, Harwell 0-2), North Texas 3-17 (Holman 1-1, Hall 1-2, Stallings 1-4, Jones 0-2, Walton 0-3, J. Williams 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sam Houston St. 28 (Gatlin 7), North Texas 37 (J. Williams 8, Assists—Sam Houston St. 8 (Gatson 5), North Texas 7 (Jones 3). Total Fouls—Sam Houston St. 19, North Texas 16. A—3,313.

Top 25 Feed

1. Kentucky (8-1) lost to Indiana 73-72 Next: vs. Chattanooga, Saturday.
2. Ohio State (8-1) lost to No. 13 Kansas 78-67 Next: vs. South Carolina-Upstate, Wednesday.
3. Syracuse (10-0) beat George Washington 85-56 Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
4. North Carolina (9-2) beat Long Beach State 84-78 Next: vs. Appalachian State, Saturday.
5. Louisville (9-0) beat Fairleigh Dickinson 80-58. Next: vs. No. 21 Memphis, Saturday.
6. Baylor (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bethune-Cookman, Wednesday.
7. Duke (9-1) beat Washington 86-60 Next: vs. UNC Greensboro, Monday, Dec. 13.
8. Xavier (6-0) beat Cincinnati 78-63. Next: vs. Coastal Carolina, Dec. 18.
9. UConn (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Sunday, Dec. 18.
10. Missouri (9-0) beat Navy 84-59. Next: vs. Nevada-Las Vegas, Wednesday.
11. Marquette (8-0) beat Green Bay 79-61. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.
12. Florida (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Texas A&M, Saturday.
13. Kansas (7-2) beat No. 2 Ohio State 78-67. Next: vs. Detroit, Monday, Dec. 19.
14. Wisconsin (8-2) beat UNLV 62-51. Next: at Milwaukee, Tuesday.
15. Pittsburgh (10-1) beat Oklahoma State 74-68. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Saturday.
16. Alabama (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Detroit, Sunday.
17. Vanderbilt State (9-1) beat Troy 100-69. Next: vs. FAU, Tuesday.
18. Georgetown (8-1) beat Howard 62-46. Next: vs. Mount St. Mary's, Sunday.
19. Creighton (7-1) lost to Saint Joseph's 80-71. Next: vs. Illinois-Chicago, Sunday.
20. Michigan (7-2) beat Oakland 80-60. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Tuesday.
21. Memphis (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Ball State, Sunday.
22. Texas A&M (9-1) beat Louisiana-Monroe 67-54. Next: at No. 12 Florida, Saturday.
23. Gonzaga (5-2) lost to Michigan State 74-67. Next: vs. Cal Riverside, Thursday.
24. Illinois (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cal-Riverside, Saturday.
25. Harvard (9-1) beat Boston University 76-52. Next: vs. VCU, Thursday, Dec. 22.

Women

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 85, Oral Roberts 37
Arkansas St. 60, Tulsa 70
Cent. Arkansas 66, Oklahoma 65, OT
Houston 83, Houston Baptist 60
Memphis 81, ULM 66
Stephen F. Austin 69, Texas-Pan American 59

Texas 61, Michigan St. 53
MIDWEST
E. Illinois 75, Indiana St. 60
Evansville 76, Murray St. 46
Florida St. 90, Akron 64
Kansas 98, Mo.-Kansas City 46
Marquette 93, Iona 44
Miami (Ohio) 66, E. Kentucky 55
Minnesota 73, Hartford 51
Missouri 66, North Dakota 52
Northwestern 72, Loyola of Chicago 67
Notre Dame 74, Valparaiso 38
Ohio St. 84, Canisius 41
Toledo 81, Cleveland St. 42
W. Michigan 67, SE Missouri 34
Wright St. 61, S. Illinois 59

FAR WEST
BYU 63, Utah St. 53
Cal St.-Fullerton 76, Nevada 74
California 75, Santa Clara 58
Idaho St. 67, Utah St. 65
Montana St. 80, Montana 68, 2OT
Portland St. 70, Loyola Marymount 55
S. Utah 60, Utah Valley 59
UTEP 59, Rice 53
Weber St. 85, CS Bakersfield 72
Wyoming 68, Maryville (Mo.) 60

EAST
Appalachian St. 86, UNC Asheville 71
Jmamilton 84, Sam Houston St. 52
Hampton 75, Liberty 64
Jackson St. 67, Tennessee St. 43
Liberty 116, Glenville St. 65
Louisiana-Lafayette 69, Gardner-Webb 27
Marshall 55, Clemson 47
Miami 76, Mississippi 46
Northwestern St. 95, Wiley 69
Radford 63, Wofford 46
Richmond 75, UNC-Greensboro 60
Saint Louis 70, FAU 63
Samford 61, Tennessee Tech 55
Southern Miss. 77, Louisiana-Monroe 74
UNC Wilmington 79, Campbell 73
Winthrop 67, SC State 59

EAST
Boston U. 49, Marist 36
CCSU 51, Siena 47
Colgate 71, Wagner 59
Hartford 54, Boston College 45
Lehigh 68, Robert Morris 54
Monmouth (NJ) 73, St. Peter's 64
Mount St. Mary's 59, Loyola (Md.) 54
Niagara 64, Binghamton 53
Penn 70, Army 60
Pittsburgh 65, Valparaiso 56
Quinnipiac 72, Rhode Island 67, OT
St. Bonaventure 76, Buffalo 45
Syracuse 56, Coppin St. 50
Towson 59, St. Francis (Pa.) 53
Villanova 52, Saint Joseph's 46
West Virginia 86, North Florida 30

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOX
No. 25 TEXAS 61, MICHIGAN ST. 53
MICHIGAN ST. (7-4) L. Johnson 3-8 0-0 9, Mills 3-4 0-0 7, K. Johnson 2-7 0-0 5, Thomas 2-12 1-1 5, Bolton 2-11 0-0 6, Poole 6-15 1-1 13, Hines 0-0 1-2 1. Picket 0-2 0-0 0. Schiffauer 2-2 1-3 5. Totals 20-61 4-7 53.

TEXAS (8-2) Gunter 4-7 1-2 9, Reed 5-11 4-6 14, Anderson 4-8 4-5 12, Fussell 2-7 2-2 7, Fontenette 3-10 3-4 9, Ensenstaad 1-3 0-0 2, Bass 0-3 4-4 4, Hartung 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 21-55 18-23 61.

Halftime—Texas 35-30. 3-Point Goals—Michigan St. 7-27 (L. Johnson 3-4, Allton 2-6, Mills 1-1, K. Johnson 1-5, Picket 0-1, Poole 0-4, Thomas 0-4), Texas 1-9 (Fussell 1-3, Fontenette 0-3, Bass 0-3). Fouled Out—Schiffauer. Rebounds—Michigan St. 32 (L. Johnson 11), Texas 46 (Gayle 12). Assists—Michigan St. 9 (K. Johnson 4), Texas 10 (Anderson 4). Total Fouls—Michigan St. 21, Texas 18. A—3,564.

Women's Top 25 Feed
Saturday
1. Baylor (9-0) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
2. UConn (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Baylor, Sunday, Dec. 18.
3. Notre Dame (9-1) beat No. 12 Purdue 66-38 Next: vs. No. 10 Kentucky, Sunday, Dec. 18.
4. Stanford (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Princeton, Sunday, Dec. 18.
5. Maryland (10-0) did not play. Next: at George Mason, Sunday.
6. Duke (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina-Upstate, Sunday.
7. Tennessee (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 DePaul, Sunday.
8. Texas A&M (8-2) did not play. Next: at TCU, Sunday.
9. Miami (8-1) beat Mississippi 76-48. Next: vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Friday.
10. Kentucky (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Sunday.
11. Georgia Tech (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Gonzaga, Monday, Dec. 19.
12. Louisville (9-2) beat Gardner-Webb 90-27. Next: at Cincinnati, Monday, Dec. 19.
13. Texas Tech (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Sunday.
14. Oklahoma (7-1) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Sunday.
15. Vanderbilt (10-0) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday, Dec. 18.
16. Oklahoma St. (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Sunday.
17. Gonzaga (6-2) beat Michigan State 81-53. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Wednesday.

Golf

Dubai World Championship
Saturday
At Jumeirah Golf Estates (Earth Course)
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $7.5 million
Yardage: 7,675; Par: 72
Third Round

Alvaro Quiros, Spain	68-64-70	— 202
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	68-73-68	— 204
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	72-67-68	— 207
Luke Donald, England	72-68-68	— 208
Peter Hanson, Sweden	64-72-71	— 207
Francesco Molinari, Italy	71-68-68	— 207
Ross Fisher, England	68-70-69	— 207
Rhys Davies, Wales	68-71-68	— 207
Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland	65-71-71	— 208
Robert Rock, England	68-69-71	— 208
Richard Sterne, South Africa	69-71-68	— 208
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	69-71-68	— 208
Sergio Garcia, Spain	67-73-68	— 208
Paul Casey, England	70-69-70	— 209
Martin Kaymer, Germany	73-71-64	— 208
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	71-68-70	— 209
Ian Poulter, England	73-69-68	— 210
David Lynn, England	68-72-70	— 210
Lee Westwood, England	71-68-69	— 208
Jaco Van Zyl, South Africa	69-70-72	— 211
Johan Edfors, Sweden	72-69-72	— 212
Alexander Noren, Sweden	70-72-70	— 212
Edoardo Molinari, Italy	71-73-68	— 212
Graeme McDowell, N. Ireland	71-71-71	— 213
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano, Spain	70-70-73	— 213
Fredrik Andersson Hed, Sweden	75-66-72	— 213
Matteo Manassero, Italy	73-68-72	— 213
Morten Orum Madsen, Denmark	72-74-67	— 213
Robert Karlsson, Sweden	73-72-68	— 213
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	75-69-69	— 213
Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	70-73-70	— 213
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	74-69-70	— 213
David Howell, England	69-73-73	— 214
Thomas Levet, France	70-75-69	— 214
Gregory Bourdy, France	70-73-71	— 214
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	73-70-71	— 214
Raphael Jacquelin, France	74-67-74	— 215
Felipe Aguilar, Chile	70-77-68	— 215
Rhys Davies, Wales	73-73-69	— 215
Ernie Els, South Africa	74-69-72	— 215
Lorenzo Gagli, Italy	72-71-73	— 216
George Coetzee, South Africa	74-73-69	— 216
Anders Hansen, Denmark	76-71-69	— 216
Henrik Otto, South Africa	76-75-71	— 216
Gregory Havret, France	72-72-72	— 216
Robert Coleres-Coles, Spain	72-70-74	— 216
Thomas Aiken, South Africa	69-73-75	— 217
Ross Fisher, England	68-74-75	— 217
Mark Foster, England	76-71-70	— 217
Retief Goosen, South Africa	74-69-75	— 218
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	71-77-71	— 219
Peter Lawrie, Ireland	75-74-71	— 220
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	76-71-73	— 221
Simon Dyson, England	77-75-69	— 221
James Morrison, England	75-70-76	— 221
Marcel Siem, Germany	75-73-73	— 221
Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland	76-72-75	— 223
Michael Hoey, Northern Ireland	75-72-76	— 223
Scott Jamieson, Scotland	72-72-79	— 223

Franklin Templeton Shootout
Saturday
At Tiburon Golf Club (Gold Course)
Naples, Fla.
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 7,285; Par: 72 (36-36)
Second Round
Better Ball

Keegan Bradley/Webb Simpson, Steele	63-62	— 125
Mark Calcavecchia/Nick Price	63-63	— 126
Rory Sabbatini/Khumattan Vegas	67-60	— 127
Ricky Fowler/Camilo Villegas	65-63	— 128
Jerry Kelly/Steve Stricker	64-65	— 129
Kenny Perry/Scott Stallings	67-62	— 129
Charles Howell III/Justin Leonard	68-62	— 130
Ashley Chesters/Webb Simpson	67-63	— 130
Jason Dufner/Sean O'Hair	66-64	— 130
Greg Norman/Scott McCarron	69-62	— 131
Chris DiMarco/Chad Campbell	68-63	— 131
Stewart Cink/Bo Van Pelt	70-62	— 132

Soccer

FIFA Club World Cup Glance
PLAYOFF
QUARTERFINALS
Today
At Toyota, Japan
Esperance (Tunisia) vs. Al Sadd (Qatar), 1 a.m.
Kashiwa Reysol vs. Monterrey (Mexico), 4:30 a.m.

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, Dec. 14
At Toyota, Japan
Kashiwa Reysol/Monterrey winner vs. Santos (Brazil), 4:30 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15
At Yokohama, Japan
Esperance/Al Sadd winner vs. Barcelona (Spain), 4:30 a.m.

FIFTH-PLACE PLAYOFF
Wednesday, Dec. 14
At Toyota, Japan
Kashiwa Reysol-Monterrey loser vs. Esperance-Al Sadd loser, 1:30 a.m.

THIRD-PLACE PLAYOFF
Sunday, Dec. 18
At Yokohama, Japan
Semifinal losers, 1:30 a.m.

FINAL
Monday, Dec. 19
At Yokohama, Japan
Semifinal winners, 4:30 a.m.

Winter Sports

Ski Jumping World Cup Results
Saturday
At Harrachov, Czech Republic
Hill Size: 185
1. Norway Team (Anders Jacobsen, Bjorn Einar Romoren, Vegard Haukoe Stoel, Anders Bardal) 993.7 points.
2. Austria (Thomas Morgenstern, David Zauner, Andreas Kofler, Gregor Schlierenzauer) 956.0.
3. Slovenia (Jernej Damjan, Jure Sinkovec, Peter Prevc, Robert Kranjec) 886.6.
4. Germany (Maximilian Mechler, Michael Neumayer, Richard Freitag, Severin Freund) 881.5.
5. Poland (Stefan Hula, Piotr Zyla, David Kubacki, Kamil Stoch) 876.3.
6. Czech Republic (Jakub Janda, Martin Cikl, Jan Matura, Lukas Hlava) 874.0.
7. Japan (Junshiro Kobayashi, Shohei Tochimoto, Taku Takeuchi, Daiki Ito) 865.8.
8. Russia (Dmitry Vassiliev, Alexander Sardyko, Anton Kalnitskochkin, Denis Kornilov) 835.6.

World Cup Standings
(After 6 of 33 events)
1. Austria, 1,391 points.
2. Germany, 965.
3. Norway, 765.

Freestyle World Cup
Saturday
At Rukla, Finland
Moguls
Men
1. Mikael Kingsbury, Canada.
2. Sho Kashima, United States.
3. Anthony Benna, France.
4. Denis Dolgushkin, Russia.
Also
6. Jeremy Cota, United States, final heats.
7. Bradley Wilson, United States, final heats.
10. Patrick Deneen, United States, final heats.
17. David DiDonato, United States, qualification.
24. Ryan Dyer, United States, qualification.
42. Joseph Discoe, United States, qualification.

Luge World Cup Results
Saturday
At Whistler Sliding Centre
Whistler, British Columbia
Women
1. Natalie Geisenberger, Germany, one minute 23.439 seconds (41.748 seconds and 41.691 seconds).
2. Tatjana Huefner, Germany, 1:23.482 (41.760-41.722).
3. Tatjana Iwanova, Russia, 1:23.606 (41.795-41.811).
4. Alex Gough, Canada, 1:23.665 (41.899-41.767).
5. Anke Wischnewski, Germany 1:23.840 (41.903-41.937).
6. Eva Hanifa Ransen, N.Y., 1:23.909 (41.959-41.950).
7. Nina Reithmayer, Austria 1:23.985 (42.037-41.978).
8. Corinna Martini, Germany, 1:23.987 (41.937-42.050).
9. Mara Widmiga, Austria, 1:24.174 (42.006-42.168).
10. Antonia Jones, Canada, 1:24.286 (42.162-42.124).
Other Americans
22. Ashley Walden, Woodborough, Mass., 1:25.486 (43.049-42.437).
Overall World Cup standings
after 3 of 9 races
1. Natalie Geisenberger, Germany, 165 points.
2. Tatjana Huefner, Germany, 160.
3. Julia Wischnewski, Germany 140.
4. Alex Gough, Canada, 130.
5. Tatiana Ivanova, Russia, 100.
Other Americans
16. Ashley Walden, Woodborough, Mass., 49.

Bobsleigh World Cup
Saturday
At La Plagne, France
Men
Two-Man
1. Thomas Florschutz and Kevin Kuske, Germany, 1:55.00 (50.39-55.11).
2. Steven Holcomb and Steven Langton, USA 1, 1:55.05 (50.46-55.37).
3. Beat Hefti and Thomas Lamparter, Switzerland 1, 1:55.91 (50.53-55.38).
4. Maximilian Arndt and Martin Putze, Germany 2, 1:56.20 (50.73-55.47).
5. Alexandre Bilodeau and Dominique Maltais, Canada, 1:56.41 (50.69-55.72).
6. Chris Spring and Derek Pag, Canada 2, 1:56.45 (1:00.01-55.47).
7. Manuel Machata and Andreas Bredau, Germany 3, 1:56.46 (50.80-55.54).
8. Alexandr Zubkov and Dmitry Trunenkov, Russia 1, 1:56.55 (50.84-55.71).

On the Air

What's on TV

FIGURE SKATING
SU, Grand Prix: Final (same-day tape), 11 a.m., NBC

GOLF
Franklin Templeton Shootout, final round, 2 p.m., NBC

NFL
Houston at Cincinnati, noon, CBS
Regional coverage, noon FOX
Regional coverage, 3 p.m., FOX
Regional coverage, doubleheader games, 3:15 p.m., CBS
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7 p.m., NBC

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with 1B Albert Pujols on a 10-year contract and LHP C.J. Wilson on a five-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed F Vladimir Radmanovic.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Signed F Garry Flowers and F Chris Wright.
INDIANA PACERS — Re-signed C Jeff Foster. Signed F-C Jeff Pendergraph. F-C Jamil Ferrous, F Tyrion Johnson, F Darnell Lazare and F-C Matt Rogers.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Traded F Ronny Turiaf, cash considerations and a 2013 second-round draft pick to Washington and G Andy Rautins to Dallas, who sent C Tyson Chandler and the draft rights to Ahmad Nivins and Giorgos Printezis to New York and a 2012 second-round draft pick to Washington. Washington also sent a conditional future second-round draft pick to Dallas. Waived G Chauncey Billups.
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed F Lawrence Hill and G Adrian Oliver.
TORONTO RAPTORS — Signed F Rasual Butler.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed F Larry Owens.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DL Eric Moore. Signed DB Malcolm Williams from the practice squad. Placed DL Jermaine Cunningham on injured reserve. Released DB Sterling Moore.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Montreal F Lars Eller $2,500 for tripping Los Angeles D Drew Doughty during the Dec. 3 game.

Knicks acquire Chandler from Dallas

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — The anchor of the Dallas Mavericks' defense now centers one of the league's best frontcourts.

Tyson Chandler joined the New York Knicks on Saturday, in the belief that joining Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire means he's not done competing for championships.

The Knicks have long needed a defensive presence, and Chandler plans to provide it.

"I know what my job is coming here," he said. "I know I came here to defend. I'm going to defend the rim, I'm going to rebound, I'm going to get extra shots. And I think if we play on both ends and play as a team, the sky is definitely the limit for this squad."

Chandler gets a four-year contract worth about $56 million after coming to the Knicks via sign-and-trade as part of a three-team deal. The Knicks sent Ronny Turiaf and cash to the Washington Wizards and reserve guard Andy Rautins to the Mavericks, and there were other picks involved.

The Knicks also waived point guard Chauncey Billups and designated him as their amnesty player so they could afford Chandler.

The 7-foot-1 Chandler helped the Mavericks win the NBA championship last season, averaging 10.1 points and 9.4 rebounds, and at first hoped he would return to Dallas. But the Mavericks wanted to keep other options open, and when the Knicks emerged as a surprising option, they quickly become Chandler's preferred one.

"The Knicks were never on my radar. I'd never seen them as being a possibility and once I got word that it could potentially happen, they became my No. 1 priority was to get here," Chandler said.

It took some work, notably using the amnesty clause to waive Billups so his $14.2 million salary wouldn't count for salary cap or luxury tax purposes. Billups was their starting point guard last season after coming with Anthony in a trade from Denver and was expected to return, with the Knicks picking up his option for this season in April when they would have owed him just $3.7 million had they waived him within five days after the season ended.

"We didn't want to get rid of Chauncey and when I talked to him today I told him, 'Chauncey, it's not like we're waiving you because we don't want you. Look at it as what it is. We traded you basically for the starting center on the NBA championship team,'" interim general manager Glen Grunwald said.

While Hornets seek Paul deal, Howard wants a move

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

While the New Orleans Hornets try to trade Chris Paul, Dwight Howard wants to be moved, too.

Howard has formally requested a trade from the Orlando Magic, a person familiar with the situation told the Associated Press on Saturday.

It's unknown if the Magic will grant their All-Star center's wishes, but they have given New Jersey, Dallas and the Los Angeles Lakers permission to talk with his agent about trades.

The Hornets seem more motivated to deal. The NBA, as their owners, killed the first attempt Thursday, a three-team trade that would have sent Paul to the Lakers. But general manager Dell Demps said they will keep trying, since Paul has told them he won't sign a contract extension this season.

Howard, Paul and the Nets' Deron Williams were expected to lead the 2012 free agency class. Instead, two of them could soon be on the block, giving the NBA an immediate jolt to its post-lockout return.

"I'm like everybody else. I'm adapting to all this nonsense," Celtics forward Kevin Garnett said. "I think this whole league is in a bunch of uncertainty at this point and I fall in line with that. A lot of players don't know what it is."

TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MEN

NO. 22 TEXAS A&M 67, LOUISIANA-MONROE 54

COLLEGE STATION — Khris Middleton returned to the lineup after missing the previous seven games with a torn meniscus in his right knee and scored 24 points to help No. 22 Texas A&M beat Louisiana-Monroe 67-54 Saturday night.

The Aggies (8-1) broke open a tied game midway through the second half with an 11-0 run featuring four points from Middleton to take a 54-43 lead.

Hugh Mingo had 21 points and nine rebounds for the Warhawks (1-8). The Aggies have held all nine of their opponents under 41 percent shooting this season.

TEXAS 84, TEXAS STATE 52

AUSTIN — Julien Lewis scored 14 of his 19 points in the second half to help Texas defeat Texas State 84-52 Saturday night.

Sheldon McClellan and Myck Kabongo each scored 13 as Texas (7-2) won its fifth straight game.

Eddie Rios had 11 points for Texas State.

TEXAS WESLEYAN 72, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL 68

NACOGDOCHES — Jazz Holman's basket with 8 seconds left broke a tie and helped Texas Wesleyan beat Florida International 72-68 in the Lumberjack Classic Saturday.

The Rams (7-1), who play in NAIA, scored the game's final six points. Ronnie Moss, who led Texas Wesleyan with 25 points, tied the game at 68 with a basket with 22:04 to play. Holman's free throws put the Rams ahead and then Brian Talley made a pair of foul shots with 2 seconds left to wrap it up.

HOUSTON BAPTIST 112, DALLAS CHRISTIAN 80

HOUSTON — Marcus Davis scored 30 points to lead six Houston Baptist players in double figures in a 112-80 victory against Dallas Christian on Saturday night.

Ronald March Jr. added 16 points, Art Bernardi 14 Tyler Russell 12, Marcel Smith 11 and Anthony Hill 10 for the Huskies (3-6).

NORTH TEXAS 53, SAM HOUSTON STATE 50

DENTON — Chris Jones scored 14 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:06 remaining, as North Texas defeated Sam Houston State 53-50 on Saturday.

Jones' bucket put the Mean Green ahead 51-50, and Jacob Holmen added two free throws with 21.6 seconds left as North Texas (4-5) won despite putting up its lowest point total of the season.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 74, ALABAMA STATE 48

NACOGDOCHES — Jereal Scott had 14 points and 11 rebounds Saturday to lead Stephen F. Austin to a 74-48 victory over Alabama State in the Lumberjack Classic.

The Lumberjacks (4-3) turned a close game into a runaway in the last 10 minutes of the first half, scoring the final 18 points before the break in opening up a 35-13 lead.

TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 77, TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL 61

EDINBURG — Jared Maree scored a season-high 22 points to lead Texas-Pan American to a 77-61 win over Texas A&M International on Saturday night.

The Broncs (3-8) led by just two points early in the second half but used a 15-4 run to pull ahead.

NEBRASKA 69, TCU 57

FORT WORTH — Bo Spencer scored 22 points as Nebraska defeated TCU 69-57 on Saturday night.

Nebraska (6-3) held the Horned Frogs to just four points in the first eight minutes of the second half. The Cornhuskers took the lead for good, 47-45, with 10:14 to play on Jorge Brian Diaz's putback.

WOMEN

NO. 25 TEXAS 61, MICHIGAN ST. 53

AUSTIN — Colie Reed returned to the court after an early injury scare and had 14 points and eight rebounds for Texas.

Reed, who missed all of last season after undergoing surgery on her right foot, left in the first half following a hard fall. She was back before halftime for the Longhorns (6-2).

MARTIN

From 1C

an inbounds pass with two seconds left in the quarter, taking one dribble and banking in a running 3-pointer from nearly halfcourt for a 36-19 lead.

Ashton, who had 10 points in the game, was one of four Warriors to score in double figures along with Johnson, Nick Babb and Jordan Smith.

The contributions from all over typified Martin's performance in the tournament, where it won every game by double digits.

"I feel like we're playing great as a team," Johnson said. "This is probably the best team chemistry-wise that I've ever been on.

"We all pull for each other, we all like when we all do well, it's a good feeling to have everybody contribute."

But when Johnson picked up his fourth foul at the 6:22 mark in the third quarter, it seemed Triple A might have a chance to get back in the game. The Stallions certainly seemed to believe they could, picking up the intensity and engaging in a bit of trash talk with Martin.

Yet despite the renewed effort from Triple A, Martin's lead only continued to balloon, growing to 22 points by the end of the third quarter.

"We've been in those situations before," Johnson said of the trash talk between the teams. "You've just got to tough it out, and you've kind of got to block out everything but your own teammates."

The strategy worked for Johnson, who put the finishing touches on a team-high 20-point, six-rebound performance.

Triple A freshman King McClure, who came into the game averaging 24 points a game in the tournament, scored 19, and Jermiah Jefferson added 14 for the Stallions, but it wasn't enough to stop the Martin roll.

For the Warriors, it was a fitting end to its second tournament victory this season, as Plemons said his team enjoys playing in front of the basketball-crazy crowds at Chap Center.

"It's such a great basketball environment," Plemons said. "As a competitor you want to do well and you want to put a good product on the floor because the people out here love to see good basketball."

And for Johnson and his teammates, it was a nice way to rebound from a 20-point loss it had one week before the tournament.

"After that loss we just really rallied back," Johnson said. "It's all about imposing our will on the other team, trying to play as hard as we can. We know that if we lock up and defend we're a really hard team to beat."

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ARLINGTON MARTIN 76, DALLAS TRIPLE A ACADEMY 49

Triple A — Xavier Cooks 3, Tyler Singleton 6, Jamal Jefferson 14, King McClure 19, Gary Breaux 5, Brandon Moore 4.

Martin — Cameron Ashton 10, Myles Johnson 20, R.J. Baller 6, Austin Durham 5, Cameron Craig 2, Shawn Hamster 2, Nick Babb 11, Joey Stanley 5, Jordan Smith 11, Patrick Burke 2.

Triple A	15	4	10	20—49
Martin	20	16	16	25—76

Three Pointers — Triple A 17-43, Martin 9-10. 3-point goals — Triple A 3 (McClure 2, Singleton), Martin 8 (Ashton 2, Johnson 2, Baller, Durham, Babb, Stanley). Total fouls — Triple A 14, Martin 16. Fouled out — Triple A, Dayton Mumphrey. Technical fouls — none.

Reporter-Telegram 2011 Readers' Choice Awards GOLD
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Favorite New Car or Truck

Throckmorton tops Borden County

Associated Press

ABILENE — C.J. Hantz rushed for 108 yards and passed for 69 more and two touchdowns as Throckmorton beat Borden County 48-36 to win the six-man Division I championship on Saturday.

Throckmorton led 40-16 before Borden County rallied to within four. But Hantz's 41-yard touchdown pass to Blayton Oliver with 1:19 remaining sealed the victory.

Throckmorton finished the season 14-0 and took its second six-man state title. The Greyhounds won the championship in 2005 and lost in last year's title game.

Hantz was named offensive most valuable player. Teammate Tucker Brown, who had an interception, was defensive MVP.

Brown completed 6 of 10 passes for 102 yards and three touchdowns. Levi Taylor also scored two touchdowns for Throckmorton.

Austin Fields rushed for 193 yard and three touchdowns for Borden County (13-2).

HS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP AND PAIRINGS

TYLER CHAPEL HILL TOPS ALVARADO FOR 3A TITLE

ARLINGTON (AP) — Avery Saenz threw two touchdown passes, including the game-winner to Nelson Onwuzu, as he led Tyler Chapel Hill to a 20-19 victory over Alvarado in the Class 3A Division I championship game.

The Bulldogs (15-0), claimed the school's second state football championship in front of 22,748 at Cowboys Stadium Friday night.

The Indians (14-1) turned the ball over three times in the last eight minutes, including on the Chapel Hill 15 yard line while driving for a potential game-winning drive with under 1:30 left in the game.

Saenz, the game's offensive MVP who passed for 118 yards, hit Onwuzu sprinting down the sideline for a 55-yard scoring strike late in the third quarter. The senior quarterback also tossed a 21-yard pass to Tre Allen in the first quarter.

Saturday's Scores
CLASS 5A Division II
State Semifinals
Cibolo Steele 51, Port Arthur Memorial 31
Spring Dekaney 59, Mansfield Timberview 48
CLASS 4A Division II
State Championship
Manvel 51, CC Calallen 28
SIX-MAN Division I
State Championship
Throckmorton 48, Borden County 36
SIX-MAN Division II
State Championship
Richland Springs 78, Munster Motley County 28

Pairings
CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Championship
Southlake Carroll (15-0) vs. Fort Bend Hightower (13-2) 4 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Championship
Spring Dekaney (13-2) vs. Cibolo Steele (15-0) 8 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Championship
Hondo Lutcher (13-2) vs. Lake Travis (15-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Championship
Aledo (13-2) vs. Manvel (15-0), noon Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Championship
Tyler Chapel Hill 20, Alvarado 19
CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Championship
Argyle (14-1) vs. Wimberley (14-0), 4 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Championship
Mellen (13-1) vs. Hempstead (14-0), 8 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Championship
Clyde (14-0) vs. Refugio (14-0), noon Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
CLASS 1A DIVISION I
State Championship
Stamford (13-2) vs. Mullen (14-0), noon Thursday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
CLASS 1A DIVISION II
State Championship
Wellington (14-0) vs. Tenaha (13-2), 4 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium
SIX-MAN DIVISION I
State Championship
Throckmorton 48, Borden County 36
SIX-MAN DIVISION II
State Championship
Richland Springs 78, Munster Motley County 28

Jackalopes get 2 unanswered to beat Wild

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes bounced back from a loss to Wenatchee on Friday for a 2-1 victory over the Wild Saturday night at the Ector County Coliseum.

The Jackalopes trailed 1-0 through two periods before scoring their only goals in the third. Josh Obregon scored off assists from Lawrence Cornellier and Tyler Minx at the 6:51 mark of the period. Then at 12:51, Tyler Robert got the game-winner off assists from Matthew Williams and Tyler Poulsen.

Wenatchee opened the scoring late in the first period when Parker Johnson got a shorthanded goal.

Connor Hellebuyck was in goal for the Jacks and saved 37 of 38 shots.

Neither team was good on their power play opportunities as Odessa was 0 for 6, while Wenatchee was 0 for 5.

AP source: Braun has positive drug test, appealing

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — National League MVP Ryan Braun has tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance, a case still under appeal to an arbitrator under Major League Baseball's drug program, a person familiar with the situation told the Associated Press.

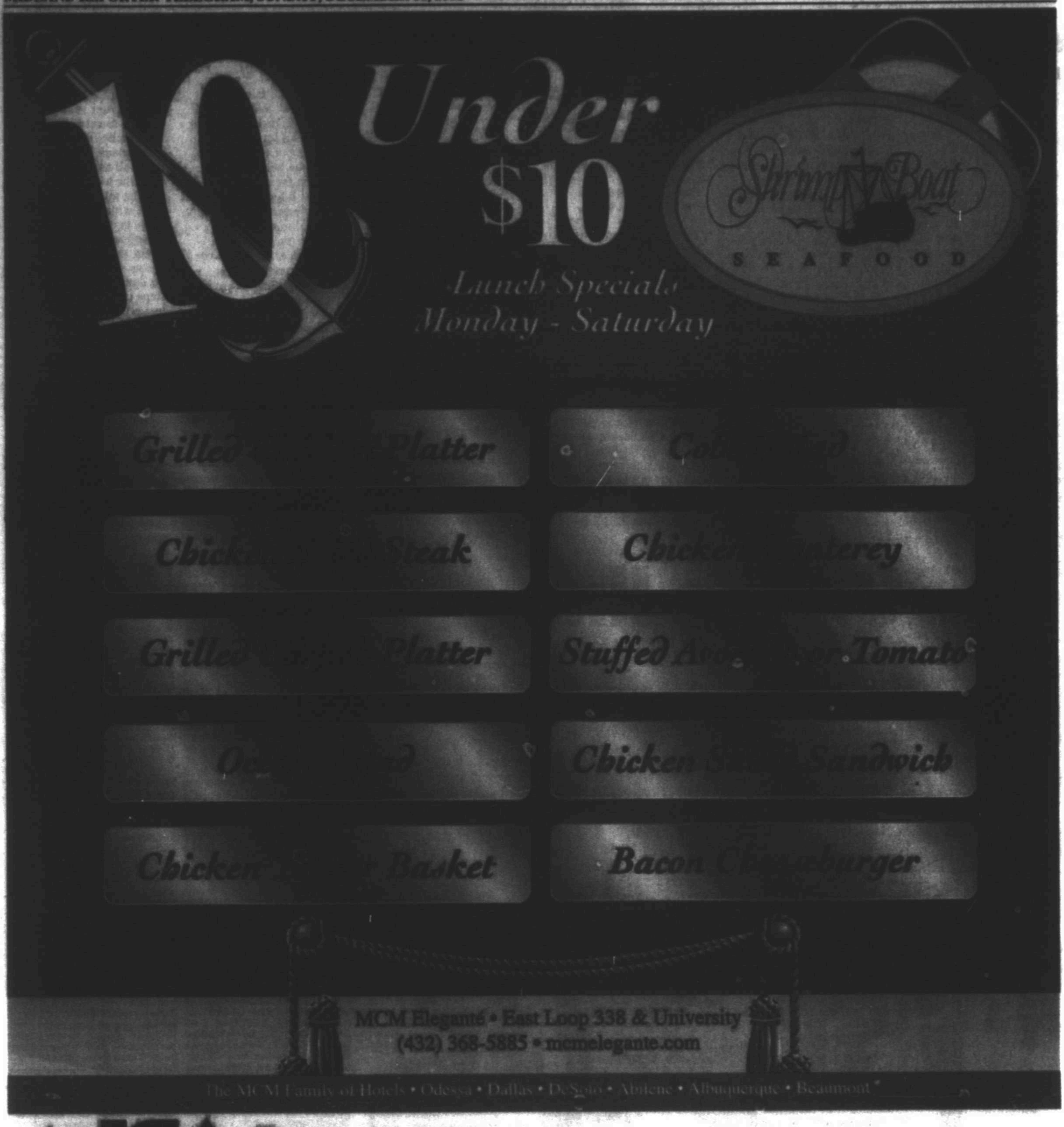
The person spoke Saturday night on condition of anonymity because the appeal is still ongoing. The positive test was first reported by ESPN.

If Braun's appeal is denied, the Milwaukee Brewers star would be subject to a 50-game suspension.

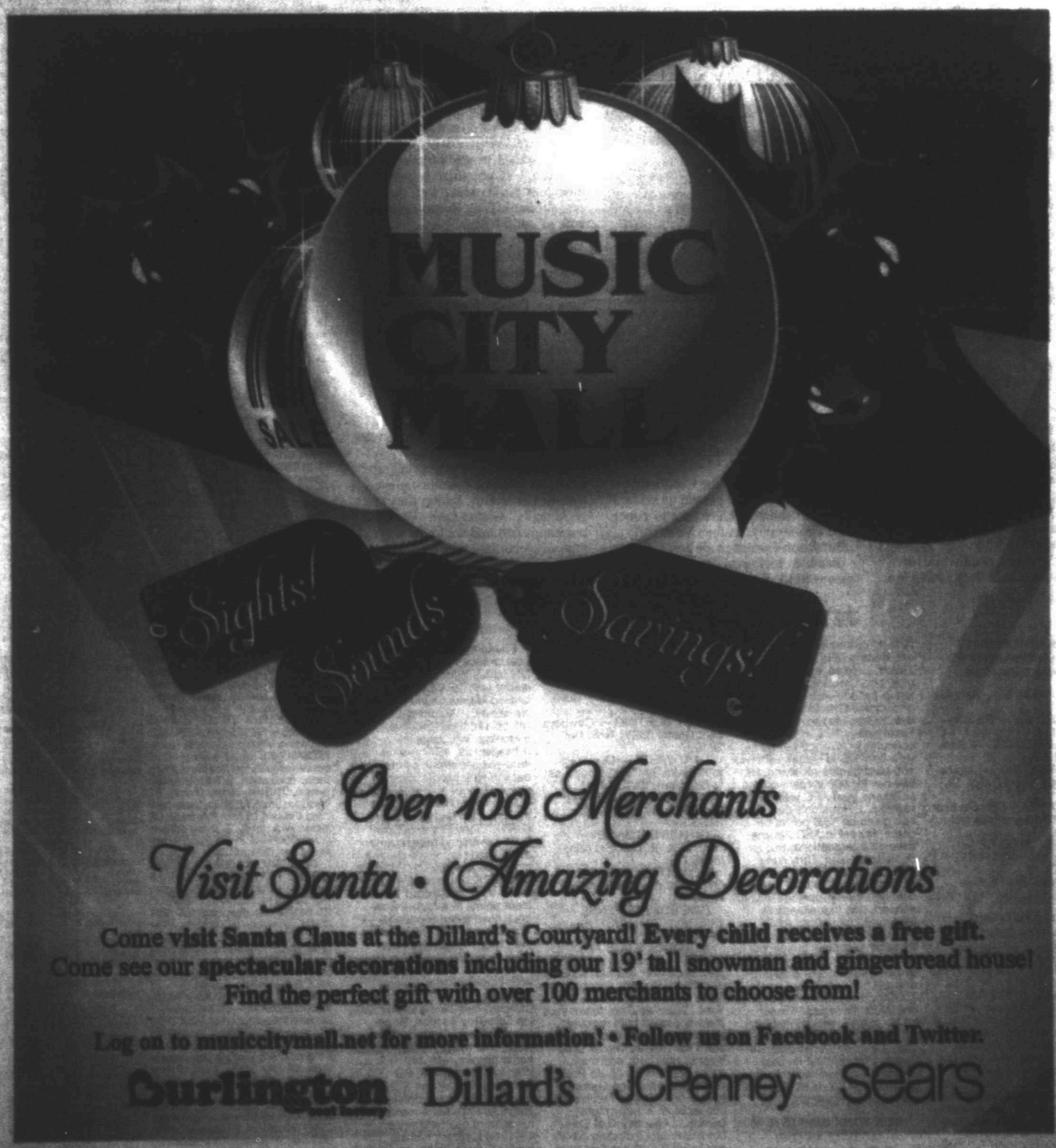
Braun tested positive for elevated testosterone, ESPN said, adding that a later test determined the testosterone was synthetic.

If suspended, Braun would be eligible to return for Milwaukee's May 31 game at the Los Angeles Dodgers, barring any postponements. He would miss the first 57 days of the major league season, losing about $1.87 million of his $6 million salary.

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FIRST GAMES - WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28TH
Midland Lee Girls vs. Plainview:
Wed., December 28 9:30 a.m.
Midland High Girls vs. Seminole:
Wed., December 28 5:30 p.m.
Midland Lee Boys vs. Italy
Wed., December 28 8:00 a.m.
Midland High Boys vs. Austin
Wed., December 28 8:00 p.m.



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Texans find path to overcoming early adversity

Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have always been a delicate bunch.

All it ever took was one injury, one mistake, one coaching gaffe and everything would crumble in a game — and, subsequently, a season.

Not anymore.

Even as they seem to lose a key player every week, the Texans (9-3) have stayed on point, winning six straight games and surging to the doorstep of that elusive first postseason berth.

Houston plays at Cincinnati (7-5) today and can clinch the AFC South with a victory and a Tennessee loss to New Orleans, but no one in the locker room is talking about the potential milestone nor the magnitude of the moment when the young franchise finally makes its breakthrough.

Maybe that says it all about how much this team has grown up, and where it seems to be heading.

"You don't hear much about it, you don't hear a lot of talk about it," said right tackle and Lee grad Eric Winston, a third-round pick in 2006. "It's just, 'Hey, we need to take care of our business, and do our deal.'

"If we keep racking up wins, no matter if it happens this week, or in two weeks, it's going to happen."

For most of the team's history, it seemed as though it never would.

The Texans beat Dallas 19-10 in their inaugural game in 2002 — still one of the franchise's greatest victories — then languished through five losing seasons.

Houston went 8-8 in 2007 and expectations began to swell, but just when the Texans seemed poised to take flight, something bizarre always seemed to knock them down.

Houston at Cincinnati

- When: Noon today
- Where: Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati
- Radio: KCRS 550 AM
- TV: CBS

In 2008, Hurricane Ike damaged Reliant Stadium, postponing Houston's home opener and forcing the Texans to begin the season with three straight road games. The eventual home opener then turned disastrous, with backup quarterback Sage Rosenfels' fumbles and interceptions helping Peyton Manning and Indianapolis rally from 17 points down in the fourth quarter for a 31-27 victory.

In 2009, Arizona stuffed Houston on three plays from the 1-yard line in the final minute of a 28-21 Texans loss. Later that year, Kris Brown missed last-second field-goal tries in consecutive weeks, and coach Gary Kubiak signed off on a halfback pass that Jacksonville intercepted, sealing a 23-18 defeat.

Last year, the Texans lost middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans, then lost games on a last-second pass from midfield (at Jacksonville), a last-minute, 72-yard drive (against the New York Jets) and an interception return in overtime (against Baltimore).

Fans began calling for Kubiak and general manager Rick Smith to be fired, while inside the locker room the team bonded together.

"It would've been pretty easy at a lot of junctures last year, for this team to split apart," Winston said. "We never did, and I think that says a lot about the character of the guys. Everyone believed we were on the right course. We just hit a bad detour."

At times, things seemed to be falling apart again this season.

Star receiver Andre Johnson hurt his right hamstring without anyone touching him and sacks leader Mario Williams tore a chest muscle in consecutive weeks. Key offseason acquisition Daniel Manning then broke his left leg intercepting a pass, Matt Schaub broke his right foot on a quarterback sneak, of all things, and backup Matt Leinart broke his left collarbone less than two quarters into his first start in two years.

This time, though, the Texans were ready.

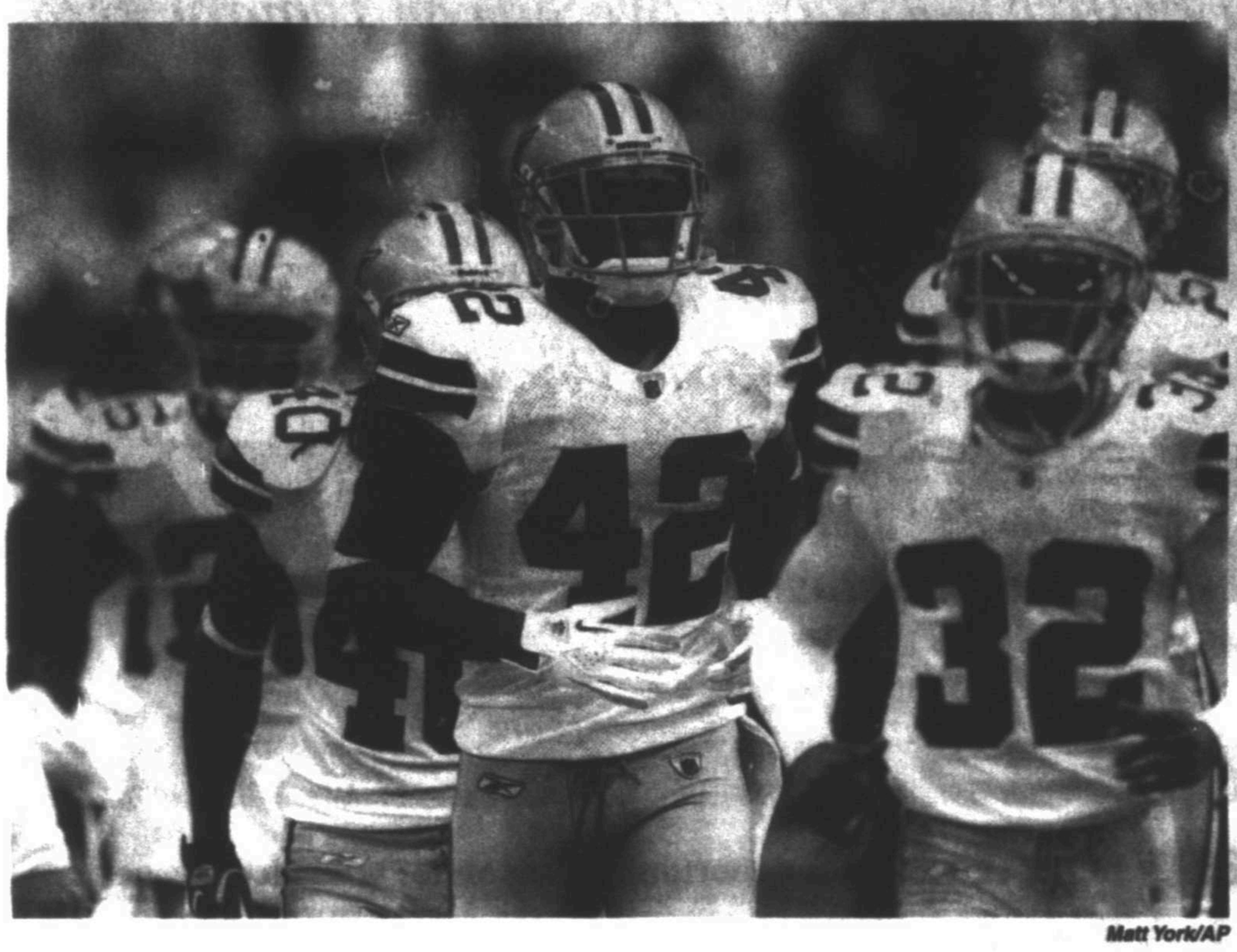
Smith, hired a few months after Kubiak, has built a roster sturdy enough to sustain injuries at virtually every position, and Kubiak has so far made all the right calls to keep the team on track.

"The thing about this year, with our younger guys, is our depth is a lot better, we have a lot better talent around our guys," Ryans said. "When guys go down, the next man steps up and you've got to just go in and do your job. Don't try to do too much.

"Everybody rallies around whoever goes down, and does their job a little bit better," Ryans said. "And we've been fine."

New defensive coordinator Wade Phillips has offered a magic touch to a unit that ranked as one of the league's worst in 2010, and Houston's offensive line has emerged as one of the NFL's best. The Texans rank second in defense and third in rushing.

On the line



Matt York/AP

The Dallas Cowboys take the field before a game against the Arizona on Dec. 4 in Glendale, Ariz. The Cowboys play a big game against the N.Y. Giants tonight at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

Plenty at stake for Cowboys in matchup with Giants

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

N.Y. Giants at Dallas

- When: 7 p.m. today
- Where: Cowboys Stadium, Arlington
- Radio: KNFM 92.3 FM
- TV: NBC

ARLINGTON — Talk about pressure.

Nothing less than first place in the NFC East, Jason Garrett's credibility as a coach and what DeMarcus Ware termed their "manhood" will be at stake for the Dallas Cowboys when they host the New York Giants tonight at Cowboys Stadium.

Despite last week's demoralizing 19-13 overtime defeat at Arizona, the Cowboys (7-5) hold a one-game lead over the Giants (6-6) even though Eli Manning & Co. have lost four straight, including last week's 38-35 thriller to undefeated Green Bay.

But if the Giants beat the Cowboys, they'll grab the lead by virtue of possessing the head-to-head tiebreaker. New York could then claim the division by winning one of their next two games (Washington and the New York Jets) and the season finale against Dallas on Jan. 1 at the Meadowlands.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, are assured the East if they sweep the Giants. If that happens, the Cowboys would finish 9-7 and no other team in the division would be able to win more than eight games.

"No question, you embrace this opportunity," tight end Jason Witten said. "We know what's at stake, what type of mentality it's going to take to beat this team this time of year.

"It's like we say around here: It's December Ball, you know what you are playing for. There is urgency, a sense of awareness of the opportunity - let's take advantage of this moment."

With a win over the Cardinals, Dallas would have gained a two-game cushion and a chance to clinch the division by beating New York. But Jason Garrett made some questionable clock-management decisions in the final 26 seconds of the fourth quarter that led to Dan Bailey missing a 49-yard field goal that could have won it, 16-13.

Afterward Garrett defended his decision, a stance some believe may have hurt his standing with the players, although Tony Romo gave him a vote of confidence.

"Jason is a great coach," Romo said. "We're lucky to have him."

The Giants are 2-0 at Cowboys Stadium, prompting Ware to say it's time for Dallas to protect its $1.2 billion palace and not let New York "take your manhood" again.

"There is a lot at stake," the NFL sack leader said. "You're playing for first place and you got to get out there and play hard."

Witten agreed, pointing out the Giants regained their swagger in the brawl with the Packers.

"Anybody who watches that tape from last Sunday, how they played against Green Bay, knows they are a good team," Witten said. "We have our hands full and we know what type of game they will try to play. They are physical. We have to match that intensity, and we think we will."

TEXAS NFL CAPSULES

HOUSTON (9-3)
AT CINCINNATI (7-5)
Noon today, CBS

OPENING LINE — Bengals by 1

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Houston 9-3; Cincinnati 7-4-1

SERIES RECORD — Bengals lead 3-2

LAST MEETING — Texans beat Bengals 28-17, Oct. 18, 2009

LAST WEEK — Texans beat Falcons 17-10; Bengals lost to Steelers 35-7

TEXANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (10), RUSH (3), PASS (17)

TEXANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (2), RUSH (4), PASS (3)

BENGALS OFFENSE — OVERALL (18), RUSH (20), PASS (19)

BENGALS DEFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (6), PASS (10)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Texans can clinch first AFC South title and playoff berth with win over Bengals and Tennessee loss to New Orleans. Texans have won last six games, longest winning streak in AFC. ... Houston has won each of last three games with a different starting quarterback because of injuries: Matt Schaub (foot), Matt Leinart (shoulder) and rookie T.J. Yates. The last team to win three straight games with three different starting QBs was 2003 Titans. ... Yates, a fifth-round pick, and Cincinnati's Andy Dalton, a second-round pick, are only rookie QBs to win starting debuts this season. ... RB Arian Foster leads NFL in yards from scrimmage at 142.6 per game. He's only RB in league with two 100-yard games receiving. He has run for 100 yards five times. ... Texans lead AFC with 15 TDs rushing. ... Houston's defense has given up 15.6 points per game, fewest in AFC. Texans have 17 interceptions, tied for conference lead. They need three sacks to surpass club record of 37 in 2005. ... Bengals coming off only lopsided loss of season, one that essentially eliminated them from AFC North race. They're tied with three other teams for second AFC wild card. ... Game at Paul Brown Stadium isn't sold out and will be blacked out on local TV. Cincinnati has sold out only one of its six regular season home games, when Pittsburgh brought thousands of fans Nov. 13. ... Cincinnati's run defense had been one of NFL's best until last two games, when it gave up 134 yards to Cleveland and 136 to Pittsburgh.

NEW YORK GIANTS (6-6)
AT DALLAS (7-5)
7:20 p.m. today, NBC

OPENING LINE — Dallas by 3½

2011 RECORD VS. SPREAD — New York 5-7, Dallas 4-7-1

SERIES RECORD — Cowboys lead 58-40-2

LAST MEETING — Cowboys beat Giants 33-20, Nov. 14, 2010

LAST WEEK — Giants lost to Packers 38-35; Cowboys lost to Cardinals 19-13 OT

GIANTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (9), RUSH (32), PASS (4)

GIANTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (29), RUSH (23), PASS (29)

COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (7), RUSH (147), PASS (7)

COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (11), RUSH (9), PASS (4)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Cowboys and Giants play twice over last four weeks of season. Regular season finale is New Year's Day in New York. ... Last season, teams had already played both regular-season games by mid-November. That Nov. 14 win by Cowboys in New York was first game after coach Wade Phillips was fired and Jason Garrett took over. ... Dallas has lost five consecutive Sunday night games. ... Giants 2-0 at Cowboys Stadium, including 33-31 win in 2009 that was first regular season game played there. ... Eli Manning is most-sacked quarterback by Cowboys LB DeMarcus Ware, NFL sacks leader with 15. Ware has sacked Manning nine times in his career. ... Manning's start will be 116th consecutive, matching Ron Jaworski (Philadelphia, 1977-84) for third-longest streak by quarterback in NFL history. Only streaks longer are by Manning's older brother Peyton (208 for Indianapolis) and Brett Favre (297). ... Tony Romo is Cowboys' seventh starting quarterback since Manning's starting streak began Nov. 21, 2004. ... Giants PK Lawrence Tynes has made franchise-record 147 extra points in a row. ... Cowboys have faced two teams — Philadelphia (99) and Washington (102) — more than they have faced Giants (97) in regular season. ... Romo goes into 76th career regular-season game just shy of 20,000 yards passing, and joining former Dallas QBs Troy Aikman, Roger Staubach and Danny White to reach that mark. He has 19,975 yards passing with 140 TDs. ... With four games left, RB DeMarco Murray has 872 yards rushing, 136 shy of breaking Tony Dorsett's team rookie record that has held since 1977. NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith ran for 937 yards as a rookie in 1990.

NFL INJURY REPORT AND STANDINGS

Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league:

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at BALTIMORE RAVENS — COLTS: OUT: LB A.J. Edds (ankle), QB Payton Manning (neck). QUESTIONABLE: LB Pat Angerer (knee), TE Dallas Clark (ilium), TE Brody Eldridge (hand), WR Anthony Gonzalez (groin), RB Ryan Mathelny (concussion), T Joe Reitz (knee), LB Emile Sims (toe). RAVENS: OUT: CB Chris Carr (back). QUESTIONABLE: K Billy Cundiff (left calf), LB Ray Lewis (foot). PROBABLE: RB Anthony Allen (thigh), C Matt Birk (shoulder), G Ben Grubbs (toe), CB Jimmy Smith (knee).

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS at NEW YORK JETS — CHIEFS: DOUBTFUL: QB Kyle Orton (right finger). QUESTIONABLE: LB Jovan Belcher (shoulder), LB Demorrio Williams (groin). PROBABLE: DE Tyson Jackson (Gilberry (hand), C Casey Wiegmann (finger). JETS: DOUBTFUL: DE Mike DeVito (knee). QUESTIONABLE: DT Marcus Dixon (hip), RB Joe McKnight (elbow), G Brandon Moore (hip). PROBABLE: G Vladimir Ducasse (knee), DE Shaun Ellis (knee), LB David Harris (ankle), WR Jeremy Kerley (knee), CB Ellis Lankster (low back), C Nick Mangold (ankle), LB Calvin Pace (groin), C Tanner Purdum (low back), G Matt Slauson (knee), S Eric Smith (knee), RB LaDainian Tomlinson (knee), DE Muhammad Wilkerson (shoulder).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at DETROIT LIONS — VIKINGS: OUT: CB Chris Cook (not injury related). QUESTIONABLE: RB Adrian Peterson (ankle). CB Christian Ponder (hip). PROBABLE: CB Asher Allen (shoulder), LB Chad Greenway (elbow), DE Everson Griffen (quadriceps), WR Percy Harvin (finger), LB E.J. Henderson (shoulder), G Anthony Herrera (knee), G Brandon Keith (knee), DE Brian Robison (concussion), TE Visanthe Shiancoe (hand). LIONS: OUT: DE Lawrence Jackson (thigh). DOUBTFUL: S Louis Delmas (knee). CB Chris Houston (knee). QUESTIONABLE: LB Justin Durant (hamstring), DT Nick Fairley (foot), RB Kevin Smith (ankle). PROBABLE: G Rob Sims (ankle), DE Willie Young (ankle).

HOUSTON TEXANS at CINCINNATI BENGALS — TEXANS: OUT: WR Andre Johnson (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: DE Tim Bulman (calf), RB Lawrence Vickers (hamstring), WR Kevin Walter (illness). PROBABLE: LB Mister Alexander (shoulder), CB Jason Allen (thumb, head), G Mike Brisiel (ankle), RB Jarrett Dillon (ankle), LB Barrett Ruud (groin), TE Joel Dreessen (groin), TE Garrett Graham (hamstring), CB Brice McCain (shoulder), S Glover Quin (elbow, knee), DE Antonio Smith (shoulder), T Eric Winston (knee). BENGALS: OUT: LB Dontay Moch (illness). DOUBTFUL: DE Carlos Dunlap (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: CB Nate Clements (hamstring), RB Brian Leonard (knee), T Andre Smith (ankle). PROBABLE: RB Cedric Benson (foot), C/G Kyle Cook (shoulder), C Chris Crocker (knee), LB Brandon Johnson (knee), TE Donald Lee (foot).

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — BUCCANEERS: OUT: CB Aqib Talib (hamstring). DOUBTFUL: S Larry Asante (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: QB Josh Freeman (right shoulder), DT Albert Haynesworth (knee). PROBABLE: DE Michael Bennett (groin), LB Adam Hayward (foot), T James Lee (knee), DT Brian Price (ankle), T Luke Stocker (hip). JAGUARS: OUT: CB T.J. Heath (concussion), DE Matt Roth (concussion). QUESTIONABLE: S Dwight Lowery (shoulder). PROBABLE: DT Tyson Alualu (not injury related), RB Maurice Jones-Drew (not injury related), RB Greg Jones (not injury related), TE Marcedes Lewis (ankle), WR Cecil Shorts (hamstring), T Guy Whimper (thigh).

ATLANTA FALCONS at CAROLINA PANTHERS — FALCONS: OUT: CB Brent Grimes (knee). DOUBTFUL: CB Kelvin Hayden (toe), LB Stephen Nicholas (quadriceps). QUESTIONABLE: T Will Svitek (groin). PROBABLE: DE John Abraham (not injury related), T Sam Baker (back), WR Harry Douglas (groin), DE Ray Edwards (shoulder), TE Tony Gonzalez (not injury related), C Joe Hawley (ankle), WR Julio Jones (hamstring), C Todd McClure (not injury related), RB Michael Turner (groin), DT Vance Walker (groin), WR Roddy White (shoulder). PANTHERS: OUT: LB Jason Phillips (calf), LB Kion Wilson (calf). QUESTIONABLE: T Jordan Gross (ankle). PROBABLE: CB Chris Gamble (not injury related), S Charles Godfrey (shoulder), TE Greg Olsen (knee), WR Keshcia Pleasure (quadriceps), TE Jeremy Shockey (not injury related), WR Steve Smith (not injury related), G Travelle Wharton (back).

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at MIAMI DOLPHINS — EAGLES: QUESTIONABLE: CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie (ankle). PROBABLE: DE Jason Babin (shoulder), Maughan (concussion, knee), DE Trent Cole (hand), T King Dunlap (concussion), G Todd Herremans (biceps), DT Dullen Jenkins (thumb), DT Trevor Laws (knee), WR Jeremy Maclin (hamstring, shoulder), LB Brian Rolle (neck), CB Michael Vick (foot), G Danny Watkins (ankle). DOLPHINS: PROBABLE: S Yeremiah Bell (foot), G Vernon Carey (ankle).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at TENNESSEE TITANS — SAINTS: OUT: LB Jonathan Casillas (knee), RB Mark Ingram (toe), DE Turk McBride (knee). PROBABLE: DT Sedrick Ellis (hamstring), LB Scott Shanle (shoulder), LB Jonathan Vilma (knee). TITANS: OUT: LB Barrett Ruud (groin). QUESTIONABLE: LB Patrick Bailey (hamstring), CB Jason McCourty (concussion), WR Nate Washington (ankle). PROBABLE: G Eugene Amano (knee).

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS at WASHINGTON REDSKINS — PATRIOTS: OUT: T Sebastian Vollmer (back, foot). DOUBTFUL: LB Jermaine Cunningham (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: CB Kyle Arrington (foot), S Patrick Chung (foot), G Dan Connolly (groin), WR Julian Edelman (back), LB Dane Fletcher (thumb), S James Ihedigbo (shoulder), CB Devin McCourty (shoulder), WR Matthew Slater (shoulder), LB Brandon Spikes (knee), RB Shane Vereen (hamstring), C Ryan Wendell (calf), RB Danny Woodhead (abdomen). PROBABLE: T Marcus Cannon (not injury related), WR Wes Welker (knee). REDSKINS: OUT: DT Chris Baker (quadriceps), S LaRon Landry (groin). PROBABLE: WR Terrance Austin (hamstring), DE Stephen Bowen (knee), T Jammal Brown (hip), LB London Fletcher (ankle), S DaJon Gomes (knee), CB Rex Grossman (left shoulder), CB DeAngelo Hall (back), G Maurice Hurt (knee), P Sav Rocco (left ankle), RB Darrel Young (head).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at ARIZONA CARDINALS — 49ERS: QUESTIONABLE: QB Tarvil Brown (ankle), WR Ted Ginn (ankle), CB Carlos Rogers (knee), LB Patrick Willis (hamstring). CARDINALS: QUESTIONABLE: TE Todd Heap (hamstring), LB Joey Porter (knee), S Kerry Rhodes (foot). PROBABLE: RB Michael Adams (hamstring), S Sean Considine (Achilles), DT Darnell Dockett (quadriceps), RB Beanie Wells (knee, thumb, hamstring), P Dave Zastudil (biceps).

CHICAGO BEARS at DENVER BRONCOS — BEARS: OUT: CB Zackary Bowman (right thumb), RB Matt Forte (knee), S Major Wright (shoulder). BRONCOS: QUESTIONABLE: RB Willis McGahee (knee), WR Eddie Royal (concussion). PROBABLE: S David Bruton (Achilles), S Quinton Carter (heat cramps), T Ryan Clady (knee), RB Jeremiah Johnson (ankle), LB Von Miller (thumb), DT Mitch Unrein (back).

BUFFALO BILLS at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — BILLS: OUT: TE Scott Chandler (ankle). DOUBTFUL: CB Terrence Wilkins (calf). PROBABLE: S Jairus Byrd (shin), G Chad Rinehart (shoulder), S George Wilson (neck). CHARGERS: DOUBTFUL: S Darrell Stuckey (groin). QUESTIONABLE: LB Donald Butler (foot), S Shaun Phillips (foot). PROBABLE: LB Na'il Diggs (chest), G Brandyn Dombrowski (foot), G Tyronne Green (hand), C Nick Hardwick (neck), DE Corey Liuget (fibula), LB Takeo Spikes (back), G Louis Vasquez (ankle).

NEW YORK GIANTS at DALLAS COWBOYS — GIANTS: OUT: C David Baas (neck, headaches), LB Mark Herzlich (ankle), LB Spencer Paysinger (hamstring), DE Osi Umenyiora (ankle, knee). DOUBTFUL: S Kenny Phillips (knee). PROBABLE: CB Prince Amukamara (back), LB Michael Boley (hamstring), RB Ahmad Bradshaw (foot), RB Brandon Jacobs (hamstring), WR Mario Manningham (knee), DE Dave Tollefson (knee). COWBOYS: OUT: NT Josh Brent (knee), CB Jon Kitna (back). DOUBTFUL: TE Martellus Bennett (ribs), S Danny McCray (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: WR Miles Austin (hamstring), RB Tony Fiammetta (illness), G Kyle Kosier (foot), WR Laurent Robinson (shoulder), LB DeMarcus Ware (neck). PROBABLE: S Abram Elam (not injury related), LB Sean Lee (wrist), P Mat McBriar (left foot).

OAKLAND RAIDERS at GREEN BAY PACKERS — RAIDERS: OUT: QB Jason Campbell (shoulder), WR Jacoby Ford (foot), RB Taiwan Jones (hamstring), RB Darren McFadden (foot), WR Denarius Moore (foot). QUESTIONABLE: DT John Henderson (knee). PROBABLE: TE Kevin Boss (hip), S Michael Huff (ankle), DT Tommy Kelly (toe), DE Jarvis Moss (hamstring), WR Chaz Schilens (foot), DE Trevor Scott (shoulder), DT Richard Seymour (knee). PACKERS: OUT: LB Desmond Bishop (calf), T Chad Clifton (hamstring, back), G Josh Sitton (knee), LB Vic So'oto (back), RB James Starks (knee, ankle). QUESTIONABLE: LB A.J. Hawk (calf). PROBABLE: CB Charles Woodson (concussion).

ST. LOUIS RAMS at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — RAMS: DNP: QB Sam Bradford (knee), CB Ron Bartell (right thumb), DE Chris Long (ankle), WR Brandon Lloyd (knee), RB Quinn Porter (abdomen), DT Fred Robbins (back). LIMITED: DE Eugene Sims (ankle). FULL: T Mark LeVoir (chest). SEAHAWKS: No Data Reported

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	382	247
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	290	260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	279	324
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246	220
South						
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310	189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	240	229
Jacksonville	5	7	0	.417	252	322
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174	358
North						
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	279	204
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	295	192
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266	250
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	178	234
West						
Denver	7	5	0	.583	250	220
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274	309
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	162	209
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	257	277

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	315	244
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	257	315
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271	282
Washington	4	8	0	.333	332	339
South						
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	399	244
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	299	244
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	260	304
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218	329
North						
x-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420	262
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291	252
Detroit	7	5	0	.583	333	277
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246	330
West						
x-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	286	161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216	246
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232	289
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140	295

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Thursday's Score
Pittsburgh 14, Cleveland 3

This Week's Games

New Orleans at Tennessee, Noon
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Minnesota at Detroit, Noon
Houston at Cincinnati, Noon
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, Noon
Buffalo at San Diego, Noon
Arizona at Carolina, Noon
Philadelphia at Miami, Noon
New England at Washington, Noon
San Francisco at Atlanta, 3:00 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Buffalo at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
St. Louis at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.

Sam Houston State runs past Montana State

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Richard Sincere had a career game, and Sam Houston State dominated the battle of rushing offenses.

Sincere rushed for a career-high 160 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries as Sam Houston State piled up a season-high 428 rushing yards on Saturday in beating Montana State 49-13 in a Football Championship Subdivision quarterfinal game.

"Richard was on fire," Sam Houston State coach Willie Fritz said. "He did a sensational job of reading the option and doing what he needed to and pitching it when he needed to. He did a super job."

The top-seeded Bearkats (13-0) will host Montana in the semifinals either next Friday or Saturday. It marks the first trip to the semis for Sam Houston since Montana defeated the Bearkats 34-13 in 2004. The Grizzlies (11-2) beat Northern Iowa 48-10 Friday night to advance to next week's game.

Sincere caught two passes for 43 yards and a touchdown, while Torrance Williams rushed for 99 yards and two touchdowns on five carries for the Bearkats.

"We wanted to come out and start fast and find some way to get to next week, so we can be 1-0 again," Sincere said. "We had a good game plan. We had different personnel packages and different people in motion to try to get them out of their game."

Brian Bell rushed for 63 yards and a touchdown on four carries for Sam Houston State, and threw for 73 yards and another score.

The Bobcats (10-3) gained just 77 yards on the ground against Sam Houston — Montana State's second-lowest rushing total for the season.

"We have very diverse packages that we run at different times," Fritz said. "We blitz them, we zone blitz them. We have a lot of different coverages. We got them into third-and-12 or third-and-14, and when we did that, we did a good job of mixing things up."

DeNarius McGhee was 21 of 36 for 272 yards and a touchdown and Elvis Akpla caught six passes for 100 yards for Montana State, which reached the FCS quarterfinals by defeating New Hampshire 26-25 last week with the help of a blocked extra point in the final seconds.

Sam Houston State blew the game open in the third quarter with 21 points. The Bearkats have now outscored their opponents 177-24 in the third quarter this season.

"We played great in the third quarter all season long," Fritz said. "We did a good job coming in making adjustments and coming out and executing them. I don't think we started the game as fast we wanted to. . We played lights out from (the third quarter) on."

The Bobcats found the end zone to start the second half, as McGhee's 7-yard pass to Everett Gilbert capped a 77-yard drive. But the Bearkats' Brandon Closner returned the kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown to make it 28-13, and Sam Houston added two more scores in the third quarter.

"The big play was the kickoff return," Montana State coach Rob Ash said. "We came out and got us a good drive and scored, and then they got the kickoff return that was the big play because it instantly changed the score back to a big lead."

Bearcats	49
Bobcats	13



Evan Vucci/AP

Army wide receiver Austin Barr, center, is tackled by Navy defenders Brye French, left, and Caleb King as he tries to rush the ball Saturday in the first half in Landover, Md.

Navy beats Army for 10th time in a row

By Joseph White
Associated Press

Midshipmen	27
Black Knights	21

LANDOVER, Md. — When it comes to beating Army, Navy is a perfect 10.

A new venue for Army-Navy produced a familiar result Saturday as the Midshipmen rushed for 296 yards and capitalized on three Army turnovers in a 27-21 win over the Black Knights.

With President Barack Obama presiding over the first Army-Navy game to be played in the vicinity of the nation's capital, the Mids (5-7) got a pair of touchdown runs from quarterback Kriss Proctor and one from fullback Alexander Teich to win their 10th straight in the rivalry.

At least this one was close. Navy had won the other nine by at least a dozen points. The Mids needed a pair of fourth-quarter field goals from Jon Teague and a fourth-down stop in their own territory before those in the blue uniforms could start chanting "10 more years!"

Proctor ran 32 times for 97 yards, and Teich — winner of the Campbell Trophy as the nation's top scholar athlete — carried 18 times for 93 yards for Navy, which completed only one pass in the tussle between run-heavy, triple-option teams.

Raymond Maples and Malcolm Brown ran for 82 yards apiece for Army (3-9), which finished the season with four straight losses. The Black Knights rushed for 298 yards and completed only four passes.

Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, worked the Navy sidelines before the game, shaking hands and even getting a hug from the Navy mascot — a ram wearing a Santa hat. The president performed a left-handed coin toss at midfield — Army won and elected to receive — then adhered to presidential tradition by spending a half on each side of the field. He switched from Navy to Army with an escorted walk on the 50-yard line from sideline to sideline in a formal halftime ceremony.

As always, the pageantry was breathtaking, starting with the Army Corps of Cadets' march onto the field three hours before kickoff. Then the Navy's Brigade of Midshipmen took their turn. Both sides taunted each other in good spirits — "Why so quiet?" was the Navy chant after the Mids took a 14-0 lead — and beach balls and even an inflatable snake were batted around the lower deck while slick scoreboard videos poked fun at one academy or the other.

But there were also stirring moments of tribute for the 80,789 inside the Washington Redskins stadium, and both sides swayed and sang loudly when Lee Greenwood performed "God Bless the U.S.A." at halftime.

HEISMAN

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ed the Heisman to Waco, Texas, to a school that has never had a player finish better than fourth in the voting — and that was 48 years ago.

The junior received 405 first-place votes and 1,687 points. Luck received 247 first-place votes and 1,407 points to become the fourth player to be Heisman runner-up in consecutive seasons and first since Arkansas running back Darren McFadden in 2006 and '07.

Alabama running back Trent Richardson was third with 138 first-place votes and 978 points. Wisconsin running back Montee Ball (348 points) was fourth and the other finalist, LSU cornerback Tyrann Mathieu (327) was fifth.

Griffin's highlights were simply spectacular — his signature moment coming on a long, cross-field touchdown pass with 8 seconds left to beat Oklahoma — and he put up dizzying numbers, completing 72 percent of his passes for 3,998 yards with 36 touchdown passes and a nation-leading 192.3 efficiency rating.

More importantly, he lifted Baylor (9-3) to national prominence and one of the greatest seasons in school history. The 15th-ranked Bears won nine games for the first time in 25 years, beat the Sooners for the first time ever and went 4-0 in November.

That was after winning a total of four November games in their first 15 Big 12 seasons. And the last three games? Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas.

Luck was the front-runner from the moment in January he surprised many by returning to Stanford for one more season instead of jumping to the NFL to become a millionaire. He didn't disappoint, with 3,170 yards receiving, 35 touchdown passes, a completion percentage of 70 percent and a rating of 167.5.

Griffin put up better numbers and, essentially, out-Lucked Luck, who became a star by lifting a forlorn program at a private school out of the shadows of its powerful conference rivals.



Kelly Kline/Heisman Trophy Trust/AP

Robert Griffin III, of Baylor University, holds the Heisman Trophy Saturday after being named the winner, in New York.

Luck made a sensational one-handed catch early in what turned out to be a blowout victory against UCLA. Nice.

Griffin made a 15-yard reception in traffic to convert a key third down on the game-winning drive in Baylor's opening 50-48 victory against TCU. Better.

The 6-foot-2, 220 pounder with sprinter's speed — he was an all-American in the 400-meter hurdles — grabbed plenty of headlines and attention with that first Friday performance against the Horned Frogs and ended the first month of the season with more touchdown passes than incompletions.

He was an early Heisman front-runner, but he faded in October as Baylor lost three of four. Griffin continued to pile up video game numbers, but not enough to compensate for the Bears' leaky defense.

He finished with a kick and shot up the Heisman charts on Nov. 19, when Baylor beat Oklahoma 45-38. Griffin passed for 479 yards and four touchdowns against the Sooners, including that sensational 34-yard, game-winner to Terrance Williams in the closing seconds.

He stated his case one last time — emphatically — on championship Saturday, capping his season with 320 yards passing and two TD passes and two touchdown runs in a 48-24 victory against Texas. It was the second straight year Griffin led the Bears past those longtime bullies from Austin.

At that point it become obvious that quarterback Don Trull's fourth-place finish in 1963 would no longer be the Heisman standard at Baylor.

Landing Griffin, the son of two U.S. Army sergeants who settled in central Texas, was a recruiting coup for Baylor, though it was something of a package deal.

Griffin had committed to Houston and coach Art Briles, but when Baylor hired Briles away, Griffin switched up and followed the coach to a program that hadn't even played in a bowl game since 1994.

SUMLIN

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Like Sherman, Sumlin is a former A&M assistant to coach R.C. Slocum, having served as Slocum's offensive coordinator in 2002.

"I understand the culture and embrace the commitment by the 12th Man regarding Aggie football," Sumlin said. "Aggieland is a special place, and I look forward to working with the young men in the football program, and recruiting the type of players we need to be successful in the SEC."

That last part is the biggest risk this time around. The Aggies are entering the rugged Southeastern Conference next year — a league that will have won the last six national titles following this season — and Sumlin has no SEC experience. Byrne said the decision to hire Sumlin, an Indianapolis native, was "made in consultation" with Loftin, and that all roads kept leading back to the successful Cougars coach.

"We began this search process a little more than a week ago and spoke to many worthy and qualified candidates," Byrne said. "… He's the right person to lead us into the Southeastern Conference. First of all, Kevin is a terrific person. He's also one heck of a recruiter, and will put together a great staff."

While Byrne has shown a knack for hiring top-notch coaches in just about every other sport, he's flopped so far on the football front. Franchione, whom Byrne arrived with in late 2002, and Sherman were a combined 57-54 over the last nine seasons, and the Aggies won their lone Big 12 title in 1998 under Slocum.

Sumlin, a one-time linebacker at Purdue, served as Slocum's assistant head coach and receivers coach in 2001 and then took over as coordinator four games into the 2002 season, when Slocum abruptly demoted Dino Babers. Sumlin kick-started the A&M offense over the last two thirds of the season, a stretch that included an upset of top-ranked OU, but it wasn't enough to save Slocum's job following a 6-6 finish.



Sumlin

Sumlin then spent the next five seasons under Bob Stoops at OU before taking the UH job, where he was 35-17 over four seasons, including this year's 12-1 mark. Sumlin, considered the front-runner for the A&M job from the moment Sherman was fired, broke a barrier as UH's first black football head coach, and he's now doing the same at A&M.

"Hiring the first African-American head football coach at A&M is a momentous occasion," former Aggies linebacker Steve Solari said.

Byrne interviewed Sumlin, new North Carolina coach Larry Fedora (then at Southern Mississippi), Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart and Air Force's Troy Calhoun for the gig, insiders said. The Aggies made a late push for Georgia's Mark Richt, multiple insiders said, but he declined the job on Friday night. Richt said Saturday in a statement that he has not talked to any other school.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULE

Bowl Glance
Subject to Change
Saturday, Dec. 17
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Wyoming (8-4) vs. Temple (8-4), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
New Orleans Bowl
At New Orleans
Louisiana-Lafayette (8-4) vs. San Diego State (9-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 20
Beef 'O'Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall (8-4) vs. FIU (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
TCU (10-2) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 22
MAACO Bowl
At Las Vegas
Boise State (11-1) vs. Arizona State (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Hawaii (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN2)

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Military Bowl
At Washington
Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 29
Champs Sports Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Florida State (9-4) vs. Notre Dame (9-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Baylor (9-3) vs. Washington (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Dallas
Tulsa (9-4) vs. BYU (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl
At Bronx, N.Y.
Rutgers (6-6) vs. Iowa State (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 5:40 p.m. (ESPN)

Insight Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma (9-3) vs. Iowa (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas A&M (9-3) vs. Northwestern (6-6), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech (6-6) vs. Utah (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
UCLA (8-7) vs. Illinois (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 2
TicketCity Bowl
At Dallas
Penn State (9-3) vs. Houston (12-1), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Nebraska (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), Noon (ESPN)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Georgia (10-3) vs. Michigan State (10-3), Noon (ABC)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida (6-6) vs. Ohio State (6-6), Noon(ESPN2)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (11-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Stanford (11-1) vs. Oklahoma State (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 3
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Orange Bowl
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 6
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 7
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. SMU (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 8
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 9
BCS National Championship
At New Orleans
LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, TBA, (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 4 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Feb. 4
Texas vs. Nation At San Antonio
Texas vs. Nation, 1 p.m. (CBSSN)

NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff Glance
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 26
James Madison 20, Eastern Kentucky 17
Old Dominion 35, Norfolk State 18
Stony Brook 31, Albany (N.Y.) 28
Central Arkansas 34, Tennessee Tech 14
Second Round
Saturday, Dec. 3
Georgia Southern 55, Old Dominion 49
Montana 41, Central Arkansas 14
Maine 34, Appalachian State 13
Ball State 34, Stony Brook 27
Montana State 28, New Hampshire 25
Lehigh 40, Towson 38
North Dakota State 28, James Madison 14
Northern Iowa 28, Wofford 21
Quarterfinals
Friday, Dec. 9
Montana 48, Northern Iowa 10
Saturday, Dec. 10
Sam Houston State 49, Montana State 13
Georgia Southern 35, Maine 23
North Dakota State 24, Lehigh 0
Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 16 or Saturday, Dec. 17
Montana (11-2) vs. Sam Houston State (13-0)
Georgia Southern (11-2) vs. North Dakota State (12-1)
Championship
Friday, Jan. 7
At Pizza Hut Park
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Semifinal winners, Noon

NCAA Division II Football Playoff Glance
Saturday, Nov. 19
North Greenville 63, Albany State (Ga.) 14
California (Pa.) 44, Elizabeth City State 0
Kutztown 17, Concord 14
North Alabama 43, West Alabama 27
Northwest Missouri State 35, Missouri Western 29
Minnesota-Duluth 30, Bemidji State 27
Wayne State (Mich.) 49, St. Cloud State 39
Washburn 52, Abilene Christian 49
Second Round
Saturday, Nov. 26
New Haven 44, Kutztown 37
North Greenville 58, at Mars Hill 32
Northwest Missouri State 38, Midwestern State 31
Wayne State (Mich.) 38, Nebraska-Kearney 20
Winston-Salem 35, California (Pa.) 28
Delta State 42, North Alabama 14
Pittsburg State 31, Washburn 22
Minnesota-Duluth 34, Colorado State-Pueblo 21
Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 3
Winston-Salem 27, New Haven 7
Wayne State (Mich.) 31, Minnesota-Duluth 25
Delta State 28, North Greenville 23
Pittsburg State 41, Northwest Missouri State 16
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 10
Wayne State 21, Winston-Salem 14
Pittsburg State 49, Delta State 20
Championship
Saturday, Dec. 17
At Braly Municipal Stadium
Florence, Ala.
Wayne State (12-1) vs. Pittsburg State (12-1), 10 a.m.

NCAA Division III Football Playoff Glance
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 19
Franklin 34, Thomas More 21
Wash. 34, Christopher Newport 10
Salisbury 52, Western New England 24
St. John Fisher 23, Johns Hopkins 12
Delaware Valley 52, Norwich 16
Wesley 35, Hobart 28
Wabash 38, Illinois College 20
Centre 51, Hampden-Sydney 45
Mount Union 47, Bethel (Minn.) 7
Wisconsin-Whitewater 56, Albion 0
St. Thomas (Minn.) 49, St. Scholastica 2
Monmouth (Ill.) 33, Illinois Wesleyan 27
Mary Hardin-Baylor 34, Redlands 13
Millikin 35, Trinity (Texas) 16
North Central (Ill.) 59, Dubuque 13
Linfield 30, Cal Lutheran 27
Second Round
Saturday, Nov. 26
Salisbury 49, Kean 47
St. John Fisher 27, Delaware Valley 14
Mount Union 30, Centre 10
Wabash 28, North Central (Ill.) 26
Wesley 49, Linfield 34
Wisconsin-Whitewater 41, Franklin 14
St. Thomas (Minn.) 38, Monmouth (Ill.) 10
Mary Hardin-Baylor 63, Millikin 20
Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 3
Mount Union 28, Wabash 6
Wisconsin-Whitewater 34, Salisbury 14
St. Thomas (Minn.) 45, St. John Fisher 10
Wesley 27, Mary Hardin-Baylor 24
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 10
Mount Union 28, Wesley 21
Wisconsin-Whitewater 20, St. Thomas (Minn.) 0
Championship
Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl
Friday, Dec. 16
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.
Mount Union (14-0) vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater (14-0), 7 p.m.

Saturday's Scores
SOUTHWEST
Sam Houston St. 49, Montana St. 13
MIDWEST
Mount Union 28, Wesley 21
N. Dakota St. 24, Lehigh 0
Pittsburg St. 49, Delta St. 20
Wayne (Mich.) 21, Winston-Salem 14
Wis.-Whitewater 20, St. Thomas (Minn.) 0
SOUTH
Georgia Southern 35, Maine 23
Grambling St. 16, Alabama A&M 15
EAST
Navy 27, Army 21

SAM HOUSTON ST. 49, MONTANA ST. 13

Montana St.	3	3	7	0	—13
Sam Houston St.	7	14	21	7	—49

First Quarter
MSU—FG Cunningham 37, 9:04.
SamH—Merrill 11 pass from Bell (Akpla kick), 4:50.

Second Quarter
MSU—FG Cunningham 22, 14:52.
SamH—Bell 54 run (Akpla kick), 12:03.
SamH—Stevens 40 pass from Bell (Akpla kick), 2:31.

Third Quarter
MSU—Gilbert 7 pass from McGhee (Cunningham kick), 10:52.
SamH—Closner 82 kickoff return (Akpla kick), 10:41.
SamH—Wilson 1 run (Akpla kick), 7:06.
SamH—T.Williams 66 run (Akpla kick), 5:10.

Fourth Quarter
SamH—T.Williams 21 run (Akpla kick), 9:12.
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	MSU	SamH
First downs	16	19
Rushes-yards	34-77	41-428
Passing	272	73
Comp-Att-Int	21-36-1	5-12-1
Return Yards	0	36
Punts-Avg.	5-41.2	2-25.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-33	5-33
Time of Possession	32:31	27:29

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Montana St., Robson 11-42, Kla 12-32, Gilbert 4-13, McGhee 7-0, Sam Houston St., Sincere 11-160, T.Williams 5-99, Bell 4-63, K.Hill 9-47, Reyes 10-39, Wilson 5-23, Team 1-minus 25.
PASSING—Montana St., McGhee 21-36-1-272.
Sam Houston St., Bell 5-12-1-73.
RECEIVING—Montana St., Akpla 6-100, Ellis 4-55, Kla 3-39, Gilbert 2-11, K.Sterling 1-46, Robson 1-8, T.Steele 1-8, Robison 1-6, Fellowitz 1-1.
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KEYS FOUND in snow at Goats Park. Call 432-559-8530.

FOUND SMALL black female young dog, between Idlewilde and Ric. 432-640-9665.

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General Announcements

Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

Midland Odessa Urban Transit District will receive sealed proposals for General Construction Work for the EZ Rider Administration and Maintenance Building. Sealed proposals (prepared according to the Instructions to Proposers and Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals) may be sent to Alonda Massey 8007 E Hwy 80 Odessa, Texas 79765. The proposal opening location will be held at Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 1700 W Wall, suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 at 2:00 p.m. local time, January 12, 2012. Proposals received prior to this time will be securely kept, unopened. Proposals received after this time will not be considered. Proposal Documents will be available beginning Monday, December 12, 2011 for a refundable deposit of $150.00 per hard copy set or electronic documents are available for download at no charge and may be secured from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers-Architects-Planners, 1700 W. Wall, Ste 100, Midland, TX 79701, 432-697-1447.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS REAGAN COUNTY AIRPORT TxDOT CSJ 1307BGLKE

Sealed proposals for the construction of airport improvements at the Reagan County Airport will be received by the undersigned and delivered to Honorable Judge Larry Isom, Reagan County Courthouse, 3rd at Plaza, Big Lake, Texas 76932. All bids are to have the following on the envelope: "Attn: Airport Improvements Bid Proposal, TxDOT CSJ No. 1307BGLKE". Proposals will be received until 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2011, then publicly opened and read in the Courtroom. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened.

In general, the Aviation Construction work consists of: Installing a coal tar sealer over all airfield pavements after completing crack sealing operations, marking and striping of all airfield pavements, installation of an internally lighted LED lighting assembly on the existing wind cone mast, airport rotating beacon and tower, construction of a RW 16 turnaround area expansion, relocating of the existing segmented circle, and other miscellaneous items at the Reagan County Airport. Please visit the TxDOT Aviation website, www.txdot.gov/business/projects/aviation.htm, or contact the engineer of record for a current EOPC.

An optional pre-bid conference concerning this project will be held at the Reagan County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom, 3rd at Plaza, Big Lake, Texas at 1:30 pm on, Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

Bidders may view and obtain plan sets, free of charge, from TxDOT Plans Online, http://www.txdot.gov/business/contractors_consultants/plans_online.htm on the TxDOT website. Or bidders may buy plan sets from the Reproduction companies that are listed on the website. Bidders are responsible for checking this website regularly for any changes to the bid documents, such as Addendums.

Technical questions concerning the specifications and plans should be directed to Mr. Weldon Schriner, P.E., with Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., (325) 696-5560. Please call Edie Stimach at (512) 416-4518 for questions concerning the bid document or further information.

Legal & Public Notices

P. Douglas Cochran, M.D.
As of Dec. 2, our office has moved to a new location at:
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VETERANS AFFAIRS SEEKING MEDICAL SPACE

The Department of Veterans Affairs desires to lease space yielding 5,963 square feet of rentable space in Raton, NM for medical space usage. Net usable space must yield 4,770 office area square feet, available for use by tenant for personnel, furnishings, and equipment. The space must be handicap and public transportation accessible, ADA compliant and can be provided by new construction or built to suit. On-site parking for 45 vehicles is required; 6 have to be designated as Disabled/Handicapped. The lease will be a full service lease with a lease term of up to 20 years.

The available space must be within the city limits of Raton, NM.

A market survey of properties offered for lease will be conducted by VA personnel. Interested Offerors must submit the address, name, proof of ownership and pictures of the proposed property. Also, a map or proof that the proposed property is within the delineated area is required. Contact is required by 4:30pm MST Friday, December 30, 2011.

Interested offerors (owners, brokers, contractors or their legal representatives) should contact Contract Specialist, Jenelle Holloman via phone at 480-466-7916, via email at Jenelle.Holloman@va.gov or by mail at Jenelle Holloman, VISN 18 Contracting 4135 S. Power Rd. Mesa, AZ 85212.

The Government is limited by law (40 USC 278a, as Amended 10-1-81) to pay no more than the appraised fair rental value for space.

Please note: This advertisement is not a solicitation for offers, nor is it a request for proposals. A solicitation for offers will be issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs at a later date. All interested parties shall submit a request for the solicitation in writing to the attention of Ms. Galarza at the above email address. Potential offerors shall describe the property. A site investigation of all properties will be conducted. Complete access of all properties will be required at the time of the site investigation. The VA will not enter into any sublease or ground lease. All offerors that went the VA to enter into a sublease or ground lease will not be considered.

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1. Property Address
2. Offeror name and contact information
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LOOKING FOR Loretta Robinson from Midland, last I heard she'd moved to Lubbock. Want to pay an old debt. Danny 432-209-0416.

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CHEVROLET 2002 Z28 convertible, 24K, looks and drives new, garaged, non smoker. $12,900. 685-4013.

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FORD 2008 Focus SE, 4 Door, 4 Cylinder. We finance W.A.C. B&B Auto 683-6222.

FORD 2008 Mustang V6, 30k mi. fully loaded, call 432-254-9975 Sale price: $21,000.

LINCOLN 1998 Continental, V8, leather, loaded, 127k miles, $1900. 432-664-4690.

MERCEDES 2004 E Class, black brand new, black w/leather interior, new tires, 33K miles, $21,500. Call 631-8045 / 683-6825 At Carter's Express.

Passenger Cars

NISSAN 2004 350Z Touring Roadster. Nice/Clean. $12,800. 432-266-2662

NISSAN 2010 Altima Silver, 4 dr, auto, 2.5L 47K. Excellent car! $15,000. 218-9941.

OLDSMOBILE 2001 Aurora. V8, leather, moon roof, ex cond 54k miles, price reduced $4,575 cashier's check only. Call Bruce 806-572-3266 La Mesa, TX.

PONTIAC 2001 Grand AM GT. V6, very sporty, $1900. Call 432-664-4690.

TOYOTA 2001 Corolla LE. 216k mi., $900 as is. 1985 Celica GT. n/a motor. 689-9513

TOYOTA 2006 Prius Hybrid. 35k miles, loaded, leather, rear back up camera, garaged, new tires, 1 owner, $15,000. 432-978-9335.

TOYOTA 2010 Camry Hybrid 23,000 miles, like new condition, $21,500 432-230-7994 reinhwb@hotmail.com

Passenger Cars

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TOYOTA 2008 Prius white, loaded, plus navigation $14,975, 82k mi. 684-6666

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230' R.E.D. Dragster. rave ready, $25,000 obo. 28' tag along enclosed pace trailer, $22,500. 559-0600.

DODGE 01 Viper, 5,000 miles, excellent condition, yellow, $39,500. 432-694-8280.

LOTUS 2008 Elise, 43K miles, hard and convertible tops, original and custom wheels, XM radio, good tires. $27,500. Call 432-699-7529.

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FORD 1966 Thunderbird, perfect condition, reduced price, $11000 obo, 432-894-1429.

FORD 1977 RANCHERO-RARE Squire Trim. 351M-V8, runs good, interior good, needs exterior restoration, $2,000 OBO, 432-694-9663.

FORD 1978 150 Pickup XLT interior and race track trim. Call for info, 432-889-4413.

Pickup Trucks

CHEVROLET 2004 Silverado Super Cab LS. V6, 84k miles, bedliner, new tires, $9500. Call 432-889-9374.

CHEVY 2003 Silverado 2500HD. Clean 4wd in very good condition, white, power doors & locks, cd, tow pkg, break master, nearly new tires, 81k mi, $12,000. MUST SEE...Nice xmas present for someone! Call 432-349-5111

CHEVY 2004 2500 HD great cond/clean, extras, 103k, $13,000, 432-238-4825.

Pickup Trucks

CHEVY 2004 Colorado, extended cab, auto, 72K miles, B&B Auto 683-6222.

CHEVY 2008 Extended Cab LS, 24mo warranty, B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

CHEVY 2008 COLORADO Crew Cab, 4 cylinder, $15,900 OBO, 556-6947.

DODGE 2008 Cummins 4x4, 65K miles, 100K mile warranty, 10" aluminum wheel. $26500. 325-227-2455

FORD 1991 F250, SUPER CAB, 7.3L Diesel. Needs work. Tool box and carpenters headache rack, $500 obo. 432-425-2362.

FORD 2000S F350, White, V10, 4WD, long bed, 177k miles, good condition, $9,000 obo. 528-8994.

Ford 2001 F150, single cab, long bed, V8 automatic, 61k miles. $5,600. 432-934-2318.

FORD 2003 F-150 Super Crew, good work truck $5500 553-0296

FORD 2003 F350 Super Crew Lariat. 130k miles, will financing. $12,800. 661-0173

FORD 2006 F150 SuperCrew XLT. Black with gray interior. Nice truck, 87K mi., 3-year transferrable warranty available. $15,500. Pictures @ www.chipmccarver.com 432-553-9972.

GMC 2007 2500, HD, crew cab, 4x4, LS, $17,999, 24 mo. warranty, 683-6222.

MITSUBISHI 2008 Raider, crew cab, 34k miles, w/ warranty. B&B Auto 683-6222.

TOYOTA 2006 Tundra TRD, 4.7 L V-8, 2WD, Towing Package, 71k, $15,000, 770-6643

Vans & Minivans

PONTIAC 2004 Montana minivan, 7-passenger seating. Nice van, $2800, 432-664-4690.

SUV & Stuff

2003 CHEVROLET Suburban, LS, extra clean, only 67,000 miles, 3 seats, good tires, Bose Sound, new detail, 2nd owner. $9,900 432-853-5229

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CADILLAC 2007 SRX, leather, 3rd row seat, we finance W.A.C. B&B Auto 683-6222

CHEVROLET 1997 Suburban, 4WD, runs good, like new tires, $2000. 432-686-9214.

CHEVROLET 2007 Trailblazer SS with a D-19C Intercooled ProCharger, Kooks headers, Magnaflow muffler, packed with power, loaded, black with black leather, 20 inch chrome wheels with oversized tires, clean, non-smoker. $28,200. Call Chip 638-8372.

CHEVY 2005 2500HD 75000 miles 4 door, burgundy exterior, tan interior, 4WD, 8.1 Big Block V8, Allison 5 speed Automatic Transmission, Entertainment DVD System, loaded, priced $5000 below KBB $17000, 432-425-4553

DODGE 2008 Nitro. 48,000 miles, 4 door, automatic transmission, like new condition, black exterior, 2WD, A/C, power windows, highway miles, 20" chrome rims. $17,527 O.B.O. 432-664-0722. bobbyburkholder@yahoo.com

FORD 1994 Explorer XLT. New tires, 147k miles. $1800. Call 432-664-4690.

FORD 1995 Explorer XLT. 4WD, loaded, all power, $2250 OBO. 432-661-5874.

FORD 2000 Excursion XLT, leather seats, good condition, 1 owner, $5,400. Call 432-301-1822.

HONDA 2006 CR-V good condition, new tires, $10,500. Call 432-697-8149.

Pickup Trucks

FORD 2005 F-250, super duty, crew cab, power stroke V-8 diesel, tow package, power seats, power tow mirrors, power windows, audiophile AM-FM, CD, Sirius, premium stereo package, Pueblo gold metallic with tan interior, 53K miles, some warranty remaining. Yokohama new tires & factory alloy wheels, still smells & looks new! NADA $21,350 will take $20,500. Call 432-258-5250

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4WD & SUV

JEEP 2003 Wrangler Sport, black on black, 6cyl., 91k mi., Mickey Thompson wide mud tires and wheels. Great Christmas gift for that hunter. Slightly wrecked, lists for 12-14k, $8500 OBO. Serious, call 631-6268.

LEXUS 2004 GX470 4WD, 8 or 6 seats. All options, 39k mi., 1 owner, always garaged, KBB $28,800 OBO. 432-685-1865 or 432-267-1000.

LEXUS 2010 RX350 Black on tan/35k. All the bells & whistles plus NAVIGATION & heated and cooled seats. $39k. Call 432-689-2357

LINCOLN 2006 Navigator, black, fully loaded, 60k mi., $17,000. Call 432-661-0315

NISSAN 2008 Pathfinder SE. 38K miles. Warranty to 100K miles. Third row seat. Very nice, $19,000. Call 432-664-9191

VOLVO 2005 XC90TG, 3rd row seat, premier, sound, leather, roof rack, loaded, 105K miles. $12,500. Call 432-889-1822.

Commercial Vehicles

Heavy Equipment

CHEVY 2007 C5500, diesel, single cab, flat bed, 97k mi, $25,500, 432-686-7949.

WINCH TRUCK For Sale 1995 Western Star 4964F. Caterpillar 3406C Rebuilt Less then 10K Tandem rear axles. 60 Tulsa winch. Price $30,000 Call 432-631-7612

Specialty Vehicles

23T ALTERED 1996 454 with 2speed power glide. New paint, comes with 35 ft Sidhan trailer., overhead air, winch, generator & new tags. Ready for use. $22,000 obo. 634-3034.



Recreational Vehicles

Motorcycles

2003 Harley Davidson V-Rod 100th Anniversary. Custom paint. Tons of Chrome. $7500. 432-230-9417.

Passenger Cars



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2008 BMW 335i Sedan
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79,000 miles

2008 Pontiac G70 GXP
HP & Torque boost. Aux. Racing stripes
42k miles

2008 MERCEDES BENZ C300
Dual front/rear Prem. Pkg. 4, Multi-media Pkg., Cell Phone Pkg., Sunroof, Satin Trim Pkg.
42,000 miles

2008 CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE LL3
Blk/Blk, auto trans
9k miles

2011 BMW 328i
Prem., xdrive pkg
Heated seats
15k miles

2008 PONTIAC SOLSTICE GXP
SILVER/EBONY RED STITCHING
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AUX PORT, 5K MILES

Motorcycles

2004 KAWASAKI 1600 Vulcan Classic, 18k mi. Comes with many accessories including windshield, leather saddle bags, sissy bar, deer horn, custom lights. Beautiful blue! Rides like a dream! Need to sell $7,500 obo. Please call Debbie at 432-349-2579.

HONDA 2000 Valkyrie Interstate 1500 19k/mi black and red very nice bike $7200. 432-413-5107

2011 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 800. Only 7 hours on 4 wheeler. 4X4 with about $800.00 worth of addons. Hunting ready with lots of storage. Paid $9200.00 Plus addons. Will take $7000 bought 9/23/2011. 432-556-3992.

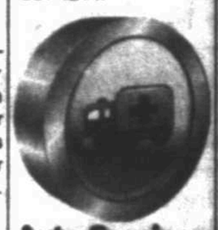
RVs

2009 ROCKWOOD Hi-Wall pop up trailer with slideout. Bryan 432-349-3547.

2010 5TH WHEEL, 37' 3 slides, W/D, many extras, $26,000, 817-875-0374.

ROCKWOOD 2002 1540 LTD Pop-up Camper, great condition, heated bed covers, fridge, sleeps six, $3000. 432-352-1128, leave message before 5:00p.

YAMAHA 2009 R6, Black/Gold!! Only 655 miles!! $5,500. (432) 631-1214.



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Percentage of full-time U.S. workers who are a normal weight and have no chronic health issues.

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MID CAREER BURNOUT?

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

The signs of a mid-life crisis are sometimes so obvious that we make fun of them as a culture: the sudden acquisition of a snazzy red sports car, an extramarital affair with the nanny or pool boy. But there were no such outward signs of distress when Wendy Komac endured a mid-career crisis a few years back, at age 45.

"It was a real eye-opener for me when I realized there were several tasks that were required of me in my executive-level position that I was really good at, but I hated doing them," says Komac, of Hinkley, Ohio. "Nobody understood how I felt because most people think that being good at something is synonymous with actually enjoying it."

Dissatisfaction at work doesn't always amount to a crisis calling for major change, but it should prompt the

Determine the gap between your perfect scenario and what you do.

afflicted to assess themselves and their jobs in order to pinpoint the problem areas and find a workable solution.

The first step is to clarify how things could be better. "Start with your perfect scenario, focusing on the skills you wish to use, the issues you wish to deal with, the people you wish to engage and the environment that gives you energy," says Steve Langerud, a Greencastle, Ind., workplace consultant. "Determine the gap between your perfect scenario and what you currently do. Do you need more training or experience?"

Filling the gap may be possible without switching jobs. Komac found ways to contribute to the organization that were personally rewarding. She coached and mentored, which in time emboldened her to strike out on her own to speak and write about career satisfaction.

Perhaps on reflection, what seems like a mid-career crisis is actually an addressable issue.

Folks can also form an informal advisory board to develop a stronger sense of direction or take a solo sabbatical (even if it's only one personal day) to gain perspective, says business psychologist Debra Condren, who has practices in New York City and San Francisco.

Having gained self-awareness, "Make a plan. Stay or move on," Langerud says. "What will it take? Who needs to help?"

Perhaps on reflection, what seems like a mid-career crisis is actually an addressable issue. Or maybe it's time "to go back to school for radical retooling. In either case," Langerud said, "the key is to be intentional and in control."

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HOLIDAY ETIQUETTE TIPS: PARTY PLANNING

HOLIDAY OFFICE PARTIES AREN'T QUITE THE SAME AFTER BUDGET CUTS; NEITHER IS PARTY ETIQUETTE

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

Oh, if only the annual holiday party presented as many opportunities as in years past to misbehave in front of coworkers!

Due to budget cuts, most office parties this season are scaled-down affairs. And old, familiar etiquette rules formulated in fat times simply aren't relevant in many cases.

Don't overindulge at the open bar. (What open bar?) Don't dress in a risqué fashion just because you're at a swank hotel. (Off-site parties are almost extinct.) Don't get tetchy or touchy with your spouse. (Significant others aren't invited.)

Although alcohol and table-dancing may be far less common, holiday etiquette breaches are alive and well. No-frills, on-site office parties, due to their very nature, can give rise to bad behaviors, including Scrooge-like commentary about everything from the food to the company's financial forecast.

"Although conversation should be light and festive, if there have been layoffs, talk of downsizing, capsizing ... it's not the time to talk about it."

at get-togethers," says Jacqueline Whitmore, author of "Poised for Success: Mastering the Four Qualities that Distinguish Outstanding Professionals" (St. Martin's Press, 2011).

When employee morale is low, it's disappointing but not surprising that the holiday party can provide a backdrop for what business protocol consultant Cynthia W. Lett calls the three G's of corporate negativity: grousing, grumbling and gossiping.

None of these things is going to improve the party, although a fourth G – gratitude – just might. Focus on the positive and use your observations to disarm negativity. So in answer to Bob from accounting who says the food is atrocious, you offer, "Did you notice the decorations? They're terrific!"

Sometimes, party-pooping takes the form of reminiscing about the good ol' days. "A lot of people look back with a wistful gleam in their eyes and say, Do you remember the party we had in 1999 with the great band? It's not grumbly, necessarily, but nostalgic," says Lett, director, The Lett Group, Silver Spring, Md.

Still, it suggests the current gathering is lame by comparison. Be mindful when evoking past celebrations.

If your company party includes a gift exchange with a spending cap, don't exceed the amount, even if you have the means. The cap is intended to be an equalizer and "puts less of a burden on those who have less to share," Lett says.

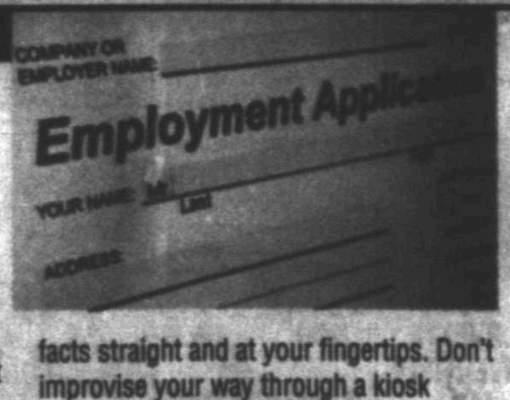
Over-spending "makes everyone else feel bad they couldn't do the same," she adds.

If a coworker gives you a gift, you're under no obligation to reciprocate, Lett says. However, you must write a thank-you note.

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JOB HUNT

6 TIPS FOR KIOSK APPLICANTS



I once walked out of a convenience store where I went to order a sandwich and discovered they'd replaced my friendly counter clerk with a self-service touch screen. I can identify with jobseekers who arrive at an employer prepared to interact with humans and panic when they are pointed to a kiosk. On the bright side, computers are a plus to those of us with poor handwriting.

Here are some points to keep in mind when filling out paperless applications:

• The computers provide step-by-step instructions. Often, there are phones right in the kiosk that will connect you with someone qualified to help. It's better than interrupting an employee who has other things to do.

• The computer can alert you to mistakes that are easy to correct. With paper, you might miss them, or have to fill out a new form.

• Allow enough time to complete the application. Sometimes, companies will provide the average completion time for applying via kiosk.

• Bring a résumé, work history, references or fact sheet with you so you can keep all your facts straight and at your fingertips. Don't improvise your way through a kiosk application.

• Answer all questions completely and accurately. Double check spelling and accuracy.

• Be prepared for an interview. Kiosks are designed to alert a manager if an applicant has the desired qualities. – *Bob Lankard*

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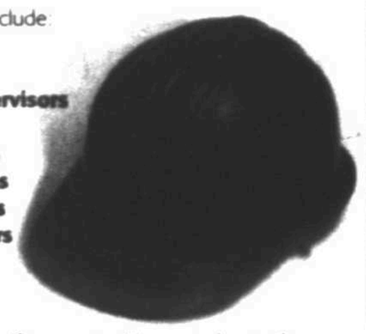
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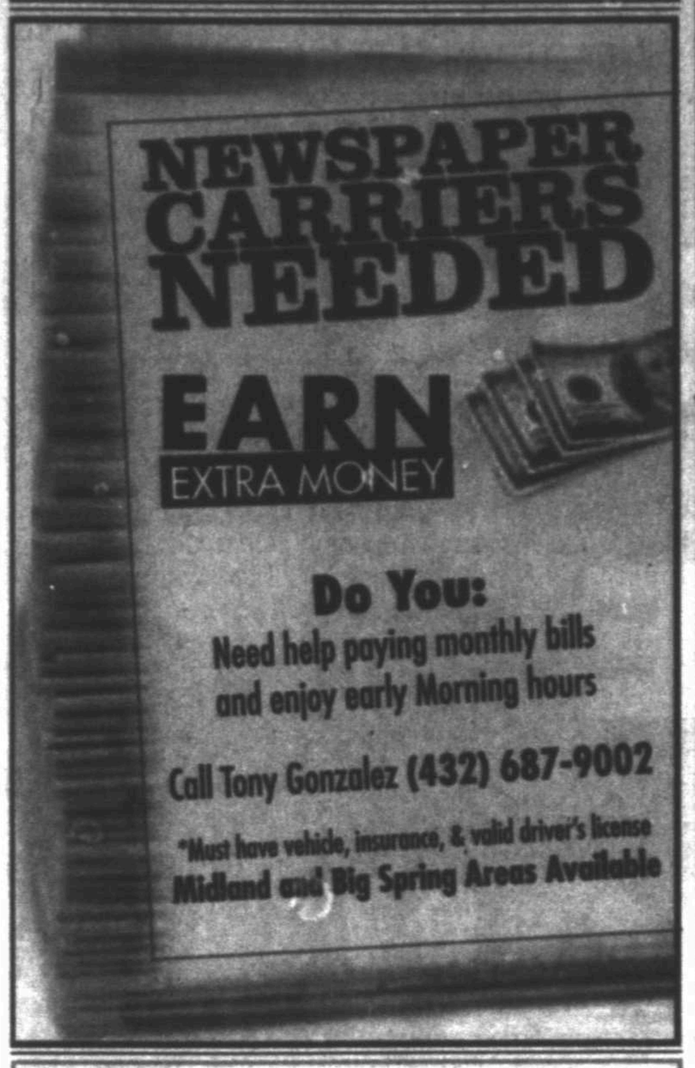
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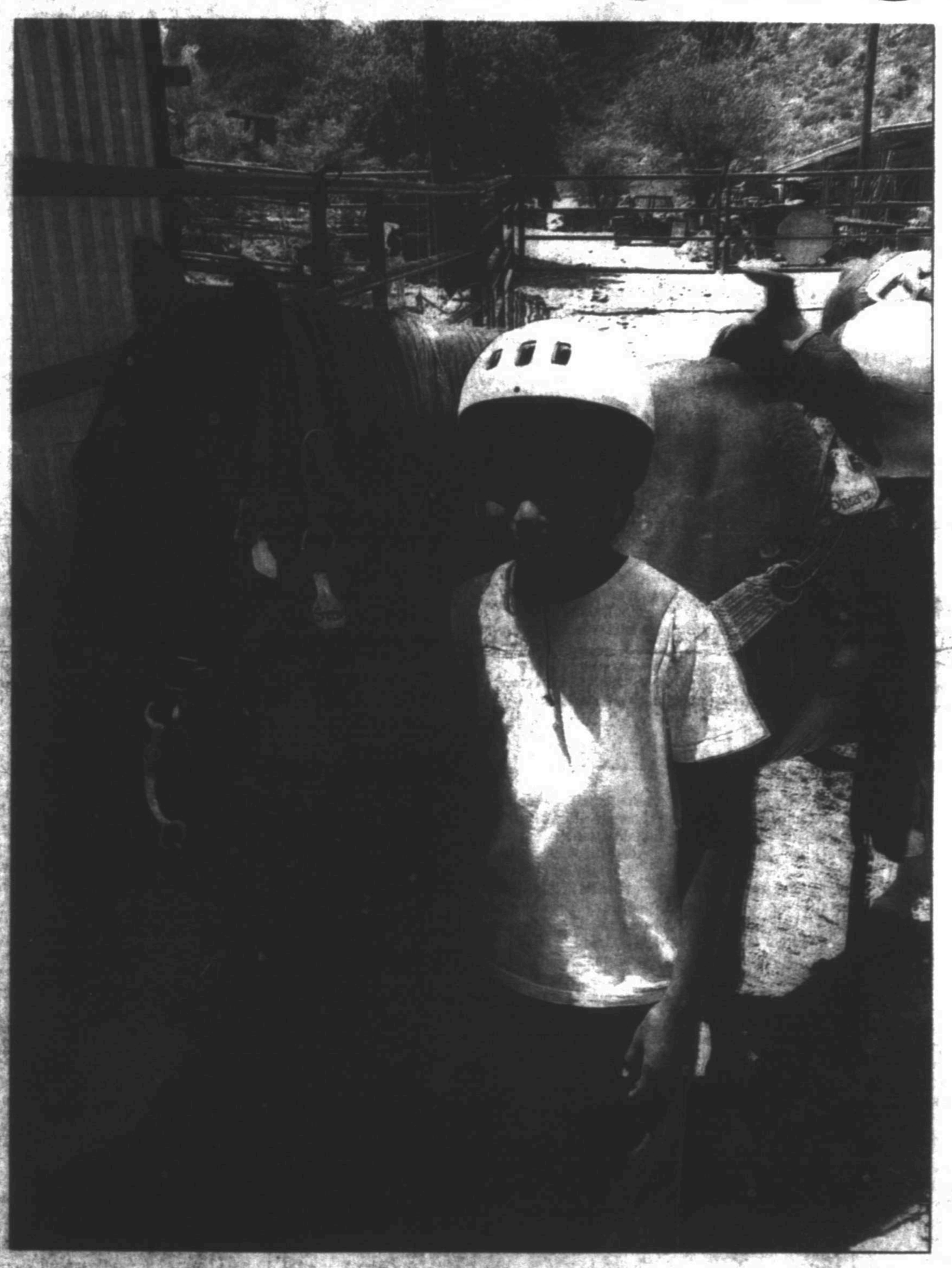
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Scoutreach



Scoutreach programs teach values, life skills to kids, young adults

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

The kids were beginning to wonder if they were being kidnapped. They were traveling as far away from their hometown as they'd ever been, toward a camp in the Davis Mountains.

At the camp, one teenage girl nervously lifted herself onto the back of a horse for her first ride. She let out a scream every time the horse moved. As the group descended a hill, she stopped and closed her eyes. Scout executive Lyman Gifford of the Boy Scouts of America's Buffalo Trails Council came over to help.

"Do you feel how your horse is breathing?" he said. She nodded.

"I'm gonna hold the reins so it's not going to go anywhere," he said. "I want you to open your eyes and look around and see all that God has created."

She protested, but slowly opened one eye. The other shortly followed suit, and as she took in the scene around her, her eyes lit up.

"Oh praise God, look what God has created," she said.

"And he created it just for you," Gifford said.

It's one of the simple ways the Boy Scouts reach out to kids and young adults in ways Gifford said changes their entire outlook on life. These experiences are being offered through the organization's Scoutreach efforts, which aim to reach at-risk inner city and rural area kids, said district director Kasi Boroski. He found there's often a group of kids outside those who sign up for Boy Scouts who don't have enough parent involvement to be picked up and dropped off from meetings, so it made more sense to meet with the kids as part of an after-school or lunch program.

"You just have to come up with a different game plan," said Boroski, who came to Midland from Pittsburg, Pa. last year. "You're going to have to take the program to them and make them see the value of it."

Scoutreach programs can be found in ele-

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A participant of the Boy Scouts of America ROPE program, top left, learns about farm animals at a recent outing. TOP RIGHT: Boys in the Boy Scouts after-school program at Pease Communication and Technology Academy learn about flag etiquette. CENTER: A member of one of the lunch time Boy Scout troops prepares for a horseback ride in the Davis Mountains. RIGHT: A participant in the ROPE program goes rappelling during a recent outing.

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Scoutreach programs such as the ROPE program, lunch time and after school programs reach out to children who would not otherwise have an opportunity to participate in Boy Scouts.

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mentary and middle schools across Midland, as well as through organizations like SafePlace and Casa de Amigos.

Boroski and Gifford receive support and help with Scoutreach activities from program aides, who generally are college-aged Eagle Scouts.

"Our mission is to teach young people how to make responsible decisions and choices that will affect their whole lifetime," Gifford said.

The latest project to come out of Scoutreach is the Redirection Outdoor Program Experience, or ROPE program, which gives juveniles within the court system an alternative path to turn their lives around. The 12-week program involves community service, speakers and activities in a structured environment to teach the young adults values and leadership skills as a condition of their probation. Once a month, the group goes on a big outdoor trip.

"The kids are the leaders; they take charge and we let them plan everything," Boroski said.

The program already has seen 25 juveniles since it started in October and is starting to bring in an additional two to three new young adults per week, Boroski said. The program also has parenting classes to teach parents of these children about conflict resolution, parenting tips and how to implement boundaries.

Second-grade teacher Tina Taylor said some boys in her class at Crockett Elementary School were excited to join the Boy Scouts when Boroski visited the class to speak about the program, but knew their parents wouldn't be able to take them to meetings. A few days later, Taylor ran into Boroski and told him about their interest, and he agreed to start an after-school program at the school in October. About 18 boys between the ages of 7 and 12 now attend the weekly meetings for activities like shooting bows and arrows, creating cards for nursing homes and cooking. Their first camping trip will be Friday.

"They love it," said Taylor, who helps supervise the meetings. "This program is just about everything we have over in this neighborhood. They're getting some life skills here they're not getting at home."

Boroski's visits also help the boys retain a sense of consistency and give them a male role model to look up to, Taylor said. The school is hoping to do some fundraising to help the boys pay $70 for their dues, uniforms and books so they can begin earning badges, she added.

"This is something that's going to have to be an ongoing organization," Taylor said. "The boys feel so strongly about it."

Because many of the kids involved in Scoutreach program can't afford the usual dues, Boy Scouts provides scholarships and helps the kids get involved in fundraisers so they can pay their own way.

"We think about it in terms of teaching responsibility," Gifford said. "That's really a lot of what scouting is about — how to make those good decisions and give back to the community."

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Parents struggle to teach teens to be charitable

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the daughter of a minister, Jennifer James traveled frequently while her family served the less fortunate, from the rural heartland to the inner city. A lot of the time, she went without as a kid.

"My earliest memories are of working among the homeless in downtown Los Angeles, dipping ice cream for drunks," she said. "I learned a lot and I was a better person for it, but there was a lot of pain along the way."

In her zeal to spare her own three kids, the 44-year-old mom in Oklahoma City, has given them a world she didn't know — braces on their teeth and cushy furniture for their rooms, fancy computers and private schooling. But now, at 14, 6 and 4, she realizes something is missing.

"Pretty soon it's like the kids just expect it and think you're giving so much because they're just that fantastic and not because you're making sacrifices," James said. "They have no paradigm for sacrifice. Now I'm trying to wind the skein of yarn back up and it's not easy."

Call it entitled child syndrome, the chronic gimmes or just plain spoiled. The lament is a familiar one for many well-meaning parents year round but intensifies at the holidays, especially among older kids who crank up gift demands but can't be coaxed off the couch to give back.

Can you force a teen to lose all the push back in favor of a little charity?

"Parents need to get into the WHY behind why teens are not wanting to give," said Tammy Gold, a parenting coach in Short Hills, N.J.

Is it selfishness never outgrown or volunteer fatigue after years of forced participation? Did you forget to "model" charity at home, or at least check in to figure out whether your own good deeds were rubbing off? Does your teen anticipate a material reward in return, or a bribe beforehand?

It may be one or all of the above, but Gold and other experts urge parents not to give up — or give in to foreboding that selfish teen equals grown-up sociopath.

It could be your reluctant volunteer just hasn't found the right cause or has been mismatched in the past, said dad David Levinson, a Hollywood screenwriter who founded the Los Angeles community service organization Big Sunday (Bigsunday.org).

"Everyone, even the youngest kids, has something that speaks to them, whether it's homelessness, literacy, the environment, seniors, veterans, AIDS, animals, children," he said. "At the same time, everyone has things that don't speak to them, scare them, or turn them off. For me, it's cats. For others it might be, say, homeless people. And, while they might be embarrassed to have that reaction, that's OK."

If your teen has no interest in cooking, forget the food kitchen as a way to wake up your sleeping giver. If he's not a people person, working closely with the homeless or the infirm might bring out the shy and awkward in him instead.

"Personally, I hate paperwork, and I was stunned to discover that some people actually enjoy it and are good at it," Levinson said.

He suggests projects that have a clear beginning, middle and an end, like cleaning up a single block or repainting a room at a shelter rather than pitching in on long-term problems with intangible solutions.

No matter how much nudging, a demand to participate isn't the way to go.

"If you persist there's a reasonable chance that they might actually do it, but there also is a chance that they won't," said Suffield, Conn., psychologist Anthony Wolf.

Encourage teens to look for volunteer opportunities on their own, said Donna Henderson, a professor of counseling at Wake Forest University. And remember, they're not babies anymore. "Because teens have more capacity for action, they can do more," she said.

FAMILY MATTERS

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Holidays are not 'season of light' for everyone

DEAR READERS: In response to a number of questions about holiday depression, I would offer the following ideas about potential sources and solutions. Unfortunately, many people do not experience the holidays as a time of joy and happiness, rather they experience feelings of depression and anxiety. As Charles Dickens wrote in "A Tale of Two Cities," "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness … It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." People feel even more alone when they experience the "season of darkness" when others are experiencing the "season of light."

There are a number of possible causes of holiday depression. One of the most common has to do with issues from the family of origin. If holidays were painful during childhood because of alcoholism, violence, dissention or disappointment, then the mind often automatically will bring-up the childhood feelings associated with that time. This process, known as state-dependent response, often can be addressed by writing about those times and experiencing the feelings — making the distinction between then and now. The brain gets the cues — holiday songs, time of year, smells and sites — and responds as if then were now. Happily, the mind is so adaptable it can be reprogrammed to recognize the difference.

Another common source of depression is the inability to get along with family, friends, spouse, ex-spouses, children, stepchildren, etc. This is a more challenging situation because it is in the present. I believe the key to enjoying the holidays under trying current family situations is to accept them as they are for now and to not try to fix them during the holidays. Typically these are longstanding problems that are not amenable to quick fixes. I find the Serenity Prayer to be of great value in these situations: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Financial pressures often are a significant source of depression when people are unable to purchase gifts for themselves or loved ones and when they face mounting credit card debt. Advertisements often convey the message we deserve what we want and we should and can have it now. Sadly, this often results in people left with insurmountable credit card debt. This situation certainly is a valid source of depression — it is depressing to have a lot of debt and not be able to buy Christmas gifts. Once again, this problem cannot be fixed right now, but do not add to it with additional purchases you cannot actually afford. Just because you can charge more on your credit does not make it a good idea. The real point of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of our Lord, not to spend more and more money.

While there are many more potential sources of holiday depression, I would like to leave you with the following suggestions from the National Mental Health Association on coping with depression:

- Keep expectations for the holiday season manageable. Try to set realistic goals and pace yourself. Be realistic about what you can and cannot do.
- Remember the holiday season does not banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely.
- Try to leave yesteryear in the past and look forward to the future. Be aware of comparing today with the past.
- Do something for someone else like volunteering to help others.
- Be aware excessive drinking will increase feelings of depression
- Save time for yourself by letting others help you and share responsibility of activities.

I would add, most importantly, go to church and truly experience the reason for the season — celebrating the birth of Christ. With his birth we now all can experience God's love for us.

Party guest isn't happy after finding her photo posted online

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: Why do camera-happy people think it's OK to snap someone's picture and then post it on social networking sites without permission?

I recently attended a party for an old friend. Of course, everyone wanted a photo of the guest of honor. Don't get me wrong, I love pictures. But I think if the photographer is intending to post it online, he or she should ask, "Is it all right if I post your photo on my Facebook page?"

One considerate person asked if he could photograph our table and we agreed. Another person didn't ask and just kept snapping away. I tried to duck out of the way when I knew it was going to be an unflattering shot, but it was posted anyway and I looked awful.

I have some health issues that have caused weight gain and hair loss, and I'm very self-conscious and do not want my image plastered all over the Internet looking this way. I am usually a good sport, but wonder if others feel this is a breach of etiquette and possibly security. What do you think? — CAMERA-SHY IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CAMERA-SHY: You are definitely not the only person who feels this way. Most people prefer to be seen when they know they look their best. Feeling as you do, contact the person who took and posted the picture and ask that it be taken down from the Facebook page. Your reason for asking is valid — and if the person has any manners at, all your wishes will be respected.

DEAR ABBY: My college roommate "Jillian" has become my closest friend. When we started discussing room assignments for next year, she informed me she won't be rooming with me because she wants to transfer to a different school to be with her boyfriend. She will be transferring from one of the best schools in the state to one that's much less prestigious.

If Jillian's boyfriend loved her, he wouldn't pressure her into changing schools. How can I convince her she's giving up an opportunity to receive the best education here? — WANTS THE BEST FOR HER IN GEORGIA

DEAR WANTS THE BEST FOR HER: It would be interesting to know how Jillian's parents feel about her making the move. Has she told them her plans yet? If they are aware and have voiced no objection, you could debate this with Jillian forever and not convince her because she's thinking with her heart, not her head.

This may not be what you're hoping to hear, but my advice is to start looking for another roommate.

DEAR ABBY: When my sister's husband comes to our house for a family dinner or other event, he immediately asks where he can take a nap. He then goes upstairs and sleeps for a couple of hours. This has been going on for more than five years and is not related to any medical condition. Should I mention this to my sister? I think he is being rude. — "SLEEPY'S" B.-I.-L.

DEAR B.-I.-L.: You definitely should talk to your sister about her husband's behavior — although she may wonder why it has taken you so long to do so.

"Sleepy" may be uncomfortable interacting with people, which is why he retreats upstairs to sleep. Please withhold judgment until you have more information.



The national Team Challenge team, left, prepares for the half-marathon in Las Vegas Dec. 4. BELOW: Robin Kingham, center, poses with Team Challenge members dressed like Elvis for the Las Vegas race to benefit the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

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Weekend in Vegas includes half-marathon, time with friends

ROBIN KINGHAM



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Robin Kingham is the real estate account executive for the Reporter-Telegram. She recently completed her second half-marathon with Team Challenge, the endurance training program started by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

What happens in Vegas ends up in the Reporter-Telegram. Let's get the stats out of the way first. My official chip time was 3:07, which is 10 minutes faster than my time from Kona, Hawaii. Even though I finished faster, I had to make two pit stops in Vegas. I didn't have to make a pit stop in Hawaii, so I know if I wouldn't have stopped in Vegas I would have finished even faster. That makes me very happy!

The mother-daughter team of Sherice Barndt and Rachel Meyer did a great job and Sherice is considering signing up again next year. Is anyone else out there interested? Shoot me an email to rkingham@mrt.com and I'll send you the details.

Before last weekend, I hadn't ever been to Vegas. I know, I know, it's unbelievable. My husband and I have talked about going but because I'm not much of a gambler, we've always chosen other destinations instead. I arrived in Vegas on Friday evening, checked into the Mandalay Bay and went in search of food and friends. The next day I had to pick up my race packet from the expo. My packet included my race bib, T-shirt and a gear check bag full of goodies. I didn't stay at the expo long because the SEC championship game was on. I had to get back to the hotel to watch my boys kick some Bulldog butt!

The National Team meeting was scheduled for Saturday afternoon and fortunately it was timed perfectly during half-time. Later Saturday evening was our Team Challenge pasta party. There were more than 2,000 people there to run or support the CCFA. The president of the CCFA addressed the group and so did Mike McCreedy, Pearl Jam guitarist and Crohn's patient. McCreedy and fellow Team Challenger Chris Adams of Seattle presented the McCreedy-Adams award to the most inspirational fundraiser. This year's recipient was my friend Leigh Stein from Pittsburg. Overall, the evening was enjoyable and a huge success. The Las Vegas Team Challenge event raised $4.5 million to fund research, patient programs and education. The goal is to find a cure in the next 10 years. That's a goal I can get behind.

There were so many events happening last weekend at the Mandalay Bay — the race, the National Rodeo Finals and it was the premiere weekend for the brand new Cirque du Soleil show: Michael Jackson The Immortal World Tour. My goal was to make time to see at least one Cirque du Soleil show while I was in Vegas. When Sherice and Rachel told me they were going, I went straight to the box office to see if there were any seats still available. After the pasta party I spent the remainder of the evening with the Cirque du Soleil and their tribute to Michael. It was a great way to end the day.

The next day was race day — what I've been planning for, training for and fundraising for. Rest was the name of the game that day. I met three other Team Challengers for breakfast. Leigh Stein, Jodie Delay and my new friend Christine Stavros from Kentucky met in the lobby and grabbed some coffee and a light breakfast. We decided to meet for lunch and each headed back to our rooms to relax and get ready for the race that night. We met in the lobby at 4:15 p.m. to take team photos and head out to the corrals together. There were 44,000 race participants in Vegas. About 6,000 were marathoners and the other 39,000 were there for the half-marathon. More than 1,200 of those participants were with Team Challenge.

The strip is full of light and energy. There are live bands along the route to keep everyone pumped and in rhythm. I ran by the Bellagio as the water fountain show was in full force — what an awesome sight. I felt great at the 5k point, the 10k point and the 10 mile point. At 10 miles in Kona, I was asking myself what was I thinking signing up for this. At the 10 mile point in Vegas, I was thinking, 'wow, I only have three miles to go.' It was a great night.

Diabetics with low kidney function should review medications

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Kidney failure results from long-term, and often poorly controlled, diabetes in up to one third of cases of persons with juvenile (type 1) diabetes and between 10 to 40 percent of those with type 2 diabetes. It usually takes around 20 years to develop kidney failure in diabetes, assuming little is done to slow it down or stop it.

Diabetes has to be treated with or without good kidney function. So it's important to understand how your kidney function may affect your prescribed diabetes medicines. Our bodies get rid of many, but not all, medications by chemically breaking them down in the body, often in the liver, then removing these fragments in the urine, stool or even sweat.

Metformin (Glucophage) has been around for decades. One rare, but very serious side effect of metformin is a condition called lactic acidosis. It's more likely to happen in people with reduced kidney function because metformin levels can build up abnormally in the bloodstream. If you have reduced kidney function, make sure to discuss with your doctor whether taking metformin is good for you. It will depend on age and how poorly your kidneys are working.

Acarbose (Precose) is a pill taken with each meal to and slow down the digestion of sugars in the gut. It's not recommended in persons with less than 50 percent kidney function.

Glyburide (Diabeta, Micronase) is broken down into several other chemicals, and each retains some ability to lower blood sugar. These substances also can build up in the blood of a diabetic with poor kidney function and continue to lower sugar levels. It's estimated there is four times higher risk of low blood sugar in diabetics with kidney failure who use glyburide. As a result, most doctors avoid using glyburide in a diabetic with low kidney function because there are other choices that carry less risk.

Glimepiride (Amaryl) also is broken down into smaller pieces with less, albeit some, ability to lower blood sugar. Like glyburide, these breakdown products build up in the blood of a diabetic with low kidney function and its use usually is avoided in this situation.

Glipizide (Glucotrol) is not affected by the level of kidney function because its fragments have very little ability to keep lowering blood sugar, unlike glyburide and glimepiride. This makes this medication the best to use in its class in the setting of low kidney function.

The class of oral diabetes drugs call thiazolidinediones (Actos and Avandia) is broken down into smaller pieces without much ability to cause trouble when the kidneys are not working well. They can be used without having to make dose adjustments. However, the FDA recently placed severe restrictions on the use of Avandia because of potential risks to the heart.

Repaglinide (Prandin) is broken down by the liver into fragments with no function making it safer for diabetics with poor kidney function. One of its sister drugs, Nateglinide (Starlix), is broken down into fragments with some ability to lower blood sugar and if you have fairly advanced kidney failure this might increase the risk for unexpected low blood sugar.

The newer oral drugs sitagliptin (Januvia) and saxagliptin (Onglyza) are not broken down in the body and simply are removed by the kidneys pushing them out unchanged into the urine. They can be used in persons with kidney failure, but the doses of these medications must be lowered by your doctor.

There are four injected diabetes medicines: exenatide, liraglutide, pramlintide and insulin.

Exenatide (Byetta) must be used very cautiously in diabetics with reduced kidney function. If advanced kidney failure is present, it's not recommended at all. There have been recent reports of sudden kidney failure in some diabetics using exenatide. Your doctor should check your kidney function periodically if you take this medication.

Liraglutide (Victoza) is very new and injected once daily, as compared to twice daily for its same class sister drug, exenatide. All we know is it should be used very cautiously in persons with low kidney function. Right now, there are no recommendations for lowering the dose in this situation.

Pramlintide (Amylin) is used only by diabetics taking insulin. It doesn't need adjustments in persons with mild to moderate kidney impairment. Much less is known about its use in patients with more advanced kidney failure.

Insulin is the oldest medication used to treat diabetes and is used in persons with reduced kidney function. Typically, doses need to be lowered because the insulin effect may last longer than usual and increase risk of having low blood sugars.

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Weddings



O'Brien - Strickling

Bonnie Rae O'Brien and Kelly Michael Strickling, both of Midland, Texas, were united in marriage on September 3, 2011 at 5:30p.m. at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Reverend Steven James Schorr officiated the ceremony, which was held outdoors on the Lakeside Terrace. Prior to the weekend wedding festivities, welcome parties were held at the Mountainview Terrace by both families and at Spec's Spot, hosted by the groom's parents, all at The Broadmoor. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at The Garden of the Gods Club in Colorado Springs. The reception, hosted by the bride's parents, followed the ceremony in the Lakeside Ballroom, adjacent to the ceremony venue. Music was provided by the Aspen Strings Quartet of Colorado Springs, during the wedding ceremony and Soul X of Denver, Colorado, played at the reception.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Borue O'Brien, Jr. of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Borue O'Brien and Mrs. Margaret Ann McIntosh, all of Midland, and the late Jack Wayne McIntosh.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Alfred Strickling, III of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs Benjamin Alfred Strickling, Jr. and Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Ratliff, all of Midland, and the late Jesse Derwood Ratliff.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. The bride wore a Vera Wang designed gown that was a strapless soft mermaid gown with pleated illusion keyhole neckline, floating Chantilly lace appliqué and soft tissue organza blossom flange skirt. The bride also wore a veil with Chantilly lace and organza in cathedral length. Scriptures were read by Courtney Cole Lunsford and Alexis Anne Horner, sisters of the bride and groom respectively.

The Matron of Honor was sister of the bride, Courtney Cole Lunsford, of Midland. Attending as bridesmaids were Elizabeth Harkness Denton of Dallas, Texas; Lauren Paige Goodnight of Fort Worth, Texas; Alexis Anne Horner, sister of the groom of Dallas, Texas; Alicia Ware Hudson of Midland, Texas; Christine Elise Murchison of Dallas, Texas; Cates Elizabeth Piland of San Antonio, Texas; Johanna Marie Pool of Dallas, Texas; and Abigail Traub Smith of Dallas, Texas. Also attending and members of the House Party were, Cheney Elizabeth Friedman of Dallas, Texas; Katherine Durham Jones of Midland, Texas and Brooke Anne Relyea of Dallas, Texas. The flower girl was Chloe Elizabeth Lunsford, niece of the bride.

The Best Man was brother of the groom, Mitchell Andrew Strickling, of Fort Worth, Texas. Attending as groomsmen were John Jackson Clifton, of Dallas, Texas; Kyle Allen Davis, of Austin, Texas; Jason Michael Horner, brother-in-law of the groom, of Dallas, Texas; Richard Currie Howard, of Dallas, Texas; Seth Douglas Hudson, of Midland, Texas; Brent Thomas Lunsford, brother-in-law of the bride, of Midland, Texas; Peter William Welch, of Dallas, Texas and Andrew Conner Wood, of Denver, Colorado. Also attending as ushers were Mason Blair Green, of Fort Worth, Texas; Albert Ford Hausser, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas and Michael Lewis Meaden, of Dallas, Texas. The ring bearer was Cole Thomas Lunsford, nephew of the bride.

Bonnie is a 2005 graduate of Midland High School and graduated in 2009 from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Merchandising, and is an alumnae of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She is currently employed with Studio Soho.

Kelly graduated from Midland High School in 2005 and from Texas Christian University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree and is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is currently employed as a geologist with Patriot Resources.

They honeymooned in Napa Valley, California; and Kauai and Maui, Hawaii.

Bonnie and Kelly now reside in Midland.



Redman - Frosch

Rachel Nicole Redman and Jordan Timothy Frosch were united in marriage at half past seven in the evening on June 18, 2011. Ronnie White performed the double ring ceremony. Music was provided by the Permian Basin String Quartet and vocalists Kevin and Iris Riggs. Scripture was read by Rachel Beard of Midland. A reception followed the ceremony at Green Tree Country Club where family and friends enjoyed an evening of food and dancing to music provided by Limelight of Emerald City Productions of Dallas. On the eve of the wedding the parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at Midland Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Penny and Dale Redman of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Sherri Lowery and the late Richard Lowery of Midland; and the late Robert Scott of Loop, Texas. She is also the granddaughter of Delores Redman and the late Jimmie Redman of Post, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of Lillian Childers of Midland.

The groom is the son of Lisa and Timothy Frosch of Midland. He is the grandson of Gayle Sanders-Holladay and her husband John of Plano, Texas and Bernice and Clifton Frosch of Lincoln, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a Sottero and Midgley satin wedding gown. Amy Riddle of Midland and Alison Colburn of Winters, Texas served as matrons of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Tiffany Payne of Midland; Megan Waggoner of Midland; Courtney Dennis of Del Rio, Texas; Paige Kiecke of Bellville, Texas; Kendall Owens of Houston, Texas; Kori Rogers of Midland; and Krista Blagrave of Ackerly, Texas. Junior bridesmaid was Kelsee Scott of Seminole, Texas. Flowergirls were Tatum Fleming of Midland and Aubrey Bandy and Sloan Powers of Seminole, Texas. The house party were cousins of the bride, Heather Lowery, Jillian Lowery and Morgan Lowery of Midland.

The groom's brother Evan Frosch of Midland served as best man. Groomsmen were Clarke Hale of Weatherford, Texas; Kerstan Thomas of San Antonio, Texas; Joe Bob Ratliff of Borger, Texas; Sam Sledge of Midland; Reid Redman of Midland; Hunter Redman of Midland; Geoff Chinn of Dallas; and David Hinton of Midland. Ring Bearers were Hudson and Cooper Beard of Midland. Serving as ushers were Shane Colburn of Winters, Texas; C. J. Lowery of Midland, Texas; Stephen Lowery of Midland; and Ryan Riddle of Midland.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 2010 where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. The groom is a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and 2010 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Antigua and are now at home in Midland.

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Pantone picks orange as top hue for 2012

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The world doesn't need more gray, and the blues are covered, too. What consumer products need is a jolt, a shot of energy and boldness, all of which comes from Tangerine Tango, the reddish-orange hue Pantone announced recently as its top color for 2012.

"There's the element of encouragement with orange, it's building on the ideas of courage and action, that we want to move on to better things. I think it would be a disservice to go with a relaxed, soothing color now," said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, the research division of Pantone Inc., which creates color standards for the fashion, beauty and home industries.

The annual forecast for the next year's dominant color takes into consideration both what Pantone thinks shoppers want and need. Those are influenced by the designer runways, fabric shows, news events, pop culture and consumer habits. "Part of what we do is look at the zeitgeist," Eiseman said. "We have to look at everything in the world around us. It's not an arbitrary choice."

Consumer spending is a big player in reviving the economy and it needs adrenaline, she said. Orange is a more urgent call to action than last year's hot-pink hue Honeysuckle, which also was supposed to channel cheerfulness coupled with nostalgia. Before that, there was the more serene turquoise and optimistic yellow.

"Color is really emotion," said Beth Eckerstrom, director of trend and product development at Crate and Barrel. "Everyone thinks it's a physical thing, but it's really emotion."

As she picks the palette for future products, Eckerstrom said she looks for shades that feel fresh but still are familiar, not foreign. "Over the past years, there's been a return to organic, natural product finishes and colors. They're complex neutrals, not beige and taupe, but people want to bring the outside in. This tangerine color is a fresh accent. ... It seems like such a bright, but it's really a gerbera daisy-flower shade, which makes it sort of neutral."

She does indeed like it partnered with green and distressed wood finishes. "This color is usable."

For his spring collection, Tommy Hilfiger used the tangerine color coupled with red, although it also complements navy and brown. He imagines men wearing the orange in a striped or paisley tie, or for women, as a color for a purse or even a trenchcoat. It's a color that will move seamlessly through the seasons.

Look for tangerine with red in the current resort collections for luxury accessory brand Judith Leiber, and it will continue as a top color for spring, used in a stripe pattern with cobalt blue, fuchsia, gold and white dubbed Palm Beach.

At the mall-level chain Charming Charlie, which organizes displays by color, tropical orange and hot pink will come together in February for the launch of a theme called Hotel Tropicana. Tangerine is the kind of color that can change your mood in a minute, said general merchandise manager Kasia Romo, and retailers like that.

"I'm not a big follower of feng shui, but feng shui would say it's a color that inspired play, happiness and good times ahead," Leiber creative director Jana Matheson said.

People also will find it surprisingly flattering, she added.

Orange will be a new addition to the closet, and newness is what drives purchases, Hilfiger said in a phone interview. "I feel very strongly about 2012: I think people over the last couple of years have been conservative with buying clothes. Eventually you have to refresh the wardrobe."

Because a little orange goes a long way, this will be an easy trend to tap into, predicted Brandi Shipp, vice president of marketing for the new lifestyle brand C. Wonder. It's also a shade that works in fashion and home items.



Park & Bond/AP

This product image shows menswear from Park & Bond. Dressing for the role of holiday party host is a little bit different from a guest, with many more practical considerations. Tyler Thoreson, head of Gilt Groupe's menswear editorial and creative divisions, likes a deep-red, fine-wale pair of cords for men.

Party hosts put perfect outfit on to-do list

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One more thing to add to the to-do list for your holiday party: Find an outfit that creates a celebratory mood, is welcoming and warm (but not hot), can hide a little sauce splatter and has pockets to stash remotes, phones and, for the ladies, lip gloss.

It's the delicate balance of being chic and comfortable.

"I can't imagine any more pressure when you're putting on a party — when you are so focused on wine and food — and you have to look beautiful as well," said Simon Kneen, creative director of Banana Republic. "Men have it a little easier, but you still have to make it look effortless and easy to manage."

Dressing for the role of host is a little bit different from a guest, with many more practical considerations. Just like every other aspect of the party, seasoned, stylish party-throwers say you'll likely want to do as much preplanning as you can.

Even last month, Kneen knew what he'd be wearing next time he entertained: a poplin shirt, sleeves rolled, with a tie. Meanwhile, Manhattan-based designer Shoshanna Gruss will pull one of her many cocktail dresses with subtle slash pockets out of her closet and pair it with a chunky necklace or sparkly cuff bracelet.

"I have some fun statement pieces that I don't get to wear often," she said. "You're setting the rules so you know you'll be appropriate."

It would be a letdown, she said, for guests who've put thought into their outfits to find the hosts in something they'd wear any other night.

"It feels funny to put on a dress and high heels at home, when you know you're not leaving, but it sets the tone," Gruss said. "And, it will feel weird to have the heels on when you're checking on everything at the last minute, but it won't once the guests get there. Your guests will appreciate it."

Minnie Mortimer says she likes to emerge from her bedroom all dressed up, especially now that she lives in more casual Los Angeles after growing up in New York and Palm Beach, Fla. She sees the holiday gatherings in her own home as an opportunity to wear the maxi dresses she loves but finds difficult to navigate when getting in and out of the car or walking for several blocks. Maybe something in a jewel tone — which takes a little splatter better than something light.

This year, Mortimer will jazz up her look with a glittery hair pin. "I really like the holidays to be about a little bit of sparkle. It's hard to do the rest of the time or it looks too much, but during the holidays, it looks appropriate," she said.

Men don't have to go quite that far, says Tyler Thoreson, head of Gilt Groupe's menswear editorial and creative divisions, but they shouldn't be in jeans, either.

"You will be tempted to wear jeans. Don't. Think cords instead," he said. He likes deep-red, fine-wale pair. It's an injection of "holiday without going overboard."

Anyway, since you'll inevitably use your trousers in lieu of a napkin or kitchen towel as you prepare the meal, cords will serve you better, according to Thoreson; Corduroy pants hold up after multiple washes. The dark denim you'd otherwise wear doesn't do as well with many washes.

Other tips:

■ Men's accessories: Think comfortable shoes, said Thoreson, because you'll be on your feet. And you're likely to spill something at some point. He recommends lug-soled wingtips.

■ Invitation dress code: Mortimer said she likes a little guidance from the host, even if it's just a vague suggestion such as "holiday-party dress."

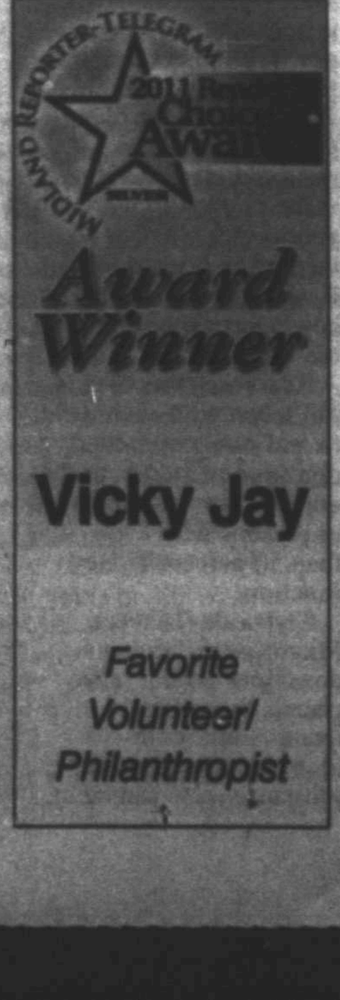
But, Gruss said, remember, it's family time. Wear the more conservative cuts and save the sexy Herve Leger-style bandage dress for another occasion.

■ Beauty: Makeup should be maintenance-free, said Ricky Wilson, Dior Beauty's celebrity makeup artist. "I take the same approach I do with a client attending a red carpet event. You have to keep in mind that you have many people looking at you with little or no time to look at yourself." His picks include false eyelashes or at least waterproof mascara, and liquid eyeliner.

■ Photos: At some point, someone is going to snap a photo of the host, so Wilson said you may as well take one before any guests arrive, just so you know what it will look like. Snap it just before the party starts. "Make sure you have your outfit on and hair close to done if not finished," Wilson said. "This will give you an idea of how you will look in the photographs."

■ No outfits: An "outfit" already has too many parts for a multitasking host, said Kneen. Women should stick to a simple-shape dress in a flattering color. Even black works when the house is decorated, as long as there's some point of interest created by an interesting or conversational accessory, he said.

"As the hostess, you're naturally the center of attention, but you compliment your guests on their outfits and let them shine."



Golden light of winter evenings conjures memories of father



BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

I always welcome the wonderful golden light of winter evenings. My granddad ran West Texas cattle on Seminole land in Oklahoma, fattening cows for Bull Shannon and Ira Yates and other West Texans, before they were sold the next year in Kansas City. He was young then and had a red-haired wife he loved dearly, who often joined him out in the pastures before she started having babies. Her daddy ran the store at Wewoka and had been granted honorary membership in the tribe. Her grandfather had been the first missionary to work with the Seminoles and the Seminole blacks when they first arrived in Indian Territory from their homeland in Florida.

My father told me a story just before he died. He and I were sitting in his work room, near sundown on that sunny but cold winter day, waiting for my wife to bring my mom back from the doctor. We had been talking about my granddad's memoirs, which were in a special box my dad had made, and always was on his bookshelves that held his beloved "trip tapes" and family camping journals. He always made a tape of every trip he took after he retired, telling about the geology, the birds my mom saw and any admirable "cattle operations" he saw while driving.

"My dad told me a story about the evening light," my father closed his eyes and when he spoke, it was in first person.

"I used to sing a great deal. I'd sing to while away the time. I adapted songs to match the gait of my horse. Some songs fit a trot, other songs fit a gallop, some songs even fit a high lope, but few fit a fast run, because it is hard to sing while the horse is running at full speed. If you had to hold a herd at night, the cowboys took turns all night long, circling the cows and singing. It calmed them, so they wouldn't jump at the first abrupt noise and start running. The real ringy ones would run at the sound of a sneeze."

My father started singing,

"I am a roving cowboy
Off from the western plains
My trade is cinching saddles
And pulling bridle reins
I can throw a lasso
With the most graceful of ease,
And I can rope a bronco
And ride him where I please.

"When I was a youngster up on the Kaw River in Kansas I worked for a while on a overwintering operation. I worked for a banker who helped other ranchers from further west, arranging for fattening herds on good bottomland hay. He had five parcels of land along the river there, but only one house in good enough shape to live in. He had three guys working for him, plus me. One was an old waddy who had been on a dozen long drives back in the 1860s and 1870s, and who had seen places from Mexico to Canada, and he was full of great stories and knew lots of songs. Another was a fellow that was a drunk when he could get something to drink, but behaved himself most of the time, and the third fellow was a bit slow, whose parents went to the same church as the banker. My daddy owed the banker, so I was working for free, helping pay off the debt.

"I guess what happened is memorable because it was the last thing that happened when I worked there, and were leaving the next day to the place near Wewoka where I met your mother Maynie.

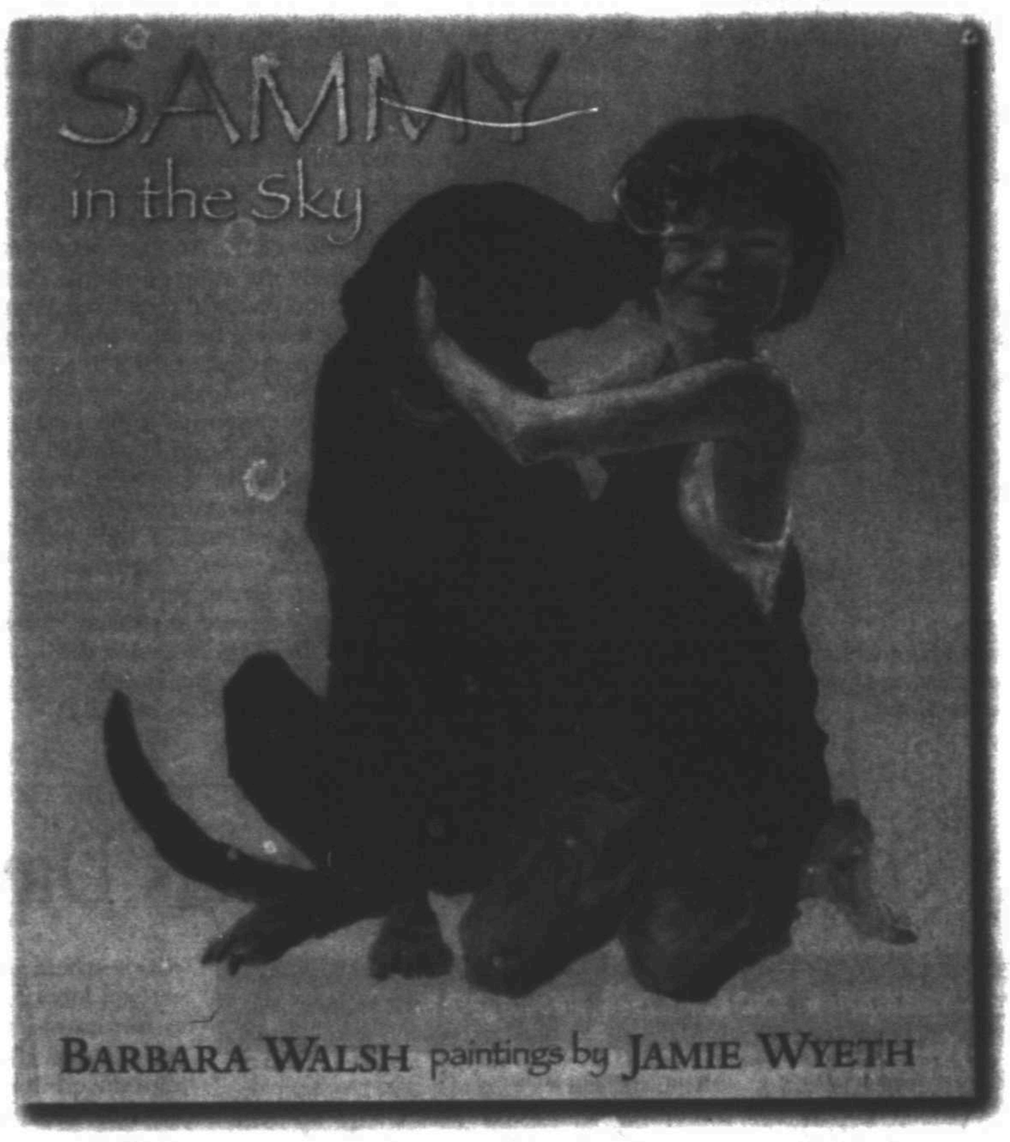
"That night, I was riding back to the house in the late evening light, all tuckered out. I was excited about the adventure ahead, and extremely happy the debt was finally paid off. I rode down the lane, singing at the top of my lungs, through the swirling golden cottonwood leaves and wind dancing golden grasses. I remember the song I was singing as the lights of the house came into view.

"And the music started winding and wailing like some ghosts

That had come to cast their hoodoo on the Cowboy New Years Dance."

My father closed his eyes. After making sure he was asleep I left the room as my wife and mother returned. When my wife and I came back by his room, we found he had passed on.

Pets



This Nov. 3 photo shows a copy of the new children's book, "Sammy in the Sky," in Portland, Maine. The story was written by Barbara Walsh and illustrated by Jamie Wyeth.

Robert F. Bukaty/AP

Book aims to help kids cope with loss of pet

By David Sharp
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — First there was Marley, the rambunctious Labrador retriever whose death brought readers to tears in John Grogan's "Marley and Me." Now there's Sammy, a mixed-breed hound who's the subject of another tear-jerker, a children's book, "Sammy in the Sky."

When her beloved hound dog died, Pulitzer Prize-Winning journalist Barbara Walsh watched her young daughters tearfully struggle with their loss and with tough questions. Walsh quickly realized there was a story to be told, one she hopes will help other families deal with the loss of a pet.

But it wasn't easy getting the book published, even after Walsh enlisted celebrated American artist Jamie Wyeth to fill the pages with illustrations in watercolor, acrylic and pencil.

Book agents and publishers were squeamish about the subject matter, yet Walsh and Wyeth didn't want to sugarcoat the pain and sorrow that unfolds in "Sammy in the Sky."

"Agents didn't want to go near this book. They said, 'It's too sad, it's too real,'" Walsh recalled.

"That's my point. There's nothing else like this out there."

Sammy, a mixed-breed hound, became the family's first pet, purchased from a dog pound for $30 by Walsh's husband, Eric Conrad, while they were living in Florida. Sammy became a cherished family member, earning Eric's oft-repeated moniker, "the best hound dog in the world."

The hound showed love and patience. He licked Emma's cheeks when Barbara and Eric brought her home from the hospital. He slept next to her crib.

"She'd play doctor and wrap him in bandages and put bonnets on his head. He would just sit there. She used to sleep on him. He was her pillow," Walsh said. "He was this amazing, gentle hound who looked after her. And she considered him to be her best friend."

As pet owners know, all good things must come to an end. The family, by now living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, discovered a lump on Sammy, and he was diagnosed with cancer at age 12. The girls were told to enjoy their time with him, because it was drawing short. On the night he died at home, Emma echoed her father's words: "You're the best hound dog in the whole wide world."

Emma was 5, and Nora was 3.

After the tears dried, Emma kept asking her parents why did Sammy have to leave, and where did his spirit go. She would run inside after school and holler out Sammy's name, forgetting the hound was gone. Nora sometimes got angry, shaking her fist at the sky and ordering Sammy to come back down to earth. She wondered aloud if there were a ladder long enough to reach the sky, so she could go see him.

Walsh began taking notes of the heartbreaking emotions.

Wyeth said he liked Walsh's story because it was real. "It's not cute. It's not sweet. It'd kind of edgy," said Wyeth, whose works are on display at the National Gallery of Art, John F. Kennedy Library and the Museum of Modern Art, as well as the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland and Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, Pa.

Like Walsh, Wyeth is a dog lover.

The artist — son and grandson of renowned painters Andrew Wyeth and N.C. Wyeth — has been surrounded by dogs and farm animals since he was a boy; "Portrait of a Pig" is among his best-known works. He currently has three dogs — Wiley, Iggy and Voler — who spend the summer with him on the coast of Maine.

"Dogs are more important to me than people, actually," Wyeth said. "The death of a dog wrecks me more than the death of a person, which is probably not a very nice thing to say. I just think of them as total equals, if not superiors."

Wyeth, who is not an illustrator as his grandfather was, returns most of the 10 or 15 manuscripts he receives each year from hopeful authors. But he said Walsh's story touched him, so he agreed to bring the tail-wagging, tongue-flapping Sammy to life in his paintings.

As they collaborated, there were still battles to fight, even after children's publisher Candlewick Press of Somerville, Mass., agreed to publish the book. Wyeth was chagrined when the art director suggested the girl looked too sad in one of his paintings and that it might be a good idea to lighten the sky, and the mood, in another. Wyeth resisted the changes.

"It's the death of a dog. I mean, kids aren't stupid," said Wyeth. "We live in a day and age where everyone wants to dumb things down."

Opening a door to the difficult subject matter in "Sammy in the Sky" was a book by an old friend, John Grogan, whose best-selling "Marley and Me," featuring the Grogan family's lovable-but-destructive Labrador retriever Marley, had readers reaching for tissues at the end.

Wyeth and Walsh will sign books today at the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, Pa., home of the Wyeth clan.

"Sammy in the Sky" is not expected to outsell Marley, but it's doing well for a children's book. The first printing of 10,000 sold out in a couple of weeks; the book is now on its third printing.

Librarians and veterinarians have told Walsh the book fills a niche. She hopes it helps parents, teachers and children talk about life and death, joy and grief — and helps families to find a way to celebrate a pet's life, like Walsh's family did.

Indeed, books that aim to help youngsters get through the loss of a pet are few and far between, said John C. New Jr., professor of public health and outreach in the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. There are similar books, but many are self-published, he said.

"Yes, there are books aimed at children, but there aren't a lot of them. And they're not the type of book normally carried in a bookstore," he said.

As for Walsh, her family has moved forward after Sammy's death six years ago.

The family has a new dog, a Tennessee coon hound named Jack. The rescue dog nearly got voted off the island for barking incessantly and scaring houseguests. But he settled into life in Maine as Walsh completed her latest book, "August Gale: A Father and Daughter's Journey into the Storm."

"Now he's my best friend. He sits with me. He dances with me and he runs with me. He doesn't talk back to me and he knows when I'm crazy. But he's my friend," she said.

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> author

Owners trying GPS devices to track pets

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Houdini the dog lived up to his name.

The lab-shepherd mix, known as a crafty escape artist, was placed in a foster home by Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. Despite his new owner's best efforts to keep him close, the dog pushed an air conditioner out of a window and made his getaway.

Fortunately the staff at Best Friends anticipated Houdini's wandering ways and had outfitted his collar with a GPS tracking device. The device worked as promised, and Best Friends adoption manager Kristi Littrell found the errant dog in an overgrown lot in Kanab.

About half of the pets that enter animal shelters each year are strays or lost animals, but the growing use of GPS technology may offer owners a new option for trying to track down roaming cats, missing dogs and other runaway pets.

Several GPS devices now are being marketed that attach to collars and can be monitored by handsets, cellphones or computers with relative ease. Kristi Littrell, adoption manager at Best Friends, said Houdini was "the same color as the weeds" in the lot where she found him.

"I would never have found him without the GPS device on his collar," she added. Best Friends still is hoping to find a home for Houdini, and plans to give the GPS device to the new owners to help make sure that if he ever does get out again, he'll be easily tracked down.

"It's great these devices are available to us now," Littrell said. "They will undoubtedly help in a lot of cases where pets would otherwise not be found and returned home."

Best Friends uses a device called Loc8tor to keep track of Houdini. A handset picks up a signal from a tag attached to the pet's collar and indicates which way to go to locate the tag. It's designed to work within a range of 400 feet, though obstacles like walls and floors can reduce the range.

Another GPS tracking device designed for pets is Tagg The Pet Tracker. Its fans include Jessica Vogelsang, a San Diego veterinarian who received a free Tagg for review on her blog, Dr. V at Pawcurious.com.

"I've tried out a few GPS trackers but the Tagg is the only one I liked enough to recommend," she said. "I've been testing it for about a month now and I've been getting accurate locations with it consistently. What I find really innovative about it, however, is how well they've integrated mobile technology so you can track your pet in real time not only on the site but with your phone, using the app or even text messaging."

To use Tagg, you need a home computer and a cellphone. You program your pet's safety zone — it can be as small as your house or as big as your neighborhood. If he leaves that space, you will get an email or text (your choice) telling you he's gone and where he is. If he's on the move, you can track his movements until you find him and take him home.

"I never would have dreamed in my lifetime that there would come a day when I would get a text message for help from my pet," said Mike Arms, president of the Helen Woodward Animal Center in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., who uses Tagg with his puppy Anchovy.

GPS devices theoretically could help people locate missing pets in all kinds of situations where animals are vulnerable to getting lost, such as when pets are shipped by plane or after natural disasters, assuming owners have access to the electronics they need to track signals and the devices remain charged.

There are several GPS tracking devices on the market, and while many consumers rave about the technology, complaints tend to fall into several categories. Some say batteries in the devices do not always hold a charge for as long as promised; that digital maps associated with the devices are not always easy to read or use; and that the devices do not always cover the range of distance that pet owners expected.

The Tagg Master Kit costs $100 and comes with a battery charger and a month of wireless service; service is $8 a month after that. A basic Loc8tor Pet kit costs $100.

Keep wine choices fun, frugal for holiday celebrations

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press



Matthew Mead/AP

This Nov. 8 photo shows a glass of red wine and a glass of white wine in Concord, N.H. The best wines for holiday parties are like good hosts, accommodating enough to handle a variety of scenarios, but with enough personality to keep everyone entertained.

The best wines for holiday parties are like good hosts, accommodating enough to handle a variety of scenarios, but with enough personality to keep everyone entertained.

What bottle will best suit your occasion? As with most things about wine there's no single answer, but here are a few suggestions on how to get the party pairing right.

■ DON'T pull out that obscure bottle that's been gathering dust in your cellar, said Mary Gorman-McAdams, a New York-based Master of Wine and consultant to the daily deal wine site VITIS.com. Unless, of course, the party is for a (small) bunch of fellow wine geeks who are likely to show up clutching dusty bottles of their own. For more mixed gatherings, pulling out a challenging wine is liable to slow things down. "Holiday gatherings are about fun, people chatting together and not about a wine that demands all of your attention," said Gorman-McAdams.

■ DO be prepared to try something a little bit different. Love chardonnay? Maybe try a chardonnay-viognier (another white grape) blend. Big fan of big reds? A Cotes du Rhone from France or malbec from Argentina are good choices. The good news on malbec is that you can get a nice bottle for $12 to $15. "I have to say I haven't really met a malbec I don't like," said Gorman-McAdams. Another possibility, especially this time of year, is Beaujolais, the youthful reds from France that are known for their fruity punch and often are found for $10 to $20.

■ DON'T overspend. "It doesn't have to be expensive to be a great bottle of wine," said David O'Day, wine director for the Dallas-based Del Frisco's Restaurant Group. "I'm not buying $50 to $75 wine when people come over." Gorman-McAdams agrees, recommending two wines offered at a discount by VITIS, the 2008 Domaine des Nugues Fleurie, Beaujolais Cru, available for $16, and the 2007 Grant Burge Barossa Vines Chardonnay, from Australia's Barossa Valley, for $10. Most wine shops and grocers will offer similar bargains.

■ DO look for crowd-pleasing wines, like sparkling wines, rose and riesling. "We're a diverse crowd, we have a lot of different palates," said O'Day. "In the holidays, I always have my go-to wines. I'll have some lighter, crisp whites, some sauvignon blanc and some riesling, and I always have some sparkling. The ladies in my family love rose, so I always have a nice rose on hand." For the reds, he also likes malbec, as well as Chauteauneuf du Pape from France and pinot noir.

■ DON'T be afraid to ask for help. Finding a $50 bottle of wine that tastes good isn't so hard. Finding a great $10 to $15 bottle may require the aid of a helpful staffer at your local wine shop. "Just let these people know what you want: 'I'm looking for a sparkling wine in the $15 to $20 range and I'd like three different options,'" said O'Day. "They know what they have in stock; they know what you're looking for. Don't get caught up in being upsold. If you want something in the $15 to $20 range, you can stick to that range."

■ DO give some thought to presentation. Whites should be cool, but not icy. If you're serving whites, an ice bucket is a nice extra, but not essential. "I like to have an ice bucket, especially the sparkling and the whites, but with my crew the wine doesn't really last long. We're popping and pouring," said O'Day. Reds shouldn't be cold, and if you have a decanter, that's a step worth taking even for wines that are $8 to $10. "Every wine will benefit from the aeration process," said O'Day. "It's a nice touch. It looks great. It's festive and fun around the holidays."

■ DON'T obsess about searching out the perfect pairing. "If you end up over-focusing on the wine, you'll end up being disappointed," said Gorman-McAdams. "It's really about the people and having fun and talking. It's a much easier task than people think."

Make merry cocktails for Christmas Day brunch

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

Christmas brunch can be a civilized way to celebrate the season, not as frantic as Christmas Eve or as fraught with familial tensions as Christmas Dinner.

It's also an excellent time to break out the light but festive cocktails that can elevate brunch from a cooked breakfast to a real occasion.

Jackson Cannon, owner of The Hawthorne bar in Boston, considers Christmas brunch "the perfect time for cocktails because you've survived the present-opening chaos and the kids will be entertained for hours with all their new toys, so now the attention can be turned back to important matters, like carefully-crafted beverages."

He advises keeping the drinks light since there's heavy food and sweets in abundance. Champagne cocktails with a touch of cognac, calvados or American brandy can give you the flavor of those wintery spirits at an alcohol content that won't end your day too early.

One drink he likes is yule tide bulles (French for bubbles), which is one part cognac, one part Benedictine, one part fresh lemon juice, one part grenadine and one part cool filtered water.

You start this drink the night before, mixing everything together and then pouring it into a pitcher or bottle that is then refrigerated. When ready, stir the ingredients vigorously for a moment and pour into Champagne flutes, filling the glass halfway. Top with Champagne, prosecco or cava and garnish with a small twist of lemon on top. This basic approach will work for a number of cocktails but with these particular ingredients you get the holiday bonus of a rich poinsettia color.

At the Fairmont hotel in San Francisco, Christmas is a big deal featuring a lavish gingerbread house on display in the lobby. This year, the house is more than 20 feet high, made with 7,500 gingerbread bricks and 1,200 pounds of royal icing. It even features a room inside where children can write a letter to Santa.

Executive chef jW Foster, who is Canadian, has introduced Inniskillin icewine, a dessert wine made from grapes that have been frozen on the vine, that is made in the Niagara Peninsula wine-growing region. The wine can be served straight or mixed with vodka for an easy martini.

Some see breakfast as an all-day occasion.

Ronnie Cox, brand heritage director for The Glenrothes whisky company has come up with the speyside breakfast — 1.5 ounces Glenrothes Select Reserve, half an ounce of apple brandy, 1 ounce of cream, half an ounce of maple syrup and a dash of simple syrup, to be shaken over ice, strained into a chilled glass and garnished with freshly grated cinnamon.

It works as an after-dinner dram that "brings to mind contemplation, excellent company and relaxation — perfect for the holidays," he said.

Want to try your own Christmas cocktails? Here are two seasonal recipes.

Christmas cocktail recipes

Chilly Pear Tree
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 2

To freeze the pears for this recipe, buy the canned pear halves in syrup, drain them, cut them into chunks, then arrange them on a parchment paper lined baking sheet. Freeze, then transfer to a plastic bag until needed.

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 2
3 canned light syrup-packed pear halves, cut into chunks and frozen
8 ounces pear syrup (from the can)
4 ounces vodka
1 ounce lemon juice
Pinch cinnamon
Pinch salt
2 sprigs fresh rosemary, to garnish

In a blender, combine all ingredients except the rosemary and puree until very smooth. Serve in a cocktail glass. Garnish each glass with a rosemary sprig.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 250 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 31 g carbohydrate; 0 g protein; 3 g fiber; 130 mg sodium.

Recipe by AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch

Rudolph's Nose
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

Ice
1 ounce vodka
1/2 ounce triple sec
1 ounce cranberry juice
1 ounce cherry juice
2 to 3 fresh raspberries
Brut Champagne or sparkling wine

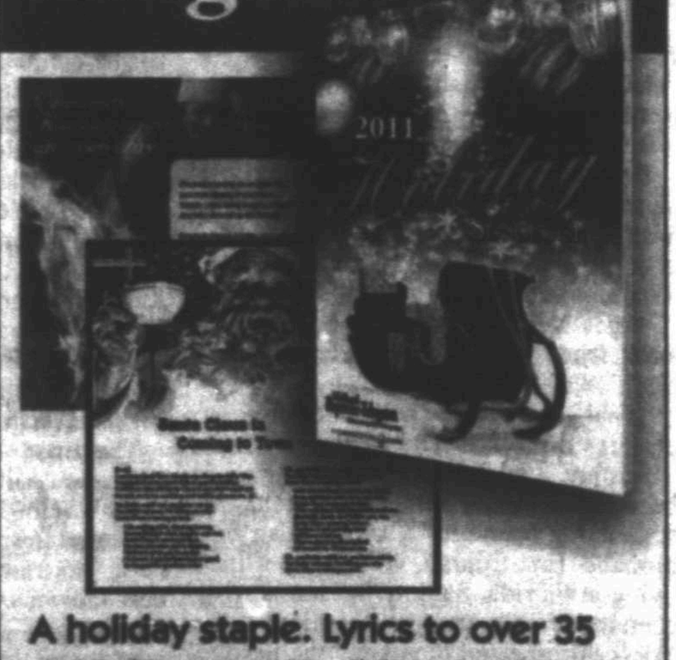
In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the vodka, triple sec, cranberry juice and cherry juice. Shake, then strain into a sparkling wine flute. Drop the raspberries into the glass, then top with Champagne.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 190 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 12 g carbohydrate; 0 g protein; 0 g fiber; 10 mg sodium.

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From Lady Chaps softball to Texas Rangers baseball

By Forrest Allen

For former Midland College (MC) Lady Chap softball player Monique Corralez, the 2011 Major League Baseball (MLB) World Series bore special significance.

Corralez played outfield for the Midland College softball team under the direction of Coach Tommy Ramos from 2004-2006. She is currently employed with the Texas Rangers baseball team as a community outreach assistant. Her responsibilities include working with the Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation in various capacities. She procures signed team memorabilia items for the Foundation's silent auction, which raises money for scholarships for deserving students. Additionally, Ms. Corralez ensures that the scholarship monies are sent to the proper universities on each student's behalf. She also mans the auction booth during games in Arlington.

Corralez, a 2004 graduate of Midland Lee High School, earned a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) in 2008. During her time at UTD, she worked for the Frisco Roughriders of the Texas League (Rangers AA Farm Club). She interned for the Rangers beginning in January of 2010 and became an employee in March 2010. She credits her parents, Gracie and Moses, for providing her with determination and her work ethic.

Corralez' personality is warm and engaging, and she can always be seen smiling. Those traits are on full display when she and her fellow community outreach staffers visit with school children. The Rangers are involved in several school-based initiatives, such as scheduled school visits and a storybook series. It is those aspects of the job that most excite Corralez who says, "The best and worst parts of my job are the irregular working hours. It's a double-edged sword. But I'm not one to work an 'eight to five' (job) sitting at a desk all day."

When asked about her experience with this year's MLB World Series, Corralez shared that the highlight was "my all-expense-paid trip to St. Louis for games one and two of the series." She also enjoyed the opportunity to watch a complete game for a change without having to work at the auction booth! During the season's home games there are precious few opportunities to watch the entire game.

Ms. Corralez cited the exciting atmosphere both inside and outside of the stadium during the World Series, particularly outside where people were assembled all over the parking lot and the area immediately outside the Busch Stadium. Corralez says, "They had really good music being played. There was a true feeling of excitement largely due to the St. Louis franchise having such a long, established history within the sport."



Monica Corralez at 2011 World Series in St. Louis

Ms. Corralez listed Rangers pitcher Derek Holland as one of her favorite players. She initially met Holland when she worked for the Roughriders during Holland's minor league years. During that time, former Midland College baseball outfielder Tim Smith was also playing with the Roughriders and introduced Holland to Corralez. "He (Holland) is great with the kids and fans," stated Corralez.

She also named two-time MLB All-Star second baseman Ian Kinsler of the Rangers as one her favorites and said, "I love to watch him play."

As for the future, Corralez is very happy in her role with the Rangers and hopes for a long career with the club. She admits to being "spoiled" as a result of their two highly successful seasons in 2010 and 2011, including the club's two World Series appearances.

"I feel connected to the success of the team," Ms. Corralez said. "I love seeing the excitement on the faces of the kids throughout the community during school visits. It's their team."

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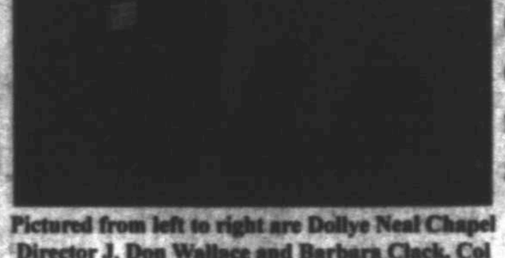
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Heritage societies meet on the MC campus



Pictured from left to right are Dollye Neal Chapel Director J. Don Wallace and Barbara Cheek, Col Theunis Dey Chapter member and co-hostess for the November 14 meeting.

During the month of November, Midland College was proud to host meetings of the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and the Dr. John Woodson Chapter Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century. Both organizations promote the preservation of American history and support charitable projects and historical education.

The Col. Theunis Dey Chapter NSDAR held its meeting on Monday, November 14, in the Dollye Neal Chapter at Midland College and enjoyed a program featuring music in colonial America. The Chapter later presented Midland College with a contribution to the Dr. Nick Elderkin Music Scholarship in honor of Chapel Director J. Don Wallace.

On Tuesday, November 15, members of the Dr. John Woodson Chapter met in the Foundation Dining Room located in the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall on the MC campus. Executive Director of the FMH Foundation Dr. Eileen Piwetz led members on a photographic safari of Africa during her "Out of Africa" presentation.



Pictured from left to right are Dr. John Woodson Chapter Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century officers: Registrar Connie Corley, Treasurer Dalys Atkinson, Chaplain Charlotte Starr, Secretary Marianne Green, and Regent Gretchen Bell

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Congregation members pose for the nativity scene during the The Living Nativity at First Baptist Church.

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Living Nativity, Drive Through Nativity tell Christmas story

By Kay Crites
Reporter-Telegram

Each year, thousands of people enjoy the Living Nativity at First Baptist Church in Midland and the Drive Through Nativity hosted by the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring — perhaps without much thought to the work that goes on behind the scenes to make these traditions possible.

The most difficult is finding volunteers who are willing to give up their evenings to stand outside in rain, sleet and snow; to set up the stable or the scenes; to house animals or to help with make up or costumes.

Gail Storrie and her husband, Jim, have coordinated FBC's Living Nativity for about 29 years. She said finding a sufficient number of volunteers can be a challenge.

"We have a number of people who graciously volunteer every year, but new members may not know about the Living Nativity, and some think they could never do something like this, but they do," Gail Storrie said. "The first time, it can be a little hard to get them to take that first step, but I've never heard anyone say they regret having done it.

"Usually after they have experienced the nativity one time, they're hooked, and they come back. When they see a parent tell their child about the Christmas story, they say it's all worth it," she said.

Storrie begins before Thanksgiving each year, setting out clipboards for volunteers to sign up and asking department heads to promote the event and forward names to her. Once she has a skeleton crew lined up, she starts working on filling in the blank spots.

The Living Nativity, which the church first presented in the mid-1970s — takes place for three nights. While the number of angels and wise men varies, Storrie likes to have at least 15 people in the nativity each night, which means she needs a total of 45 just to portray the manger scene.

"We always have people who get sick or who find out they have a conflict, so I'm always a little antsy right up until the final day," she said.

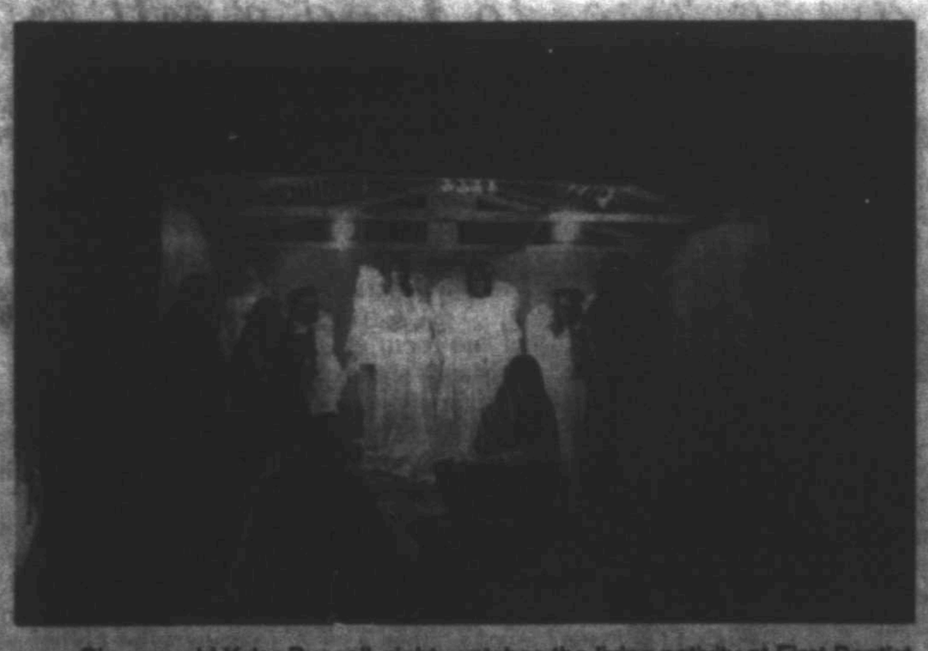
"It's hard to realize how many people help make this event happen," Storrie said. "It's a volunteer situation all the way."

With the exception of a few staff members such as Tamara Minnick, who helps with public relations, and Jim Hansen, who is the building engineer, the Living Nativity is entirely done by volunteers. "And we appreciate every one of them," she said.

Volunteers help set up the manger, handle costumes, apply makeup or greet visitors with hot cocoa. Others provide food for the volunteers.

"Many of the volunteers come right from work, so they haven't had a chance to eat," Storrie said. "We pro-

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Six-year-old Kyler Bussell, right, watches the living nativity at First Baptist Church in this 2010 file photo. Church members posed for about an hour in a manger built for the event, complete with a fenced-in area containing several goats.

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WANT TO GO?

- Living Nativity, First Baptist Church; 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday
- Drive Through Nativity, First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, Big Spring; 6:30-9:30 p.m. today



St. Ann's School Student Council helped organize a toy drive for Helping Hands. Members of the council — along with the Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, associate pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church — show off some of the toys the school collected.

Courtesy photo

Churches, non-profits provide toys, clothes food for families in need at Christmas

By Kay Crites
Reporter-Telegram

As the Christmas season approaches, many area churches reach out to area nonprofits to help fill year-end needs, such as clothing, food and toys for Christmas.

Helping Hands, the Salvation Army, Casa de Amigos, the Life Center, Midland Fair Havens, High Sky Children's Ranch and Safe Place of the Permian Basin are some of the agencies most frequently receiving aid.

Helping Hands of Midland is teaming with St. Stephen's Catholic Church to provide clothing, toys for more than 550 children involved in Midlansd ISD's Project Head Start Program and food for families' Christmas dinner as well as food for a week. The assistance will go to families that fall at under 200 percent of the poverty level, according to Mary Hardin, Helping Hands executive director. In addition, St. Stephen's takes up a monthly collection for Helping Hands, she said.

"This is an outstandingly generous church that is there for the poor all year long. In large part because of St. Stephen's, we are able to offer the poor help with rent, utilities, medical assistance, food, clothing and home repairs, and we spend a minimum of $22,000 on that assistance," she said.

Helping Hands also will be receiving help from St. Ann's Catholic Church and St. Ann's School, which have conducted toy drives, and Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, which will be collecting food for the families for Christmas.

Msgr. Larry Droll, pastor of St. Ann's, said the church also participates in the Family Promise program, which provides homes in area churches for the homeless.

"We will be opening our facilities to Family Promise for the week leading up to Christmas," he said.

In addition to helping area nonprofit agencies, the St. Vincent De Paul Society will have an adopt-a-family program for Christmas. A Girl Scout troop associated with the church circulated information about the program, in which families can be adopted for the holidays, in order to receive food and gifts. Droll said church members also support Operation Christmas Child, in which shoebox-sized packages are sent to needy children throughout the world.

Tonya Erwin, development director for St. Ann's School, said students were involved in a number of additional philanthropic projects. First-graders will be holding a Baby Shower for Baby Jesus -- diapers and baby wipes will be collected for the Life Center. A seventh-grade class is collecting money for the Allison Cancer Center in memory of one of the mothers, an aunt and a former teacher. Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are collecting old blankets for the SPCA.

Stacy Baccus, volunteer and donation coordinator for Safe Place of the Permian Basin, said their organization is thrilled with the annual support they receive from area churches.

"Safe Place is so blessed at Christmas. On average, 40 to 50 different businesses, schools and churches contribute to help our clients at Christmas," she said.

Baccus said First Presbyterian has offered to host a Christmas tea for their clients, with crafts and activities for the children. She said the church also will donate items such as mittens and gloves.

"We expect to hear from more churches as we get closer to Christmas, as we're often supported by churches in both Midland and Odessa. Last year, a number of churches adopted us, donating food boxes, toys, gift cards and stockings."

Mid-Cities Community Church annually participates in Midland Fair Haven's Santa's Workshop, an event where volunteers help children make gifts for their parents.

"It's our hope that moms can take time to study, if they're in school, or they can go and have a night to do shopping or run errands," said Andrew Strand, Mid-Cities pastor.

He said they support Fair Havens because of a relationship they have with the organization through a pastor who is on the organization's board and through members who have volunteered at Fair Havens through the years.

DiAnn Koehl, executive director of Fair Havens, said the organization routinely receives support from Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Grace Lutheran, Main Street Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Mid-Cities Community Church, Second Baptist Church, St. Ann's School and First Baptist Church in Stanton.

"Our relationship and partnership with churches is so very important to us, as we see ourselves as an extension of the church, sharing the love of Christ," Koehl said. "The generous support and love gifts from each of these churches that celebrate Christ's birth and his gift of life to all of us at this time of year means so much to our Fair Havens families."

Pricilla Lane, facilitator of benevolence for Golf Course Road Church of Christ, said the church provides "Christmas food boxes for the (Fair Havens) families, and we include enough so that they have food for quite some time."

She said the church began supporting Fair Havens when the agency was next door to the church and "after it moved, we just knew that it would be helpful. We had that connection with them."

Barbara Handley with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland said the church supports Fair Havens and High Sky Children's Ranch through a program at Barnes & Noble. The church takes donations and uses them to purchase books, which then are delivered by Barnes & Noble. Last year enough funds were collected to purchase 80 books, she said. In addition, the church collected mittens, gloves and hats for Safe Place.

Ida Fletcher, with Casa de Amigos, said the the agency's founder, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, annually holds a toy drive. This year's goal is to provide toys for 200 to 300 children, she said.

First UMC collects offerings during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services; the collections are divided between area nonprofit organizations and families in need, according to Krystal Porter, director of communications.

In addition, the church raised funds for and constructed a Habitat for Humanity house and conducts a food drive for AMOS (Area Ministry Outreach Services).

"We funded the entire house and gathered enough volunteers to build it," Porter said. "We broke ground in August and dedicated it two weeks ago."

Perhaps one of the most visible nonprofit organizations during the Christmas season is the Salvation Army and First Baptist has been a longtime supporter, according to Capt. Andrea Ellis.

"One of the things we do is the Angel Tree, where we try and get clothing and a few toys for the children and food for the family," she said.

"We also work with Meals on Wheels to get assistance for seniors at Christmas. Some of them don't get out of their homes, so they might need a jogging suit or a blanket or radio, and we provide them with a basket."

Tags listing the seniors' needs are included on the same Angel Trees that have the wish lists for children.

"The tags for seniors look different. They are animals called Mr. and Mrs. Elderberry," she said.

Christian life is all about saying 'yes' to God's gift exchange

Tim Walker
First United Methodist Church senior pastor

Christianity's chief purpose is to bring us into a relationship with God so in our hearts we can say yes to God's "yes," Jesus Christ. God said "yes" in the beginning with creation. He said "yes" in the flesh with the coming of Jesus. He says "yes" in his heart to you, and you say "yes" in your heart to God.

Of course, some say "no." There's nothing new in that. It was that way when he came to earth. "The world did not know him; his own people did not receive him." (John 1:10,11)

We have so many legends about the innkeeper. I think I know what Mary and Joseph were feeling when at last they came to the door of the inn. When I was in seminary in Kentucky, my wife, Karen, and I would come to Texas twice each year, once during the Christmas holidays and once during the summer. We were on a no-travel, no-frills student budget and always looking for the least expensive inn (motel). Our limit was $8. Those were the days when a room at Motel 6 cost $12 a night.

There were several to choose from in Tennessee. We were thrilled to see a sign for an $8 room in front of a beautiful motel in Nashville. I walked in, put down the cash, looking forward to luxury at a budget price. We signed in, and the key was given to us, and then the attendant said "the less expensive rooms are in the annex out back." At that moment I found out what the annex was like behind the inn.

The temptation is to say "no" to Jesus and send him to the annex of your heart. Jesus is looking for a "yes." Sometimes we don't say "yes" simply because we are too busy. We don't have enough time to let Jesus into our hearts. It takes time to work out spiritual issues. It takes time to reflect. It takes time to decide. There is no substitute for time when it comes to spiritual issues.

We are too full. It's our "no-room-in-the-inn" season. Our no-vacancy sign is on 24 hours a day. There is simply no space in my heart for Jesus. My business fills all the space in my heart. My family fills all the space in my heart. My leisure activity fills all the space in my heart. Our heart's accommodations are not good enough for Jesus. We make claims such as,

"When I get my act together, then ..."

"When I start giving better, then ..."

"When I patch up my relationship, then ..."

"When I clean up my lifestyle, then ..."

How do we receive him? How do we put up the vacancy sign? How do we become children of God? How do we say "yes" in the heart?

A. Accept the Christmas reality God is the giver, Christ is the gift and you are the recipient of the gift.

B. Say, "yes, I know Christ is God's gift to me. I recognize it. I don't totally understand it, but I say 'yes' to God's gift in Jesus."

C. Reach out and take the gift. An action of "yes" finishes your affirmation. You see, there is a human side to the divine transaction, to the great gift exchange. God offers us the privilege of being his person, we can choose to say "no" or "yes" to God's "yes."

For those who receive, he gives power to become the children of God. Christmas calls for a wonderful gift exchange. God gives you a "yes" of forgiveness and affirmation. You give God a "yes" to the leadership of Jesus. Karl Barth says it well, "Yes" is what the Christian life is all about."

MIRACLE on Tyler Street



Photo by Tim Fischer/Midland Reporter-Telegram

Visitors walk through Miracle on Tyler Street Dec. 1 following the lighting and opening. AT TOP Judy McDaniel takes a picture of her grandson, Colter Washburn, at the lighting of Miracle on Tyler Street.

Miracle on Tyler Street to bring blessings to families

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

More than 200 volunteers and friends of Greater Ideal Baptist Church have worked for months to make the wintry village at Greater Ideal Family Life Center a reality so all area families can receive a Christmas blessing during the fourth annual Miracle on Tyler Street.

"We hope and believe that those who live in this community can take pride that this is happening right here and that they may even come to take part each year," said Beki Moorehead, who handles public affairs for the church. "It's important to all of us to know we are part of something more than one person."

The annual event will take place 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the family life center. The church hopes to give out 500 bikes, more than 1,000 toys and gift cards and more than 300 food baskets. The church will continue to collect donations until the event. The church has budgeted $65,000 for the event, up from $50,000 last year and $35,000 from the year before. Dinner and entertainment will be provided, and Santa will be available to hear Christmas wishes.

The tree was lit Dec. 1 as a way of dedicating the event to God in prayer and action, and the village will be open every night from around 6:30 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 31.

More than 3,000 people showed up to the event last year, and Moorehead said the church is expecting to exceed that number this season, with people coming from as far as New Mexico and Abilene to attend the event. Despite the low unemployment and other favorable economic indicators Midland is experiencing, Moorehead said there still are members in the church trying to make ends meet.

"There's definitely no doubt about the fact that some of our members have suffered," Moorehead said.

The Greater Ideal Family Life Center has been open for nine years to provide Midlanders, especially those living in the southeast area, programs to improve quality of life and educational opportunities.

This year brings a few new attractions to the park, and the church hopes to incoporate giving away scooters sometime in the future.

Leftover gifts in the past have gone to children in area hospitals and at some apartment complexes housing low-income families.

"God's just providing from one source to another; that's been inspiring, to see and be a part of it," Moorehead said. "This year we really needed the community and the community has stepped up."

Donations of cash, gifts or food can be donated to Greater Ideal Family Life Center by calling 683-0838.

Yes Melissa, there really was a baby Jesus



TIM COMAN
Trinity Presbyterian Church student minister

Before Black Fridays and Cyber Mondays, long before the Internet, life was a bit simpler and less hectic. We all remember those times of innocence.

For a brief moment, let us consider the true meaning of this season, not from a politically correct viewpoint, not from a conservative or liberal viewpoint, but very simply. Let's consider the season with the innocence of a child who might ask in the busyness of our world if there really was a baby Jesus just like Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York Sun in 1897 asking "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Clause?" An editor by the name of Francis P. Church responded to the young girl's letter with the following "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

I adapted Church's answer in this column to answer another question. Yes, Melissa, there really was a baby Jesus. How dreary and sad the world would be if there wasn't a baby Jesus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Melissas; there would be no child-like faith, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. Some may say, "but I do not see Jesus." But it doesn't mean he is not here because he resides in the hearts of those who have come to know of him personally.

In this season, with all the marketing, commercialization and frenzy, have we forgotten why he came, what his purpose was, and what kept him here? For he still resides in the hearts and lives of people around the world. At this time of year, we celebrate by offering gifts, with symbols such as nativity scenes, images and traditions, but in reality these don't serve a purpose if they don't stir our hearts to remember what they represent.

The most amazing part of this story is God never wanted to force his son on anyone, and in the manner in which he came could have been announced with thunder and lighting, but it wasn't. He could have brought together the most powerful people on earth to be witnesses of the new king's coronation, but he didn't.

God chose a poor girl from a lowly village to give birth to the new king and in that culture she had no rights; Joseph could have, as the Bible says, had her put away. God chose a stable, not a palace for the new king's birth, and shepherds (common laborers) to be the first witnesses. When God chose to come to earth, he came to the least, the last, the lowest and the lost, and these people witnessed the birth of a king who never owned a home, never held a political office and never made a grab for power.

But this baby grew up and today, some 2,000 years later, still is the topic of conversation. We have replaced the "Merry Christmas" with "Happy holidays." In this season, what will you do with this man named Jesus Christ?

Imagine if you had an opportunity to exchange gifts with Jesus, and he said to you, "If you will give me your anger, I will give you peace. If you will give me your fear, I will give you perfect love." Are those who have all the money and possessions, who rushed into a store the day after Thanksgiving to purchase a $2 waffle iron, missing anything?

What happened to our child-like faith, our innocence? We can have all the symbols in the world, give gifts to everyone, string up a thousand lights, and place nativity scenes in front of our homes, but without an understanding of why he came, why he lived and ultimately, why he died, and as long as you hold onto your fear, anger, struggle, addiction or desperation, you will ask the same thing, young Melissa asked, "Please, tell me the truth, was there a baby named Jesus?"

Maybe this Christmas will be your year to trade your heart for his.

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vide sandwiches, cookies and drinks."

Storrie said one of the wonderful advantages to the Living Nativity is the opportunity for people of all ages to mingle and get to know each other.

"Ordinarily, our Sunday school classes are separated by age, so young people wouldn't have an opportunity, perhaps, to get to know the older church members and vice versa, but they have a chance to chat and get acquainted while grabbing something to eat."

This year, Storrie said they faced a special challenge with construction taking place where the nativity usually sits.

"When the building project began, one of my longtime volunteers approached me with a worried face and asked what we were going to do. I just replied that we'd find a place, and we did."

This year's nativity will be set up at the corner of N Street and Cuthbert Avenue.

"We're just excited about having a new place, and it's full steam ahead," Storrie said. "We've never canceled the nativity. We've been out there when it's been 19 degrees, and they've looked at me like, 'You're not really going to make us go out there,' and I say, 'yes.' We've promised to be there, and we're going to keep that promise."

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First Church of the Nazarene's Drive Through Nativity depicts a series of scenes that reflect Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection.

This is the 25th year for the holiday event and because of that "we have a lot of it already in place," said casting coordinator Sharon Rich.

However, finding enough volunteers each year is always a challenge because more than 100 people are required to perform, create wardrobes and handle all the behind-the-scenes work required.

"Sometimes not only people in our church participate, but we have volunteers from other churches and from the community in general who participate. It truly is a community event," she said.

People from the community offer to house the animals used in the various scenes, so they don't have to be transported long distances to get home each night.

"And one of the donkeys used was traded recently, but it was stipulated that the donkey still had to be in the nativity," she said.

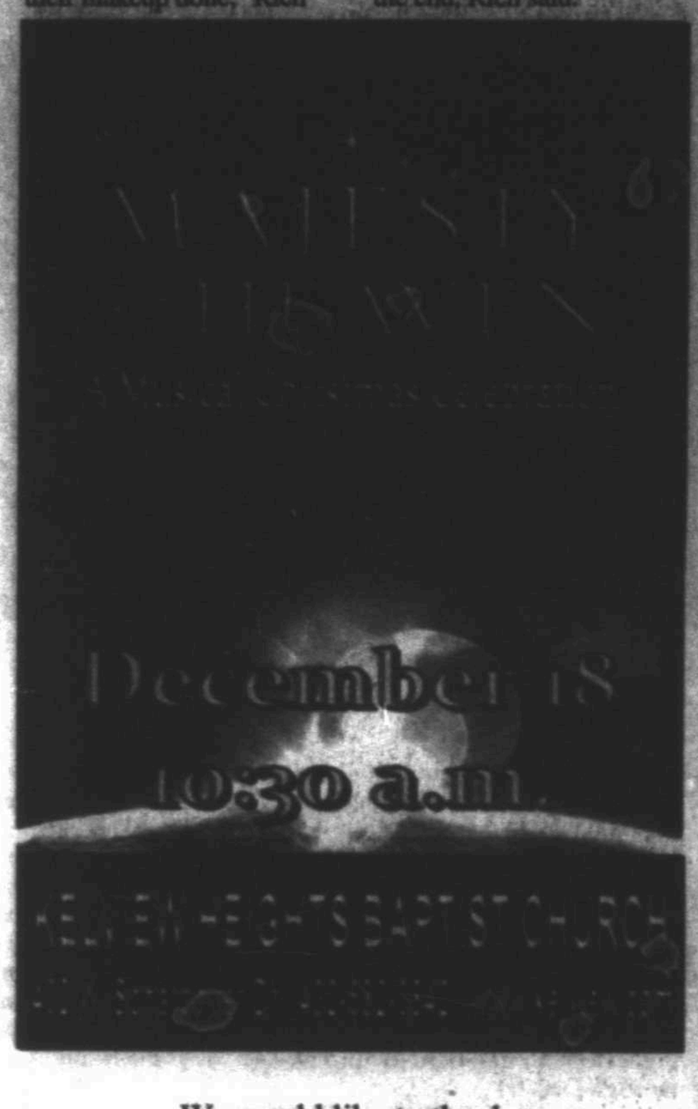
People in the community also help feed the actors.

"People come here straight from work to start getting ready. They have to be here by 5:30 to start getting into costume and to get their makeup done," Rich said. "They don't have time to eat. People in the community bring soups, stews and casseroles, and we have a big feast every night in the gym."

The Drive Through Nativity is the church's gift to the community and to the Permian Basin, Rich said. Nearly 2,000 visitors — some from as far as New Mexico — drive through each year. "We're bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our community, with scenes that show Christ's birth through his burial and ascension."

Visitors are provided a CD or cassette tape that provides narration for each scene. Although the program is only about 10 minutes, sometimes there is a wait because vehicles line up to begin.

Admission is free, although there is an opportunity to make a donation at the end, Rich said.







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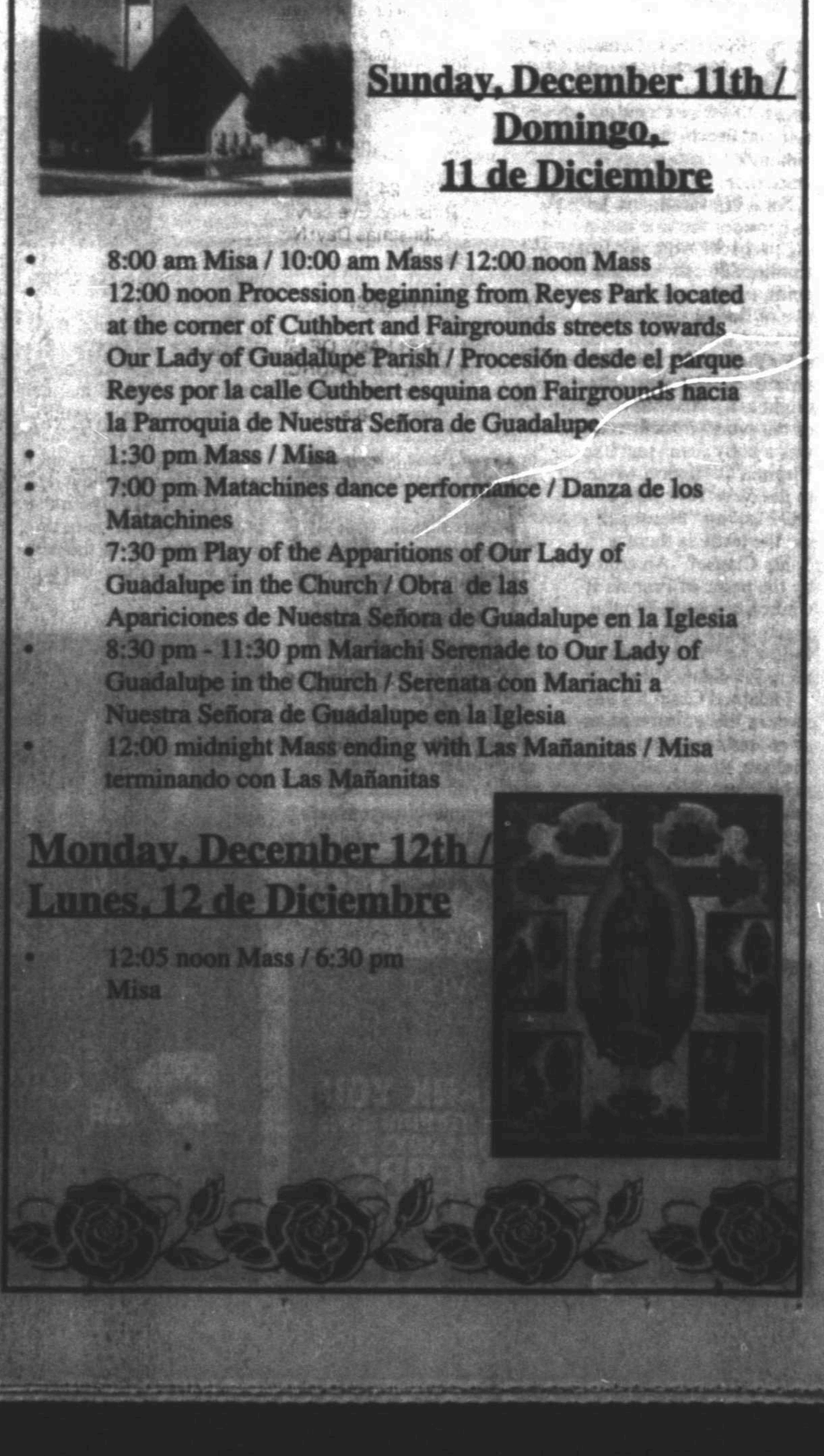
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Advent is time to reflect on Christ growing in our lives



MICHAEL PFEIFER
bishop

Advent is a time to prepare for the birthday of Christ on Christmas Day. The four weeks of Advent preparing for Christmas is a time to reflect on the important questions regarding our relationship with Christ, and how we are becoming other Christs for people with whom we live and work and meet in our everyday lives.

Advent is a season of waiting; it is a season to grow in our understanding of Christ, and to take more time for prayer and reflection. Advent is a season when we especially need to practice the virtue of patience and humility, helping us realize who we are, and the great one we are waiting for on Christmas Day. Advent is a time for silence and growth in the spiritual life, to attend Mass more often and to make a good confession.

After Mary learned the wonderful news from the angel that she was to be the mother of the long-awaited Messiah and Savior, for nine months Christ grew in his mother's body in a silent way, in the simplicity of her daily life. Mary went about her daily tasks, and she had nothing to give her God but herself. She did this in a spirit of total surrender, humility and in a spirit of great faith and hope as she prepared for the birth of her son, our Messiah and Savior. Mary is our great model of how we are to live the Advent season in a spirit of trust, surrender and living each day the best way we can. Working, eating, sleeping — each day Mary was forming the body of Christ from hers. From her humanity, she gave Jesus his humanity.

Mary is the best one to teach us how to live these days of Advent in a spirit of patience, humility, prayer and surrendering our lives to God so we truly can find Christ in a new way when we celebrate his birthday on Christmas. Yes, Christ wants us to have our festivities, have our decorations, our lights, our Advent and Christmas celebrations, but most of all, we are to focus our lives on the one who is the true meaning for the season. As we do this, we need to ask ourselves some important questions so we can prepare well through the season of Advent for the birth of Christ:

- How am I offering my humanity to Jesus during this Advent season?
- How is Jesus growing in my life each day, especially as I try to share Christ's love with others?
- How am I carrying Christ in my heart to where he wants to be and go each day through me?
- How is the work of my hands, as I go about my daily tasks and endeavors, becoming the word made flesh?
- How am I practicing patience during this time of waiting for our Savior?

During these days of Advent, reflect on these questions with Mary, asking her to help us to prepare well for the birthday of her son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The way we answer these questions indeed will help us to prepare well for the birthday of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

By Joan Huff
Reporter-Telegram

Midland churches are busy this Christmas season with special music events, plays and additional services. Several congregations are working on month-long service projects in the community. In addition to helping church members, these projects make an impact on other people as well.

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. Most churches that normally have several worship services are combining them in to one on Christmas Day, although a few are keeping their same schedules.

"Christmas is a time of travel in Midland and we usually have fewer regular members," said the Rev. Jim Liggett, rector at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. "We do have people visiting our church from out of town."

Kathryn Boren, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, said the church usually has "a smaller crowd when Christmas falls on a Sunday, but it makes for a more intimate gathering."

The list below gives examples of several churches in Midland and their schedules for December. There is a vast array of choices for music, entertainment and an abundant supply of warm Christmas holiday spirit.

(Be sure to check with individual churches for any time changes that might occur during the Christmas season.)

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Anglican:

CHRIST CHURCH MIDLAND, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, 683-9292
Dec. 24: 4 p.m. Christmas pageant; 10:30 p.m. Rite 2 service
Christmas Day 10 a.m.- Rite 2 service

Assemblies of God:

CALVARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 1024-E Andrews Hwy., 967-3604.
Christmas Day: 10 a.m. service

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 100 W. Wadley Ave., 684-4613
Dec. 11: 10:30 a.m. service with performance of dramatic musical, "Searching for the King"
Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. Communion service

Baptist:

CRESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 301 N. Loop 250 W., 681-8200
Dec. 24: 2:30 p.m., 4p.m., 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service
Christmas Day: 11 a.m. service

FANNIN TERRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2800 Mogford St., 682-5272
Dec. 24: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service
Christmas Day: 11 a.m. service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave., 683-0600
Dec. 13,14,15: 7-8 p.m. Live Nativity on the corner of Cuthbert Avenue and N Street
Dec. 18: 6 p.m. White Christmas food collection
Dec. 19: delivery of food baskets.
Dec. 24: 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight services
Christmas Day and New Year's Day: 9 a.m. traditional service; 10:30 a.m. contemporary service

GREATER IDEAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 411 S. Tyler St., 682-8169
Dec. 17: 6-9 p.m. Miracle on Tyler Street -Tyler Sreet event is a joint effort with Greater Ideal Baptist Church and Stonegate Fellowship. Volunteers will hand out food baskets for 300 families as well as bicycles, gift cards and toys. Santa will be on hand to hear Christmas wishes. Lighted wonderland village, food, and entertainment. Free and open to the public.
Christmas Day: 10 a.m. service followed by meal at 1p.m.

STONEGATE FELLOWSHIP, 6000 W. Wadley Ave., 694-5100
Dec. 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24: Church members will be handing out snacks at the mall.
Dec. 16, 17, 18: 6-10 p.m. "It's Christmastime in the City" at the church location, hayrides through Grasslands Estates to see the Christmas lights, kettle corn, hot chocolate, music, movies and hot-dogs.
Dec. 24: 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Christmas Eve services
Christmas Day: No Sunday service.

Catholic:

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1301 E. Garden Lane, 682-2581
Dec. 11: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon Mass; noon procession from Reyes Park (corner of Cuthbert Avenue and Fairgrounds Road) toward Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish; 1:30 p.m. Mass; 7 p.m. Matachines dance performance; 7:30 p.m. Play of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church; 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mariachi serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church; midnight Mass ending with Las Mananitas
Dec. 12: 12:05 p.m. Mass
Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Children's Mass; midnight Mass
Christmas Day: 8 a.m. Mass in Spanish; 10 a.m., noon Mass in English; 1:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1906 W. Texas Ave., 682-6303
Dec. 17: 4-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance.
Dec. 20: 7 p.m. Advent Reconciliation service.
Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist, children's Christmas Mass with children/youth choirs. Doors open at 4 p.m.; 8 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas preceded by carols at 7:30 p.m.; 11 p.m. Choral Christmas Eucharist , preceded by carols with combined choirs and brass at 10:30 p.m.
Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m. Mass

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4601 Neely Ave., 520-7394
Dec. 11: 6-11 p.m. Family Fiesta Guadalupana 2011 featuring eight to 10 music groups.11:30 p.m. Mass in the parish hall
Dec. 12: 5:30 a.m. Mass will be given with Las Mananitas in the church
Dec. 24: 8 a.m., 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass; 6 p.m. "Night of Promises" play; 9 p.m. children's Mass; midnight Spanish Mass
Christmas Day: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Mass; 5 p.m. Spanish Mass

Christian:

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave., 682-2541
Dec. 18: 11 a.m. Christmas musical in sanctuary; 6-8 p.m. "Night in Bethlehem" and "Market Square." Get a CD to listen to in your car as you drive around the church to hear the nativity story. In the market square, kids can taste, feel and make things from Bible times. Open to the public.
Dec. 24: 5:30 p.m. children's service; 11 p.m. Candlelight service
Christmas Day: 10a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. service

MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1001 Andrews Hwy., 694-5321
Dec. 15: 7 p.m. choral concert performance by Voces Dei in sanctuary. This is a benefit program for Family Promise of Midland. Free.
Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service in fellowship hall.
Christmas Day: 10 a.m. service.

Church of Christ:

FAIRMONT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST, 3813 N. Midland Drive, 699-7064
Christmas Day: 10:15 a.m. Christmas service

Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 Golf Course Road, 694-8836
Dec. 14: 7 p.m. family Christmas service.
Christmas Day: 10 a.m. Christmas service.

Episcopal:

ST. NICHOLAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4000 W. Loop 250 North, 694-8856
Dec. 11: 7 p.m. Candlelight lesson and carols.
Dec. 24: 7:30 p.m. musical prelude and Christmas service at 8 p.m. with candlelight and Communion
Christmas Day: 10 a.m. service

Methodist:

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 300 N. Main St., 682-3701
Dec. 17, 18: 5-7 p.m. "One Night in Bethlehem" Take a walk through the church for a guided tour of the little town of Bethlehem, the way it may have appeared on the night of Jesus' birth.
Dec. 21: 7 p.m. Pre-Christmas Eve service with candlelight and carols in the chapel.
Dec. 24: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight services for children and families; 7:30 p.m. Communion and carols.
Christmas Day and New Year's Day: 10:45 a.m. service

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 3011 W. Kansas Ave., 694-2571
Dec. 11: 4 p.m. Christmas Choir Festival
Dec. 22: "Longest Night Service" - a service of hope for those who are experiencing loss and grief during this season
Dec. 24: 5 p.m., 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service
Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. service

Non-denominational:

MID-CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH, 6700 W. Highway 191, 561-5181
Dec. 24: 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. Christmas Eve services
No services on Christmas Day.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 901 N. Midland Drive, 689-8898.
Dec. 18: 10 a.m.-noon candlelight and Communion with a Christmas message.
Dec. 21: 6:30-7:30 p.m. youth-led Christmas service for all ages.
Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. service with Communion and Christmas message.

MIDLAND BIBLE CHURCH, 2800 N. "A" Street, 684-9722
Dec. 18: 10:30 a.m. children's Christmas program, "Caroling, Caroling, Caroling"
Dec. 24: 6:30-7:30 p.m. candlelight service
No church services on Christmas Day

Presbyterian:

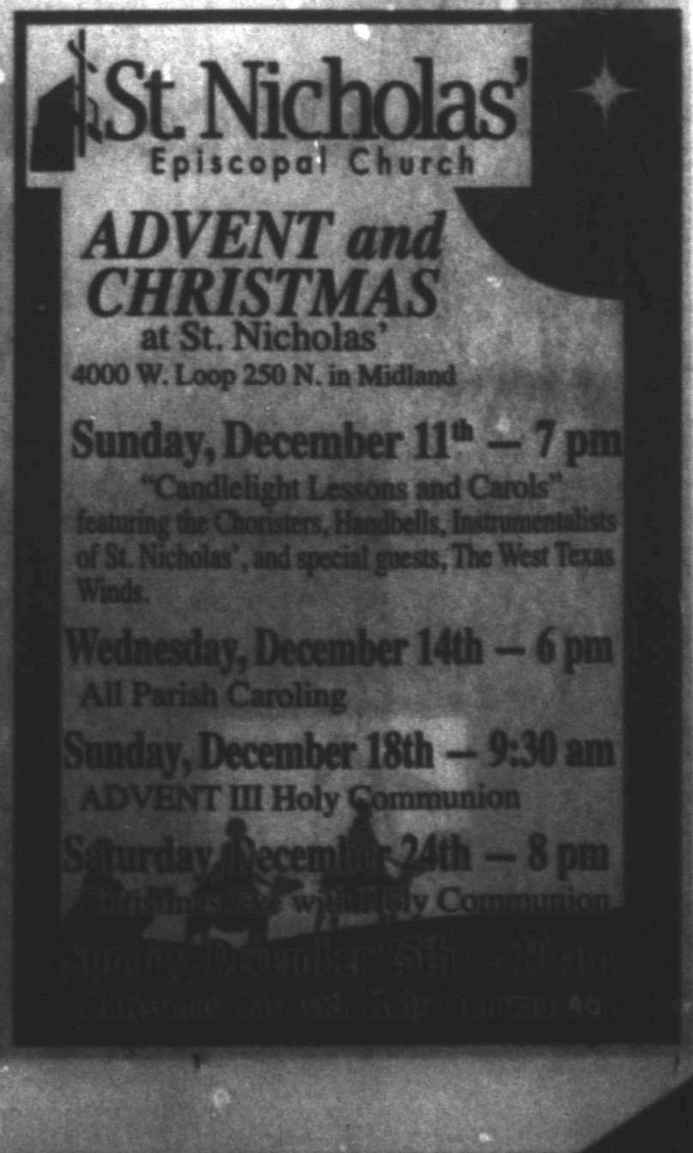
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 800 W. Texas Ave., 684-7821
Dec. 24: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service in sanctuary for children and families; 7:30 p.m. candlelight service with Communion in chapel; 9 p.m. candlelight service with Communion in sanctuary.
Christmas Day and New Year's Day: 11 a.m. service in sanctuary
Jan. 4, 2012: 5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. Epiphany service

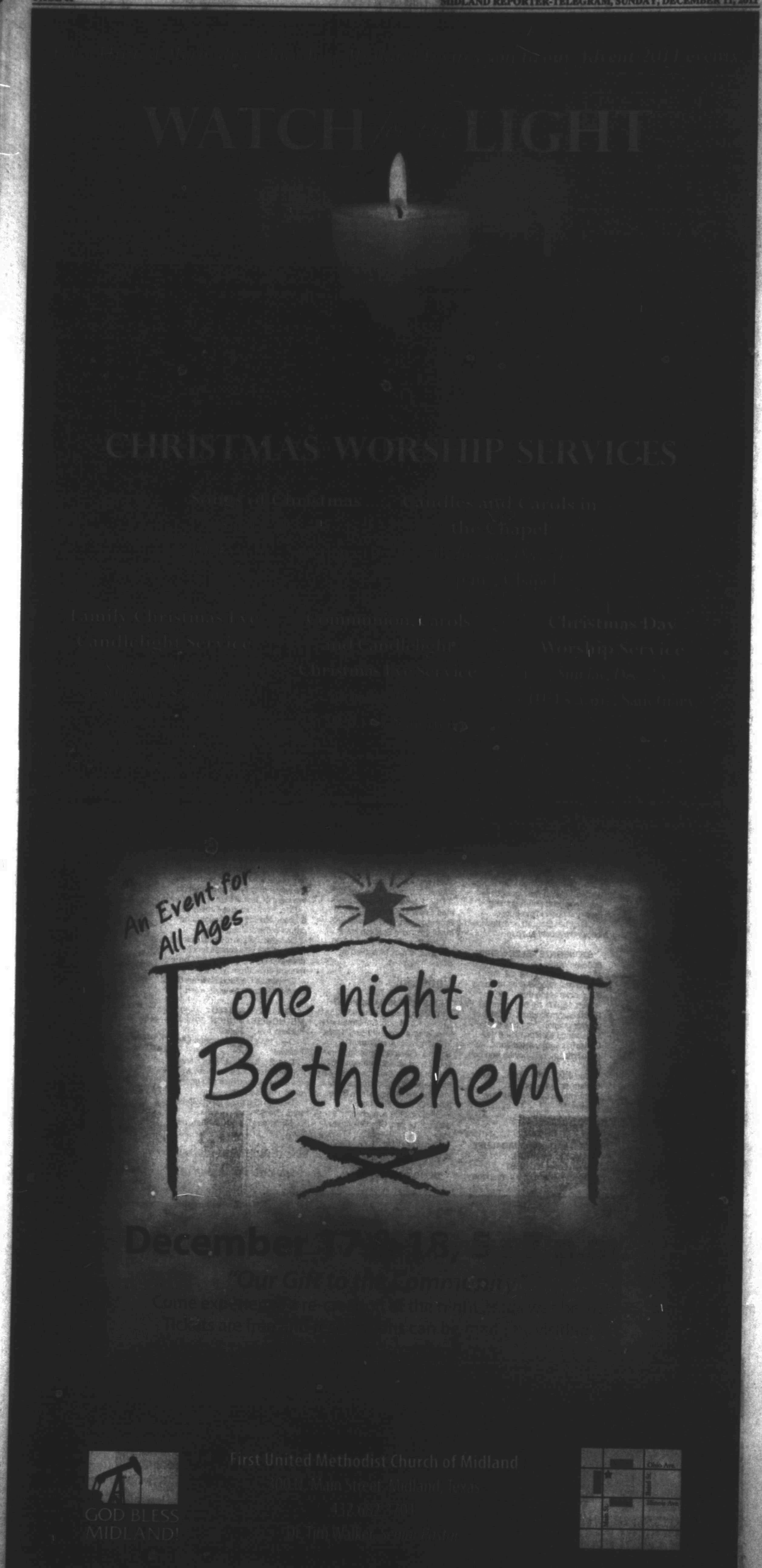
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2801 N. Garfield St., 684-6542
Dec. 11: 11 a.m. Christmas Cantata. The choir will present "Tapestry of Light - A Celtic Christmas Celebration" by Joseph M. Martin.
Dec. 18: 6 p.m. "The Longest Night" - a service of wholeness and healing, helpful for anyone finding the Christmas season particularly difficult or for those who have suffered a great loss in the last year. Spend time in prayer, reflection and preparation for the coming of the Christ child.
Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service of lessons and carols.
Christmas Day: 10 a.m. worship service, come casually dressed and enjoy breakfast breads, juice and coffee before worship.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2800 W. Louisiana Ave., 682-2514
Dec. 24: 7 p.m. youth and family service; 9 p.m. candlelight and Communion service
Christmas Day: 10 a.m service








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LIBRARY expansion





Energy Library moves to larger location

■ Directors say founders should be pleased how legacy is expanding.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

As he dedicated Midland Energy Library's new location, Mike Party, president of the library's board of directors, noted that several of the founders have passed away.

"I hope they're looking down and smiling at how we're continuing their legacy," said Party.

The non-profit, founded in 1984, has moved to a 30,000-square-foot location at 2900 W. Front Street that is significantly larger than the 18,000 square feet it occupied in the Midland Tower building downtown. The move, said library Manager Bruce Moore, brings all its material under one roof.

"We had the second and third floors and the basement and we had warehouse space," said Moore, noting they were asked to move because the owners planned to renovate the office building.

Moore said the new location will allow for additional items to be displayed and has ample parking. Plus, he noted, the library owns the building. Still, he said directors were disappointed it was no longer downtown. Hopefully, he said, in three to five years they can build a downtown location.

Wi-Fi has been added so patrons can use their laptops or the library's computers. "We felt we needed to offer more to our clients," said Moore.

The library, he noted, has an extensive amount of data, including seven sets of scout tickets from West Texas operators and three from New Mexico, 400,000 small scale logs from West Texas and New Mexico, large scale logs, electric logs on microfiche, sample logs, 550,000 fusulind slides and almost 15,000 mud logs from West Texas and

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Pioneer sees medical clinic as expression of appreciation to employees

■ Free services will benefit fast-growing Midland operations.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Pioneer Natural Resources is moving beyond work injuries to focus on offering health services and wellness programs to its local employees.

Sponsored by Pioneer, Medcor last month opened a medical clinic at the oil and gas operator's offices at 4815 E. Highway to provide free health services to company employees and their dependents. The clinic is staffed by a physician's assistant and a registered nurse.

"We have a location in southern Colorado, at Trinidad, which is an isolated community with few medical resources," said Larry Paulsen, Pioneer's vice president of administration and risk management. "We have 500 people in Trinidad. I found out about Medcor, which is in the business of providing a clinic with a physician's assistant or registered nurse to provide medical services at places like grocery stores or large corporations. I thought it would be a good solution so we set it up in Trinidad and it's worked very well."

The clinic, Paulsen said, offered physicals required for work or the Department of Transportation, cared for injuries and assisted injured employees with returning to work. Then, he decidedthat because the costs of the clinic were already covered, to open its services to dependents. That, he said, has has been a positive experience.

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Mark Stansberry, center, spokesman for the Energy Advocates, plans to tour the U. S. in 2012 leading round tables like this one. His goal is to promote the energy industry as a whole and to learn how that industry can better represent itself in the area of public opinion.

Advocacy group seeks to improve energy industry image

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

Other than Wall Street, few other segments of the economy attract as much vitriol as the energy industry in general and oil and gas in particular.

Realizing that just as much energy must be expended to clean up its public image as is spent on cleaning up an oil spill, spokesman Mark Stansberry of Oklahoma-based Energy Advocates is going on the road in 2012 to both disburse and collect information. Energy Advocates is a nonprofit group founded in 1974 to promote oil, gas, coal, wind, solar and other forms of energy to the general public. A former president of EA (2003-2009), Stansberry is also chairman of the GTD Group, an energy investment and trade company with a focus on natural gas.

"What we're trying to do is to get out more and have more hands-on talks with folks … in different cities, making speeches and hosting round-tables, conferences, whatever, especially in 2012," said Stansberry. "We want to find out what's on the minds of people" regarding energy. The fact that 2012 is an election year means public policy will be more on peoples' minds, but Stansberry said that was not the primary reason for scheduling a tour in that time frame.

"It's more like, the message doesn't seem to be — as far as energy education - reaching everyone," he said.

His goal is to raise public awareness of the need for energy and that energy is not a bad thing. "Really, energy is our friend — nothing moves without energy," he pointed out, listing agriculture, transportation and health care among other sectors that depend greatly on energy for their own survival.

Because Energy Advocates involves all major types of energy, part of the city-to-city discussions will involve how to best use each type, and to use all types efficiently. The discussion also will involve questions of who should make those decisions — should they be left to consumers or should government get involved, especially to promote such things as wind and solar energy that do not currently compete with oil and gas on an economic basis -- and should oil and gas be taxed to pay for those subsidies?

As a supporter of natural gas himself, Stansberry noted even that fuel could need government support to gain more use. Because natural gas is cleaner burning than gasoline or diesel and because the U.S. does not import the fuel as it does crude oil, some have advocated using natural gas in vehicles. Doing so, however, would involve a huge investment in infrastructure to deliver natural gas to fueling stations across the country. Stansberry compared the possibility of government support for such a task to its investment in the interstate highway system. "Sometimes a partnership does occur between government and private enterprise," he said, adding that, ultimately, the market should drive the demand.

On the tour Stansberry will seek out community leaders in economic development, media, legislators as well as consumers, in groups of five to seven people. Some round tables will involve 20 or more attendees. "We'll get a dialogue going as to what people would like to see in their area, what we can do to assist in the education effort. I can see us assisting, especially in the Panhandle and in your area on the wind energy side," he explained. "What we've done successfully is to share the pros and cons (about various forms of energy) and to let the people decide."

As an example of what to expect, Stansberry recalled a recent round table in Kansas City involving 20 or so community leaders. He asked the participants about their perceptions of various fuels. Of coal, the perception was that it is "very dirty." Of natural gas, they said, "We hear it's clean."

"I got to one question I thought was really interesting - I asked them what they thought of the Pickens plan. I asked if they had signed up or if they knew about it. And roughly two out of 10 had even heard of it," he said.

The Pickens Plan, named for its author, oilman T. Boone Pickens, who came forward with the plan in the summer of 2008, proposes the building of thousands of wind generation farms which, in his view, would provide 20 percent of U.S. electricity needs. The natural gas that would have been required to generate that power could then be funneled into vehicle use, reducing the need for imported oil by 38 percent, according to his figures.

Perhaps the most informative meeting was one held in Washington, D. C. with college students from that city. "They told us, 'You're approaching it all wrong' in education. They said that we should be doing more of the social media instead of print." One idea was to do videos on YouTube. The students referred to a video on that site promoting clean coal, which apparently had convinced several of them on that topic. For that age group, Stansberry said, "We probably are approaching it all wrong."

In the realm of public image, he admitted, each type of energy has its cons. For natural gas, it is hydraulic fracturing, for nuclear energy it is the waste, for coal it is miner safety and air quality, for wind the concerns are about safety for birds flying nearby, solar was hurt by the Solyndra scandal and so on. There is dispute over whether some of those issues are overstated, but the perceptions still affect public opinion.

If the public became better educated on the issues for each type of energy they could make decisions on the facts rather than on sound bites — then they could inform legislators of what they want, Stansberry said. In his own quest to educate the public, Stansberry said he does not have a firm count of the number of stops he plans to make, choosing to see what opportunities arise.

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Fee: $375; Out of State, $400
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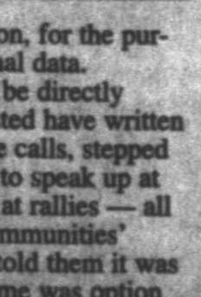
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CO2 School
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Robert Kleier, Robert Trentham, Hoxie Smith
January 23-26, Mon-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Well Control School
Instructor: Larry Chapman
January 23-26, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m. - Noon
$700; Out of State, $725
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Public pressure is a gift to economic growth

MARITA NOON
CARE executive director



For years the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has been used to block development and economic growth. But on Dec. 1, 2011, people and jobs were given a small victory.

Midday, Thursday, Dec.r 1, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announced a six-month extension for the final determination for the proposed listing of the dunes sagebrush lizard (also known as the sand dune lizard). This may sound insignificant to those not impacted by previous ESA listing decisions or those not engaged in this fight, but it is surely something to cheer about in an era of bad economic news. (In this case, the proposed ESA listing of the dunes sagebursh lizard has the potential to "decimate" a large percentage of America's oil and gas production.) Additionally, it represents a rare instance of bipartisan action and Congress doing the right thing.

One year ago, the FWS published their intention to consider the proposed listing of the dunes sagebrush lizard as an endangered species under the ESA. This set into place a year-long process of public hearings, data gathering and citizen rallies.

The ESA only allows three options in response to a proposed listing. One of the three actions must be taken within one year of the proposed listing date — which would have been Dec. 14, 2011:

(1) Finalize the proposed listing;
(2) Withdraw the proposed listing; or
(3) Extend the final determination by not more than six months, if there is substantial disagreement regarding the sufficiency or accuracy of the available data relevant to the determination, for the purposes of soliciting additional data.

The citizens who would be directly impacted if the lizard is listed have written comments and made phone calls, stepped out of their comfort zones to speak up at hearings, and waved signs at rallies — all in hopes of saving their communities' economy. Though history told them it was unlikely, the desired outcome was option No. 2, the withdrawal of the proposed listing.

On Dec. 1, they didn't get an early Christmas present, but they did get a gift: option No. 3, as there is "substantial disagreement" about the "science" in the actual proposed listing. This gift buys time to draw more attention to the issue — and it puts the lizard and the listing's job killing potential smack dab in the middle of the campaign season in a swing state.

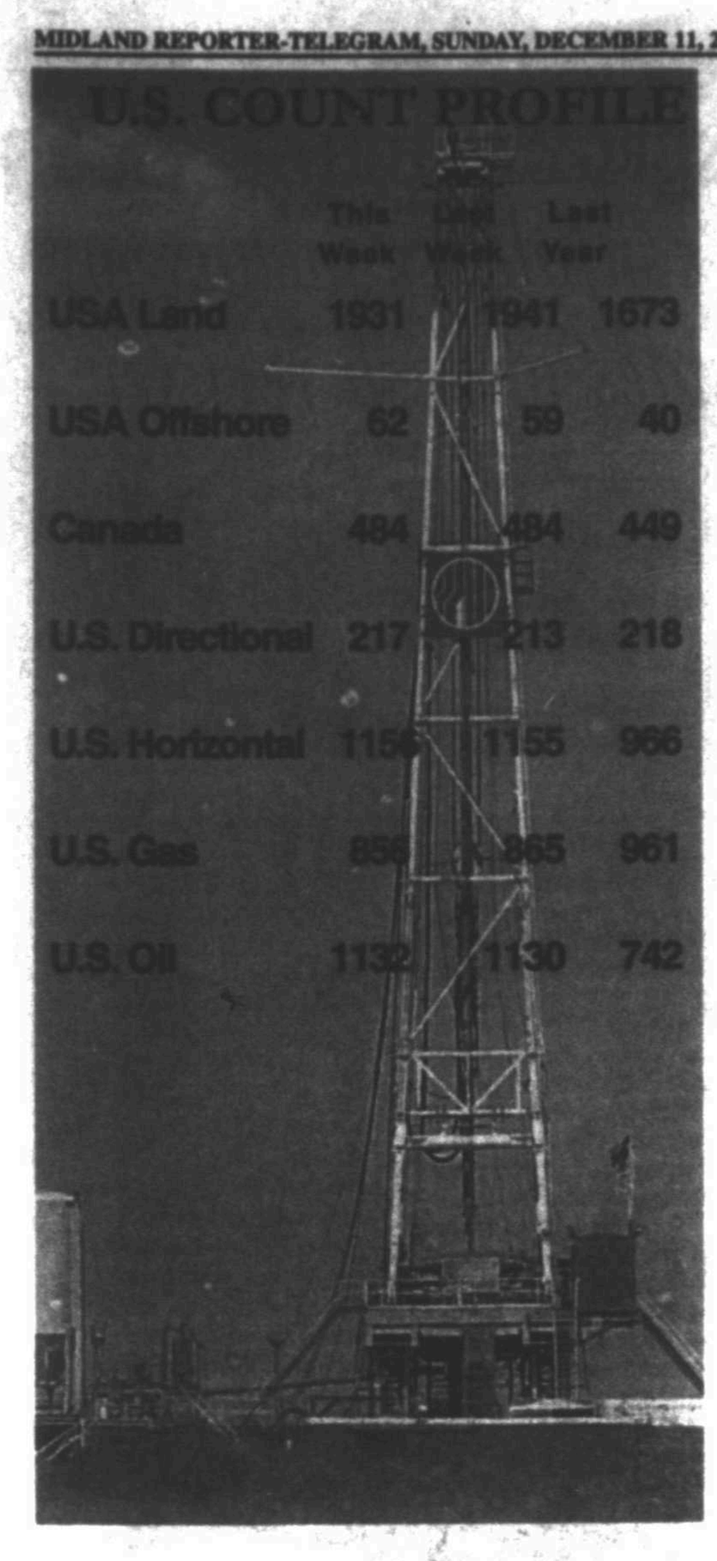
With the history of ESA listings, such as the spotted owl and delta smelt, that ultimately destroyed jobs, communities and industries, the people of Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas were unwilling to simply let the listing proceed. In a scientific roundtable held Aug.15, and organized by New Mexico State Rep. Dennis Kintigh, a panel of scientists from a variety of disciplines carefully reviewed the science behind the listing and found numerous contradictions and inconsistencies (which should have been found by the FWS) chronicled in the resulting report. Their work is referenced in the FWS release: "The Service has received new survey information for the lizard in New Mexico and Texas and an unsolicited peer-reviewed study on our proposed rule."

In justifying their decision, the FWS said, "Public comments received since the publication of the proposed rule have expressed concerns regarding the sufficiency and accuracy of the data related to the dune sagebrush lizard's status and trends in New Mexico and Texas. Therefore, in consideration of the disagreements surrounding the lizard's status, the Service is extending the final determination for 6 months in order to solicit scientific information that will help to clarify these issues."

Perhaps the scrutiny the proposed listing has received made the FWS realize the listing would not hold up under the inevitable court battle that would come with a finalization of the proposed listing and they'd end up looking foolish.

The FWS has reopened the public comment period for an additional 45 days — from Dec. 5-Jan. 18. Concerned citizens who have not commented, those with survey information, and/or population estimates are invited to submit the information. All of the accumulated data

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By Norman Johnson

LIBRARY

From 1G

New Mexico.

Logs range from 1939 to present day and completion cards date back to the 1920s, Moore said. "I had a client who wanted data from Santa Rita No. 1," he recalled. "I managed to find information on Santa Rita No. 28. So the data goes back quite a ways."

Geologists, he added, still look at the data to see what was drilled, looking for overlooked pays or pays that are now economic given today's technology and prices. "I say that the logs are as valuable today as when they were shot," Moore said.

Party, who is also senior vice president, exploration at Reliance Energy, agreed the data held by the library is irreplaceable.

"People can look at any play through mod logs, handwritten scout tickets," he said. "There's a lot of useful information. Ten years ago we would never have looked at the Wolfcamp the way we are now."

He credits the library's founders with preserving that data, saying it was headed for Dumpsters as oil companies were closing their Midland offices during the bust of the mid-1980s.

"The founders opened the library to preserve the data and keep it out of the dumpgrounds," Party said, citing founders Hugh Frenzel, Harry Miller Jr., Rufe S. Bynum Jr., J. Stewart, Carroll Thomas, Jack Cartwright, William J. Parsons, Bernold Hanson, Decker Dawson, Richard Jons and Robert Reeves with their foresight.

As a non-profit, Party and Moore said the library continues to benefit from donations from companies. The library has also established a relationship with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's earth science faculty and has a reciprocity agreement with seven other libraries across the state.

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MEETINGS

WTGS speaker to discuss mudrock reservoirs

The West Texas Geological Society will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Jeffrey A. May with EOG Resources Inc. in Denver will be presenting a program on "Mudrock Reservoirs — Why Depositional Fabric and Sequence Stratigraphic Framework Matter."

Cost is $15. For more information, go to www.wtgs.org under "Events." Reservations can be made by calling 683-1573 or by email at wtgs@wtgs.org.

Geophysicists host Geotrace executive

Members of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society will meet Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker Michael Smith with Geotrace will give a presentation on "Describing Carbonate Reservoirs Using Inversion Methods," with several case studies from the Edwards play in Southeast Texas and the Siluro-Devonian in West Texas.

Cost is $15. Reservations should be made by noon Monday, Dec. 12 by email at pbgs@pinnacleseismic.com.

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Pioneer has some 950 employees in the Midland area and Paulsen expects that number to grow by as many as 500 in the coming years as the company sees continued success in the horizontal plays gaining ground in the Permian Basin. The company plans to drill 700 to 1,000 wells.

"We just announced significant success in the horizontal Wolfcamp," he pointed out. In fact, Pioneer has acquired land and is currently drawing up architectural plans for a new 200,000 square foot office building that will offer amenities like a lunch room providing free lunches to its employees. He said he doesn't expect to break ground on the new building until sometime in late 2013.

As the Midland office grew, he said, "we could see a lot of closed medical practices. People were having trouble finding basic medical services. There was demand and a situation similar to Trinidad. The numbers were justified" so he decided to open the Midland clinic. The physician's assistant who will be permanently assigned to the Midland clinic is finishing another assignment and is expected to arrive in 30 to 40 days, he said. Service providers will also be bilingual, he noted.

The first day, he said, clinic staff ended up treating 12 people. Business is expected to grow as employees try out the clinic, have a good experience and spread the word to fellow employees or their dependents. They're trying to streamline operations and ensure they have the right hours and calling for appointments is encouraged. Fortunately, Paulsen said, workers comp injuries are low "for a company our size."

"We've built a culture around the fact that, at the end of the day we want to show our employees they're appreciated," he said. "This adds value to their services and we did it with no co-pay or deductibles."

The clinic, he pointed out, provides employees or their dependents with care for minor illnesses, vaccinations, flu shots, basic antibiotics and prescriptions, routine physicals and first aid for injuries. It lets them avoid expensive, time-consuming visits to emergency rooms, Paulsen added.

"It's good for the company and the employee," he said. "It's a win-win situation."

Offering the clinic programs is not cheap, he acknowledged, but gives the company a head start as health care reforms will start taking effect in the coming years.

"All employers are looking for ways to manage costs," Paulsen said. "If we provide the tools so our employees can get care and manage costs, we're better off."

One service the clinic also provides is wellness care - wellness physicals, nutrition advice, or helping employees manage ongoing conditions like diabetes or asthma through monitoring or medication. In the long run, he said, the company's bottom line will also benefit from such wellness services.

"A lot of statistics show a significant amount of medical costs go to ongoing conditions like asthma or diabetes," he pointed out. "We encourage our employees with these conditions to utilize the facility."

Paulsen said he has received inquiries about Pioneer's clinics from other companies. "In fact I talked to one just this week," he said.

The clinic, he noted, is a way to retain employees and position Pioneer as the employer of choice.

"Midland is really our crown jewel," Paulsen said. "It's our core area with the largest growth potential."

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become the official record that will be part of a likely legal appeal.

On Nov. 22, a letter, signed by 18 congressmen from both parties, was sent to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar asking him to direct the FWS not to list the dunes sagebrush lizard — or at least delay the decision because "considerable new scientific research has been collected about this species since the initial listing proposal supporting the view that the lizard is not, in fact, endangered."

New Mexico's two Democratic senators, Tom Udall and Jeff Bingaman, sent a similar letter to the FWS director, Daniel Ashe, on Nov. 10. They asked him to exercise his authority to delay the decision "if there is a dispute between the scientific data relating to the merits of a listing."

Without the congressmen's action, the public involvement, and the scientists donating their time to go over the science with a fine-toothed comb, this listing would likely have sailed through as many before it have done. The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), the organization that first petitioned for the lizard's listing in 2002, blames "mounting pressure" for the delay.

While the CBD accuses Congressman Steve Pearce of grossly overblowing the claims that the lizard's protections will "decimate jobs," their own press release regarding the FWS delay announcement states: "The lizard declines or disappears in the face of oil and gas development or herbicide spraying, both of which are rampant in the species' habitat." Clearly their intent in petitioning for the lizards' protection involves stopping or blocking oil and gas development — which is the economic driver of the region. They call talk of lost jobs "hysterics."

If the people of the Permian Basin (Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas) lose their jobs and their communities crumble because of the listing, is that hysterics? They don't think so.

If the lizard is not listed, we know the outcome: people have jobs, certainty is restored to communities inviting investment and growth. If the lizard is listed, we do not know the outcome — uncertainty prevails. Maybe it will not be as bad as Congressman Peace claims, but any jobs lost, any growth curtailed is not a good thing — especially when it is rushed through and based on bad science; especially when, for example, the spotted owl has continued to decline despite its ESA protection.

So, we have a small gift in this "delay" decision. But the battle continues. Not just over the dunes sagebrush lizard, but over the "spring-run" Upper Klamath Chinook salmon in Oregon, and the Santa Ana Sucker in Southern California. There are hundreds of critters, most you've never heard of, groups like CBD are petitioning FWS for protection. They can be listed without any consideration regarding the economic impact it may have on the people of the region or America. Good people will have to keep showing up, standing up and speaking up to fight this misuse of the ESA — unless the ESA is repealed or amended.

The battle continues. Hopefully, the troops are emboldened by this small victory. America is in a war — an economic war. We need a government that is fighting for us, not against us. In a tough election year, can President Obama afford to tick off the people in a swing state by once again appeasing the environmentalists instead of encouraging jobs? Remember, public pressure works.

Marita Noon is the executive director for Energy Makes America Great Inc. and the companion educational organization, the Citizens' Alliance for Responsible Energy (CARE). Together they work to educate the public and influence policy makers regarding energy, its role in freedom, and the American way of life.

Anadarko's major natural gas find just got bigger

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

Anadarko reported that its largest natural gas discovery, off the coast of Mozambique, is more than twice the size it originally thought.

The Woodlands-based oil and natural gas producer now estimates that 15 to 30 trillion cubic feet can be produced from a natural gas deposit about 35 miles off the southeast African country's coast.

The company said it based the new estimate on results from its Barquentine-3 appraisal well, drilled about one-and-a-half miles beneath the seafloor under a mile of water.

"This could be one of the most important natural gas fields discovered in the last 10 years," Anadarko Chairman and CEO Jim Hackett said in the company's prepared statement.

The Barquentine-3 was the company's sixth well to strike recoverable natural gas in the 2.6-million acre Offshore Area 1, which includes the Barquentine, Windjammer, Lagosta and Camarao discoveries.

The appraisal well hit 662 net feet of natural gas pay, according to Anadarko. The company estimates the area contains 30 to 50 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in total, though not all can be produced economically.

The United States consumes about 23 trillion cubic feet of natural gas each year, according to the federal Energy Information Administration.

Anadarko is preparing to deploy a second drillship, Deepwater Millennium, to speed up work in the area. The Belford Dolphin drillship is operating there now.

Anadarko plans to build facilities to liquefy the natural gas for export, including a floating hub to gather the gas and pipe it to an onshore processing plant in Mozambique. That plant would launch with at least two processing lines, producing up to five million tons of liquefied natural gas each per year, the company said. It would have capacity for as many as six processing lines, the company said.

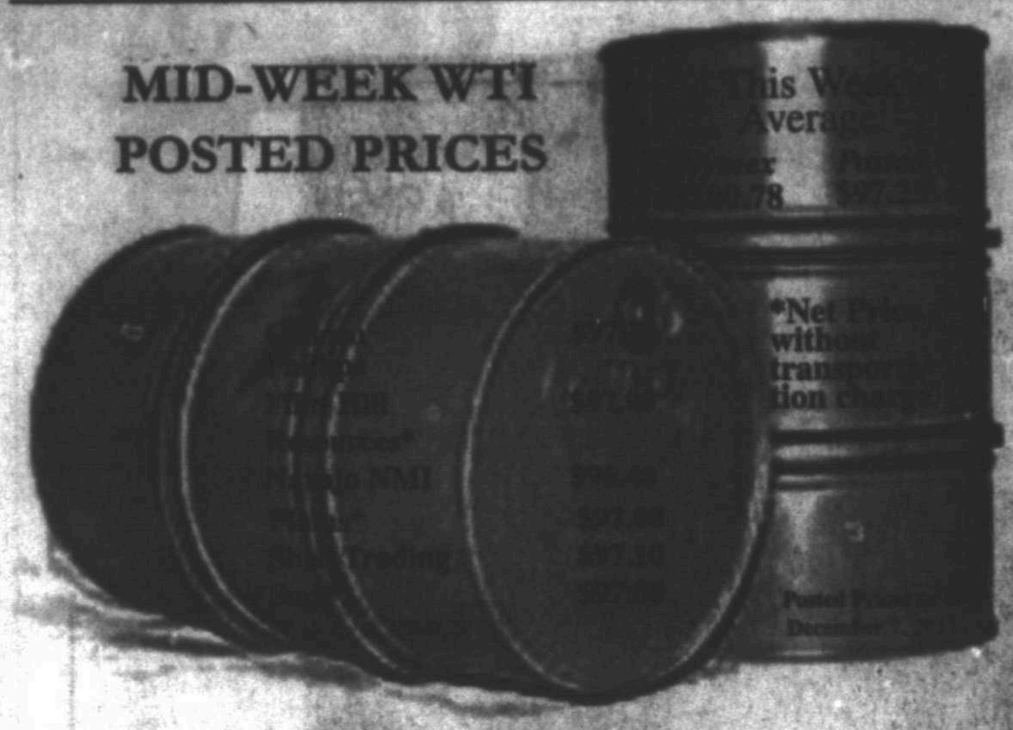
"Recoverable resources of this size and quality are perfectly suited for a large-scale LNG development," President and Chief Operating Officer Al Walker said in a statement.

Construction of the liquefied natural gas facilities is scheduled to begin in 2013 following final investment decisions, said company spokesman John Cristiansen.

Anadarko is the operator for Offshore Area 1, with 36.5 percent working interest. Mitsui E&P Mozambique Area 1 Limited is the largest co-owner, with 20 percent.

The reassessment of the Mozambique find was Anadarko's second major announcement in November. Earlier, the company said that its holdings in Colorado stood to produce more than one billion barrels of oil and natural gas.

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ENERGY WATCH

Consumer confidence means joy on both sides of cash register



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Something got lost in translation. Cable television told the American consumer to burrow deep in a hidey hole … a double-dip recession was on its way. After all, we have no stimulus bill, the Super Committee failed and there is about to be a complete collapse of Europe. But the bazillion people in those shopping mall lines decided to ignore the pouting pundits of pessimism. They came out in numbers that make Occupy Wall Street look like a bunch of amateurs.

As they have over the past two years, U.S. consumers are still blowing away expectations. Sales for the full first weekend of holiday shopping - Thursday through Sunday - are up 16.4 percent versus a year ago according to the National Retail Federation. On average, each customer spent about 9 percent more than a year ago, while 7 percent more shoppers hit the stores.

ShopperTrak, which has monitoring devices at 40,000 retail outlets and malls around the country, reported a 6.6 percent gain in Black Friday sales. This blows away last year's reported gain of a tiny 0.3 percent. ComScore says Black Friday sales online were up 26 percent from a year ago. The strength was confirmed by Coremetrics, another online data-gatherer, which says Black Friday internet sales were up 24 percent and Thanksgiving Day sales were up 39 percent.

On Thursday afternoon we will get figures on auto sales in November and it looks like they were up for the third month in a row and about 9 to10 percent above last year.

So the question is, what have all the pouting pundits missed? First, it seems they want to focus on the overall unemployment rate, rather than the trend. Last November, the unemployment rate was 9.8 percent … now, it's 9 percent. Private payrolls are up an average of 152,000 per month in the past year.

Total private wages and salaries are up 4 percent from a year ago. Meanwhile, consumers have whittled down their debts, so that monthly financial obligations — mortgages, rent, car loans/leases, and other debt service — are now the lowest share of after-tax income since the early 1990s.

No one knows exactly what the near future holds for Europe. We still think the odds favor tough austerity programs that reduce the size of government - a long-term plus. But more sovereign defaults are entirely possible and problems with European banks have yet to be thoroughly addressed.

What we do know is that U.S. consumers are ignoring the experts, appear more confident about their future, and want to spend their hard-earned income. Instead of panic, we've seen a lot of joy … on both sides of the cash register.

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DIST. #7C

Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	9
Irion	7
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	22
Runnels	2
Schleicher	3
Sutton	1
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	27

DIST. #8

Andrews	42
Brewster	0
Crane	5
Culberson	6
Ector	17
Glasscock	29
Howard	13
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	12
Martin	42
Midland	39
Mitchell	2
Pecos	3
Presidio	0
Reeves	34
Sterling	3
Ward	18
Winkler	2

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	4
Cochran	2
Cottle	0
Crosby	3
Dawson	8
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	7
Garza	0
Hale	0
Hockley	2
Kent	2
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	5
Motley	0
Scurry	3
Terry	4
Yoakum	4

TEXAS TOTAL 385

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	2
Eddy	38
Lea	25
Roosevelt	0

N.M. TOTAL 65

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Rig Count information provided by Hughes Christensen

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 12/7/11	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$3.542	$3.415	$4.488
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$3.460	$3.086	$4.325
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$3.410	$3.534	$4.196
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$3.400	$3.461	$4.287
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$3.380	$3.116	$4.270
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$3.410	$3.464	$4.340
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$3.454	$3.409	$4.458

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Concho County

Jasper Energy, Inc.
Bungar '2' #3
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co./Bunger, H C; A-1685, Blk 8, Sec 72; 154 FNL 490 FEL of lse; 704 FSL 490 FEL of survey; 7 miles SW of Eden; obj: 2500; permit #723626; API #095-32369

Irion County

EXCO Res., Inc.
Middle Concho '1904' #1
Wildcat-D; Halsel, T J; A-154, Blk N/A, Sec 1904; 575 FNL 585 FWL of lse; 575 FNL 585 FWL of survey; 14 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 8000; permit #727603; API #235-34895

Runnels County

Great TX Crude Inc.
Comanche Ranch B #4
Wildcat-D; ET RR Co.; A-165, Blk N/A, Sec 161; 799 FNWL 895 FEL of lse; 868 FNL 895 FEL of survey; 7 miles NE of Ballinger; obj: 5000; permit #712985; API #399-35254

Schleicher County

Sharp Image Energy, Inc.
Wilson Ranch 101 #1
Wildcat-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-1[illegible] Sec 101; 1772 FNL [illegible] FEL of lse; 1772 FNL 1928 FEL of survey; 14 miles NE of Eldorado; obj: 8300; permit #713974; API #413-32756

Tom Green County

Lavanco Energy, LTD.
Johnson #6
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-1224, Blk 23, Sec 1; 615 FEL 952 FNL of lse; 705 FWL 1688 FSL of survey; 4 miles NE of Christoval; obj: 8500; permit #727954; API #451-32729

Texas RRCD 8

Glasscock County

Laredo Pet.-Dallas, Inc.
Barbee -E- #3Q
Wildcat-D; GB & CNG RR Co.; A-21, Blk N/A, Sec 3; 780 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 780 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 16 miles SE of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #727026; API #173-34541

Howard County

Athlon FE Oper. LLC
McCrary 18 #2
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./King, J W; A-1496, Blk 33, T1N, Sec 18; 499 FNL 499 FWL of lse; 499 FNL 499 FWL of survey; 3.4 miles N of Big Spring; obj: 10500; permit #728037; API #227-36817

Pecos County

XTO Energy Inc.
San Pedro Ranch #1
Wildcat-D; Robinson, T J; A-763, Blk N/A, Sec 207; 2968 FWL 6962 FSL of lse; 512 FNL 2968 FWL of survey; 5.2 miles NE of Fort Stockton; obj: 10200; permit #726503; API #371-38870

Winkler County

Exchange Ave. Prod. Co.
Morton 14 #1
Wildcat-D; PSL/Morton, T; A-1706, Blk B12, Sec 14; 1112 FSL 587 FEL of lse; 1531 FNL 587 FEL of survey; 4.8 miles SE of Wink; obj: 12000; permit #726217; API #495-33397

Texas RRCD 8A

Terry County

Wagner & Brown, LTD.
Andrews #1
Wildcat-D; EL & RR RR. Co./Dixon, W T; A-607, Blk E, Sec 62; 467 FSL 2342 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 2342 FWL of survey; 13 miles NW of Brownfield; obj: 12000; permit #728082; API #445-32325

W&T Offshore, Inc.
Barron 4 #2
Wildcat-D; Gibson, J H/Holmes, R D; A-1873, Blk DD, Sec 4; 660 FEL 660 FSL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 17.1 miles NE of Brownfield; obj: 12200; permit #727932; API #445-32324

New Mexico

Chaves County

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Boxer 3 Fed #1
Wildcat; T15S, R31E, Sec 3; 2135 FNL 170 FEL; 12 miles NW of Maljamar; Rot 13470 Wolfcamp; API #30-005-29195

Eddy County

OGX Res. LLC
Copperhead 30 Fee #1
Wildcat; T26S, R29E, Sec 30; 480 FNL 460 FEL; 14 miles SE of Malaga; Rot 11252 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39542

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Oil companies plan record capital spending next year

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

Energy companies are planning to spend a record $598 billion on finding and producing oil and natural gas worldwide in 2012, a 10 percent increase over this year, Barclays Capital analysts said in a report Monday.

In a survey of about 350 energy companies, the investment bank found that oil and gas exploration and production will continue to expand rapidly in 2012. At nearly $600 billion, the energy industry's global E&P spending is about equal to the annual gross domestic product of crude oil powerhouse Saudi Arabia.

Exxon Mobil Corp. remains the biggest spender at more than $30 billion, expanding 5 percent for 2012, according to Barclays.

The industry has been raising E&P expenditures annually, but the rate of growth will slow next year, especially in North America, the report noted.

After a surge in activity fueled by a rush to shale-derived natural gas, the availability of rigs and oil field equipment is slowing that expansion, analysts said.

E&P spending in North America grew 31 percent in 2011, but will rise just 8 percent in 2012, Barclays reported.

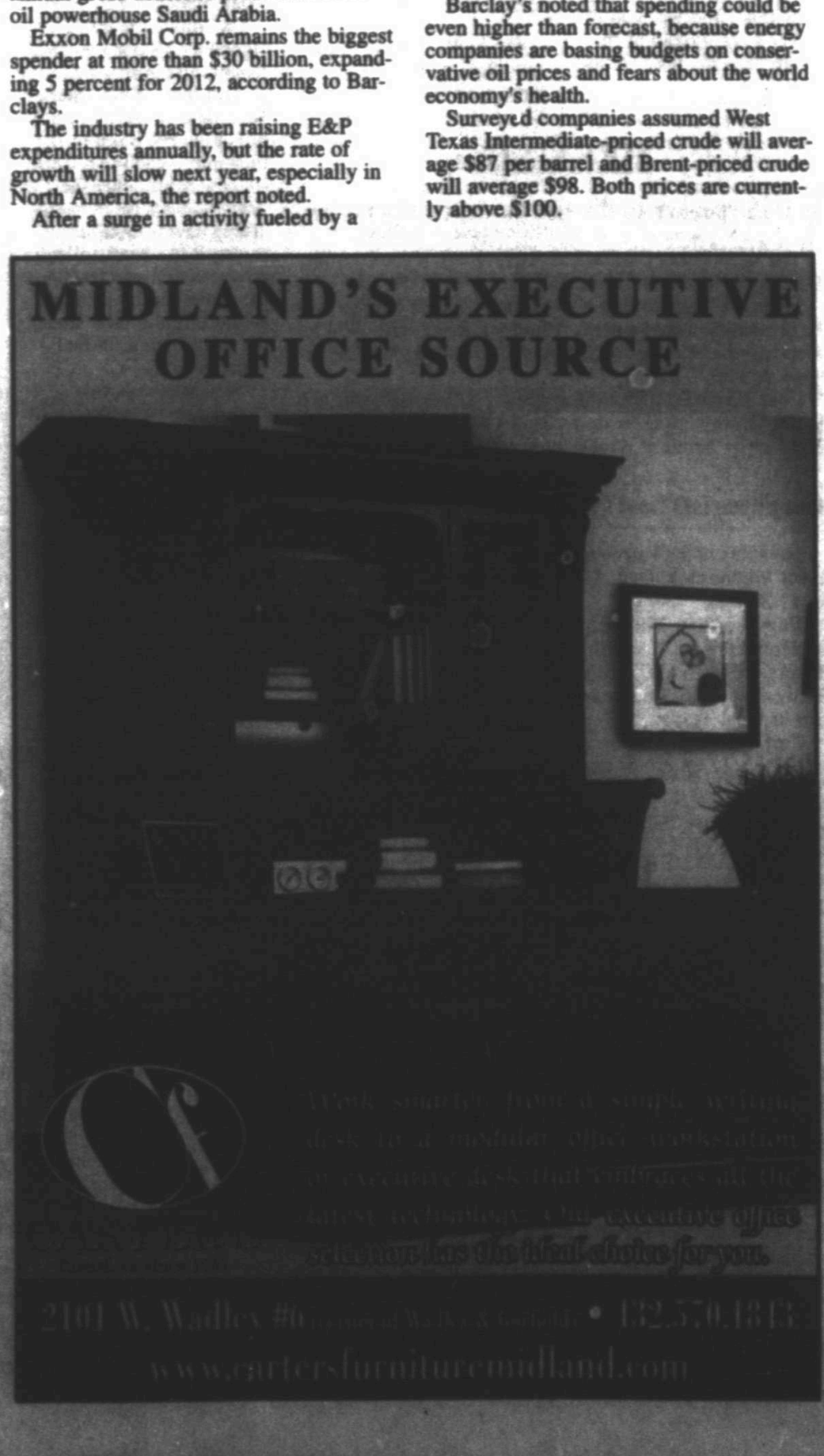
Internationally, E&P expenditures grew 20 percent this year and are slated to grow 11 percent next year.

Latin American companies will boost expenditures significantly, growing 21 percent in 2012, according to the report.

Both Mexico's state-owned oil company, Pemex, and Brazil's national corporation, Petrobras, are rapidly expanding offshore drilling.

Barclay's noted that spending could be even higher than forecast, because energy companies are basing budgets on conservative oil prices and fears about the world economy's health.

Surveyed companies assumed West Texas Intermediate-priced crude will average $87 per barrel and Brent-priced crude will average $98. Both prices are currently above $100.

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Oil pumps are seen at sunset Dec. 1 in the desert oil fields of Sakhir, Bahrain, where water stands from a recent rainstorm. Oil prices edged higher to near $101 a barrel Thursday in Asia amid a surge in global stock markets after major central banks pledged to lower borrowing costs.

Hasan Jamali/AP

End of easy mideast oil means work for Exxon, BP

By Bloomberg News Service

The Middle East will need more help from international investors to keep the title of world's biggest oil and gas producer because its remaining deposits are harder to get at.

Technology is the "key to prolonging the life span of the reservoirs, and we've been doing this with our partners for a long time," Mohamed Al-Hamli, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, said at the World Petroleum Congress in Doha, Qatar. "We are forced to go down the road of enhanced oil recovery and using more advanced technology."

Exxon Mobil Corp., Royal Dutch Shell Plc and other international oil producers will combine with state-owned companies to spend $40 billion in 2013 on developing resources in the Middle East, up 18 percent on last year's tally, according to Wood Mackenzie Consultants Ltd. Fields that require technology, such as steaming to extract heavy oil in Kuwait or stripping sulfur out of Abu Dhabi's natural gas, will attract much of that spending.

Demand for energy will grow faster in the Middle East over the next two decades than any region other than Asia, according to the International Energy Agency. Rising consumption of crude oil and natural gas at home will put pressure on Saudi Arabia, the U.A.E. and other governments to keep production high enough to maintain the export revenue that finance government spending.

'Easier Oil'

Middle East countries "have definitely produced most of their cheaper and easier oil," Iain Brown, the head of regional research at Wood Mackenzie, said in a telephone interview. "These are projects where national oil companies have greater need for support from international oil companies, because the international oil companies have had more experience of these challenging conditions."

The increasing expense of drilling oil has helped Brent crude futures, the benchmark price for about two-thirds of the world's oil, rise fivefold over the last decade

"A large driver in access to new reserves throughout the region will be Middle East states' need for technology transfers," said Samuel Ciszuk, a consultant for KBC Asset Management U.K. "Private investment at a time when several of the countries experience sharply rising demand from their own populations for higher social spending is also an important factor."

Mature Fields

So-called enhanced-oil-recovery techniques to get oil from geologically challenging reservoirs and maintain production at mature fields will be a focus of international oil company investment.

Chevron Corp. plans to use steam underground to heat heavy crude in the area straddling Kuwait and Saudi Arabia's border and make it liquid enough to pump. The project would be the largest so-called steam-flood development in the world when it is fully deployed in 2017, according to the U.S. company.

Exxon and Total SA are also vying to access heavy crude deposits in mature oil fields in Kuwait, where lighter oil has already been pumped. Occidental Petroleum Corp. is producing heavy oil using enhanced recovery methods in Bahrain.

"The days of easy oil are over," the U.A.E's al-Hamli told reporters. "In order to maximize the potential, we have to have enhanced oil recovery."

Another focus for investment will be natural gas, which is gaining prominence in the region as a fuel for export and domestic power generation. The IEA's World Energy Outlook projects that gas output from the region will grow by an average 2.5 percent a year until 2035, faster than crude oil production growth of 1.7 percent a year.

Sour Gas

Occidental together with Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. are investing $10 billion to bring on stream the Shah gas field by neutralizing deadly hydrogen sulphide, which is also known as sour gas.

The Shah geology is similar to that of Kidan, a deposit Shell is exploring together with Saudi Aramco in the Arabian desert area known as the Empty Quarter. In Iraq, Shell and partners agreed last month to invest $17 billion to capture natural gas from its oil fields and reduce burn off.

Qatar became the world's largest liquefied natural gas producer with a series of joint ventures with Exxon and other international oil companies. Shell's $18.5 billion Pearl gas-to- liquids plant, which will use gas to produce 140,000 barrels a day of liquid fuel, will be fully operational next year.

Tight Gas

Companies will also focus on tapping unconventional gas fields. In Oman, BP expects to spend at least $15 billion to develop so-called tight gas, locked in a hard-to-break rock that restricts the fuel's flow. Saudi Aramco, the world's largest crude exporter, is looking for a foreign partner to develop shale gas in the nation.

"Unconventional gas will help these countries get the gas they need badly, reduce the use of oil in the power sector, and reduce the threat of reducing oil exports in the future," to meet energy needs, said Anas Alhajji, chief economist for Irving, Texas-based NGP Energy Capital Management LLC, which manages $10 billion in assets.

Seaway pipeline reversal may be delayed, ConocoPhillips says

By Bloomberg News Service

Reversing the direction of the Seaway oil pipeline running from Oklahoma to the Gulf Coast may take longer than the new ownership team expects.

"It could take longer than what they have thought but it's up to them to determine how quickly they feel it can be done," Jim Mulva, chief executive officer of ConocoPhillips, said during an interview in Doha, Qatar.

The owners, Calgary-based Enbridge Inc. and Houston-based Enterprise Products Partners LP, said their timeline for reversing the line in the second quarter next year is unchanged.

ConocoPhillips, based in Houston, sold its 50 percent share in Seaway to Enbridge last month for $1.15 billion. Enbridge and Enterprise, which owns the other half, said they will reverse the flow on the line from Cushing to the Texas coast, which may help ease a bottleneck at the storage hub that has caused U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude to trade at a discount to imports.

The deal is expected to close "shortly" and has cleared regulatory hurdles from the Federal Trade Commission, Enterprise Chief Executive Officer Michael A. Creel said at an investor conference.

The 500-mile Seaway line may begin transporting 150,000 barrels a day from Cushing to Houston-area refineries "early" in the second quarter of 2012, Jennifer Varey, an Enbridge spokeswoman, said in an e-mail.

Timeline Unchanged

"There are no developments that would cause Enbridge and Enterprise to change our estimates with respect to the reversal," Varey said.

Enterprise's plan for the reversal is on schedule and the only remaining regulatory action needed is approval of the pipeline's proposed shipping rate from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Rick Rainey, a spokesman for Enterprise, said in a telephone interview.

The companies' timeline is feasible, said Richard Kuprewicz, president of Accufacts Inc., a Redmond, Washington- based pipeline consultant.

"That's very doable if they've got their ducks lined up," he said in a telephone interview. "I don't see a dealbreaker here."

The challenge will be buying the necessary equipment and properly updating pumping stations, Kuprewicz said. Another factor is whether they would have to make crude flow uphill, an unlikely scenario given the relatively flat terrain in Oklahoma and Texas, he said.

WTI Discount

WTI's discount to North Sea Brent futures narrowed to the smallest margin in eight months after the Seaway reversal announcement. The premium reached a record $27.88 on Oct. 14. Brent last closed at a discount to the New York-traded crude in August 2010.

"The oil market reacted pretty quickly because they did not expect we would be selling our interest in the pipeline," Mulva said. "So that was maybe something of a surprise to them."

The company, which used the Seaway pipeline to transport crude to its refinery in Ponca City, Oklahoma, found other ways to supply the plant, Mulva said, without elaborating.

"We felt that we sold the interest in the pipeline for a good value, a good price," he said. "We also see that more of this production is being evacuated, irrespective of pipeline capacity, by rail and by truck. We also have our own views about how quickly that pipeline can be reversed."

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Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "1" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area)-recomplete from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 660 fwl, 1,984 fnl, Sec 1, Blk 6, Abst. 312, H&TC RR, 11 nw Mertzon; TD 6,740; Comp 4-16-11; producing from 3,803-4,807, treated with 219,628 gals. gel, 316,100# proppant; pump 77 BO, 19 MCF, 78 BW on one-inch choke, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34349

Reagan County

Jamex Inc.
University Lands "11-10" #1
Big Lake West (Ellenburger); 470 fnl, 904 fel, Sec 10, Blk 11, ULS, 3.7 se Big Lake; TD 9,867; Comp 8-30-11; producing from 9,136-9,392, treated with 11,000 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 15 BO, 160 MCF, 50 BW on 24/64 inch choke, 49 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37251

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Hulet "164" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,080 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 164, Blk 2, Abst. 422, T&P RR, 22.3 ne Big Lake; TD 9,593; Comp 9-12-11; producing from 5,561-9,377, treated with 16,500 gals. 15-percent HCL, 945,514 gals. crosslink assist, 254,640 gals. crosslink, 1,418,553# sand; pump 46 BO, 82 MCF, 137 BW, 43.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37196

Prime Operating Company
Watkins #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,191 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 1230, Abst. 24, GC&SF RR, 5.4 sw Stiles; TD 11,160; Comp 10-4-11; producing from 6,290-11,160, treated with HCL gelled water, sand; pump 46.3 BO, 124 MCF, 298 BW, 47 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37285

Schleicher County

Telesis Operating Co. Inc.
CJM -7- 34
Fort McKavitt (Palo Pinto); 1,860 fsl, 1,390 fel, Sec 7, Blk 8, Abst. 642, TW&NG RR, 25 e Eldorado; TD 4,560; Comp 10-17-11; producing from 4,227-4,232; flow 1,590 MCF, 2 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 1,050 psi; API #42-413-32747

Upton County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Neal "100" #105
Spraberry (Trend Area); 540 fnl, 2,069 fwl, Sec 1, Blk BG, Abst. 178, GC&SF RR, 4.9 n Rankin; TD 10,770; Comp 9-20-11; producing from 6,427-10,408, treated with 22,660 bbls. acid/gel, 1,196,160# proppant; pump 35 BO, 32 MCF, 248 BW on 6/64 inch choke, 45 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37471

COG Operating LLC
Lora Lynn #13
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fnl, Sec 144, Blk E, Abst. 996, CCSD&RGNG, 18.3 nw Rankin; TD 10,819; Comp 8-11-11; producing from 8,795-10,670, treated with 677,000# sad, 1,036,406 gals. gel; pump 20 BO, 71 MCF, 19 BW, 41.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37205

COG Operating LLC
Mann "51" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fwl, 660 fnl, Sec 51, Abst. 762, C.C. Phillips, 7.3 nw Rankin; TD 10,820; Comp 8-29-11; producing from 6,950-10,430, treated with 1,007,500# sand, 524 bbls. acid; pump 80 BO, 155 MCF, 140 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37131

COG Operating LLC
Madeline Kate #4021
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,320 fsl, 1,320 fnl, Sec 40, Blk C, Abst. 1293, CCSD&RGNG, 12.1 nw Rankin; TD 10,544; Comp 10-3-11; producing from 7,050-10,320, treated with 1,077,713 gals. gel, 694,503# sand; pump 28 BO, 30 MCF, 189 BW, 43.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37356

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #1058
Spraberry (Trend Area); 361 fwl, 717 fnl, League 1, Abst. 542, Throckmorton CSL, 19.8 nw Rankin; TD 10,685; Comp 8-2-11; producing from 7,534-10,462, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 817,270 gals. crosslink assist, 294,706 gals. crosslink, 602,478# sand; pump 54 BO, 62 MCF, 177 BW, 43.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37051

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #3007
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,500 fnl, 660 fwl, League 3, Abst. 544, Throckmorton CSL, 17.9 nw Rankin; TD 10,751; Comp 9-8-11; producing from 7,503-10,539, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,088,700 gals. crosslink, 1,380,098# sand; pump 47 BO, 48 MCF, 157 BW, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36903

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Cox "19" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fwl, 467 fsl, Sec 19, Blk B, Abst. 20, CCSD&RGNG, 15.2 ne Rankin; TD 10,686; Comp 9-14-11; producing from 7,126-10,274, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 766,964 gals. linear gel, 273,074 gals. crosslink, 1,181,262# sand; pump 44 BO, 43 MCF, 180 BW, 42.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37407

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Devon Energy Production Co. LP
ULS "5-27" #1
Block 5 (Devonian); 2,464 fnl, 1,641 fwl, Sec 27, Blk 5, ULS, 14.8 ne Andrews; TD 12,580; Comp 7-7-11; producing from 12,500-12,530, treated with 2,000 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 216 BO, 10 MCF, 366 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42669

Energen Resources Corp.
Northeast Fuhrman-Mascho Unit #1402
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,086 fsl, 182 fel, Sec 14, Blk A-43, Abst. 2228, PSL, 6.1 sw Andrews; TD 4,860; Comp 7-27-11; producing from 4,333-4,646, treated with 12,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 117,944# sand, 46,489 gals. fluid, 785,000 SCF N2; pump 63 BO, 63 MCF, 572 BW, 34.2 Oil gravity; API #42-003-42442

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
State Shosid #7
Hudson; 1,510 fsl, 1,164 fel, Sec 7, Blk A-30, Abst. 1794, PSL, 27 nw Andrews; TD 7,810; Comp 9-24-11; producing from 7,426-7,670, treated with 1,165 bbls. acid, 2,512 bbls. fluid; pump 6 BO, 12 MCF, 247 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43044

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
South Fuhrman Mascho Unit #5116
Fuhrman-Mascho; 370 fsl, 2,380 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 10, ULS, 17 sw Andrews; TD 4,782; Comp 9-7-11; producing from 4,370-4,682, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,056 bbls. fluid, 211,413# proppant; pump 75 BO, 113 MCF, 164 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43192

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University "6" #20
Fuhrman-Mascho; 960 fsl, 1,260 fel, Sec 6, Blk 10, ULS, 18 sw Andrews; TD 4,790; Comp 9-19-11; producing from 4,392-4,632; pump 96 BO, 68 MCF, 136 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43224

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University "1710" #2
Fuhrman-Mascho; 410 fnl, 1,910 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 10, ULS, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,804; Comp 9-20-11; producing from 4,390-4,662, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,306 bbls. fluid, 207,957# sand; pump 30 BO, 30 MCF, 180 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43108

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Miles #25
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,270 fnl, 950 fel, Sec 2, Blk A-47, Abst. 1995, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,848; Comp 8-12-11; producing from 4,451-4,710, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,397 bbls. fluid, 206,800# sand; pump 91 BO, 36 MCF, 82 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43060

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Ehrig et al #13
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,395 fnl, 2,422 fel, Sec 6, Blk A-42, Abst. 1188, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,892; Comp 8-24-11; producing from 4,423-4,506, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,391 bbls. fluid, 211,446# sand; pump 72 BO, 38 MCF, 77 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43056

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry-Bustamante #17
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,365 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-42, Abst. 1626, PSL, 7 sw Andrews; TD 4,867; Comp 9-12-11; producing from 4,346-4,554, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,922 bbls. fluid, 196,015# proppant; pump 45 BO, 44 MCF, 215 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43190

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Andrews University "16B" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 467 fnl, Sec 16, Blk 5, ULS, 15.1 ne Andrews; TD 11,480; Comp 6-8-11; producing from 7,500-11,318, treated with 455 bbls. acid, 21,721 bbls. water/gel, 1,189,058# sand; pump 46 BO, 28 MCF, 278 BW, 34.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41880

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Foreman "29-32" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fwl, 660 fnl, Sec 32, Blk 3, Abst. 2007, PSL, 7.2 se Andrews; TD 11,410; Comp 5-20-11; producing from 7,620-11,001, treated with 373 bbls. acid, 22,254 bbls. gel/water, 1,038,561# sand; pump 120 BO, 6 MCF, 168 BW, 34.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42444

XTO Energy Inc.
University Block 9 #9BH
University Block 9 (Devonian)-Horizontal Recompletion; 1,675 fnl, 1,260 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 9, ULS, 9 sw Andrews; TD 10,738 TVD; Comp 8-22-11; producing from 10,093-11,847 MD, treated with 104,000 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 60 BO, 44 MCF, 258 BW, 43.71 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-40243

Ector County

Berry Oil Company
Gardendale "10" #16
Spraberry (Trend Area); 600 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 10, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 771, T&P RR, 10.1 ne Odessa; TD 10,614; Comp 7-18-11; producing from 8,320-10,582, fracture stimulated; pump 122 BO, 120 MCF, 193 BW on 30/64 inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40556

ConocoPhillips Company
Millard -L- #5
Penwell; 1,380 fnl, 600 fwl, Sec 17, Blk B-15, Abst. 926, PSL, 19 sw Odessa; TD 7,870; Comp 8-16-11; producing from 7,250-7,252, treated with 1,150 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 47 BO, 20 MCF, 2 BW, 39.52 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40767

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Millie "B" #11
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 2,150 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 8, Blk 42, T-4-S, Abst. 1272, T&P RR, 14 se Odessa; TD 10,230; Comp 7-29-11; producing from 7,958-9,933, treated with 32,064 bbls. fluid, 748,068# proppant; pump 55 BO, 24 MCF, 152 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40626

Linn Operating Inc.
Tyler #3704
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 2,330 fsl, 1,790 fel, Sec 37, Blk 42, T-2-S, Abst. 126, T&P RR, 3.7 se Odessa; TD 11,114; Comp 4-13-11; producing from 10,280-10,970, treated with 29,485 bbls. gelled water, 1,436 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 884,746# sand; pump 74 BO, 48 MCF, 65 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40806

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Goldsmith Adobe Unit #2810
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 330 fnwl, 1,650 fnsl, Sec 41, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 290, T&P RR, 9 nw Penwell; TD 6,063; Comp 10-9-11; producing from 5,588-5,944, treated with 4,511 bbls. fluid, 165,600# sand; pump 40 BO, 48 MCF, 451 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41249

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al #2100
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 336 fnl, 168 fel, Sec 5, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 272, T&P RR, 2.5 sw Goldsmith; TD 6,600; Comp 6-17-11; producing from 5,375-6,208, treated with 8,000 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 274,000# sand; pump 63 BO, 101 MCF, 159 BW, 34.44 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40743

Glasscock County

Energen Resources Corp.
San Saba #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 13 se Garden City; TD 9,812; Comp 10-11-11; producing from 6,030-9,649, treated with acid and fractured; pump 33 BO, 79 MCF, 210 BW on two-inch choke, 40.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34153

Energen Resources Corp.
Thomason "D" #7
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,787 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 11, Blk 35, T-5-S, Abst. 365, T&P RR, 11 sw Garden City; TD 10,817; Comp 10-5-11; producing from 6,576-10,129, treated with acid and fractured; pump 63 BO, 260 MCF, 167 BW, 39.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34128

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Moore "25" #3
Garden City South (Wolfcamp); 1,980 fwl, 1,980 fsl, Sec 25, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 253, T&P RR, 3.4 se Garden City; TD 9,750; Comp 1-17-11; producing from 7,956-9,636, treated with 14,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 35,000 bbls. slick water, 1,189,000# sand; flow 100 BO, 486 MCF, 212 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 400 psi, 47.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33830

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
J.E. Cox #3302
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 33, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 281, T&P RR, 12.4 s Garden City; TD 10,230; Comp 4-8-11; producing from 7,700-10,094, treated with 16,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 42,000 bbls. slick water, 1,252,000# sand; flow 129 BO, 316 MCF, 386 BW on 21/64 inch choke, FTP 190 psi, 40.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33949

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Cheatham "31" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 308, T&P RR, 14.7 nw Garden City; TD 10,166; Comp 8-22-11; producing from 8,476-10,030, treated with 18,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,249,238 gals. linear gel, 355,512 gals. crosslink, 2,758,977# sand; pump 15 BO, 18 MCF, 22 BW, 43.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34050

Sheridan Production Co. LLC
Howard W. Glasscock (G-S) Unit #1015
Howard Glasscock; 997 fnl, 2,332 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 33, T-2-S, Abst. 716, T&P RR, 12.2 n Big Spring; TD 2,720; Comp 8-31-11; producing from 2,067-2,402, treated with 4,830 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL; pump 22 BO, 2,290 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34259

Howard County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Knott Shaw #1
Spraberry(Trend Area); 467 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 30, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 1333, T&P RR, 1.4 se Knott; TD 10,297; Comp 8-18-11; producing from 7,188-10,235, treated with 19,641 bbls. fluid, 834,000# sand; pump 120 BO, 171 MCF, 127 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36647

Martin County

Berry Oil Company
Jeff Davis #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 1,979 fel, Sec 9, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 110, T&P RR, 5 sw Stanton; TD 10,376; Comp 7-12-11; producing from 7,578-10,214, fracture stimulated; flow 40 BO, 600 BW on one-inch choke, FTP 20 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36551

Berry Oil Company
Elrod #8
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,172 fwl, 1,938 fsl, Sec 46, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 633, T&P RR, 6.4 sw Stanton; TD 10,650; Comp 7-23-11; producing from 7,650-10,490, fracture stimulated; flow 20 BO, 480 BW on one-inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36174

Berry Oil Company
Morrison #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 967 fel, 2,411 fnl, Sec 9, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 199, T&P RR, 1.9 nw Stanton; TD 11,178; Comp 7-15-11; producing from 8,178-11,002, fracture stimulated; flow 50 BO, 1,060 BW on one-inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36581

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
John Scott "4" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Reentry; 2,120 fwl, 3,645 fsl, Sec 262, Abst. 593, Borden CSL, 4.4 wsw Patricia; TD 12,092; Comp 9-30-11; producing from 9,169-10,706, treated with 22,141 bbls. fluid, 756,320# sand; pum 28 BO, 175 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-00169

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Steven "2" #4
Spraberry(Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 36, T-1-N, Abst. 1004, T&P RR, 3 nw Lenorah; TD 11,235; Comp 4-28-11; producing from 8,081-10,351, treated with 20,569 bbls. fluid, 792,401# sand; pump 9 BO, 38 MCF, 165 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36507

Piedra Operating LLC
Holt Ranch #4
Mabee (Strawn); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Labor 24, League 248, Abst. 600, Hartley CSL, 26 ne Midland; TD 12,000; Comp 8-7-11; producing from 11,125-11,844, treated with 6,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 221,280 gals. Hybor GR 17, 2,086 sacks proppant; pump 59 BO, 170 MCF, 25 BW, 44.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36668

Reliance Energy Inc.
Mabee "239" #202
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-2-N, Abst. 361, G&MMB&A, 22 nw Stanton; TD 12,145; Comp 2-17-11; producing from 7,744-11,794, treated with 29,500 gals. HCL/crosslink gel, 1,554,000# proppant; pump 103 BO, 55 MCF, 250 BW, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36458

Roff Operating CompanyLLC
Mabee Breedlove #7
Spraberry (Trend Area); 5,369 fwl, 4,907 fnl, League 256, abst. 595, Briscoe CSL, 16 nw Lenorsh; TD 11,189; Comp 8-22-11; producing from 8,296-11,000, treated with 16,000 gals. 20 percent HCL, 13,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 681,600# sand; pump 28 BO, 46 MCF, 216 BW, 35.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36922

RSP Permian LLC
Johnson Ranch #904
Spraberry (Trend Area); 600 fnl, 487 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 302, T&P RR, 11.3 w Stanton; TD 11,479; Comp 9-1-11; producing from 9,193-11,315, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 7,536 bbls. Hybor, 620,260# sand; pump 72 BO, 15 MCF, 66 BW, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36775

RSP Permian LLC
Johnson Ranch #1606
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 727, T&P RR, 21.8 w Stanton; TD 11,620; Comp 4-27-11; producing from 8,740-11,330, treated with 900,600 gals. gel, 996,700# sand; pump 35 BO, 30 MCF, 11 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36520

Midland County

Berry Oil Company
Douglass "36" #11
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1174, T&P RR, 7.9 se Midkiff; TD 11,892; Comp 7-15-11; producing from 8,812-11,420, fracture stimulated; flow 50 BO, 840 BW on 26/64 inch choke, FTP 200 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36876

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Parks "38" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fel, 660 fsl, Sec 38, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 717, T&P RR, 7.7 se Odessa; TD 11,126; Comp 5-3-11; producing from 8,961-10,575, treated with 22,095 bbls. fluid, 633,170# sand; pump 17 BO, 7 MCF, 90 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-37047

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "AV" #1731
Spraberry (Trend Area); 330 fsl, 2,645 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 249, T&P RR, 5 nw Midland; TD 11,180; Comp 9-16-11; producing from 8,356-11,030, treated with 1,498,052 gals. crosslinki fluid/acid, 798,353# sand; pump 222 BO, 164 MCF, 164 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36722

Pecos County

Pinnacle Mining Corp.
Mallard State "52" #2
Pecos Valley (High Gravity); 2,310 fswl, 330 fnwl, Sec 52, Blk 10, Abst. 6547, H&GN RR, 9.9 sw Imperial; TD 1,695; Comp 7-29-11; producing from 1,450-1,540, treated with 2,000 gals. 10 percent HCL; pump 3 BO, 22 MF, 120 BW, 27.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-371-36805

XTO Energy Inc.
La Escalera #1401B
La Escalera (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 470 fnl, 2,098 fel, Sec 14, Blk B, Abst. 6426, GC&SF RR, 20.5 sw Fort Stockton; TD 10,350 MD; Comp 10-1-11; producing from 6,713-10,350 MD, treated with 1,476,500# sand; pump 154 BO, 232 MCF, 2,258 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-371-36803

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Borden County

Primexx Operating Corp.
CR "G" #A #1503
Peg's Draw (Mississippian); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 15, Blk 31,

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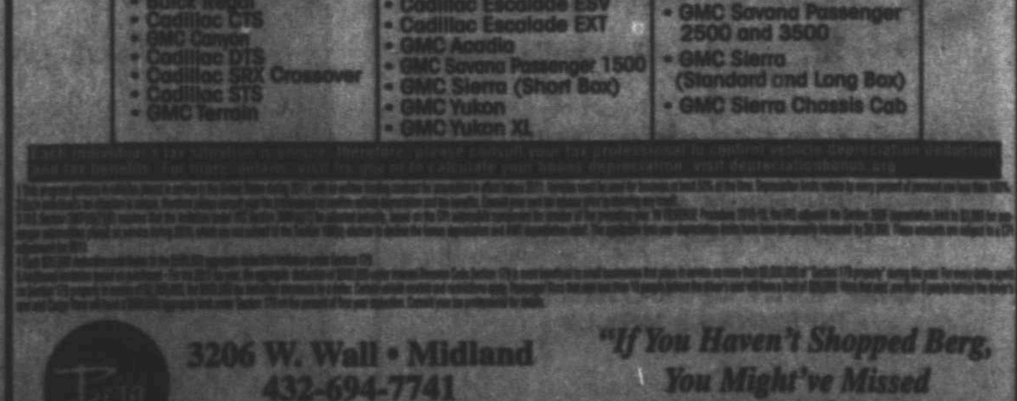
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Crockett County

Approach Oper. LLC
University 45 C #804H
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 45, Sec 8; 7811 FSL 330 FWL of lse; 2701 FSL 330 FWL of survey; 18 miles NW of Ozona; obj: 7200; permit #728277; API #105-41352

Petrohawk Oper. Co.
University 45-6 #1H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-U410, Blk 45, Sec 6; 8148 FNL 2402 FEL of lse; 2710 FNL 2402 FEL of survey; 19 miles NW of Ozona; obj: 8500; permit #728261; API #105-41353

Irion County

FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Rocker B B #165E
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-628, Blk 1, Sec 165; 1983 FNL 663 FWL of lse; 1983 FNL 663 FWL of survey; 26.94 miles SW of Mertzon; obj: 9500; permit #727827; API #235-34908

EOG Res., Inc.
Munson #2802H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; WC RR Co./Fry, C T; A-1219, Blk N/A, Sec 28; 400 FWL 7782 FNL of lse; 400 FWL 2500 FNL of survey; 5.1 miles NE of Barnhart; obj: 6700; permit #716020; API #235-34727

Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
ESPY 'A' #6
Danny Mae (Lower Cisco *A*)-D; Herberg, J; A-378, Blk N/A, Sec 1469; 6158 FWL 1605 FSL of lse; 648 FEL 2197 FNL of survey; 10 miles NW of Menard; obj: 2450; permit #728127; API #327-31144

Reagan County

Laredo Pet. - Dallas, Inc.
D Jost Oil Unit #15Q
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Bohannan, N; A-44, Blk O, Sec 15; 727 FNL 642 FEL of lse; 1933 FSL 642 FEL of survey; 31 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 10500; permit #726307; API #383-37529

Laredo Pet. - Dallas, Inc.
Cope -A- #15Z
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Bohannan, N; A-44, Blk O, Sec 15; 850 FSL 479 FEL of lse; 850 FSL 2085 FWL of survey; 31 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 10000; permit #726540; API #383-37533

M & G Oil Co.
John R. Scott #7
John Scott (Grayburg)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co.; A-549, Blk 1, Sec 173; 1320 FNL 3963 FEL of lse; 1320 FWL 1320 FNL of survey; 5.3 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 2461; permit #727034; API #383-11407

Sutton County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Glasscock, H.E. Et Al #285H
Sawyer, (Canyon)-D; TC RR Co./Martin, J; A-1619, Blk U, Sec 28; 330 FNL 800 FWL of lse; 330 FNL 800 FWL of survey; 19 miles NW of Sonora; obj: 12330; permit #726496; API #435-39972

Tom Green County

Banner Oper., LLC
Turner Ranch 1127 #1
Funk (San Andres)-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-4769, Blk N/A, Sec 1127; 330 FSL 990 FWL of lse; 1850 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 13 miles W of San Angelo; obj: 2000; permit #728371; API #451-32730

Upton County

Summit Pet. LLC
Christy #809
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-N/A, Blk 40, T5S, Sec 8; 467 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 21.8 miles SW of Midkiff; obj: 11175; permit #728029; API #461-37738

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #3032
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Throckmorton CSL; A-544, Blk N/A, Sec 3; 2092 FNL 978 FEL of lse; 3900 FSL 1790 FWL of survey; 16 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11210; permit #726512; API #461-37713

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC
JRS Ferms 22 #3
Dal (Wolfcamp) & Blue Danube (Devonian)-D; T & P RR Co./Hall, J G; A-1401, Blk 39, T5S, Sec 22; 1650 FWL 1980 FNL of lse; 1980 FNL 1650 FWL of survey; 25.8 miles N of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #727805; API #461-37741

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Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
WH Bush #24
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Goolsby, D A; A-1551, Blk A47, Sec 3; 779 FNL 1057 FEL of lse; 779 FNL 1591 FWL of survey; 13 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #727478; API #003-43633

Bulldog Oper. Co.
Zebco #1
Shatter Lake (Clear Fork)-D; UL; A-U453, Blk 14, Sec 13; 2173 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 2173 FSL 467 FEL of survey; 8.4 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 8000; permit #728063; API #003-43634

Three Rivers Oper. Co., LLC
L T Davis #390
Fuhrman-Mascho&(Glorieta)-D; PSL/Sears, A W; A-1625, Blk A43, Sec 5; 336 FEL 1849 FSL of lse; 2310 FWL 1849 FSL of survey; 8 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 6000; permit #727787; API #003-43647

Crane County

Chaparral Energy, LLC
University 25 #3
J. Cleo Thompson (Strawn)-Recompletion; ULS; A-N/A, Blk 30, Sec 25; 2173 FSL 2200 FEL of lse; 2173 FSL 2200 FEL of survey; 8 miles N of Crane; obj: 9120; permit #727524; API #103-33320

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
McKnight, M.B. #403H
Running W (Wichita-Albany)-D; PSL/McKnight, M B; A-1112, Blk B21, Sec 9; 5453 FSL 2258 FWL of lse; 50 FNL 2258 FWL of survey; 14.1 miles E of Mendhams; obj: 5500; permit #727904; API #103-35907

Burlington Res. O & G Co.
Midland
Waddell, W.N. #1400
Waddell-Recompletion; PSL/Waddell, W N; A-1158, Blk B23, Sec 13; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 18 miles NW of Crane; obj: 6100; permit #728118; API #103-35770

Culberson County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Typhoon 42 Fee #1
Sandbar (Bone Spring) & Ford, West (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Brown, W E; A-4775, Blk 59, T1S, Sec 42; 500 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 500 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 22.4 miles E of Orla; obj: 11200; permit #726462; API #109-32441

Ector County

Berry Oil Co.
Gardendale '12' #13
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe, West (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Barron, J H; A-517, Blk 42, T1S, Sec 12; 1906 FSL 1727 FEL of lse; 1906 FSL 1727 FEL of survey; 11.3 miles NW of Odessa; obj: 11900; permit #714687; API #135-40955

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
Millie A #1
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Slator, P & J D; A-1271, Blk 42, T4S, Sec 6; 640 FNL 510 FEL of lse; 640 FNL 510 FEL of survey; 12.7 miles SE of Odessa; obj: 10500; permit #728314; API #135-41353

Berry Oil Co.
Gardendale '5' #8
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe, West (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-51, Blk 41, T1S, Sec 5; 755 FSL 333 FWL of lse; 755 FSL 333 FWL of survey; 12.5 miles NE of Odessa; obj: 11900; permit #714815; API #135-41003

Glasscock County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Jim Tom '48' #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Tom Ranch (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Lewis, B G; A-832, Blk 36, T1S, Sec 48; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 4.6 miles SE of Stanton; obj: 10700; permit #728040; API #173-34585

Apache Corp.
Schwartz 36 #8
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Garden City, NW (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Chambers, Mrs. C; A-1134, Blk 34, T3S, Sec 36; 1320 FNL 2640 FEL of lse; 1320 FNL 2640 FWL of survey; 4 miles NW of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #728141; API #173-34594

Howard County

Crownquest Oper., LLC
Martin 44 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Paul Page (Atoka)-D; T & P RR Co./Arnatt, G M; A-1011, Blk 33, T2N, Sec 44; 467 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 467 FEL of survey; 5.3 miles SE of Knott; obj: 11900; permit #727623; API #227-36819

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Roberts, Dora #48
Howard Glasscock-D; W & NW RR Co./Nunn, E H; A-1316, Blk 29, Sec 136; 962 FWL 1058 FNL of lse; 1582 FSL 1678 FEL of survey; 1.4 miles SE of Forsan; obj: 3400; permit #728233; API #227-36820

Loving County

Chesapeake Oper., Inc.
Johnson 1-76 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp) & Moore-Hooper (Wolfcamp/Penn. Cons.)-D; W & NW RR Co./Johnson, W D; A-1105, Blk 1, Sec 76; 250 FSWL 1980 FSEL of lse; 250 FSWL 1980 FSEL of survey; 3.9 miles NE of Mentone; obj: 18000; permit #728192; API #301-31650

Atlantic Oper., Inc.
Polar #6
Grice (Delaware)-D; PSL/Johnson, W D; A-1117, Blk 76, Sec 43; 500 FNL 2275 FEL of lse; 500 FNL 2275 FEL of survey; 13 miles N of Mentone; obj: 6500; permit #728355; API #301-31651

Martin County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Ellis '36' #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co./Gill, W; A-744, Blk 35, T2N, Sec 36; 667 FNL 1827 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 1827 FWL of survey; 12.1 miles NE of Stanton; obj: 11200; permit #726968; API #317-37301

Crownquest Oper., LLC
F M Hall #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Petty 48 (Upper Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-N/A, Sec 37, T2N, Sec 20; 679 FNL 694 FEL of lse; 2030 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 1.2 miles SW of Tarzan; obj: 11900; permit #728226; API #317-37322

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Sale Ranch 'K' #12
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-225, Blk 37, T1N, Sec 29; 467 FNL 1480 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 1480 FWL of survey; 10.6 miles NW of Stanton; obj: 11200; permit #725652; API #317-37252

Midland County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Bradford 'I' #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Azalea (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Jacobs, O B; A-1222, Blk 39, T4S, Sec 12; 663 FSL 600 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 2173 FEL of survey; 18.4 miles SE of Midland; obj: 11345; permit #724663; API #329-37621

Summit Pet. LLC
Banay #516
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-393, Blk 41, T4S, Sec 5; 2184 FNL 2080 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 2080 FEL of survey; 22.9 miles SW of Midland; obj: 10650; permit #728097; API #329-37725

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Cass #5
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Bradford Ranch (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Williams, J D; A-1155, Blk 39, T2S, Sec 20; 660 FNL 667 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 5.1 miles SW of Midland; obj: 11385; permit #725161; API #329-37636

Pecos County

Incline Energy
Lutz #1
Abell (Permian-General)-Re-Enter; H & GN RR Co.; A-266, Blk 9, Sec 27; 330 FWL 930 FSL of lse; 1014 FEL 4215 FSL of survey; 5 miles E of Imperial; obj: 4090; permit #710963; API #371-03532

Reeves County

G P II Energy, Inc.
Montclair #7
Brushy Draw (Cherry Canyon)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-1021, Blk 57, T, Sec 5; 1550 FNL 420 FWL of lse; 1550 FNL 420 FWL of survey; 11.3 miles NW of Orla; obj: 6000; permit #725288; API #389-33025

Patriot Res., Inc.
ORYX '13' #1SW
Balmorhea Ranch (Bell Canyon L)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-693, Blk 50, T7S, Sec 13; 1090 FNL 990 FWL of lse; 1090 FNL 990 FWL of survey; 16.2 miles SE of Pecos; obj: 7000; permit #727664; API #389-33091

EXL Pet., LP
Leslie '11' #3
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; PSL/Jester, J F L; A-1712, Blk C8, Sec 11; 1250 FSL 2310 FEL of lse; 1250 FSL 2310 FEL of survey; 13.8 miles SE of Pecos; obj: 13500; permit #727714; API #389-33092

Sterling County

Steller Energy & Investment Corp.
Hoppe, Eleanor #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; W & NW RR Co.; A-598, Blk 29, Sec 229; 467 FSL 1867 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 1867 FEL of survey; 15 miles NW of Sterling City; obj: 8500; permit #727885; API #431-33340

Ward County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Black '100' #1H
Lockridge (Devonian)-Field Transfer; H & TC RR Co./Black, P A & J T & C M; A-1202, Blk 34, Sec 100; 1318 FSWL 1309 FSEL of lse; 1318 FSWL 1309 FSEL of survey; 18.07 miles NW of Royalty; obj: 20311; permit #721022; API #475-11092

Energen Res. Corp.
Elmer 33-67 #1
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-968, Blk 33, Sec 67; 567 FNWL 6000 FNEL of lse; 567 FNWL 6000 FNEL of survey; 8.7 miles SE of Mentone; obj: 11500; permit #728105; API #475-35933

P.O. & G. Oper., LLC
Katherine #2
Payton-D; H & TC RR Co./Sweatt, J T; A-1380, Blk 32, Sec 12; 330 FNEL 1650 FNWL of lse; 1003 FNWL 9496 FNEL of survey; 3.6 miles NW of Grandfalls; obj: 2500; permit #727829; API #475-35934

Winkler County

Energen Res. Corp.
University 35-20 #1
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; ULS; A-N/A, Blk 20, Sec 35; 467 FNWL 567 FSWL of lse; 467 FNWL 567 FSWL of survey; 14.4 miles NW of Pyote; obj: 11500; permit #728193; API #495-33396

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
South Keystone/Ellen/Unit #1073
Keystone (Ellenburger)-Reclass; PSL/Keystone Cattle Co.; A-1641, Blk B2, Sec 6; 1980 FNL 5940 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 7 miles NE of Kermit; obj: 9842; permit #728342; API #495-01153

Texas RRCD 8A

Cochran County

Crossroads Energy Partners, LLC
Dean Unit #C 5W
Slaughter-D; Lipscomb CSL; A-78, Blk N/A, Sec 90; 1316 FWL 4879 FNL of lse; 499 FSL 3867 FEL of survey; 11 miles SW of Whiteface; obj: 5300; permit #728179; API #079-33264

Crosby County

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #7220
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR. Co.; A-345, Blk N/A, Sec 1071; 1252 FNL 853 FEL of lse; 1252 FNL 853 FEL of survey; 10.8 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #728184; API #107-31467

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Aoco-Hoople (Clearfork) Unit #750
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; H & OB RR Co.; A-263, Blk 1, Sec 1043; 6560 FWL 6466 FNL of lse; 1278 FWL 1184 FNL of survey; 9 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #728300; API #107-31470

Dawson County

Element Petro Oper. II, LLC
Kent County 265-7 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)&(Penn.)-D; Kent CSL/Labor 7/League 265; A-405, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 467 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 18 miles SW of Lamesa; obj: 12000; permit #716008; API #115-33393

Gaines County

Hess Corp.
Seminole San Andres Unit SWDD #4
Seminole (Devonian)-D; WT RR Co./Lowe, S L; A-1199, Blk G, Sec 218; 2510 FEL 405 FNL of lse; 2510 FEL 405 FNL of survey; 3.6 miles NW of Seminole; obj: 13200; permit #728203; API #165-37497

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Landreth A #11
Tex-Mex, SE. (Wichita Albany)-D; PSL/Terry, O; A-1958, Blk A28, Sec 2; 61 FNL 199 FWL of lse; 199 FWL 1263 FSL of survey; 22 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 9000; permit #723422; API #165-37471

Hockley County

Chi Oper., Inc.
Et Al 6 #5W
Linker (Clear Fork)-D; Hood CSL LGE 27 LAB 6; A-149, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 667 FEL 800 FSL of lse; 667 FEL 800 FSL of survey; 2 miles E of Levelland; obj: 6300; permit #713394; API #219-37196

Great Westerns Drlg. Co.
Post Montgomery A #1
Linker (Clear Fork)-Re-Enter; Hood CSL, LAB 1, LGE 29; A-196, Blk N/A, Sec 29; 470 FWL 452 FSL of lse; 470 FWL 452 FSL of survey; 2.5 miles SE of Levelland; obj: 7600; permit #727836; API #219-34526

Lynn County

Raw Oil & Gas, Inc.
Sheriff Roy Coffee #1
Smith (Spraberry)-D; EL & RR RR. Co./Keith, W C; A-901, Blk B, Sec 40; 467 FWL 1418 FSL of lse; 1198 FEL 1418 FSL of survey; 2 miles NW of O'Donnell; obj: 9000; permit #728206; API #305-30515

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #295-5
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./Sliger, J I; A-2156, Blk 97, Sec 205; 4206 FSL 10800 FEL of lse; 1554 FSL 2448 FWL of survey; 6.3 miles SW of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #706900; API #415-34653

Yoakum County

OXY USA WTP LP
Willard Unit #36F
Wason-D; Gibson, J H; A-16, Blk D, Sec 801; 6149 FEL 3031 FSL of lse; 2253 FNL 885 FEL of survey; 3.2 miles N of Denver City; obj: 5800; permit #727348; API #501-35887

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #524
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 1690 FNL 1308 FEL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/QU/GB/SA; API #30-015-39518

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #577
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 2054 FSL 1242 FWL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39524

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #530
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 2310 FNL 1043 FEL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39519

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #578
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 2095 FSL 2473 FEL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39539

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #536
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 1309 FSL 2056 FWL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39520

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #583
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 990 FSL 990 FEL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39540

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #542
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 860 FSL 206 FEL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39521

COG Oper. LLC
Falabella "31" Fee #8
Penasco Draw; T16S, R26E, Sec 31; 150 FSL 380 FEL; 8 miles S of Artesia; Rot 7415 San Andres Yeso; API #30-015-39515

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 11 Fed #2
South Red Bluff; T26S, R28E, Sec 11; 450 FNL 1700 FEL; 11 miles S of Malaga; Rot 11343 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39546

Lea County

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #550
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 330 FNL 1650 FWL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39523

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Hanson 26 Fed #1
South Lea; T20S, R34E, Sec 26; 660 FNL 440 FWL; 12 miles E of Halfway; Rot 15475 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40327

COMPLETIONS

From 6G

T-6-N, Abst. 162, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Gail; TD 8,947; Comp 6-5-11; producing from 8,662-8,786, treated with 250 gals. 15 percent NeFe, 250,000# sand; pump 56 BO, 47 MCF, 133 BW on 12/64 inch choke, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-033-32138

Dawson County

WTG Exploration
Truitt Wood #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 5,096 fnl, 2,724 fwl, Sec 278, Abst. 418, Glasscock CSL, 10.5 sw Lamesa; TD 11,800; Comp 8-31-11; producing from 9,500-11,278, fracture stimulated; pump 161 BO, 11 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-115-33492

Gaines County

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Dunbar "D" #6
Tex-Mex Southeast (Wichita Albany); 1,980 fwl, 335 fnl, Sec. 5, Blk A-28, Abst. 673, PSL, 25 sw Seminole; TD 4,825; Comp 8-14-11; producing from 4,454-4,581, treated with 640 bbls. acid,1,013 bbls. fluid; pump 24 BO, 15 MCF, 88 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37940

Garza County

The Geo R. Brown Partnership LP
Boy Scouts of America #1GB
Garza; 1,017 fsl, 2,091 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 5, Abst. 513, K. Aycock, 2.4 sw Post; TD 3,966; Comp 9-2-11; producing from 3,183-3,216, treated with 5,000 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 8.2 BO, 232 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-340113

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp.
KJJ "167" #3
Coulter (Spraberry); 467 fwl, 1,830 fsl, Sec 167, Abst.372, EL&RR, 11.6 sw Post; TD 5,393; Comp 7-21-11; producing from 5,249-5,269, treated with 500 gals. 15 percent acid, 4,000 gals. fluid, 3,000# sand; pump 22 BO, 23 MCF, 55 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34040

Hockley County

Chevron USA Inc.
Bob Slaughter #606H
TBter (Abo)-Horizontal; 1,083 fsl, 1,321 fwl, Sec 37, Tract 60, Abst. 159, Zavala CSL, 1.1 nw Sundown; TD 8,000 TVD; Comp 12-10-10; producing from 7,441-9,218 MD, treated with 1,349 bbls. HCL gelled acid; pump 42 BO, 20 MCF, 13 BW, 31 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37151

New Mexico

Chaves County

Celero Energy II, LP
Rock Queen Unit #705
Caprock; T13S, R31E, Sec 36; 1180 FSL 1305 FWL; EL 4390 GL; TD 3128; PBTD 3128; Spud 12-31-10; Comp 6-28-11; production is through treated perfs: 3057-71; Treat: 2000 gals 7.5% NEFE; IP: 10-6-11 Pump 24 hrs 1 BO, 467 BW, 0 MCF; API #30-005-29169

Eddy County

COG Oper. LLC
Kool Aid State #19
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 24; 990 FNL 330 FEL; EL 3713 GL; TD 5440; PBTD 5378; Spud 5-14-11; Comp 6-17-11; production is through treated perfs: 3854-4110; Treat: Acdz w/13,500 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/522,100 gals gel, 575,700# 16/30 brown sd, 112,687# 16/30 Siber Prop; IP: 7-4-11 Pump 24 hrs 182 BO, 644 BW, 123 MCF, GOR 676, Gty 40.1; API #30-015-37542

Apache Corp.
N B Tween State #22
Artesia; T17S, R28E, Sec 25; 2310 FSL 1650 FWL; EL 3670 GL; TD 5706; PBTD 5652; Spud 6-1-11; Comp 8-2-11; production is through treated perfs: 3806-4320; Treat: Acdz w/6513 15% Hcl, Frac w/431,694 frac w/455,718# sd; IP: 8-12-11 Pump 24 hrs 23 BO, 400 BW, 48 MCF, GOR 2087, Gty 38.7; API #30-015-38467

COG Oper. LLC
Hailstone Pea Com #1
Wildcat; T26S, R29E, Sec 5; 660 FSL 330 FWL; EL 2906 GL; TD 11715; PBTD 11585; Spud 5-4-11; Comp 7-15-11; production is through treated perfs: 8950-11500; Treat: Acdz w/38766 gals 15%, Frac w/4262320# sd & 3114885 gals fluid; IP: 8-21-11 Flow 24 hrs 509 BO, 1697 BW, 3450 MCF, 34/64" Ch, TP 2000, CP 1120; API #30-015-38980

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Aquamarine State #4
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 16; 990 FSL 330 FEL; EL 4025 GR; TD 7034; PBTD 6978; Spud 7-29-11; Comp 9-20-11; production is through treated perfs: 5480-6769; Treat: 2000 gals 15% Hcl acid, 772,841# max prop cono 5 ppa; IP: 9-20-11 Pump 24 hrs 80 BO, 43 BW, 92 MCF; API #30-025-40158

COG Oper. LLC
GC Fed #46
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 20; 733 FSL 1270 FEL; EL 3987 GL; TD 7119; PBTD 7016; Spud 7-29-11; Comp 8-31-11; production is through treated perfs: 5420-5845; Treat: Acdz w/10,800 gals 15% acid, Frac w/469,000 gals gel, 322,410# 16/30 white sd, 66,840# 16/30 siberprop; IP: 9-8-11 Pump 24 hrs 67 BO, 383 BW, 91 MCF, Gty 36; API #30-025-40143

Apache Corp.
Hawk B 3 #33
Penrose Skelly; T21S, R37E, Sec 3; 3630 FNL 990 FWL; EL 3466 GL; TD 4400; PBTD 4336; Spud 8-17-11; Comp 9-17-11; production is through treated perfs: 3894-4005; Treat: 4500 gals acid, 22,932 gals SS-25, 65,309# 16/30 sd, 1932 gals 2% KCL; IP: 9-29-11 Pump 24 hrs 21 BO, 49 BW, 47 MCF, GOR 2238, Gty 32.7; API #30-025-39510

Yates Pet. Corp.
Ferber Bob Federal #1
Wildcat; T25S, R32E, Sec 1; 330 FSL 660 FWL; EL 3531 GL; TD 13,586; PBTD 13379; Spud 12-16-09; Comp 4-20-10; production is through treated perfs: 9447-13382; Treat: 37,500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/slick wtr, 1758 linear gel, 102109# bonds XL, 105,207# 100 mesh sd, 618,329# 40/70 Ottawa, 1,001,943# 20/40 Ottawa; IP: 4-22-10 Flow 24 hrs 117 BO, 378 BW, 336 MCF, 18/64" Ch, TP 530, CP 00; API #30-025-39351

survey; 2 miles NW of O'Donnell; obj: 9000; permit #728206; API #305-30515

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #295-5
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./Sliger, J I; A-2156, Blk 97, Sec 205; 4206 FSL 10800 FEL of lse; 1554 FSL 2448 FWL of survey; 6.3 miles SW of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #706900; API #415-34653

Yoakum County

OXY USA WTP LP
Willard Unit #36F
Wason-D; Gibson, J H; A-16, Blk D, Sec 801; 6149 FEL 3031 FSL of lse; 2253 FNL 885 FEL of survey; 3.2 miles N of Denver City; obj: 5800; permit #727348; API #501-35887

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #524
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 1690 FNL 1308 FEL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/QU/GB/SA; API #30-015-39518

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #577
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 2054 FSL 1242 FWL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39524

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #530
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 2310 FNL 1043 FEL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39519

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #578
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 2095 FSL 2473 FEL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39539

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #536
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 1309 FSL 2056 FWL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39520

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #583
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 990 FSL 990 FEL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39540

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #542
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 860 FSL 206 FEL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39521

COG Oper. LLC
Falabella "31" Fee #8
Penasco Draw; T16S, R26E, Sec 31; 150 FSL 380 FEL; 8 miles S of Artesia; Rot 7415 San Andres Yeso; API #30-015-39515

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 11 Fed #2
South Red Bluff; T26S, R28E, Sec 11; 450 FNL 1700 FEL; 11 miles S of Malaga; Rot 11343 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39546

Lea County

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #550
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 330 FNL 1650 FWL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39523

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Hanson 26 Fed #1
South Lea; T20S, R34E, Sec 26; 660 FNL 440 FWL; 12 miles E of Halfway; Rot 15475 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40327

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OPERA TO GO





Opera to Go! comes to Midland with entertainment for children, adults

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Houston Grand Opera's touring company Opera to Go! will present a Concert of Music from Around the World at 7 p.m. Monday at Midland's First United Methodist Church.

"We are going to take the audience on a little tour around Europe," said Kade Smith, touring and ensembles manager of Houston Grand Opera. "A lot of the operatic repertoire is in European languages. I will be opening each set with a little introduction kind of mirroring the development of opera.

"Opera started in Italy and spread to France then to the rest of Europe. It will be very, very little opera history that kind of frames our journey performed in a couple of ensembles, a duet, a quintet and solos. It should be a fun and entertaining evening."

Opera to Go! has been brought to Midland and Odessa through grants from the Rea Charitable Trust, the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Arts Council of Midland, the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities and the patrons of Midland Opera Theater.

"This is about the fourth or fifth time that they've come to Midland," said Sharon Humphreys, president of MOT. "We pay their whole way to come out here. We get a grant from Texas Commission on the Arts and a grant from the Arts Council of Midland. This time we are also getting a grant from the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities, and we also got grants for 2011 from the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust and the Rea Charitable Trust. "

While here the company will be performing a children's opera adaptation of Margery Williams's "The Velveteen Rabbit" for students in the Midland Independent School District, Ector County Independent School District and private

Please see OPERA/3H

ALL THE DETAILS

CONCERT OF MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD
When: 7 p.m. Monday
Where: First United Methodist Church, Ohio Avenue at Main Street, downtown
Admission: Free, with a suggested donation of $10 for each adult. A reception will follow the concert.
Info: Program will be presented by Houston Grand Opera's touring company Opera to Go! Performers include Chelsea Hardy, soprano; Anneka Quelhorst, mezzo-soprano; Alejandro Magallón, tenor; Jawan Jenkins, baritone; Dennis Arrowsmith, bass; and Teruhiko Toda, piano. Page Warner is the touring stage manager.







Graham Dixon

In the limelight
MOSC Christmas Pops

By Graham Dixon

The opening remarks reminded us again of where the MOSC Christmas Pops concert was held last year, and the audience broke into spontaneous applause as they looked around at the plush pleasant surroundings of the Wagner-Noel auditorium. The evening featured a mixture of Christmas favorites and more eclectic fare and something that has not been possible before — the whole of the Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorale on stage together.

And what a splendid evening — both visual and auditory — we all had.

Starting with the medley "A Christmas Festival," the concert continued with the seasonal number "The Christmas Song," written beside a Los Angeles swimming pool by Mel Torme. Gary Lewis had told the story of how this song was born once before in recent years, and he reminded us that he had done so. A pleasant Groundhog Day atmosphere thus ensued.

It was soon delightfully interrupted by the Kids Choir as the children gave us a trio of songs, including a fascinating take on a Jewish favorite — the Festival

Please see POPS/5H

MIDLAND MARQUEE

THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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SUNDAY

Arts Council of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 687-1149. EXHIBIT: Art in the Park, four selected sculptures: "Rolling Keel" by Kurt Dyrhaug of Beaumont, "Higher Reaching" by John Frost of Irving, "Mats Hambre" by Tommy Gregory of San Antonio, and "Untitled" by Kyle Olson of Seguin. Windlands Park, 1001 West Dengar, during park hours. Free.

Basin PBS: LAWERENCE WELK: Highways & Byways: "On the Street Where You Live"; "South Rampart Street Parade"; "Primrose Lane," with Ava Barber; "Streets of Laredo," with Jim Turner; "On the Trail"; "Cab Driver," with Dick Dale and Ken Delo; and "Route 66," 4 p.m. Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: "A Secret Passion: Vintage Costume Jewelry from the Linda Smetak Collection, through Jan. 15. EXHIBIT: Paintings by Rene Alverado, through Jan. 29, 2012. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-560-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two Presidents, two Governors, and a First Lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs. Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 686-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery: Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 432-685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mcoormick. No admission charged.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 432-682-5447. Open by appointment.

Midland Festival Ballet: PRODUCTION: MFB presents the 16th annual production of "The Nutcracker" by Peter Tchaikovsky, a ballet production that the whole family can enjoy with live musical accompaniment provided by Midland-Odessa Symphony, guest artists include Amy Fote, Simon Ball, and Carl Berry Moore. 2:30 p.m. at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Southeast corner of FM 1788 and Hwy 191. For tickets call MFB Office at 432-686-0071 or midlandfestivalballet.org. Admission charged.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Kent Ullberg: A Retrospective on display in Southwing Gallery, through Jan. 15. EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series presents William Hook paintings which use the American Landscape as inspiration in the Here and Now Gallery, through Dec. 31. EXHIBIT: Taco Master: Taco Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. No cost.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: 4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana. 682-5766. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of a local artist for the month of December. Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: MEETING: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Chuck at 694-7153.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's 3-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Opera Theater: CONCERT: "A Concert of Music from Around the World" featuring artists from Houston Grand Opera. 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church. For more information call 425-6836.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Jennifer Talley, artist for the month of December, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Basin PBS: CONCERT: A Christmas celebration with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at Salt Lake City's Conference Center, where songs include "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Also, 2008 "American Idol" runner-up David Archuleta sings "Los Pastores a Belén"; and Michael York narrates the Mormon Tabernacle Choir story. 7 p.m. Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: L.A. HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 2010: Highlights from the 2009 edition of the six-hour Christmas Eve event at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles includes a hip-hop version of "A Christmas Carol" and performances by Tia Carrere, Sweet Honey in the Rock and the ARC Handbell Choir. Other acts include aerial duo Catch Me Bird, Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble, Lisa Haley and the Zydekats, Little Willie G and Thee East LA Philharmonic, the vocal group m-pact and the Young Angels Choir. 8 p.m. Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: CHRISTMAS ON THE TRAIL: A cowboy Christmas Celebration. 9 p.m. Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Blakemore Planetarium: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Free Holiday Cartoons every Tuesday during December. 4:15 p.m. Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Ave. For more information call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: A World of Masks: From the Collection of Jim Collett. This exhibition, on view through Jan. 31, 2012, will look at masks from a variety of cultures and countries. Also featured will be masks created by students of Bowie Fine Arts Academy. There will be an activity area to make your own mask and create a play based on the masks you made. 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 Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon, 807 West Wadley Ave. For more information call 352-8297.

WEDNESDAY

The Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Very special Christmas at the Mansion luncheon, call for pricing and reservations. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

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.

THURSDAY

Midland County Library: CLASS: Comic Illustration Class: For anyone who has picked up a pencil and wanted to learn to draw comics. For ages 14 and up. 6:30 p.m. Midland County Public Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

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FRIDAY

Basin PBS: GREAT PERFORMANCES: The San Fancisco Ballet performs an adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Little Mermaid", starring Yuan Yuan Tan in the title role. Choreographed by the Hamburg Ballet's Jon Neumeier, who also designed the sets, costumes and lighting. 8 p.m. Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: WESTERN PERSPECTIVE: Art and Creativity in West Texas: A look at West Texans involved in the arts, including landscape photography and performance theater. 10:30 p.m. Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "The Sound of Music", 8 p.m. Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 570-4111. Admission charged.

The Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Very special Christmas at the Mansion luncheon, call for pricing and reservations. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

SATURDAY

Basin PBS: LAWERENCE WELK: Memorable songs, including "Que Sera Sera (Whatever Will Be Will Be)"; "The Girl That I Marry"; "My Favorite Things," with Norma Zimmer; "Sleepin' at the Foot of the Bed," with Larry Hooper and Buddy Merrill; a "Carousel" medley; and "My Blue Heaven." Basin PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

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The Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Visit from Santa Claus every Saturday during December from 2-4 p.m. 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 432-687-1148, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email lorr@acmidland.org.

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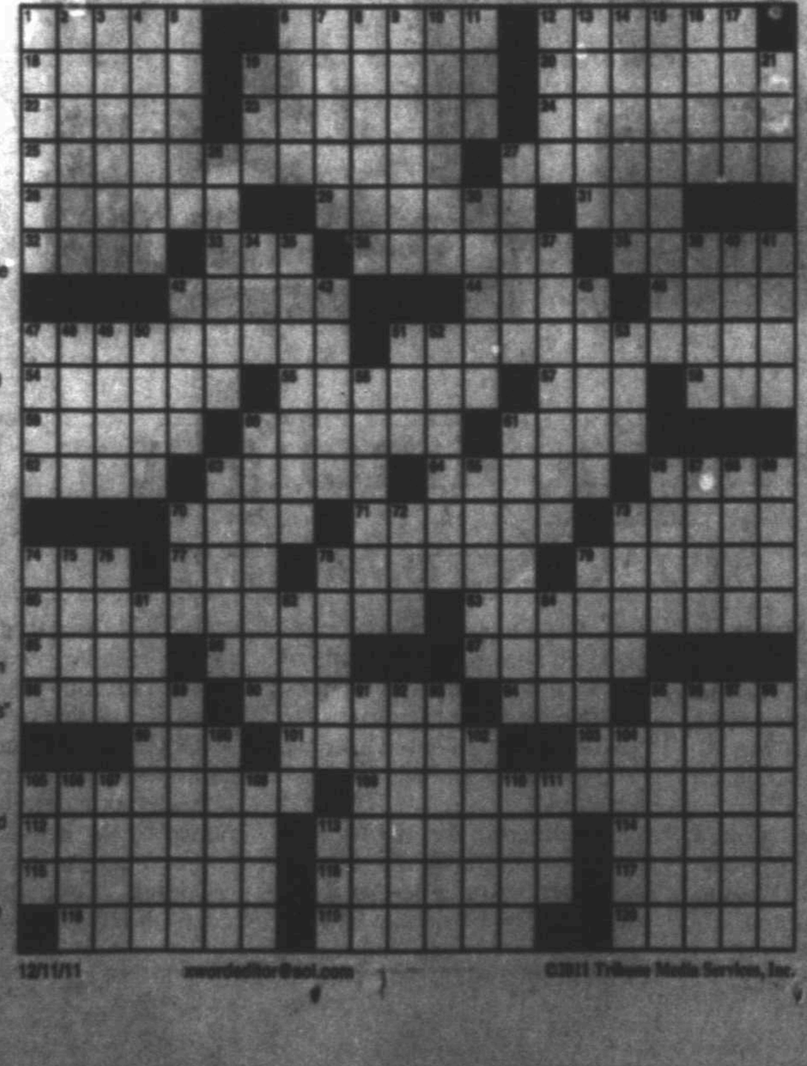
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"GIVE B's A CHANCE" By JAYNE AND ALEX BOSVERT

ACROSS
1 Corrupt, in a way
6 Ignore
12 Sleeping
18 Ayes
19 "Lady Marmalade" group
20 Car-tar salad topper
22 Unpleasant pair to choose from
23 "To reiterate ..."
24 Deep-fried Japanese dish
25 Jaded ballplayer?
27 Grain of sand?
28 Mocha native
29 Fantastic
31 As well
32 Vase-shaped pitcher
33 Drama with two spin-offs
36 Scarlet, to Rhett, ultimately
38 1983 Keaton title role
42 Twist
44 Alka-Seltzer sound
46 New York college whose team is the Gaels
47 Coal receptacle-building blocks?
51 Steer groups?
54 2001 French film nominated for five Academy Awards
56 One reason to work
57 Energy mass
58 Tell
59 Stain-removal brand
60 Turning parts
61 Grasps
62 Sharpen
63 Family name in Kafka's "The Metamorphosis"
64 Shark's practice
66 Tell
70 Field division
71 They get tipped in bits
73 1971 Clapton classic
74 Psyche part, to Freud
77 General at Gettysburg
79 White Label Scotch maker
79 Roaches, e.g.
80 Fish with a bad cold?
83 Pointed front of a two-wheeler?
85 Jai __
86 Deserve
87 Browns
88 Cheers
90 Slightly burned
94 Was in charge of
95 Insect stage after larva
98 Morning morsel
101 "Got me"
103 Ear problem
105 Sound of Crosby's doobie?
109 Collection of yokels?
112 Kuwait, for one
113 How a team should work
114 "Love Story" co-star
115 Timeline divisions
116 Reddish-brown horses
117 Like some mythology beings
118 Malevolent beings
119 From Aconcagua, say
120 Lamb piece

DOWN
1 Parting words
2 Look over
3 "Am I crazy?"
4 Merman, notably
5 Museum Following city
6 Normal opening?
7 Stands guard, perhaps
8 One may be deviated
9 Disney dwarf
10 Played loudly
11 Although
12 Ent's __
13 Costumed kid's hope
14 "Pretty Woman" genre, briefly
15 Blissful
16 Broadway souvenir
17 Songwriter Amos
19 Bitty, with sticks
21 Rebellious Turner
26 Singer Lionel
27 NBAers' game
30 RSVP
34 Word seen in brackets
35 Trying
37 See 69-Down
39 Comedian Jay
40 Draft status
41 Sail support
42 Short review?
43 H.S. exams
45 Crack filler
47 Gals
48 Letters before an online view
49 Krypton relative
50 Word after sky or powder
51 Grill partner
52 Sea witch in "The Little Mermaid"
53 Frat letters
56 Bakery array
60 49-Down, for example
61 Braver
63 Part of an act
65 Southern Stevs
66 Zinger
67 Connecticut town for which a disease is named
68 El __
69 With 37-Down, Bonnie and Clyde
70 Ex-boxer Laila
72 Litter reactions
73 Reduced
74 Auction site
75 __ warning
76 Like much history
78 Steve's sidekick in "Hawaii Five-O"
79 Washington's mount?
81 About 2.2 pounds
82 "... it on!"
84 Kipling python
89 Domingo preceder
91 Martini with an onion
92 Einstein's second son
93 Reserved
95 Some uprights
96 Says
97 Web image-viewing software
98 Scarlett's love
100 On a scale of one __
102 Sleep problem
104 Beef cut
105 Flower place
106 Wrote online, briefly
107 Pleasing
108 Storied loch
110 Potter's oven
111 "__ a Wonderful Life"
113 Botanist Gray



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Caught in the end

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 5
♡ K 4 3 2
◇ Q 9 3
♣ K Q 6 2

WEST
♠ Q J 6 4 2
♡ 8 6 5
◇ 10 7 2
♣ 7 4

EAST
♠ 9 3
♡ A Q 10 9
◇ A J 8 4
♣ J 9 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 7
♡ J 7
◇ K 6 5
♣ A 10 8 3

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1NT	DBL	2♠	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

After East's weak no-trump opening bid and South's double, West's two spades seems reasonable. However, he would not have enjoyed declaring on this lie of the cards. North's cue-bid seems like a normal action and South ended in an "iffy" no-trump game.

South's double of the opening bid suggested that a spade lead might not be the way to go and West elected to lead his short suit. Declarer won in hand and returned a club to dummy in order to lead a low heart. East won with the queen and exited with his remaining club.

Declarer won with the 10, cashed his spade winners and exited with the jack of hearts.

East won and exited safely with a heart, but that simply delayed matters a whit. Declarer won in dummy and threw East in with his remaining heart. That forced East to break the diamonds and it was a simple matter for declarer to win in dummy and return a diamond for his ninth trick.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011:
This year many decisions and a lot of plans result from key partnerships. If you are single, you will desire a close bond yet refuse to jump into a relationship. If you are attached, look to common goals. CANCER knows how to draw you in.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Make choices and plans accordingly. Allow a newfound impulsiveness to emerge. Tonight: Keep it close to home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Whether going to church or meeting family for brunch, conversations strike up with ease. You might disagree with plans or news you hear. Tonight: Visit with friends.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might feel like Santa with the desire to give everyone what they want. Make a list and stick to your budget. Tonight: Someone becomes difficult at the last minute.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Note that others are more than ready to go along with your ideas, with perhaps the exception of the one you want to join in. Tonight: As you like.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You need to take more personal time, whether for holiday errands or just because. Tonight: Don't stand on ceremony.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ A child or loved one could be determined to have his or her way, despite all your attempts to contain his or her demands. Tonight: Share some eggnog.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ An older relative or someone you must answer to calls. If you don't have plans with this person already, make some. Schedule time for your sweetie or a special friend. Tonight: If you need some personal time, look to another day!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Keep reaching out for a relative or friend at a distance. Listen to news, and be willing to move forward on plans. Tonight: A give-and-take discussion might be close to impossible to have.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might be taken aback by a close friend or loved one's caring gesture. Tonight: Don't talk money.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Just because you wouldn't handle a situation like a partner would, doesn't mean you need to have a power play over the issue. Tonight: Is there a suggestion you like?
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You have much to attend to, whether it involves a project or a holiday activity. Tonight: Don't judge yourself or others.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You don't need to hide your feelings. What you are experiencing is normal. Tonight: Share some hot cider. ***

BORN TODAY
Singer Jermaine Jackson (1954), rapper Mos Def (1973), singer Brenda Lee (1944)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Dec. 11-17

SUNDAY

Exhibition

The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is decorated for the holidays with its annual "Christmas at the Mansion" exhibitions.

The Southwest Express, a 200-square-foot O gauge electric train, is fully operational and has interactive moving parts for the children and adults to enjoy. The Blakemore Planetarium is hosting this year's Gingerbread Exhibition as well as free holiday movies at 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays and free holiday cartoons at 2 p.m. Dec. 17.

Christmas lunches are set for Dec. 14, 16 and 21. Cost is $30-$35 each. Call 683-2882 for reservations.

Holiday event

Murray's Deli is hosting its Holiday Art and Boutique Extravaganza today from noon to 5 p.m. at Wadley Avenue at Midkiff Road.

Gifts and one-of-a-kind items from glass blowing, pottery, handmade jewelry and local artists' paintings to hand sewn gifts, boutique clothing and kids designs will be available.

Christmas program

First Assembly of God, 100 W. Wadley Ave., will present "Searching for the King" at 10:30 a.m. today.

For more information, call 684-4613 or visit firstagmidland.com.

Drive-through nativity

BIG SPRING — Today is the final day of the drive-through nativity scene at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster St.

Hours are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. today.

Dance

Midland Festival Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" will be on stage at 2:30 p.m. today at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, intersection of Highway 191 and FM 1788.

MFB will be accompanied by the Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for seniors, students and children. They may be purchased through Midland Festival Ballet's website at www.midlandfestivalballet.org.

Candlelight service

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N., is presenting its Candlelight Lessons and Carols service at 7 p.m. today.

The service features The Choristers, handbells, instrumentalists of St. Nicholas' and a special guest, The West Texas Winds.

The public is invited to attend. A reception will follow the service.

TUESDAY

Open house

Celebrate the holidays at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave., during an open house 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, sponsored by Midland County Public Library and Friends of Libraries and Literacy.

The event features games, prizes, crafts, refreshments and entertainment. Donations of canned goods for the West Texas Food Bank will be accepted.

Living nativity

First Baptist Church will hold its annual living nativity scene Tuesday through Thursday at the corner of Cuthbert Avenue and N Street.

The event is planned for 7 to 8 p.m.

Christmas concert

ODESSA —Michael Martin Murphey's Christmas Show comes to Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas, on Tuesday. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

Seating is reserved. Tickets are $25. For reservations or to purchase tickets call 580-0898.

Holiday show

ODESSA —The Flying J Wranglers Christmas Show returns to the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Tuesday. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $25. Seating is reserved.

Reservations may be made by calling 580-3177 or on line at globesw.org.

THURSDAY

Concert

The Lone Star Brass will perform at 11:45 a.m. Thursday in the Atrium at ClayDesta.

The performance is free. The LSB is a performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.

Book reading

Mary Lou Cassidy will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West, Exit 136.

The event is free. Those attending are asked to bring their lunch. The museum will provide free drinks and cookies.

The presentation is sponsored by the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust.

FRIDAY

Musical

Midland Community Theatre's final show of the season — "The Sound of Music"— is on stage in Davis Theatre I at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Tickets are $18 for adults; $12 for children 18 or younger; $15 for seniors 65 or older and $10 for active military with ID. All ticket requests must be applied to a membership or paid for. Tickets not purchased online may be exchanged or refunded up to two days before the date on the tickets. All online sales are final.

Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees. Ticket holders must be in their seats before curtain.

Because of popular demand, four additional performances were added to the run, which closes Dec. 18.

Holiday show

ODESSA — "The Gospel According to Scrooge" is on stage weekends through Dec. 18 at the Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St.

Tickets are $14 adults, $12 seniors and students and $7 for ages 12 and younger. They may be purchased at the box office, by calling 550-5456 or at www.permianplayhouse.com.

Lighting display

ODESSA —Heritage Holiday Starbright Village is open nightly from 6 to 11 p.m. until Dec. 24. Visits with Santa are scheduled at 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The lighting display is located at McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road.

For more information, call 432-335-4682 or 368-3548.

SATURDAY

Book signing

Janet Williams Pollard will be signing copies of "Harsh Country, Hard Times: Clayton Wheat Williams and the Transformation of the Trans-Pecos" at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 West Loop 250 N.

Pollard collected, organized and visited places in France, Texas and New Mexico to gather the information for this historical adventure.

Dance

BIG SPRING — Midland Festival Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" will be on stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

MFB will be accompanied by the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and $5 for students. The seating will be open.

For tickets or to make reservations call 432-264-7223.

Genealogy party

"Genealogy Off The Shelves" Christmas Celebration is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Activities include the First Baptist Church Handbell Choir followed by gift exchange of Internet Secrets & Favorite Web-Sites. Also, there will be a Finger Food Potluck and Grandma's Favorite Recipe Swap. Bring samples to share with the recipe. Finger Food Potluck.

The event is sponsored by Redfern Genealogical Research Center and the Midland Genealogical Society (MGS).

For more Information, to have recipe printed, or website included, call 688-4325 or 688-4326 or email marie_humphrey@co.midland.tx.us

Barbara Walters gets 'Fascinating' on her annual special

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On her new TV special, Barbara Walters gets up close and personal with Donald Trump.

Maybe too personal.

"We started with his hair," confides Walters. "He said, 'Pull it and you can see that it's not a hairpiece.' So I did. And I still think it's a hairpiece."

Trump — the follically perplexing reality star, businessman and sometime presidential candidate — is on Walters' list of "The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2011," which airs on ABC on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. It's the 19th annual compilation of the year's most prominent names in entertainment, sports and popular culture.

Walters says she questioned Trump on his year of political adventures, which included commandeering the "birther" bandwagon by stoking doubt about President Barack Obama's U.S. citizenship, and by teasing voters with the prospect of his stepping into the presidential race as a Republican candidate (Trump, of course, then opted not to take the leap).

Other "Fascinating People" include talent-show baron Simon Cowell, pop singing sensation Katy Perry and New York Yankees star Derek Jeter, who tells Walters that he'd like to own an athletic team.

"I told him, 'You're making a lot of money. You could buy one,'" reports Walters. "And he says, 'Great. I'll buy one with you.' We made a deal."

Also on board are Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet, the loving on-screen couple from ABC's comedy hit "Modern Family," and the Kardashian reality TV family.

In profiling the Kardashians, Walters says she plays a game with them, quizzing them on who is the smartest, the nicest, the one Mom likes best.

Speaking of sisters Kim, Kourtney and Khloe, Walters offers an explanation for all the popularity that's been showered on celebrities who readily admit they have no talents worth celebrating.

"They're pretty women, they're glamorous and they don't know private from public," Walters says. "And they're part of a family — one for all and all for one — that people relate to."

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schools.

"This whole bill for them to come — this time six days all together — is in the neighborhood of $16,000," Humphreys said. "It's such an awesome program. I love it when they can come back. This is the only time they could come in this school year and be here for four days so that we could do both school districts."

The school performances, which are 45 minutes long and sung in English, are only for students and are closed to the general public for school security reasons. Music is by Mary Carol Warwick with libretto by Kate Pogue.

"It's a beautiful story that starts at Christmas," Smith said of "The Velveteen Rabbit." "One of the themes is the theme of self sacrificial love. The Velveteen Rabbit wants to be real, and through sacrificing his own safety and health he helps the boy get better.

"We think it's a really nice message for all of our audiences. You have to give of yourself for some wonderful things to happen, and wonderful things do happen when you think of others and not just yourself."

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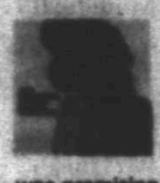
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QUICKTAKES
Reviews of recent CDs

AMY WINEHOUSE
"Lioness: Hidden Treasures"



She didn't leave much behind. That's the inescapable fact of Amy Winehouse's posthumous collection, "Lioness: Hidden Treasures."

The album's 12 songs are the leftovers from a singer and songwriter who was promising on her 2003 debut album, "Frank"; fully herself and even more promising on her 2006 album, "Back to Black"; and then a long, sad story until her death from alcohol poisoning this year. The transformation from the confident, sly, sweet-and-sour-voiced 18-year-old in 2002 to the scratchy, ravaged latter-day star is the album's back story.

Like her two previous albums, "Lioness" wraps retro arrangements — 1960s soul, girl groups, old reggae — around a bluntly modern persona. The idea was already full-blown in 2003, when Winehouse recorded the acerbic big-band ballad "Best Friends, Right?," which finally surfaces here.

Other previously unreleased tracks add to the pathos of Winehouse's decline. The tabloid-ready one is "Between the Cheats," recorded in 2008. It's a defiant vow of loyalty to her husband at the time, Blake Fielder-Civil, recorded a few months before he was imprisoned for assault on a bar owner. Her vocal is jazzy, lumpy and improvisational, with the flutter she picked up from Erykah Badu and the flintiness she learned from Dinah Washington. It's also thin, slurred and sometimes unintelligible.

"Like Smoke," a 2008 song about being proudly fickle, stretches out two shaky verses and some scat singing that Winehouse left behind with a present-day rap by Nas that alludes to Occupy Wall Street. "A Song for You," the Leon Russell anthem of a musician's prideful self-pity, wraps an overelaborate post-facto arrangement around a fitful, scattered vocal from 2009: shards of musicianship, straining to cohere.

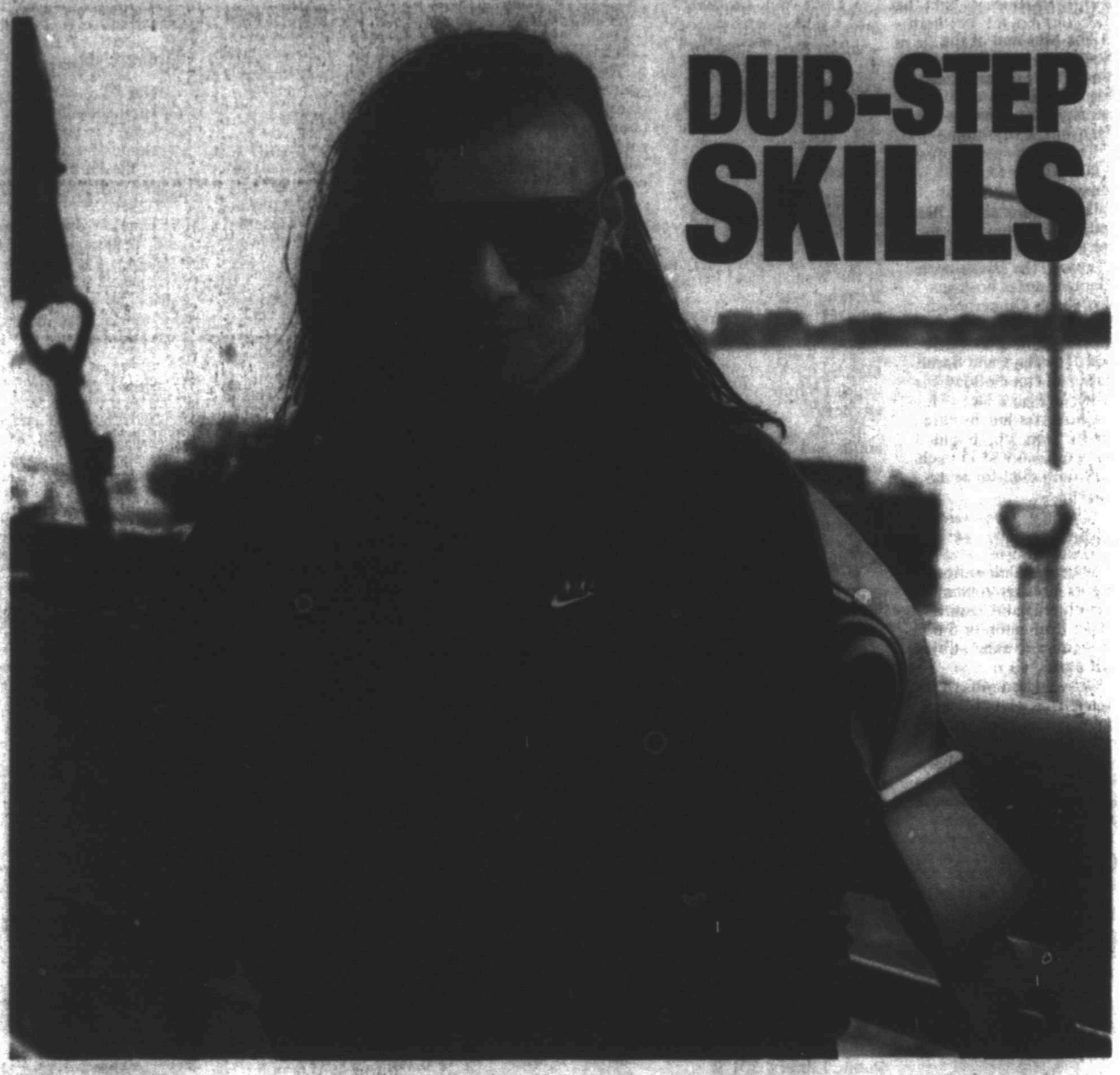
By contrast, "Half Time," a neo-soul track from 2002 that sways like a song from Badu, is a budding songwriter's tribute to the healing power of music: "The melody it feeds my soul/the tune tears me apart and it swallows me whole." For Winehouse, its promise of hope and bliss in music didn't come true.

"Lioness" eises out all it can from the archives. It has cover songs recorded in 2002, back when Winehouse was getting started, like "The Girl From Ipanema" with a slightly forced hip-hop beat. It has preliminary versions of songs from "Back to Black," including a slower, less sardonic take on "Tears Dry" (later "Tears Dry on Their Own"), and a one-take run-through of "Wake Up Alone" that's nonchalantly bluesy.

A 2011 version of the Gerry Goffin-Carole King song "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" is different from the one Winehouse recorded for the 2004 soundtrack of "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" — trading acoustic rhythm guitar for a booming 1960s soul production — but is built around the same Winehouse vocal track. "Lioness" also includes the duet she recorded with Tony Bennett in March 2011, "Body and Soul," which was recently released on his album and has been nominated for a Grammy Award. Her phrasing is savvy, her voice tattered.

Had she survived, Winehouse might have had new insights into private turmoil, and a voice with eloquent scars. "Lioness" is just the scraps of what might have been.

— Jon Pareles
N.Y. Times



DUB-STEP SKILLS

Grammy surprise: Who's that? His name is Skrillex

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press



NEW YORK — Many people were surprised when the name Skrillex was announced in the best new artist category, along with the likes of Nicki Minaj and The Band Perry, during the recent televised Grammy nominations special.

Count Skrillex as one of them.

A day after earning a whopping five nominations in total, the 23-year-old dance and dubstep producer is still taking it all in.

"It just hasn't really hit me yet," he said in a phone interview from Manchester, England, last week. "I wouldn't have thought I would come this far in so many ways."

Skrillex scored the third-most nominations, matching Lil Wayne. Kanye West leads with seven nods; Adele, the Foo Fighters and Bruno Mars scored six each.

The Los Angeles-based Skrillex, born Sonny Moore, may be best known for "Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites" (he's also a producer on Korn's new album, "The Path of Totality."

Skrillex hasn't had much success on the Billboard charts — he's more of an underground artist. He'll have some tough competition in the best new artist category: Besides facing The Band Perry and Minaj, who were both nominated for Grammys earlier this year and have dominated their respective fields and at other awards shows, he'll compete with Bon Iver, a critical darling, and J. Cole, who had a No.1 album and is the protege of Jay-Z.

Skrillex is nominated for best dance recording for "Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites," and also nominated for best dance/electronica album for his EP, which shares the same name. In 2010, Lady Gaga earned those trophies, and Rihanna's "Only Girl (In the World)" was the winner of best dance recording earlier this year.

Skrillex will have to battle Robyn, Deadmau5 and David Guetta, acts who come from a similar background to his.

"I feel very proud of where I come from," Skrillex said of being in the electronic music scene, a genre that has exploded on Top 40 radio in recent years. "I do feel like I represent something, and I'm a part of something and it's an honor to be there."

Skrillex, who is also nominated for best remixed recording (non-classical) and best short form music video, said he hopes his Grammy love will give more attention to the dance music genre.

"I just hope it opens more doors for next year, not only Grammy nominations, but just everything in general," he said.

The Grammys will be held Feb. 12 in Los Angeles.

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http://www.skrillex.com.
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11 Goodtimers, Shwedown, Ann Russell, Lola Stone @ Music City Mall
13 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
13 Michael Martin Murphy @ Ector Theater
14 DJ Danny G @ Sedona Grill
15 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
15 Cory Morrow @ Rockin' Rodeo
16 DJ Rob @ Sedona Grill
16 Bleu Edmondson @ Graham's
16 Richard Jaquez, Alan Childs @ Music City Mall
16 Jennifer B. and The Groove Kings @ Cigar Frog's
16 Cory Yeager Band @ Torino's
16 3 Lit Pigz @ Riley's
16 Black Eye Shiners @ Detour
16-17 Electric Gypsies @ The Bar
16-17 Glowbos @ Hot Shots
16-17 Blue Midnight @ Your Place
17 Daybreaker, Victorian Halls, Venetia Fair @ Pine Box
17 Cannabel @ Sedona Grill
17 Samuel Zachary, Ty Miller, Tucker Binkley, Lola Stone @ Music City Mall
17 Rey Reyna & Aftershock @ Gritos
17 3 Lit Pigz @ Hawks Nest
17 Cory Yeager @ Cigar Frog's
17 Kevin Seale Band @ Hog Pit
18 Goodtimers, Ernesto Calderon, Cozette Baker, Ann Russell @ Music City Mall
19 The Greenery @ Pine Box
20 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
21 DJ Danny G @ Sedona Grill
21 Media Blitz @ Pine Box
21 Cory Yeager @ Zucchi's
22 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
23 Pure Tejano Showband @ Sedona Grill
23 Bill Irvin @ Cigar Frog's
23 Technical Jazz, Alan Childs @ Music City Mall
23 Shane Rogers @ Detour
23 3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place
24 Jeff Williams, Pat Keefer, Ashley Smith @ Music City Mall
27 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
27 Illustrations @ Pine Box
28 DJ Danny G @ Sedona Grill
29 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
29 Stoney LaRue @ Rockin Rodeo
30 3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place
30 DJ Rob @ Sedona Grill
30 Cory Yeager @ Zucchi's
30 WB Quartet, Ashley Smith @ Music City Mall
30 Cleto Cordero @ Cigar Frog's
31 Justin Langston, Anthony Nieto @ Cigar Frog's
31 Ernesto Calderon, Showdown, Pat Keefer, Ann Russell @ Music City Mall
31 Texas Rain @ Sedona Grill
31 Electric Gypsies @ The Bar
31 Hybrid Child @ Outer Limits
31 Chapaz @ Cabana Sports Bar

January

6 Eli Young Band @ Dos Amigos
6-7 Kevin Ocha @ Riley's
6-7 Dingo Sanctuary @ Your Place
6-7 Grupo Vida (aka Electric Cowboys) @ The Bar
7 2 Steps Back @ Lone Star Bar
7 Brandon Rhyder @ Sandhills Rodeo
10 Ray Price, Gene Watson @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
15 Graham Lindsey, Stevie Tombstone @ New Blue Max
19 Kyle Bennett Band @ Rockin Rodeo
21-22 Kevin Ocha @ Flash's Cantina
23 As Hell Retreats, Sovreign Strength, King Conquer, Gideon @ Pine Box
26 Brandon Rhyder @ Rockin Rodeo
27 Cory Yeager Band @ Detour
27-28 3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place

February

23 Fred Andrews and Honeybrowne @ Rockin' Rodeo

March

3 Jeans n Classics — Madmen Across the Water: Elton John Tribute featuring the Midland/Odessa Symphony and Choir @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
8 The Water Coolers @ MHS auditorium

LUBBOCK

December

11 As I Lay Dying, Of Mice & Men, The Ghost Inside, Iwrestledabearonce, Sylosis @ Pavilion at Lone Star Center

February

11 Uncle Lucius @ Blue Light
16 Brad Paisley, The Band Perry, Scotty McCreery @ United Spirit Arena
18 MercyMe, Tenth Avenue North, Lecrae, Hawk Nelson, Disciple, Sidewalk Prophets, Rend Collective Experience @ United Spirit Arena

NEW MEXICO

December

18 Glen Campbell @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

January

14 The Pointer Sisters @ IOMG
20 Dwight Yoakum @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

December

11 Trans-Siberian Orchestra @ American Airlines Center
17 Bob Segar & the Silver Bullet Band @ American Airline Center

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of Lights. While this song has its origins in Israeli folk-music, its subject also relates back to the far older celebrations of light that occurred in the Northern Hemisphere at this time of year many millennia before Christmas was ever conceived.

The Permian Basin String Quartet then presented a whimsical "We Wish You a Merry Tango," which included a cello being struck almost like a washboard in Cajun music. Rutter's "Angels Carol" utilized the whole orchestra, Chorale and Kids Choir in a special panache of music that filled the auditorium with lovely sound. The Chorale continued with the joyful "Christmas Time is Here" and the intriguing "Pat-a-Pan," which highlighted the normally placid percussion sections of the orchestra.

Bizet's "Farendole" brought the first half to a rousing finish.

After the intermission the clear highlight was Amy Huzjak, the new principal cello for the symphony, with a lilting, haunting version of "Silent Night." Even though I was sitting in the upper balcony, when I closed my eyes I could hear her cello as if it were a few feet away. Once again I wondered what it is about this melody, almost risibly simple when looked at on a music score, that is so moving? No logical answer exists. It just is. And again I was sad at the fact that we only hear "Silent Night" for a few weeks each year – for the rest of the time it is as if its reassuring beauties are locked in amber.

The West Texas Winds charmed with "What Child is This" while the Lone Star Brass sounded remarkably brash and pristine as the players blasted their way through "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," while keeping the music's subtleties intact.

Gary Lewis was perhaps a little too kind to the audience in his congratulations for our singing during the sing-a-long. Surely nearly 2,000 people could make a little more sound than we did. Perhaps we were a little too intimidated to fill this beautiful auditorium with our resolutely amateur tones.

The MOSC filled the 1,800-seat auditorium to capacity, meaning that it has increased its audience since moving to the Wagner-Noel center. Who is this new audience? A glance around during intermission showed a younger, affluent demographic that frankly I have never seen at a symphony event before. Going to this building is a social event in itself — couples and groups of friends obviously met to socialize as well as to experience the music.

This is a promising sign for the MOSC. Their season continues with the Lone Star Brass on Dec. 18. For tickets call 563-0928.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 11, 2011

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SUNDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 11, 2011

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	America's Funniest Home Videos		OnceUpon "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter" (N)		Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG, Adv) Freddie Highmore, Johnny Depp.				KMID News		Ugly Betty	
KOSA CBS	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race (N)		Good Wife "What Went Wrong?" (N)		CSI: Miami "Cromited" (N)		CBS 7 News		The Mentalist	
KWWT CW	Heartland "Mom's Best Friend"						Supernatural "Let's Go"		Nightline		Access Hollywood	
KPEJ FOX	Bob's Burgers	Cleveland Show	TheSim-psons (N)	Cleveland Show (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Three Wide Life	Tx.Rou-dhouse	Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory	
KMLM IND	Doorways to Wisdom		Marvin Winans	Dr. R.Becker	Light of the Southwest				Alan Lee		Jack Van Impe	
KWES NBC	Football Night in America (L)		NFL Football New York Giants vs. Dallas Cowboys Site: Cowboys Stadium -- Arlington, Texas (L)								News-West 9	
KPBT PBS	To Be Announced								Austin City Limits "Patty Griffin and Friends"		Nature	
KUPB UNI	Nuestra Navidad						Sal y pimienta		Mi Tierra	Noticias Univision	Los Luchadores	
KOSA MNT	Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock		Los Angeles	
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Christmas: a time of year commonly associated with giving gifts. What if this year you gave a selfless gift, a gift of value that lasts longer than a present that has been wrapped and placed under the tree? As you and your family, friends, business, or Sunday school class begins to make Christmas plans, consider giving a simple, long lasting gift of service or a monetary donation to those in need through Christmas in Action.

Christmas in Action (CIA), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in Midland, is here to assist physically disabled and elderly individuals living on a fixed income. Since the organization's modest beginnings in 1973, Christmas in Action has assisted with repairs on 9,000 plus homes of low-income elderly and disabled homeowners. The repairs consist of installing new roofs, windows, doors, and siding, applying exterior paint, building wheelchair ramps, and completing heating, plumbing, electrical, and general carpentry repairs. There are many elderly and disabled individuals in Midland living on a limited income that cannot afford necessary home repairs. These individuals struggle to pay for groceries, medications, and utilities on this extremely restricted income. Making repairs to their homes are rarely, if ever, within their financial means.



Christmas in Action is founded on the scripture from James 2:14-17 which says, "What good is it, my brothers, 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." CIA desires to help its brothers and sisters in Midland County.

"Christmas" in the organization's name reflects the unselfish charitable acts generously performed for the physically disabled and elderly homeowners living on a fixed income in the community. As Lillian Harris told CIA, "I only have two places to go for help, God and Christmas in Action."

The success of the organization is due to the generous number of volunteers giving of their time and abilities to benefit those in need. Through Christmas in Action, volunteers have positively affected the lives of the citizens in Midland who are supported by this program. Homeowner and recipient of the program's services, Jewel Sims stated, "I have been so blessed to have them in my life. I can't imagine where I'd be if it weren't for CIA and the volunteers from this organization. They take their time to come here and help, and it's just a blessing. You see all these youngsters that could be doing something else with their life but instead they choose to help people like me. I look outside and they are so excited to help out. They're so kind and respectful when they come over. I couldn't have asked for a better blessing."



So remember Christmas in Action this holiday season and consider giving a gift that will last. Your selfless gift can provide the comforts of home that we so often take for granted such as operational plumbing, functioning electricity, or a roof that does not leak. On February 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Christmas in Action office located at 500 S. Lee St., your group can select a project that will give a little "Christmas" to those in need. The majority of the work will be completed during weekends in April or at a time which is convenient for your group.



If your organization is unable to dedicate time to a home project, consider Christmas in Action a worthy organization upon which to bestow your financial contributions.



Through the donations and contributions from different foundations, churches, businesses, and individuals, CIA has been able to serve low-income elderly and disabled homeowners for the past 39 years.

The assistance Christmas in Action delivers is seen not only in the physical changes to recipients' homes, but also in the grateful hearts of those who are dependent upon the compassion of others. Recipient Pam Kirk states how CIA assisted with her independence in her time of need. "The first thing CIA came out for was to build a new shower after I became ill. I used to be healthy, and I got to the point where I'm in a wheel chair now and couldn't bathe. I needed a way to remain independent and they put grab bars in the shower so I could keep my independence for a few years. If it hadn't been for them, my situation would be different. I've always appreciated their help. My mother used to say CIA does things that other people only talk about doing but don't do. CIA can be counted on."

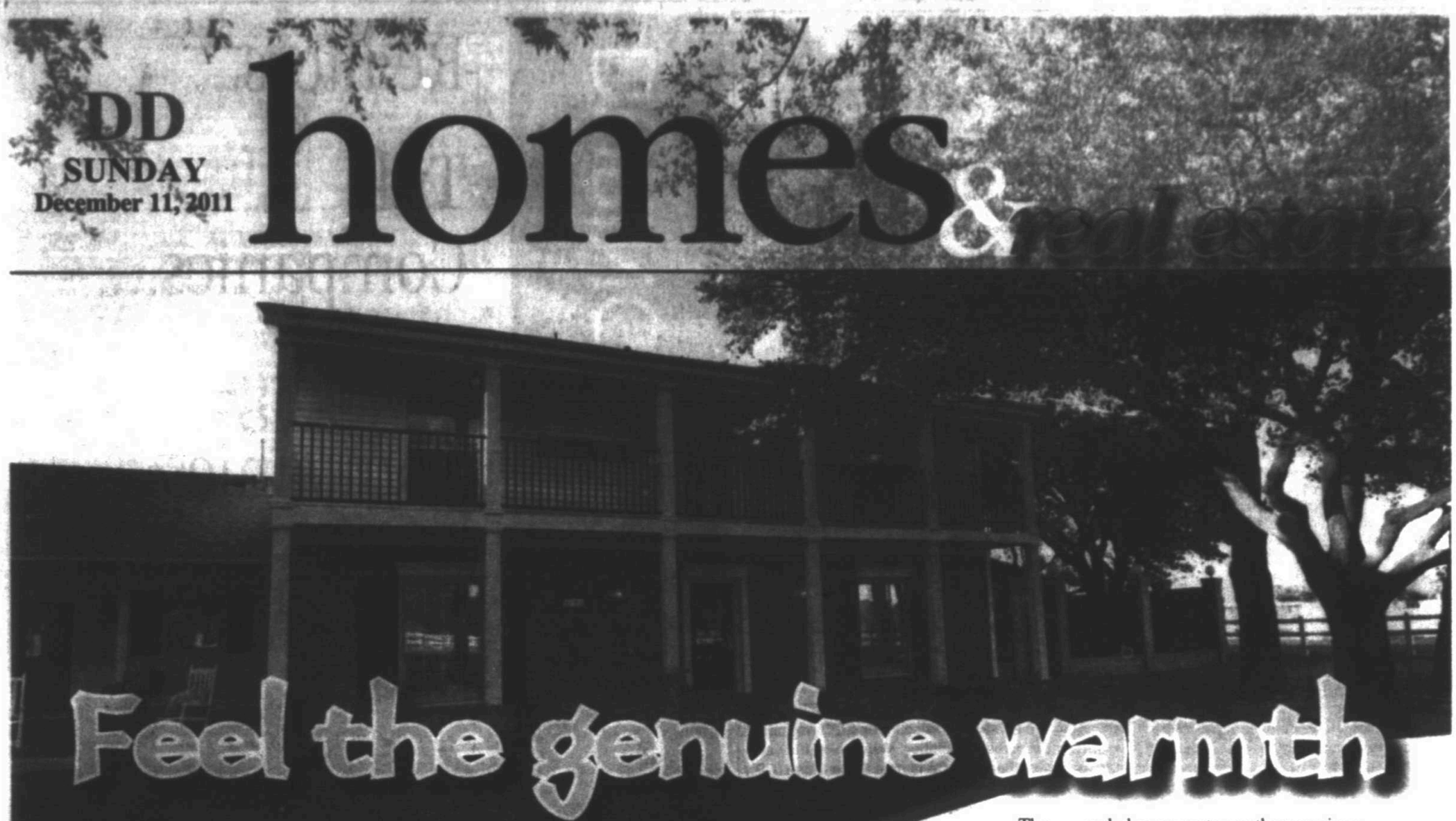
Christmas in Action cannot help individuals like Lillian, Jewel, and Pam without the assistance of donors and volunteers. CIA continues to invite volunteers of all ages to support the organization and to help repair the homes of their recipients. Volunteers under this organization create teams to accomplish specific tasks needed in the homes of Midland. If your family, organization, business, friends, or church group desires to be a part of "building hope in your community," then Christmas in Action has a place for you.

For additional information, contact CIA at 432-683-4177 or visit their website at www.christmasinaction.org.
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Feel the genuine warmth



If you have been searching for a home that speaks to you and gives you a sense of belonging, this is the one. Although 3609 Cardinal Lane is a large home, situated on 2.71 acres with 6,105 square feet (per appraiser), you can feel the genuine warmth and care that has been taken to make it so spectacular. Built in 1977, several updates and additions have been made, which make it the total package for a homeowner. It offers five bedrooms, four full baths, two half baths, pool, guest/pool house and a 30x80 insulated steel constructed shop that was built to commercial standards. Schools for this area include Santa Rita Elementary, Abell Jr. High, and Lee High School.

Driving up the circular drive, you will notice a balcony across the front of the house, large porches for sitting, and mature oak trees surrounding the property. The entry opens to floors made of reclaimed brick from Fort Worth, Plantation shutters, decorative crown moulding and warm paint colors on the walls, which will provide a wonderful backdrop for your own furnishings. To the right is a living room where formal entertaining can take place. French doors lead to a side porch where there is plenty of space for a table and chairs. Continue from the entry and you will find the den with a wall of windows that look out to the backyard, a covered porch that stretches the length of the house, a pool and guest/pool house. The hearth is definitely the "heart of this home" with an oversized opening and carved mantle. This is the room where your family can gather by the fire, play games and visit with one another. Built-in shelves and cabinets surround the fireplace for display of favorite items. Past the den is a home office complete with skylights, an arched ceiling and wood paneling.



The sequestered master features an arched ceiling and ample space for your favorite bedroom furniture! If His and Hers vanities, granite countertops, nickel faucets, a jetted tub and an enormous closet with hidden amenities are what you are looking for, you will find them here! The closet has built-in drawers and three additional bonus areas. Behind one door you will find a storage closet, another has an entire workout room and the last door opens to a cedar closet!

The hallway to the left of the front door has a half bath and brings you to the newly updated gourmet kitchen. Granite countertops, new stainless steel appliances, including a Wolf gas cooktop, double ovens, Sub Zero refrigerator/freezer, beautiful custom cabinetry and two pantries give this kitchen the right ingredients for delicious meals! This room has a beautiful view of the yard and pool. Those dining at the table or bar can enjoy the scenery as well. Off the kitchen is a huge laundry room with an immense amount of storage space. A two car garage is accessible nearby and a stairway in the garage leads to a planked attic area for even more storage.



Four additional bedrooms are at the top of the staircase in the den. They all have rich wooden floors, ceiling fans, built-ins and large closets. The first bedroom is to the right and has a full bathroom where you will find built-in armoires for clothing and lots of storage. Nearby, a guest bedroom features a Murphy Bed, which maximizes space in the room. A full bathroom is located in the hallway and also opens to another spacious bedroom. The last bedroom has a view of the front of the house.

The backyard has a grassy area, which is maintained by a sprinkler system for the fenced in yard areas. A water well is also on this property. Pleasant surroundings are yours as you relax on the back porch and enjoy the view of the pool and fountain/hot tub. Flagstone surrounds the pool as you make your way to the guest/pool house. An outdoor built-in grill and covered dining area make this a perfect place for entertaining! Step inside the guest/pool house for a getaway room for you or the kids. It is totally equipped with two pull down Murphy Beds, a built-in entertainment center with two hidden armoires for clothing storage and a kitchen that will keep you from running back and forth to the house to prepare food. A full bathroom is also nearby with a door to the outside for those at the pool. Beyond this bonus space is an insulated 30x80 steel constructed shop with four (12x12) doors.

Additional amenities to this house include: natural gas lines already in place, pool, guest/pool house, parking pad, sequestered master, hardwood floors, shop, stable area and newly remodeled kitchen.

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This article submitted by Victoria Pruitt, & Jameson Pruitt of The Victoria Pruitt Team Realtors.

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Buying the Wrong Size Home

Many first time buyers especially those who are single and in their late twenties and early thirties purchase one-bedroom condominiums. What they don't realize is how likely it is they will meet someone, fall in love and marry. Unless the girl next door has a condo you can combine with yours, that one bedroom, one bath apartment will soon seem too small. For the same price, and possibly even the same location, your dollar might buy a two bedroom, two bathroom apartment, which would give you additional flexibility. When you buy property, think about how long you intend to live there. Is this a five year home? A ten year home? Or, is the home you intend to die in? The average American family changes residences every five to seven years. If you're in your twenties, it is likely you'll have significantly changed your lifestyle within five to seven years. Smart buyers plan for those changes ahead of time.



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Inflation, All We Never Wanted

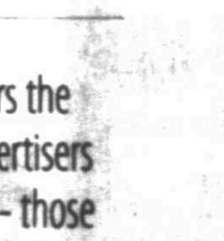
An important story to watch as we head into 2012 is inflation. Remember, inflation is the arch enemy of Bonds and home loan rates, like Kryptonite to Superman. The concept is very simple: If inflation rises, investors in Bonds demand a higher yield to offset the lost buying power inflation imposes on a fixed payment. And as home loan rates are tied to Mortgage Bonds, this would mean home loan rates move higher.

Last month, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the Fed has "considerable latitude" to choose its long-term inflation goal. Although Bernanke didn't elaborate on specifics, the gist of his comment is that the Fed may tolerate higher inflation for a period of time in an attempt to help the economy recover and improve the employment sector.

Remember, the Fed is charged with a dual mandate of (1) controlling inflation as well as (2) supporting job creation. While inflation remains close to the Fed's target range, unemployment is nowhere near where the Fed would want to see it, which is between 5% and 6%. So it appears the Fed may make decisions in the future to improve employment, possibly at the slight expense to inflation.

The good news is that wholesale inflation in the form of the Producer Price Index (PPI) was tamer than expected in October. Meanwhile, the year-over-year headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) was down from the previous reading, which is good news for people concerned about inflation. However, the closely watched Core CPI rose by 0.1%, and though this was inline with estimates, it did push the year-over-year rate to 2.1% from 2%...a touch above the Fed's comfort zone!

The most important thing to remember is that whatever the news brings in the new year, now remains a wonderful time to purchase or refinance a home and take advantage of historically low rates.



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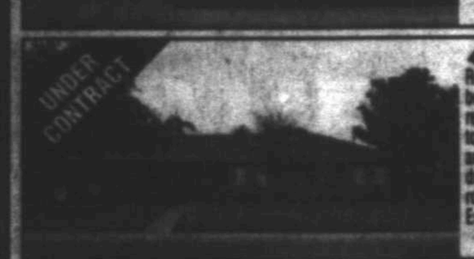
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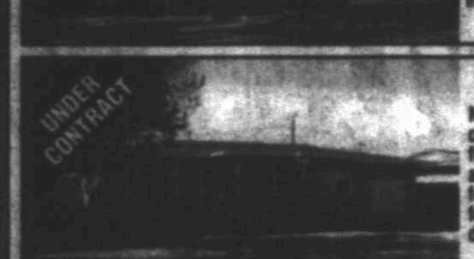
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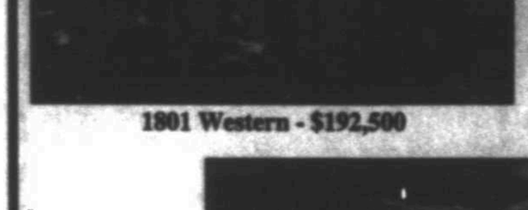
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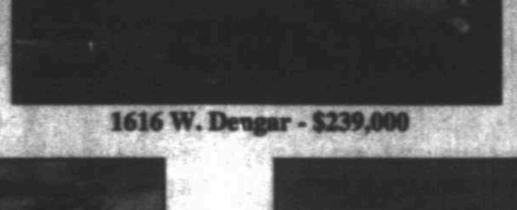
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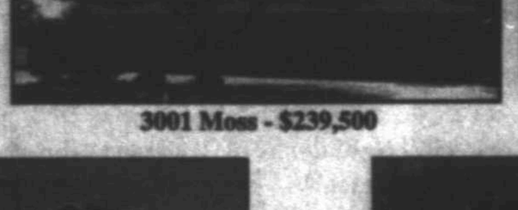
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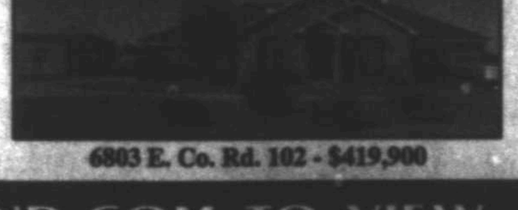

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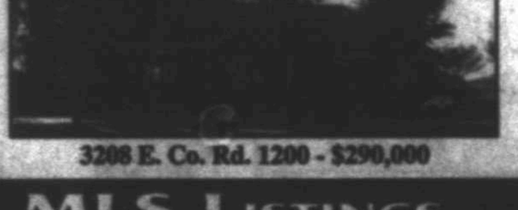

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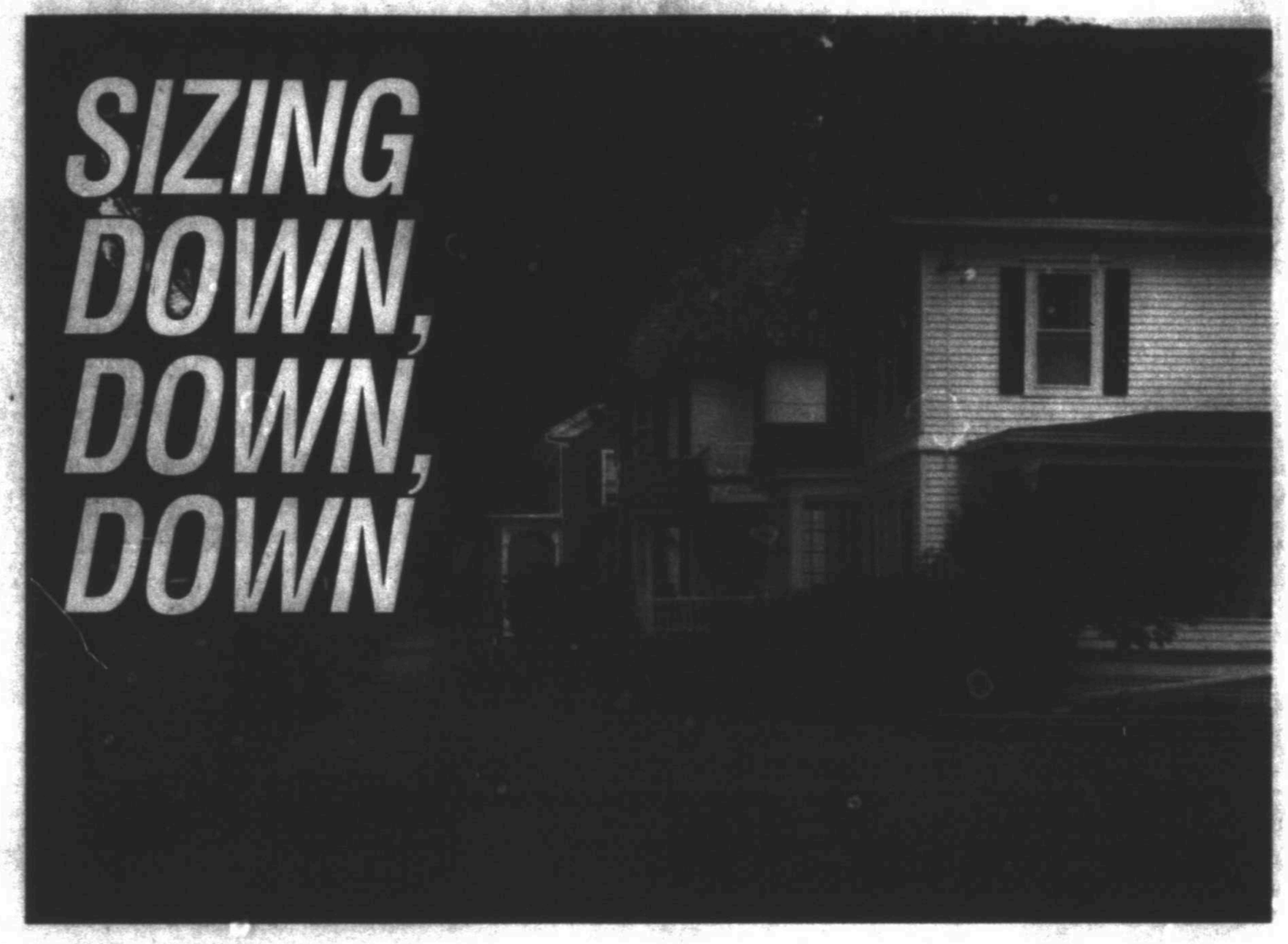
To suggest that a borrower must miss three payments that could otherwise be made does several things. First, it means that the borrower's credit will be seriously downgraded - even if a short sale is not completed. Second, it sets a foreclosure in motion and with it additional borrower costs and fees. Third, it puts the lender in the position of suggesting the encouragement of default, a huge no-no in the lending business. Fourth, in some jurisdictions it may set up the borrower for a "deficiency" judgment after the transaction, a suit by the lender to get back its money and fees.

If the loan is current and the borrower needs to move the best option may be to rent the property. While home values have been falling rental rates have generally held steady or increased in most areas.

Whenever a lender or "foreclosure rescue specialist" suggests deliberately missing payments borrowers should immediately ask for assistance from an attorney or a community housing organization. Pro bono legal services may be available through law schools and bar associations. State attorneys general also may be able to suggest sources of help.

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WHETHER IT'S A TOO-BIG EMPTY NEST OR TOO-HIGH UTILITIES, CUTTING SQUARE FOOTAGE PRESENTS MANY WAYS TO PARE COSTS

By BARBARA BALLINGER
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The economic downturn has made many reassess every dollar they spend, from vacations to wardrobes, gym memberships, food budgets and even how much they allot to java. But one big-ticket item many now are re-evaluating is their family home or apartment - pare square footage and they pare their monthly mortgage or rental obligations. With so much inventory available in most markets, as well as lower interest rates, there are plenty of affordable housing prospects to consider.

WHERE TO PARE

Besides the mortgage payment, there are many other monthly and annual expenses that traditionally decrease with less space: homeowners' insurance, property taxes, utilities, furnishings, and maintenance for the house and yard.

The lowered tax bill is the main driving factor, says Karen Stroub, a real-estate salesperson with William Ravis Legends Realty Group in Westchester County, N.Y. Yet, other factors can reduce housing expenses beyond square footage, including moving to a location with a less prestigious view or address.

When Marvin Doniger, a Laguna, Calif., management consultant, and his wife cut their house size by 1,000 square feet, they also gave up an ocean view, which dropped their costs, he says. "We missed the view, but the house had become the equivalent of the one in the movie 'The Money Pit,'" Doniger says, invoking the 1980s film where a young couple struggles to turn a dilapidated house into their dream home.

Author Elaine Fantle Shimberg and her husband cut both their square footage and electric bill by a third when the last of their five children left for college. They couples, based in Tampa, moved into a two-bedroom condo. "We buy much less toilet paper!" she adds.

Making a careful choice about location - whether closer to work, family or recreational and cultural pursuits - can cut transportation costs and time.

Doug and Francine Cregar moved from a suburban house to The Residences at Dockside, a condo development on the pier in downtown Philadelphia, to cut taxes, utilities and driving to city activities. "It's so easy now getting around. And there are 50 restaurants within walking distance, Doug says.

DON'T OVERDO IT

One big caveat, according to Susan Stynes, a Realtor with Long & Foster in Richmond, Va., is to avoid over-downsizing. "I advise clients not to cut back more than 60 percent of their current home's size, since some end up moving again to upsize, which can be expensive," she says.

Jean A. Dorrell, a certified estate planner with Senior Financial Security in Summerfield, Fla., recommends homeowners rent a smaller abode to test prospects if they're not sure about size. Dorrell also advises downsizers to look into maintenance-free homes, like condos.

Similarly, some forms of housing, even if smaller, introduce new expenses, such as homeowner's association fees or assessments.

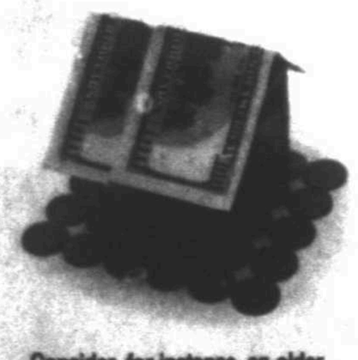
Discussing pros and cons with a financial adviser may be beneficial. Also, compare current versus future costs and put them in the context of whether savings are justified. "If you save $500 but are miserable, it's obviously not worth it," Doniger says.

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GIVING UP THE HOME. SORT OF

Donating your home to charity has its own set of benefits



It's difficult to sell real estate these days. But it's getting more popular to give it away.

In this troubled economy, charities "are realizing that cash gifts are hard to come by," notes Dennis Bidwell of Bidwell Advisors, a charity consultancy based in Northampton, Mass.

Moreover, "There are more and more older people who've arrived at a point where they want to dispose of their vacation homes," Bidwell adds.

Charities and nonprofits, such as universities, have long accepted real estate, from homes to farms, but the downturn is prompting an uptick, Bidwell emphasizes, with even some small-scale charities hiring consultants to help them accept the gift.

Indeed, real estate donations can be packaged in a variety of legal mechanisms, offering tax or financial benefits to the donor. Donors typically begin exploring donating by contacting their attorney and tax advisers, says Bidwell.

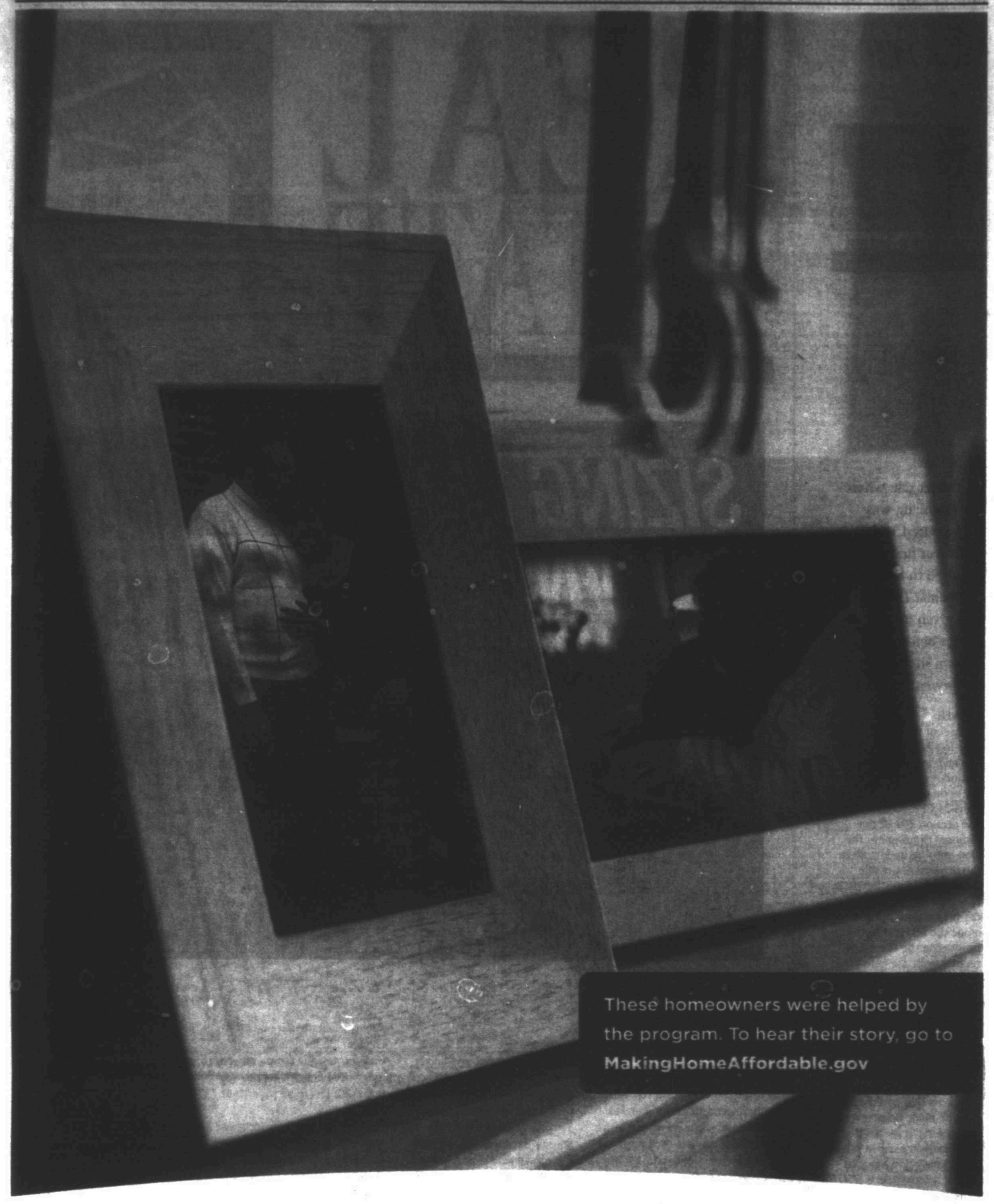
Consider, for instance, an older homeowner who would like to remain in his home but would like to donate to his alma mater. He can create a "retained life estate," notes Caroline Camougis, managing director at Delphi Partners, a New York City consulting firm. That allows him to give the home now, but continue to live in it, as well as enjoy a charitable tax deduction for a portion of the property's value, avoid some capital gains taxes and remove the property from the donor's taxable estate, she explains.

In another arrangement, Camougis says, the donor transfers the property to a charitable trust, with the trustee then selling the property. From the proceeds, the donor can receive regular income payments, much as if they purchased an annuity, and enjoy tax benefits. The charity receives the remaining proceeds on the death of the last beneficiary of the trust.

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5200 OAK VALLEY DR.
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5105 Chelsea Place
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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1411 Kentucky	3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage	Under Contract
9214 Lavaca Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
910 E. 86th St	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$163,000
9005 Kermit Ave	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$185,000
3307 Camarie Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$186,000
249 Main St	4 Bdr/3 Ba/Garden City	$275,000
2502 Candle Tree Cove	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5002 Opal Ct	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5707 Los Patios	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	Under Contract

NEW CONSTRUCTION

409 E. Pecan Ave	Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	Under Contract
6019 Los Caminos	Morse Properties/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5709 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3103 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3105 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3107 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$231,000
5713 Carmel Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$269,900
4606 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$270,500
4601 Yearwood	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$271,500
4704 Yearwood	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5018 Linne St	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5702 Los Patios	Dozier Custom Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$276,900
5711 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$270,500
3001 Bayridge Ct	Reeson Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
1008 Oak Creek	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4606 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5001 Coquina	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$289,000
3201 Patrick Pl	Sáenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$285,500
5713 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4711 Yearwood	Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5007 Gateway	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5314 Wellin St	Brosseo Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
207 Skywood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
403 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$327,000
409 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$339,000
5304 Hilltop Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5317 Hilltop Dr	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
6500 Los Caminos	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4313 Wood Dr	Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4317 Wood Dr	Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Lone Rose Estates	Bardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14019 N. Chinaberry	Bardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.914 Acres	$112,000
4701 E. Buttercup Dr	Bardendale/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.798 Acres	$110,000
9017 E. Goldenrod	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage/1 Acre	$125,000
7901 E. Goldenrod	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage/Bardendale/17.000 Acres	Under Contract
9034 E. Marigold Dr	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage/Bardendale/0.50 Acres	$325,000
12044 Goldenrod Dr	Bardendale/20 Acres/Horse Farm	$600,000

RESIDENTIAL HOME SITES

705 S. Lincoln Ave	0.161 Acres	$3,500

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Lone Rose Estates	N. Co. Rd. 1071.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
7409 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.82 Acres	$30,000
7502 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.822 Acres with barn	$80,000
0400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Ranchos Estates/0.934 Acres	$62,900
County Rd. 210	79.53 Acres	$115,000
3805 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Horse Barn	$125,000
Parmer County	800 Acre Farm	Under Contract

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801 SHELL
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OPEN 1:30-2:30



#20 LAKES DRIVE
$799,000
Extraordinarily unique & stunning! Serious buyers only!
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OPEN 1:30-2:30



5401 SAN SABA
$244,900
3 bed/2.5 bath in cul-de-sac at Holiday Hill Village!
Shown by Dona Satterfield

OPEN 1:30-2:30



5504 RIDGEMONT
$329,900
Beautifully updated 4 bed/3.5 bath in Grassland!
Shown by Kim Merrill

OPEN 1:30-2:30



4313 PRINCETON
$109,000
Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/2 bath! Pristine & updated!! Must see!
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 1:30-2:30



307 JEFFERSON ST.
REDUCED TO $159,900
You must see this house!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

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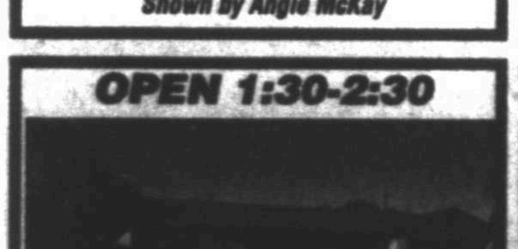
5916 PEDERNALES
$229,900
Gorgeous! Better-than-new!
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3811 TUMBLEWEED
$439,000
This property has it all!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

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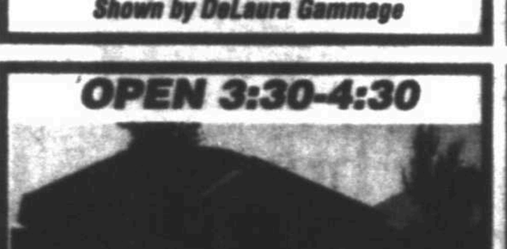
1501 DELMAR
$139,900
Nice 3 bedroom home on corner lot!
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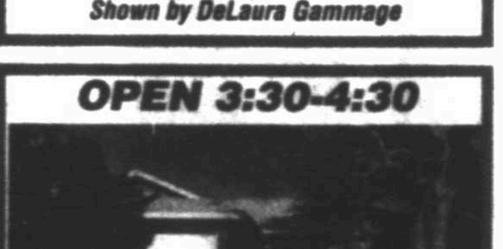
1102 E. CUTHBERT
$97,500
Spacious floorplan w/3 bed, 2 bath, endless possibilities!
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909 ALMONT
$375,000
Low-maintenance beauty on quiet street in coveted Woodland Park!
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OPEN 3:30-4:30



3520 IMPERIAL
$185,000
Spacious 4 bedroom home in established neighborhood!
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4614 ANETTA
REDUCED TO $125,000
Adorable 3 bdrm/2 bath home!
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• Kitchen with Fabulous Island and Pantry
• MLS #88559, $370,000

10515 EAST CO. RD. 109
• Wow, What an amazing set-up on 1 acre.
• Lovely home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bath
• Outside Covered Living room with fireplace,
• Pool with Cabana, shop, Trophy room, Media Room above Shop.
• 2 stall barn with turn out pens.
• MSL #88359, $475,000

FEATURED LISTINGS

3314 W. Co. Rd 185		MLS# 88559	$370,000
10515 E. Co. Rd. 109		MLS #88359	$475,000
10 Metz Court	UNDER CONTRACT/OPTIONED	MLS #88409	$159,600
4318 Greenbriar	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #88205	$149,500
2208 Cimmaron	UNDER CONTRACT/OPTIONED	MLS #88244	$179,000
1100 Mogford	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #88170	$156,000
4511 Teakwood Trace		MLS #87743	$279,000
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4802 Yearwood.....$300,000
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5900 Oak Creek- 4 bed, 3 bath, 1 living 2dining, 3 car garage	UC
1106 Porterfield- 3 bed, 1 study, 2 bath, 2 car garage	$169,700
5809 Llano- 4 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 dining, 2 car garage	$269,500
5906 Pedernales- 3 bed, 2 bath, 1 living, 1 dining, 2 garage	UC
1101 Porterfield- 4 bed, 2 bath, 2 garage	$168,700
1105 Porterfield- 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage	$173,700
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3910 PEDERNALES- $229,900
CERTAINLY BETTER THAN NEW!
Mark payne model - barely lived in! Hand! granite thru-out! Open living / dining / kitchen! Beautiful decorator colors! Stained concrete flooring! Sequestered master with fabulous bath! Tons of windows! Upgrades thru-out! Covered patio! Sprinklers! 2 Car rear entry garage! Simply wonderful!

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3911 TUMBLEWEED - $439,000
THIS PROPERTY HAS IT ALL!
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1501 DELMAR - $139,900
NICE 3 BEDROOM HOME ON CORNER LOT!
Great living space! Front living room has tile flooring & big window! Kitchen is open to dining area which is large enough to host a big table & hutch! Inside utility room! Updated master bathroom! Great closet space! Enclosed patio is perfect office! Nice front porch! Large lot with mature trees & water well! 2 Car garage!

OPEN 3:30-4:30
800 ALBERT - $275,000
LOW-MAINTENANCE BEAUTY ON QUIET STREET
IN CYSTED HOMES ADDITION!
Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, stainless appliances, gorgeous cabinetry & hardwood flooring is surrounded by eat-in dining nook & open to family room with fireplace & built-ins! Master suite has private bath & great closet! Hall bath has been remodeled! Inside utility room! 2 car garage has stamped concrete parking! Wood

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3520 IMPERIAL - $185,000
SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM HOME
IN ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD!
Great living room with vaulted ceiling & fireplace is open to the kitchen/dining area! Newer appliances (all convey!), skylight in the kitchen! Great sized separate master bedroom with sitting area, private bath & two closets! Nice sized secondary bedrooms! Covered patio! Storage patio! Nice yard! Dog run! Storage bldg! Close to Rusk Elem & LHS!

OPEN 3:30-4:30
4814 AUSTIN - REDUCED TO $135,000
ADORABLE 2 BEDROOM HOME!
Large living room with fireplace & dining area! Kitchen has big windows & breakfast nook! Sequestered master suite has private bath & great walk-in closet! Big utility room! 2 Car garage has been enclosed for a great 2nd living/game room (has window unit) with mini-kitchen-seller will convert back to 1 or 2 car garage for buyer! 2 Large storage buildings! Covered patio! Tons of records!

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PARKSIDE BASIC COVENANT HOMES

2101 S. CO. RD. 1007...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96408 ..... $260,000
10104 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96409 ..... $335,000

J.C. BUILDERS

3606 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96464 ..... $279,900
3708 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96469 ..... $279,900
3707 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96109 ..... SALE PENDING
3619 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #97345 ..... SALE PENDING

BUSTAMANTE CONSTRUCTION

6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97425 ..... $399,900

BUSTOS HOMES, INC.

421 W. SHARON AVE...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #98131 ..... SALE PENDING
3304 ALFORD...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #96437 ..... SALE PENDING

CHASE CONSTRUCTION

618 SPRUCE AVE...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #96363 ..... $149,900

CHASCO CONSTRUCTION

4009 YEARWOOD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96091 ..... $199,900

DOUBLE E CONSTRUCTION

1601 WABASTA...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #97635 ..... SOLD
1600 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #97138 ..... $216,900

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

4305 DUNBLANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #96404 ..... $650,000
00 LAKES...Martha Manulik 618-5040 ..... MLS #97547 ..... $799,900
5710 HILLCREST CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97774 ..... SALE PENDING
5016 VIRA VISTA CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97764 ..... $599,000
4505 RUSTIC TRAIL...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #97549 ..... $679,900
6510 PERH...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97967 ..... $499,000
7005 CALEN CT...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ..... MLS #97540 ..... $579,900
24 LAKES DRIVE...Samantha McCrary 634-6370 ..... MLS #98024 ..... SALE PENDING
1209 CASTLE ROCK CT...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ..... MLS #91489 ..... $539,000
4139 FAIRWOOD DR...Michelle Leslie 230-3639 ..... MLS #97362 ..... $459,000
3011 TUMBLEWEED...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #96372 ..... $439,000
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97425 ..... $399,900
4405 IRVIN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98391 ..... $399,900
4309 SKYLINE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97960 ..... $365,000
10510 E. CO. RD. 106...Marla Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #96487 ..... $369,900
4001 RUSTIC TRAIL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #96386 ..... SALE PENDING
2101 S. CO. RD. 1007...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96406 ..... $350,000
3010 KNIFFEN RD...Angie Mckay 599-0272 ..... MLS #98196 ..... SALE PENDING
2201 PRINCETON AVE...Pam Messer 349-9078 ..... MLS #97776 ..... $349,000
4008 CHERRYWOOD...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ..... MLS #96297 ..... $339,900
5230 OAK VALLEY DR...Peggy Spence 684-3011 ..... MLS #96502 ..... SALE PENDING
5011 BRADSHAW BLVD...Angie McKay 599-0272 ..... MLS #96957 ..... SALE PENDING
10104 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96409 ..... $335,900
4004 RIDGEMONT...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ..... MLS #96297 ..... $329,900
1007 OAK CREEK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #96250 ..... SALE PENDING
4006 GREEN TREE BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97225 ..... SALE PENDING
4125 FOX HOLLOW CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #96036 ..... $309,900
4011 TEAKWOOD TRACE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #97743 ..... $279,900
3907 CRESTLINE AVE...Debbie Hatfield 684-0369 ..... MLS #98186 ..... SALE PENDING
5412 BASSWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #96052 ..... $275,000
5707 SABINE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3993 ..... MLS #97469 ..... SOLD
3800 S. CO. RD. 1184...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97496 ..... SOLD
3402 CULPEPPER DR...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #97946 ..... $259,900
6001 CASTLEFORD...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..... MLS #96047 ..... $269,900
1216 CO. RD 1128...Mark Phillbar 618-5071 ..... MLS #96978 ..... $269,900
2308 HERMITAGE CT...Elsie Ratt 557-7159 ..... MLS #98044 ..... SOLD
2917 CALDERA BLVD...Deborah Stewart 934-3981 ..... MLS #96339 ..... SALE PENDING
5010 SHERWOOD...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..... MLS #97275 ..... SALE PENDING
4709 MELVILLE DR...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1018 ..... MLS #96004 ..... SALE PENDING
2510 KESWICK RD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96085 ..... SOLD
6004 PEDERNALES...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98245 ..... SALE PENDING
4107 GODFREY ST...Perkins Braster 349-5421 ..... MLS #96098 ..... $234,000
2625 MAXWELL DR...Danny Norwood 413-2704 ..... MLS #97061 ..... $229,900
421 W. SHANDON AVE...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #98131 ..... SALE PENDING
3100 E. CO. RD. 90...Ashley St John 559-6234 ..... MLS #97629 ..... $189,400
3020 IMPERIAL AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98252 ..... $185,000
2200 WHITNEY DR...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ..... MLS #97769 ..... SOLD
3304 ALFORD ST...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #96437 ..... SALE PENDING
3021 SINCLAIR...Jennifer Martin 349-2032 ..... MLS #98410 ..... $179,900
1204 KANSAS AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96461 ..... $172,500
10414 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96409 ..... SALE PENDING
4307 GREENBRIAR DR...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1018 ..... MLS #96002 ..... SALE PENDING
3223 CAMARIE...Lisa Jaime 661-3389 ..... MLS #97918 ..... SALE PENDING
3917 AVETTA DR...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #98132 ..... SALE PENDING
1906 PECOS...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #97868 ..... SALE PENDING
2121 KESSLER...Kim Rhyne 528-4048 ..... MLS #97992 ..... SALE PENDING

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

1703 I STREET...Karen Mason 349-3559 ..... MLS #96369 ..... $699,000
1905 S. CO. RD. 1121...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #97673 ..... $485,000
804 CANONERO...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ..... MLS #97724 ..... $459,900
609 W. 43RD ST., ODESSA...Marla Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #96413 ..... 4+ Acres/$299,900
207 SKYWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97914 ..... SALE PENDING
5010 LLANO...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98251 ..... SALE PENDING
5400 LA JOLLA COVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97823 ..... $279,900
5705 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96468 ..... $279,900
3608 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96464 ..... $279,900
5707 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96109 ..... SALE PENDING
7 CHATHAM CT...Josie Alvarez 296-1395 ..... MLS #96975 ..... SOLD
1801 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #97970 ..... SALE PENDING
2911 CALDERA BLVD...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #98272 ..... $269,900
1301 MISSOURI AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #97699 ..... $264,900
1011 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #98128 ..... $254,900
4009 LEWIS DR...Sandy Hanson 618-5017 ..... MLS #97120 ..... $253,900
5401 SAN SABA CT...Teri Vestal 556-1632 ..... MLS #98317 ..... $244,900
6005 BAYBRIDGE...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ..... MLS #98213 ..... SALE PENDING
6707 RIO GRANDE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98199 ..... $230,000
5010 PEDERNALES...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98440 ..... $229,900
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..... MLS #97706 ..... SALE PENDING
4309 TUMBLEWEED...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ..... MLS #97679 ..... $229,900
1011 DEVONSHIRE CT...Dona Satterfield 689-6241 ..... MLS #97944 ..... SALE PENDING
3409 BERMUDA CT...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ..... MLS #98037 ..... SALE PENDING
1603 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #97138 ..... $216,900
4309 KNIFFEN...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96628 ..... $214,900
3407 STANDLIND AVE...Kay Rivera 618-5018 ..... MLS #96428 ..... $205,900
3214 HIGHSKY DR...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ..... MLS #97495 ..... SALE PENDING
2211 HUMBLE AVE...Danny Norwood 413-2704 ..... MLS #96042 ..... SALE PENDING
5325 SE CO. RD. 1080, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 205-1448 ..... MLS #97329 ..... SALE PENDING
2222 CIMMARON...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #97445 ..... $197,900
3404 STANDLIND AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #96304 ..... SALE PENDING
3403 EDGEMONT...Donna Crain 349-1458 ..... MLS #98312 ..... $192,000
3200 FRONTIER...Jane Wolf 694-6040 ..... MLS #98351 ..... $160,000
2914 MOSS AVE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1018 ..... MLS #98190 ..... SALE PENDING
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2231 SHANDON AVE...Karen Mason 349-3559 ..... MLS #96937 ..... SALE PENDING
5201 N. MIDKIFF RD...Teri Vestal 556-1632 ..... MLS #97935 ..... $185,900
3319 WEDGEWOOD ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98414 ..... $180,000
5225 BRAZOS...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ..... MLS #98214 ..... SALE PENDING
2104 LINDORA WAY...Larry Hatfield 684-0675 ..... MLS #96918 ..... SALE PENDING
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1700 CULVER...Sam McCray 634-3370 ..... MLS #98261 ..... $179,900
2200 CIMMARON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #98244 ..... SALE PENDING
4305 PENCLIFF AVE...Peggy Spence 552-6254 ..... MLS #97111 ..... $179,000
2206 PRINCETON AVE...Karen Mason 349-3559 ..... MLS #97644 ..... SALE PENDING
3607 PENNHAM CT...Lisa Jaime 661-3389 ..... MLS #97689 ..... SALE PENDING
3900 S. CO. RD. 1099...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96400 ..... SALE PENDING
705 AUSTIN...Jane Wolf 694-6040 ..... MLS #98334 ..... $160,000
413 WEELY...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..... MLS #98364 ..... $160,000
2024 IMPERIAL AVE...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ..... MLS #97749 ..... SOLD
1404 TEXAS AVE...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #97799 ..... $159,900
10200 CO. RD. 85...Pam Messer 349-9075 ..... MLS #97074 ..... $159,900
10 METZ CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #98409 ..... SALE PENDING
2900 N. D STREET...Jane Wolf 694-6040 ..... MLS #97407 ..... $158,900
3025 DENVAR AVE...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #98406 ..... $158,000
2311 TERRACE...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ..... MLS #98292 ..... SALE PENDING
421 E. DENVAR...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #98249 ..... $150,000
4310 GREENBRIAR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #98205 ..... SALE PENDING
1100 BEDFORD ST...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #98170 ..... SALE PENDING
3007 IMPERIAL AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..... MLS #97300 ..... SALE PENDING
1710 A NAVAJO DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97237 ..... $145,000
410 E. SPRUCE...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #96363 ..... $145,000
3705 STANDLIND...Jane Wolf 694-6040 ..... MLS #97019 ..... $145,000
1601 DELMAR DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98439 ..... $139,400
500 W. 16TH, ODESSA...Dona Satterfield 689-6241 ..... MLS #97672 ..... $139,000
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #96399 ..... $139,000
4011 PLEASANT...Angie McKay 599-0272 ..... MLS #98490 ..... $134,900
4321 COUNTRY CLUB DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98320 ..... SALE PENDING
202 S. OLDWOOD...Gloria Farmer 563-0732 ..... MLS #97043 ..... SALE PENDING
2005 FANNIN AVE...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96206 ..... SALE PENDING
12300 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96979 ..... $130,000
3307 SAN ANTONIO...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98445 ..... SALE PENDING
4730 CUTHBERT AVE...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ..... MLS #98160 ..... $129,900
3216 W. LOUISIANA...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #97004 ..... $129,900
4014 ANETTA DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #98000 ..... $125,000
3907 CUNNINGHAM...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #97044 ..... $125,000
3222 MARIANA AVE...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #98438 ..... $117,000
4313 PRINCETON...Angie McKay 599-0272 ..... MLS #96408 ..... $109,900
3517 IMPERIAL AVE...Chad Tabor 687-6500 ..... MLS #96628 ..... SALE PENDING
1001 TARLETON...Jennifer Martin 349-2032 ..... MLS #97352 ..... SALE PENDING
4007 PLEASANT DR...Teri Vestal 556-1632 ..... MLS #97906 ..... SALE PENDING
1207 E. GOLF COURSE...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #96705 ..... SALE PENDING
005 BROOKS DR...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #97873 ..... $104,900
301 S. MADISON...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ..... MLS #98509 ..... $104,000
4309 PASADENA...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #98083 ..... SALE PENDING
4724 CROCKETT...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #97242 ..... $99,900
1102 CUTHBERT...Angie McKay 599-0272 ..... MLS #98193 ..... $97,900
3207 ILLINOIS...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..... MLS #98030 ..... $90,000
1500 WEATHERFORD ST...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #97950 ..... SALE PENDING
4316 MONTY...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #97726 ..... $80,900
609 DEVONIAN...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #98427 ..... SALE PENDING
209 E. PECK...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #97474 ..... $79,000
1405 MICHIGAN...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #98453 ..... $79,000
4004 CHEROKEE DR...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #98329 ..... $76,900
1702 E. DAE AVE...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #98330 ..... $76,900
215 CRESTVIEW DR...Sue Lyle 681-5337 ..... MLS #97527 ..... SOLD

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4000 & 4002 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #98081 & #98082 ..... $405,000
2001 PCR 2240...Teri Vestal 556-1632 ..... MLS #98200 ..... SOLD
4304 CHESTWOOD AVE...Martha Manulik 618-5037 ..... MLS #97300 ..... $169,900
1403 TENNESSEE AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..... MLS #98362 ..... SALE PENDING
105 RIDGLEA DR...Ashley St.John 352-6254 ..... MLS #97775 ..... SALE PENDING
2707 FRANKLIN...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #96477 ..... SOLD
3200 DIE...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..... MLS #98010 ..... SALE PENDING
3600 EASTON...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96065 ..... $94,900
611 W. TAYLOR...Marla Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #96002 ..... SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

6000 E. HWY. 80...Amy Braster 352-6714 ..... MLS #95150 ..... $1,200,000
10515 CO. RD. 109...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #96359 ..... $475,000
1905 S. CO. RD. 1121...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #97673 ..... $465,000
3314 W. CO. RD. 100...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #96059 ..... $370,000
3400 W. CO. RD. 1121...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97424 ..... $369,000
10510 E. CO. RD. 106...Marla Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #96487 ..... $369,900
2101 SCR 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96408 ..... $350,000
10104 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96409 ..... $335,900
3107 C 2100, STANTON...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #98177 ..... 10 Acres/$299,900
3000 S. CO. RD. 1184...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97496 ..... SOLD
1216 S. CO. RD. 1128...Mark Phillbar 618-5071 ..... MLS #96976 ..... $269,900
2001 PCR 2240...Teri Vestal 556-1632 ..... MLS #98200 ..... SOLD
10905 E. CO. RD. 109...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #96056 ..... SALE PENDING
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ..... MLS #97706 ..... SALE PENDING
3500 CO. RD. 1080, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 205-1448 ..... MLS #97329 ..... SALE PENDING
0100 E. CO. RD. 90...Ashley St John 552-6254 ..... MLS #97629 ..... $169,400
3400 W. CO. RD. 101...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #98101 ..... SALE PENDING
10700 CO. RD. 110...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..... MLS #97775 ..... SALE PENDING
3900 S. CO. RD. 1099...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96400 ..... SALE PENDING
10200 CO. RD. 85...Pam Messer 349-9075 ..... MLS #97074 ..... $159,900
6002 W. FM 846 KNOTT...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #98000 ..... $150,000
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #96399 ..... $139,000
12300 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96979 ..... $130,000
10414 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96409 ..... $110,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... 8 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$90,000
1600 HWY. 137...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #98477 ..... $79,900
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... 3+ Acre Lots/Lots $79,900/$1,
FM 2032...BROWNWOOD LAKE...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... $44,900
10520 CO. RD. 109...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97162 ..... $29,000

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

2206 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #97159 ..... $415,000
0177 COVALIA DR., ODESSA, TX...Sandy Hinson 638-3819 ..... MLS #94152 ..... $405,000
7000 CO. RD. 118, GREENWOOD...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #97629 ..... $399,000
4100 FM 818, BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #97058 ..... $375,000
3107 C 2100, STANTON...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #98177 ..... $299,900
3000 REDBUD, ODESSA, TX...Ashley St John 352-6254 ..... MLS #97617 ..... $389,000
500 W. 43RD ST., ODESSA...Marla Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #96413 ..... 4+ Acres/$299,900
1210 LA PAZ, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 206-1448 ..... MLS #94584 ..... SALE PENDING
4013 VALLEYBROOK LN., ODESSA, TX...Jane Wolf 694-6040 ..... MLS #97546 ..... $224,900
5825 SE CO. RD. 1080, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 205-1448 ..... MLS #97329 ..... SALE PENDING
3011 LANKSPUR, GARDENDALE, TX...Mark Phillbar 618-5071 ..... MLS #96977 ..... SALE PENDING
2114 NE CO. RD. 101, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 205-1448 ..... MLS #94429 ..... $295,000
401 DEALY, BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #98040 ..... $170,000
1700 E. 21ST., ODESSA, TX...Gloria Vasker Farmer 563-0732 ..... MLS #93257 ..... $185,000
700 ST. DONIFACE, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #96254 ..... SALE PENDING
14000 LARIAT TR., GARDENDALE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #97753 ..... $185,000
712 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #94740 ..... SALE PENDING
2001 SE CO. RD. 4001, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 205-1448...MLS #94610 ..... $199,900
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #94741 ..... $184,900
7020 24TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Brian Sales 618-1018 ..... MLS #98408 ..... $182,900
205 2ND STREET, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #96201 ..... SALE PENDING
6002 W. FM 846 KNOTT...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #98000 ..... $150,000
1400 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #96775 ..... SALE PENDING
000 W. 16TH, ODESSA...Dona Satterfield 689-6241 ..... MLS #97672 ..... $139,000
10200 GARDENDALE RD., GARDENDALE...Ashley St. John 352-6254...MLS #98178 ..... $130,000
004 BROADWAY, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #96271 ..... $135,000
100 E. FORRESTER, McCAMEY, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ..... MLS #96278 ..... $134,900
1007 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #96343 ..... $110,000
10414 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96409 ..... SALE PENDING
217 HENDRICKSON ST., GOLDSMITH...Mark Phillbar 618-5071...MLS #98123 ..... $102,400
1712 CRESCENT DR., ODESSA, TX...Lydia Scudder 853-2200...MLS #96609 ..... SALE PENDING
0201 HARVARD AVE., ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 682-5344...MLS #94158 ..... $94,900
3100 DARLEY DR, COLORADO CITY...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #96345 ..... $90,000
1207 E. 16TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 682-5344...MLS #94013 ..... $79,900
605 ST. PETER, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ..... MLS #96553 ..... $79,900
2101 LIVE OAK LANE, BROWNWOOD...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #94003 ..... $70,000
250 S. BURLESON, McCAMEY...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #97003 ..... $60,000
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #7043 ..... $46,900
HWY. 176, TARZAN...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #97267 ..... $34,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

3909 S. CO. RD. 1295...Amy Braster Barnett 352-6714 ..... MLS #94063 ..... SALE PENDING
7400 W. I-20, MIDLAND...Sam McCray 634-3370 ..... MLS #97650 ..... $3,975,000
3909 ANDREWS HWY., ODESSA, TX...Marla Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #97618 ..$1,200,000
6000 E. HWY. 80...Amy Braster Barnett 352-6714 ..... MLS #95150 ..... $1,200,000
11911 CO. RD. 125, ODESSA, TX...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #98474 ..... $800,000
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #97475 ..... $570,000
1009 S. BIG SPRING...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #95135 ..... $425,000
500 W. 43RD ST., ODESSA...Marla Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #96413 ..4+ Acres/$299,900
1011 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... MLS #98128 ..... $294,900
4301 W. ILLINOIS...Mark Phillbar 618-5071 ..... MLS #96308 ..... $225,000
3400 FRONT ST...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #96589 ..... $210,000
3900 ANDREWS HWY., ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980...MLS #96616 ..... $197,500
1800 W. CO. RD. 90...ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #93908 ..... $193,000
2220 KESSLER...Martha Manulik 618-5040 ..... MLS #97891 ..... SALE PENDING
4855 GLENEAGLES DR...Josie Alvarez 618-5019 ..... MLS #94014 ..... $179,900
412 N. TERRELL...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #93997 ..... $169,900
409 WAKEFIELD...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #94320 ..... $155,000
607-609 COLORADO...Jane Wolf 694-6040 ..... MLS #97483 ..... $125,000
000 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 205-1448...MLS# 79703 ..... $100,000
6707 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #97601 ..... $90,000
301 W. OHIO AVE...Jane Wolf 694-6040 ..... MLS #97401 ..... SALE PENDING
200 S. BURLESON, McCAMEY...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #97003 ..... $60,000

LANDS AND LOTS

CO. RD. 1120 S...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #97610 ..... $12,500/ACRE
3900 S. CO. RD. 1295...Amy Braster Barnett 352-6714 ..... MLS #94063 ..... SALE PENDING
S. FD 1788...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #2200594 ..9 Acres/$144,000
HIGHWAY 191...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #97908 ..... $427,500
FM 1210...Cabo Matolf 687-6500 ..... MLS #96415 ..... 2 Acres/$60,000
500 W. 43RD ST., ODESSA...Marla Mallory 352-4021 ..... MLS #96413 ..4+ Acres/$299,900
0 W. CO. RD. 100...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #95060 ..... $259,900
HWY. 176, TARZAN...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #97269 ..160 Acres/$320,000
10700 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96600 ..... $265,125
3900 ANDREWS HWY., ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96616 ..... $197,500
1135 JOHNSTON RD...Lisa Jaime 661-3389 ..... MLS #97751 ..... $149,900
ELKINS RD...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #97268 ..39 Acres/$132,525
CO. RD. 1200...Deborah Stewart 934-3981 ..... MLS #98332 ..... $100,500
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... 8 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$90,000
7220 W. CO. RD. 44, SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Cabo Matolf 349-3330...MLS #96018 ..... $90,000
7210 W. CO. RD. 44, SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Cabo Matolf 349-3330...MLS #96019 ..... $90,000
6707 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ..... MLS #97671 ..... $90,000
I-20 W...Jennifer Martin 349-2032 ..... MLS #97660 ..... $80,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ..... $70,000
FM 2032, BROWNWOOD LAKE...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... $44,900
ASTOR DRIVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96498 ..... $43,400
BLUEBONNET DR...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96500 ..... $43,400
S. CO. RD. 1053...Lisa Jaime 661-3389 ..... MLS #98191 ..... SALE PENDING
C2100 STANTON...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #98194 ..... $39,000
C2100 STANTON...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #98196 ..... $39,000
ASTOR DRIVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96499 ..... $34,700
HWY. 176, TARZAN...Cabo Matolf 349-3330...8.46 Acre Lots...MLS #97267...4 Lots Left/$34,000
CO. RD. 95...Lavonne Johnson 816-5002 ..... MLS #98150 ..... SALE PENDING
I-20 & WAREHOUSE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ..... MLS #96417...$30,000/PER ACRE
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... 4+ Acre Lots/Lots $30,000/$1
SINCLAIR...Ruth Young 682-7894 ..... 5 ACRES/$30,000
3301 SE CR 4001, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 205-1448 ..... MLS #94000 ..... $29,000
3301 SE CR 4001, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 205-1448 ..... MLS #94000 ..... $29,000
DARKWAVE DEVELOPMENT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...Land & Lots $30,250 - $31,250
1.59 to 3.25 acres ..... $25,000 An Acre
10520 E. CO. RD. 109...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #97162 ..... $29,000

FARMS AND RANCHES

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CR 159-Vineyard 23 Acres...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... MLS #96997 ..... $230,000
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY...Cabo Matolf 349-3330...Big Cat Ranch/Great Ranch In Texas ..... 10,200 Acres/$765/Acre
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY...Cabo Matolf 349-3330...Modern Canyon Ranch/The Best of Texas ..... 9,401 Acres/$695/Acre
7110 W. CO. RD. 44...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... 3.5 Acres/$105,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... 8 Lots Left ..... 3.5 Acre Lots/$90,000
MITCHELL COUNTY-Westbrook, 600 Acres, Call Cabo Matolf 349-3330 ..... $900/M ACRE
HOWARD COUNTY-High Fine Radiation 6743 Land, 320 Irrigated, 3200 sq ft Brick Home, 10 Water Wells, 4 Grazing Pens, Mfd $1,200,000
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5007 S. FATHER...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #96400 ..... $1,400 /MONTH
412 N. TERRELL, Other Spaces...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #93997 ..... $1,200 /MONTH

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